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Queen Cherri's Reign Comes To An End



Shaker Queen Cherri Sellers has ruled over the parties, balls and raucous revelry of the Sandshaker Lounge on Pensacola Beach for 362 days. Before she turns over her glittering tiara on Sunday, September 16, she will greet her subjects and encourage them to celebrate the thirty-fourth birthday of the little beach bar at the three day long Shakerfest. Part of her duties will be to choose a winner in the inaugural Buns-N-Guns contest which will take place on Saturday evening. Eager to win the Queen's favor are well-muscled contenders (L to R): Hugh Patroni, Charlie Wheeler and Jack Kirk. For more, see story Page 2.

Loyal Patrons Celebrate Beach Tradition, Crown Shaker Queen

The Sandshaker Lounge hosts a party so big that it has to have a Queen to preside over it. Shakerfest 2007 celebrates the thirty-fourth birthday of the little island bar made famous by its signature drink, the Bushwacker. The event is set for Friday through Sunday, September 14 - 16 at the Sandshaker Lounge on Pensacola Beach.

The history of the Bushwacker dates back to 1975 when the former owner of the Sandshaker visited the Virgin Islands and sipped a frozen drink like no other she had ever tasted. She returned to Pensacola Beach to create the Bushwacker, a frosty Kahlua laden concoction.

"We are proud to serve the Bushwacker," said Sonny Campbell, co-owner of the Shaker. "The often imitated adult milkshake is sold beachwide, but

the Shaker's is the original."

The kickoff of the event is at 8:30 p.m. on Friday when the Michael Jencks Band takes the stage. Music will rock the Shaker all weekend with Wildwood Saturday afternoon and Jencks again on Saturday night. Miles from Coltrane closes the event on Sunday afternoon.

Linda Terry was the very first Queen of the Shaker followed by Cherri Sellers who will preside over this year's festival. It is the final event of Cherri's royal tenure. The Shaker tiara will be bestowed on the entrant who raises the most votes before the coronation on Sunday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m. Each vote costs one dollar and the money will be donated to the News Journal In Education's Pelican program.

The program uses the pro-

ceeds from its colorful pelican campaign to produce educational classroom materials. Pensacola Beach Elementary School uses these materials in preparing for the FCAT tests.

"Our goal is to get a Sandshaker Pelican," said Beverly Boswell, Shaker co-owner. "We have to donate \$5,500 to earn one. We already have a name picked out and our donation supports local students."

Royal coronations, sipping bushwackers and dancing to the tunes of local bands are not the only things to do at the Shakerfest. There is a line-up of games, contests and a drawing for door prizes. Spin to Win will be played on Saturday afternoon, followed by a live remote with Cat Country from 5 to 7p.m.

Shakin' things up at the

Shaker is nothing new, so the arrival of the Biker Chick Slumber Party contingent in their pajamas at 7 p.m. will just add to the party. The Biker Chicks are a group of women who gather for a day of motorcycle riding and a night of partying. This is the fourth year that the Slumber Party has been held on Pensacola Beach.

"We spend all morning on the road, enjoying the ride and the camaraderie of our sisters. We will have some lunch and ride to the Beach where we relax and get ready to celebrate Biker Chick style in our pajamas," said coordinator Babz Helm of Gulf Breeze.

Men are not allowed to ride with the group but are encouraged to join them at the Shaker for the big party.

The premier attraction on Saturday night is the first ever

Guns-N-Buns Contest at 9 p.m.

"We want the guys to have time to show off the results of their hard work in the weight room," said Beverly Boswell. Men can flex their way to cash and prizes. There is no charge to enter.

And, everyone is encouraged to get in the Slumber Party spirit by wearing their best loungewear to the Sandshaker on Saturday night. Secret judges will award prizes to the most creative, sexiest and Shaker-festive pajama clad people in the crowd at 10 p.m.

"Of course we are looking forward to the Guns-N-Buns Contest at the Shaker," said Babz. "That, and the loungewear contest. There's something for everyone."

The fun lasts all weekend to give everyone a chance to toast the new Queen of the Shaker Bar.

Board Studies New Document Combining Hotel Ordinance With SRIA Policy

The Fat Lady is still standing by in the wings, as the Santa Rosa Island Authority continues to ponder the Escambia County's hotel definition ordinance and their own statement of policy. Mike Stebbins, SRIA attorney, presented a blended document combining SRIA guidelines with the County's ordinance at the September 5 full board meeting. Chairman Vernon Prather moved that the Board members study the combined document, and it will be placed on the September 26 Committee meetings agenda.

Attorney Robert Emmanuel, who represents the Innisfree Hotel Corporation commented, "That is a good approach. I agree that you should take time to study and comment."

Kelly Robertson, former SRIA Board member who was removed from his position by his commissioner Gene Valentino, brought his message to the board.

"This definition (ordinance) certainly stretches the difference between a dwelling unit and a lodging unit," he said. "This is tough and it is your responsibility to serve the residents, merchants and future visitors to the Beach. I urge you to continue to come up with good ideas and not to echo someone else."

Board member Dr. Thomas

Campanella said that he still believes that the State of Florida allows the SRIA to be more restrictive than the County ordinance. "The State granted us that power," he said.

Tammy Bohannon agreed with Campanella. "In all my years on the Beach, I have never seen the SRIA board as ineffective as it is now. This Board has been historically very powerful," she said.

Beach resident Gary Smith told the Board that this ordinance is an end around run to circumvent the building cap. "I think you should stay the course. Stand up for what you know is right and make the Commissioners fire you," he said.

Robert Rinke, one of the Portofino developers, came before the Board to voice his opinion and to describe the change in development Portofino would take.

"I am not in favor of the way the hotel ordinance reads," he said. "It is not good for the island. I have stated that from the beginning and still feel that way."

Rinke told the Board he would seek approval for the density exception up to 50 units per acre and secondly, he will ask for conceptual approval for a development which includes an additional 366 condo-hotel units.

At the request of John Peacock, the Mardi Gras funding

was moved to the regular agenda. Peacock said, "As near as I can figure parade costs were about \$30,000." (Actual figure from the Krewe of Wrecks was \$31,909.)

Peacock added that he was in favor of a 50-50 split with the Krewe and that the \$20,000 SRIA funding was not really an equal split.

"Don't get me wrong," he said. "I am in favor of supporting this, but just at a 50-50 share. I don't want to be paying so they can have more beer and beads."

Campanella reminded Peacock that the funding was to pay for barricades, security and ambulances.

Peacock said, "There must be a better way to do this."

Prather retorted that, perhaps, there was, but we will save it for next year.

"Let's look at it now," Peacock said.

Tammy Bohannon then made a motion that the funding remain the same as previously recommended. The motion passed four to one with Peacock voting against.

In other business, Morgan Park will now become part of the SRIA's park system for operation and maintenance.

Buck Lee, SRIA executive director said, "This park is a beautiful place located on the Sound and is full of native veg-

etation. It is an asset to the Island." The park was founded and operated with the help of private citizens.

Excessive amounts of litter on the Island came up for discussion with the possibility of going back to the proactive "Leave Only Your Footprints, Please" campaign. Buck Lee said they need a Code Enforcement Officer full time to write tickets to litterers and for dogs on the sandy beaches.

During the Board Members' Forum, Peacock said he would like to see the bird sanctuary on the causeway paved for a parking lot at a cost of

\$125,000.

Dave Hemphill, Baskerville Donovan Engineers, told the Board that area must be maintained as a spoil site for dredging the pass. They could pave it, but they would have to tear it up to receive the sand every time they dredged.

And, finally, there are no more SRIA department managers. They will all be called directors from now on with Buck Lee as the Executive Director.

The SRIA Committee meetings will be at the Authority office at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26. All meetings are open to the public.

Woman's Club Gets Down To Business Meeting Features Speakers, Pot Luck Luncheon

The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club will meet on Thursday, September 20, 11a.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption's Hunt Hall. The first business meeting of the 2007-2008 season will include a presentation given

by a representative from the Portofino Medical Spa.

Members should bring a dish to share for the pot luck luncheon. Prospective members are welcome to attend. For information call Sandi Johnson, 916-2533.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



September used to be the marquee month of the year for the Beach family. The sun was still high in the sky and the temperatures seemed to be forever trapped at ninety plus degrees. But the tourists had vanished. The tourists flies had not yet arrived. It was time for the family to take back its Beach. This was not done with bows and arrows and slingshots, but with pomp and circumstance that only the Beach family could muster. The event they had looked forward to all year was about to happen.

Chuck Steele, the Chief Wino, had gone into solemn conclave with the Beach's wise men. After they emerged from their conferences, Chuck would announce that the Beach Bum of the Year awards would take place at Dirty Joe's on a certain day at a certain time.

He would also give directions to the Scavenger Teams to Bobby D's to pick up their lists. The Scavenger Hunt preceded the Awards Ceremony, and contained such memorabilia as old matchbook covers, ancient t-shirts, a live tourist, and a live skink. The hardest item to come by was the live skink. Squeamish girls on the teams hunted for young beach boys who were willing to find and provide them with the animal. The Scavenger team which gathered the most items received a Grand Award at the Beach Bum ceremony. It was grand, but I can't remember ex-

actly what it was.

Another event which preceded the Awards was the submission of a sandspur to compete as the largest, heaviest plant. Residents worked for a year or more cultivating patches of sandspurs, in the hope of creating the winner. Beating Sandy Watkins' entry was the big deal. She had a prickly thumb and a sharp touch in her sandspur garden, and won the event year after year. Chuck measured and weighed the entries with special measuring and weighing instruments just to assure accuracy. There was a prize for that, too, but I can't remember what it was.

The entire Beach family showed up at Dirty Joe's on Awards Night to find out who the Winos had chosen as the Beach Bum of the Year. The credentials were simple and uncomplicated. The honoree just had to show that he or she had not worked during the past year and, therefore, had no visible means of support. Invisible means of how the heck they lived were never revealed.

Speculation ran high on Awards Night. Maybe, even a few bets were placed, but that is not a confirmed fact.

The ceremony which usually began about ten p.m. was agonizingly long. Chuck had master skills at building excited anticipation before the Beach Bum's identity was revealed.

Preliminaries contained two

oddball awards that only Chuck Steele could have devised. In complete seriousness, he gave the Statesman of the Year award to the worst politician in the United States. Apparently, they were never hard to find. Then, he gave the Haute Cuisine award to the Beach restaurant which served the worst gastronomical atrocities. This citation was not especially acceptable to some eateries. Those who received the award are all closed now.

I believe it was at this point that the crowd took a beer break although Chuck was still busy with the ceremony. Then, things began to heat up. Sandspur and Scavenger Teams awards were announced among much cheering, applauding and drum rolls. The Rookie Beach Bum was introduced, and finally the Beach Bum of the Year took the stage, and the microphone away from Chuck. The victory was won. The family had taken back its Beach. Its celebration reached riotous proportions and when things finally settled down, Chuck handed the prize to the person who had just received the highest honor ever awarded to a Beach family member.

I do remember the Beach Bum's prizes. First, there was the cool t-shirt which the Bum got to keep. And, the roving trophy was

a specially designed piece of driftwood, with a little doll sitting on it, which The Bum could keep for a year. I remember that piece of driftwood well. I was the Beach Bum of the Year in 1995. I considered that election to be the peak of my career.

When Opal arrived about one month after I became Beach Bum, I left my house and did not look back. The driftwood trophy remained on the Beach in my downstairs. Miraculously, out of all the debris a hurricane generates, the trophy surfaced. It was coated with sand, but otherwise intact. We lovingly cleaned it up and Frank re-varnished it. In 1996, it went on to Gibby to keep for a year.

The first Beach Bum ceremony that I covered for The Islander Newspaper was Nasty Billy Carroll's year. The last one I attended was the year 2000 when Harry Gowens was named Beach Bum of the Millennium.

Every September I'm tempted to get out my bedraggled t-shirt and wear it for a day. It would remind me of how hard Chuck worked to draw the event together and how important it all was as the family took the Beach back, at least, for a few months. I would remember how we closed the Beach down on Awards night, dancing and partying until two in

the morning.

As I look back on those care-free nights, I recall how we passed along the magic of living on this Island to each other. I guess that's all we had to give. It was enough.

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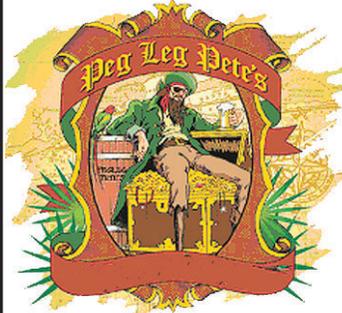
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TRIVIA

COLUMNIST'S BEST EVER

Candace Segar, Nuts and Bolts columnist for the *Island Times*, celebrated her "best ever" birthday on August 20. Leo, the lion, smiled down on her while she enjoyed a family party on the Beach.

NORTH AND SOUTH

Charlie and Joanne Brooks are back in their Beach condo once again after spending time in their Key Largo home. They flip flop between north and south Florida all year long.

MESSAGE FROM BOBBY D

Geaux Saints, says Bobby Draper who, for many years, operated the New Orleans Saints Beach Headquarters at his bar on Pensacola Beach. Bobby happily retired. Lana is still busy working. Bobby says retirement is okay, but he misses his Beach friends and Saints fans.

LONGEST PARTY

Beach Chamber Board members Nora Jones and Sean Rogan proclaimed August to be "party month." Sean celebrated his birthday on August 8 and Nora on August 21, so they partied all month long.

FOOTBALL FEVER

Former Beach resident Connie Acevedo has become a real football fan. Her grandson, Alexander Brewer plays on the Gulf Breeze Dolphin ninth grade squad and wild horses couldn't

have kept Connie from the season opener, August 30. Go Dolphins.

GOING GOLFIN'

Alice Bohannon and Debra Foley are sharing a new gold golf cart. The only problem for the two beach moms is their children monopolize the cart. Debra says she is going to make it a "moms only" vehicle, so they can enjoy it.

BOARDING SCHOOL

Kindergartner Kyla Homewood loves the Beach School so much she said she would like to live with her teacher Jennifer Neal in the classroom. She had it all planned out including sleeping on her pink naptime mat at night. Her mom and dad nixed that idea.

BEACH GIRLS IN MEXICO

Amy DePew traveled to Mexico Beach to visit Lynn Cieutat's home away from home. Lynn has a beach house on Mexico Beach where the two were working on the serious business of sending out party invitations.

KEY WEST COOL

Sabine Sand Bar owner Dale Andersen beat the August heat on Pensacola Beach by heading south. Seems Key West had cooler temps, so Dale headed down to the Keys for a few days.

ROLL TIDE

Former Catholic High standout quarterback, Patrick Bryant from Gulf Breeze has been chosen to practice with the Alabama Crimson Tide. Patrick, who played professional baseball after graduation, is back on the gridiron. Proud mom Karen says he's ready to work hard at school and football.

CHARLIE CELEBRATES

Charlie Thompson is among that pride of lions prowling around the Beach celebrating August birthdays. Charlie's birthday was August 31.

Where have all the trivia masters gone? Is it too many parties, too little time? Well, not one of your answers was the right one for the last trivia, and yet the answer was printed right before your eyes. The question: "How many miles of public streets are there on Pensacola Beach?" All that was necessary was to pick one of the three possible answers. The correct one was 20.96 miles. The information for this question came from Dave Hemphill, Baskerville Donovan Engineers. Oh well, the coveted t-shirt has been carefully folded and goes back on the shelf until

someone emails the correct answer to the next question.

If you don't like questions about streets, how about fish hatcheries? "There once was a fish hatchery on Pensacola Beach. Where was it located?"

The carefully folded t-shirt will be yours if you are the first to email the correct answer.

Rules are the same. Send your trivia answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with "trivia" in the subject line. The deadline to respond is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19.

Good luck and thanks for playing!

Pioneer Beach Resident Passes Away

FRIENDS SAY FAREWELL TO BETTY BLAKE

Betty Blake, a well known resident of Pensacola Beach for many years, passed away Monday, September 3. This was the same day she was married to her late husband, Bill Blake in 1930.

Bill and Betty were the parents of eleven children, two of whom were well known on the Beach, Susie Hastings and the

late Paddy Blake. Susie, who is married to Pete Hastings, lived on the island for many years and was a bona fide member of the Beach family. Although Paddy lived in Gulf Breeze with his wife, Shirley, he worked on the Beach and visited Bobby D's almost every day.

Betty, a devout Catholic, was

a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Mission, and later of St. Ann's in Gulf Breeze.

Betty was truly her own person and lived independently until 2005 when she entered Bay Breeze Nursing Home in Gulf Breeze.

Betty would have celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday on October 15.

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Mr. Harry's Park Dedication Includes County Resolution

The Harry Gowens Park dedication invitation caught the attention of County Commissioner Grover Robinson who represents the Beach. When he realized the Beach Chamber was dedicating a park to honor the late Harry Gowens, Spirit of Pensacola Beach and Beach Bum of the Millennium, Grover acted quickly. He requested that the Commission compose a resolution, full of "whereases" to be read at the dedication.

In case you were unable to attend the celebration in Harry's honor, here are the six "whereases" and one "now therefore" signed by the five Commissioners, and recorded by Ernie Lee Magaha in the County's records.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, residents of Pensacola Beach cannot reminisce about the character and history of Pensacola Beach without thinking of one of its original residents, Harry Gowens; and

WHEREAS, in order to prevent students from being bussed across two bridges, twice a day, Harry founded the Pensacola Beach Elementary School. Today, this school ranks among the

academically elite in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, from 1992-1995, Harry served as a member of the Santa Rosa Island Authority (SRIA). During his tenure, he sponsored a contest to create a logo to adorn the sides of the SRIA Maintenance Department's vehicle fleet. That same logo is still being used today; and

WHEREAS, Harry invented and orchestrated the annual "Beach Appreciation Party". He was the very first "King" of the "Krewe of Wrecks" when Mardi

Gras began on the Beach in 1980. For his many acts of kindness, Harry became the sole recipient of the "Spirit of Pensacola Beach" award; and

WHEREAS, Harry, a natural-born prankster, received such recognitions as being named "Beach Bum of the Millennium" and "Premier Wooly Booger"; and

WHEREAS, even though Mr. Harry Gowens was quite the "character", he also had a more serious side. He was a farm boy from Ball Play, Alabama, who went on to earn his PhD.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, in honor and in recognition of Mr. Harry Gowens' many years of dedicated and sometimes humorous service to his Pensacola "Beach Family" pays tribute to Mr. Gowens and his family on the momentous occasion of the dedication of the "Harry Gowens Me-

morial Park".

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Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce President Jeff Elbert, center, reads the County's proclamation at the Harry Gowens Park dedication, August 24. Listening intently are Harry's children Joanne Faddis, left, and Glen Gowens.

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by kathi lewis

I've got a big recipe for you today! I mean 'big' as in was served at the Sand Dollar Café on special occasions, so it will feed around 40-50 people. It's good for the upcoming holidays, so save this one.

"Let the social season begin!" That's if someone can tell me when it ever ended. We (Islanders) are extremely social and it seems that the "social season" has become year-round.

And, I would like to know if I was the only one to buy a roll of 100 stamps right before the price increase! Thank God, I finally finished with that. No wonder I stay so tired....

The "girls" returned safely from their cruise with many adventures to share. No, I did not cruise myself, but I did send my blinking shoes and a pair of earrings on a well-deserved vacation. Marilyn LeNormand is the only one who can wear my shoes, so I know they enjoyed the trip. The earrings went with Courtney Winstead because while shopping I had fantasies of being very, very thin with a long, elegant, lovely neck. Reality returned instantly when I got home and Courtney fits the earrings. Anyway, I only heard bits and pieces about of their adventures during the cruise. I inquired about hurricane damage and Courtney said that she did see some damage. "And that," she said, "was only because they were on the wrong side of the island from where they were supposed to be." There were fourteen ladies in two vehicles - you do the math!

I hope all our Grandparents and Grandparents-to-be had a happy Grandparents Day. That's another bonus, besides the grandbabies themselves; we get another holiday! Jesiah and I got new hairdo's. He got a 'mo-hawk' and I very seriously considered doing the same. But, Jesiah said people would laugh at me, and while I don't care, you don't want to embarrass the grandchildren. So, thanks to Gwen, I just went shorter than ever and I love it. Next summer, we'll do this first instead of last!

Well, thanks to Tommy Grice's Watermelon Suck-Off, I will be cooking this week's recipe, along with pancakes, at the Elk's

Lodge on Sept. 22. It's a benefit hosted by the Ladies of the Elks, whose president is Amy Depew. She's the one who picked me up and took me to the Suck-Off. Are you seeing a motive here? Next thing I know, after sucking enormous amounts of tequila-filled watermelon, I've agreed to cook pancakes at the Lodge. That's what makes Amy such a good president and, of course, she's an SOB and I love her dearly.

A late Happy Birthday to Amy, who celebrated way too close to the Splash Party for my recovery period. We always have fun with you and we all love you very much. So, Sista Amy, this one's for you.

Okay, it's a big recipe so let's cook

## Country Breakfast Pie

2 Cups chopped ham  
8 Cups hash browns  
1 Cup green pepper, finely diced  
1 Cup onion, finely diced  
24 Large eggs  
1 Cup milk  
2 tsp. salt  
½ tsp. pepper  
4 Cups cheddar cheese, shredded  
1 ½ Cups cooked bacon, crumbled.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place hash browns in a greased casserole pan and bake 10-15 minutes until lightly browned. Meanwhile, sauté peppers and onions in bacon drippings, until slightly soft, then remove from heat and cool. Using large mixing bowl, combine eggs, milk, salt and pepper, mix well. Add ham, onions and peppers to egg mixture, mixing well. Remove hash browns from oven, pour egg mixture over hash browns, return to oven; bake until set (approx. 30-45 min.), remove and sprinkle cheese and bacon on top. Return to oven until cheese melts and is lightly browned.

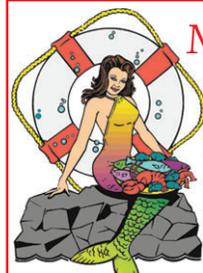
This can be prepared and refrigerated overnight before baking egg mixture. Then, just bake and add cheese and bacon.

Enjoy and remember, Grandparents - "It's not so much that we're getting older, there's just a lot more young people out there!"

See ya in the kitchen.....



There was more to taste than just wine at the August 31 Beach Wines and Liquors event. Adventurous tasters included (L to R): Cici Powell, Emily McDonald, and Marcus Conklin. Brad Larriue of Southern Wines and Spirits (far right) introduced perfectly aged Tequilas and fine wines to the attendees. Rounding out the event was a presentation of a chocolate martini made with a caramel flavored vodka and chocolate liqueur. If you missed this one, Bob Temple has the secret recipe in his shop.



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**ROYAL AMBITION**

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**SAILING, SAILING**

New skippers from nearby communities were accepted by the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club in August. Tim and Nancy Morgan from Gulf Breeze and Mike Pederson, Ron and Karen Jordan, Pensacola are the new members.

**MORE TUNES**

Kim Duell, SRIA events coordinator, spread the good news. Bands on the Beach will continue through October 30 when the wanna be Beatles band, Not Quite Fab, will perform from 7 to 9 at the Gulfside Pavilion.

**GOODBYE BEACH BALL**

The iconic Beach Ball water tower located at the east end of Pensacola Beach was razed on Wednesday, September 5. The landmark was no longer serving as a water containment system and required upkeep, so Emerald Coast Utilities Authority had it removed. The Casino Beach Ball water tower belongs to the SRIA and no plans for its removal have been announced.

Pensacola Beach Elementary School students will soon enjoy more greenery around their sandy grounds. Andy Holk, a parent, has donated sod to the school which will be planted by volunteers on the school grounds. The Board also plans to install more irrigation and add more sea oats to the school's landscape. This announcement was made at the August 27 meeting of the school board.

The school continues to improve both academically and physically and has added a new teacher, Megan DiPesa, who will co-teach the 26 first grade students with Sandee Bredesen. School officials are still conducting interviews for a music teacher.

"We had a good smooth start this year," Jeff Castleberry, principal said. "The teachers are back and ready for another great year."

The School Improvement Committee composed of teachers

Sandee Bredesen and Susan McLeod, and Board member Shelby Smith are focusing on the task of writing goals for the School Improvement Plan. They have set goals in reading, writing, math, technology, safety and parent involvement.

Donations from the Partners-In-Education program are nearing completion with approximately \$100,000 in cash and in-kind contributions received. The names of the 2007 Partners will be on display on the Partner's Board at the school about the middle of September.

Open House at the school will be tomorrow night, Thursday, September 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The PTA will present a brief program and then the parents will be free to visit their child's classroom.

The School Board will meet next on Monday, September 24 at 6 p.m. at the school. All meetings are open to the public.



The first grade classroom at the Beach School has a boatload of students - twenty-six to be exact, so each week a captain is appointed to help steer the class. Aboard the Good Ship Number One are (L to R): Deckhand Cayson McCurdy, new teacher Megan DiPesa, and Captain Steele Chambers. Not in photo is First Mate Alli Seeker.

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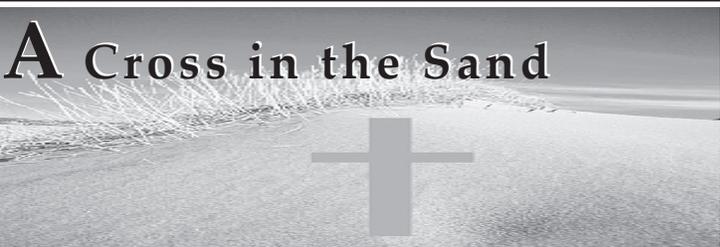
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# A Cross in the Sand

By Dr. Chuck Randle  
Pastor, Pensacola Beach Community Church

I love stories, especially those that give encouragement and help us get through difficult times. I like the one told of a water bearer in India who had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

After two years the poor cracked pot thought of itself as a failure, and said to the water bearer, "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." When the bearer asked what it was ashamed of, the cracked pot said, "I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your

efforts." The water bearer suggested to the pot that it take a close look at the beautiful flowers along the path. He said, "There were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side. That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Isn't it wonderful that with our unique flaws, impurities, idiosyncracies, far from being perfect, we can add something of value to world! What an encouragement that should give to all of us, as we live each day of our lives.

# Sunny Summer For Beach Businesses

The Comfort Inn conference room was crowded with members of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce at their meeting August 30, and the atmosphere was filled with optimism and enthusiasm.

"Our positive growth is evidenced by the outstanding Harry Gowens Park dedication we just hosted," Jeff Elbert, president said.

The Beach summer has been highlighted by events such as the fireworks display, sponsored by Chamber members.

Sandy Johnston, Chamber executive director, announced the large influx of visitors to the Island reporting record numbers of guests all summer long at the Visitor's Information Center, capped by 5611 in July.

"That's 800 more than we had in July 2006," she said.

Buck Lee, Santa Rosa Island Authority executive director, gave the members an update on the progress of projects now under way including the widening of Via de Luna which is scheduled for completion October 10.

Buck said the hotel defini-

tion would be discussed again at the September SRIA meetings. "Our skyline is going to change dramatically in the next five years," he said.

Buck also told the Chamber members that a number of beach businesses have received letters in regard to their signs. He said all sign ordinance violations must be brought into compliance within 30 days.

Buck complimented the Chamber on their dedication of the Harry Gowens Memorial Park. "The Chamber did a great job, good publicity, and there was a great turnout," he said.

Members' reports at the Roundtable reflected a positive business climate. Phyllis Shanks said Portofino was booked for Labor Day and they are working on fall packages.

"I want to remind all of you that the October 30 meeting of the Chamber will be onboard the Portofino One," she said. "Don't miss the boat."

Jeff Bowman and Trish Pleasant, representing the sailing charter Namaste, reported a great summer and thanked the *Island Times*, hotels and businesses that recommended

them.

"We try to make each client feel special to enhance their vacation," Trish said. "We think we succeed, because we often get hugs."

Members of the Events Committee are now preparing the schedule of events which will take place during the month long "Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit" promotion. The promotion will start December 1 and end with the Polar Bear Plunge on January first.

The holiday event will feature a lighted boat parade, a street parade, musical performances, caroling on a double decker bus, Santa Claus look alike contests and many things which are still in the planning stages.

The next Chamber business meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. at the Comfort Inn on September 25. The Business After Hours will be a joint meeting with the Gulf Breeze Chamber on Thursday, September 27 at Bamboo Willie's at 5:30 p.m.

For information on Chamber events or membership, please call Sandy Johnston at the Visitor's Information Center at 932-1500.

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# Roadway Construction, Hurricane Repair Projects Near Completion

Only three of the twenty-two project including roadway improvements and hurricane repairs on Pensacola Beach remain to be completed, according to a report from Dave Hemphill, Baskerville Donovan Engineers. Speaking at the September 5 meeting of the Santa Rosa Island Authority, Hemphill said Via de Luna would be substantially complete by October 10. "It was \$22 million dollars in work and we came in under budget," he said.

Hemphill recommended that Board members visit Cowley Park. "Cowley Park looks great. It is ready for residents and visitors to enjoy," he said.

The Via de Luna project schedule is in two parts. The work east from Avenida 10 to Avenida 23 and the work west from the Shopping Center. Hemphill explained that the road would encroach about five feet to the south at the Shopping Center to accommodate the four-lane section.

Referring to other projects

Hemphill said, "The 21 picnic shelters at Fort Pickens gate are under construction. They will be identical to those on the Sound which weathered the storm so well." Completion date is October 25.

Design has begun on the Little Sabine stormwater improvement. The first project will be a pumping station from the Sound to Little Sabine Bay to improve water quality. Funding for improving Little Sabine Bay will come from two grants.

"We have met with the Department of Environmental Protection to discuss the permitting issues of the intake structure and the secondary impacts to the Sound and to Little Sabine Bay," he said. "The water quality improvement will be an ongoing project in Little Sabine Bay."

Hemphill announced that he would review the documents which were received in the request for proposals for the construction of a parking garage in four different locations at the September 26 committee meetings.

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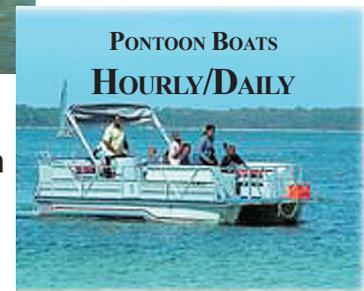
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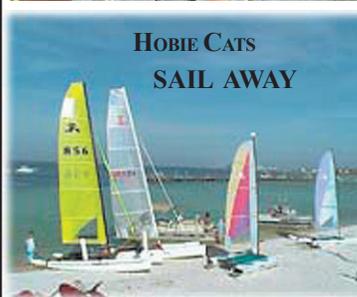
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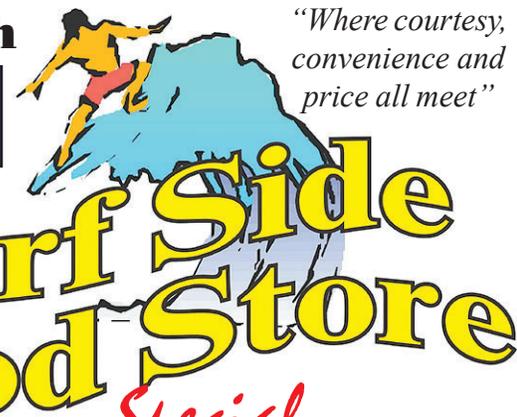
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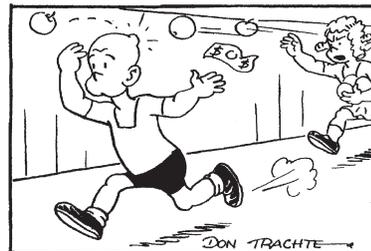
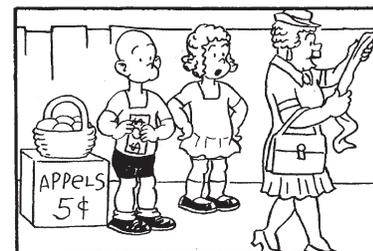
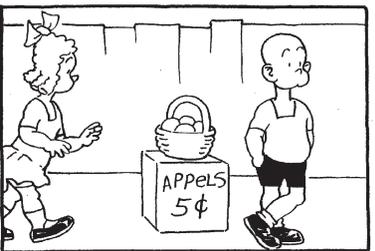
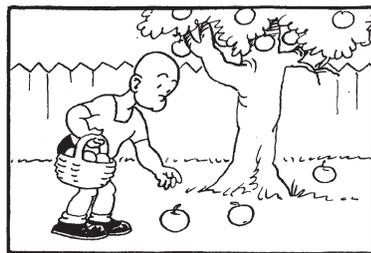
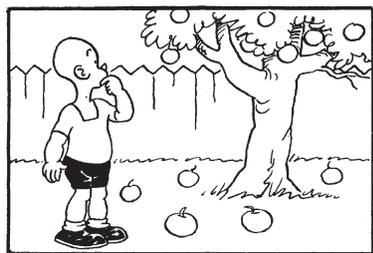
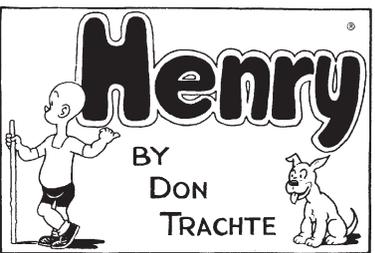
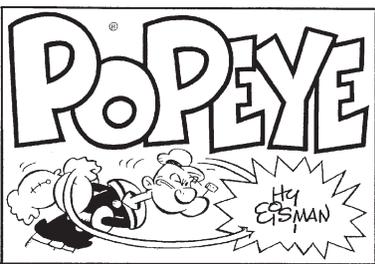
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**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You soon might have to decide about moving a relationship from its current status to another level. Don't let anyone influence your decision. It must be yours and yours alone.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You finally can get off that emotional roller coaster and get back to focusing on your goals without interruptions through the rest of the week. A nice change is due by the weekend.

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**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A rise in your energy level helps you finish an especially demanding task. Take some time now to spend with family and friends before starting a new project.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) This is a good time to re-establish contact with trusted former associates who might be able to offer good advice regarding that career change you've been contemplating.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your resourcefulness combined with a calm, cool approach help you work your way out of a knotty situation and avoid a potentially serious misunderstanding.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A calm, quiet period allows you to recharge your energies. But you'll soon be ready to saddle up and gallop off in pursuit of your goals.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Family matters need your attention. Check things out carefully. There might still be unresolved tensions that could hinder your efforts to repair damaged relationships.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to take a stand and show as much passion on your own behalf as you do when arguing for the rights of others. You might be happily surprised by the reaction.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You bring sense and sensitivity to a confusing situation. Things soon settle down, leaving you free to enjoy a weekend of fun and relaxation with friends and family.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a talent for being able to perceive possibilities where others see only problems.

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**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps



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# BYTES AND BITS

*How should I dispose of old computers?*

Throwing them in the trash can is not a good way to protect the environment. If you disassemble the computer and remove the components you can throw away the empty case, but most of the other parts contain metals that should not be in the landfill. The circuit boards inside electronic equipment contain lead, mercury, cadmium, and other heavy metals that are bad for the environment. The chips can sometimes be reused, but are usually melted down and used to manufacture new chips. Several pounds of lead can be found in the picture tubes of TVs and old computer monitors.

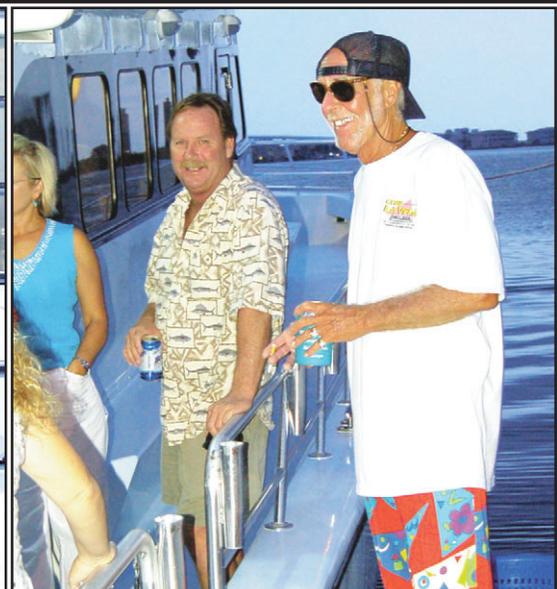
Escambia and Santa Rosa counties sometimes sponsor an

By Joe Stuke

"Amnesty Day," during which residents are allowed to bring old computer equipment, batteries, chemicals, paint, etc. to designated collection points around the county. More than 90 percent of an old computer's parts can be reused or melted down by professional recyclers.

In Escambia County, computers, monitors, printers and other electronics can be delivered to the landfill on the second Saturday of every month between 8 a.m. and noon, at 13009 Beulah Road in Cantonment (850-937-2160). At that facility, the electronics are processed for recycling.

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



**CRUISING FOR FUN** - Boat captains and deckhands, employees and friends took an evening cocktail cruise aboard *The Entertainer*, Saturday, September 1. Left: Carol Sears of the Cabana Club and Market prepares the refreshments with Jerry Andrews, Captain of *The Entertainer*. Right: Eddie Lively, left, says that the party officially begins when G. Cole boards the boat. Not in photo: Jeff Taggart, Pensacola Beach Marina, organized the two hour cruise.

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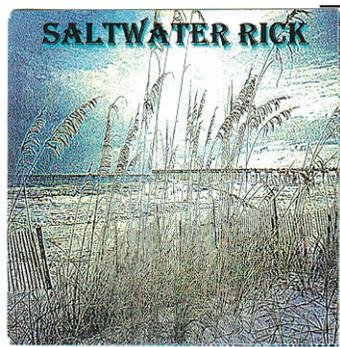
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## readin' the water

caught in the last couple of weeks with one going 40 plus pounds.

Black Snapper are around the piles and with a little luck you can have dinner in no time. Use Live Shrimp on a slip sinker. Spanish are all around the bait and if you bring a green/yellow Got-Cha with a silver body you should have some hits. One angler reported he caught over 60 Spanish in one afternoon and filled up everyone's ice chests on the Pier.

Black Tip Sharks are all over the Gulf and can be caught

right off the beach in the Trough on cutbait. Try a chunk of Ladyfish and hang on.

I fished the old bridge the other day and the Spanish were so thick the Cast Net boys were hauling them in like Mullet. That's the first time I've seen that in all my years on that bridge. Old man Bob and the Bridge Boys, Dick and Danny, have been hot and heavy filling their boxes with everything from Flounder to White Trout. Now that the Coast is clear, there's a lot of room to fish the system.

Do yourself a favor, Go Fishin'.

The water will start cooling off soon and the fall feast of fishin' will start.

At the Gulf Pier, "Pierman" Trace Lewis says, a few Pompano are being harvested as they are making a second run. Live Shrimp and Coon Dog jigs (white with a pink skirt) are the baits of choice for the wise angler.

A few King have been

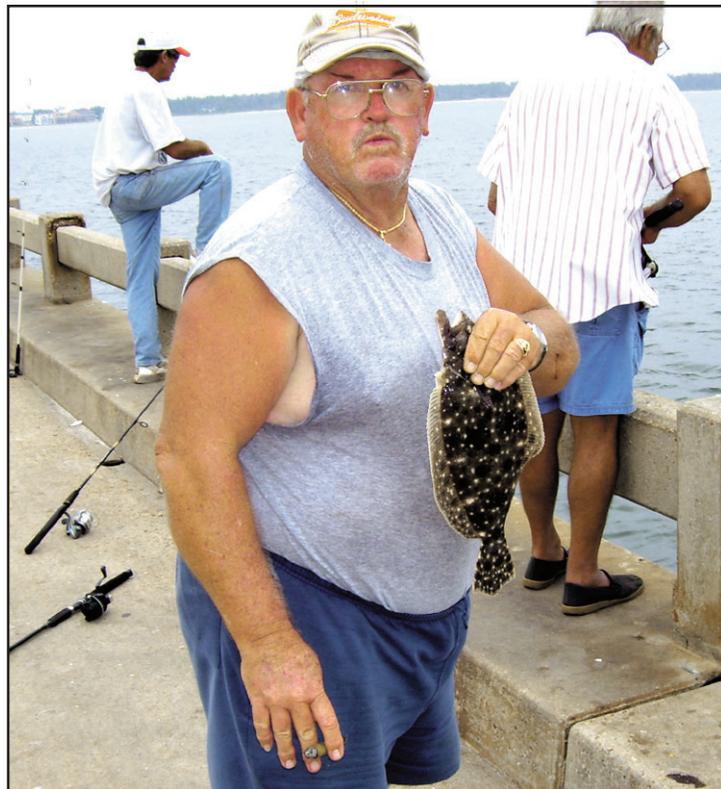
## Shelby Teaches Driving Class

Beach resident Shelby Smith will be instructing the upcoming AARP Driver Safety Program which is September 26-27 at the South Santa Rosa Recreation Center on Shoreline Drive in Gulf Breeze. The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older.

The course is designed to help you tune up your driving skills and update your knowledge of the rules of the road. You will learn about normal age-related physical changes, and how to adjust your driving to allow for these changes. Some insurance companies offer discounts to AARP program graduates.

The program will also be offered October 24-25 and November 28-29.

To register, call 432-1475.



Santa Rosa Sound, August 31 - At the old bridge, Danny took two nice Flounder. Try your luck with the flat fish. Bull minnows might be your best bait, but shrimp work, too. Fun to catch. Good to eat.



Santa Rosa Sound, August 31 - Bob, who's out on the Old Bridge just north of Pensacola Beach everyday, was surprised at this white trout on a Got-Cha lure.

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# Dupeire Wears Champions Crown at Paradise

Winners of weekly Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun games gathered around the felt at Paradise Bar to test their skills during the August Champions Tourney held on the last day of the month. Mike Dupeire took down the top players and then defeated Bud Waite in the showdown. The mysterious Waldo Defindorfin was defending his May, June and July Champion's titles, but fell to third place. Anne Vinson was the top female finisher in fourth place. The monthly tourney is open to all past champions and weekly winners.

## Paradise Bar and Grill

The waterfront poker tables at Paradise were hot during August. On August 22 Trey Weeks got the hot cards and defended his Monday night crown. Fran Cox was second.

Michelle Bourgeois made it back to the winners circle takin' out "The Beachman" Mark Julian at Paradise on August 27. Just two nights later, Richard Osborne claimed his first TH4F tournament victory. Shirley Nolan fought hard all night to take second out of a field of 18 players.

With Wildwood jammin' in

the background on September 3, Dr. Glenn Bursleson labored and made his way through all the players at the final table. He then took out Fran Cox in the final.

In Wednesday night action, beach pioneer and author Tex Atkinson took out last week's champion Richard Osborne in the showdown.

"I guess it would be reasonable to assume that someone whose name is "Tex" may have played a game or two of Texas Hold 'Em," said tourney promoter Rick Uzdevenes. "We had a great week of cards. Lots of good competition."

## The Islander Lounge

At the poker tables in the oldest bar on Pensacola Beach, Tim Rinker went all the way with a nice win over a strong field of players Saturday, August 25. New comer Vince "TheBigDude" was second.

## Paddy O'Leary's

On August 26, Scott Stanley rode to victory against Phil Tracy in the final. It was a wild and crazy night. We had 16 players. Special thanks to J.O. Weeks and Tommy Chavis for dealing cards.

Phil Tracy went all the way with a big win over Anne Vinson in the final on August 28.

On September 2, Tommy Chavis shuffled his way to a win taking out Sean Nolan in the final. Pierman Trace Lewis hauled in a whopper win September 4 over all the top beach players. Secondhand Fran Cox was right there to claim another runner up spot.

## Farewell

Mark "Beachman" Julian has packed up and moved back to Texas. He says he's landed a great job. "Take it from me, if you have to leave the area it can't be that great of a job," says fellow player and former absentee beach guy Waldo Defindorfin.

## Poker Tip of the Week

Sharpen your skills for the upcoming Celebration 4444 Education, Friday, October 5 at Paradise Bar and Grill. Proceeds from the tournament go to Pensacola Beach Elementary School. The field will include VIPs and Beach poker stars.

Better know the lingo before taking your seat at the table:

**Blinds:** We're not talking duck huntin' here - it's the forced

bets that take the place of an ante. The person to the left of the dealer must pay the small blind, and the person after him must pay the big blind.

**Board Cards:** The cards in the middle of the table that are shared by everyone.

**Flop:** The first three board cards in Hold'em.

**Turn:** The fourth board card that comes out in Hold'em, the card

## Pensacola Greek Festival Offers Traditional Food, Performers

Pensacola's Annual Greek Festival celebrates its 48th anniversary November 9, 10 and 11. The popular festival was started by the parishioners of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church as a luncheon to share their culture and heritage. It has since grown to a full-blown three day event serving a variety of Greek foods along with traditional dance performances, live entertainment, church tours and shopping.

Admission is free. Festival hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, visit the church's website at [www.annunciatingoc.org](http://www.annunciatingoc.org).

after the flop.

**River:** The fifth and final card that comes on the board in Hold'em, after the turn.

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The Hard Rock Casino Biloxi hosted a premier party at the Olive Drop on Pensacola Beach, August 29. Representatives from the newly opened casino came to the beach to invite residents to visit them in Biloxi. In the crowd at the well attended event was Beach resident Marta Ray, left, joined by Ali Ladner, Hard Rock Slots Host.



Billy DeVille, left, is a Brand Evangelist with the Hard Rock Casino in Biloxi. He greeted each attendee at the party hosted at the Olive Drop on Pensacola Beach. Beach Safety Supervisor Dave Greenwood stopped in to meet the Casino hosts.

The Hard Rock gave away complimentary dinning and hotel stays to lucky winners at the conclusion of the event.



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# The Beauty & Beach

By Danah Gibson

Around most of the country, people are gearing up for the fall and winter seasons, but here in our little slice of paradise we still have a good two to three months of what most would still call summer. Lucky us! Ordinarily, those of us who opt for a head full of highlights are thinking of going a little darker with our hair color, as our tans fade. Right now is the perfect opportunity to do a bit of "prep-work" on your tresses, to get the maximum benefits when you are ready to change up your color a bit.

My number one, all-time, most favorite product for repairing damaged hair is Cat by Redken. Cat (stands for cystic acid treatment) works on each hair strand from the inside out to build strength and elasticity. My usual analogy for this is to think about a road filled with potholes and Cat

is the asphalt to fill it in so you have smooth pavement again. Ready for heavy traffic! This will only take an extra 3-5 minutes out of your day and the benefits are exponential! You just squeeze the excess water out of your hair after shampooing, squirt on your cat, lather up and leave on for a few minutes- then condition. This is a must-do if your hair is damaged, but it won't hurt if your texture is fine. It will just add some strength if you are trying to grow your 'do out.

Redken has patented the ingredients of this product for 30 years, so there is nothing comparable. I just cannot say enough about it. I have truly seen it work miracles! So, think about this before you go for that new fall look. You will definitely get better results and a longer lasting color.

See you on the Beach.



Tiki carving is not for weaklings. Charlie Knight wears a face shield and ear protection as he roughs in a palm tree for a tiki design using his chain saw. He worked quickly during a demo hosted at Geronimo's on Pensacola Beach, Sunday, September 2. The finer, finishing details were carved with hand held tools.

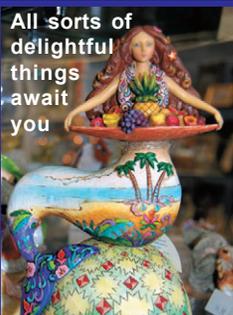
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Do you nap? I do. I used to think naps were for old folks. In fact, I was so set on it, that I made my mother take two naps per day as she entered her seventies, even to the point of calling and checking to see if she was asleep. (She figured out "not" to answer the phone!) After a while, though, I realized it truly does make a difference, and she was a dedicated believer!

So, for quite some time now, Saturday and Sunday afternoons always include unscheduled but quiet nap time. You should try it. It works! I am a dedicated Naptime Connoisseur. Are you?

Most folks don't sleep until they're sick. Some actually say they can "sleep when they die." Dear reader just ask yourself, "Where do you weigh in on this whole sleep thing?"

Actually, it took a while for me to wade through all the details, and while there are numerous scientific reasons why you should sleep nine hours per night. Guess what? The simple act of deciding that you are truly worth it is reason enough.

You need two hours of sleep to replace sixty minutes of lost sleep, not to mention the irreplaceable brain cells and activities you miss out on if you don't get enough sleep.

Reading the book, "Power Sleep," and meeting the well known author, Dr. James Maas, Cornell University professor, made me realize that the very jokes about memory loss we laugh about are those which truly affect us the most. If you haven't read his lively reasons to power sleep, pick up a copy. It will turn you into a Naptime Connoisseur, too!

Before, I believed I could exist on four hours of sleep, and that anything more was a waste. The

## Comfort and Joy

by Pandora de Balthazar

fact that lost sleep affects your memory and motor skills immediately, as well as long term, finally became reason enough for me to change to nine hours of sleep and a nap!

In fact, some of my friends actually have begun to call themselves Naptime Connoisseurs, as well. Though there is no degree, no association, no dues, nor any meetings to attend, becoming a sleep connoisseur just might be one of the best things you can do for yourself. The steps to achieve connoisseur status are easy - find a quiet, cool place, and

nap!

Time and again, we have friends, peers, and clients tell us what a difference it makes! So much so, that we actually have begun to host sleep seminars, and focus on the rewards of winning the war against sleep deprivation. We do it for ourselves, our children and our peers. Good rest simply makes us better people!

No wonder the term "Naptime Connoisseur" popped into my head. I'm going to practice right now. Here's to napping and sweet dreams!

## Students Cook Up Fun

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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



I have often wondered if mothers in China parent based on American pop culture and our social ills. I know that on more than one occasion I've encouraged my son, Harry, to eat all the food I've served him for dinner because there are starving children in China. Logically, I know that Harry licking his plate clean will not stave off hunger for any child anywhere in the world. Could there be the possibility that a mother in Beijing is encouraging young Xiu-xiu to scarf down every last morsel of rice because there are starving children in America? I guess it depends on how American children are portrayed by the state run media.

Then there is the laundry. Yes, the never ending baskets of smelly whites and soiled darks. All I ask of my son is that he bring his dirty clothes downstairs to

## Very Important Partiers Invited To End Of Season Blowout

It's party time in paradise when locals and hospitality industry employees come together to celebrate the end of the summer season, September 23. The party starts at 4 p.m. at the Paradise Bar and Grill, 21 Via de Luna, with happy hour drink prices, food specials and entertainment.

Free 2007 VIP cards will be issued to anyone who requests one. Very Important Partiers will receive twenty percent off anything on the property on Sundays and Mondays through February first. The discount includes food, drinks, t-shirts and room rates. Additional specials for VIPs will be announced throughout the fall and winter months.

"Everyone works so hard during the summer. We wanted to have a party for those who survived the summer season," said Renee Mack, Paradise general manager. "Relax and wind down or play and stay with us."

Paradise Inn is offering a twenty percent discount off their winter rates for guests who wish to stay all night. Reservations are currently being accepted.

For more information call Renee at Paradise Bar and Grill, 916-5087.

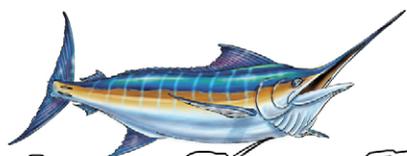
the laundry room and turn his socks and t-shirts right side out. From there I sort into lights, darks and bring out the bleach and stain stick removers. Harry is very polite and appreciative that I have the technology to remove spaghetti or pizza stains from his pale blue school uniform shirt. When he asks, "Mom, how do you do that?" Without fail, I always answer, "Ancient Chinese secret." He doesn't get the joke nor does he have a clue as to why my husband and I think this response is so funny. We try to explain about this commercial on TV when we were kids where a Chinese couple can get clothes really clean and all their customers want to know how they do it. Neither of us can remember the laundry detergent's name, but we can remember the tag line. So I ask myself this. When Xiu-xiu comes home from school with sweet and sour sauce adhered to her white shirt, does her mom tell her not to worry because she can get the stains out using a "94-year-old American secret" or does she just say, "Xiu-xiu, get me some Clorox and I will make those stains disappear."

Finally, this entire recall of toys made in China could not have come at a better time for our household. It's been the easiest and most convenient way to stop my son from falling down the slippery slope of "want it, need it, have three dollars, therefore, I can and will buy it." He has climbed

back up the mountain thanks in part to lead paint and tiny magnets. These recalls have cut out a lot of Star Wars action figures and Sponge Bob paraphernalia from our shopping cart. This situation has also opened up discussion about overseas manufacturing, child labor, pollution and global warming. Follow this logic. Harry now thinks that if he doesn't ask me to make the 40 mile round trip to our local Wally-World to buy a cheap toy potentially made by a kid his age that my car will not be contributing to global warming that day, nor will there be pollutants from the manufacturing plant since there are no toys to be made, thus the marathoners at the 2008 Olympics will have cleaner air to breathe in Beijing. By Jove, I think he's got it. Personally, I would love to be a fly on the wall as Xiu-xiu's mom explains to her about how America exports its fast food chains whose menu items are filled with trans-fats, excessive sodium and way too many calories which have been documented to lead to serious health risks.

In the end it doesn't really matter whether you are a mom in America or China or if you parent according to pop culture or social ills, we all want the same thing for our kids: enough nutritious food to eat, clean clothes and a planet that will still be inhabitable 100 years from now.

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# Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By  
Candace  
Segar

## Is Our Universe An Infinite Universe?

Bang! Bang! Big Bang! Most people have heard of the hot Big Bang model. But there is a new model in town - the Cyclic model. Have you ever wondered how our scientists gather information for these models?

In 2001 the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA, launched a satellite mission from Cape Canaveral. The mission was called the Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe, WMAP, and it investigated the outermost edge of the visible universe. The highly sensitive detectors on board the satellite gathered ancient light emitted nearly 14 billion years ago.

Nineteen months later NASA revealed the image which gave scientists a clear view of the infant universe. What did

this do for humanity and for scientists in particular? At this point we went from speculation about our universe to precise science. And what was truly amazing was that the measurements gathered were in agreement with what the cosmologists had been expecting.

So how do we get back to the Big Bang vs. Cyclic model? It appears that the universe undergoes cycles of evolution. The Big Bang is not the beginning of space and time, but a continuous occurrence every trillion years. The new cyclic model is inclusive of the Big Bang, and it also accounts for the WMAP results in addition to other current astronomical observations.

So what does this say? That there is no beginning and there is no end. Our universe is infinite.



Professional photographer and Beach resident DJ Zemenick was on Pensacola Beach as the next generation of Loggerhead turtles made their debut by emerging from their Gulf front nest. She photographed Kirsten Dahlen, left, a Gulf Island National Seashore Biological Technician examining the young hatchlings. Assisting with the new beach residents is Monica Cain, a Student Conservation Association member. The SCA is a service internship/volunteer program that works with the National Park system.



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Mike Langren, left, and George Difoe paddled their Anything That Floats entry to second place at the September 2 Bathtub Races held in Santa Rosa Sound. They made fashion statements with their costuming - Coastal Casual for Mike and a Wife-Beater tee for George.



Getting into the spirit of the Jamaican Fest, Michael Fazio and Tyler Long from Portofino, donned dreadlocks before they paddled past the competition in their racing tub. The Bathtub racers upheld the winning Portofino tradition at the September 2 races.



Joe Campbell with teammate Charlie Wheeler gets ready to paddle the "Get Wacked" in the Anything That Floats. Boat designer and Sandshaker Lounge owner Sonny Campbell steadies the boat at the starting line. The Wacked ran aground and finished in third place.



The Pensacola Beach Marina's entry in the Bathtub Races was filled with lovely young athletes. Red Stripe models April Miller and Jennifer Rothschild rowed their way around the course in style. They did not place in the top three for speed but got high marks for looks.

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- 1 Scamp
- 4 Eviscerate
- 7 Bygone VHS alternative
- 11 Apply fingerpaint
- 13 From - Z
- 14 Eastern potentate
- 15 Lascivious look
- 16 Tree fluid
- 17 Uncle's wife
- 18 Fragrant flower
- 20 Sentry's command
- 22 Pull behind
- 24 Fanatic
- 28 Teammate
- 32 Youngster's transport

### DOWN

- 1 "Oops!"
- 3 Foundation
- 36 Noble title
- 37 "American Buffalo" playwright
- 39 Middle
- 41 Old calculator
- 43 Peace opposite
- 44 Bound
- 46 Not neat
- 50 Defense
- 53 Once around the track
- 55 Car
- 56 Big story

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- 57 Actress Longoria
- 58 Halver
- 59 Half a fortnight
- 60 Stitch
- 61 "I" problem?
- 8 Ostrich's kin
- 9 Can material
- 10 Museum fill
- 12 Vintage TV game show
- 19 Prisoner
- 21 Allow
- 23 Charlotte's creation
- 25 Perjurer
- 26 Gumbo ingredient
- 27 Relate
- 28 Cougar
- 29 Moby-Dick's pursuer
- 30 Actress Downey
- 31 Fun and games
- 35 Moisture on the lawn
- 38 Election Day abbr.
- 40 "Platoon" setting
- 42 Pie-in-the-face comic
- 45 Macadamize
- 47 Foolproof
- 48 Unescorted
- 49 Toy on a string
- 50 Fresh
- 51 Mimic
- 52 Dead heat
- 54 Dog's foot



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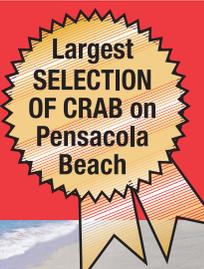
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