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Beach School Awarded Elite Blue Ribbon Status

PTA Board Supports Academic Growth with Fundraising Events



The Parent Teacher Association at Pensacola Beach Elementary School supports the faculty and students with annual fundraisers and events. The benefits of which are evident after the U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced last week that Pensacola Beach Elementary School has been named a Blue Ribbon school. With the Fall Festival scheduled for October 26 the PTA board members are busy finalizing plans for one of their major fundraisers. Board members are (L to R) Karen McCurdy, secretary; Margie Pitts, teacher liaison; Jennifer Neal, teacher liaison; Monette Hodges, president; Katie Cronin, vice president; and Sherry Green, treasurer. For more information about the PTA and Blue Ribbon award, see Page 2.

Fundraising Priority For Parent Teacher Association

The Pensacola Beach Elementary School Parent Teacher Association has announced its projects for this year. The PTA Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:45 p.m. at the School. They hold three general membership meetings each year, the next being set for December 13 at 6 p.m. at the Beach Church.

Officers for the year are Monette Hodges, president; Katie Cronin, vice president; Sherry Green, treasurer; and Karen McCurdy, secretary.

The PTA is extremely active, working closely not only with the parent and teachers, but with the administration and the school advisory council, according to information available on the

Beach School's website, www.pbcs.org.

The focus of the PTA this year is helping students and teachers implement technology that is available at the school.

The PTA conducts special and ongoing fundraising projects throughout the school year. They host gift wrap and t-shirt sales, movie night, student art sales and sponsor the Fall Festival at the school in October.

This year's Fall Festival will be Friday, October 26 from 5 to 8 p.m.

"We are planning a great event this year with giant inflatable slides and jumpers. Treats include cotton candy, nachos, pizza and drinks. We will also have our annual silent auction

and raffle," said Katie Cronin, board vice-president. "This is one of our main fundraisers. We need everyone's support."

Members of the Beach community can help the school in many ways. They are

- Join the PTA, whether or not you have children in school. \$5 annual dues per person.
- Buy gift wrap from a student.
- Get a Sandpiper t-shirt for

\$10 or sweatshirt for \$15.

- Participate in the Cookie Dough Sale.
- Bring your General Mills box tops to the school.
- Collect and turn in Bruno's receipts.

PTA funds are used to pay for all school field trips, a Spring Arts Festival, landscaping projects and to provide teacher supplies as needed. The PTA also sponsors Teacher Appreciation

Week in the Spring, as well as, academic and incentive programs such as Sunshine Math, Beach Brigade and the Sandollar Store.

PTA President Monette Hodges said, "We have one common goal, to support our students. We stand by our motto of 'Every Child, One Voice'."

For information about the Beach School PTA, please contact 850-934-4020.

Beach School Tapped For Prestigious Designation

Blue ribbons are for winners and Pensacola Beach Elementary School has earned the prestigious designation. The U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced October 2 that Pensacola Beach Elementary is a Blue Ribbon School. Only 287 schools in the entire United States were given this designation.

"This award is one of the most prestigious awards in the country. It takes a lot of hard work by teachers and students to become a Blue Ribbon school, and it's a privilege to celebrate their great efforts," Spellings said.

The Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are academically superior and that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement at high levels. Only 413 schools nationwide were eligible to be nominated. The schools are invited by Secretary Spellings to submit an application for possible recognition.

The Beach School was selected based on five years of aca-

demic achievements and high state standardized test scores. These five years include the transition from a standard public school to a charter school plus the turmoil caused by Hurricane Ivan.

"Our Beach School family endured hardships, circled the wagons, supported each other, and truly lived up to our unofficial motto of no excuses," said Principal Jeff Castleberry. "The Beach School continues to set high standards and our students continue to rise to the occasion. Our teachers, staff, parents, volunteers, our Partners in Education, local civic organizations, and the overall community have also played a vital role on the success of our school."

Sixteen Florida schools were chosen as Blue Ribbon schools. Those selected will be honored at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on November 12 and 13. The Beach School will be represented by Principal Jeff Castleberry, his family and fourth grade teacher Susan McLeod.

SRIA Approves Upscale Hotel Construction

The Santa Rosa Island Authority approved a number of items at their September 26 committee meetings, but the final vote on the hotel definition was not among them. Although the committees were in session, Chairman Vernon Prather asked each board member to give input on the proposed hotel policy.

Input remained the same as it has been during the long months of debate with varying degrees of support for a meeting between the SRIA and the County. SRIA board members John Peacock, Ed Guernsey and Fred Gant indicated that there should be less restriction, and that the County ordinance should be adopted. Board members Prather, Thomas Campanella and Tammy Bohannon believe the differences in the two documents should be ironed out by the legal staffs.

The final vote by the sub-committee members Prather, Campanella and Gant was to authorize Prather and SRIA attorney Mike Stebbins to meet with the County legal staff to discuss the differences in the County ordinance and the SRIA proposed policy.

Hotel construction on Pensacola Beach occupied a large portion of the meeting with conceptual approval granted to Portofino, the Indigo Hotel and Embassy Suites.

Portofino plans to develop 234 dwelling units plus 201 unlimited size hotel rooms on their 12 acre property.

The Indigo, an upscale Holiday Inn hotel product, will be a nine story building with 162 units. The rooms will av-

erage 489 square feet. This hotel is phase one of a three-part construction plan submitted by Little Sabine, Inc., owners of the former Holiday Inn and Dunes Hotel.

Sunrise Hospitality received a twelve month time extension for the development order for construction of 190 hotel rooms and 16 residential units on the property formerly occupied by Beachside Resorts and the Windjammer Condominiums. Hotel official Jeff Townsend told the board they would break ground for the structure in the Spring of 2008 and it will be an Embassy Suites.

Fred Simmons was at the meeting to request a time extension of one more year to operate the portable kitchen which serves Paradise Bar and Grill. He informed the board

"In the year to date we are up more than one million dollars over what we projected," Nita commented.

The board approved a request from the Public Safety Department for \$85,000 to purchase two new lifeguard stands to add to the two which they will purchase with funds acquired from the sales tax monies. The four wooden stands will be donated to Perdido Key at the request of Commissioner Gene Valentino.

Acting County Administrator Bob McLaughlin attended the SRIA meeting and told the board that the County has three goals.

"We want to restore public trust, follow fiscal restrictions and increase customer service," he said.

McLaughlin is one of the candidates applying for the position, vacated by the resigning



Artist rendering of Indigo which was approved for the former Holiday Inn site.

that he intends to build a 70 unit waterfront hotel. The board allowed him another year extension to operate the portable kitchen, but said he must bring plans for his development to the board by April 9, 2008.

Nita Omley, Director of Finance, who is retiring from the SRIA, gave her final report at this meeting. Jayne Bell was approved as the new Director of Finance.

George Touart.

And, finally, the tall palm trees planted on the north side of Via de Luna are so close to the utility poles they are interfering with the power lines. The offending trees will be replaced by shorter plantings.

The Island Authority full board meeting will be Wednesday, October 10 at 5 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



That guy who advised all of us not to sweat the small stuff should have been in my house a couple of weeks ago. He would have plenty of little ticky tacky things not to sweat about.

Saturday started out all right when the Gators lured Tennessee into their Swamp, and proceeded to chomp away, and sent them back home carrying bags loaded with Florida points. So far, so good. No sweat.

Frank went grocery shopping after the game and announced when he got home that he had lost his credit card. Well, just call the credit card people, tell them, and they will send a new number and new cards. No sweat. Later on that day, a temporary crown Frank had on his tooth popped off. His tooth didn't hurt, and he had saved the crown. Just call the dentist on Monday and make an emergency appointment. Just a little thing. No sweat.

After dinner I began preparation for watching a football game I had been looking forward to all week. My favorite college team, the Big Red University of Nebraska Cornhuskers, would be playing the number one team in the nation, the Southern California Trojans. I put on my red sequined cap, put my Lil Red doll on the coffee table, and watched the Huskers first half. It was only 17 to 10. Could Nebraska upset Southern Cal?

No. Not even close.

The 49 to 31 score sent Nebraska skidding all the way down

from number 14 to number 22 in the coaches' poll.

And sent the thousands of Nebraska fans from the stadium home to hang up their red jackets for at least a week. Power of red. Don't think so. Not this time. But, it's just a game, after all. No sweat.

Thirteen hours later, I was back at my post, wearing this time my gold and black shirt and cap. I set my Paddy Blake doll up, and hung my flag and established other important voodoo items throughout the house. I knew my favorite NFL team, the Saints, would not let me down. They did, if you will recall, finish last season only one game away from playing in the Super Bowl. I was ready. I wasn't really ready for the Saints to take a nose dive against the Tamp Bay Buccaneers. Every time that cannon blasted off from the Buc's pirate ship, signifying another touchdown, it hit me right in the heart. Final score 31 to 14. As of press time, the Titans had struck another lethal blow and the Saints are now 0 and 3, fighting with Atlanta for residency in the cellar of the NFC South. There are still thirteen games left in the season. Plenty of time. No sweat.

After the games, Frank and I decided to cruise the Beach. We threaded our way through traffic at Casino Beach and then turned into Sidelines where we would pick up our take-out order.

Just as we made the turn, I thought I heard a gunshot. Or could the Buc's pirate ship be following us? Neither one, as it

turned out to be a blown front left tire. We limped into a parking place and Frank was looking at the tire, and deciding who to call, when two teenage boys dashed out of Sidelines and offered to change the tire.

They cheerfully put on the spare in record time and tried to refuse to take payment from Frank. They said they just wanted to help. Frank insisted that they take the money. And they went back to Sidelines to get their girlfriends and boogie boards and

walked toward Casino Beach. If you think all teenagers are lazy and full of mischief, think again. The tire was a big thing to us, a little thing to them. No sweat.

Finally, Frank went in to pick up our order. We took it home and an hour or so later, opened it to stick it in the microwave to have it for dinner. When we looked at the meal, we discovered we had in our possession someone else's food. We decided that by the time we took it back, it probably would have lost a lot of its flavor, so we

ate it. (It was delicious.) We hope the people who got our order enjoyed their dinner.

No sweat.

I must admit that out of this collection of small mishaps, I did sweat a little bit. Is there a Who Dat in this entire land who will say he was not sweating, at least a little drop or two, when the Saints are playing?

And, here's a message to the author of "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff," you must not be a Saints fan.

Fair Winds Bring Competitors To The Beach

Sailors from across the continent will compete in Santa Rosa Sound October 22 through 25 at the Nacra 20 North American Championships. Key Sailing on Pensacola Beach hosts this annual event drawing contestants from as far away as Canada.

"Thirty teams will compete in the Nacra 20 and Nacra Open classes," said Key Sailing owner Kirk Newkirk. "The Canadian teams arrived on Pensacola Beach October 1 and

will stay all month to sail here."

Competing alongside the Canadians will be local favorites Charlie Harp, Bert Rice, Jr., Mark Smith, Bubba Barberri, Kirk Newkirk, Glenn Holmes, Harry Newkirk and Charlie Trinquie. Defending champions John Casey and Kenny Pierce are expected to make a strong showing. A team may enter from Holland which adds to the international roster.

"The Key Sailing Team of

Harry Newkirk and Charlie Trinquie has been running pretty fast. They could be in the hunt for the trophy," said Kirk. "There are some top notch sailors to beat like the defending champion John Casey."

Racing continues for four days and there is no charge for spectators. All races will take place in the Sound behind Key Sailing.

The Championship concludes on Thursday, October 25 with dinner and an awards party at the Cabana Club at 7 p.m. Trophies will be awarded in two classes and the overall winner in the Nacra 20 Class will be declared the 2007 North American Champion.

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NICENIECE

Terry and Jeff Colley helped their niece Tierney Smith celebrate her seventeenth birthday last Sunday. She turned seventeen and marked the day having fun on the Island.

BEACHBIKERS

Brian and Rita Finkbone pedaled their way across Pensacola Beach from Villa Sabine to the Via de Luna shopping center on Sunday. They enjoyed the perfect weather and no parking woes.

INGOODHANDS

Ken Turk, who was the association manager for the Regency Towers on Pensacola

Beach, is a proud dad. His son Lt. Col Ron Turk with the New Jersey Air Guard has just taken command of the security forces of Baghdad Airport.

LONGWAYFROMHOME

Artie Davis, top banana at the Krewe of Bananimals, shares reports about his son Wayne who is serving in the military overseas. All is well according to Wayne. He hopes to come home soon.

WEDDINGBELLS

Another eligible bachelor is taking the plunge. One of the Beach's purveyors of fine spirits, Bob Temple says he is hearing wedding bells. He is planning to tie the knot and that's all he will say.

TRAYCHIC

Twenty years ago Patti Marie Warner and Terri Jameson were waitresses at Flounder's on Pensacola Beach. Patti is now a medical professional and Terri manages Victoria's Secret in Pensacola. Their days as waitresses are long gone, but the two grabbed trays and volunteered at the grand opening celebration at Geronimo's Outpost.

SAINTSFAN

Clad in Saints team colors optimistic Tommy Grice supports his team during a bye week saying, "They can't lose if they don't play."

LEAPIN'LIZZARD

Island Times columnist Liz Hewson is leaping into another year on October 16. No time for cake and candles as she trains for the upcoming Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. at the end of the month.

CHAMBERCHILD

Fifteen-month-old Faith Gleim made her way around Business After Hours at Bamboo Willie's September 25 like a little ambassador. She kept her mom Renee busy while Dad, Robert, was greeting guests from the Gulf Breeze and Beach Chambers.

Founding Krewe of Brewes Member Dies in Gulf Breeze

Vinny Stricula was one of the most full of fun guys to ever come this way. His many friends on Pensacola Beach will miss him. Vinny passed away on September 18 in Gulf Breeze.

Vinny was among the "one dozen plus one" men who formed the Krewe of Brewes. He was known as the Tattoo Commissioner when he held the enviable position of placing the Lizard King temporary tattoo on the Beach's lady Mardi Gras revelers.

Vinny was a member of the

Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge. He owned Computers of Gulf Breeze, and he knew how to mix business with pleasure when he created his own Blues Brothers vehicle which he parked in front of his Bay Bridge office building.



Vinny

Surviving Vinny are his wife Sherry, and sons Rich and Justin, stepson Cameron and sisters Gloria and Theresa.

Memorial services were held at the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge on Sunday, September 23. Vinny was 62-years-old.

TRIVIA

Judy L'Oignon realized that the last trivia question was a description of her former neighbor on Maldonado. She was the first to send the correct answer to the question, "What was the name of the professional quarterback coach, now deceased, who lived on Pensacola Beach for many years?" The answer was Pete McCulley, who always predicted the winner of the Super Bowl for *The Islander* Newspaper. Judy has an *Island Times* t-shirt for the correct answer.

Note to those of you who answered Kay Stephenson. Nice try, but no t-shirt. He still lives in

the area and once coached the Buffalo Bills.

Here's your chance to win an *Island Times* t-shirt. Be the first to email your answer to this question, "A building on Pensacola Beach was the tallest in Escambia County when it was built in 1985. Which one was it?" It is still here and functional. Just keep in mind this building was here before any high rise towers were built.

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, October 19.

Players Putt For Prizes at American Legion Event

Brush up on your short game and enter the eighth annual Pensacola Beach American Legion Post 379's Putt Putt Golf Outing, Saturday, October 13 at Tiki Island Golf and Games. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the shotgun start at 11 a.m. The cost to play is \$10 and all ages are invited to compete. Individuals or four person teams may enter.

"Everyone should come out for a day of fun. We have some

very competitive putters. There are prizes for winning scores," commented Legion Commander Chuck L'Oignon.

The proceeds from this event will support the Legion's charitable and educational programs throughout the year which includes the Americanism Day at the Beach Elementary School.

For more information call 850-932-4444.

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Island Realty congratulates CLARK ALLEN as Realtor of the Month for September 2007.

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Clark is married to Stephenie, and is the father of Noah and Finn, who frequently accompany him to the beach where they frolic at their condo in Emerald Isle or visit his mother, Sue Allen Stamps, at her home on Ariola Drive. When not involved in real estate, Clark and Stephenie and their friends enjoy surfing and fishing. They travel frequently to Costa Rica, where they own property.



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With a lot of help from my best friend, Debbie Copeland-Dotson, and my sister Deanne Richardson, I raised almost \$2000 for the literacy program, News Journal in Education, supported by the Sandshaker Lounge. Extra special and generous donations were made by: Dave Kelly, The Break and The Islander; Debbie Mays, Kristin Amberson, PegLeg Pete's and Maria's Seafood; and Gary Humphries, Paddy O'Leary's Irish Pub. Thank you so much to everyone who so kindly gave to such a worthwhile charity. It looks like all of us Islanders will soon be able to visit the Sandshaker's new mascot pelican.

Congratulations to Ann Kirk, Sandshaker Queen, who obviously worked extra hard to make literacy efforts for our community the real winner.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Darla Richardson

Sisters Say Thanks

The Sisters of the Beach once again have shown us the true meaning of being a "Sister." It's

the love, compassion and friendship that comes from the heart. Thank you for the beautiful plants you sent for our Mom's services. Niecy and I will always remember how you warmed our hearts. Also a special thank you to Ken and Cyndi Kelley, Jim and Judi Mark for the wonderful ham they deliv-

ered to the family.

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Sister Karen Hagford
[Frances East passed away September 19 from a lengthy illness. Karen Hagford, Denise Olson and the late Andrea Brunt are her daughters.]

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by kathi lewis

"Beer and beads?" Did I read that correctly? Yes, those words were actually uttered from the mouth of John Peacock at the SRIA Board meeting in September. This was in response to the 'Krewe of Wrecks' request for \$20,000 from the Board to help with the costs of the annual KOW Mardi Gras Parade. That may have been a lot of money in 1980 when the KOW rolled for the first time down Via de Luna in a parade of rusted vehicles, bicycles, and a ton of beads. Back then the need for funding was not as great, since we did not have the burden of insurance, barricades and certainly did not need any security. We did it all on our own! I reigned as Krewe of Wrecks Queen in 1999, and I feel the need to set the record straight. I have never received any beer or beads from the Krewe of Wrecks.

In fact, if we were to add up the cost of beads purchased by the parade participants each year, it would equal a much larger amount than \$20,000. I know I spend a considerable sum on throws for the Parade, which includes moon pies and special beads. Do we even need to mention all the other Krewes that have begun because of the original mother krewe?

The Board approved the amount requested as, thankfully, the other Board Members see the economical and social value in promoting Mardi Gras in the dead of winter when spirits can be low and money tight. So, where has John Peacock been? Maybe he's never experienced Mardi Gras on the Island. If not, he's missing out on the most extraordinary parade ever to grace the streets of Paradise.

All I can say is I hope John Peacock will don some purple, green and gold and join the Krewe of Wrecks in making this the most wonderful Mardi Gras yet!

Time to move on to more important things. A brand new grandmother was born on October first-Deb Friedman. Her daughter, Deanna Moore gave birth to a 9 pound, 5 ounce baby boy. Deanna and Mike Moore are the proud parents of Logan Thomas. Deanna, a Beach School and Gulf Breeze High graduate, affec-

tionately referred to her unborn child as "Peanut." Weighing in at over nine pounds, he's no peanut! Much love and many congratulations to all. Proud parents are planning to return to the Island during Mardi Gras to show off their new Beach boy.

For those of you who have missed hearing about her, Queen Shugah Paulette Provost strikes again! Her Her-I-Cane Voodoo has kept the Beach clear of storms so far. Yes, hurricane experts have once again down graded the expected storm activity. This should make a believer out of you. I feel sorry for the next royal ruler. Paulette's leaving very big shoes to fill.

Fair Warning: The Sisters of the Beach will be on the streets October 13, celebrating Jayne Drees' upcoming wedding to Johnny Redmond. If we see you in the local watering holes and you say the word "Bride," you will be required to purchase a round of drinks for all SOB's present.

Okay, this week's recipe is how I've always cooked sausage gravy, even at the Sand Dollar. It's easy and quick and is demanded by my family for breakfast on every holiday. So, let's cook...

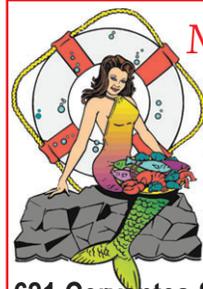
**Easy Sausage Gravy**  
1lb. Ground pork w/sage sausage  
3 Cups milk  
2 Tsp. salt  
1 Tsp. pepper  
¼ Cup cornstarch  
1/3 Cup water or milk  
1 Can biscuits (10) or make your own

Scramble sausage until done. Drain grease, return to pan adding salt, pepper and milk. Cook on medium heat until milk is ready to boil, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile mix cornstarch and water/milk, stirring until dissolved. Add slowly to sausage mix, stirring constantly until thickened. Cook biscuits as directed. Serve immediately. Can be stored and reheated, adding more milk until smooth and desired consistency.

Enjoy, share with a friend, and remember "Every time a baby is born, so is a grandparent!" Join the Krewe of Wrecks and I'll see you in the kitchen.



**BEACH BABIES** - Second generation Sister of the Beach Lindsey Stanley was honored at a Baby Shower hosted by Judy L'Oignon, Marie Steele, Deb Friedman and her mom Andrea Stanley. Sisters of the Beach gathered September 22 to shower her with gifts and good wishes.



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### Belly Up To The Bar

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HINT: No alcoholic beverage should be consumed carelessly or in excess regardless of what research is tied to it.

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## BEACH BALL STAYS - FOR NOW

Not to worry if you really like the Beach Ball water tower in the Casino parking lot. So far, it has escaped the wrecking crews. The icon comes with a \$125,000 price tag to refurbish every five years. If torn down, it would only yield five parking places. Since it has no functional value, the SRIA is discussing the future of the Beach Ball.

## BUTTER UP THE BOSS

Don't forget Boss' Day is Tuesday, October 16. Treat your boss to lunch on the beach or take her to the Gulfside Pavilion at 7 p.m. to catch Tim Jackson's Mr. Big. This group features world-class artists playing a fun mix from New Orleans Jazz to American pop, beach music and country.

## TAX SUIT UPDATE

A law suit was filed on behalf of several commercial lessees on Pensacola Beach who are contesting the taxation of their leasehold improvements as real property. Judge Nicholas Geeker's November 2006 ruling in favor of the Tax Collector

and Property Appraiser is being appealed. Oral arguments are scheduled for 2 p.m. October 17, in the First District Court of Appeals in Tallahassee. No doubt the decision rendered by the three judge panel at the DCA will be of great interest to both commercial and residential leaseholders on Pensacola Beach.

## SAENGER SÉANCE

Are you ready to communicate with the other side? Friends of the Saenger Theatre will host local psychic, Sharon Renae every Saturday evening in October at 7 p.m. for a two hour séance session. The cost to attend is \$25. Seating is limited. Reservations can be made by calling Kathy Summerlin at 595-3880.

## COCO CARES

Former Beach resident Jay Massey has instituted a grant program for fledgling businesses to receive powerful web marketing support from his company, Coco Design Associates, Inc. This year's recipient is Sumo Sushi. Jay says enhancing emerging businesses

strengthens the whole community.

## FREE BEER FRIDAY

Fred Flounder says it's time for his Beach friends to come over for a cool one. Free drinks on Friday afternoons from 4 to 6 p.m. at Flounder's for bona fide Beach residents. Special prices on fried fish dinners, too.

## Authors Group Hosts Writers Conference

If the pen is mightier than the sword, then wordsmiths can sharpen their weapons by attending A Writers' Conference sponsored by Gulf Coast Authors Saturday, October 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Asbury Place/Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 9th Avenue in Pensacola.

The cost is \$25 for GCA members, \$30 for all others. Lunch will be provided. The conference is open to published writers, aspiring writers and anyone with an interest in writing.

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# Chamber Plans To Season Holidays with Island Spirit

Leaves are falling. Temperatures are dropping. Can Christmas be far behind? The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce says it's just a Veteran's Day, Halloween and Thanksgiving holiday away. The Pensacola Beach Chamber is busy preparing its first ever holiday celebration, "Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit." This will be a month long party, Shelley Johnson, chairman of the event, told the Chamber members at their meeting on September 25. All the Beach businesses in the Chamber anticipate an event produced in a highly decorated island setting.

"The chefs have been cooking up lots of events for this promotion," Johnson said. "Chamber members will be able to view the list of ingredients in their newsletter."

Jeff Elbert, president, conducted the meeting and congratulated the membership on all the work they are doing.

"I am pleased to be able to report that your Board of Direc-

tors is working very hard to grow the Chamber as is evidenced by committees and events," Elbert said.

He thanked Bamboo Willie's for dedicating \$1540 to the Chamber from funds raised at the Bath-tub Races.

Shakerfest fundraising also went well for the Shaker Bar according to co-owner Beverly Boswell, who reported they have raised enough money to get a Shaker pelican. She said the pelican would be a great addition to the bar and the money becomes part of the News Journal in Education project.

Twenty-three members of the Beach Chamber and three guests attended the September meeting. Chrissy Cook, membership committee, reported that the committee is now developing a list of potential members.

"Our goal is to thank all the members who are renewing and invite other businesses to join this wonderful organization," she said.

Sabine Barrett, representing E. W. Bullock, the Santa Rosa Is-

land Authority advertising agency, was among those handing out congratulations.

"This is a great forum for me to learn what is happening on the Beach," she commented. She told the business representatives to feel free to send their events to her to be placed on the Beach website.

Other guests included Chuck Emling, president of the Gulf Coast Zoological Society, the non-profit group which runs The Zoo in Gulf Breeze. He and Janie Switzer described the needs of The Zoo and outlined the fundraisers planned.

"We need to raise one million dollars before the end of the year," Emling said.

Bamboo Willie's hosted a golf tournament October 5 with some proceeds going to The Zoo.

Another item of business came before the Board when Jeff Elbert announced that Nan Harper, nominating committee chair, would be announcing the slate of officers for 2008 at the October meeting.

The next meeting of the

Chamber will be Tuesday, October 30 aboard the Portofino One ferry. The boat leaves the dock at Portofino at 8:30 a.m. Business After Hours will be the same day

at the Hilton at 5:30 p.m.

For more information about the Beach Chamber call Sandy Johnston, executive director, 850-932-1500.



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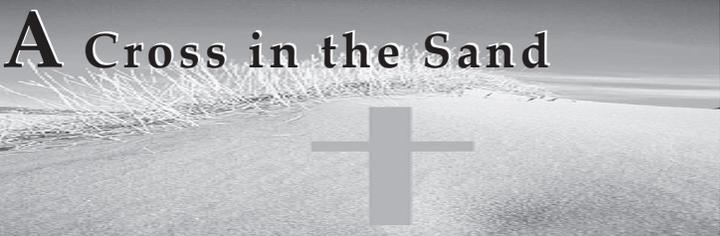
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# A Cross in the Sand

By **Dr. Chuck Randle**  
 Pastor, Pensacola Beach Community Church

On the Internet, there is a site that indicates when and where "Fall Colors" are at their greatest beauty in the United States. Spectacular pictures accompany some of the locations by clicking on the appropriate link. Many of us have seen the fascinating cacophony of colors over the years and have been intrigued and enriched when noting that the green leaves have turned to such beautiful colors. When it comes to Florida, the caption indicates, "No significant color reported."

The climate in Florida may not be conducive to trees changing colors, however, there are other things that take the place of such a phenomenon. In our area, for example, there are the beautiful white sands, the deep colors of blue and green waters, and who cannot be thrilled at the beautiful sunsets we have been experiencing these past couple of weeks, and the excited tourists who come to enjoy our area!

We have to give up the joys of changing colors for the joys of our environment that adds so much to our lifestyles. That's sort of the way all of life is – we make choices and those choices necessitate sacrificing some things we may enjoy for other things that also bring enjoyment. Many of us are willing to give up some free time in order to be involved in organizations that are beneficial to others. We give up some of our disposable income to help organizations reach out and assist others in just surviving, as well as enjoying the beauty of the arts. Some of the choices we are willing to accept come with a pretty hefty price, but in the end, we believe they are worth the sacrifices we impose on ourselves. That's one of the great positive factors about our culture – we are willing to give up some of our gratifications so that others may enjoy some themselves. May it ever be so!

## Beach Church Cooks Up Fun For October

October is a time of fun and fellowship at the Pensacola Beach Community Church. Fish and football are on the menu Saturday, October 20. The free fish fry begins at 11:30 a.m. and so no one misses any sports action a big-screen TV will be set up to watch some area college football games. The end of the month brings

the Church's annual Fall Festival which will be Sunday, October 28 from 2-4 p.m.

Events will include a Trunk-or-Treat for children where church members decorate their vehicle trunks and offer Halloween treats. Other events include a cake walk, haunted room, moonwalk, dunking booth and

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## Celebrate Greek Culture at Three Day Event

Pensacola's Annual Greek Festival will be November 9 through 11 at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox in Pensacola. The three day event will showcase a variety of Greek foods along with traditional dance performances, live entertainment, church tours and shopping. Admission is free.

For more information, visit the church's website at [www.annunciationgoc.org](http://www.annunciationgoc.org).

hot dogs and refreshments.

The Fish Fry and Fall Festival are open to everyone at no charge.

"We look forward to enjoying the fall weather, some good food and great fun," said Gordon Paulus, Beach Church deacon.

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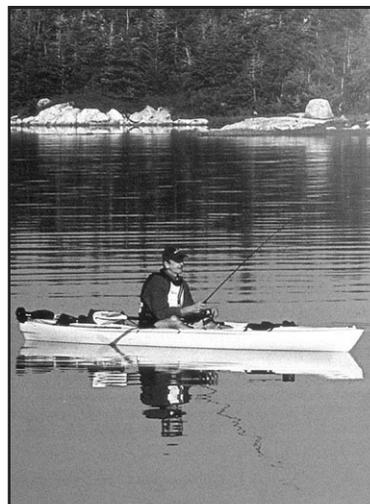
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# Corvettes Compete At Casino Beach

Seventy-five Corvette enthusiasts flexed their American muscle at the Miracle Strip Corvette Club's Life's A Beach car show on Pensacola Beach, September 29. Entries came from Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia and Florida cities with Steve Schell's red 1971 beauty taking top honors as Best-in-Show. Event co-sponsors were Pete Moore Chevrolet and Cat Country Radio.

The Corvette Club and *Island Times* hosted a children's area. Children were able to display their favorite toy cars and compete at the *Island Times* Raceway in a series of miniature car dual match races.

Jonathan Hayner, 11, of Pensacola Beach, won top honors at the children's car show and received a Corvette racer to add to the family's collection. Every show and race participant in the children's area received a goodie bag and prizes.

"We had perfect weather and a successful event which enabled us to make a nice donation to Covenant Hospice," said Rick Gordon, show coordinator.



Beach resident Susi Gordon looks cool in her pink hat and silver Vette at the Life's A Beach Corvette Show.



Gentlemen Start Your Engines - (L to R): Billy Craig, 11, Michael Garrett, 5, and Jonathan Hayner, 11 get ready to race at the Island Times Raceway, September 29.



Pensacola Beach Woman's Club kicked off their business meeting season with a pot luck luncheon at Hunt Hall September 20. The Club honored their September birthday girls (L to R) Dot Kress, Shelby Smith, Ruby Mantooth and Betty Sprague at the luncheon.



Artist Brad Greek from Mary Esther created a portrait of 100 Ariola Drive while working at the Geronimo's Outpost Grand Opening Sunday. Painting quickly, the piece was complete in sixty minutes.



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Pensacola Beach School Students of the Month Matthew McCurdy, left, and Kyla Homewood are collecting shells on the Beach for science class. Kindergarten teacher Jennifer Neal commented that all her students are doing a great job, but Matthew and Kyla are leading the way by studying hard and being good citizens.

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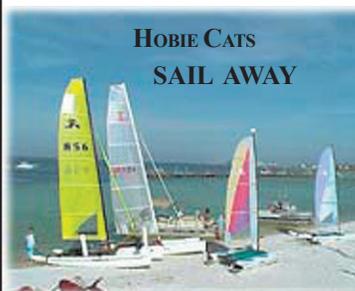
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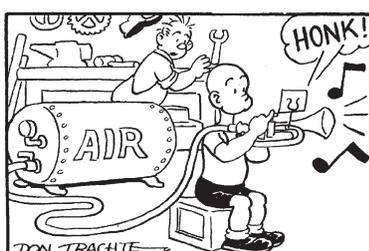
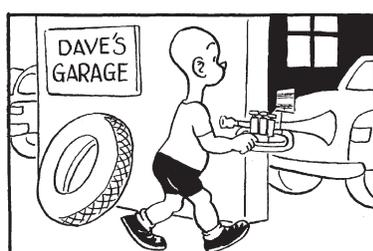
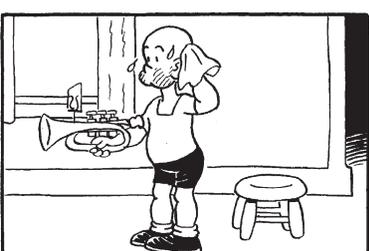
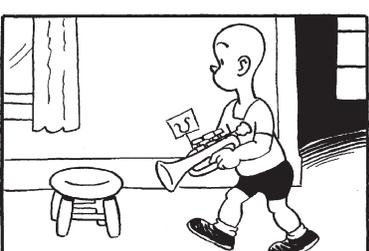
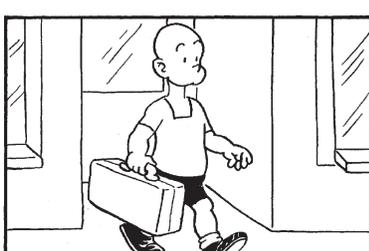
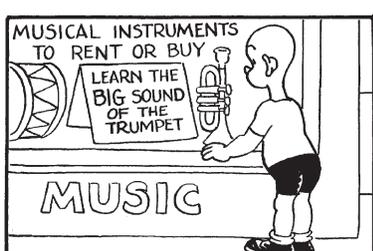
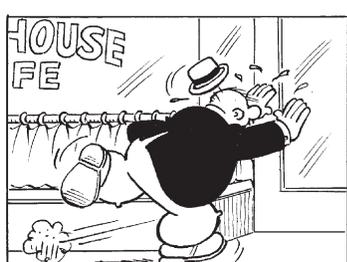
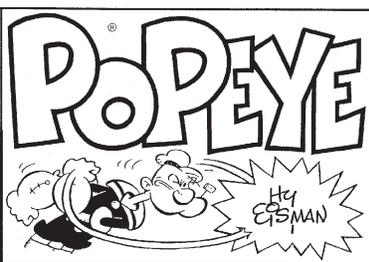
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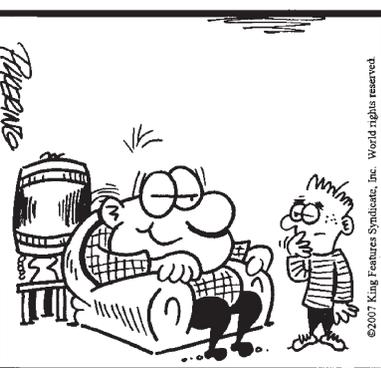
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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Bullying others into agreeing with your position could cause resentment. Instead, persuade them to join you by making your case on a logical point-by-point basis.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Resist pushing for a workplace decision you might feel is long overdue. Your impatience could backfire. Meanwhile, focus on that still-unsettled personal situation.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your aspects favor doing something different. You might decide to redecorate your home, or take a trip somewhere you've never been, or even change your hairstyle.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You might want to take a break from your busy schedule to restore your energy levels. Use this less- hectic time to also reassess your plans and make needed changes.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) What you like to think of as determination might be seen by others as nothing more than stubbornness. Try to be more flexible if you hope to get things resolved.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Watch that you don't unwittingly reveal work-related information to the wrong person. Best to say nothing until you get official clearance to open up.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) With things settling down at work or at home, you can now take on a new challenge without fear of distraction. Be open to helpful suggestions from colleagues.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your creativity can help resolve an emotional situation that might otherwise get out of hand. Continue to be your usual caring, sensitive self.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You could impress a lot of influential people with the way you untangle a few knotty problems. Meanwhile, a colleague is set to share some welcome news.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Aspects favor recharging your social life and meeting new people. It's also a good time to renew friendships that might be stagnating due to neglect on both sides.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Congratulations. Your talent for working out a highly technical problem earns you well-deserved praise. The weekend could bring news about a friend or relative.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your sense of justice makes you a strong advocate for the rights of people and animals alike.

# Esposito's Surf Report

By Freddy Esposito

**Via De Luna** - This month we have been treated to incredible views of the moon rising, a beautiful display of color and light on Pensacola Beach. Most people don't realize the relationship we have with our moon, so here it is.

Some scientists conjecture that the moon was formed from a huge collision billions of years ago. A planet-sized body collided with an early Earth and formed our moon from debris. This debris took around a hundred years to form into our moon. That massive collision gave our Earth its rotational axis of 23 degrees. That tilt gives us our seasons and the gravitational pull it creates gives the Earth its tides which drive the oceans' waves around the planet. We truly live in a earth-moon system. Without it, we would probably not have abundant life on our planet.

The moon has been a centerpoint of speculation and mystery for generations. People have claimed it has influenced our lives and our moods, especially a full moon. Well, there is no real data on the moon changing anything. No greater number of babies are born on a full moon and people just seem to react to the moon. Perhaps it is the power of

suggestion that really is at work. The splendor of a full moon is very hypnotizing and has been viewed by every human on the planet, a truly huge event.

Located around a quarter of a million miles from Earth, our moon is moving away from us at a rate of approximately an inch a year. Of course, during a moon rise it looks much closer, but this is just an optical effect caused by the atmosphere. The moon does not get closer. Trust me.

So, next time you look up at our cousin, the moon, think about its journey, its tidal effect, and its profound influence on our lives. And remember, Via de Luna means "the way of the moon."



Former Gulf Breeze resident Blake Rushing took Amber Solnick to be his wife Saturday, September 22 on Pensacola Beach. Pensacola attorney Lou Ray officiated. A Gulfront reception followed. Blake and Amber honeymooned on Ariola Drive before returning to their culinary careers in Canada.

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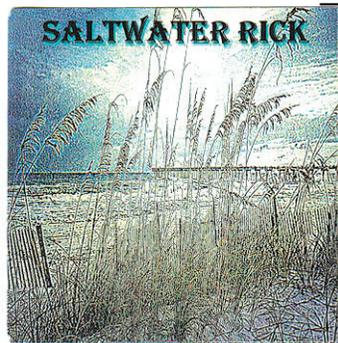
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# readin' the water

Pickens gate west to the Old Coast Guard Station and we spotted lots of action. The bait was everywhere. The Flounder lay up in the flats and ambush anything that comes by. I use the old standby, a white grub on a 1/8 oz. jighead. Live shrimp is the top bait.

Redfish are everywhere in the system but the big ones are bunched up in the Pass around the jetties. The small one I landed was caught near Big

Sabine Point just off the north shore of the Island. I was using a Skidderwalk Topwater jig with lots of gold trim. We just drifted with the wind.

Action on the Gulf Pier has been slow as of late. A few Kings have come in.

The Old bridge has been full of anglers as the Fall run comes right through those pilings and when the tide is movin' so are the fish. Mullet are everywhere and the big Reds are around the Mullet. Try a Live Shrimp on a good circle hook with a slip sinker right under the Bridge and there's no tellin' what will come to it. Dinner for sure. So, what are you waitin' for? Do yourself a favor and go fishin'.

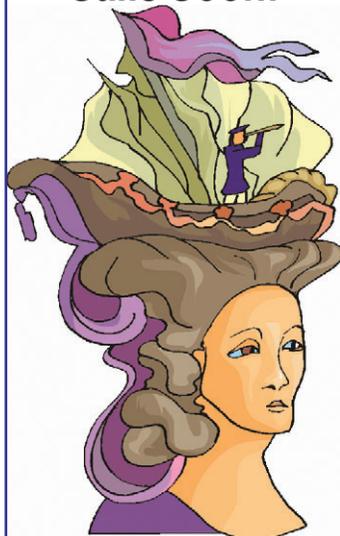


Get out your Redfish rigs and be part of the action. Saltwater Rick landed this small one in Santa Rosa Sound, September 27.



Cindy Phenix has caught Redfish Fever. She reeled this one in at 2:08 a.m. Sunday, September 23 in Santa Rosa Sound off the Old Fishing Bridge. That's a good catch for a rookie angler.

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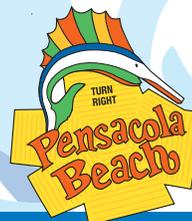
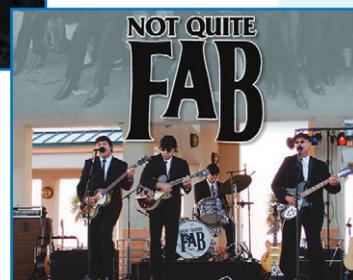
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# Thompson Hits Hot Streak at Champions Tourney

Weekly winners and past Champions gathered around the felt Friday, September 28 at the Paradise Bar and Grill to crown the September Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun Champion. Miguel Thompson hit four sixes to take down Pensacola Beach's Scott Stanley in the final hand of the Champions Tournament. Tommy Chavis recorded the most wins in September with four top weekly spots. Trace Lewis had three wins.

Weekly results are as follows:

## The Islander Lounge

Trace Lewis played his short stack to the final then took down the chip leader Alicea Townsend for the win September 22.

Big Larry Gers had the aces all night September 29 and made them pay off with a nice win taking out Terry "TC" Curtis in the final.

## Paddy O'Leary's

Fran Cox made his way to the winner's circle September 23 with a late run of good cards. Bob Goodson was second.

Alicea Townsend battled back from a short stack to take down champ Miguel Thompson

September 25 for the win. She defeated a field of 15 players.

Terry Curtis outlasted all challengers for his first Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun win. Fran Cox lived up to his handle of SecondHand Fran in September 30 action.

Col. Phil Tracy USMC Ret. ran the final table then took down Secondhand Fran Cox for a great night of cards October 2. We had 18 players turn out to play.

## Paradise

Beach poker icon Tommy Chavis grabbed his fourth win this month with new player Steve Dempsey taking second September 18.

Dr. Glenn Bureson proved he's one of the top players in the area defeating a large Monday night crowd September 24 in the Paradise Poker Tent. Rookie Craig

Wood held on to claim second place in the field of 25 players.

Alicea Townsend successfully defended her September 25 win on a beautiful beach night in Paradise. Trace Lewis battled for the second place slot in the September 26 tourney.

Tommy Chavis started the month of October right with a big win over a nice Monday night crowd. Boatwoman Liz Ives stayed the course to claim second place.

Just two nights after his October 1 win Tommy Chavis outplayed the crowd to take first place. Trace Lewis made him earn it in the final.

## Celebration 4444

## Education

Forty-six players with high hopes and poker faces gathered Friday, October 5 at the Paradise

Bar and Grill for the first ever Celebration 4444 Education.

After five hours of heated competition Jon Rhodes of Gulf Breeze emerged as the winner. Miguel Thompson was the runner-up. Drew Ferguson was third; Scott Stanley took fourth place. Two women joined the final table. Marita Rhodes finished fifth and outlasted Beach School teacher Sandy Patterson who left with a big smile.

"Beautiful night to play poker at waterfront tables," said Rick Uzdevenes, Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun promoter. "We raised over \$1,140 to donate to Pensacola Beach Elementary School. Can't wait until next year."

Ken DuBose gave expert instruction to the rookie poker class and served as the dealer for that table. Beach poker players Tommy Chavis, Anne Vinson, Trace Lewis, Fran Cox and Scott Stanley also volunteered as dealers. Event photos will appear in the October 24 *Island Times*.



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## Cooking Classes Include Wine and Party Foods

Pensacola Junior College and Distinctive Kitchens are offering a cornucopia of cooking classes this month. The selections include:

- Fine Wine and Cuisine: Antipasto Assortments, Oct. 13
- Basic Skills: Culinary Knife handling, Oct. 15
- DK Kids Club Class: Haunting Halloween Parties, Oct. 27
- Cooking Well: Quick and Easy Do-Ahead Family Meals, Oct. 29

All classes are held in Distinctive Kitchen's state-of-the-art kitchen. Students receive recipe cards and a sampling of all foods prepared - and wine for the adults.

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When the Ladies of the Elk's hosted their September 22 Pancake Breakfast they called in professional pancake maven Kathi Lewis, right. Diners were treated to the best breakfast casserole on the island created by Lynn Cieutat, left.

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# Beauty & The Beach

By Danah Gibson

Every year around the third week of October our shop is flooded with requests for my sister, Gwen, to help dream up and create Halloween costumes. This year she's decided to get a head start and announce that she will be creating and designing "Custom Costumes." As a little girl she always loved to play dress-up maybe that accounts for some of her craftiness. She is great with fabric, wire, glitter and make-up. If you can think of it, she can do it.

Over the years she has created a penguin costume, a Renaissance gown complete with nut-ton sleeves, pointy headpiece and flowing scarves. She has also costumed as Ursula, the Sea Witch of Disney fame, and a Voodoo medicine woman with a full length "leather" vest covered in shrunken heads and bones.

Together, we have been She-Devils, Spider women, Gypsies, Vampires (she can make fangs that adhere to your real teeth, al-

though they make it kinda hard to kiss!)

One of my all time favorites was my Viking ensemble with faux fur boots and a tunic to match. My helmet and waist-length braids were the crowning touches. I was Helga, Goddess to Thor. What a great night that was!

My second favorite was a ghostly Mother Nature costume. Remember the commercial "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature" with her white, flowing gown and wreath of daisies on her head? Well, think of that in black with a wreath of dead flowers, snakes and bugs on my head and a great spider web on my face. It was very pale and dead looking. What a great memory. Costuming is fun if you are nine or ninety-years-young.

Halloween is the perfect time to be someone else for the night and have a blast. If you need some costuming assistance, feel free to call 932-4323 or stop by Danah's Hair Studio and ask for Gwen!



## Luxury vs. Necessity

Answer these questions to see how you feel about sleep. Is it a luxury or necessity?

1. Do you gift to yourself the bona fide right to sleep a full nine hours, or do you punish yourself with less, or even feel guilty if you sleep more than six hours?
2. Do you prepare for sleep with relaxation?
3. What do you do to relax before and after sleep?
4. What do you choose to do for your body to place it the best possible sleep environment?
5. Do you wake up hot or uncomfortable?
6. Do you wake up in the middle of the night and worry about being awake?
7. Do you snooze through

the night, allowing your body to repair and replenish those motor and memory skills, which prepares you to enjoy the new day with vim and vigor?

As you can see, the answers to these questions will lead you to rethink your sleeping preparations, habits and attitudes.

Here's a helpful hint: Prepare for a great night of sleeping with a warm lavender bath; a cool, fresh bed; and a soothing environment in which to relax. Then sleep the night away! If you want to realize your potential and your peak performance, start with your sleep habits. I promise it will make a difference in your life, and in the lives of those you know and love.

## School Cashes In on A+ Rating

Pensacola Beach Elementary School has maintained its A plus rating, and will receive \$11,545 from the State of Florida in recognition. Jeff Castleberry, principal, made the announcement at the September 24 school board meeting. The Board voted to use 75 percent of the money for staff bonuses and 25 percent for education materials which will help students continue to maintain A plus status.

The School will have a recycling bin on the grounds which will be emptied twice per week by Gulf States Recycling. The School could receive as much as \$160 per month from the recycled materials.

The Elementary School will also participate in the Merit Award Program which could result in a state funded performance pay bonus for the top twenty-five percent of the school's teachers.

The Partners-in-Education program has been completed according to Todd McCurdy, board president.

"Our final total will be well over \$100,000," McCurdy said. "The sign publicizing the names of the Partners will be on the grounds before the October 26 Fall Festival."

Patrick Lanza, treasurer, gave the Board an update from the Finance Committee. "The School budget looks like it's in good shape," he said. "The enrollment exceeded our expectations, so all areas are ahead of budget."

Sandee Bredesen in her teachers' report announced that some classroom teachers have been attending workshops in science, math and reading. "The teachers share this information with the other teachers in the school," she said.

The Board approved the hiring of Molly Worthington as the new music teacher.

The Board also announced that the sodding of the school grounds, which has been cancelled twice, was set to be completed on October 5.

The School Board meets next on Monday, October 22 at 6 p.m. at the school. The meetings are open to the public.

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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



My husband Harry and I will be celebrating our 16th wedding anniversary this month and it made me think about the two weeks I spent this summer at the Jersey shore visiting my mother-in-law, Kath. As she and I were standing in line in the blistering heat waiting to be spun around on yet another carnival ride on the Ocean City Boardwalk, I couldn't help but overhear the conversation between these Jersey girls slouching in front of us. It was apparent one was newly engaged and maybe her friend was just a bit jealous or maybe she was speaking the truth. The last thing I heard from their conversation before I was strapped into the Tilt-o-Whirl was "well, they say men marry their mothers." I am not sure if it was the unbearable temperature outside or the G-force of the amusement park ride, but that statement whirled around in my thoughts all afternoon until I thought my brain was going to tilt. I had two questions that I needed to be answered.

First, who was they? And second, did my husband marry me because I reminded him of his mother?

Back at Kath's house, I immediately logged onto her computer and googled "men who marry their mothers." I came up with 4,620,000 hits on the subject, but no specific reference to who "they" was. Lots of people seem to have heard these wise words, but no one could state their origins. I guess the answer lies somewhere between Freud and Dr. Phil.

Then I went to work on the second question. What are the similarities between my mother-in-law and me? She's tall and slender. I am short and fit. She has short reddish blonde hair and always has. My hair is now long and is currently a warm shade of brown according to the Loreal box. She would only consider picking up her walking pace if she was late to a sale at Talbot's. I didn't realize exactly how close she lived to a Talbot's until I went for a 15-mile run during my visit. She actually owns a wine rack that keeps the bottles tilted at the perfect angle in order to keep the corks from drying out. No wine lasts that long in my house. She loves sweets. I like salty. She has her car washed once a week. I believe that's what rain is for. It was very apparent to me that my mother-in-law and I were two to-

tally different people and my husband married me because I was 180 degrees-out from his mom.

But as I was sitting in her home office working at her computer, my outlook quickly changed. It was as if I was in my own office. Her desk was filled with pictures of my husband and my son. So is mine. There were three separate calendars and not one corresponded with the other. Very familiar.

There were fancy pen and pencil sets for decoration only. Obviously, we both must know there is nothing better to write with than a yellow, number 2 pencil or a pen that has some company's advertising printed on the side.

There was a yellow pad filled with daily to-do lists with only the first two items checked off. I just love to awake the next morning to

see what I didn't accomplish the day before. I also noticed she used the S&P filing system. Stacks and piles have always worked for me as long as no one disturbs them. Maybe we were more alike than I originally thought.

Finally, I asked my husband if I reminded him of his mother. He just laughed as he commented on how his mom didn't like to cook or how she bought stuff she already had or how she decorated the house for every holiday or how she started projects that someday she would finish. He had said enough.

I didn't need to hear more. I realized then that whoever they are, they were somewhat correct in men marry their mothers. I'm just very thankful and grateful that I have a wonderful mother-in-law. Until next time.



Someone told us that lovely Darla Richardson is celebrating her 40th birthday, Saturday, October 13 Elk's Lodge at 4 p.m. All her friends are invited!

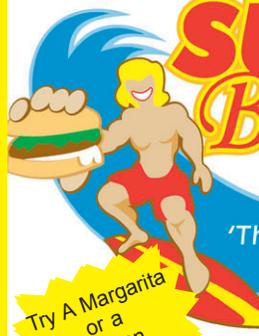


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# Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By  
Candace  
Segar

## How To Convert Your Miata Into A Truck ,And I Mean A Truck!

The other day I ventured out to explore a new antique shop. You would think, by now, I would know enough not to drive the Mazda Miata to shop. It can barely hold groceries. I went inside the store and of course, I found the neatest mirror. Actually it was a stand-alone piece with three mirrors that folded in. It was painted a distressed yellow and was intricately carved and looked like something from a fairy tale. It was also about seven feet tall, and I had to have it. It had my name written on it.

Then the realization hit me, I am driving my Miata. What to do? I told the owner that I was going home to think about it. When I got home, I found an old foam rubber pad used for a cot. I thought that could fit across the back of the Miata. Then I gathered some rope because I knew I could intertwine it through the carved sections and tie the mirror onto my seats and the passenger door. I put the top down and sprang into action. I was tickled. The Miata was going to be a truck.

The antique owner looked a bit skeptical as I returned to her

shop and revealed my plan, but she was a trooper and fell right into step with the operation. Together we hauled the mirror down the stairs and out into the store parking lot. I backed the Miata in and placed the mat on the back by the seats. We lifted the mirror onto the pad, and it fit perfectly. Then we both went to work on tying and securing the ropes, packing Kleenex boxes inside each mirror to protect them. By this time we were laughing madly.

After we finished, she looked at me and asked, "How are you going to unload this thing by yourself?"

I said, "Oh that's simple. I will slide the mat slowly down with the mirror, and then walk the mirror inside."

I did and it worked great! So, you see, a Miata can be converted to truck status with a little engineering ingenuity!

## BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stukey

### Q: Is Microsoft going to stop selling Windows XP?

A: Yes, in the near future they plan to stop selling it. Microsoft had expected to take Windows XP off the market at the end of 2007. However, in a recent announcement Microsoft has said that sales continue to be stronger than expected. The product is now scheduled to be discontinued at the end of June 2008. Their announcement says that they want to allow customers more time to convert to the new Vista software. But, as those who are now using Vista have realized, there are still incompatibilities between Vista and many software and hardware products.

So, get it while you can. Boxed copies of Windows XP are still on the shelves at the stores. Computers in the retail stores all have Vista software on them now. By calling the computer manufacturers, or

through the Internet, you can still order computers with Windows XP. But Microsoft wants everyone to be on Vista, so your

choice of models is very limited.

If you need additional information about either XP or Vista, email me at [joe@ycpals.com](mailto:joe@ycpals.com).

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- 1 Central
- 4 Cry out loud
- 7 Greek salad ingredient
- 11 Acknowledge
- 13 Afternoon hour
- 14 Pianist Gilels
- 15 Big wind
- 16 Longing
- 17 Em, to Dorothy
- 18 Wedding guest's status, afterward
- 20 Channel
- 22 Huck's pal
- 24 Vegas casino
- 28 Sugarcane cutter
- 32 Downstairs
- 33 Farm fraction
- 34 Global carrier
- 36 Caboose's location
- 37 Unmoving
- 39 Like mozzarella in texture
- 41 Dig further
- 43 Paving material
- 44 Bar
- 46 Sirius medium
- 50 U2 lead singer
- 53 Has the skills
- 55 Press
- 56 Midwest

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- 57 Weeding tool
- 58 Memorandum
- 59 Strange sport?
- 60 Superlative ending
- 61 - de deux
- 9 10th-anniversary gift
- 10 Elev.
- 12 Unaffected by the elements
- 19 Adversity
- 21 Taxi
- 23 "Real World" venue
- 25 Out of the storm
- 26 Bellow
- 27 Distorted
- 28 Mansion staffer
- 29 Dermatology
- case
- 30 Quebec tribe
- 31 Listener
- 35 Enthusiast
- 38 Bag of leaves?
- 40 Saloon
- 42 Recess
- 45 Asian nation
- 47 Let fall
- 48 Tittle
- 49 Individuals
- 50 Cranberry territory
- 51 Discoverer's cry
- 52 Zero
- 54 Trawler gear



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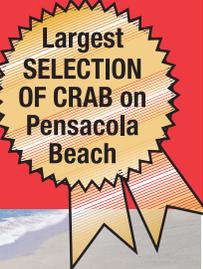
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