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Mother of the Year



Kristin Amberson, Island Times Mother of the Year, says she's just typical of mothers everywhere. They all follow one simple rule, "The kids come first." In her case the kids are: seven-year-old Blair, left, and Jace, 9. Sitting in front is Carlee, 5. Story on Page 2.

Supermom Retains Age Old Values of Motherhood

Thinking of Kristin Amberson, supermom comes to mind. And, yet, she carries all the soft legacies of devoted love for her children handed down by generations of mothers. Kristin, mother of Jace, 9, Blair, 7, and Carlee, 5, does many things, performs many important tasks, but still says her children come first. She is the Island Times Mother of the Year.

Other than her devotion to motherhood, Kristin holds an impressive list of titles headed by the fact that she is one of the co-owners, along with husband Scott, of PegLeg Pete's, the LaFitte Cover Marina, Sidelines and Maria's Seafood. She is also a board member of the Gulf Breeze Sports Association, coaches the 7 and 8-year-old girls

softball team - PegLeg Pete's Pink Pirates. She serves on the board of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce as the treasurer. She belongs to the PTA, is a charter member of the Beach Optimists Club, and volunteers six hours every week at the Pensacola Beach Elementary School. Take a deep breath, because we are just now getting into the important part of her story.

It all has to do with the kids. We asked about her hobbies.

"Anything I can do with my kids is how I spend my free time," she said. "We ride bikes together, go to the Beach, go to Pelican baseball games, but best of all is fishing and camping at Hurricane Lake."

"But, Dad is the best fisherman," pipes up five-year-old

Carlee.

She continued her evaluation of the angling abilities of the family, rating Jace second, then Mom, then Blair, and finally herself.

"You know why my mom is the best mom is because she is a good noodle maker," Carlee said.

Blair's assessment of her mom was based on how much she helped her with everything, including homework.

"My mom is a really good softball player and coach," Blair admitted. Jace beamed and agreed with us when we told him we chose his mom as just about the best in the world to be the Mother of the Year.

Kristin complimented Jace for his cooking ability. Each child has one night a week to help in

the kitchen. They are all learning to cook under the tutelage of their mom, the best noodle maker.

Kristin is a graduate of Penn State University with a degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management. She moved to Pensacola Beach in 1989.

Kristin wanted everyone to know that she is just typical of

Robinson Revisits Hotel Issue

Escambia County Commissioner, Grover C. Robinson, whose district includes Pensacola Beach, has issued a new statement concerning changes and revisions on his thoughts regarding the definition of a hotel room. The Board of County Commissioners had tabled the hotel definition ordinance vote until their June meeting in order to give commissioners more time to study the issue. The vote will be whether to jump from a two week owner occupancy to a sixteen week stay.

The issue has taken on large proportions since the longer stay might indicate condos rather than hotel rooms would be built.

Grover said that one consistent theme throughout his research is that both Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key need more hotel rooms.

"After much debate and consideration, I am as committed as ever to preserve lodging units for our tourism industry," his report read in part.

Grover went on to cover additional items such as affordability, which he said related directly to the tourism industry.

"Ultimately, additional units in the tourism industry will generate revenues which can and should be used to improve affordable beach access and amenities for the general public of Escambia County as well as surrounding areas."

Grover discussed the diversity which now exists on the island. He commended the SRIA for the

mothers on Pensacola Beach, and she is proud to represent them.

And, Carlee, the obvious spokesperson for the Amberson family wanted to add that her mom is good at washing dishes. We can all rejoice that a mom, so complex and busy, would devote time to washing the dishes. Happy Mother's Day to everyone.

role they play in preserving a mix of residential, business and tourism on Pensacola Beach.

"I feel the SRIA is a great advisory resource for the BCC. I commend the SRIA for investigating and evaluating this issue, and I believe all the efforts of the SRIA should be evaluated by the BCC. We should look for ways to complement each other and work together on these issues."

In his statement for solutions, Grover said we must be sure that lodging units are lodging units. On the length of stay, Grover would cut the time from 16 weeks to 12 weeks.

"All condo-hotels will have a central reservation and booking front desk, all developments will be singularly metered for utilities, and all rooms must be standardized in regard to furnishings. Finally, there should be a log available that can be audited to ensure compliance with the owner stay."

Grover also added that some reference to fractional ownership should be a part of the ordinance. He suggested that individuals could not purchase more than two fractions of a unit. He recommends that the weeks of usage for these units should be dispersed and rotating with no more than 14 consecutive days per share.

Grover's solutions have come about as a result of meetings with constituents. He has also attended the SRIA sub committee workshops which have covered the issue.

The BCC is expected to vote on this issue at their June 7 meeting.

SRIA Still Looking For Visioning Plan Island Authority Needs Help Foretelling Future

The Santa Rosa Island Authority has been trying to find that perfect crystal ball which will foretell the future, and guide them along the proper pathway. So far, they have made progress, but still have no visioning plan, so at their committee meetings on Wednesday, April 25, they reviewed a proposal from Wallace Roberts and Todd, which would offer a complete visioning package, carrying a price tag of \$92,000.

The Beach's architect and engineer both spoke favorably on the plan.

"This is a huge value," said John Tice, architect. "The document would have political power, involving the community would give you enforcement of ideas. You would develop prioritization of projects."

"Wallace Roberts and Todd is an excellent firm," Dave Hemphill, Baskerville Donovan engineer said. "I have worked with them on other projects. Specifically, here, with their 1988 Land Use Plan they lifted us through the next level. If you want to be lifted again through the next twenty years, I think this has tremendous value."

Vernon Prather, board chairman, agreed. The Development and Leasing Committee voted unanimously to ask the staff to review each item of the proposal, recommend what is available in the budget this year, consult with

UWF to see if they are able to create visioning statements, then if directed, create bid proposals if appropriate.

Another request for a fractional ownership hotel was presented by David Brannan. Staff reported that the unofficial plan is to tear down the former Best Western and replace it with a 216 unit fractional ownership hotel with 1250 square foot rooms.

Dr. Thomas Campanella moved to table this request until the hotel definition has been settled. The committee decided to place it on the regular agenda at the May 8 SRIA meeting.

The committee voted to approve the request of Larry Fox in the continued use of outdoor tables for dining on Portofino Boardwalk. The vote was 2 to 1 with Dr. Campanella dissenting, saying the tables take up too much public boardwalk.

A discussion concerning the location for a parking garage dominated the Operations Committee. If the SRIA decided to build a parking garage at the Visitor's Information Center site, the project will shake up the present configuration of the core area. Dave Hemphill, engineer, gave a conceptual presentation of possible locations for a parking garage including Casino Beach, Circle K, the SRIA building, and the VIC. The Board felt the VIC location made the most impact,

but would require restoring the original roadway in front of the Sandshaker, and making the whole area tie in with parking at the Portofino Boardwalk. The garage would add 480 parking spaces.

The Board asked Hemphill to prepare a proposal with a cost analysis of locating a garage on the VIC property, including the road reconstruction.

The Board approved a request from the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce to name the playground at Via de Luna and Avenida 11 as the Harry Gowens Spirit of Pensacola Beach Park. The Chamber plans a beachwide dedication party when the facility is complete.

The Chamber had also asked the Board to send a letter to the National Park Service, in support of allowing local marine businesses to transport visitors to Fort Pickens from the Beach Marina. The Board agreed to write the letter.

Other committee action included turning down a request for a helicopter concession at the Sound because the property is out for bid. They approved a request from Hemingway's to construct a shaded waiting area for their guests.

The Full Board will meet on Wednesday, May 9 at 5 p.m. at the SRIA 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



Today marks the beginning of the third year of publication of the Island Times. Bringing the real Beach news and entertainment to you twice each month has been a joy for us, not a job. When we went back into the newspaper business, many old friends quickly jumped on the wagon and carried the torch to wherever we were going, and we have acquired many new friends along the way. Frankly, that's all it takes for a successful publication. If a newspaper measured success by its readership, the advertisers, and well wishers, then the Island Times is a grand adventure.

We have stoically stuck to our "feel good" policy over all the twenty-four months.

Sometimes it's not that easy when the beach is faced with heavy duty, far reaching problems. We are obligated to bring you the hard news. And, we do. In depth and accurate. The paper you are holding in your hand right now is the only publication where you will find the complete stories of the Beach. The only one. You will find stories about your neighbor's birthday party (maybe even her age and the size of her cake), but you will also find reports from the Santa Rosa Island Authority and all Beach organizations' meetings. In depth and accurate.

We are not outsiders looking in. We walk in your shoes. Share your heartbreak and your joy. We are proud to say that we are a newspaper family. No mat-

ter how far away the members have moved, they keep the years they lived on the Beach in their hearts. Liz Waters Hewson, former editor of The Islander Newspaper, has revived "The Lizzard's Tongue" and dutifully files her column from North Carolina and Candace Waters Segar, "Mostly Nuts and Bolts," entertains us with the pitfalls and satisfaction of renovating "that old house" in Pensacola.

Their journalistic roots are really showing, and they are proud of it.

When you add the Beach family members who write for the Island Times, the impact becomes even more meaningful. They are all about the Beach, all geared to our island home, the place we all love best.

And now, we come to the heart and soul of the Island Times. The editor, Shelley Waters Johnson shows up at the smallest gatherings and at the most critical meetings on the Beach. She is everywhere, camera in hand, spending long days and many nights to do what seems almost impossible for one person to accomplish.

Shelley is so accessible and flexible. She has direct lines to everybody who is important, and direct lines to the average beach person who has a story to tell. She not only runs her newspaper, but she is an asset to the community, serving on the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, helping raise funds for every

cause. She is a proud queen of the Krewe of Nauga. And the founder of the Mardi Gras Krewe of Kids.

Her many years of residence on Pensacola Beach, her longtime position of editor of The Islander Newspaper, combine to make her a rock solid beach citizen and purveyor of the news. The Island Times is a reflection of her love and

cares for the Beach and its entire population. Watch for more happenings on the Island inspired by Shelley's creativity.

Our family has been in the newspaper business a total of 18 years on Pensacola Beach. The Islander Newspaper was founded in 1979 and sold in 1995. We are proud of what we have accomplished and are even more excited

about what is yet to come.

To our extended family, we say thank you for your unconditional support over all those years.

We seek your blessings as we make every effort to continue to grow and improve.

Incidentally, if you are not a columnist or are not yet numbered among our beach family, send in your resume.

Trips Begin To Fort Pickens - Not By Land, But By Sea

Pensacola Beach residents and visitors will not have to drive to Pensacola to catch a ride on a ferry boat back to Ft. Pickens. Jerry Eubanks, Gulf Islands National Seashore superintendent, announced on Monday, May 1 that the original plan to activate a ferry service from the Mississippi region was no longer an option. Instead, local charter boats will be given the opportunity to apply for a Commercial Use Authorization, which will qualify the accepted applicants to ferry people back and forth from Ft. Pickens to the Beach Marina and other Beach docks. The service should start by Memorial Day.

"Right now, we're in the planning stage," Chuck Nicholson, owner of the charter boat Island Spirit and the Beach Marina, said. At least ten boats are expected to participate in the ferry service, and captains have joined together to

prepare a workable plan.

"I've been working on the ferry boat idea for seven years," Chuck said. "Now that we finally have the opportunity, we will just have to feel our way to get it operating perfectly."

Chuck said the boats would operate on a rotation system, with a large boat and a smaller boat staying in the dock, while the rest of the fleet took care of fishing charters.

"We will be able to take passengers, camping and fishing gear," Chuck said. "Right now, we're trying to find a way to take bicycles."

Campground and fishing areas inside the park are open to the public at the present time.

"The number of trips we'll make every day will depend on the demand," Chuck said. Although parking may be a problem for ferry boat riders, Chuck

envisioned the expanded use of the trolleys to pick passengers up at designated points, and drop them off at the Beach Marina.

Chuck acknowledged that the support of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce was helpful in changing the park service decision. The Chamber had heard from Chuck and Park Ranger Nina Kelson at their March 22 board meeting. They voted to support the issue of having local ferry service. The Chamber requested that the Santa Rosa Island Authority write a letter to federal officials. The membership also wrote letters on behalf of the local charter boat fleet.

Nan Harper, Chamber Events Committee chairman, worked hard on the project and was pleased to see the final decision.

Chuck Nicholson estimated the cost of each trip at \$29 for adults and \$19 for children.

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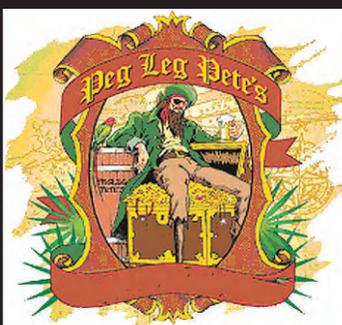
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BACHELOR PARTY

Not to detract from the bride, but we still feel compelled to report that Bones Alexander has announced that the bachelor party preceding his wedding will be four days long in Key West. When the party's over, Bones will wed Elodie Cardin at Paradise this month.

HIGHTIMES

Crissi Geier who is an Air Force officer stationed in Germany has landed a great interim assignment for the summer. She'll be traveling from wing to wing in the United States, giving briefings on the Air Force Financial Services Center which is opening in Ellsworth, S.D. She will be traveling all over the United States during the week, living in Arlington, Virginia on weekends, and back to Germany in the fall.

ARTSEMINAR

Monique Verdin is taking a leave of absence from her duties at the Paradise to attend a month long art seminar, sponsored by Tulane and Loyola Universities in New Orleans. She celebrated her twenty-seventh birthday on April 14. Monique grew up on Pensacola Beach and is a graduate of the Beach School.

HOMEOATLAST

The Cowens, Ty, Debbie and Cody are finally back in their spacious, refurbished house on Via

de Luna. Moving just about wore them out and was so stressful that Cody's pet bearded dragon spent three weeks with grandmother Cheryl Sikes.

ANOTHERHOMECOMING

Rita Finkbone says she cannot believe how good it feels to be home again on Pensacola Beach. Brian, Rita and Kylie spent their first week in their Villa Sabine home unpacking boxes, but it was blissful.

ISLANDBOUND

Barbara Fail says she is packing up her paintbrushes and pre-

paring to move her downtown art gallery, which is a major undertaking. As a reward for her hard work, she and husband Gibby are planning an Island vacation to St. Lucia.

MEETANDGREET

Members of the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club will host a Meet and Greet night on May 17 to welcome new members into the club. Among the newest members are Robert Fenner and Paul and Sabine Barrett of Gulf Breeze; David Johnson and William and Kim Gallantly, Pensacola, and Arthur Whitfield, Saucier, Mississippi.

Bobby D's Closes, Leaving A Trail of Almost Twenty Years of Memories

A lot can happen in 19 years, one month, and eleven days, especially at one of the Beach's all time favorite bistros, Bobby D's Beach Bar. Now, the funky little establishment has closed its doors forever. All the New Orleans Saints fans, will have to find a new homeplace to share their sorrows, and finally joys, over their team's NFL games.

Bobby D's in the Sandspur Republic, was like a second home to Beach folks. Hundreds of fans migrated to the musky little place every week, creating memories, but at the time, they didn't even know it.

Remember the smoky walls, covered with caricatures by Mousie, the now renowned artist from New Orleans. Other artifacts

included a sign, "Children will be sold as slaves" and a rack of packages of salty treats, and a coffeemaker. There was always some kind of t-shirt for sale. The shirt which was most well-remembered said, "Bobby D's - Home of the Poor and Aimless."

That wasn't entirely true.



Bobby D

The last trivia question was "There was once a waterslide on Pensacola Beach. Where was it located?" We received lots of answers to this one, and most of them were correct, but Larry Keever was the first to email the correct answer, "Tiki Island Golf and Games is the site of the old water slide." Chalk one up for Larry. He gets the t-shirt.

Vicki DePew brought us up to date on a dry slide the DePew family had on the Beach, she thinks around 1970. She remembers that it was called the "Superslide" so we have added

more history to our archives.

This week's question is a stinger, coming from guest Trivia Master Lynn Cieutat. The question: "Who was the Beach beekeeper whose honey was called Sea Oats Honey, produced by busy beach bees?" If you are the first to email the correct answer to this honey of a question, you will receive the coveted Island Times t-shirt.

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 16. Good luck.

There was at least one rich customer. When Tom Benson, owner of the Saints came over in his yacht, he went to only one place on the Beach, Bobby D's, Saints Headquarters. He became a close friend of Bobby's and invited him and Lana to a Saints game and private party after the Detroit game in 1994.

Bobby had his 15 minutes of fame that day. Sitting in Benson's private apartment high up in the Superdome, he placed a call to his bar, and Kathi Feather, the bartender answered. However, there

was so much bedlam, it was hard for her to hear Bobby. After all, the Saints had won the game that day. Nothing else mattered.

The Dixieland Jazz bands at Mardi Gras, the exciting sounds of Boogie, Inc., the laughter and tears, are still now - all shuffled into the archives of Beach history.

Thanks for a great run, Lana and Bobby.

The bar which is located next to the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club in the Sabine Marina, will reopen soon under a new name and new ownership.

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by kathi lewis

Hard to believe it's Mother's Day again already. Time sure does fly when you're drinking your breakfast every day! And, yes, it does count as breakfast even when it's liquid. Speaking of, we had a lovely time at Courtney Winstead's condo in Perdido Key. She invited all the ladies from Mental Health Night for a special weekend. Deb Friedman left after work on Friday and traveled alone to Perdido, but Paulette Provost, Ella Hess, Charlotte Spencer, Marilyn Lenormand and moi loaded up in Elaine Mitchell's van for the road trip. We were well taken care of by Courtney, Elaine and Marilyn who provided dinner and breakfast for us, while Charlotte kept an eye on the boats through the binoculars. It was a wonderful, quiet get-a-way with some really special people. We even called Peggy Henshaw and enticed her to join us for a much needed break.

I've got a wonderful recipe for you this week. But, first I'd like to talk about a Mother that is very special to me. It's my daughter, Melanie FitzGerald, and she has given Bill and me two very special and wonderful grandchildren! I know what you're thinking - who would ever believe that this wild child would turn out to be such a good mother? I know I sure didn't.

She, not only provides for them daily, but she also spends time and plays with her children. They go to the beach often, 'cause that's one of their favorite things to do. She also talks to them a lot and, even more important, listens. They play games together even while she's teaching them table manners. If you have ever been in a restaurant or store with extremely unruly children, then you can appreciate the care and concern with which she uses discipline. Which as we all know, is different now than when we were growing up. Somehow, we survived and managed to grow up without hating our parents.

By the time we had our own children, we realized what a monumental task they had performed. Parents were not afraid to be parents then and did not ever attempt to be our friend. Friends were your neighbors or kids you met in school, but never your parents! It seems to me sometimes that

these lines have blurred for the more modern parents. And, it's not a good thing.

Children really do need to know their limits, even when they don't particularly like them. I believe it's imperative to know where your parents stand and trying to be friends only creates massive confusion. I'm also enjoying the fact that Sissy is just like her mother and that the curse lives on.

It's also nice to know that our grandchildren are being taken care of just fine, and all we have to do is be the loving and supporting Grandparents. That's the best job of all!

I also believe grandchildren are our reward for not killing our teen-agers. We've suffered through the worst and the best is yet to come. Trust me on this one!

If you're wondering what to do for Mom or Grandmother for Mother's Day, here's a treat that's sure to start her day off right! And Dads, you might want to make a back-up plan to spend time with the children yourself and give Mom the day off! She needs it! Okay, Mel, this one's for you and is in the tradition of all Southern Ladies everywhere! Thanks for being such a fabulous mom to our special babies...

Classic Mint Juleps
1 cup sugar
1 cup water
16 mint sprigs, lightly crushed
8 cups finely crushed ice
1 cup fine bourbon (or more)
Mint Springs for decoration

Bring sugar and one cup water to a boil in a small saucepan. Cook 4 minutes or until sugar dissolves. Remove sugar syrup from heat; cool completely. Place two crushed mint sprigs in the bottom of each of 8 glasses. Add 1 cup crushed ice, 2 tablespoons sugar syrup and 2 tablespoons bourbon to each glass. Garnish with mint sprigs, if desired. Yield: 8 servings, so invite some of Mom's friends. These are best served to Moms while sitting on a beautiful veranda enjoying a wonderful southern breeze.

Enjoy, have a Happy Mother's Day and remember, "Why limit Happy to an Hour?"

See ya in the kitchen or on the veranda.....



The Mystic Krewe of Nereids continue to share the magic of Mardi Gras. They made a \$1000 donation to Favor House on April 25 in memory of the late Head Wreck Andrea Brunt. Sue Hand (center) of Favor House graciously accepted the donation from the all female Pensacola Beach krewe noting that every dollar helps. Representing the Nereids are Courtney Winstead, left, and Deb Friedman, right.

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Business Buzz ~ ~

Chamber Plans To Season The Holidays With Island Spirit

HOT HOTEL

Christy Dixon loves her job. The Springhill Suites Sales guru reports that the hotel in downtown Pensacola Beach has been awarded Diamond Property status for guest satisfaction, Top Operations, Breakfast Champions and Quality Assurance Awards for outstanding performance. She added, "We rock!"

GETHOOKED

Kayak fishing is the craze. Key Sailing and Weatherford's can get you set up. But, better hurry, the Kayak Fishing Tournament on Pensacola Beach is Saturday, June 9.

MUSICFORMOM

Pensacola Beach livens up Mother's Day with a smorgasborg of musical selections to keep mom's toes tapping. Lee Tracy is hosting Ooh La La in the Amphitheatre on the Boardwalk. Adam Holt will be at Paradise Bar and Grill. Kee Creek is playing the Shaker. Flounder's has local favorite Tim Spencer strumming tunes and Crabs will have Pensacola Steel playing beginning at eleven o'clock.

GIVEMOMACRUISE

Joanne Johnson at Dolphin Cruises suggests getting mom out on the water. The peace and quiet of her own personal cruise on Santa Rosa Sound or the excitement of seeing native dolphins glide through the water. Find the boat ready and waiting at the Beach Marina.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

Calling all Pensacola Beach Woman's Clubbers. Next meeting is May 17, 11 a.m. at Hunt Hall.

Only 229 shopping days left before Christmas, and the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce is already putting together a plan to transform Pensacola Beach into Holiday Island during December. Lila Cox just completed a grant application which has been submitted to the Tourist Development Council to help fund and promote the events. Lila spoke to the Chamber board at their April 19 meeting.

"I feel very strongly that we can bring overnight guests to the island," Lila said. "This will be an excellent opportunity for the Chamber to reinvest funds which have been generated through the bed tax."

As a beginning, the plan would focus on the lighted boat parade and the street parade, but would add a number of other holi-

day events to be included in the first three week celebration.

At the April 24 general membership meeting Jeff Elbert, president, thanked the Chamber members for their outstanding efforts put forth during the Beach Clean Up on April 14 and serving crawfish at Bamboo Willie's Crawfish Festival.

"They sold a record three tons of crawfish during the weekend," Jeff said. "And, our volunteer team dished it out."

The Chamber received a \$500 gift from Bamboo Willie's and netted \$687 in tips. The monies will be dedicated to upgrading the Chamber's computer system.

In other business Richard Butler, general manager of the Bob Sikes Toll Facility noted that the computers which report traffic data are working again. Also, he said that motorists who are

having a slow response time from the automated arms should stop in at Lane 4 to have the batteries in their transponders checked.

Chamber members acted on a number of other items which are being implemented:

- ◆ Deadline for artists to submit a design for the Chamber t-shirt was extended to May 10.
- ◆ A request to the SRIA to install clear signage on pedestrian crosswalks will be made
- ◆ The President will ask the SRIA to open discussion on the ban on RV/Motorhome parking on the island.
- ◆ Members will give input to the National Park Service stating their support of having SR 399 between Navarre and Pensacola Beach and the road to Ft. Pickens rebuilt and open to the public.
- ◆ Work will begin on the

dedication of the Harry Gowens Spirit of Pensacola Beach Park

◆ The Chamber will request that the State of Florida send Tracy Mitchell, Sales Tax education specialist to conduct a seminar regarding business percentages and how they are handled in regard to the sales tax.

◆ The Chamber voiced its support of having Beach Charter boats provide service to Ft. Pickens from the Beach Marina.

Anyone interested in joining the Chamber should call Sandy Johnston at 932-1500 for complete details.

The next general membership meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. at the Comfort Inn on Tuesday, May 29. Business After Hours will be the same day at 5:30 p.m. at the Hampton Inn.

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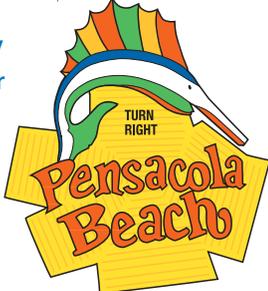


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Volunteers Dedicate 120 Hours To Bar Coding Books

The \$25,000 book purchase, funded through the grant from the Laura Bush Foundation, will come to the Pensacola Beach Elementary School Media Center complete with bar codes. It was revealed at the School's Board meeting, April 23, that a committee of seven volunteers, spent 120 hours bar coding and computerizing the current inventory of 5104 library books. Volunteers were Marilyn Sundstrom, Sandi Johnson, Donna Marker, Linda Dempsey, Lila Cox, Mike Jurkovich, and Bettie Lee Sundstrom.

"We had to research each title at the Library of Congress,"

Marilyn Sundstrom said. "Then we manually entered the information into a database."

More good news came from the teachers who had volunteered their time at Friday's Pizza and A Movie fundraiser. Children came to the school from 6 to 9 pm. and the event netted one thousand dollars.

Board member Shelby Smith said she would like to see a resolution for the teachers who had given their time to the event.

Dan Green, board president agreed. "We do appreciate these teachers," he said. "The kids had a great time." The motion to prepare a resolution was unani-

mously passed.

Todd McCurdy updated the Board on the continuing fundraising projects. The Partners-In-Education project is up to \$57,000 on the way to the goal of \$118,000 by July 30. He announced that the Optimist's Club Giddy Up Gala raised \$6200 for the school.

"The Sea Oats Sale is going on now," McCurdy said. "Tell everyone about the Sea Oats. They are really great plants." Orders must be placed at the school in advance. For more information, call Fran McCurdy at 850-501-4787.

The Board is working on its enrollment policy to meet the requirements of the Florida Class Size Amendment. Currently, 18 students may be in kindergarten through third grade. Grades four and five can accommodate 22 students each. Beach children get the first slots, then siblings of enrolled students, founding or current board members' children followed by Escambia County and Santa Rosa County residents. Board member Reed Dunne thinks the policy is too rigid. A subcommittee met on May 7 and will bring their recommendation to the regular Board meeting, May 21 at 6 p.m. at the school. The meetings are open to the public.



Pensacola Beach Elementary School honored the hard working souls who tirelessly volunteer on campus at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, Tuesday, May 1. Among the dozens of volunteers, these received special recognition: (L to R) retiring PBES Board member Marilyn Sundstrom, Steve Speirs and his pooch Paige who volunteer as crossing guards, and Katie Cronin, who coordinates the Fall Festival and School Yearbook.

Marine Corps Introduces Its Own Pelican

The United States Marine Corps will unveil their Marine Pelican at 6:15 p.m. at the Bands on the Beach, May 22. The public is invited to the first showing of the latest edition of the local pelican flock. Not Quite Fab will be playing from 7 to 9 p.m.

Prior to the Bands on the Beach the new Public Safety Building on Casino Beach will be dedicated. The dedication and barbecue will be invitation only, and Buck Lee, Santa Rosa Island Authority general manager, anticipates the crowds will go directly from the dedication to see the unveiling of the USMC Pelican.

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Beach School Students Shine - Pen Winning Essay, Win Math Competition, Prepare To Move Up

Pensacola Beach Elementary School fifth grade students are counting down the days until the final school bell rings. Instead of coasting into the lazy days of summer, they are busy accepting awards and attending field trips.

Fifth grader Jordan Cahela penned an essay about the lessons she learned while attending the DARE program. As the winner, she took home a new

backpack, sweatshirt, soccer ball and skim board. The announcement came during the DARE graduation, Wednesday, April 25. Gulf Breeze police officer Kerstan Tatro, who has been the Beach School's DARE instructor for five years, made the presentation.

The Pensacola Beach Fifth Grade Sunshine Math Team of

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The Sunshine Math teams are coached by volunteers Leanne Lampone and Reed Dunne. Academic sponsors are Joy McLaurine, third grade teacher; and Margie Pitts, fifth grade teacher.

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Cate Hodges was named the Shining Star of Pensacola Beach Elementary School and Robbie McLin is the Student of the Year. Both fifth graders were selected by faculty for their excellent citizenship, positive attitude, being a peer role model and superior academic progress during their careers at Pensacola Beach Elementary School.

Fifth graders will continue their academic journey into middle school but must travel across the bridge to a new school. The class made the short trip to Gulf Breeze Middle School, May 7 for Sixth Grade Orientation. Students toured the school and were given a glimpse of what Middle School will be like.

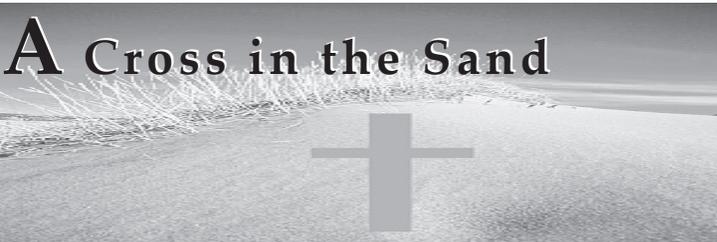
A much longer trip will commence when they board a bus for their annual New Or-



Sunshine Math First Place Team Mitchell, Sage, Bailey, and Stephanie



Jordan Cahela



A Cross in the Sand

By Dr. Chuck Randle
Pastor, Pensacola Beach Community Church

Italians say, Festa della mamma; Portuguese say, Dia da Mãe; Brazilians say, Dia das Mães; Swedish say, Mors dag; and English speaking people say, Happy Mother's Day. However we say it, it is meant to pay tribute to those who gave us birth, or to someone who has been a mother figure to us. Mothers are special. For example, while watching a NFL football game, often the camera pans around the crowd and the players and settles on a player who has just scored a touchdown, or made a super good play, and this player with bulging muscles, turns and mouths the words, "Hi Mom! I love you!" Or, a child off to college is having a bad day, so she calls home and as soon as Mom answers the phone, the child bursts out in tears. She knows Mom will provide a listening ear. Some may make disparaging remarks about it being a "Hallmark Holiday," but sending cards is one of the appropriate ways to say thanks to

our mothers. Of course, there's the good old telephone and more calls are made on Mother's Day than any other holiday of the year. And what is more precious than those creations made at school, under the direction of the teacher, that reflect the child's knowledge of his/her mother. Our pre-school great grandson said his mother weighed 20 pounds and was 60 feet tall!! Those mementos do not end up in the trash cans, but are filed in a special place to be pulled out when the child is older as a reminder of how much he/she has grown in knowledge. It also provides a good laugh for both mother and child, and begins to build the family lore. Whether our mothers are still living or deceased, we can celebrate the day by remembering they were the ones who gave us life and who, in most cases, gave us a good foundation for the living of our lives. May all mothers have a wonderful and memorable day on May 13.

leans field trip, May 10. After a tour of the Aquarium of the Americas, they will have lunch in the French Quarter and visit the National D-Day Museum.

"I am proud of all of our

Beach School students. I am certain that they will continue to be successful with all their endeavors," said Margie Pitts, fifth grade teacher.

The last day of school is an early release day Tuesday, May 22.

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Association of Krewes Meets For Mardi Gras Planning

The Association of Mardi Gras Krewes on Pensacola Beach has scheduled an important meeting for Thursday, May 17, at 6 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Island Authority office.

"We will look at an overview of the 2007 Krewe of Wrecks parade, and we will be discussing the events calendar for the upcoming season," Deb Friedman, chairman said.

Deb reminded all Mardi Gras krewes that the season is short next year. Mardi Gras Day is Tues-

day, February 5, 2008, so most events will have to be held in December and January.

"Each krewe needs to be represented at this meeting," she said. "I hope to see everyone there and to get a jump start on our new season."

Deb has requested the help of the "coconut telegraph," to get the message to everyone. For more information, contact Deb at 712-8546 or email her at danzdeb@hotmail.com.

Raise The Roof For Kids

Angela Moore, chairman of the local Santa Rosa Kids House group, has announced that they are currently running the "Raise the Roof" fundraising campaign to assist with the facility construction.

"There are a number of ways to participate," Angela said. "Donors can purchase a memorial brick to be placed in the patio for \$50 or sponsor a room starting at \$5000."

Checks for bricks should be

made payable to the Santa Rosa Kids House and mailed to the Gulf Breeze Chamber at 409 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561.

There will be a gala event at the Hilton Garden Inn on Saturday, June 2. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available from the Real Estate House. A yellow corvette will be the grand prize at this event. Tickets for the corvette drawing are \$100 each.

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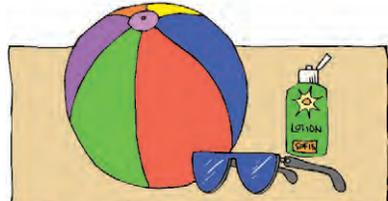


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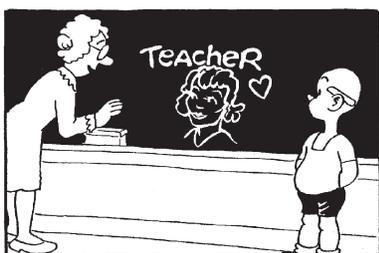
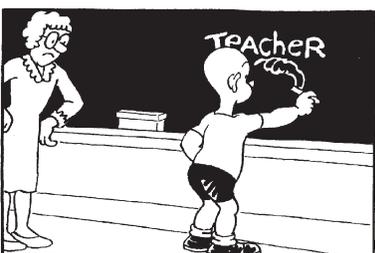
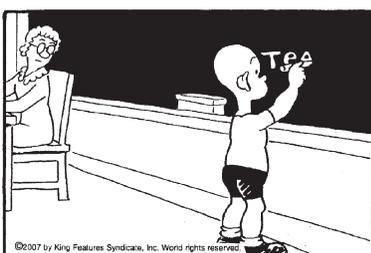
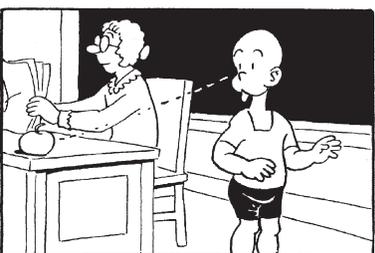
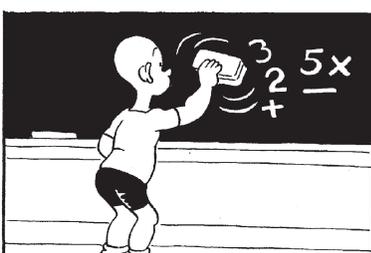
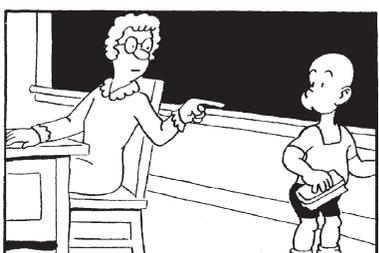
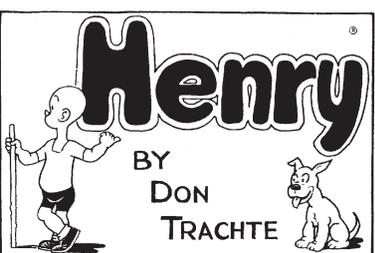
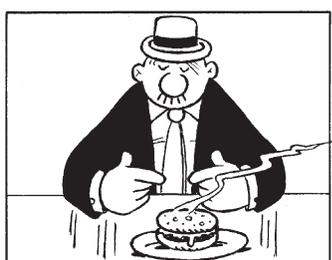
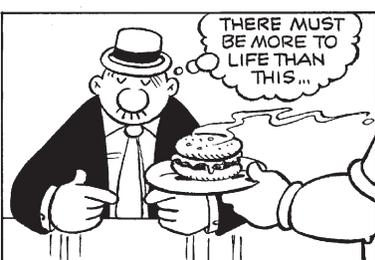
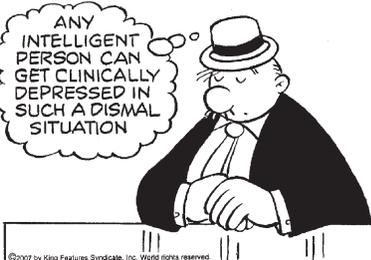
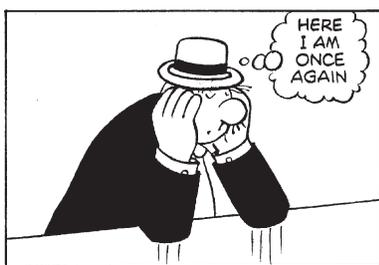
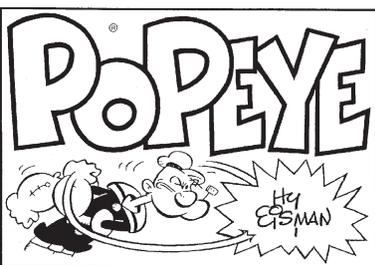
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's time for the bold and beautiful Bovine to shake off the dust of the past and shape up with new ideas for the future. This could surprise some folks, but they'll soon adjust.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those nagging new doubts about an upcoming decision should alert you to step back (at least temporarily) so you can reassess its potential impact from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That unpleasant situation you hoped would go away by itself needs immediate attention before it affects an upcoming decision. Expect your supporters to rally around your cause.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're moving up and away from that recent setback. But remain cautious about finances. An exercise in thrift today helps cushion a possible end-of-the-month money squeeze.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're still dealing with overtones of pessimism that cause you to doubt your ability to make some needed changes. But the negative pressures will ease up by week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be some fallout from the way you handled a recent family problem. But those who know that you were in the right won't hesitate to step in on your behalf.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Financial strains ease by week's end. Meanwhile, focus on cultivating that new relationship if you hope to have it blossom into something more meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Health matters once again dominate the week. Be careful not to ignore recurrences of an old problem. An almost-forgotten commitment resurfaces.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The emergence of an unusual selfish streak could dismay those close to you. Defy it -- don't justify it -- so you can become your gracious self again.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reassess your decision to stay with the status quo. It might seem like the sensible thing to do right now, but changes around you could make that choice a risky one.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Move decisively but cautiously when dealing with a delicate personal matter. The fewer mistakes you make now, the less likely it is that the problem will recur later on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can find beauty where many cannot. And you enjoy sharing your discovery with others.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Indomitable Lady Anglers Fish For Fifteenth Year

By Lynn Cieutat

The morning sky was still dark as we packed the car for the trip down to the Beach marina. The wind was a bit breezy and it was just cool enough to make you glad you had layered your clothing. Arriving at the marina, my excitement was growing and greetings were extended to the women that had already gathered around for the Lively Ladies first fishing trip of the season aboard the Lively One II. A quick count assured Sam Magee and me that we were not going to have to be the "fish police" when we returned to the dock. That nasty job of sorting and bagging fish belongs to the last two ladies who arrive for the trip. On this trip, Deb Friedman and Jackie Henderson were the last to arrive dockside. It ended up being a pretty tough job considering the amount of fish we caught. That's the rule. Hate it for them.

The Lively Ladies do not have a lot of other rules. We probably should have a rule about the amount of food that can be brought along for a ten hour fishing trip. The cabin ends up being

wall-to-wall coolers and I know there is enough to last for two weeks should something happen to us. We expect everyone to have a great day and enjoy the peace and tranquility being out in the middle of the Gulf, but I wish they would not pack as though they were evacuating for a major hurricane.

Our first trip out this year was a pretty typical Lively Lady day. There were some warning signs early on. As the sun began to rise the sky was taking on a reddish hue. The water looked pretty rough, but we did not care; we were returning to the Gulf to begin another fishing season.

Captain Ed took us out 10-15 miles. The farther into the Gulf we went, the larger the waves got. I really do not ever remember being out on waves so dark and large. There was a great deal of conversation about Captain Lindsey Stanley and her crew of her Sea Ya Later II latching and catching that world record Mako shark. The ladies are proud of Lindsey.

The first hole Captain Ed put

us on was a magic one (is Eddie really a wizard?). Sam Magee and Lorraine Brown were the first to put some beautiful Snapper on the boat. We were especially glad to have Lorraine back with us. After all, she is the one who started this ladies fishing group about 15 years ago. Even though we have not been on TV, we are the oldest established ladies' fishing group that has consistently fished on a monthly basis when each season opens.

Rough 5-7 foot waves could not stop us. By 10:30 a.m. we had just about filled the box with our limit of Red Snapper. There were fourteen of us fishing and you can do the math. Our wonderful deck hand, Jeremy, did not have to even measure 99% of the Snapper we caught-no question of the legality of their size.

We snooped around some more holes and put our lines in the water for some Grouper. Again, Sam and Lorraine came through, as well as Amy DePew making sure we had some good fresh Grouper to take home. Lorraine also managed to hook

up on a Tiger shark, which we did not bring on the boat. Cathy Long caught her share of fish as well. Everyone really had a good day. It was a little rough, but a glorious day.

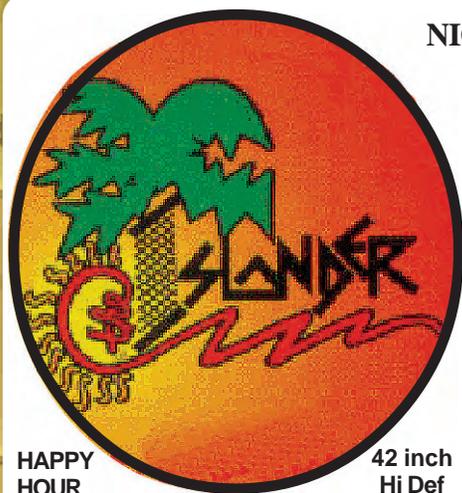
We live in the most beautiful area of the world. If you have never been deep sea fishing, what are you waiting for? Get hooked!

Now about that Grouper, I think I will take mine to Renee Mack and see if she won't cook it up for me. I recently enjoyed some of Captain Lindsey's Cobia that Renee prepared. I am looking forward to seeing if Renee can make that Grouper taste as good as she did that Cobia. You know what? I bet she can.



Fish Fear Them - The Lively Ladies opened their fifteenth season of fishing with a successful April 22 bottom fishing trip. Anglers in the front row are (L to R): Lynn Cieutat, Sam Magee, Denise Keever, Dee Riley, Lorraine Brown & the Grouper, Kim LoBue and Deb Friedman. Back row (L to R) are: Vickie Scaritt, Cathy Long, Lois Jernigan, Susi Mardis, Jackie Henderson, and Amy DePew. Not pictured, Tina Preston.

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Fishin' with Rick Saltwater Readin' The Water

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At the Gulf Pier, the Ling or Cobia are the #1 target for the local anglers. I've seen dozens come up in the past few weeks and pier employee Trace Lewis says, "It's hot right now all the time."

Cigar minnows are the bait of choice and orange seems to be the top color for the lures. King Macs and Spanish Macs are hot also. Live bait fish always give the best results.

Pompano on sandfleas and you'll be limitin' out in no time. Don't forget that little pink teaser

ball near the hook, it works wonders. Sheepshead are all around the piles. Jig with a fiddler crab and that's it.

"Tip of the day"

Crappie jigs - 10 for a buck and the Spanish can't stop hitting 'em. Always use mono leaders, more hits, more fish.

On the old Bridge the Reds are all around the Bridge and a fat live shrimp should take care of it. Spanish on the "tip of the day" and dinner in no time, or jig for a flounder. Use a white grub and tip it with a piece of cut bait. Then stuff it with blue crab.

Well, the tides comin', do yourself a favor, Go Fishin'.



Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier, April 22 - Local Fisherman and Guitar Picker Mark Osborne with some fine old reels!



Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier, April 24 - Yabo, with his King.



Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier, April 23 - Bo Cox with his 50 pound Ling landed after battling the fish for almost an hour. It's doesn't get much better than this. Get out and fish.



Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier, April 30 - Jeremy Hogue with a nice 25 pound King Mac.



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Jeff Locks Poker Players Out of the Winners Circle

Historic Islander Lounge
Jeff Lockwood is on his way

to making history at the oldest lounge on Pensacola Beach. He has four wins at the Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun games played at the Islander Lounge's upstairs Cypress Bar. He could not be beat on April 21 or April 28, eventhough Fran Cox and Trace Lewis gave him a run for his chips.



Fran Cox

Paradise Poker
Dr. Glen Burluson danced

with Lady Luck all night to win the Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun poker game on April 23 at the Paradise Bar and Grill. Glen just returned from a Vegas trip. Cool Hand Fran Cox was second place.

Rookie Ross Dozier traveled south from Gulf Breeze to take the win at Paradise on April 25. Cool Hand Fran Cox was the runner-up again this week.

Fran Cox moved up a notch to take the win on the last day of April at Paradise. Secondhand

Fran Cox continued his cosmic play with pocket Aces on the last hand of the tournament to take out first timer Dave McGreal, a Gulf Breeze basketball coach, to claim the shirt and the Glory.

May 2 at the soundside tables in Paradise Redneck Anne Vinson stormed her way through the players and then

took out the 2006 Beach Champion Trace Lewis in a 30 hand final showdown!

Paddy's Poker

April 22 action was hot when "Cool Hand" Fran Cox went the distance tonight takin' down Mark Beachman in the final. Two nights later Chris "Hollywood" Rapp from Gulf Breeze went all the way and took out Cool Hand Fran Cox in the Final.



Anne Vinson does a victory dance.

Tommy Chavis waltzed his way to the winners circle on April 29 at Paddy's clearing the final table. "Secondhand" Fran Cox was the runner up.

Tim Rinker won and Trace Lewis took 2ndhand Fran's spot in a battle royal of the best players on the beach at The May Day Game.

Come play Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun. Questions? Email salt2o@mchsi.com.



It doesn't get anymore real than this - local real estate professionals gathered at the Beach Chamber Business After Hours at Paradise Bar and Grill April 24. Karen Cook, Real Estate House and Fred Simmons, Paradise Realty surround Yvonne Stomp (center) of Coldwell Banker/JME Realty.



Nancy Becknell, who checked in thousands of guests at the Pensacola Beach Holiday Inn before Ivan came ashore, married Terry Lee, April 21 at Naval Live Oaks in Gulf Breeze.

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To have a special day set apart to mark the celebration of Mother's Day is exciting and wonderful to look forward to. It's also a challenge for the children, to figure out just what gift Mom would love, and what you can afford.

You might not realize this, unless you are a Mother, but even the smallest thought is precious.

You also know how sad it can be NOT to receive a Mother's day call, card, or gift, regardless of how big or small. Even a long distance call or local visit, a great big hug or a trip to your favorite restaurant, spa, or just a trip to the Gulf for a family picnic is wonderful. For your family to recognize and make an effort to celebrate your place in their life, even with the most simple of gifts or acknowledgement, is nirvana!

As a Mother of one, and a Grandmother of one, I can tell you how much I look forward to Mother's Day Weekend! Not just the Day, but the whole weekend—calls, visits, even if I have to plan the picnic or make the Sunday dinner! After all, having a child is a lifetime commitment, and the rewards truly keep coming each time they visit, call, or stop by for an unexpected visit! [Yes, it's true: I wait like a child looking for Santa at Christmas for that early morning call, and the plans with my son and family. In fact, right now, I am wondering "What's the plan?"]

So, I decided it would be delightful to have a Mother's Day wish list! Here are a few suggestions:

First, that all important telephone call - before, during, and even after Mother's Day. You simply cannot thank Mother enough!

Ah, dinner? Think about all those dinners I cooked...those parties and proms I planned and chauffeured! A trip? A surprise gift? Flowers? Oh, any of these will do....even a hand written card, a crayon drawing by my Granddaughter would be cherished!

Here are a few suggestions I could make, just in case you wanted to make your own checklist: Everything lavender- Foot Cream, accompanied by a wonderful foot rub. Some delicious Body Butter for a luxurious body

treatment. A cool Lavendar Body wash complete with jojoba beads, to make my shower time full of scents and moisturizers!

And, then, there are those beautiful flowers hand delivered with a handwritten card of love and joy from my darling Granddaughter and Son, all wrapped with hugs and kisses that mean more each day than any gift could say!

So, take time right now to plan Mother's Day with your Mother...call her, tell her how important she is to you, and make loving plans to spend quality time with her. You cannot imagine how much your efforts will mean!

Comfort and Joy...it doesn't matter how much money you earn, you have, or you share, it's the joy in your heart that can change lives: Share the Joy this Mother's Day!

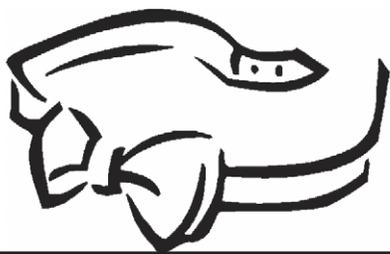
With my most sincere personal regards to all you Mothers and Children, and to the love you share: May it be comforting and full of joy!



Ladies come from near and far to attend the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club Game Day, April 26. The fundraiser, held at Our Lady's Hunt Hall, hosted 130 players. Mary Chambers, (front, left) won the first door prize of the day. Mary, who has been visiting Pensacola Beach since 1953 is from Hartford, Connecticut. Her daughter, Mazie Hales of Pensacola Beach is seated next to her. Standing (L to R) Beach resident Lila Cox is joined by Barbara Vieno of St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Beauty & The Beach

By Danah Gibson

Green swimmers hair is not caused by chlorine in the water, but from the presence of hard metals (copper, iron, and maganese). Sounds strange, huh? Think about old pennies and the Statue of Liberty. The metals are oxidized by the chlorine and then bond to your hair, causing the greenish hue.

What can be done to prevent this from happening? You can wet your 'do with fresh water, and run some conditioner through it, so there is less water asorbed into the hair. My analogy for this is think about throwing a wet sponge and dry sponge in water together, of course the wet one will take on less chlorinated water.

For those of you who may get some seaweed tinted tresses this summer, there are many "Swimmers Shampoos " to help, but here is a home-made recipe that I have seen work just as well! You will need Dawn dishwashing detergent (lemon), Asprin, To-

mato or Lemon juice and Vodka. Crush up the asprin, make a mixture of remaining ingredients in a bowl to the consistency of thin shampoo. Apply to pre-washed, towel dried hair, rub it in really well, cover with a plastic cap and go sit in the sun for about 10 minutes, rinse and rinse and repeat up to 3 times. Then, do a deep conditioning, or hot oil treatment, also under a cap, out in the sun.

If all your green is not removed, wait until the next day, and do the whole process again. Often it takes time for these molecules to slip out of your hair. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the Hair Hotline, 932-4323.

Happy Mothers Day to all you Mothers out there, especially ours, we couldn't have hand picked a better one than Jeannie!

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The LIZZARD'S TONGUE



by E.K. Hewson

The Lizzard Is My Mom - By Harry J. Hewson, IV

For this Mother's Day edition of the *Island Times*, I thought I would give myself a break and turn over the writing of my column to my nine-year-old son, Harry. At first he was somewhat hesitant to undertake the task. This initial response coming from my child did not surprise me knowing that on a standardized practice reading test he concluded that the little boy in the story had wished he had never offered to help his mom. The test prep company was looking for an entirely different answer. So I persisted and explained to Harry that he could be like little Billy who takes over the *Family Circus* comic strip when Bil Keane takes a much needed vacation. With no further prodding, begging or pleading, he took out his favorite Spiderman pencil and *Sponge Bob* notebook and began to write. Ah, the power of the *Sunday comics*.

I have a great mom. I am really happy to have her as my mom. She is a good provider of snacks. When my friends come over to play, she makes us real popcorn and lemonade. She's not making things on her sewing machine out of juice pouches, so we don't have to drink from those anymore. Sometimes she even lets us have snacks in my room. We have to promise to clean up.

I like it when my mom supervises me in the kitchen. I know how to make scrambled eggs in the microwave. She always pours the milk the first couple of times. Then I can do it without spilling. She won't let me use the big, heavy, pointy knife to make peanut butter and jelly bagels. I don't know why.

It is always my mom who has the idea of traveling. She has taken me lots of places. My favorite so far is New York City. I want to live there some day. Dad

and I are taking her camping this Mother's Day.

My mom is the one who takes me to the movies. We call it Movie Marathon Day because we usually see two in a row. Sometimes we eat at the Mexican place in between the movies. They sell the biggest Sprites there.

Another thing I like to do with my mom is go to the bookstore. When we lived in California we could walk to the bookstore, now we have to drive to it. She lets me pick the sweet treat and we share it. Then if I just stay with her and let her get a book or magazine, she will sit and watch me read in the kids' section until I am done. One time we stayed until the store closed.

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Leslie Faircloth, 27, and her swing dance partner Phillip Ingram, 28, stepped lively across the dance floor at the May 1 Bands on the Beach concert. They danced under a full moon while Wildwood entertained hundreds at the Gulfside Pavilion.

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Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

Fab Moms

Since this is our Mother's Day issue, I wanted to write about special Moms that I know.

The most familiar Mom would be my sweet Mom, Jane Waters Cooper. My Mom is a hoot. I remember when she and I would dance together in the living room as she hummed the tune to the Blue Danube Waltz. Dancing with the Stars doesn't have anything on my Mom. (Always ahead of her time!) We also were regulars at the drug store and dime store after nursery school and kindergarten classes let out at noon. We ate chicken and rice soup with crackers and a glass of milk at the drugstore. Then we shopped for, are you ready, are you sitting down, penny candy and/or a toy. I really have no idea what Mom bought. We actually made sugared dates and fruit cakes for Christmas presents. That was the only cooking lesson I had from Mom. Her standing comment is, "If you can read, you can cook."

Neither one of us dances too much anymore, and we don't cook too much either. I can read; I just don't have a stove (renovation). But the one thing we are both doing now is working for our editor, another really good Mom,

Shelley Johnson. (She is also Jane's third daughter.)

Now let me tell you, there is no way you get a good husband unless he had a good Mom. And Alice Segar is a wonderful Mom and mother-in-law. I worked at a job in Pennsylvania and was off every other Friday. So on my three days off, I drove to New York to see my other Mom, Alice Segar. She always had hard boiled eggs waiting for me; and I always brought decadent brownies for our dessert. We'd eat, we'd talk, and I'd have to take a nap. One time Alice decided she was taking me to a really neat flea market. We found a really cute little doll which she bought for me. That was such a fun day. We don't go to the flea markets, but we still enjoy hanging out together, laughing and talking.

I have three honorable mentions: Mrs. Dundas who raised my wonderful, new brother-in-law, Randy, Nita Andrews who raised my wonderful brother-in-law, Richard and Kath Hewson who raised my wonderful brother-in-law, Big Har.

And I would also like to mention the really cool Moms: Janie, Shelley and Liz. Happy Mother's day!

Bytes & Bits

By Joe Stuke

Q: I have a computer with Vista on it and I can't remember my password. What can I do?

A: Since Vista has more security features than Windows XP did, you may have to restore your computer to an earlier date or back to its factory settings. Unlike XP, there is no way to log on to Vista without that password. You'd think Microsoft was trying to protect Fort Knox, not a home computer. I had one case in which the password had been set a couple of days earlier by the owner --- then he promptly forgot it. I was able to start the system recovery process, then use the "restore to an earlier date" option, which removed the password. Of course the big issue here is that all your data is at risk if you have to put the computer back to its original state. One way to reduce the risk of forgetting a password might be to create a

second user account on the Vista computer. That way, if you can't remember one password, you might be able to remember the second one. Then you can log on and reset the forgotten password.

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

Letters To The Editor

Blues Fan

My father was a lifer in the Navy and retired from NAS. I was born at NAS.

When the Blues were flying; we were going. My sisters Andrea and Niecy wanted to do something different, but we didn't. We always came home from the Blue Angels' show in total awe and could not wait for the next show. We would ask, over and over, "When can we go again, Dad?"

Then the Blues started a show on Pensacola Beach, if you have never been, go! I get goose bums from the power of "freedom" that the Blue Angels project.

I feel a great loss without Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Davis #6, he was and always will be one of the best.

Karen Hagford
Sister of P'Beach

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[Note: Kylie is Jon and Diane Bickers' granddaughter, owners of the former Beach Kite Shop.]

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ACROSS

- 1 Spirited horse
- 5 Needlefish
- 8 Roe provider
- 12 Collection of information
- 14 Cab
- 15 Like some grapes
- 16 Hold the scepter
- 17 Dolores—Rio
- 18 Act of grooming oneself
- 20 Tartan pattern
- 23 Incursion
- 24 Mysterious letter
- 25 Foolish
- 28 Superlative suffix
- 29 Hereditary bits
- 30 Atmosphere
- 32 Bad with a bat
- 34 Pre-swan
- 35 Croupier's tool
- 36 Charmer's pet
- 37 Turn into
- 40 [Uncorrected]
- 41 Beige
- 42 Unnecessary
- 47 Fleet
- 48 Carriage

- 49 "It's good — the king"
- 50 Tackle moguls
- 51 — ex machina

DOWN

- 1 Billboards
- 2 Actress Charlotte
- 3 Dined on
- 4 Villain
- 5 Author Greene
- 6 Donkey
- 7 Paraphrases
- 8 Pace

- 9 Amount of booty
- 10 Wheel-base terminus
- 11 Regimen
- 13 Evidenced a pinprick
- 19 Rembrandt's supply
- 20 Opposite of "post"
- 21 Luxurious
- 22 Con
- 23 Rid of lather
- 25 Saturdays and Sundays
- 26 Long story
- 27 Fabric made
- 29 Glitz
- 31 Deli bread
- 33 Acting company
- 34 Naked Faction
- 36 Top-rated
- 38 Reverberate
- 39 Nursery item
- 40 Big rig
- 43 "A mouse!"
- 44 Compass
- 45 Old French coin
- 46 4th-yr. students

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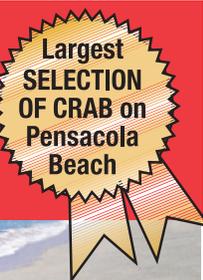
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