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Sailing With Sora



ADVENTURE ON THE HIGH SEAS - Captain Terry Kreitzberg and his daughter, First Mate Cassie, have completed one third of their around the world odyssey on board the Sora, a 55 foot Tayana Ketch. The pair left the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club on June 3, 2006, and are currently in Tahiti after a year of sailing. More on this fascinating story, Page 2.

Sailing With Sora - Around The World in 1095 Days

Almost everybody dreams of sailing around the world at one time or another. Very few ever fulfill this fanciful dream, but Pensacola Beach's Terry Kreitzberg is the exception. Right now, he and his daughter, Cassie, are living the dream. They left the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club on June 3, 2006, and have completed a third of their three year odyssey at sea.

"Terry had been planning this trip for almost ten years, and although he realized his boat, the Big Sky, wasn't up to such an arduous journey, he still kept on planning," according to his wife Karen.

Then, Ivan came along and helped Terry by demolishing the Big Sky. He had to find another, more seaworthy boat if he was to make the trip around the world. Terry searched the internet and came across the 55 foot sailing yacht, Sora, a Tayana Ketch. Perfect! Terry began to put his plan in action. Not yet retired from his job as a pilot for FedEx, he flew back and forth to meet his commitments from June to this January, leaving Cassie in charge of the Sora. Now, fully retired, Captain Terry is enjoying his life as a skipper.

Reading Cassie's day by day accounts of the trip in her journal will make you feel that you're right there on the boat with them.

At least, they will make you wish you were.

Maybe, you're wondering if they are bored with nothing but the deep blue sea around them. Wrong. Cassie is always upbeat, no matter what, and she and her dad have great senses of humor, probably the one real necessity when packing for the trip. Don't leave home without your sense of humor.

At one crucial moment their engine, known affectionately as Mr. Perkins, began to surge. That required a filter change normally, but was not the cause of the trouble this time. Terry bet Cassie five dollars that he had found the solution. She won the bet, but he hasn't yet paid up. Check is in the mail, he says.

Cassie's not worried. She's holding the Sora for collateral.

Most of the first leg of the trip seems to have gone smoothly, with unforgettable stops at exotic ports.

When they anchored off Cristobal Island, there were a dozen boats, some of the crews were friends of the Kreitzbergs'. Cassie reported in her journal that it was a beautiful place, filled with barking sea lions, but she was able to run and explore at will.

Cassie has been discovering hidden talents on this cruise. "Cooking on a boat has become one of my creative talents," she

writes. "I spend much of my time in the galley, and have really re-trained the captain's taste buds. I have discovered how really good a dish of cantaloupe with mayo and hot sauce can be."

At the end of May, the Sora was sailing from Tuamotus en route to Tahiti. Although, a great deal of Cassie's journal related mostly to the good times, there was an entry on the day's chores on the boat on May 30.

"Today was a 'git 'er done day.' It was clean your room day, laundry day, fix the spinnaker halyard day, clean the water line day and scrub the bottom day."

But the description of the grunge duty was simply erased by the story about a trip the next day to the Pearl farm. Cassie remarked that the adventure was one to put in a unique experience bank. They took a skiff to a house sitting on the middle of a coral reef where they learned all the wonders of raising pearls.

During the first year of their three year sail, Cassie's journal reflects her joy at discovering all kinds of unusual events, like it gets quite cold on the Equator when the sun goes down, she loved cooking the fish her dad catches frequently, when a moon is fuller than full, and constant exciting Island excursions, that she only sleeps well when the boat is rocking, and the fun of



Galapagos Islands, March 30, 2007 - Captain Terry Kreitzberg and his daughter Cassie with native tortoises.

frequent trips in ports so far away from her home on Pensacola Beach.

So, where is Karen Kreitzberg, wife and mom? She has made frequent trips to visit the boat, and stays as long as she can stand it. A week ago she was preparing to fly to Tahiti to board the Sora and stay with her husband's cruise for six months, or until the siren song of the land lubber lures her back to Pensacola Beach. She will get to Tahiti just before the monsoon season so the Sora will sail toward New Zealand or Australia soon after her arrival. Cassie is 28, a graduate of Pensacola Beach Elementary School and

received her Bachelor's degree in International Finance from the University of West Florida in 2006.

The Kreitzbergs' other daughter, Mandy is also a Beach School graduate and currently is living and working in New York City. Mandy, a star soccer player at Gulf Breeze High School, still plays pick up soccer games and belongs to the Brooklyn Kickball League.

Cassie's day by day accounts of Sailing with Sora provide a warm, personal picture of a dad/daughter Captain and First Mate traversing the world. Log onto the blog at www.sailblogs.com/member/sora/

Hotel Definition Policy Gets Final Approval - Document Goes Now To County Commission

The Board of the Santa Rosa Island Authority played to a packed house at their June 13 meeting, and after four hours of debate and discussion, they approved by a vote of five to one their policy for a hotel definition. The document will be forwarded to the County Board of Commissioners who sparked the question when they decided to vote on a 16 week owner occupancy ordinance to accompany their already approved unlimited square foot area for hotel rooms.

With the concept of condo financing in mind, the SRIA covered all the bases minutely to make sure that hotels constructed on the Beach would, indeed, be geared toward transient lodging.

Although the Authority's subcommittee had spent hours preparing the policy, the full board still made minor adjustments before approval was reached. John Peacock cast the lone vote against, saying all the items had

already been covered by the County Commission and the Land Development Code.

Basically, the document was divided into sections with the first being a description of regular hotel requirements such as front desk, centralized reservations, limit on number of bedrooms and bathrooms, and prohibition of the use as a dwelling unit, among others.

The policy outlined specific requirements for hotels with larger rooms, notably some restrictions as follows:

□ Room Size Limits: Ten percent would have no size restrictions. Ninety percent of the rooms can be no larger than 850 square feet.

□ There shall be no cooking facilities except kitchenette equipment i.e. microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker and sink.

□ Owners of hotel rooms in this category can occupy them for up to eight weeks per year, and

must abide by specific times and all other restrictions.

The Board granted conceptual approval for the proposal for a 216 unit hotel on the former Clarion property by a vote of four to two with Kelly Robertson and Fred Gant opposed. It was pointed out that conceptual approval does not guarantee any future approval.

Van Nevel Helicopters was given approval to operate on the vacant property owned by the Palace. Tom Campanella dissented on this item saying, "Safety is paramount. This is a high traffic area both on land and by water."

Members of the neighboring Elk's Lodge voiced concerns about sand and debris going airborne. George Van Nevel said that could be controlled by a fencing system. Final approval of this item is contingent upon the Palace making past due payments. The helicopter operation must

meet safety standards and be approved by Escambia County.

Deb Friedman, president of the Mardi Gras Association of Krewes on Pensacola Beach, appeared before the Board to request help with the financing of the Krewe of Wrecks parade in the amount of \$25,000. The actual cost for last year's parade was \$31,000. The AOK requests will go to committee.

And the meeting went on and on as they voted to approve a Water Balloon game at Tiki Island Golf and Games, granted approval of the Sandshaker's outdoor kitchen to operate for one year longer, and approved Domino's pizza's request to operate from the former Baars Realty building.

Dave Hemphill, Baskerville Donovan engineer, said all projects were nearing completion and Cowley Park will be operational by the Fourth of July.

Buck Lee, in his Manager's

Report, noted that a pipe would be installed at the west end of Little Sabine Bay to improve water quality. The entrance to Little Sabine Bay will be dredged, and grasses will be planted on Bird Island to help clean the water. All this will be accomplished through grants.

The SRIA committee meetings will be on Wednesday, June 27 at the Authority Office. The meetings begin at 5 p.m. and are open to the public.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



A goddess once lived in my front yard. She weighed 400 pounds, had lipstick smears all over her face, and had a heart of stone. And yet, she had many lovers and friends.

She came to reside in my planter when the Tiki Hotel and Lounge were torn down. It was the infamous day the music died. I had asked the Tiki owner, Jim Reeves, if I could have the sculpture and he said yes, but I would be responsible for her trip from the bar to my house.

My friend, Nasty John Thomas, was the doorman in charge that last night. He said he would bring the Tiki over around midnight. I told him Liz and I would be ready to help him get her from the truck to the ground. A skeptical look crossed his face, but about midnight, he appeared. He had brought a

piece of plywood and said he would slide the Tiki down it, and we should catch her and set her up straight. The operation began and went off without a hitch. Of course, John jumped out of the truck and was on hand to help catch her.

So, there she stood. For a very long time. Then along about 1993 I began the renovation of my house and had a planter built in the front drive. Rachel Detoro, owner of Botanicals, was the landscaper. "I guess we should take the Tiki to the backyard by the

pool," I suggested. Rachel nixed that plan in a hurry. "No, she needs to stay in the front planter where everyone can see her."

So, Rachel created a waterfall and the Tiki reigned over the exotic plants in the garden.

All went well until October of 1995 when Opal struck a lethal blow. By then, Frank and I had been married four months. When we were able to come back to the Island in a Jeep, my first heart-break was to see that the Tiki was gone. After wading through sand and water, we went upstairs and I was standing in the kitchen looking out the door. I thought I saw the Tiki, lying on her side near Maldonado. I called

to Frank who agreed, it was the Tiki. We drove the Jeep to make sure and she was lying there, broken and bent. She would require serious surgery, but the beloved lady could come back home. But how? She hadn't lost any weight and was piled up with sand. Suddenly, out of nowhere a Jeep-load of four strong Navy men came by. No problem. They carefully lifted her and took her back to our yard. We propped her up and put an American flag by her side, and when we finally moved back home for good, Frank began the ardu-

ous task of restoring her. Like any good boat man, he put her back together with tape, fiberglass and epoxy resin. She was soon reigning over her garden again. "We knew everything would be okay," Judy Le Bum L'Oignon said. "We walked by your house and saw the Tiki in your yard. We think she winked at us."

The Tiki was always a reminder of those hot summer Sunday afternoons when we all gathered at the Tiki Lounge where we danced in the sand to the tanta-

lizing music of the Garcias, Lazy Day and Air Waves, and the Tiki got plenty of attention. One big old Navy guy actually picked her up and glided blissfully around the dance floor with her in his arms.

But now, once again, the Tiki was back in my yard, helping all of us to relive those happy Sundays. And, then came Ivan.

The planter was shattered. A jet ski had come loose from across the street, and hit the goddess, smashing her to smithereens, before crashing into

the front hallway and taking the pool table out in the game room. The Tiki we all loved was gone, irretrievably beyond repair. The goddess doesn't live here anymore.

But we still remember Sunday afternoons... the music, the dancing, the joys of togetherness. We remember a time when we were a tightly knit tribe, the Beach family. And Stanley, Fred, Nasty Billy, Buzz, Bobbi, Jackie, Deb, and Andrea were all here. Dancing, and dreaming and having a ball. One Sunday at a time.



LIGHTEN UP, FIREWORKS AHEAD

Kaboom! Get ready for a three day celebration during Fourth of July week on Pensacola Beach. Highlighted by the return of the fireworks display on Wednesday, July 4, this year's events will include an oldies concert by The Tams on Thursday night and a Friday night flick, Shark Tales. The fireworks will originate from a barge on Santa Rosa Sound and the Thursday and Friday events will be in the Pavilion at Casino Beach. All are free.

"This year's celebration of the Fourth is going to be a family-oriented awesome event," said Doug McAllister, president Fun

Weatherford's, Comfort Zone; and in Gulf Breeze at Bruno's, The Greenery Cafe, UPS Store, Ace Hardware, Innerlight, Comfort Zone, Gulf Breeze Chamber, Re/Max on the Coast, Arriba, X-Clean and Ladies Quarter.

July 4 th	Fireworks	9 pm
July 5 th	Tams Concert	8 pm
July 6 th	Shark Tales Movie	8 pm

Coast Promotions, the company in charge of the three day party. Detailed schedules and promotions open to the public will appear in a special section of the July Fourth edition of Island Times which will be distributed

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MORE NEW SKIPPERS

The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club has welcomed two new members, both from Pensacola. They are William Carnley and Lindsey McCarn. They are coming on board at just the right time. Yacht clubbers have a full summer of sailing and party events planned. Known as "the best little yacht club on the Gulf," the Club attracts new members every month.

CHRISTY'S FAMILY

Christy Sullivan has much to report about her sons and grandson. Chris is doing better and doesn't have to go back to Tampa for treatment for five weeks. Christy has been in Flagler Beach where she threw a baby shower for her son Miles and daughter-in-law Samantha. Finally, her nine-year-old grandson Malachai was here for a visit, and being with him makes everything "right with the world," according to Christy.

GIRLS WEEKEND OUT

It's Girls Weekend Out for Sally Chamberlin, her sister and a friend from Baton Rouge. What a better place to party than Pensacola Beach?

PINK BOOTS ANGLER

JJ Waters reeled in the third place winning fish in the Spanish Mackerel Division of the Pink Boots Fishing Tournament recently. Her son, Jeffrey captained her boat.

DUTY BRINGS CRISSI HOME

Crissi Geier who is part of the United States Air Force Financial Management Transformation Team, has two reports of good news. She gave briefings at Hurlburt Field on June 14, so she got to come home to see her family and second, she was promoted to First Lieutenant on June 15. Her twenty-fourth birthday was June 3. Younger sister Erika, has returned after spending two weeks with Crissi in Germany. She is attending school in Orlando this summer.

QUEEN'S WAVE

Ella Hess underwent surgery on her hand recently, but she reports it will not impair her ability to execute the "queen's wave" as usual.

BUSY BUSY

Samantha and Jett Crowdis take their sports seriously. They swim for The Club and play competitive golf. They were with their mom, Marianne, checking out the big real estate auction held on the Beach recently.

IT WAS A GOOD YEAR

Madison Murphy finished her sixth grade at Gulf Breeze Middle School with all A's except for the two B's that somehow sneaked into her report card.

WEDDING VOWS AGAIN

Shane and Sundai Belk, re-

newed their wedding vows during a trip to Pensacola Beach. They are from Greenwood, Miss., have an eleven-year-old son and three-year-old twins. After their second wedding to each other, they celebrated with dinner at Flounder's.

NAUGAS DO LUNCH

Danah and Gwen Gibson treated royal peer Queen Katrina Foster to lunch on her birthday, June 9. It was the first time out for Katrina who is recovering after undergoing surgery recently.

MERELY MORTAL

Ann Knight, retired director of the Santa Rosa Island Triathlon, announced that the Mere Mortals have begun their Sunday summer training sessions. These hardy athletes meet at 6:30 a.m. at the Gulfside Pavilion for triathlon training tips followed by open water swimming in the Gulf of Mexico. Running and cycling are also part of the workout.

Anyone is welcome to join. For more information, attend a training session. Better hurry, the Island Triathlon is October 6.

The last issue's question was so easy even a caveman could have answered it. The question: "The property where the Grand Marlin Marina soon will be built housed many restaurants over the years. Email at least two of the names."

The list includes Coconuts, Boy on a Dolphin, Jaimo's, Slips and a few others. Mark Rubenacker, a volunteer at the Visitor's Information Center was the first to email two correct answers - Coconuts and Boy on a Dolphin. He gets the t-shirt.

It's hot and the day before

summer begins officially, so we're giving you a break. You won't have to strain your brain to find the answer to this trivia question. "Who was the first elected member of the Santa Rosa Island Authority who beat Dr. Jim Morgan by a scant eleven votes?"

Email your answer before anyone else and if it is correct, you can win an 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. June 21.



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Goodbye To Gibby

James "Gibby" Naylor Fail
November 3, 1956 - June 4, 2007

by Danah Gibson

It was in the fall of 1993. I was having my usual after work cocktail at Bobby D's, I glanced across the bar and noticed a new face in the Sandspur Republic. He was a big guy, well over six feet tall with a clean shaven, shiny bald head and a jet-black fumanchu mustache. I thought "Wow, he looks interesting," and boy, was I right! Interesting to say the least. It was none other than Gibby.

We struck up a conversation and became fast friends. Back then he was crashing in the back of Rick Czeck's T.V. repair shop, and hailed from Australia you know! Over the years, there were many tall tales from Gibby, which were always amusing and a big part of his charm (he definitely was a master of the art of blarney).

A softspoken, kind and sensitive soul, misunderstood by many and beloved to all his friends, who came from all walks

of life. Just ask around, he was many different things to many different people- Loving husband to his wife, Barbara; Dad to Bowie & Buttercup; Beach Bum of the Year; Mayoral candidate; CEO of his company, Fishpie Records; fundraiser and supporter of the Beach school, and many other organizations and people, all of whom are not known to me. He liked to help people out when he could, and was sometimes generous to a fault!

He loved his wife Barb, his family, and all pets. Who else would, on a regular basis, bring home a Philly steak sandwich with double meat from Peg Leg's for his dog, Petey? He held close to his heart Horatio Hornblower, the Blues and Heavy Metal music, Bluebell ice cream, playing his harmonica, Live music, making his "daily rounds" on the Beach, beef pot pies and Budweiser beer in the can.

He had a serious side also.

He was an intelligent man who chose to live his life his way, on his terms. The biggest lesson everyone learned from Gibby was that you can't judge a book by its cover. It happened to him all the time, but he accepted folks for who they are on the inside, not what you look like on the outside.

The most important life lesson that I personally learned from him is that there are many different kinds of love. No two are the same. And that's a hard one to grasp. Thanks, Gibby. You touched more people's lives than you will ever know. I, along with everyone who loved you, will miss you everyday. My hope for you now is that you are on a big, fat, happy cloud, enjoying a Bud, jamming with Hendrix, and having some fabulous conversation with Frank and Albert! (Zappa & Einstein, respectively).

See you on the other side-

Peace & Love

Danah



Yancy Spencer and BZR Turner place a wreath in the Gulf to honor Gibby.

Gibby Fail, a Pensacola Beach resident, passed away June 4 in St. Lucia. He was a member of the Church of the Good Guys, the Glass Eye Poets Society, and the Surfer's Memorial Board.

He is survived by his

wife, Barbara Fail; his father, James Manasco Fail; his sisters, Kathryn Luttrull and Marcia Boykin; his aunt, Margaret "Peggy" Stone Cole; uncles Alton and Charles Fail; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews and a multitude of friends who loved him madly.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, June 23, 2007 at the Pensacola Beach Community Church at 11 a.m. Family and friends are invited to share their memories at the service. Following the service, there will be a life celebration at The Dock on Casino Beach. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to his favorite charity, Pensacola Beach Elementary School.

Elks Raffle Creates Blues VIPs

Move over Bill Gates, Warren Buffet and the King of Siam. The VIP of the World will be reclining in an Adirondack chair in a shady corner of the Elk's Lodge balcony on Blue Angels Day, Saturday, July 21. The identity of this extremely important person will remain a mystery until 8 p.m. on July 6 at the Elk's Lodge when the winning ticket for the VIP Blue Angels Day will be drawn.

Tickets are on sale now to

win this most prestigious award for \$5 each or you can purchase ten for only \$25.

The prize is outrageously wonderful. First, drive your car to the Lodge and park in the Exalted Ruler's Parking Place. Go up to the VIP corner and get ready to view the Blue Angels Show in comfort you may not have experienced before. You will find two Adirondack chairs, a mosaic leaf table, a market umbrella and

matching cooler. Sit back and relax as you receive a tray of Boarshead sandwiches and a meat, cheese and fruit tray. You will get a bar tab and two bottles of your favorite liquor, bottled water and two Blue Angel Kevin Davis Memorial t-shirts. And, when the show is over, you can pack up all those items and take them home with you to continue your life as a VIP.

You can purchase tickets from Ladies of the Elks, who are sponsoring the event, or from the Elk's bartenders.

Blues Shirt Sales Set To Soar

The Blue Angels will take to the skies above Pensacola Beach July 19-21. In conjunction with the annual air show, the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce partnered with Island Style Beach Department Store to produce a Blue Angel Memorial t-shirt. The "Dreams Soar When Brave Men Fly High" t-shirt is a tribute to the late Lt.Cdr. Kevin Davis and depicts his number six jet soaring skyward.

Beach businesses and residents look forward to the Blue Angels Air Show with great anticipation each year, so it was fitting to create this gesture of goodwill in Davis' memory according to Chamber President Jeff Elbert. "I designed the t-shirt as a

tribute to Lt.Cdr. Davis and to raise money to honor his family's request for donations to Make-A-Wish" said Elbert who also owns Island Style.

The t-shirts are \$15 each including tax and can be purchased by filling out an order form at the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center or by visiting Island Style next to Flounder's at the traffic light.

The shirts which come in adult and children's sizes will be available for sale through Blue Angel Weekend and all of the profits will go to Make-A-Wish.

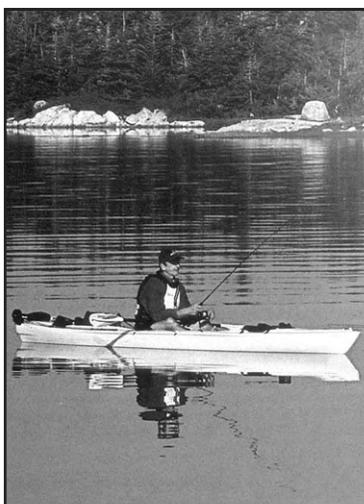
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by kathi lewis

It is definitely Summer on the Island! I've just had my first guests for the season. My sister, Brenda Williams and our family friend, Mable "Precious" Purvis, both of Albany, Georgia were here. It was Mable's first visit to our area and she was definitely impressed with our Island and my new house. Mable has been around our family for so long, she has become one of us and we have changed her name to "Precious." That's because she cooks such wonderful food and has fed our family through every loss in our lives. You've all heard of "funeral food." Precious is such a good cook, that we've actually considered "knocking off" some of the least favorite family members just so she will bring us food!

A bird ate the first grape tomato from our garden. That's okay since Jesiah said, "It was Great Grannie and she was hungry." My mother did love tomatoes and gardens, so we may not get to eat as much as we thought.

If you missed Monette Hodges' Dance Recital, put it on your calendar for next year. It was an absolutely spectacular event! You know Deb Friedman always dances and she is very, very good. But the best surprise this year was Courtney Winstead. My God, where did those legs come from? Courtney says she always feels like a big giraffe when dancing, but I have to tell you she looks more like a gazelle to me.

Deb and Courtney were both fabulous, along with the rest of the cast. This is such great entertainment for us, but a whole year of work for Miss Monette. Her daughter, Lacey, also dances and looks so much like her mom, it's incredible. Lacey performed a solo with perfection, wearing the same dress in which her Mother won top awards.

Don't forget to "reserve" your seats for upcoming major events - 4th of July Fireworks and Blue Angels Shows! I love the fireworks and we are very grateful to have them back this year. I still miss Mr. Harry and his first day of Summer party, and I swear, I still smell the barbecue cooking at the end of my street!

Okay, back to Precious and Brenda. We had a wonderful din-

ner on Saturday night and decided to walk on the beach afterwards. The thing is, Brenda also insists that I drive her car when she's here (to use her gas) and since she has a cute little PT Cruiser, it is certainly fun. The problem began when we went to walk on the beach. We parked at the Church and tucked our purses under the car seat to deter thieves. Well, that was all fine until about 45 minutes after my sister left my house to return home. That is when I reached for my purse only to discover that it was not in my house. Three guesses where it was. Oh yeah, still under the seat in Brenda's car. So, frantically I called her (because cell phone with telephone numbers, checkbook, ID's are all in my purse). Luckily, they had not gotten very far past Crestview, so she turned around as Bill and I headed to I-10. We met them in Crestview and retrieved my traveling purse. I told Precious it would be hard to leave the beach and, by taking my purse, she had signified the desire to return.

This week's recipe is courtesy of Precious and is guaranteed to make you "hug your Mama." This one's for you, Precious. Let's cook...

## Precious' Pineapple Filling

1 box butter yellow cake mix  
1 (No. 2) can crushed pineapple  
apple  
1 cup sugar  
½ tsp. salt  
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten  
2 Tbsp. Lemon juice  
4 Tbsp. Cornstarch

Cook cake mix according to directions on package. Let cool. In a medium saucepan, cook pineapple & sugar for 35 minutes. Remove from heat and remove a small amount of hot mixture from pan. Blend egg yolks, lemon juice, salt and cornstarch in small amount of mixture then return to remaining mix. Return saucepan to heat and, stirring constantly, cook 2 minutes or until mixture thickens. Ice cake immediately, serve and enjoy!

Happy Summer everyone!



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HINT: "Pinot" means "pinecone" in French, which is a reference to the conical clusters in which Pinot Gris grows. White wines, like Pinot Gris, are fantastic for light lunches and fruit and cheese spreads. At Beach Wines and Liquors, Inc., you can trust our judgment when it comes to wine. We have years of experience that allow us to provide a unique and useful service to our clients. We can always match a meal to a wine. If you have questions, regarding wine, please come see us, or call us today - 850-932-8850.

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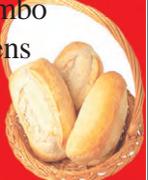
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**TICKLIN' THE IVORIES**

Chip McCain, who played piano for Conway Twitty for a dozen or so years is coming to the Olive Drop Martini Bar on Pensacola Beach, June 22. He says he is looking forward to performing with Conner Cagle at the neat little beach bar.

**THE DOCTOR IS IN**

Life Line Screening services will be at the Cabana Club, third floor at the Beach Marina on Tuesday, July 3 to perform ultrasound tests for vascular diseases. If you want an appointment, call 800-636-0017. It won't interfere with the delicious breakfast and lunch they serve in the Café.

**DANCINGLY YOURS**

Dancers held a special recital at PJC a couple of weeks ago to honor the tenth anniversary of Dancingly Yours. Deb Friedman, Courtney Winstead and Monette Hodges, all members of the Mystic Krewe of Nereids, performed a routine together. Lots of other Beach dancers performed. Enjoying the show was Dr. Thomas Campanella, Santa Rosa Island Authority Board member.

**AMERICAN MUSCLE**

Miracle Strip Corvette Club rolled into Flounder's Sunday, June 10 for their annual pre-Father's Day brunch. Lined up neatly in the parking lot were corvettes in all colors - almost like a preview of their September show on the Beach.

**HEY BIDDER BIDDER**

Anderson Auctioneers provided Beach real estate investors a chance to bid on Portofino condo units and other Beach homes, June 9. The excitement grew as the bids got higher. A top bid of \$460,000 won the first condo.

**VISITING HOURS**

The Pensacola Beach Visitors Information Center opens its doors to guests almost everyday of the year. The new hours of operation for summer are: Monday through Saturday 9 to 5 and Sunday from 10 until 3.

**TROLLEY STARTS**

The colorful beach trolleys are rolling in the core area on Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday offering free rides to your next Beach destination.

**CHAMBER CHATTER**

Tuesday, June 26 is considered Beach Chamber Day. The business meeting is at 8:30 at the Comfort Inn and the more social After Hours is at 5:30 p.m. at Portofino.

**Happy Birthday to Karen's Kids**

Whenever Pandora de Balthazar takes on a project, she always adds a touch of class. Sometimes, a whole lot of class. She was the hostess for the first ever birthday party to honor children who were born in June who are now in foster care. These children, often referred to as "Karen's Kids" because Karen Cook Cowen founded the Lunch Bunch group which sponsors them during the holidays.

Pandora directed the birthday event, the first time it has included both Santa Rosa and Escambia County children.

She partnered with the Pensacola Opera and volunteers from the Beach Church. There were numerous activities for the kids and their foster families. Singers and a pianist performed excerpts from children's operas and musical theatre. The kids joined in the dances and songs. Face painters were on hand and costumers provided the kids with the opportunity to dress up in fun clothes.

Each of the birthday kids received an individual cake baked by Barbara McGlynn and Marilyn McDonald as well as gifts.



Pensacola Opera performers entertained birthday parties. Delighting the children with face painting, singing and costuming are Opera members (L to R): UWF theatre major Christopher Lotito, Timothy Kennedy, Opera Director of Education and Community Outreach, and UWF Theatre Arts major Lynsey Price.

**Dedication Postponed**

The Santa Rosa Island Authority has postponed the dedication of Harry G. Gowens Memorial Park until later in the summer. The original date was June 9. A party will be planned for the event by the Beach Chamber of Commerce.

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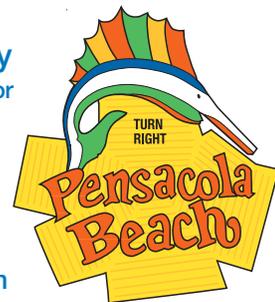
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# Commissioner Sets Date for Town Hall Meeting Ask Questions, Get Answers

Pensacola Beach residents will have an opportunity which doesn't happen very often when they attend a Town Hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. June 28 at the Santa Rosa Island Authority office. The Town Hall meeting will cover issue about their town, and they will have a chance to ask questions and receive answers.

The Town Hall meeting, sponsored by Commissioner Grover Robinson will be divided into segments with Commissioner

Robinson speaking on Beach issues from 6:30 to 6:50 p.m.

The second portion, 6:50 to 7:05 will be a talk by Escambia County Fire Chief Kenny Perkins, who will share information about the Beach Fire Station's proposed building and services.

The open forum for questions will follow from 7:05 until 8:30. Questions must be filled out on a request form.

Representatives from County department will be on

hand to answer questions including Escambia County Code Enforcement officer Charlie Walker; Capt. Eric Enquist from the Sheriff's Department; Assistant County Administrator Willie Taylor; Duane Chase, Road Department; and Amy LoVoy, Office of Management and Budget.

In addition to the County representatives, Santa Rosa Island Authority staff will also answer questions. They are General Manager Buck Lee and Environmental and Developmental Services Manager Matt Mooneyham.

The Escambia County Tax

Collector's office will not be represented at this meeting since the ad valorem tax situation is still pending in the courts. Any tax questions will be handled appropriately, keeping in mind legal constraints.

For information call Grover Robinson's office at 595-4940.



When the colorful Mayokis arrived at the Fiesta ceremonies, June 2, at the Boardwalk on Pensacola Beach they came with an official escort. These Escambia County deputies roared through the Beach traffic on Harley Davidsons to safely deliver the tribe of celebrants. Deputies are (L to R): Michael Gray, Neil Forrester, Mike Delay, Donnie White, Terry Brunson, and Tom O'Neil.

Tom Gilliam, attorney with Shell, Fleming, Davis and Menge gave a tax suit update to the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club members June 5 at the Beach Community Church. Tom and his law firm represent the beach residents in the property tax lawsuit.



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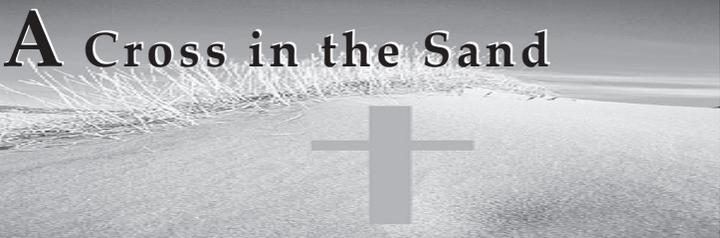
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# A Cross in the Sand

By Dr. Chuck Randle  
Pastor, Pensacola Beach Community Church

A friend of mine sent me the following fantastic story in an email and I thought it was worth sharing:

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably coifed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

"I love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied. Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I

like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged. It's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. "Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life."

He said, "Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in." So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories!

Thank you for your part in filling my memory bank. I am still depositing.



Famous beach chefs Tracy McDonald and Morrie Drees prepared the Beach Church's first fish fry of the summer, Saturday, June 2. The Crafty Ladies offered baked goodies for anybody who still had room for dessert. The lunch time fry was hosted by the Pensacola Beach Community Church and was open to the public. Barry McCleary coordinated the event which is free of charge but donations were accepted.

## Optimists Try To Bag Funds For Appreciation Dinner

Pensacola Beach Optimists Club members will be bagging groceries at the Bruno's Grocery Store in Gulf Breeze, Saturday, June 23 to help fund their September 1 "Sheriffs, Fire Fighters & Park Rangers Appreciation Dinner." The annual event honors those who serve on the island.

New Optimist, Scott Neal agreed to chair this event. "We can't thank them enough, but we can sure give it our best effort," he said.

Along with bagging groceries members will place donation buckets around the area to give everyone who appreciates the local law enforcement and fire fighters an opportunity to contribute. Another way to make a donation is to call PBOC treasurer Dave Sundstrom at 932-0684.

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"These will look like the shelters at Quietwater Beach," Dave Hemphill, Baskerville Donovan engineer said. "We have the DEP permits in hand and are ready to get the work started."

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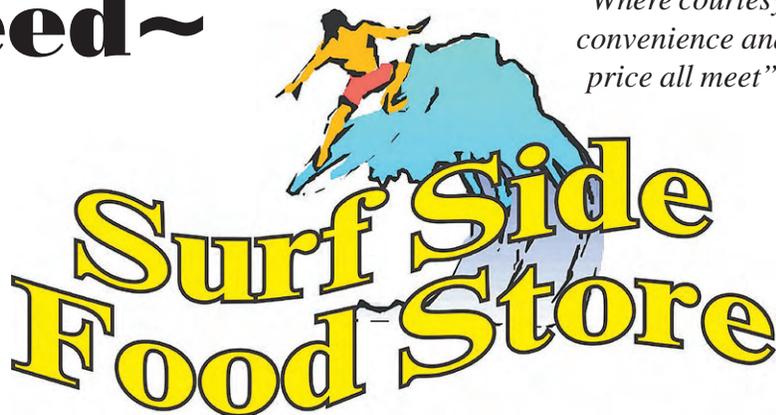
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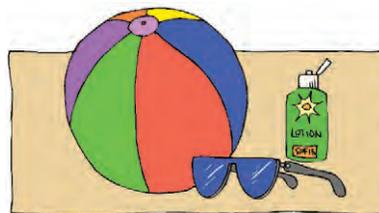


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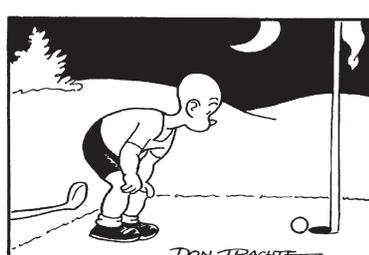
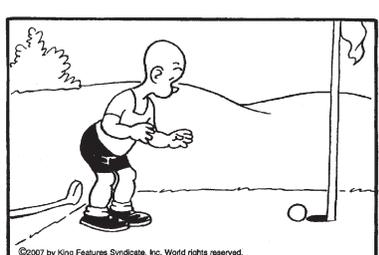
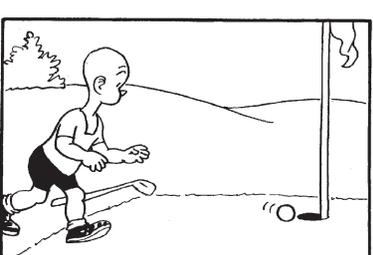
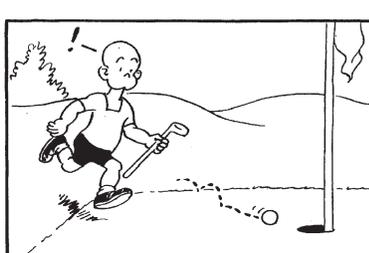
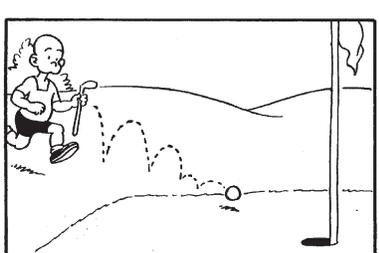
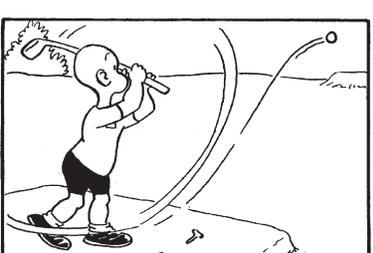
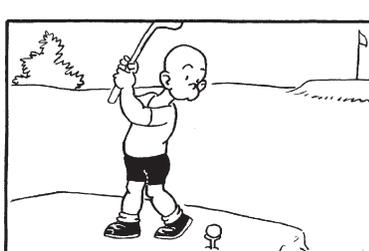
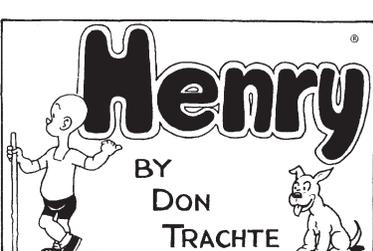
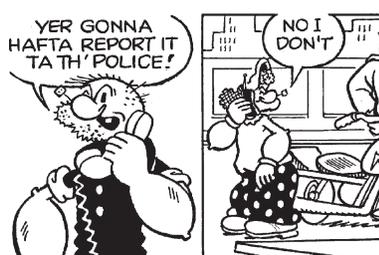
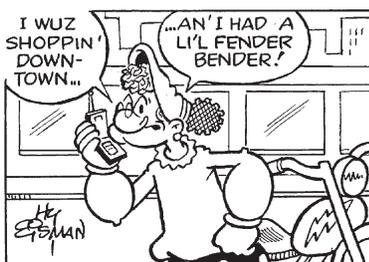
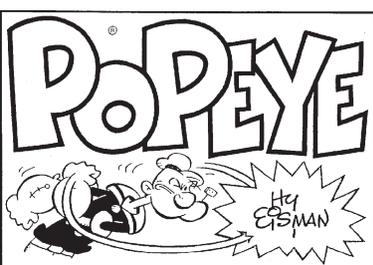
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Information you need might be coming in sporadically, but at least what you're getting is valuable. Continue to wait until more is available before acting on that career move.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You continue on an upbeat cycle, and with that strong Taurean energy you should see favorable results from your hard work. A pleasant surprise awaits you in your private life.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding needs more time to be worked out. Don't give up on it just yet. Remain open to providing explanations, if called for. Another friend offers good advice.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Fast action can correct a seemingly minor problem that has taken on some unexpectedly difficult aspects. Stay with it until it's resolved. News on a more positive note is due soon.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Some snags could cause delays in those plans you're eager to see put into operation. But be patient. The Clever Cat will soon have good reason to celebrate a job well done.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to let that Virgan sensitivity dissuade you from being the hardheaded realist you should be at this time. Your goals are in sight. Stay focused on them.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A more positive aspect opens up, allowing you to make some important changes in a personal situation. Remember to seek balance and avoid extremes as you proceed.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) This is a good week to get out and enjoy the fine times you missed while you were so deep in those workaday projects. Be sure to share it with that special person.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Work and play are in balance this week. However, expect news that could tip things toward the workplace for quite a while. But all to a good end.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You're more productive on the job than you have been in some time. That's good. But be careful not to overlook some situations developing in your private life.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You've been doing a lot for others (as usual). But now it's time to focus on your needs, including finally going on that long-delayed trip you've been hoping to make.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) It's all smoothly going on 'twixt you and that very special person in your life. But a colleague causes some disruption on the job that you might be called on to help settle.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are sensitive to the needs of others. But you're no pushover. You would make a fine teacher, psychologist or minister.

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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Sand Sculptresses from Gulf Breeze created the winning entry in the children's division in the Fiesta Sand Sculpture Contest on Pensacola Beach, June 3. Gulf Island Under The Sea was created by (L to R) Zoe Wright, 9, Samantha Hoffman, 10 and Natalie Rockett, 10, who spent three days at the beach practicing prior to competing.

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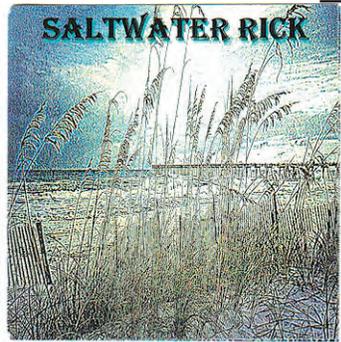
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# readin' the water

around that Pier with all the fish being caught.

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If Mullet are your thing, they are everywhere and with a good cast net you can be going home with dinner in one throw.

On the boats - I have been stoppin' by the Marina when I sea

the big boats cleaning their catches and Red Snapper, Grouper and Kings are coming in daily.

James Wheeler's last name got printed as Whaler - something fishy about that mistake.

Stop by and book a trip, or, take some friends and I promise you'll have the time of your life. Hope ya'll have enjoyed the fishing pics and if you have a story, drop me a line at [salth2o@mchsi.com](mailto:salth2o@mchsi.com)

Do yourself a favor and Go Fishin' -

Howdy folks, with the water gettin' warmer the big fish are movin' in closer to shore and that means great fishin' in and around the Island.

On the Gulf Pier, the Kings are all over the place and some very big one have been caught. Local Scotty McGuire took five in one day and made a lot of folks happy giving them away. The locals are catching everything from Sheepsheads to Hammerheads and if your thinkin' about swimmin' in the big fish bowl, I would keep a close eye on your surroundings. I mean there are some very big ones



Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier, June 10 - Hammerhead shark swims just beneath the surface next to the Pier. He's about 12 feet long and lookin' for something to eat.



Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier, June 7 - Pier Rat Kris Kaye holds a 25 pound King he caught at the Pier.



Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier, June 12 - Fearless Lady Angler Lindsey Stanley wets a line.

Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier, June 7 - Trace Lewis weighs a nice King Mackerel that Paul Sperry landed.



Better reel 'em up fast!



Gulf Coast Kayak Fishing Association Spring Tournament, June 9 - Steve and Jessica Summers weighed in their Specs at Shoreline Park hoping to place among the top three. They fish from their own kayaks and were the only husband-wife duo to enter. Jessica's fish weighed in at a modest one pound and Steve's was a two pounder. It's a great way to fish, according to the couple.

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# Beach Poker Players Stack Up, Ship Out, Show Up

Paradise Bar and Grill hosted the Texas Hold 'Em 444 Fun Champions Tournament on the first day of June. Scott Stanley survived the pressure of all past champions to claim the title of May's Grand Champion. He defeated a very strong field and taking out chip leader Janie Uzdevenes. Janie was the

2006 Female Champion. Weekly action at the Paradise finds Dr. Glenn Bursleson playing his cards right. He got lucky at all the right times to take out chip leader and birthday boy Tim Rinker on June 3 in a packed house. Poker tables were filled at Paradise on June 6 when "Okie"

Steve returned to the beach, and reclaimed his winning form to best a strong field of 20 players. Okie then took down "The Cobra" Justin Robbins in a back and forth final showdown round. Mark Beachman roared to the title defeating Donna Matthews from West Pensacola in the final at Paradise, June 11. Just two days later, Beach poker legend, Tex Atkinson, came from a four-chip stack in the final to take down Mark Beachman's monster stack and claim the Wednesday night win. What a final!

his way. Tommy Chavis had the chip lead for a while but Franny took them away to win.

Capt. Ray Spivey had a great night on June 12 at Paddy's with a strong win over a very strong field of players. Michelle Bourgeois made a run at Capt. Ray but had to settle for second place.

Texas Hold 'Em 444 Fun is open to everyone. Only a basic knowledge of the game is needed. For more information, call Rick Uzdevenes at 850-324-2667.



**A SURFER'S SEND OFF** - Dave Bartee (top), Charlie Rotenberry, and BZR Turner place a memorial wreath in the Gulf of Mexico June 6 for Charlie's brother, David, who passed away recently. Dozens of local surfers paddled out for the ceremony held at sunset at Casino Beach next to the Pier.



**Capt. Ray Spivey and Michelle Bourgeois** often go head-to-head at the beach poker tables.

Saturday night poker games are played at the historic Islander Lounge's upstairs Cypress Bar. Redneck Anne Vinson continued to play solid poker on June 2 and took down the whole Saturday night gang. Michelle Bourgeois was second.

The following week Fran Cox cleaned up at The Islander with the house packed full of top players. Fran was low stackin' when the cards turned

Jason Bell went all the way at Paddy O'Leary's on June 3 in his last appearance before shipping out. One of our fine young men fighting for our freedom! Local poker great Mark "The" Beachman was second.

Trace Lewis claimed the win at Paddy's June 6 with a strong short stack win against Jim Margert in the final.

Paddy's winner on June 10 was Michelle Bourgeois who took down Fran Cox in the final.

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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



If there is one thing I know about Marine Corps wives, it is this. We can't keep any kind of news to ourselves unless it has been classified as confidential. Well somehow my entry into the 2007 Marine Corps Marathon made its way to Susan Rocco, one of my dearest friends, who now lives in Oceanside, California. I saw Susan at a military function aboard MCAS Cherry Point and after exchanging pleasantries, she pulls me aside. In her overly enthusiastic New York accent she inquires about my MCM training.

"So, I hear you are training for the Marine Corps Marathon," she said with sly smile across her face.

I nodded as I tried to follow the circuitous path of how the news traveled and who exactly did she hear it from.

"You know there are still some spots open on Team Semper Fi if you are interested," she continued as she handed me a card with a web address for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, a three-year-old

non-profit organization established by Marine wives at Camp Pendleton who originally put together welcome-home bags, often digging into their own pockets to buy things, such as phone cards, sweat shirts and toothbrushes and later each donating \$100 to start a fund to help families from across the country get to their wounded Marines.

Knowing there is no way I could decline her offer, I promised Susan I would look into it and in less than 24 hours after our talk, I was officially a runner on Team Semper Fi. My first attempt to run a marathon was no longer just for me, but for wounded Marines and Sailors continuing to return from Afghanistan and Iraq.

I quickly learned there are two components to Team Semper Fi. The core of the team is made up of combat wounded Marines and Sailors who refuse to allow their disabilities to get in their way of competing in athletic events. Tier two of the team is composed of people like me who are willing to raise funds for and awareness of our combat wounded by asking readers like you for your support.

According to the Injured

Marine Semper Fi Fund website, since September 11, 2001, Marines and Sailors have been on the front line of the War on Terror. Their bravery and dedication have had a price. Many have been wounded, some seriously, and some resulting in lifelong disabilities. Because of medical advances, Marines and Sailors are now surviving injuries that were not survivable in past wars. They face extended hospital stays and months, if not years, of recovery and rehabilitation. Few families are prepared to deal with the personal and financial disruption associated with leaving their home, their family, and their job to be with their loved one through long months of hospitalization, rehabilitation and recuperation. It is the goal of the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund to provide financial assistance where the US government falls short.

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As I continue to train for the Marine Corps Marathon and Team Semper Fi, I mentally complain to myself about the early morning, 90 degree heat and the sweat dripping from my jog bra down my exposed back and stomach and into my running shorts. Then I think about Marines and Sailors fully dressed in combat gear patrolling the streets in Iraq and Afghanistan and the daily low is 110 degrees. I also think about how difficult it would be to run in a burqa or a hijab. I contemplate the things I don't know like when the War on Terror will be over and our military can return safely home. I analyze the things I do know like Marines and Sailors are coming home daily with both physical and mental injuries and I can make a difference because of the giving and generous spirit of Beach people.

To make a tax deductible contribution, please visit my website [www.active.com/donate/teamsemperfi/hewson](http://www.active.com/donate/teamsemperfi/hewson) or you can send a check payable to: Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Blvd. Suite 102, PMB 609, Oceanside, CA 92057. Please put Elizabeth Hewson in the "for" space. The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Until next time...



by Pandora de Balthazar

### What are kitchen blessings?

Kitchen blessings are antique, embroidered fabrics meant to be hung in a kitchen to bless the inhabitants. For centuries, embroidery, needlepoint, needle laces, and other handmade art forms were a woman's outlet for artistic creativity with a practical punctuation: these finished works graced her home in a fashion suited to the family's status. Young women were raised learning to darn, sew, embroider, needlepoint, crochet, and create the very wardrobe for her trousseau and her future family's home. It was a part of her dowry, and was expected of every young woman, regardless of her place in the world.

In each case, a woman always reserved a quiet portion of her talent to focus on making her own special room, the kitchen, a place of grace, comfort, and beauty. Why not? The kitchen was the heartbeat of her home and where she spent most of her own time!

### Why decorate with kitchen blessings?

Kitchen blessings hold a special place in the collector's eye because they represent the heart of the home, the maker, and her viewpoint of and for her life. The kitchen is the place where one feels most protected and welcome, and where one can be reminded of the beauty of family life.

Economically, kitchen blessings are an excellent investment. Compared to samplers, they cost less than 10% of the market price of samplers today, and yet face a growth value three times that of the recognized and dated samplers seen at auction. Moreover, they carry a simpler version of a woman's view from the kitchen, her expectations from life and for her family and friends. The impact of the soft blues, bright reds or simple golds provides onlookers with a smile.

I hope that your kitchen and your home is blessed.



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Children were ready to hit the water at the last day of Vacation Bible School at the Beach Community Church, June 8. The theme was Waterworks Park. Having a splashtacular time are front row (L to R): Kendall McCurdy, Kyla Homewood, Zoe Cooper, Aaron Vann, Nic Wehrenberg, Maria Gruszczynski, Kett Homewood, Jamie Hobbs, John Reece, Lynn Reece and David Reese. Second row (L to R) Peter Piotrowski, Bo Davis, Jackie Owens, Maddie Mateer, Adam Owens, Ted E. Kimberling, Macy Mateer, Benton Byrd, and Avery Owens. Third row (L to R) Matt Schang, Kyle Fogel, TJ Baughn, Claire Piotrowski, Neil Piotrowski, Bennie Fairey, and Trent Piotrowski. Back row (L to R) Lauren McDonald, Breezy Paulus, Leslie Harpole, emily Rasnick, Shelby Hobbs, Thomas Fitzgerald, Drew Hobbs, Jeff Lanza, Bill Palmer, Ryan Nelson and Natalie Blair, VBS coordinator. Putting on sunscreen and not pictured are Jonah and Tekah Roby.

### A Walk In The Park Will Be Easier Sometime in 2008

Jerry Eubanks, Superintendent of the Gulf Islands National Seashore told the members of the Residents and Leaseholders Association that by this time next year the road between Pensacola Beach and Navarre Beach would be completed. Speaking at their June 11 meeting, he said, "Eventually, everything will be back to normal, I hope. It will take a little longer to finish the road to Fort

Pickens, but when the road is open, everything there will be ready to go."

He said the park is in good shape with buildings being repaired and replaced. One notable exception is the loss of thousands of pine trees which have been removed from the park.

"There is very little shade in the campground now," Eubanks said. "And I am concerned for the

eagles, ospreys and owls."

Right now, the only means of getting into the park is by bicycling or hiking, beaching your own boat or booking passage on the ferry, according to Eubanks.

The PBRLA has changed its regular meeting night to the second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be Monday at 6 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Community Church on July 9.

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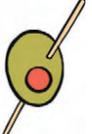
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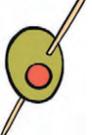
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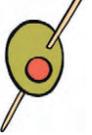
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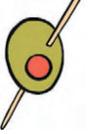
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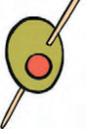
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# Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

You meet some of the nicest merchants in the pages of Island Times Newspaper. One such person is Pandora de Balthazar. Her shop, on 9th Avenue, is wonderful. And Pandora is a wizard in antique linens, textile art and the goose down sleep system world. I will focus on the sleep system because I am an insomniac. Pandora and her assistant, Toni, took the time to teach me and let me experience the goose down sleep system.

In conjunction with that, Pandora recommended that I read, *Power Sleep* by Dr. James B. Maas, which provides the science behind the sleep system. I purchased the book from Pandora's shop, and it is just what I needed. Also I have been following the instructions that both Pandora

and Toni gave me. My next purchase will be the goose down system. I could easily have fallen asleep in the store while lounging on the soft down.

It really makes a huge difference if you have proper pillow size, location and content in getting good continuous sleep. What intrigued me most was enveloping my body from my waist to my head on these massive pillows. This positioning provides tremendous support for the upper body. Consider the amount of time we spend sleeping. This is definitely something to learn more about.

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Q: My computer has the Microsoft's Vista on it. Can I go back to Windows XP?

A: It is possible to replace Windows Vista with a licensed copy of Windows XP. Now, for the bad news. The latest computer hardware is designed for the Vista Operating System, so Windows XP may not know how to configure some of your hardware. For example, the video and sound components may not register correctly in XP.

After looking at the computer manufacturer's websites, I have seen that the manufacturers are not referencing Windows XP on their new equipment compatibility lists. But, isn't that what you would expect? Microsoft would have no reason to make it easy to stay with their older software.

Computers with Windows XP are still available through the manufacturer's websites or by calling the manufacturers directly

(such as HP and Dell). They may be available for some time because there are many software products that are not yet compatible (they don't work) with Windows Vista. Also, we have been replacing some network routers that don't yet work with Vista --- and we continue to see new issues every week.

This article was provided by The Stukey Group. Contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 206-3156.

## NIGHT WIND

By Tex Atkinson

We were eating supper just after sunset when we heard the squeal of brakes on the narrow road that separated our home from the beach.

Our youngest immediately shouted, Rusty! Our collie was still outside the house and we all ran to the front porch, heard the sound of a speeding automobile, and saw our beloved Rusty lying on the edge of the road. All eight of us ran down the stairs as quickly as we could.

The cries of our children bounced ahead as we ran. "Rusty! Rusty!" echoed their frightened voices. The dying collie lifted his ruffled brown and white head from the black asphalt. His eyes were filled with puzzled excitement. The late evening reds and yellows clung heavily to the darkening white dunes and a gentle crashing surf was the only background to the sobs of small children.

The aged collie, still with the grace of his youth, struggled desperately to get to his feet . . . to bark his usual high-pitched greeting. He managed a painful yelp and a pitiful, jerking movement of his one, unbroken leg. But Rusty's eyes told his message. In just a moment, when this sudden strangeness had passed, he would leap to his feet, run circles around the children, and barking happily, put his two feet in their hands and dance on his hind legs. Then he would run for the beach listening to the laughter and excited voices that followed.

While they waited for me to pull our old station wagon into place, and their mother to call Doc Andress, our children stroked and petted, talked in soothing voices, probed small fingers through soft fur, and calculated with childish wisdom how to mend the awful wounds.

Then we lifted Rusty gently into the car and headed for town. Doctor Andress had agreed to meet us at his office. Doc was our children's hero. He had tenderly placed splints on the broken wings of wild birds, doctored injured squirrels, and treated numerous other small animals for our family for many years. He was of a breed they don't make very often.

Doc did a quick examination of Rusty, then sent us home promising to keep in touch. He remained with Rusty until the early morning hours and then called to tell us that Rusty was gone. My wife and I waited until morning to tell the children, dreading the thought.

Most of a lifetime has passed since that summer on the beach. My wife is now in a nursing home with advanced dementia and it is doubtful that she has many memories of Rusty. But the remainder of the family does and we speak of him at many family gatherings. His story has been told and retold to nearly thirty of my

children's children.

And with old age comes more time to enjoy the simple pleasure of reminiscing and letting our minds roam. When I recall those days when our children were very young, Rusty is often a part of those thoughts. And allowing my mind to imagine and wander much more than I did when I was younger I like to think that on that long summer night as my wife and I lay awake expecting Doc Andress to call at any moment, there was one of life's little happenings.

I can visualize clearly that during that moment when Doc Andress told us that Rusty was gone, a sudden gust of night wind passed over our home on the beach and with it came a little cloud of beach sand. And it is easy to understand how those small grains of sand settled throughout our home and into the innermost recesses of the minds of all our family. They will remain there for all of our lifetime. And within those small grains brought by the night wind Rusty still lives.

It only takes a moment of silence and concentration to bring him back. And with our beloved collie come the sounds of our children running and laughing, while winding their way through sugar white sand dunes shouting "Rusty! Rusty!"

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### ACROSS

- 1 Ottoman official
- 4 Braying beast
- 7 Prejudice
- 11 "No ifs, ands, or —"
- 13 Spot on a domino
- 14 Aware of
- 15 Cornfield invader
- 16 — out a living
- 17 Individuals
- 18 Plant of the cashew family
- 20 Sentry's call
- 22 Wrigley product
- 24 Touchtone feature
- 28 No purebred
- 32 Isolated
- 33 Author James
- 34 Paving gunk
- 36 Greek vowel
- 37 Startle
- 39 Arrested
- 41 Liverpool's river
- 43 Luau side dish
- 44 Tiny branch
- 46 Medication measures
- 50 Leslie Caron role
- 53 Sprite
- 55 Troop group
- 56 Leif's father

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- 57 Appomattox surrenderer
- 8 Hostel
- 9 Noshed
- 10 "Mayday!"
- 12 Boastful officer's
- 17 wand
- 19 Scoundrel
- 21 Meadow
- 23 Encountered
- 25 Milne bruin
- 26 Initial stake
- 27 Out of play
- 28 Sir's
- 29 Coquettish
- 30 In the neighborhood
- 31 Once around
- 35 Sartorial woe
- 38 Kitten's comment
- 40 Affirmative action?
- 42 Relinquish
- 45 Merriment
- 47 Break
- 48 suddenly
- 49 Green land
- 50 Jewel
- 51 Savings acronym
- 52 USO
- 54 audience
- 54 A handful

### DOWN

- 1 Basic learning
- 2 Mentor
- 3 Fermi's bit
- 4 Mimic
- 5 Monotheist of India
- 6 Orate
- 7 Destiny's



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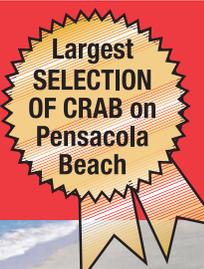
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