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New Leaders Guide Elks



The year 2006 will mark a historic turning point for Pensacola Beach Elkdom when members move into their spacious new Lodge building early next fall. New officers installed on Saturday, March 25 are: (Seated, L to R): Ron Magee, Inner Guard and Jason Wiggins, Tiler. (Standing L to R) are: Patsy Ledford, Treasurer; Elaine Tennimon, Secretary; Robert Randle, Four Year Trustee; Eric Marcey, Esteemed Leading Knight; George Scribner, Five Year Trustee; Barry McCleary, Exalted Ruler; Mark Eddy, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Chuck Connell, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; and Gayle Shackelford, Chaplain.

Beach Elks Chalk Up 43 Years of Service To Community

The Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge has been the glue that has held the Beach residential community together for forty-three years. And, this year the Elks will celebrate a major landmark when they move into their grandiose building on Pensacola Beach Boulevard possibly in September. Under the guidance of the new Exhalted Ruler, Barry McCleary, the Elks will transfer all their benevolent activities, ceremonies and parties to the 10,000 square foot facility. Amenities will include a large activity room, dining space, kitchen, and open seated bar on the first floor.

The building will take advantage of the view of Little Sabine Bay with a wrap-around deck which will provide elegant outdoor space for cookouts and gatherings.

The upstairs which will be serviced with an elevator will be the formal meeting room for Elks rituals. A small activity room and offices for the secretary and club manager, will also be located on the second floor.

Chris Dugas is the chairman of the building committee for the \$2.2 million structure. Other committee members are Don Stevens, John Decker, Elaine Tenniman, George Scribner, Dave Smith, Dude Hausmann, Brian Mann, Joe Brennan, Ray Creary, Lance Drown and Dale Sogor.

Funding for the new lodge building came from pledges from members and insurance coverage after Hurricane Ivan destroyed the former building. Currently,

the Elks are housed on the top level of the Beach Marina.

Originally, the Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge was number 2256, founded by 122 members. Six founding members are still active in the lodge. They are Tom Miller, Dick Zelius, Joe Knight, Bob Jones, J.R. Turner, and Joe Rockwell.

Several years ago, Elks Lodge #2256 merged with a downtown lodge and the new number is 497. There are now 800 members. Membership is open to ladies and many women hold dual membership as Elks and in their own original organization, Ladies of the Elks. LOE holds separate meetings, conducts its own fundraisers, and completes numerous projects, all to benefit the Elks Lodge.

Elks and the LOE take the word "benevolent" seriously. Over their long history, they have been noted for their ongoing contributions not only to their own children's hospital and therapy services, but to numerous local agencies and organizations. They are active supporters every year of youth sports including their Hoop Shoot contest and contributions to the Gulf Breeze Sports Association.

Forty-three years covers a major piece of history on Pensacola Beach. When that history is punctuated year in and year out with constant caring for an endless string of needs and causes, it's easy to see why the Elks have thrived. And, why they are still the glue that holds the residential community together.



LADIES, LIGHT, LAUGHTER - Ladies of the Elks Officers took their oaths with great joy as they were charged by Esteemed Esquire Ron Christian to carry out the duties of each office during the traditional candle lighting ceremony. The LOE Officers who were installed Saturday, March 25 at the Pensacola Beach Lodge are: (L to R) Elizabeth Glackin, Chaplain; Donna Dotson, Treasurer; Theresa Ivie, Secretary; Shirley Gaddis, Vice President; and Amy DePew, President.

AOK Wraps It Up Until Next Year

Everything came up roses for the Pensacola Beach Association of Mardi Gras Krewes after their year started in a field of thorns. The Krewes faced the nearly impossible task of raising thirty thousand dollars to fund the Krewe of Wrecks parade. The Santa Rosa Island Authority which had financed all the parade expenses in prior years, contributed \$10,000, the most they

could do after hurricanes cut their revenue streams dramatically. The announcement that the AOK ended with excess funds came at their final meeting of the year, March 20.

"We all worked so hard just hoping to get enough funding together to put on the parade,"

Andrea Brunt, Head Wreck said. "Now, we find we will have money left over."

Although, to date, not all the bills had been received, there will still be a surplus. The Krewe of Wrecks Board of Directors recommended that the excess funds be put in a CD to be used for future parade expenses. Artie Davis, Krewe of Banimals Captain, moved to place the money in a CD, but retain a \$50 parade fund for miscellaneous expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

In reviewing the 2006 parade, Andrea said that both Buck Lee, SRIA General Manager, and

Lt. Bob Clark, Escambia County Sheriff's Department, were pleased with the parade.

The AOK will address the traffic tie-up which occurred as motorists were leaving the beach after the parade. They will make suggestions to the City of Pensacola on removal of barricades in a manner that will not impede the traffic flow

off the island.

This year's parade contained a total of 36 floats, three radio stations, and three marching units, along with the convertibles carrying Krewe of Wrecks royalty. It took just under two hours for the parade to run the Via de Luna route.

Representatives from krewes who attended the meeting were Danah Gibson, Artie Davis, Jay Brykczynski, Chrissy Cook, Jane McGrath, and Sam Magee.

Andrea Brunt conducted the meeting in the absence of the AOK President Deb Friedman, who was out of town.

PBRLA Elects Tona DeMers President

Members of the Pensacola Beach Residents and Leaseholders Association who have been following a nomadic trail to hold their monthly meetings, may soon find a permanent location.

Claire Cullerton, speaking at their March 14 meeting at Bamboo Willie's suggested that the meetings might be held at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Mission where hurricane resto-

ration will be complete in May.

The PBRLA elected Tona DeMers president. The new vice president is Fran Summerlin Histed. The secretary is Victoria Clarkin, and the treasurer is Gary Smith, immediate past president. Bill Compton will serve as Board Member at Large.

During the business meeting, members discussed reviving their sea oats sales program with all the proceeds going to Pensacola Beach Elementary School.

The next meeting of the PBRLA will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11. The location is to be announced.

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Barefoot on the Beach



By Jane Waters Cooper
may know more than I do about doornails, whips and buttons.

Today, I am researching things that don't make sense. Mostly, it's about common sayings that we all use from time to time in our conversations. Let's jump right in with the description of someone who has put away a few too many. That makes a guy "Drunk as Cooter Brown." Who was Cooter Brown? Was he for real? Was he the village drunk? Or what about "drunk as a lord?" Which lord? Surely, not the lords-a-leaping who were chasing the maids-a-milking in the carol, Twelve Days of Christmas.

"Drunk as a skunk" has one good quality, it rhymes. But, tell me, how many drunk skunks have you ever seen? Skunks have some pretty obnoxious habits, but I don't think drinking booze is one of them.

Let's travel along to mental conditions. Take the phrase, "Crazy as a March Hare." Even the most knowledgeable psychiatrist would go off track on that one. Crazy as a small rabbit running loose in the months of March? Puhleeze. And how about "Strange as Old Nick's hat-band?" Puhleeze, again. Or "Bats in the Belfry?" Puhleeze or did I already say that?

Moving along, we find inanimate objects which come to life in odd ways, like "Dumb as a Doornail, Smart as a Whip, or Cute as a Button." I will leave these to your imagination. You

It is not unusual for my husband, Frank, a Georgia native to tell me "It's cold as kraut outside." I thought kraut was warm, fermented cabbage which dresses up hot dogs and Reuben sandwiches. But, maybe, Georgia folks have a different take on Kraut.

Speaking of weather, where in the world did the phrase "Under the Weather" come from? If you're not feeling up to par, I can just visualize you sleeping under Channel 28. Here's hoping you will soon be "Fair to Middlin."

Cats always find their way into weird old stuff. For instance, if a monthly rental on Pensacola Beach is outrageous, it's "Higher than a Cat's Back." How high is that? Wouldn't higher than the Empire State Building be better? How about this one, "What's the matter, kid, cat got your tongue?" Poor kid. He goes off searching for the cat that has his tongue.

He may have been the same little fellow who was "knee high to a grasshopper" the last time you saw him. Do grasshoppers have knees?

My research could become book length since there must be hundreds of sayings which don't make sense.

I will just mention a couple of very old-fashioned sayings. (1) You're the cat's meow. The translation is you are pretty as a runway model. (2) You're the bee's

knees. Translation, you're prettier than a runway model.

Suppose a guy would walk into the Shaker and tell his girlfriend she was the bee's knees. After she knocked him off the bar stool, her mildest comment would likely be, "Get a life, Cooter Brown."

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Thursday, April 13

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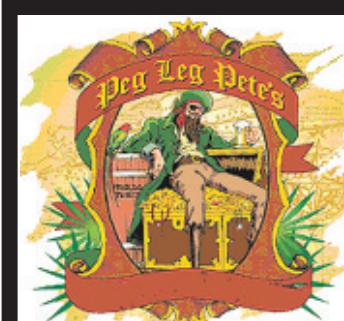
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TURN OFF THE SNOOZE BUTTON

Remember the clock springs forward by an hour on April 2 whether your inner clock is ready or not. Don't complain. It's finally springtime. Get up early, stay out late. Cherish everyday.

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY

Tonita Bridges was on the Island last week introducing her daughter to old Beach friends. Ella Raye Bridges turned one on March 16.

COBIA CAN RUN BUT THEY CAN'T HIDE

Cobia season is here. Cullen Stanley was busy recently installing the fishing tower on the boat, See Ya Later. Cullen and his helpers are ready to catch Cobia.

JOHNSON RECOVERING

John Johnson is recovering at his home in Portofino after undergoing heart surgery in Birmingham. His wife, Sandy, says her handsome sidekick will be back enjoying all the spring

Beach events very soon.

FOOD AND GAMES

Remember he who hesitates is lost. Also, there's a chance you could hesitate too long to get your ticket to the annual Woman's Club Luncheon and Game Day. This year's event is April 28 at Bon Appetit. Make your reservation now. Call Linda Knell at 934-9008 or Naomi Jones at 932-9644.

BIRTHDAY GAMBLERS

Wendy and Tom Brandon celebrated their birthdays with a trip to Las Vegas. Wendy's birthday was February 26 and Tom's was March 3. They really hated to miss the final events of Mardi Gras on the Island, but wins of \$1000 (Wendy) and \$700 (Tom) helped ease the pain.

IRISH AMBERSONS

Pete and Kay Amberson were one hundred percent Irish on St. Patrick's Day as they entertained their friends who were visiting from Pennsylvania by taking them on the Pub Crawl.

SANDY CELEBRATES

Sandy Spraggins spent Spring Break in Cleveland, Ohio with her mom, Laura and brother, Paul. She went to meet her new niece, Rachel Marie. Sandy wanted to hurry back to the Beach since she had big plans for March 25 - celebrating her fifteenth birthday.

SOBs SEND LOVE

Sisters of the Beach are sending love and condolences to Jane Peaden whose mother, Jean Strickland Peaden, passed away on March 18. Jane's mom was an artist who lived in Pensacola. Services were held Monday, March 20. Donations in Jean's memory may be made to Covenant Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

NAUGA DOG

Danah Gibson has a new addition to her family. She has adopted a Blue Heeler named Smokey. The orphaned pup is fitting in fine especially since her fur has Nauga spots all over it.

Optimists Mexican Fiesta Benefits Youth

It's fiesta time. The Pensacola Beach Optimists Club is hosting a Mexican Fiesta on Saturday, April 8, at Flounder's as its annual fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit Pensacola Beach Elementary School and other youth and community projects.

Elks Tee Off For Charities

The Annual Caring and Sharing Golf Tournament, sponsored by Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge 497, will be Saturday, April 1 at Tiger Point Golf and Country Club.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start will be at 9 a.m. The cost is \$65 per player.

The proceeds from the tournament will go to the American Cancer Society and Covenant Hospice of Pensacola.

For more information, to play or to make a donation please call Don Stevens at 393-8112.

• TRIVIA • TRIVIA • TRIVIA • TRIVIA

Happy April Fool's Day, all you trivia fans. Christy Jones was the first to answer last week's trivia correctly. She picked up a copy of *Island Times* in her shop, Consigning Women and knew immediately that the answer was Tommy Grice. The questions was "The court jester, the go-to prankster. Will the Beach jokester be performing his usual April tomfoolery this year? Who is he?"

Here's the new question: Several years ago, two Beach Mardi Gras krewes sponsored parades on Easter Sunday af-

ternoon. Can you name them? The rules are the same.

Email your answer with "Trivia" in the subject line to islandtimes@bellsouth.net before 5 p.m. April 5.

Be sure to include your name and phone number. An *Island Times* t-shirt awaits the first correct emailed answer.

If you are really into competitive games, go to page 12 to checkout the Island Times Pirates in Paradise Contest. Just find where these swashbucklers hang out and you could be rich. Cash prizes to the first entry with the most correct answers.

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Is there anything more comforting than your very own pillow? Pandora de Balthazar, owner of Decadence Down, doesn't think so. When she heard about Karen Cook Cowen's efforts to make life a little easier for 150 children in protective custody in Santa Rosa County, Pandora went to work.

She donated 77 Hungarian goose down child size pillows to Karen's kids.

"To think of those children and all of their loss then I thought about giving them pillows," Pandora said. "The pillows would be something of comfort to hold their little heads for what could be a very long night."

So, Pandora had the pil-

lows ready, but they did not have covers. Mollie Thibodeaux, a member of Karen's crew came to the rescue by recruiting volunteers Kay Amberson and Shelby Smith who found colorful fabric and stitched 77 miniature pillow shams.

The real meaning of the efforts of these ladies came from a little girl who came to a county coordinator, hugging her pillow. She hugged it and hugged it. The pillow was all she had.

Currently, Karen's group of volunteers is in the process of filling 150 Easter baskets for the children. Anyone who wishes to help with this project can take donations of cash, Easter candies, or trinkets to the Real Estate House on the Beach by April 5.



Huggable Hungarian goose down pillows were donated to the children in protective custody in Santa Rosa County. It took the teamwork of (L to R): Pandora de Balthazar, Decadence Down; Mollie Thibodeaux, Shelby Smith and Kay Amberson to pull off this monumental donation.

Sandpipers Host Open House

Tours of the new Pensacola Beach Elementary School will be featured at the Open House beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27.

The Open House will be the first time the entire community and all interested persons will have a chance to see how the renovated school building has been upgraded.

"All the students, teachers and staff are proud of this school," Jeff Castleberry, principal said. We want everyone to come and see how good the school looks after the renovations."

Businesses, organizations and others will have the opportunity to sign up as Partners in

Education with the school at the Open House. Traditionally, the Beach School has always had Partners from the business community. Businesses usually develop a close association with the students, and help them in many different ways. Information will be available for interested groups and businesses.

The Pensacola Beach Elementary School, now a charter school, ranks at the top of the schools in the state academically. The school has always had the support of the community, and Principal Castleberry is looking forward to a large crowd on Thursday.

Conna O'Donovan is chairing the event.

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peas, porridge & a
dry martini
by kathi lewis

Well, Spring has sprung, the leprechauns have gone back into hiding and beer is back to its natural color! So, we have a little break before things begin "hopping" again on our little Beach. I need a break from spring break, having spent the week with my five-year-old grandson, Jesiah. Lord, I need his energy, not to mention his excitement and enthusiasm. But, to him, a week at Nanny and Pappy's is better than Disney Land! I've been to Disney never do it again. He's right, it is better here. I didn't do a lot of cooking last week as most of our meals were ordered at the drive-thru at "Happy Donalds". That's his favorite and that's what he's always called it. We took him on a trip to The Zoo, which is an all day thing, but worth it.

Another day was spent at the Gulfarium in Ft. Walton. After spending around \$35 for entry, we're watching the dolphin show when Jesiah says, "Hey, Nanny, look at the bird!"

Of course, seagulls know when it's feeding time for the animals. Right before we lost my mother, Jesiah had a dream in which he saw great-granny flying through the clouds like a bird. When I told my mother this, she smiled and said, "Then maybe that's how he'll see me." So, every time we see a bird, we say "hello" to great-granny, even at a dolphin show.

He and Pappy went shopping for X-Box games, which they play endlessly, so that gave me a time to catch the last of the Pub Crawl and share in celebrating Sherri Greene's 50th birthday! It was wonderful to see her and George again since they've moved to Alabama.

Special thanks to my dear friends, Courtney and Jim Winstead, for giving me a ride home. I swear that Caddy does love the beach!

On Sunday, it was time for Jesiah to go home. He never wants to leave Nanny and Pappy's, so we tried to explain spring break to him. But all he really understood was he got to stay at our house and there was no school (he's only in pre-K). Eight days is not long enough for

a visit in his book. We took him home by way of another "Happy Donalds" with a playground and he was fine by the time he got home. We had a little time to spend with Quincy, (she's still too young to realize the magic of staying with us, but it won't be long). Right now, for Jesiah it's all magical fun with Pappy, leaving toys scattered, staying up late, excitement and a captive audience. I hope he never loses that excitement and enthusiasm for life. For now, we are two very exhausted grandparents headed home for the sofa, where we immediately went to sleep. The good thing is that my daughter and I have finally found a boy we can agree on!

I really did cook this recipe a couple of weeks ago, and I found that if you added a green vegetable, it's a meal by itself. Okay, let's cook...

Shrimp & Crab Casserole

1 onion, chopped
1 small bell pepper, chopped
1 cup chopped green onions
1 rib of celery, chopped
1 stick margarine or butter
1 lb shrimp, peeled & deveined
Fresh or froz. Asparagus spears or broccoli flowerettes
½ lb velveeta cheese
1 can evaporated milk
3 cans lump crab meat, or 1 lb fresh
1 cup bread crumbs
salt, red pepper, black pepper

Saute onion, bell pepper, green onion tops and celery in melted butter. Add shrimp and simmer until liquid is gone. Melt cheese in milk (easier if you cut up cheese), then add to shrimp mixture. Fold in crab meat and asparagus or broccoli, season to taste and pour into casserole dish. Top with breadcrumbs and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes (Tip: you can also add scallops, fish or oysters)

Serve immediately with your favorite bread.

Hope you enjoy.
See ya in the kitchen

Pied Pipers and Pub Crawlers



Greg Bajoris piped his way into the hearts of all Beach Irishmen at the March 17 Pub Crawl at Sidelines.



The luck of the Irish was with Betty Hardy. She was the first Pub Crawl prize winner at Sidelines. Betty is visiting from Canada.

Wine Talk

with Bob Temple
Beach Wines and Liquors

CHIANTI'S REBIRTH

It was not so long ago that Chianti has the deserved reputation as a very unsophisticated wine that was served from straw-covered bottles that were quickly emptied so that they could serve as candleholders. All that changed in 1996, when the DOCG (Denomination of Controlled Origin, which requires labels that must state wines' zone of original and that the wines meet certain production standards) appellation of Chianti Classico was finalized. This action served to establish the highest standards for vineyards and winemakers. As of 2005, Chianti Classico producers are united under the fourteenth-century logo of the "Profile of the Black Rooster," which will appear on all qualified bottles of wine. This ensures consumers of the highest quality Chianti. Hint: Chianti Classico is made from at least 80 percent Sangiovese grapes, which may be blended with other Italian and international red varietals. Chianti varies with how and where the grapes are grown, the percentages of the different varieties of grapes used, the method of aging, including the type of oak used, the size of the barrels, and their age. At Beach Wines and Liquors, Inc. we know wine, and will be happy to show you our large selection of wines, including fine Chiantis. We're located at 5B Via de Luna across from the Hilton Garden Inn. Call us today at 932-8850. —adv --

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Business Buzz~ ~ ~ ~ ~

QUEENS PLANT SEA OATS

The queens of the Krewe of Nauga, purchased sea oats at the Beach School, and then planted them at Morgan Park. Gwen Gibson and others from Danah's Hair Salon appreciated the instructions they received along with the plants. It seems that, like most everyone, they had never planted sea oats before.

RED DRESS HASHERS

The Red Dress Hashers follow the party scene. After participating in McGuire's Prediction Race, they brightened the scene at Paradise Bar and spent the weekend at the Paradise Inn before returning home to Pensacola and other Southeastern cities.

WINNING BARLEY WINE

Twenty-two Florida craft breweries submitted over 70 beers to a panel of beer judges and McGuire's "What the Gentlemen on the Floor is Having" Barley Wine was awarded "Best of Show" in Tampa following a Florida Brewers Guild Festival held on March 4. Just scoot across the bridge to McGuire's to have a glass, but hurry, it's only brewed once a year. When it's gone, it's gone.

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LOGE VAMPIRE

Darla Richardson, newly crowned Beach Elk's Lodge Vampire, hosted a Blood Drive March 4 at the Lodge. Along with the life saving blood donations, the Lodge presented the Northwest Florida Blood Bank with a \$150 donation for their new building.

BIG KIDS

EASTER EGG HUNT

Get your rabbits in a row. The Krewe of Junkanoo is hosting an adult Easter Party at the

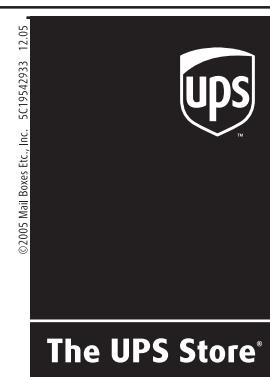
Sandshaker on April 15, beginning at 2 p.m. Every Easter contest you've ever heard of and some you have never heard of before will start with an Easter Egg Hunt inside the bar. Find your best devilled egg recipe, your most festive Easter bonnet, and practice the bunny hop. Complete details in the next issue of *Island Times*.

SANDY'S DANDY

Beach resident Sandy Franz, Mortgage Loan Officer for AmSouth Bank, has been chosen as Chairman's Club Winner for her sales performance, closing over \$24 million in mortgage and cross-sales in 2005. She traveled to New York to receive her honor.

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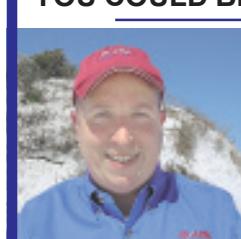


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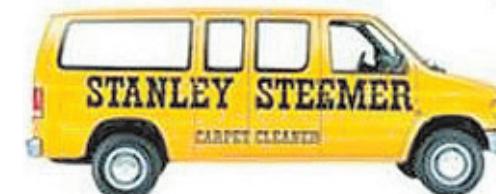
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Fort Pickens Welcomes Boaters, Cyclists, Hikers

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"Although there is no current road access and services will be limited, we look forward to having visitors back this season," Eubanks said.

He, then pointed out the condition which will govern activities of the visitors. Don't bring your tent, since no camping will be allowed. The park will be open from 8 a.m. to sunset.

The park was severely dam-

aged by hurricanes and visitors should come prepared to watch out for safety hazards, observe closed areas and be aware of the following when preparing for their visit!

- There will be no lifeguards on duty at the Fort Pickens Area.

- Be safe and wear shoes while walking on the beach or while wading in the water

- Insects, including mosquitoes and yellow flies, are plentiful so use repellent.

- Rattlesnakes are also very abundant so watch your step.

- No fires are permitted.

- Pets are not allowed on beaches.

- Remember to carry and drink plenty of water and to use sunscreen.

- The Firehouse Snack Bar and Campground Store will not be open so visitors will need to bring all necessary equipment, drinks and food.

- There is no provision for trash collection; therefore, if you pack it in, you must pack it out.

- Call 911 if there is an emergency.

On the bright side, the Fort

Pickens Visitor's Center will be open intermittently from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rangers will conduct their regular fort tours every day at 2 p.m. Restrooms will be available at Fort Pickens, Battery Worth picnic area, Firehouse Snack Bar and Battery Van Swearingin.

Remember it's a seven mile trek from the gate to inside the park and a seven mile trek back. If you're a wimpy couch potato, you may not be ready for the park

until the road opens. When will that be?

Superintendent Eubanks says, "Recommendations to better protect these roadways from future storm events have been developed and are under review. Once approval has been received, we will be required under the National Environmental Policy Act to complete an environmental analysis. We can expect construction to begin as early as late summer or fall of this year."

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The seminar will be informational only and no property or services will be sold.

Members of the team will present information on buying and selling Beach property in the 2006 market, about 1031s, capi-

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The Capital Gains Team includes professionals who are involved in real estate transactions. Seminar speakers will be Kramer A. Litvak, Esq., Real Estate Attorney; Michael D. Thornton, CPA; Joseph Woodall, independent mortgage broker; Charles H. Reynolds, stockbroker; Daniel Green, appraiser; Stu, Frankie,

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The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson

Spring has sprung. The grass has riz. I wonder where my husband is?

No, really, I wonder where my husband is.

Last week spring eased its way in to Havelock with temperatures in the high 60s to low 70s and everything starting to bloom, including our lawn. As usual I took my couple of hours of "me" time on Saturday which normally consists of a trip to the Commissary to buy groceries or the Warrior Library to return overdue books and a quick workout at the Devil Dog Gym or the Combat Pool. Normally, when I return from one of my Saturday afternoon outings, I am greeted by my two Harrys (husband and son) who have spent many weekends this past winter refurbishing a 1960s wooden lifeguard boat recovered off the Jersey Shore.

Young Harry always greets me first and waylays me with tales of how his dad let him use power tools, that he had Sprite to drink with lunch and quickly asks if he can have a sleepover with one of his friends.

Then Harry, my husband, saunters over, gives me a kiss and inquires as to how my afternoon was. Getting better, I always think to myself, as I survey what is in front of me – a Marine officer who has gracefully aged over the past 18 years wearing khakis, a blue chambray shirt and leather Sperry Topsiders with no socks. His full head of regulation cut hair is almost completely gray and on these afternoons it is peppered with bits of sawdust, paint and flecks of fiberglass. As always he helps me carry in and put away the groceries and more often than not we enjoy an ice cold micro-brew beer while he

tells me about the progress he's made on the boat or I ramble on about the lack of selection of books in our tiny base library.

So you can only imagine the utter shock of it all when I returned home on a most glorious Saturday with the intent of devouring gourmet hors d'oeuvres while sipping a fine red wine with my husband who is sometimes more like a fictionalized character out of a Nicholas Sparks novel only to be greeted by a Larry the Cable Guy wannabe.

"Harry, where is your dad?" I ask.

"Oh, he's out back cutting the lawn."

That's what I was afraid of, I think to myself. Yes, for all to see, there sat my husband on a bright orange lawn tractor wearing jeans (not his sexy 501s), work boots (bought them at Wal-Mart), a sleeveless t-shirt (usually these end up as paint rags), a ball cap (I didn't even know he owned a ball cap), drinking a Budweiser and cutting the grass.

"Sweets, can you help with me with the groceries?" I ask trying to smile and not notice the unnerving makeover of my husband.

"Can't sugar lips, it's gonna rain soon and I gotta 'git-r-done!'" he says.

While I put away the last of the food, I replayed in my mind the words "gonna" and "git-r". I am not sure what happened to my Yankee bred, English Lit major husband last weekend, but this Girl-Raised-In-The-South enjoyed the moment.

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Beauty & Beach

By Danah & Gwen Gibson

This week I would like to explain some of the differences between professional shampoos and the kind that you can buy at the grocery store along with why using the right shampoo on the wrong hair is not a good thing.

The first thing that I will tell you is that there are good and bad in both choices of shampoos. The biggest difference in professional, salon quality shampoo and everyday, drug store shampoos is the chemical make-up. The professional products are 3 to 4 percent water. Most shampoos available at the grocery stores are 23 to 24 percent water. Now, if you normally glob a big handful of shampoo on your hair anyway, then this really doesn't matter. Salon grade shampoos have less water, so are more concentrated. You need a smaller amount to get the desired effect.

The same rule of thumb applies to conditioners.

Of course, the salon grade products are more expensive and with good reason. If a manufacturer supplies a shampoo which boasts strength and protein enhancers, the protein molecule has to be broken down small enough to penetrate the hair shaft. This is where the expense lies. Prod-

ucts can advertise that they have all the protein in the world, even if there is just a small amount in the mixture. The protein does not do any good unless it gets inside the hair shaft. You might as well put a pork chop on your head!

As for "Pro-V," what is that? A professional vitamin? Great marketing, but get real.

As for the right shampoo for the right hair, follow your hair type to make a good choice. Coarse red hair needs moisture. Fine hair needs volume. Chemically treated hair needs something specifically designed for that.

Shampoos designed to help ease a condition should be used with caution. A common mistake when using dandruff shampoos is using them everyday. That can actually make the problem worse. Every third day should be just fine.

There are a variety of products available, consult your hairdresser to find the right one for you. The investment you make in the correct shampoo and conditioner is a step toward a more beautiful you. If you have any questions, call the Hair Hotline at 932-4323.

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Espo's Surf Report



by Freddy Esposito

Hurricane Surf...

In the last few years Pensacola has seen some of the biggest and most powerful hurricane waves in our history. The outlook for the next 15 years seems like it will follow that trend.

You see, the cycle of hurricane activity goes round every 20 to 50 years or so. Since (Erin/Opal) in 1995, activity has been growing stronger and will probably continue to do so until around the year 2020 — and the threat of the most intense hurricanes, categories 3 to 5, is especially high. That's not good.

Here's the way it works. Hurricanes feed off warm ocean waters of at least (80 degrees), like our Gulf. The warmer the water, the better it is for hurricanes. The waters also need to be around 150 feet deep, because these storms churn up seas so violently that they can drag up cold water, which kills the storm by cutting off its power source.

Hot, humid air rising off our Gulf is the fuel that drives these tropical storms and hurricanes. As that moist air rises, it cools and condenses into giant storm clouds, at the same time unleashing

ing a large amount of heat that powers these storms.

Compounding all this, the weather patterns are steering tropical storms straight for us here in Florida. Normally, a large area of high pressure, the Bermuda-Azores High, sits over the Atlantic and allows the sea to bake under the tropical sunshine. The hurricanes spin around the edge of it and track up the east coast.

Not this year!

Weather forecasters were predicting months ago that this would be a bad year for hurricanes, but the number of storms is unprecedented, even for us here in Florida.

Is it global warming? I'm not sure. That's a whole different subject! Weather patterns can last for years, and we just don't live long enough to notice too many. We tend to want to blame something for the storms. Remember, Mother Earth is in charge here.

As surfers we follow these trends in hope of catching waves, so it pays to learn as much as we can on how these storms form and why.

And as locals of this beautiful area, we need to pay attention so we may stay safe.

Poker Players Hope For Luck, Rely on Skill

Poker players are springing up all over the Island on Monday and Wednesday nights. Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun deals anyone in at the local tables for a little action and a lot of fun. The play begins at 7 p.m.

David Osborne is rising in the ranks as the guy to beat on the Beach. He took home the win at Paradise Bar and Grill, Monday, March 8 and again on Monday, March 13. Tim Rinker's chips stacked up to a second place win.

Monday, March 20, proved to be Tim Rinker's night to win when he outlasted Jeff Lockwood in heated action at Paradise Bar and Grill.

Poker players gathered in downtown Pensacola Beach at the oldest lounge on the Island on Wednesday, March 15. Waldo Defindorfin took home top honors, with Fran Cox being crowned runner-up at The Islander Lounge.

March 22 play pitted Erin Services against Tim Rinker in a battle royal showdown. Erin was the victor.

Fish Tag Lottery Deadline Nears

Local fishermen should report all recapture of tagged fish before March 31, 2006 to be entered in the Tag Lottery. If the tag belongs to a fish tagged off participating long-line vessels, you could win \$500.

The project was initiated to encourage commercial fishers to report any tagged fish they recaptured, but anyone can enter. To report recaptures, call 1-800-388-3966.



David Osborne has the winning hand at the Paradise Bar and Grill Monday night Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun poker games.



Tim Rinker knows when to hold 'em at the poker table. He's been raking in the chips at recent games.

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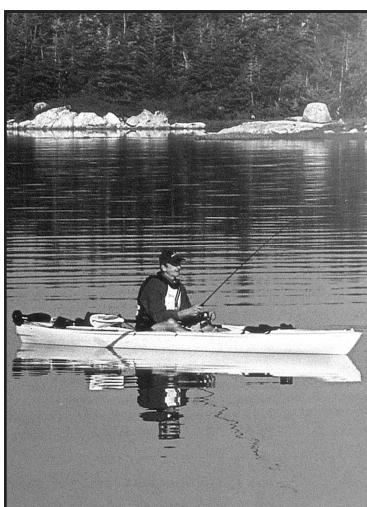
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A Cross in the Sand

By Dr. Chuck Randle

Pastor, Pensacola Beach Community Church

With the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, the Christian community now is in that "In Between Time" as we wait to observe the events of Holy Week, followed by our Easter celebration. The "in between time" offers opportunity to move through moments of introspection. "Know thyself," has been a good suggestion, for it is so easy to live through our days and not take time to examine the reasons for our actions, or to establish a philosophy of living that will be productive and rewarding. It is so easy to let each day come and go, reacting to all the pressures and opportunities without having consciously worked out that philosophy. Not to recognize a philosophy is a philosophy in itself, responding on the run with no

guidelines to offer stability and direction. This "in between time" can be a wonderful forward leap if we take advantage of it. Perhaps sitting on the beach and watching the waves come and go, or sitting on a pier seeing the ever-widening ripples of water, or just watching the twinkling of the stars on a dark night, could afford the opportunity to "know thyself." Or, perhaps a time of quietness with soft music and a book that presses us with some hard questions to consider, would be productive. This "in between time" may be a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and development.

With the busy activities of the summer, this may be the last opportunity for quite a while to "know thyself."



Jim and Lila Cox became Pensacola Beach Optimist Club members just in time to help with the April 8 Fiesta Fundraiser which will be at Flounder's. The Beach couple look forward to volunteer roles to support youth activities including the upcoming Pensacola Beach Elementary School Oratorical Contest.

St. Ann Hosts March Events

St. Ann Parish which includes St. Ann Catholic Church, Gulf Breeze and Our Lady of the Assumption Mission, Pensacola Beach will host the following events at 100 Daniel Drive, Gulf Breeze.

Thursday, March 30, 5:30 p.m. - Lenten Fish Fry. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 7272, a menu of fried grouper and "all the fixin's" will be offered along with optional children's menu of grilled cheese sandwich and fries. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child. Proceeds support vocations.

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Walk A Day Presentation Strolls Into Pensacola

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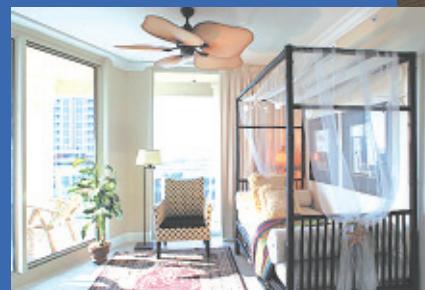
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