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Sentinels of Summer



Summertime and the living is not so easy for this vigilant squad of lifeguards who keep a constant, watchful eye on swimmers in the Gulf of Mexico and Santa Rosa Sound. Crowds flock to the water during the summer months, and the lifeguards have the most critical jobs on Pensacola Beach. Simply put, they save lives. Front row (L to R): Zack Butler, Kyle Radomski, Aaron Telatovich, Doug Doucette, Pete Isaac, Darren Jones, Jeff Gibson, Dave Greenwood, Michael Perkinson, Brent Brown, Mike Meyering, and David Fluitt. Back row (L to R): Nick Garner, Alex Norton, Erin Parker, Anamarie Martinez, Lauren Guidry and Andrew Edwards. Not pictured are: John Adams, Luis Berrios, Kevin Blanchard, Steve Fox, Nick Lanza, Paul Louy, Jamie McMillen, Rhys Sharp, and Council Vaughn.

Lifeguards Battle Constantly in War of Waves and Rip Currents

The numbers are mind boggling. Pensacola Beach lifeguards enter the water hundreds of times every swim season to rescue troubled people. Each year the numbers escalate. In 2004, lifeguards rescued 360 swimmers, and in 2005, they went in the water to help 662 swimmers. Even more important is that in 2004 they performed approximately 4400 preventative acts such as moving a swimmer out of a rip current prior to the necessity of rescue. Just three years ago, Pensacola Beach and nearby areas attracted national media attention because of a large number of drownings. Although most of the drownings took place in unguarded beaches, it became clear that an aggres-

sive make-over of the safety system on the Beach would have to be established.

Enter Bob West in 2004. The Santa Rosa Island Authority hired him as the Public Safety Department Manager. There have been no drownings since the implementation of his safety measures. One is the yellow truck which travels up and down the Beach constantly, waving the flag which indicates the level of safety of the water. Just a few days ago when Alberto kicked up a dangerous surf, a resident of Ariola Drive noticed several young children diving into the dangerous waves on flimsy, plastic floats. He called the lifeguards who responded within minutes. The truck arrived with the red flag

blowing in the wind. The guard talked to the kids a few minutes, and they left the water and did not go back. The truck warning system has effectively removed the many possibilities of drowning in unguarded areas.

The truck warning system was just one of many innovations put into place by Bob. His staff was raised to 28 forty-hour positions in 2003, which included Dave Greenwood, head lifeguard. When the surf is at its most treacherous, lifeguards spend time with people who want to enter the water, regardless of the danger. Convincing a beach guest to stay out of the water is not always an easy task, but among the lifeguards' capabilities is the professional talent to

implement preventative measures.

Lifeguarding on Pensacola Beach is unrelenting both mentally and physically. Who are the guards? Why would they want to undertake such a job? Bob has the answers.

"They all love the water," Bob said. "They love the Beach and are all either competitive swimmers or surfers. They want to be outdoors rather than inside. They like the excitement, feel good about saving lives - unlike pools where there are very few rescues. They like the interaction with the public. They know they make a big difference everyday. My staff is full of natural leaders, and profound extroverts. They have good communication

skills and strong team skills... and are able to outrun a locomotive and leap tall buildings in a single bound," quips Bob.

Lifeguard stations are manned from March to mid October, mostly by college students. Maximum staffing is from May to early August. West and Greenwood are the only year round employees.

Bob West hopes to keep the safety record intact on Pensacola Beach. It all depends on the professional, highly trained lifeguards whose compassion leads them to go the extra mile to avert tragedies. Lifeguarding on Pensacola Beach is no light-hearted sitcom. It is a serious profession, whose members have one common goal. They save lives.

Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?

It's not every day that the Santa Rosa Island Authority receives a windfall to be used for a long neglected project. So, when State Representative Dave Murzin showed up at the Full Board meeting on June 14 with a check for one million dollars to fund the cleanup of Little Sabine Bay, he was greeted with enthusiasm and a resolution commending him for all his efforts to help Pensacola Beach.

After receiving a request from SRIA General Manager Buck Lee, Dave went to the Legislature and the Governor.

"I asked them to fund my three priorities," he said. "Andrews Institute, schools, and the clean-up of Little Sabine Bay, and they approved all three."

The Board voted on a number of items including the minimum annual lease fee policy which would have resulted in businesses paying much higher minimum fees than those currently paid. The new policy failed in a three to three deadlock, with Bill Griffith, McGuire Martin, and Tom Campanella voting against. Thomas Blas, Vernon Prather, and Jimmie Perkins voted in favor of the policy.

"Again, I have to say there is nothing wrong with the way we have been operating. It is just not right to ask for more money from a business which is not operating because of an act of God," Griffith said.

Tom Campanella and McGuire supported Griffith's re-

marks. "It is not the role of government to use the businesses as an insurance policy," Campanella said.

Prather argued that the Island should not be run on what is the equivalent of 1950s money.

"It is our fiscal responsibility to maintain the financial stability of this Island," he said.

The minimum lease fee for businesses still remains the same as it has been in past years.

On the other hand, the consideration fee as it applies to hotels that receive approval for an increase in rooms is now operating. The fee is \$3030 per room, and to date the Clarion which is up for sale, has paid \$250,000 in consideration fees. The SRIA will use these funds to restripe the Quietwater Beach Boardwalk parking lot to provide one hundred new spaces.

Parking problems once again came before the Board as they approved valet parking for Crabs and Hemingway's restaurants and Quietwater Beach Boardwalk. They had previously approved valet parking at Flounder's. McGuire commented that it is time to once again look at the possibility of constructing a parking garage on the Beach.

Changes to Article 13 of the Land Development Code regarding the total square feet residents are allowed to enclose with wash away walls were handed off to a committee for study headed by property appraiser, Dan Green. Green announced the names of

his committee, Rob Wilson, Beach resident; Jim Mallet, Beach resident and engineer; Phillip Napier, former Beach resident and contractor; and Scott Holland, architect and Beach resident. The committee will bring their recommendations to the SRIA August 2 Committee Meetings.

Letters notifying Beach residents and businesses that their leases are in default have been sent. Baker Clark, owner of Five Flags Inn which was destroyed, received a timeline of six months to submit rebuilding plans, 12 months to begin construction, and 36 months to complete. He was also given six months to pay the \$250,000 consideration fee. Pensacola Beach Realty was given a six month time extension to submit repair plans for their building, which is also for sale.

The Sandshaker Lounge received approval for the sale of food from a mobile unit on their premises. The approval is subject to verification of a parking survey which indicates sufficient parking for a food unit.

In other items the Pensacola Beach Community Church received approval for a lease change to cover the former residential property which now houses Sunday School classes and offices.

The two lifeguard storage trucks and Sweepster located in the Casino Beach parking lot have exhausted their usefulness, so the Board voted to have them

removed.

Once again, Nita Omley, Finance Department manager, announced that revenues are running ahead of projections.

"We are \$755,000 ahead of what we anticipated to date," she reported.

Sandy Johnston, executive director of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce, noted in her report that the Visitor's Center was extremely busy greeting

vacationers from a number of states and foreign countries. Sandy reported that Blues on the Beach has become a very popular event, which can be verified by the Tuesday night traffic jams which have recently occurred on the Beach.

SRIA committee meetings will be Wednesday, July 5 at the Santa Rosa Island Authority office at 5 p.m. The meetings are open to the public.



ONE MILLION DOLLARS - SRIA Chairman Thom Blas, left, accepts \$1 million dollars from the State of Florida delivered through efforts coordinated by State Representative Dave Murzin. The money will be used to improve water quality and clean up Little Sabine Bay.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



The Gulf Breeze UFO is all but forgotten. Gone are the glorious summer nights when the dazzling globes alternated between a flashy red and an eye piercing white, pulsating in the dark sky as if winking at the faithful skywatchers below. Every night, the UFOs appeared out of nowhere, hovered a few minutes. And then they suddenly disappeared.

The UFO story broke in the Gulf Breeze *Sentinel* and remained in their exclusive possession since the Pensacola *News Journal* thought the whole thing was a bunch of hoey and I, then the publisher of *The Islander* Newspaper, backed off, out of courtesy to my friends, Dari and Duane Cook, *Sentinel* publishers.

After the Cooks sold the *Sentinel* to Gannett, I inherited the UFO story. I loved it, became a card carrying member of the UFO organization, and a rabid skywatcher.

FIRST SIGHTING

I will never forget my very first sighting. My daughter, Candy and I attended a workshop conducted by a medical doctor from Virginia on a Saturday morning in March, 1992. At the end of the meeting all of the attendees joined hands and we visualized the UFOs coming to our skies that night. The doctor told us to meet at the second parking node on the eastern end of Pensacola Beach where he would be beckoning the UFOs with his strobe lights. O.K., so by now you're laughing your head off that anyone would believe such malarkey.

Well, I did believe it, so Candy and I and my grandson, Jeremy, who was then ten-years-old drove to the parking node where about one hundred UFO fans, huddled in coats and blankets against the cold night winds, gathered near the doctor who was creating triangles in the sky with strobe lights. This non-thrilling procedure went on for at least an hour, so I went back to the relative warmth of the car, tired and woefully disappointed.

FIVE SPACE SHIPS

About ten minutes later, Jeremy ran to the car and shouted, "Woo, get out. They're here." I rushed back to the strobe lights, looked in the sky, and there to my utter astonishment were five pulsating spectacular white globes, hovering in a perfect "V" formation. They stayed for a few minutes in the triangular alignment,

provided by the now believable doctor's lights. Then, they disappeared.

All the skywatchers sighed in unison, thinking the show was over. But, the intrepid doctor continued to flash his light patterns, three of the UFOs came back, dazzling white, then flaming red, then dazzling white and then they left again.

ALL ABOARD

But the doctor told the crowd, the next time they returned, they would land. He asked if anyone wanted to sign up to go on board their motor ship. Just about everybody but me signed up. If I board a flying ship, I want to know where I'm going. While, Jeremy had been so excited over the lights in the sky, he now had become fearful, and just wanted to go home. Candy took us home, then returned to the sighting area, but the UFO never landed to take on passengers as she hoped. Nevertheless, that experience made a believer out of me, and I saw many UFOs after that.

I grew ever closer to the skywatchers as we took our places in Shoreline Park, Wayside Park or on the Beach. I was in the company of interesting, open minded people...a Monsanto executive, a business owner from Foley, a young woman who was a responsible member of the Florida Department of Revenue, all kinds of professional folks. As I look back, there wasn't a kook among us unless it was me.

CELEBRITIES ARRIVE

Northwest Florida had become a mecca for UFO followers such as Dr. John Mack from Harvard University. The international media descended on the Beach and I was on Japanese television and British television. My last UFO act was an appearance on the TV Show, Sightings.

Now and then, if you're lucky, a phenomenon such as the UFO sightings will show up in your lifetime, to not only please you, but to alter some of your more conservative conceptions.

As charmed as we were by the possibility that beings from another planet were paying visits to us, none of us really jumped off the deep end. All we knew was that there were strange objects flying in our skies. No one, not even the military could identify the craft. So, what we saw were Unidentified Flying Objects.

WHO WAS INSIDE?

I have to admit, however, that

most of us, including me, honestly, believed there were pilots inside those objects putting on that fabulous light show as a gesture of friendship. And, maybe, most of the skywatchers were disappointed that the mother ship did not land on the Gulf of Mexico, that March night. They waited until well past midnight for the ship to glide in, the boarding ramp to come down,

and the ticket office to open. Candy would have been the first in line. But, Jeremy and I would have been in the car, headed down the road to the safe, sanctity of our Beach house.

Still, it was so much fun while it lasted. Our newspaper proudly published many photos, columns, stories, and first person sighting accounts over a period of a year or

so. More than a dozen years have gone by since the final appearance of the Gulf Breeze UFO.

I wish they would come back. I miss them. And even more, I miss seeing all my skywatching friends, so loyal to each other and so firm in their beliefs that there is somebody else out there.

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PEOPLE



RALPH GOES HOME AGAIN

Joe Ralph Turner, Captain of the Krewe of Wrecks, is back on the Beach after attending a three-day firefighters reunion near Washington, D.C. where he formerly served in the fire department. Joe Ralph reports that the event drew a big crowd of party people, so he fit in perfectly.

BEACH SCHOLARS

Beach resident Heather Arceneaux has been named to the President's Honor Roll at the University of West Florida for earning a grade point average of 3.9. Other Beach scholars included Amber Baughn, Jenna Kimbrough, Andrea Mitchell and Christopher Singelton who were named to the Dean's List at UWF for posting a 3.5 GPA.

BOB TEMPLE RECOVERING

Bob Temple, genial owner of Beach Wines and Liquors is recovering after undergoing heart surgery on June 5. Hurry back to the Beach, Bob.

PRO BASEBALL PLAYER

Patrick Bryant, star baseball player from Pensacola Catholic High, is off to Tennessee where he will continue his baseball career with the Elizabethton Twins. The season opens this week.

GREECE, BEWARE

A couple of longtime SOB's vacationed in Greece last week, Deb Friedman and Christine Bunkie Hewardine. So far, there have been no reports that the ladies created a new set of

ruins on the ancient Grecian terrain.

THE DOCTOR IS IN

After spending thirty years in Baton Rouge, Dr. Robert Moon has moved Pensacola Beach. RP, as he prefers to be called, is officially a full-time Beach resident.

BIGGEST CROWN

Tiarras have always been a favorite of Pensacola Beach Mardi Gras queens. The bigger the better. Well, ladies take notice. The reigning queen of the Krewe of Brews, Ella Hess was sporting her glittering crown at the Fiesta Ball. None were bigger.

NOT A TORNADO JUST ANDREA

Andrea Brunt traveled to Norman, Oklahoma last week to visit friends. Before she would leave the Beach, her friends had to assure Andrea that there would be no tornadoes while she was there.

TRIVIA • TRIVIA • TRIVIA • TRIVIA

We admit it. Our last trivia question was way too easy. In less than an hour after *Island Times* was distributed, a half dozen correct answers hit our email. And, they just kept coming.

Dr. Fran Albert must have taken the day off to await his copy of the newspaper. He was the first to answer correctly and guaranteed his position by answering both parts of the question which was, "We're looking for the names of the bands which played weekly in the 80s on Pensacola Beach. They were the all time favorites of Beach partiers. One band played at the Tiki Lounge and the other at the Penthouse in the Holiday Inn. Can you name one of them?" The an-

swer: Lazy Day and The Garcias.

A note to Nan Harper, Bill Greene, Susi Lyon, Judy LeBum, and the rest of the trivia players, get your computers ready! "In what city was the phrase, 'Put your John Hancock right here,' originated?" Hint: It was not downtown Pensacola Beach. Be the first to email the correct answer and you will win an *Island Times* t-shirt.

The rules are the same.

Email your answer with "Trivia" in the subject line to islandtimes@bellsouth.net before 5 p.m. June 28. Be sure to include your name and phone number.

Elks Ladies Trace Lodge History

The Ladies of the Elks in Pensacola Beach Lodge 497 are seeking photos and other information as they proceed with their project to trace the history of the lodge. With the merger of lodges 497 and 2256 plus losses of records and files in recent hurricanes, much of the recorded history has vanished.

Amy DePew, LOE president, is hoping to put together as much as possible of the history.

She is asking for help from the community. If anyone has photos, newspaper clippings, or other information, the Ladies would appreciate receiving it.

The LOE's would copy or use the information to create scrapbooks and framed items.

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by kathi lewis

How wonderful that this issue comes out on the first day of summer! I never forget Summer Solstice because it's the day before my birthday! Yep, every year - so Happy Summer to all and Happy Birthday to me! I sure will miss Mr. Harry's First Day of Summer party that began way back when. I can remember the wonderful parties of years ago while easily imagining his smiling face. In fact, I'll probably still smell that wonderful scent of smoking pork that he and Wally Pecevic always cooked. It was enough to make your mouth water just to smell it. Talk about good! Oh, I know it will just be in my mind, but, hey, that's where I spend most of my quality time anyway. It's going to be a wonderful summer, I can tell. I've been watching my house "bloom" before my eyes. I'm still trying to get my brain around the possibility that we may actually be able to live in it someday.

Meanwhile, my neighbors, Tony and Pam Scott are finally getting their pilings in. God bless them. They've been living in a FEMA trailer since Ivan. I hope things go more quickly for them now. Somehow, they've managed to keep their good humor through it all. My good friend, Kim LoBue, keeps telling me that July is going to be an excellent month for our shared astrological sign, Cancer. I'm banking on it, Kimmie! So far, it's been an amazing ride....

Which, of course, leads us straight to Queen Shugah Paulette Provost's house for a Woolly Booger "No Hurricane Bash" meeting. Nothing definite yet. We always seem to get side tracked, no matter how hard Jeff Goudey tries to keep us on the subject. Oh well, we all know

the odds of that happening. Anyway, Charlotte, Mindy, Jeff, Paulette and I were treated to a very festive entrance from Vic and Elaine Mitchell, along with Elaine's great niece, Tamara and fiancée Tom - all wearing Mexican sombreros! It seems Elaine had a Mexican cooking craze and since they had the sombreros, why not? She brought some delicious homemade guacamole and Paulette served her fabulous tomato pie, with Charlotte making the crust. I'm going to get that recipe from her and share it with all of you, I promise. This week's recipe makes an excellent side dish or dessert for a party or picnic. It's good warm or cold, serves 8-10 people and is easily doubled. Since it is officially summer and people will be grilling a lot of hamburgers, here's a cooking tip: making a hole in the center of each hamburger with your finger will reduce shrinkage. Okay, let's cook.....

#### Scalloped Pineapple Dressing

4 cups cubed bread, (approx. 8 slices)  
3 eggs, beaten  
¾ cup milk  
1- 20-oz. can crushed pineapple  
1 ½ cup sugar  
1 tbsp. Vanilla.  
½ cup melted butter

Butter a 3-quart. Casserole dish and add in bread cubes. Mix sugar, vanilla and pineapple together. Let stand a few minutes. Pour milk into beaten eggs, then mix well with pineapple mixture. Pour over bread cubes. Pour melted butter over all. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Enjoy, have a good summer, and I'll see ya in the kitchen



**WILD CHILD** - Beach resident Cody Cowen had the Wildlife Sanctuary animals on the top of his twelfth birthday wish list May 28. He requested supplies for the animals instead of birthday presents. Cody ran a lemonade stand in front of the Market and raised \$51 for the wild life. Cody's friend, Jake McCloud, background, helped Cody haul the supplies and the cash to the Sanctuary. Cody's proud parents are Debbie and Ty Cowen.



**ROYAL FAMILY** - The Krewe of Bananimals crowned their king and queen for the 2006-2007 Mardi Gras season at their Coronation Party June 4 at The Break. The royalty is chosen by previous krewe monarchs. Leading the group of rowdy revelers will be King Pete Moore and his daughter-in-law, Queen Dawn Moore.



Wine  
Talk

with Bob Temple  
Beach Wines and Liquors

#### A SENSE OF PLACE

One of the factors that strongly influences wine is the soil in which the grapes are grown. You could say that, in effect, wine is "Liquid Geography." The French use the word "terrior," which means "soil" and is part of the phrase "gout de terrior" (taste of the soil). This concept includes not only the type of soil (whether it is chalky, gravelly, sandy, etc.), but also such geographic factors as (micro) climate, altitude, sun exposure, drainage, etc. To some degree, each and every one of these facets of the grapes natural environment plays a role in shaping the personality of the wine, just as your family, home and region played a role in shaping your personality.

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# Business Buzz

## DREADS AHEAD

If you're looking forward to the Jamaican Festival coming up on Quietwater Beach Boardwalk, starting September 1, you can get an authentic reggae "do." Danah's Hair Salon stylists will be braiding hair the first night of the festival.

## CHAMBER DAY

Tuesday, June 27 is officially Chamber Day on the Beach. Sandy Johnston invites all businesses to join the Chamber Business Meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the Comfort Inn. After Hours kicks off at 5:30 p.m. at the Boardwalk Cafe on Quietwater Beach Boardwalk.

## SAIL TO SALE

Antique European Linens, who sponsors the July 29 Pensacola Beach Yacht Club Race for the Roses, is trading a sail for a sale. No matter how you arrive at their Ninth Avenue location, you will be treated to special summer sale prices on everything from sheets to down pillows.

## BRACE YOURSELF

The Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies membership meeting is Thursday, June 22 at the Gulf Power building on Bayfront Pkwy. in Pensacola. The group's goal is to foster communication and cooperation among emergency management agencies pre and post disaster. To join check out [www.bereadyalliance.org](http://www.bereadyalliance.org).

## SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY

It's starts at 3 p.m. June 24 and continues all summer. Paradise Bar and Grill is rolling out the red carpet to welcome Summer to the Beach. Get ready for games and prizes. Cold drinks will flow to beat the heat.

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# Beach Hears Hurricane Repair Completion Dates

It only took multiple hurricanes a few days to wreak the havoc on Pensacola Beach that is now taking years to repair. The latest engineering report from Baskerville-Donovan to the Santa Rosa Island Authority on June 14, however, begins to show a light at the end of the tunnel.

Ft. Pickens Road is beginning to look more like a road than a detour, according to the report. Work on the road diversions at Peg Leg Pete's and the Treehouse Condominiums are projected to be complete by July 4. The final asphalt to be installed

on Ft. Pickens Road is to be complete by July 20. "The road construction company intends to be off the island by July 31," said Dave Hemphill, Baskerville-Donovan engineer.

It's going to take a little longer to finish widening and repairs on Via de Luna with a completion date set for April 22, 2007.

Detailed plans for month by month completion dates on various segments of Via de Luna were submitted to the SRIA along with the general report and are available by logging onto

[www.MyIslandTimes.com](http://www.MyIslandTimes.com).

**Hurricane Repair Schedule**  
 Visitor's Information Center repairs, sand at the SRIA office, roadway repairs at Seashore Village, Quietwater Pier except lighting, and Maintenance Buildings are all complete.

**June 2006:** Ft. Pickens Gate

restrooms

**Summer 2006:** Cowley Park, Road repair north and south of Via de Luna

**Fall 2006:** Casino Beach Pavilion, Toll Booth

**Summer 2007:** Public Safety Building, Park East restrooms, Fort Pickens Gate shelters

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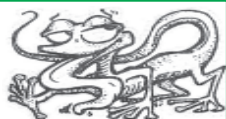
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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



Most people I know have some kind of fun loving rivalry in their lives. This is an undying passion and loyalty to something that once a year gets their blood boiling to the point of oxygen deficiency and causes them to make the most ludicrous of bets. Around here, especially during basketball season, there is always something riding on the outcome of the match up between the University of North Carolina and Duke. And, of course, living on a military base with its share of Naval Academy grads only adds a bit of flavor to any Army vs. Navy event. Personally, I just sit back and disdainfully observe this bizarre behavior mainly because I am jealous and am wise enough never to wager anything, especially my pride, on the final score of a New Orleans Saints game.

Then one day I received a call from my older sister, Shelley Johnson. Trying to sound informative and authoritative, she just wanted to make sure I was prepared for this upcoming hurricane season as the meteorologists were predicting that the majority of the storms would come up the Atlantic as opposed to the Gulf. I assured her that we were ready. It's hard not to be when the cashiers at the Commissary and Exchange remind you to buy batteries, water and a canned food item every time you check out. Or the fact that on a daily basis the electronic informational signs strategically placed throughout the military base are flashing "June 1-November 30 Hurricane Season: Are You Prepared?" Try to avoid answering that question as it is asked nightly at the dinner table by a precocious

eight-year-old. Quickly you get a plan of action. Mine even includes a fun loving rivalry.

My sister and I have decided to make this year's hurricane season even more interesting by placing small family wagers on the storms' outcomes. We initially started out with a payout system that was so complicated that we would have had to be trained to speculate in hedge funds. It was Las Vegas bookie meets local insurance rep. Translation nobody wins.

Then we remembered KISS – Keep It Simple Sista! So here goes. The tropical depression, storm or hurricane is either coming up the Gulf or the Atlantic, final landfall is not a factor. If it comes up the Gulf, my sister pays. If it comes up the Atlantic, I pay. A depression is worth 25 cents; a storm payouts 50 cents. It is \$1 for every category of a hurricane. There are some caveats. The payout scale is based on the highest sustained winds while in the Gulf

or Atlantic. Both parties owe, if the storm crosses over Florida and out into the opposing body of water. Finally, all bets are off if one of us takes a direct hit.

As of press time, I am 50 cents ahead thanks to Tropical Storm Alberto. Long time Beach resident Dave Matthews suggested that my sister just send me \$20 and call it a day. Ahhh, Dave it's not about the money. It's about staying tuned into the Weather Channel and setting the home page on your computer to [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov). It's the thrill of memorizing all the names of the upcoming storms and the Saffir-Simpson Scale. It's about knowing that no matter what, across the Gulf or over the Atlantic, my sister and I have a bond that no weather disturbance can tear apart unless the cellular towers get taken out. Hmm. Maybe I need to add "satellite phone" to my hurricane preparedness list.

Until next time...

Luv, Lizzard

## Family And Friends Bid Edith Cheshire Farewell

Edith Cheshire, longtime Beach resident, passed away on June 13, the day after her forty-sixth wedding anniversary. She is survived by her beloved husband, Dr. John B. Cheshire, Jr.

Edith was a collector of almost everything. She loved having her many things around her, and at one point, she and her husband had collected so many books that they opened a store, featuring their literary collectibles. Edith was always one of Pensacola Beach's most gracious ladies. She was ready to lend a helping hand wherever there was a need. She worked tirelessly in various capacities in the Beach Community Church.

Edith was born in Hattiesburg, Miss., March 5, 1926. She was a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, and was the director of Home Services at Gulf Power Co.

from 1951 to 1960. Edith's gentle loving spirit will be missed by her family and many friends.

In addition to her husband, Edith is survived by two sons, Jack and his wife, Kristi and Fred Cheshire, and a daughter Amy Cheshire DePew. She is also survived by the joys of her life, four grandsons, Jack's children, Damon, Johnny, James and Jesse; her sisters, Mary Ann Ballew and her husband, Bill; Jeanette Steel and husband Ben; one brother, David McDonald.

Memorial Services were at the Pensacola Beach Community Church on June 17 with Dr. Chuck Randle officiating. A reception at the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge followed the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pensacola Beach Community Church Building Fund, 920 Panferio Drive, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561.

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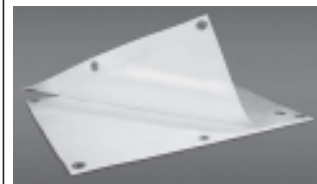
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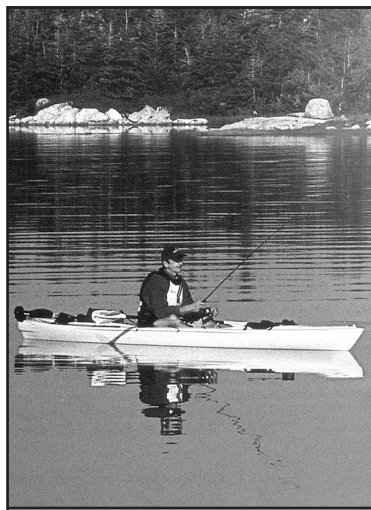
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## Christy Jones Wins Pink Rubber Boots Redfish Prize

These pink boots are made for fishing. And fishing is what they did in the first ever Pink Rubber Boots Fishing Rodeo, Saturday, June 3. Seventy-five lady anglers entered the event, and Barbara French was named Grand Champion for her first



**EXPERT ANGLERS** - This trio of lady anglers fished hard all morning. Amy Martin, left, boated the third place Redfish while wearing her Pink Rubber Boots. Her fishing pals are Gail Green, center and Kim Durham of Gulf Breeze.

place in the Ladyfish division and second in Spanish Mackerel.

Pensacola Beach anglers Christy Jones and Amy Martin were among the top finishers. Christy won first place and Amy placed third in the Redfish Division.



**SEEING RED** - Christy Jones who was sponsored by Pensacola Beach's Surf Side Food Store, holds her prize winning Redfish for Janice Bozant of Covenant Hospice, to admire. The 4.26 pound Redfish earned first place.

Fishin' Chix president, and director of the tournament, Claudia Espenscheid, said the community really supported the rodeo which netted a \$5000 donation to Pensacola Covenant Hospice. The Fishin' Chix are already looking forward to next year's rodeo where they expect a much larger turnout.

The weigh-in was at Flounder's Chowder and Ale House. Flounder's donated the food for the rodeo participants. Division winners received a \$1200 necklace and a \$500 gift certificate from Bere Jewelers of Gulf Breeze. Second place winners received a \$400 gift certificate and third place winners received a \$300 gift certificate.

### Results by Division:

#### Ladyfish

1. Barbara French
2. Elese Woollen
3. Susan Moody

#### Bluefish

1. Leah Conlin
2. Debra Peele
3. Kristina McCary

#### Spanish Mackerel

1. Tracy Watson
2. Barbara French
3. Stephanie Judy

#### Speckled Trout

1. Rosemary Stoner
2. Sally Jewel
3. Rebecca Rood

#### Redfish

1. Christy Jones
2. Paige Morse
3. Amy Martin

*[The Fishin' Chix will appear on NBC's Today Show, Friday, June 23 catching Snapper and Grouper in the Gulf of Mexico.]*

## The Beauty & Beach

By Danah & Gwen Gibson

Beauty and attitudes can go limp with the onset of summer, so remember the three T's to stay ahead of the heat. Time, tone and tan. Schedule time to pamper yourself, exercise and soak up some beach sun. Don't overdo any of the three.

Here's some good news in the pampering department. We are very pleased to announce that Genella Vegas is our new nail tech. For those of you who know our history with manicurists, try not to laugh out loud. We have known Genella for 20 years. My sisister, Gwen and I were some of the first people she met when she moved to the beach from Galliano, Louisiana. She was a single mom raising her seven-year-old son, Ryan. Now she is the proud mom of an Army Green Beret.

Genella is a Florida notary public, been in the bar and restaraunt business for 30 years and enjoys serving the public. She is currently employed as a bartender at the Yacht Club. She decided to start her own business to be able to pamper her clients

and make them feel great. She will be offering all the latest types of manicures and pedicures (men love them, too!), acrylic nails, glass glaze (fiberglass and silk wrap) extreme glaze, accelawrap, and nailogic gels.

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# Beach Explodes With Fun But No Fireworks

Today is the first day of summer. A day when residents, day visitors, and tourists begin to look forward to traditional beach celebrations. Unfortunately, the economic spectre created by the evil hurricanes still hovers over the Beach. The Fourth of July Fireworks show in Santa Rosa Sound has been put on hold for another year.

The better news is that the trolleys will run on weekends through July 29. The schedule is more limited than in prior years.

The trolleys will run on Fridays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon to 10 p.m.

There will be plenty of entertainment for visitors over the Fourth of July and the rest of the summer and fall weekends. Most shops, restaurants, and bars will be open and will provide special live music and events. Businesses on Quietwater Beach Boardwalk are reopening now, after undergoing renovations for almost two years.

And the biggie of the year, the Blue Angels Air Show will be July 13-15. For more information, call the Beach Visitors Information Center, 932-1500.



Pensacola Beach Optimist Club members Teet Brannon (left) and Bev Dufrechou (right) playfully capture Kathleen Shelton in preparation for the club's D-Day Summer Social and Shower Party held June 13, at Our Lady of the Assumption's Hunt Hall on Pensacola Beach.



Hurricanes delayed the Bunco Babes from celebrating birthdays, but never fear. Carole and Chris Bayer hosted the Babes for a Bunco Birthday Bash. Babes are (L to R): JoOnda Henderson, Shelley Bielenda, Amy Armstrong, Birthday Babes Sherry Green, Lesley Mateer, Mary Dunne, Catti Post, and Bunco Babes Carole Bayer and Cindy Naro.



# A Cross in the Sand

By Dr. Chuck Randle

Pastor

Pensacola Beach Community Church

Driving East on Route 98, I saw this large machine coming toward me on the bike path. It had bright lights at the top and near the middle. At first, in the distance, it looked like a military tank, but as it got closer, I realized it was a large contractor's tractor. I thought how nice it is that we don't see military tanks patrolling our area like in so many parts of the world; that we don't have to worry about check points to go from one area to another; and that we don't have to worry every time we get on the highway that we might encounter roadside bombs, etc. I realized again how fortunate to live in America. We

know that this is not a perfect country as evidenced by those in positions of leadership in government and business who take advantage of their positions and power. At the same time, I realize there are so many people in other parts of our world who envy us, even to the point of hatred, but who would jump at the opportunity to become citizens of our Nation. With Independence Day looming on the horizon, it would be good for each of us to recognize the benefits and values we receive because of our citizenship, and vow to do whatever we can to help keep it a land of the free and home of the brave.

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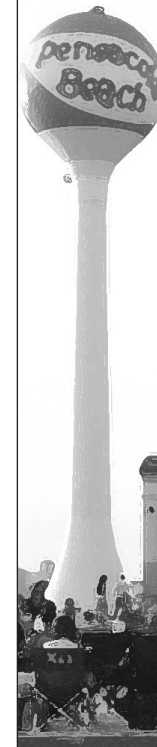


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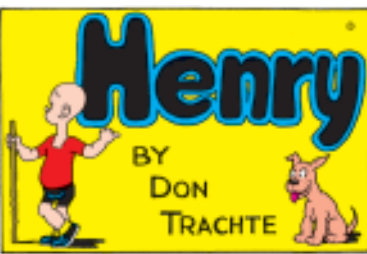
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**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding is easily cleared up. Then go ahead and enjoy some fun and games this week. A Libra might have ideas that merit consideration for the future.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel as if you're in an emotional pressure cooker, but the situation is about to change in your favor. Take time out for some well-earned fun.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A shift in your workplace responsibilities creates resentment among some co-workers. Deal with it before it becomes a threat to your success on the job.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Expect some surprises in what you thought was one of your typically well-planned schedules. Deal with them, and then enjoy some light-hearted entertainment.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Be careful: What appears to be a solid financial opportunity might have some hidden risks attached. A hazy personal matter needs to be cleared up.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It's a good time to strengthen ties with family and friends. You might feel unsure about a recent workplace decision, but time will prove you did the right thing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Just when you thought your relationship was comfortable and even predictable, your partner or spouse could spring a potentially life-changing surprise on you.

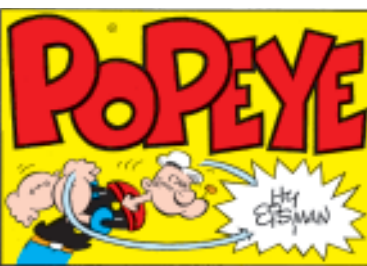
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your usually generous self is overshadowed by your equally strong suspicious nature. You might be judging things too harshly. Keep an open mind.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Love and romance dominate the week. Married Aquarians enjoy domestic harmony, while singles could soon be welcoming overtures from loving Leos.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) An old health problem recurs, but it is soon dealt with, leaving you eager to get back into the swing of things. A favorable travel period starts this week.

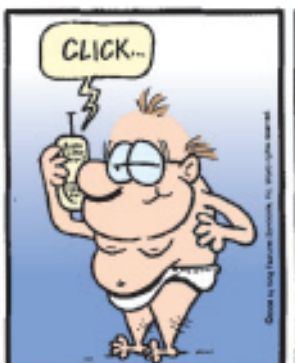
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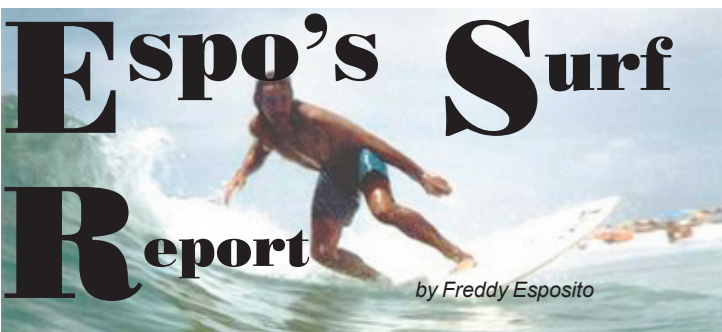
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**The Spats**

by Jeff Pickering





The first tropical system has come and gone. His name was Alberto. Alberto sent us big surf the first day - blown out everywhere on the main beach. But a handful of us made the voyage to the Fort Pickens Point by boat.

Surfers BZR Turner and Greg Cofield went with me to make the trek to our beloved Point. As we arrived we saw four or five boats already there from the dawn patrol...these guys were on it at first light and caught it classic all morning. It was the "water boyz" crew and they were all over it.

What a great day being at Pickens. It's still messed up, but beautiful.

Then the next day, we had perfect head high waves with offshore winds and green water. Wow. Breaks were going off all day, in fact it was the first waves we have had in weeks.

Surfers were everywhere from Alabama and Destin to Panama City. We were truly blessed with this swell - everywhere.

Remember, as the tropical systems track across the Gulf, we get long range swells from hundreds of miles away. These are the best waves we get in the summer months, as long as the storms are miles away, conditions are great for classic Gulf Coast surfing.

So, as the season progresses, keep an eye on the tropical updates and track the swell as it approaches.

As for the Hurricane season of 2006. It has started pretty much the same as last year, with a storm forming in the Gulf the first few weeks of June. Is this a trend? Well, let's wait and see. It's going to be a long summer. Stay safe. Stay Stoked.



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If enough breeder reactors were built, we could convert cars to all electric vehicles, reduce emissions, be independent of foreign oil and consume existing nuclear wastes. Makes you wonder why we aren't building them.

**Homemade Dolly**

Now moving on to a lighter

object with a little less power. What's 18 inches square, has wheels and a rope through it? A dolly that my husband, Ralph built. I remember laughing at Ralph when he built two dollies. I have used them repeatedly and cheer each time I use them.

**Matt Mover**

What is six feet long, two feet wide, one inch deep, and rests on the ground? If you were thinking an exercise mat, you were thinking correct item, wrong usage. Exercise mats are the best for moving heavy, bulky furniture, especially if you don't have two homemade Ralph dollies.

**Gator Fan**

The Alligator Lopper by Black and Decker just popped up in the local area. It's a combination pruner-chain saw which is both compact and powerful. Created with safety in mind. Use it to clean up unruly palm trees.

**Champion Poker Players Gather At Beach Bistros**

The Champions Tournament pitted weekly Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun winners in hand to hand combat at the waterfront poker tables Friday, June 2 at Paradise Bar and Grill. After all the chips were counted Richard Uzdevenes took the title of Champion's Champion home to his wife, Janie. Richard was playing as an alternate for his wife, who was home recuperating from surgery.

The Monday night game at Paradise on June 5 brought twenty-five players to the tables. Waldo Defindorfin took out Miguel Thompson in the final. Dave Bryant was third.

First time winner Jeff Reed sneaked past Vance Teeples at the soundfront Paradise poker game on June 12.

Action moves into the historic district on Wednesday nights when players take a seat at The Islander Lounge's poker tables. Trace Lewis got his twelfth win defeating Justin Robbins in the final on June 7.

June 14 action was hot at The Islander, but Ann Vinson took down Trace Lewis and all the rest to score her first Islander win.

"The games begin at 7 p.m. and there is no charge to play," said promoter Rick Uzdevenes. "Bring your poker face and a basic knowledge of Texas Hold 'Em and join us. It's all for fun."



Jeff Reed



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# Sharks Sharks Sharks

by  
Pete Della Ratta

The toothy critter has become loved and hated by fishermen and civilians alike. Inshore and offshore fishing trips can be made or dismantled when hooking into one of these animals. For those who like to wade through the water; when you feel a hard slap on the leg, this is the shark telling you to get away from his dinner. Please don't keep the stringer of Trout next to your body. Make sure the stringer is far away from your lower half just in case. There are Sharks in the Pensacola Bay, Santa Rosa Sound, as well as in the Gulf of Mexico. You can sometimes witness a fight with one of these creatures on the Pensacola Beach fishing pier only to have them cut off the line, because no one is allowed to bring a Shark onto the pier. Pier rules. There are sightings all the time from the pier whether it is in 5 feet or 20 feet of water. I once threw a pompano jig on a 8-foot Hammerhead Shark on the Fort Pickens Pier. As expected, he laughed at me and went on his merry way. I still hear of Sharks being caught off the Beach at night in the Bay, Sound, and Gulf. A Shark will stay alive on land without water for some time, so if you walk up on someone who caught a toothy critter a "while ago" do not try to give the shark a hug!

On the other hand, nothing pulls line faster (other than a King Mackerel) off the reel from land than one of these. It will be an exciting few minutes and then the work comes. If you are not fishing for Sharks then hopefully it is a big Redfish, but if the drag is tightened all the way down and line is still screaming off, it is better to cut your losses and cut the line as soon as possible. If you are like me, any fish on the end of the line will never get off that easy. I'm in it for the long haul. I have fought a Bull Shark off the Beach for 90 minutes before beaching him and letting him go because I had no place to put a fish that size. We used to lasso the tail and drag the shark on the beach before we started to use our brains and bring gaffs with us. The size of the Shark you wish to catch will determine



what size rod and reel and what size line or wire you will have to have. Any bait and tackle store can hook you up with the proper materials you will need for a chance at catching one of these sea creatures.

Make sure you keep in mind they are at home in the water and you are the visitor. If you have the room for one Shark then keep a mid-sized one for dinner because they are good to eat. Be wary of the mercury levels in Sharks. They are not recommended table fare for children and expectant mothers. Remember only one Shark is allowed per person or two per vessel.

As fascinating as these creatures may seem, they, too, have a place in the food chain. Sometimes a shark may be biting your best catch ever in half right before your eyes or it might be one of the longest fish fights you've ever had. Either way you look at it, a good and sometimes far fetched story will come out of it.

Hook 'em up and fry 'em right.

## NOAA Presents Lightning Safety Week In Florida *A Bright Idea*

Reducing the risk of being struck by lightning is the focus of national Lightning Safety Awareness Week, which ends June 24. Lightning is most common in the summer months, but can be a hazard throughout the year. And although most lightning victims are struck outdoors, lightning poses a threat to those indoors as well.

When on the Beach use caution when you see darkening skies or hear thunder. Seek a sturdy, enclosed shelter immediately, such as a building or hard-top automobile.

John Jensenius, lightning expert with NOAA's National Weather Service, says, "Lightning causalities frequently occur before the rain begins and soon after the rain ends. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder before returning outside."

Last year in the United States, lightning was reported to have killed at least 48 people.

For more information go to NOAA's lightning safety website [www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov)

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## ACROSS

- 1 Toothpaste type
- 4 Vacating
- 7 Secluded valley
- 11 Alkali neutralizer
- 13 Hawaiian garland
- 14 Needing crutches
- 15 Comedian Caroline
- 16 Lair
- 17 Malaria symptom
- 18 Home for strays
- 20 Autograph
- 22 Intimide
- 24 Pele's game
- 28 Papal residence
- 32 Town (French)
- 33 Ms. Brockovich
- 34 Sweet potato
- 36 Unfeeling
- 37 Olympics symbols
- 39 Colonial representative
- 41 Pyrenees language
- 43 Tie up the phone
- 44 Troop group
- 46 Tumbler
- 50 Write at the keyboard

- 53 Obtuse
- 55 Norway's capital
- 56 Relaxation
- 57 Historic time
- 58 Horse's halter?
- 59 Related (to)
- 60 Crimson
- 61 "Uh-huh"

## DOWN

- 1 "The World According to -"
- 2 Reverberate
- 3 Stead
- 4 Antiquated
- 5 Lawyer's payments
- 6 The end
- 7 Ricochet
- 8 Trail behind
- 9 Ostrich's cousin
- 10 Born
- 12 ABBA song
- 19 Billy Ray Cyrus series
- 21 Head of st.
- 23 Method
- 25 Hint
- 26 "Desire Under the -"
- 27 CSA soldiers
- 28 Part of speech
- 29 Met melody
- 30 Supermarket stack
- 31 Apprehend
- 35 Oktoberfest vessel
- 38 Day of wk.
- 40 Scott Joplin's genre
- 42 Duck down
- 45 Grow weary
- 47 Wan
- 48 - gin fizz
- 49 Daytime drama
- 50 Afternoon social
- 51 Tibetan beast
- 52 Omega preceder
- 54 Frenzied

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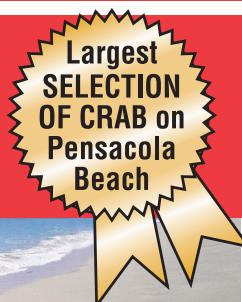
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