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DEALIN' DIVAS GET GAME DAY READY TO ROLL



The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club will officially open all sporting venues on Game Day this Friday at 10 a.m. at the Bay Beach Inn, Gulf Breeze. Sponsors expect more players than spectators at the tables which will feature a vast array of games, ranging from bridge to Mah Jong. A gourmet lunch will be served from noon until 1 p.m. The games will then resume and the closing ceremony is at 3 p.m. A raffle and auction will add to the festivities. Game Day is the once-a-year fundraiser sponsored by the Woman's Club. All proceeds this year will be donated to local organizations to help in the rebuilding of Pensacola Beach. Woman's Club Board members who have spent months planning and preparing for Game Day are: back row (L to R) Mildred Price, secretary and Chrissy Cook, president. Front row (L to R) are: Jane McGrath, first vice president, Shelby Smith, second vice president and Kathy Christoff, treasurer.

Eckes Urges Beach Association To Build Up Membership

George Eckes, former president of the Pensacola Beach Residents and Leaseholders Association and a former member of the SRIA board, urged the PBRLA to concentrate on rebuilding their membership, at their April 14 meeting at Crabs.

"You should create a three-year plan that focuses on little else but building the membership," George said. "A newsletter should be mailed out to leaseholders."

George also suggested that the Association should have a permanent meeting place. He

recommended the SRIA boardroom. He told the members that they needed to focus on membership first, and then to take small steps.

"Once the membership has returned to its normal number, you should then concentrate on building relationships with the SRIA and community leaders," he said.

Tona DeMers, president, conducted the meeting and stressed the importance of getting the PBRLA website up and running again.

"When the time comes that

we do get the website running, it will be informational only," she said. "There will be no jokes on it."

Members approved writing a letter in opposition to offshore drilling which will be sent to the appropriate authorities and agencies.

"It is our belief that drilling off the shores of Pensacola Beach would affect tourism and our beach," the president said. "We know the SRIA and the Beach Chamber of Commerce have voiced their opposition to offshore drilling."

A discussion on easements to the Beach resulted in a request by the membership to ask the SRIA to recognize the need for easements to the Gulf in the core area. They also will request that easement signs be replaced throughout the Beach.

The PBRLA is a 30-year-old

organization dedicated to the betterment of the Beach community. All residents and leaseholders may join the Association. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 9 at the Beach Church at 6 p.m. Dues are \$20 per year per person. Call Tona DeMers at 932-2190 to arrange to join the organization.

Island Authority Board Stands Firm on Quietwater Lease

The Board of the Santa Rosa Island Authority remained firm in their resolve to require the owners of Capt'n Fun and the Celebration Room on Quietwater Beach Boardwalk to sign a standard lease.

The Board held a special meeting on April 12 with owners, Mike and June Guerra, and their attorney, M.J. Menge in attendance.

The Guerras had asked for several concessions and changes to the proposed lease which the Board denied,

based on the advice of their legal counsel. The proposed lease would bring the Guerra-owned Boardwalk properties into compliance with leases held by Alvin's Island, and Key Sailing, which are outparcels of the Boardwalk.

The Guerras will be allowed to continue the private use of the waterside deck areas for their restaurants and bars.

The Guerras had not signed the lease at press time, so their decision to accept or reject the lease as written is unknown.

Beach School Honor Students Make The Grade

The following students at Pensacola Beach Elementary School have been named to the Honor Roll for the third nine week grading period:

*Debbie Campanella's
Second Grade Class*

All A Honor Roll

Jace Amberson
Megan Cronin
Lia Lampone

A/B Honor Roll

Jacob Baldwin
Anna Larsen
Emily Larsen
Makayla Reichert
Lani Smith
Marley Taylor
Abbigail Wester
Robert Wright III

*Marie Wright's
Third Grade Class*

All A Honor Roll

Zane Gill

A/B Honor Roll

Danielle Conley

Jett Crowdis
Savannah Crowdis
William Green
Jon Grigsby
Peyton Hoover
Madeline Mateer
Savannah McCleary
Ducan Niven
Sara Post
Ian Price
David Taylor

*Susan Goff's
Fourth Grade Class*

All A Honor Roll

Sage Dunne
Michelle Robbins

A/B Honor Roll

Reghan Elliott
Alyson Francis
Cate Hodges
Drew Holk
William Mclin
Stephanie Moraes
Bailey Trzcinski

*Margie Pitts'
Fifth Grade Class*

A Honor Roll

Sage Baird

Jack Ettelson
Adam Foley
Savannah Green
Kendall Hoover
Harley Taylor

A/B Honor Roll

Thomas Fitzgerald
Madison Murphy
Michael Neal
Slater Trout

*Tina Reichert's
Fifth Grade Class*

A Honor Roll

Ariel Cantrell
P.J. Dunne
Marina Johnson
Oceane Ziegler

A/B Honor Roll

T.J. Baughn
Matt Bayer
Taylor Baynes
Kelsy Carver-Wireman
Pearl Clarkin
Jessica Koch
Alexa McKnight
Alexandra Niven
Eric Post

Surfers Ready For Annual Matt Martin Memorial Contest

The tenth annual Matt Martin Memorial Surf Contest will be Saturday, May 6 at the Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier.

Divisions will include boys 14 and under; junior men, 15-17; men, 18-29; senior men, 35 and up.

There will also be a longboard division for men 39 and under and 40 and up. Women's divisions will be shortboard, all ages and

longboard, all ages.

Entry fees are \$35 with a \$20 fee for each additional division if registered before May 4. The late fee after that date is \$10.

Check in time is 6:30 a.m. and contests will start at 7 a.m. For more information, call Innerlight Surf Shop at 850-932-5134 or 850-434-6743.

See Espo's Surf Report, page 13.

Beach School Kindergarten Registration Date Set

Kindergarten registration at the Pensacola Beach Elementary School will be Friday, April 28, according to Jennifer Neal, kindergarten teacher.

"Our kindergarten class for next year will come to our classroom at 10 a.m. and spend some time with a buddy," Neal said.

While the children are busy in the classroom, parents will be filling out necessary paperwork in the multi-purpose room. A child must be five-years-old by September 1 to be eligible to attend school this fall. An original birth certificate will be required on registration day.

Jennifer Neal will have important information to give to the parents. She will also have copies of the Kindergarten Handbook available.

Lunch will be on the school deck at eleven o'clock. For more information, the number at PBES is 934-4020.

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Barefoot on the Beach



By Jane Waters Cooper

A couple of weeks ago, my fifteen year old Smith Corona electric typewriter crashed and burned. Well, not all the way to the ground. Its first symptom was its inability to print the letter "k." I could live with that. But next, every time I flipped the switch, it would immediately begin typing "x's." While I sat, staring helplessly, my typewriter typed rows and rows of "x's." The only way to stop it was to shut it off. Was this some kind of message to me? Was my trusty friend saying goodbye? Was the typewriter sending me pages of farewell kisses?

I hoped it was just some temporary flaw like a slight head cold. Maybe, I could revive it. I wiggled some wires, blew on the keys, dusted the interior, readjusted the cartridge, and turned it on again. Off it went on its demonic mission, typing goodbye kisses.

Sadly, I shut it down. When I announced the demise of my typewriter, chaos raged in the newsroom. Everybody knows that my major eccentricity is my addiction to an electric typewriter as my only writing vehicle. No pens, pencils, computers or any other printing device. No other brand of typewriter. Only Smith Corona. Without it, my creative genes dry up and blow away.

So, we had a crisis. It was two days before deadline for the Island Times and I owed the newspaper two critical stories.

The frenzy to find a replacement began. Liz, who was visiting, went online, found the Smith Corona Corporation, ordered a typewriter, and gave explicit instructions to overnight the shipment. Shelley went to the office supply store and bought a Brother, just in case I would break down and try it. And my husband, Frank, the resourceful optimist, loaded up the ailing

Smith Corona and said he was taking it to a repairman in town. I kept telling him he was wasting his time. Who's going to repair an archaic, broken typewriter? And even if he finds someone, the repair won't last. Frank paid absolutely no attention to me, as he backed out of the driveway.

There I was with a few half formed ideas in my head, some notes on my desk and no equipment to help me blend it into a readable newspaper story. Then, a little blurb I had read in USA Today crossed my mind. J.K. Rowling was having equipment problems, too, as she worked on her seventh and last Harry Potter book. It's hard to believe, but she has run into shortages of lined paper in the United Kingdom. As she writes, she relies on her pencil and lined paper. I thought about her plight, but it didn't really comfort me very much.

Wow, if all I needed was lined paper and, oh, if only I was writing any kind of book as wildly popular as the Harry Potter series. Dream on, Jane.

Back to reality. I struggled with the Brother, a pencil and legal pad, and finally pieced my stories together. Liz, who will tackle any challenge, scooped up the almost undecipherable mess, and typeset it.

So, what does my typewriter supply look like today? The whereabouts of the Smith Corona which was allegedly overnighted are still unknown. Some bungling mistake has thwarted the machine's journey to Paradise. The Brother has been returned to the office supply store.

Holy Jalapeno!

And why is Frank strutting around with this macho grin on his face? Because, at this very moment, I am typing on my reliable old typewriter. The "k"

works and so do all the other keys. It is no longer typing farewell kisses on it sown. The repair man (Bless him) said the typewriter just needed to be cleaned, and "now, she's good as new."

I have two things left to say. It is to the credit of every-

one involved in this melee, that no one said, "Why don't you move into the twenty-first century?"

I must say I appreciate all they did to get me back on track and let me live in my own creative century.

Secondly, I hope J.K.

Rowling, has found a supply of lined paper somewhere in Britain. What a tragedy if Harry Potter was killed by a paper shortage instead of all those terrifying, death defying events which have some so close to taking him away.

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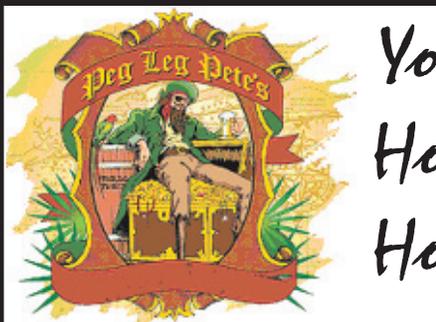


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PEOPLE



LOUIE AND LANCE

There's nothing quite so satisfying as catching up on good old Beach times with a good friend. Louie Bohannon, Beach entrepreneur, and Lance Moss reminisced about days gone by during Lance's visit to the Beach. Lance now resides in Hawaii.

LIFEGUARD TURNS TEACHER

Dylan Donahue who grew up on Pensacola Beach and served as a lifeguard for several years, is attending college in St. Petersburg, and is about to receive his degree in education. Dylan wants to be a teacher. His dad, Brad, well known Beach businessman and resident, couldn't be prouder.

MOVE OVER INDIANA JONES

Bunny Quina who was the first woman Exalted Ruler of the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge has never been one to shy away from a new adventure. She has left the Beach for Idaho where she has a new career with the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

FOUR-ELEVEN-ELEVEN

Madison Murphy, a fifth grader at the Pensacola Beach Elementary School celebrated her eleventh birthday on April eleventh.

TAKE BACK THE BEACH

A red hot rumor is circulating on the Beach right now that a band of vigilantes will take over the Beach some time next fall. Output from the rumor mill was vague, but leaders from various groups are already plotting a one day coup to bring back the good old days. Names have leaked out including the Council of Winos, Wooly Booger Social Club, the SOBs, and an assortment of prominent Beach bums. The *Island Times* will continue to track this rumor. Stay with us.

NO HURRICANES JUST TORNADOES

Les and Carlene Neighbors moved from Gulf Breeze to Tennessee recently in order to escape hurricanes only to find themselves in the midst of tornadoes. Fortunately, last month's storms in their area did not damage them or their new home.

LUCKY FRED

Fred Simmons is returning to the slot machine jungle once again after Lady Luck smiled on him in a big way during his recent trip to Las Vegas. He's hoping Lady Luck will be once again looking over his shoulder.

GRIFFITH KITTENS GO HOME

Bill and Pat Griffith and their bevy of kittens have moved back to their Villa Sabine home which suffered severe hurricane damage. The Griffiths aren't complaining about the many months they lived away from their house. Like all returnees, they just feel so very lucky to be back home again.

PILING ON

Never in their wildest dreams did Bill and Kathi Lewis think they could get so excited about pile driving. But the Beach couple are cheering the sinking of their pilings and the arrival of their new home on Pensacola Beach. It won't be long until they have sand in their shoes once again.

• TRIVIA • TRIVIA • TRIVIA • TRIVIA

It was a tight race to the finish line for trivia players answering last week's question. Linda Matthews put tourists on hold at the Visitor's Information Center, while she quickly emailed the first correct answer to the question which was, "Pensacola Beach used to have a season which opened on one holiday and ended on another. What were the two holidays?" The answer is Memorial Day and Labor Day. So, for sending the answer to that little bit of Beach history, Linda has received an *Island Times* t-shirt. Who will be the next winner?

Remember, everyone is eligible to email answers to the trivia question. The question is "Two popular Beach businesses were sold and renamed Tucker's and The Break. What were the names of the businesses before they were sold?"

The rules are the same.

Email your answer with "Trivia" in the subject line to islandtimes@bellsouth.net before 5 p.m. May 3.

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

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Wrecks Keep Good Times Rolling

Donation jars overflowed at this year's Krewe of Wrecks Red Beans and Rice Luncheon. The generosity of the guests at the world's largest free lunch during Mardi Gras enabled the Wrecks to distribute funds to five organizations including the Beach American Legion Post, \$400 to sponsor youngsters for the youth camp and the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge, \$360 also to sponsor kids for youth camp.

In addition, the Wrecks donated \$250 to Dr. James P. Morgan Memorial Park, \$250 to the

Pensacola Beach Elementary School, and \$300 to Covenant Hospice of Pensacola.

Andrea Brunt, Head Wreck,

thanks everyone for their contributions which will go a long way in helping local organizations fund their projects.

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Junkanoos Shook Up Beach Easter With Big Kid Contests

A reason to party never escapes the Mardi Gras Krewe of Junkanoos, so on Easter Saturday, they hippity hopped all over the Sandshaker giving grown ups a chance to play childhood games.

Prize winners captured in

photos by Amy DePew, Junkanoo captain were: Golden Egg, Darla Permenter; Easter Bonnet Contest, Beverly Sarasua, Most Creative; Nancy Kittel, Most Traditional; and Sherry Stricula, Most Outrageous.

Seventeen deviled egg chefs

competed for honors in the traditional Easter contest. Winners were Dee Riley, Most Unusual Ingredient; Tracey Barry, Judges' Pick; and Sandy Huggins, Eggs Most Like Grandma's.

Samantha Rogers won the Fishing-For-Eggs Basket. The

Jelly Bean in a Jar Guessing Game ended in a tie between two friends, Sandy Huggins and Pam Hoitt who guessed 1999. The answer was 2006. They shared the prize.

Lois Jernigan and Terry Connell didn't win anything but

they were celebrating birthdays, so the party after the party was for them. Judges for the contests were Shaker Bar Court Jester Tommy Grice and Sharon Mattair. Not pictured are the Bunny Hop winners Monty and Rick Sellers.



When it comes to Beach contests, the competition is stiff. Judges Tommy Grice and Sharon Mattair were very serious about their choices.



Sandy Huggins and Pam Hoitt



Birthday girls- Lois Jernigan and Terry Connell



Dee Riley, Tracey Barry and Sandy Huggins



Beverly Sarasua, Nancy Kittel and Sherry Stricula



Darla Permenter took the Golden Egg and was declared the Best Egg Hunter on the Island. She vows to defend her title next year.



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by kathi lewis

As I write this, I am looking out from our "home on wheels," listening to and looking at the most wonderful sound and sight in the world! No, it's not the "hard bodies" on the work crew. My husband said he would go take a nap and I could look at the young men working. I told him that he had no idea how beautiful those pilings look to me through the window of the RV, although I didn't stay for all the pile driving. I will never forget how good it felt to sleep on our property for the first time in nearly 19 months. We bought an RV to stay on our property in an effort to deter theft; something I never thought I would have to worry about in Paradise.

Do you remember the days when nobody ever locked their doors? Of course, you could always end up with some unexpected "house guests", but you usually recognized them. That's about as bad as it got and even that wasn't always bad, sometimes it was just time to go out and play again. I realized those days were over when someone actually sawed the padlock off our overturned storage unit (courtesy of H. Dennis). What were they thinking? At least, our Tiki umbrella survived. It's way over 20 years old and that was about the most important thing left when we evacuated the storage unit before the storm.

Another reason we bought a tow-behind RV was because Bill said he saw a "lot of evacuations in our future". That means that he's accepted the fact that I intend to live on our Island as long as possible. It's my home! He once briefly suggested buying a lot in Gulf Breeze. I have noth-

ing against Gulf Breeze except Highway 98 traffic and it's not on the Island. I do have a lot of friends there and, of course, I shop there to avoid crossing another bridge.

Of course, we'll end up doing a lot of the work on our house ourselves, because contrary to popular belief, we are not rich people. Even if we had a lot of money, we'd still count our riches in the love of family, friends, and the wonderful gift of living surrounded by the beauty God created. Our grandson will walk two blocks to the Beach School for kindergarten this year. That alone makes it all worth it!

Easter in Georgia was wonderful. When I get together with my sisters and their families, it's kinda like an SOB function (minus the alcohol), but with 20 conversations going on at the same time. At first we thought my nephew's wife, Chris, was very quiet and shy until she recently admitted she had never seen anything like our gatherings. Now, she's learned to jump in with the best of us.

Climb Aboard the Wine and Cheese Jitney Fundraiser

The African American Heritage Society will host the "Wine & Cheese - Beer & Pretzel Jitney into History" fundraiser to promote African American tourism in Pensacola.

The event will be Saturday, May 6 from 5:00pm until 7:00pm and will begin at the historic Kate Coulson House at 200 E. Church Street downtown. For more information and reservations, contact Jamie Bristow at 469-1299.

Don't forget Queen Shugah Paulette of the Wooly Boogers is working on a "No Hurricane Bawl" possibly in May. Stay tuned for more details.

Since we're all hot, tired, and have been constantly on the move for the last few months, I'm suggesting we all take a break, even for one day, and treat ourselves. We deserve it! This recipe comes from my nephew, Richard. It's quick, easy and very good. So, instead of cooking, let's mix some dip...

Refreshing Dill Dip

1 Cup mayonnaise, low-fat, if desired
1 Cup sour cream
2 tbsp. Dried dillweed
2 tbsp. Minced onion

Combine all ingredients. Chilling allows flavors to mingle. Serve with your favorite chips, crackers and the drink of your choice. This goes very well with Martinis.

Relax, enjoy and I'll see you in the kitchen....

French Fleas Gather On Ninth Avenue

Elodie Cardin wants shoppers to imagine they have crossed into the romantic French countryside - when all they have really done is crossed the Three Mile Bridge. The "French Flea Market on Ninth Avenue" will be Saturday April 29 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Participating Retailers include: Antique European Linens at 9 S. 9th Avenue. Feast your senses on fabulous antiques linens, textiles and decadent down pillows; La Maison d'Elodie is located at 824 East La Rua, which is the corner of 9th Avenue and La Rua. Mais, oui. It's French all the way with furniture, chairs, lighting, art, pottery, and French bistros sets; Early's Antiques at 822 East La Rua is next to la Maison d'Elodie. It's a great new Antique Mall full of goodies to decorate your home; Betty Paul's Antiques is located at the corner of 9th Ave and Gadsden. Look for Old Paris and other porcelain, furniture, art, and lots of beautiful Victorian jewelry.

All retailers will have outdoor sales for the market, so bring your shopping basket

If you have any questions call Elodie at 433-6427.

Wine Talk
with Bob Temple
Beach Wines and Liquors

PERFECT PAIRINGS

Which wines go best with which foods? Here are some suggestions. Generally cheese requires full bodied and full-flavored wines. While rich cheddar goes best with fruity, New World reds, blue cheeses require fortified and sweet desert wines. Mild white cheeses like gouda go well with sweet, fruity white or pink wines. As far as seafood is concerned, choose Champagne; sparkling wines; or dry, unoaked white to go with oysters and mussels. For other seafood (lobster, scallops, Alaskan king crab, and mild white fish) try richer, oaked chardonnays or pinot gris. Salmon, tuna and swordfish are best served with lighter reds such as pinot noir or gamay. For dessert, pair fruit pies, tarts, flans, and custards with late-harvest wines or rieslings.

Hint: For berry or chocolate desserts, serve fortified ruby, vintage ports, or berry based fruit wines.

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mudbugs. One Jamaican reggae band, LMR2 and the famous Banana Republic will be playing all weekend.

LIMEY CARS

The British are coming! The British are coming! Paul Revere won't be here Saturday, April 29, but there will be a British invasion of more than a hundred automobiles at the annual British Car Show in the Casino Beach parking lot. The event is from 8 to 5 and is free and open to the public. A portion of the proceeds from entry fees will go to Covenant Hospice. Want to know more? Call Tom Schmitz at 251-961-7171.

Morgan Park Fans Revive Beach Oasis

James P. Morgan Memorial Park will have to be completely restructured after hurricanes Ivan and Dennis destroyed so much of the vegetation, according to Jim Randol, Chairman of the Park Foundation.

"We will have to replace plants, bushes, and trees in order to bring the park back the way it was before the storms," Jim said.

The park which is located on Santa Rosa Sound next to the Boat Launch, has preserved the wetlands area there in honor of the late Dr. Morgan.

Before Ivan, the park was a lush oasis, filled with vegetation indigenous to Pensacola Beach.

Walkways, memorial benches, and gazebos offered a tranquil setting for visitors. There were separate areas for various plantings including a Japanese garden and a miniature evergreen forest.

The park which is open every day from sunup to sunset, has been the setting for numerous weddings, christenings, and memorials.

Now, it will be like starting all over for the Foundation Board members who oversee the park.

Jim Randol and Dave Morgan, Dr. Morgan's son, do much of the planting and gardening work themselves. The park has always been a labor of love for everyone involved. Recently, the Krewe of Naugas donated \$700 to the park and the Krewe of Wrecks sent a check for \$250. Contributions are always welcome. Anyone interested in helping put Morgan Park back together can mail a check; c/o Jane Waters Cooper, Morgan Park Foundation, 1203 Ariola Drive, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561.

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DOG GONE IT

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Ole' - Pensacola Beach Optimist Club members Debbie Campanella and Allen Lambert got in the spirit with icy margaritas and cold Coronas at the Club's Mexican Fiesta at Flounder's on Pensacola Beach. The annual fundraiser was held Saturday, April 8 to raise funds to support local youth programs.
Photo by Lizzard



IN THE PRESENCE OF PRESIDENTS - Each of these volunteers has been a Pensacola Beach Optimist Club President at one time during the Club's many years. Former presidents enjoying the Mexican Fiesta, April 8 at Flounder's are: (L to R) Bev Dufrechou, Louise Greenley, Bettie Lee Sundstrom, and Dave Sundstrom.
Photo by Lizzard



Flounder's Beach provided the perfect setting for Beach residents and Optimist Club members (L to R) Santee Bredesen, Sharon Peirce, Skip Peirce and Mike Bredesen to enjoy the spicy Mexican buffet and hot tunes of Tim Spencer at the Optimist Club's Fiesta, April 8.
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PHOTO TRIVIA

This photo was taken on Pensacola Beach in the 1960s. Island Times t-shirt the first to correctly identify the two Beach kids. Email your answer to: islandtimes@bellsouth.net

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A Cross in the Sand

By
Dr. Chuck Randle

Pastor
Pensacola Beach Community Church

One of the traditions of our beach community and the Beach Community Church is the annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Beach Church. This year our children scoured the grounds to recover 1400 plastic eggs filled with candy. Along with the eggs, each child received a gift. With beautiful weather, it was a very successful outing. We may say that Easter is over, but the spirit

of the season lives on. If we could capture the happiness and joy that comes to each child over finding one of the brightly colored eggs, and scatter those attitudes throughout the year, what a wonderful world of peace and justice we would have. We can't put the responsibility on others, each of us must take our part of that responsibility.

I'll try ... how about you?

Beach Youth Group Plunges Into Fundraising

By Sherry Hobbs

The Pensacola Beach Church Middle School Youth Group is raising money for the American Cancer Society. They have formed a team and will be participating in the Relay for Life event held at the Gulf Breeze High School track, April 28-29.

One fundraising effort of the group was to crown a King and Queen of the Relay to "flush cancer." The royalty is dressed with a toilet seat robe and a plunger scepter.

Please call the church office at 932-6628 to make donations to this worthy cause.



Pensacola Beach Community Youth Group members who are raising money for the Relay for Life event are: (L to R) Ukaia Roby, Bobby Radcliffe, Brianna Paulus and Shelby Hobbs.

THE SCHOOL BELL RINGS



By Madison Murphy

We have been very busy here at Pensacola Beach Elementary School. Lately, most grades have been having Stanford 9 testing and Escambia Writes!

We recently had six students who will go to a district competition for "Boat Safety" posters sponsored by the Pensacola Power Squadron. The sponsors of the contest are Walmart, Pensacola Sailing and Power and Boats US. The winners for the lower level were eight-year-olds Sara Post, first; Jace Amberson, second; and Lia Lampone, third place. In the upper level Slater Trout, 11, captured first place; Tony Baughn, 11, second; and Kimberly Stilson, 10, in third place.

Savannah Green is our Student of the Year. Savannah and Jack Ettelson are finalists in the Father of the Year Essay Competition. Their essays will be judged along with other Escambia County students. The winners will be announced Thursday, April 27 at a banquet at New World Landing in Pensacola.

Congratulations to Ariel Cantrell, who is our "Shining Star." Ariel will attend a reception at PJC, Thursday, April 27.

This is the time of year for field trips and events. The fourth grade class went to visit Tallahassee on April 12. The third and fourth grade classes were treated to a visit from the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra on Monday,

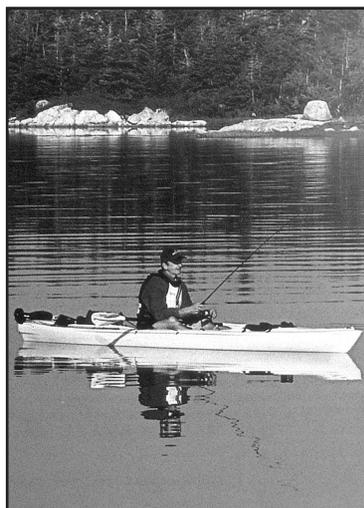
April 24. The whole school is going to see Beauty and the Beast at the Saenger Theater on Wednesday, April 26. Then they will have a picnic lunch at Shoreline Park.

The whole school will see William's Window on Tuesday, May 2 at the Pensacola Little Theater. It is a play about William Shakespeare.

The second and third graders will soon visit the Mobile Exploreum and on May 11 the fifth graders will make their annual trip to New Orleans. They will take a steamboat ride up the Mississippi River and visit the Audubon Zoo. Then they will stroll, shop and eat in the French Quarter. They are really excited.

Pensacola Beach Elementary School will have four teams of mathematicians head to Tate High School, Saturday, May 6, to compete in the annual Sunshine Math Competition. Our third grade team is Jett Crowdis, Katt Crowdis, Peyton Hoover and Duncan Niven. Our fourth grade team is made up of Sage Dunne, Mitchell Robbins, DJ Vann and Stephanie Moraes. This year we'll have two fifth grade team and they include PJ Dunne, Ariel Cantrell, Kendall Hoover, Adam Foley, Jack Ettelson, Savannah Green, Marina Johnson and Sage Baird.

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The LIZZARD'S TONGUE



by E.K. Hewson

I've often wondered about the saying referring to a dog as man's best friend. I just read an article in *Psychology Today* that stated the ideal source of social support may just be a pet dog. The article quoted a study performed at the State University of New York at Buffalo where 480 participants were monitored under various stress induced situations. The participants took on these tasks either solo or with a spouse or with the family dog. In the end, the researchers concluded that these participants were less stressed when their dogs were present. To quote the article, "Take Two Collies and Call Me in the Morning, "typically, a subject's heart rate was 30 beats per minute slower with canine companionship than with the spousal equivalent." So why is it my 15-year-old mutt, Charlie, is causing me to be stressed?

As I write this column, he is sound asleep on his red Marine Corps blanket in my office. His once black facial markings have faded beyond grey and are now white. The fur on his elbows, if dogs actually have elbows, is gone and what shows is calloused, hardened skin. His beautiful blond fur is pocketed with fatty cysts and skin tags, something the vet says is normal for a dog his age. His vision is dwindling due to cataracts and his hind legs aren't what they used to be. He no

longer sports puppy breath and can clear a room when he starts panting.

With all that said, Charlie can still chase a squirrel up a tree; eat a plate full of homemade cookies off the counter; jump up on the sofa; tear through the trash; bark and growl at the Postal Carrier; and pull on his leash during a nightly walk like a dual engine power boat towing a petite water skier.

For the life of me I can't figure out why Charlie is making my heart race, my palms sweat and my throat constrict. Maybe it's the signs that he is slowing down and the end is near. Or maybe it is the voice of the local vet that keeps ringing in my ears. "Mrs. Hewson, good old Charlie is doing great and it wouldn't shock me to see him live for another five years." Oh my goodness, I think I just felt my blood pressure rise.

Until next time...

Luv, Lizzard

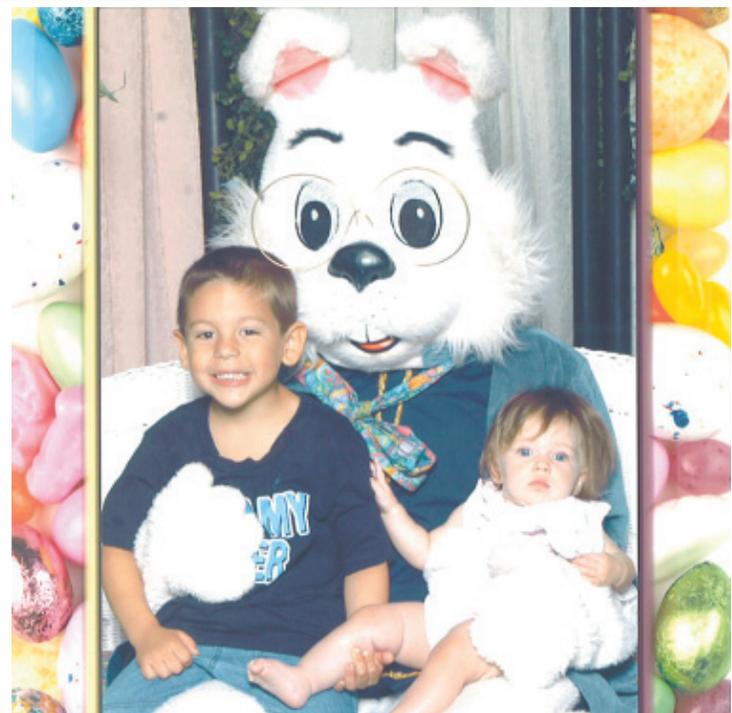
Runners Lace Up For Fiesta Event

One of Pensacola's premier running events is back on track and set for Saturday, May 6, at 8:00 a.m. The Fiesta 10K/5K Run has long been a favorite venue for runners throughout the southeast. Hurricane Ivan and the Cervantes St. Bridge construction forced organizers to modify the route in 2005.

The 32nd annual event will start on Airport Blvd. near Pensacola Junior College. The 10K finish and post race party is in Seville Square. The 5K finish is on 12th Avenue.

New for 2006 is the designation of the 10K route as the RRCA Florida state 10K championship. The designation is expected to bring more serious competition to the event.

Registration forms are available at area health clubs, sports outlets and online at www.pensacolarunners.com. Early registration with discount entry fees will end April 27. For more information, contact race director Ray Yarbrough at 850-476-8765 or by email at ckraygae@aol.com



Island Times cooking columnist Kathi Lewis says her grandchildren, Jesiah Fitzgerald and Qunicy Rowe are the best recipe for fun. The kids spend as much time as they can with Kathi and Bill on the Beach.

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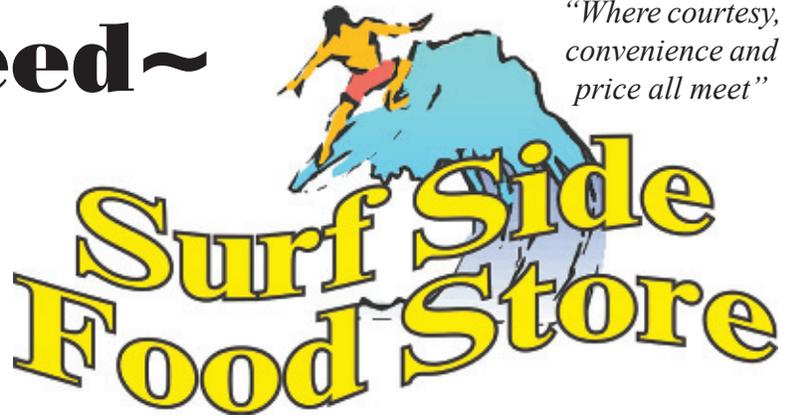
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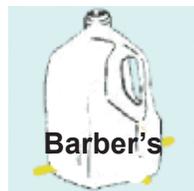
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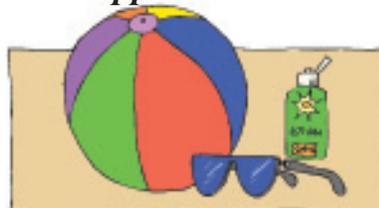
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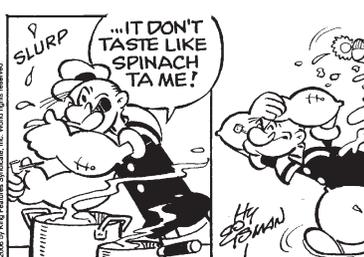
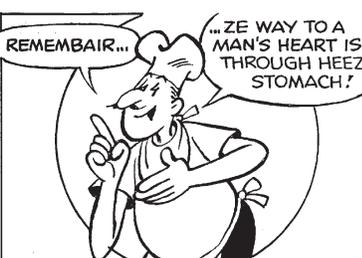
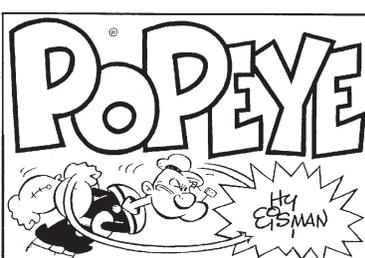
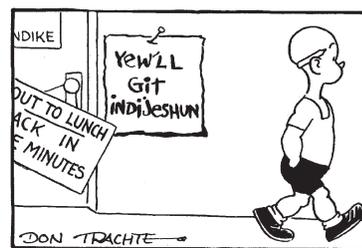
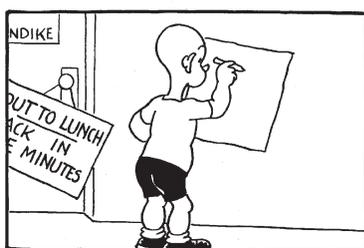
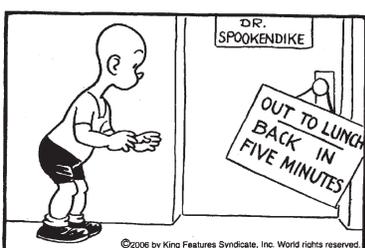
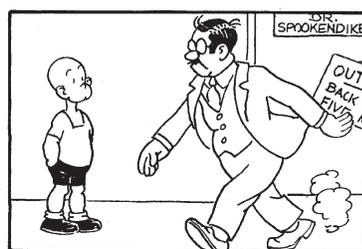
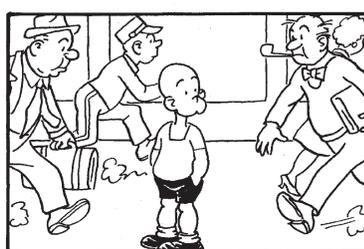
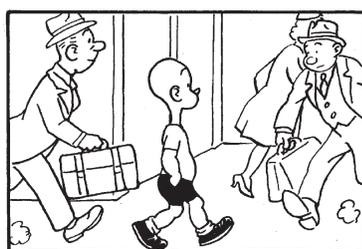
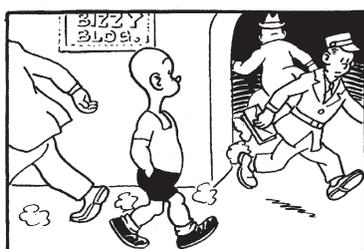
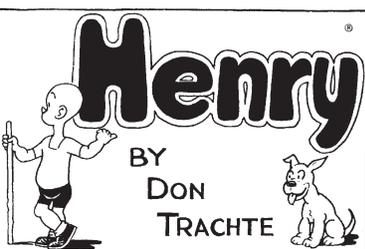
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are aware of what's going on, so continue to stand by your earlier decision, no matter how persuasive the counter-arguments might be. Money pressures will soon ease.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) By all means, have fun and enjoy your newly expanded social life. But don't forget that some people are depending on you to keep promises that are very important to them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need to wait patiently for an answer to a workplace problem and not push for a decision. Remember: Time is on your side. A financial matter needs closer attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You now have information that can influence that decision you planned to make. But the clever Cat will consult a trusted friend or family member before making a major move.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Good news: You're finding that more doors are opening for you to show what you can do, and you don't even have to knock very hard to get the attention you're seeking.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your gift for creating order out of chaos will help you deal with a sudden rush of responsibilities that would threaten someone less able to balance his or her priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations. Your energy levels are coming right back up to normal -- just in time to help you tackle some worthwhile challenges and make some important choices.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian should demand a full explanation of inconsistencies that might be cropping up in what had seemed to be a straightforward deal.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A conflict between obligations to family and to the job can create stressful problems. Best advice: Balance your dual priorities so that one doesn't outweigh the other.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't guess, speculate or gossip about that so-called "mystery" situation at the workplace. Bide your time. An explanation will be forthcoming very soon.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Boredom might be creeping in and causing you to lose interest in a repeat project. Deal with it by flipping over your usual routine and finding a new way to do an old task.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can warm the coldest heart with your lyrical voice and bright smile. You find yourself at home, wherever you are.

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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by Freddy Esposito



Cowabunga - Surf's Up at Junior College

Surf's up and Pensacola Junior College continuing education is offering Surfing 101 April 27 through May 6 for anyone wanting to learn how to catch a wave.

The course is split into class and beach time. Class instruction is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, PJC campus, Building 4, Room 442. Beach instruction is 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Pensacola Beach. The exact beach location is decided during class.

Cost is \$45.

Beginning surfers learn and experience the fundamentals of surfing, including how to correctly paddle a surfboard, catch a wave and ride the wave in a standing position. The course also thoroughly covers beach and water recreation safety issues.

Surfboards provided.

For more information and to register, call 484-1956.

Who is Matt Martin?

Matt was the son of longtime local surfer Robin Martin.

A great kid. A great surfer.

We called him Critter. His Dad's nickname is Animal. A pure soul surfing family!

Matt died skateboarding when he fell next to a truck he was holding on to.

We were all stuck quite hard. A fine young man...gone. It shook up the surfing world here. We had lost one of our own. We had to do something to ease the pain.

That next year Robin Martin started the Matt Contest to raise awareness and some money for our young friend Cody Cobia, a

son of another surfer Ted Cobia.

The event grew year after year. We later included Tom

Brave ones.

The contest is now the highlight of the year for all of us.

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Some were brave enough to send in an entry. Look in the May 10 Island Times for the list of winners!

The Beauty & Beach

By Danah & Gwen Gibson

Hot Weather Hair

If you think about it (not mentioning the "H" word) weather affects every aspect of our lives. Bad weather can make traffic a nightmare. It can disrupt our cable, electricity, and phone service. (How many non-locals do you know that refer to a phone that isn't cordless as a "landline"?) We plan our vacations around the weather. It can make us feel happy or sad. It can help us feel refreshed and energized, or just plain old! With all the ways weather effects us, it's little wonder that it wreaks havoc on our 'do's!

Let's dig a bit deeper into why you can spend an hour on your hairstyle, step outside on a hot, humid day and have your hair flop faster than Mariah Carey's last movie! Your hair is made up of different kinds of physical bonds (picture a rope ladder with x's as the steps). The physical side bonds (outsides of the ladder) are broken by the application of heat and water. This is why we are able to style hair using wet ser roll-

ers, blow dryers, curling and flat irons. Exposing your fresh 'do to a hot, humid environment causes the bonds to break again, allowing it to return to its natural state. Straight hair that has been curled will start to collapse. Naturally curly hair that has been ironed will begin to frizz and slide back into its natural curl. Some products can be used to seal the hair shaft, but they will only do so much. Around here - forget about it!

One of my long time clients just recently told me that the best advice I had ever given her was, "Don't fight what you got. Go with the flow."

I stand by that statement, especially fighting humidity. Save yourself from damaging your hair. Let go of the stress to your psyche in the warm months. Go au naturel. You just might like it!

If your hair is giving you a fit or it doesn't fit your Beach lifestyle, call the Hair Hotline at 932-4323. Here's to good health and good hair.



Six-month-old Kendal Homewood (center) couldn't quite get the hang of hunting for eggs at the Beach Church Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 15 but she did make a fashion statement with her cool shades. Her sister Kyla, 3 and brother, Kett, 2, found plenty of eggs to share with her. She cheered from the sidelines with her parents, Steve and Kim.



Little Lauren Pinkston found a purple egg full of candy at the Beach Church Egg Hunt which suited her just fine. The fifteen-month-old grand daughter of Bettie Lee and Dave Sundstrum thought the egg hunting was yummy stuff. Her mom, Tracey didn't let her eat too much candy, though.

Pensacola Symphony Unveils Season

Pensacola Symphony Orchestra Music Director Peter Rubardt announced the PSO's upcoming 81st season, and it "is shaping up to be another banner year for the orchestra," said Rubardt. Symphony Board President Robert de Varona and Executive Director Edgar Herrera-Arizmendi joined Rubardt for the announcement.

"Popular favorites abound, including Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony, Smetana's Moldau and Debussy's La Mer to name just a few," said Rubardt. The tradition of world-class guest artists continues through the 2006-07 season with a stellar line-up of instrumentalists, Rubardt stated.

The 2006-07 season opens September 22 and runs through April 2007. The season consists of 17 concerts, which include two new Stained Glass concerts and one additional GE Music for Families concert. "We are pleased to add another Family concert and additional concerts to our popular Stained Glass church series," said Rubardt.

Season subscription tickets are now available by calling the Symphony offices at (850) 435-2533. Current season subscribers have first preference for seating if they renew their subscriptions by May 31, 2006. After that time, new subscribers have the opportunity to choose their seats for the upcoming season.

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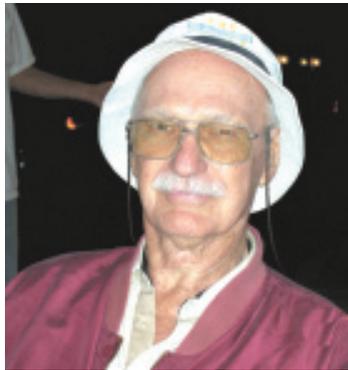
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Winning Hands Hit the Felt

Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun poker games on Pensacola Beach paired hot action with large crowds this month. Justin Robbins took home the crown April 10 at a very big Monday night party in Paradise. Beach favorite Dunnatar played live music at the soundside loca-



Tex Atkinson showed the crowd that experience and daring make for a winning combination.

tion. Two poker afficianados battled through a crowd of dozens of players to meet in a card showdown Monday, April 17 at Paradise, but Pensacola Beach pioneer Tex

Atkinson outlasted them all. Harley riding Jeff Lockwood had the second largest stack of chips that night.

A pair of gentlemen put Tom Rinker on top in the last hand of the April 12 poker game at the historic Islander Lounge. The pocket Kings were too much for runner-up Jamie Prowant to overcome. Tourist Brad Robillard from Dayton, Ohio showed locals his game face when he took all the chips Wednesday, April 19 at the Islander. He defeated local poker great Fran Cox.

Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun poker games begin at 7 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday evenings on Pensacola Beach. It is free to play and only a basic knowledge of poker is necessary to get in the game.

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Justin Robbins with Stephanie Marlowe at the Paradise Bar and Grill after his Monday night win on Pensacola Beach..



All the way from Ohio - Brad Robillard piled up chips for the win at the Islander. Visitors are always welcome at the weekly games.

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Paradise Found

by Pete Della Ratta

The commotion has started again and the buzz is on here on the Gulf Coast. Besides being Snapper season and hopefully one of the best of all times, this summer might turn out to be the best on record for everyone on the island and on the mainland. For a moment in time everyone can be categorized into one category of family, "restructuring." Getting our lives together after the storms has proven to test our patience to the end and just when we thought it would get worse something great happens and we see the light again. This is why we moved here, were raised here and stay here - because we have found that little piece of Paradise that we want to firmly hold on to. Being an angler who has the ability to live, work, and fish in our local waters is the reason I keep my feet planted on the ground and call this home.

Fishing has proven not only to be a profession but also a recreational activity which allows anybody from any walk of life to enjoy our waters and the fish it produces. With conservation in mind and with the help of our local, state, and federal overseers this area will continue to prosper and produce a source of food, income, and a sport which allows all ages to participate.

The fishing report now looks like this; Snapper is the fish of the month ever since the season opened up on April 15. Remember to measure that fish. It has to be at least 16 inches for you to "put it on ice" and only 4 per person are allowed per day. Pods of bait are being swarmed by Spanish Mackerel in the Sound and Bay. Catching one of these tasty fish may require a spoon or gotcha lure attached to a wire leader because they can cut through monofilament like a warm knife through butter. Cobia is still the prize for anyone willing to track them down or try their luck on the Pier. The only difference between the boat and the Pier is you have to wait for the Cobia to come to you at the Pier. Then, hopefully, you are one of the first or second ones to see it. If you want the fight of your life, then Amberjack is the fish for you. The bigger the bait the better for these horses or you can try artificial baits such as the new butterfly rig. Reds and Specks

are still being caught inshore with a variety of presentations from live shrimp under a popping cork to artificial such as the infamous D.O.A. White trout in the Bay at night or early morning has been a success for some lucky anglers as well. Pompano are still being caught in the surf with fresh and frozen sand fleas, shrimp, and with the common jig or small lure with a weighted head.

If you enjoy sitting on the beach, this kind of fishing is for you. If you want to take advantage of seeing your youngster catch a fish then tipping a hook with little pieces of squid is the way to go. Nothing will compare to seeing the look on the face of a child when they have successfully reeled in a fish on their own.



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Come prepared with the fishing license, sunscreen, hat, polarized sunglasses, and a variety of tackle. Either way just get out there and enjoy the day while having the time of your life in our own little piece of paradise.



Fishing with Coach D - Woodlawn Beach School seventh graders learned about fishing and environmental practices at Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze, Wednesday, April 12. These fine fishermen are (L to R): Josh Crabtree, Coach Pete Della Ratta, Derek Aloy and Brian Hollenbeck.

Lookin' and Landin' on the Lively One II

By Christy Jones

Well, we got on the Lively One II, with a new deckhand, Jeremy, and broke him in.

There were 11 of us and we caught our limit of Snapper early. Then we fished for some Grouper and caught two real nice ones. We got some Scamp and Trigger, too.

I got seasick, but never missed a hole. Roche and Keith caught lots of fish. Charles caught the biggest. It was a Granddaddy Snapper. He won the big fish braggin' rights.

Dee Dee Pugh brought friends and clients. They all had a blast. Keith gave them a cooking lesson on Snapper throats and backbones. He fixed us all up a bag to take home and cook.

As always, Eddie Lively did a bang up job, putting us on the fish, and holding the boat still. Now I don't know how high the seas were, but it felt like five to six foot seas. It was rough, but, like I said, Captain Eddie did a grand job of fish finding and holding down the boat.

Everybody brought lots of good food. We had fresh melon, wild turkey sandwiches, chips, cookies, pickles, oh and the best deviled eggs made by one of Dee Dee's guests. Of course, there was lots of beer for all to have.

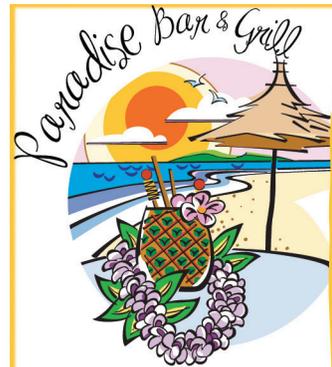
Tennis Bob hooked a whale sized fish but we just couldn't get it on the boat. He will be going back soon in hopes of bringing that one in.

We coasted along the beach

in search of Cobia. All the guys on board joined Captain Eddie on top to lookout for the fish. They saw more fun than fish.

It was just another great day on board the Lively One II. We all felt a little more blessed after a day of fishing with friends.

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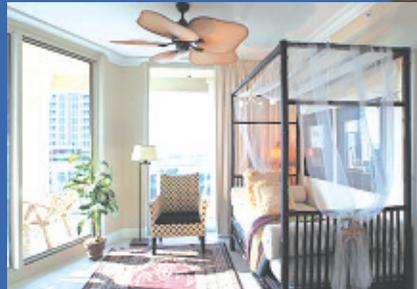


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Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

Hammering Out Advice

Do you remember when I told you to never leave home without your hammer? Well, recently I had to take a trip out of state and what do you think happened when I got there? I needed my hammer. Don't ask why. So I had the opportunity to learn where the local hardware store was and I now have a new hammer. And it's a pretty good one. But I will always remember my first hammer as my best hammer. So the moral of this tale is that I should not be like my husband, I should actually listen to myself when I give advice.

Lillipution Pick Up

As you can probably see for

yourself, trucks are everywhere. I even found one hidden in my Mazda Miata convertible. In addition to not bringing my hammer with me, I also didn't bring my ladder. No, I don't recommend that you always travel with your ladder, it makes it hard to close your suitcase. But none the less, I needed one. An eight foot one at that. Well, when you put the top down on the Miata it becomes a pickup with unlimited headroom. More than enough space for an eight foot ladder... and your hammer.

Sticky Situation

On my second trip back to what is now my favorite hardware store (Don't ask what I

needed now.) I learned something new. You may have heard that duct tape is the handyman's secret weapon. Well, the secret weapon has now been upgraded (Does "Q" know?). Introducing "Gorilla Tape". The hardware store owner told me that his customers are raving about it. One customer intended to use it for a temporary patch on his car seat until he could get it stitched permanently. When it came time for the permanent repair, the tape would not come off. I guess he should consider himself lucky that he's not now part of the seat. Just think of all the uses for a tape that doesn't come off. Do you know someone with a hairy back?

Stu Reynolds, Gulf Coast Beach Team, and Joe Woodall created an investors paradise at the Capital Gains Seminar, April 13 at the Bay Beach Inn. A cocktail reception preceded the presentations by professionals in banking, law, real estate and investments.



Attorney Kramer Litvak listens in the audience prior to making his presentation at the Capital Gains Seminar, April 13 at the Bay Beach Inn. The seminar was hosted by Stu Reynolds and the Gulf Coast Beach Team.



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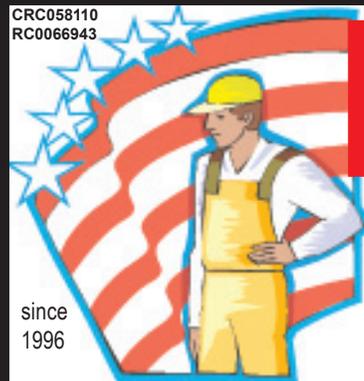
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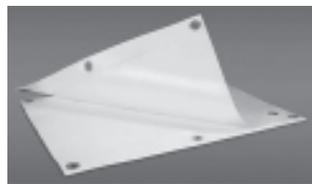
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- 12 FDR charity
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- 23 Kitten's call
- 25 Eurasian mountain range
- 26 Big windstorm
- 27 Poor-box donation
- 28 Colt or filly
- 29 Gilligan's home
- 30 Radiate
- 31 Knock
- 35 Pen point
- 38 X rating?
- 40 Upper limit
- 42 Helicopter feature
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- 47 Common object, maybe
- 48 Sound quality
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- 1 Flop on Broadway
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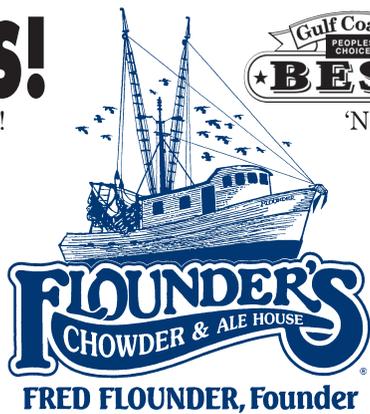
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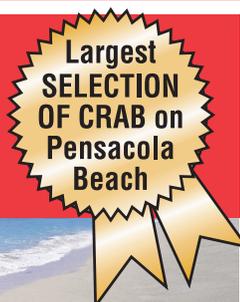
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