

# ISLAND TIMES

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The final days of October bring out the ghouls and guys who like to costume on the Island. Halloween parties, fall festivals and Mardi Gras krewe meetings will fill the Beach with delightful and frightful characters from October 26 until the clock strikes midnight on Halloween. These Beach souls will be there to greet you. Back row (L to R): Teet Brannon has broom and will travel to the Halloween party at Our Lady Catholic Mission. Roaring into the 2007 Mardi Gras season is our favorite flapper and President of the Association of Krewes, Deb Friedman. Demure and lovely, Breanna Paulus will tend to trick or treaters at the Beach Community Church Fall Festival. Donning the colors of Mardi Gras royalty is Kathi Lewis, a Krewe of Wrecks queen and self anointed High Priestess of Island Mardi Gras. Follow the kids to the fun at the Beach School Fall Festival. Front row (L to R): Making a special daytime appearance are Beach vampires Ethan Phye and Gunnar Knost. Her majesty four-year-old Macy Claire Cronin requests your presence while super hero Patrick Cronin weaves a web to capture a Halloween spirit. The elegant Elvira is none other than Megan Cronin who will return to the mundane life of a student on November first. Story, page 2.



# After Sundown



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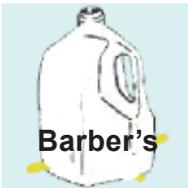
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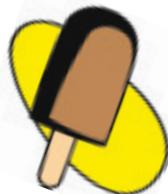


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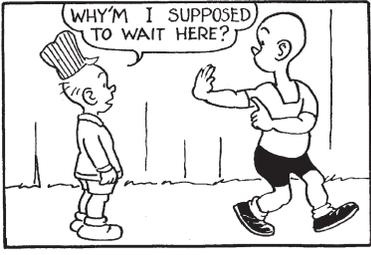
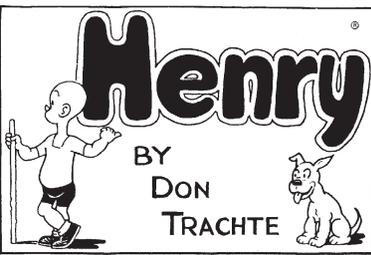
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The pitter-patter of all those Sheep feet means that you're out and about, rushing to get more done. That's fine, but slow down by the weekend so you can heed some important advice.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're in charge of your own destiny these days, and, no doubt, you'll have that Bull's-eye of yours right on target. But don't forget to make time for family events.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared for a power struggle that you don't want. Look to the helpful folks around you for advice on how to avoid it without losing the important gains you've made.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations! You're about to claim your hard-earned reward for your patience and persistence. Now, go out and enjoy some fun and games with friends and family.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find it difficult to shake off that listless feeling. But be patient. By week's end, your spirits will perk up and you'll be your perfectly purring self again.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A problem with a co-worker could prove to be a blessing in disguise when a superior steps in to investigate and discovers a situation that could prove helpful to you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) This is a favorable time to move ahead with your plans. Some setbacks are expected, but they're only temporary. Pick up the pace again and stay with it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your creativity is recognized and rewarded. So go ahead and claim what you've earned. Meanwhile, that irksome and mysterious situation soon will be resolved.

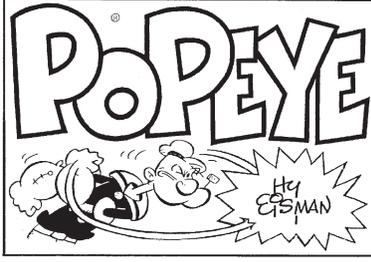
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A new associate brings ideas that the wise Sagittarian will quickly realize can benefit both of you. Meanwhile, someone from the workplace makes an emotional request.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) It might be a good idea to ease up on that hectic pace and spend more time studying things you'll need to know when more opportunities come later in November.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A relatively quiet time is now giving way to a period of high activity. Face it with the anticipation that it will bring you some well-deserved boons and benefits.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Go with the flow, or make waves? It's up to you. Either way, you'll get noticed. However, make up your own mind. Don't let anyone tell you what choices to make.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You like to examine everything before you agree to accept what you're told. Your need for truth keeps all those around you honest.



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



# Espo's Surf Report

by **Freddy Esposito**

Well...it's happened. Kelly Slater of Cocoa Beach, Florida has won his eighth world title in surfing.

This is an unprecedented win in any sport. Winning a world title in anything is tough, but 8 times is unheard of.

Name one sport where that has happened. Go ahead. I'll wait...

At 32-years-old, Kelly has been around since his early pre-teen days, surfing from contest to contest, and moving up the ranks year after year. He was even on Bay Watch as young Johnny Slade - and ended up dating Pamela Anderson

His style and approach to surfing has been the catalyst for the modern day surf style. There have been many world champions - Tom Curren, Mark Richards, Martin Potter, and on and on, but no one has captured the attention of the world like Kelly.

One year I was in Cocoa

Beach for a surf session and saw this skinny kid on a wave moving faster than anyone. I had ever seen anything like him. I remember asking the guy next to me, "Who and what is that?"

He turned and smiled at me and said, "Dude, that's Kelly Slater. He's going to be the king of the world one day."

I think Kelly was maybe 15 then.

Well that guy was more than just right. He called it dead on. You see, it's not just the surfing talent that makes a world champ, it's attitude and commitment.

Kelly supports the art of surfing, and not just the contests or sponsors. He travels the planet sharing the stoke with young surfers everywhere. He's a real role model, clean professional and a down right incredible waterman. And, he's from Florida, not Hawaii, and not California.

So, congratulations to Kelly Slater. You make us all proud and believe that anything is possible.



**TOP O' THE MORNING TO YOU** - American Legion Post 379 Commander Chuck L'Oignon, left, and Legion publicity chairman Dave Perry greet golfers at the Legion Putt Putt Tourney at Tiki Island on October 14. Dozens of eagle-eyed golfers made their way through 18 holes to support the Legion's charity event.



The Texas Hold 'Em 444 Fun team wasn't bluffing when they said they came to play during the American Legion Post's Putt Putt Tourney at Tiki Island on October 14. Team captain Rick Uzdevenes reported that each team member won something including a dubious "Team Beer Drinking" award. Winner are (L to R): "Saltwater" Rick Uzdevenes, Tourney Winner Jeff Lockwood, Scott "Arnie" Palmer, and Trace "All-In" Lewis, who won the raffle prize.

## Archeologists Identify Artifacts

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# Soundscape

By Pete Della Ratta

All it took was for that alarm to go buzz at 4 o'clock in the morning and I was up, but definitely not ready to go for a day of fishing. I always say I am going to get everything ready the night before but it seems that one thing always comes up at the last minute and the next thing you know the alarm is sounding - "hit me hard." On the way to the boat ramp it is customary to stop by the local bait & tackle store for that "just in case" purchase. It really is nice to get to the boat ramp early enough to not fight with the hassle of waiting to back the boat in or even worse, park. Hopefully you have enough bait and drinks to last, if you get into a mess of fish. The drink rule goes - you are catching fish there always seem to be drinks left at the end of the day. If you are struggling to feel even a bite from a Pinfish then you know you should have bought more to drink because they are going down easy and faster than normal.

I released my first ever 6 inch Redfish. I think I caught it again about an hour later but it was his twin brother. My buddies had a good laugh at that one. We did catch a variety of fish from Reds to Speckled Trout and Flounder to Ladyfish; then the always fun Lizardfish. (That's what we call them.)

I'm sure they have a scientific name but finding that information would be like getting them off your hook. If you have never caught one of these odd fish then you are in for a surprise. You think you caught something great and go to take it off your hook. First, they always swallow my hook so I have to cut the line and re-tie another one on. Then if you look at their mouth it resembles a cotton mouth snake with a piranha's row of teeth in its mouth. Luckily, I watched as my friend had to deal with this shallow water Diablo.

We did get to keep two upper slot sized Reds for dinner and let a few others live for another day. We usually do not keep them but when the hook is swallowed and death is near, it is best to put them on ice as long as they are within the slot size for that species. It turned out to be a great day to be on the water hooking into fish left and right until the sun was overhead and the bite just stopped.



Hopefully if you are reading this you had time to see all the boats that are in town these past two weeks for the Wal-Mart Redfish Championships. It is amazing to see all the different types of boats and what type of personality is driving them. I want to wish all teams from our area the best of luck fishing and in the series because it does take a dedicated person sometimes not making any money to go and fish for one to three weeks straight for 5-12 hours a day. They fish everyday just to survive to the next round of qualifying.

There has been some nice fishing inshore but the weather of late has slowed that down. Look the weather to turn for the better to get more and more hook-ups in the forecast for the upcoming week.

The Spanish have been plentiful along with the over slot sized Redfish near the pass. Throwing topwaters for Spanish Mackerel with a wire leader with no swivel has proven to work time and time again. As for the Reds, slow trolling or relaxing with cut bait on the end of the line. Anticipating the ZZZZZZZZZ of the drag will bring anybody to their feet. Flounder have started to pick up as the weather cools off. There are still reports of them being caught with some size in and around the pass and further inland around drop offs and structure waiting to ambush that next bait.

It might be getting cooler, but the fish don't sleep enough for you not to try to hook into one. It might be the next story you are looking for. So bundle up in the next few weeks and get out there and enjoy the "the soundscape" that the fish have to offer.

## Ghouls Gather For Good Times

Costumed characters will haunt the beach in search of howling good times and cauldrons full of prizes during the Halloween weekend. Bartenders are brewing up special drinks and beach bands will raise everyone's spirits.

The Olive Drop Martini Bar begins their party at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 with the tunes of Michelle West and keeps ramping up all weekend. The Howling Wine Tasting, Friday, Oct. 27 begins at 6 p.m. which is followed by a Costume Contest at 10 p.m. The Saturday costume contest sign up is at 10 p.m. and waltzes across the stage before midnight. Prizes for the winners. Michelle West entertains at 5:30 and Wildwood begins at 9:30 p.m. both nights.

Costumed ghouls and guys should arrive by boat, car or flying broom at Paradise Bar and Grill for the Halloween Costume Contest. Come early. Judges will make decisions at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, October 28. The Grand Prize is a two-night stay at the Paradise Inn during Mardi Gras weekend. Bar tabs for the two runners-up.

The Sandshaker goes Hollywood on Halloween with Celebrity Karaoke on Friday, October 27 at 10 p.m. Dress as your favorite crooner and compete for prizes. Show up at The Shaker on Saturday for a happenin' Halloween Party and Contest. Spooky sign up is at 10:30. Over \$500 in cash and prizes will be awarded at 11 p.m.

Partying Beach patrons at Flounder's Chowder House will be treated to live music, drink specials and a midnight costume contest with a cash prize. No tricks here.

In honor of the scariest night of the year, The Market on the Island is showcasing Vampire Wine. Pick up a bottle, if you dare.

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Larry Gers

"Come out and play poker," said Rick Uzdevenes, promoter. "It's a good way to have some fun and sharpen your skills."

Players with the sharpest skills battled at the soundside tables at the Paradise Bar and Grill on Monday, October 10. Larry Gers played no fear poker all night to take the big prize at the Paradise. The following Monday, October 17 was a breezy evening in Paradise, but Mark "Buttons" Beachman won his first title. Mark is a new player and has been at it for about a month. Now he has his



Donnie Beall

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For more information about Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun, email Rick at salt2o@mchsi.com.



Mark Beachman

first win. Island man Trace "All In" Lewis was second. "Redneck" Anne Vinson who

## Church Hosts Fall Rummage Sale

It's time to search for treasures and seek the unusual at The Knights of Columbus Council 7878 of St. Ann Catholic Church and Our Lady of the Assumption Mission Fall Rummage Sale. Don't miss the excitement.

The Knights of Columbus are having their annual fall rummage sale in the St. Ann Catholic Church parish hall, 100 Daniel Drive, Gulf Breeze on November 4 from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

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played a strong night of cards, ended up third.

The Beach poker players make their way to Paddy O'Leary's Irish Pub on Tuesday nights each week. Fran Cox made it three for four with a flurry of fine folds and found the form

in the final on October 10. Kaye was second.

On October 17 the luck of the Irish rained down on Perry Logan who pulled out a big win over Pat Masters. Perry won the last four hands in a row.

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**Homeowners or High Rollers** - The Portofino Homeowners attended a Casino Fun Night, Friday, October 6, to socialize before the annual homeowners' meeting for Towers 1 and 3 the following day. Alex Arama left, spun the roulette wheel, while Stephanie Parrish, Mary Ermer, Lila Davidson, and Laurel Dick looked for lady luck to smile on them.



The Krewe of Junkanoos rolled out a barrel of fun at their first Oktoberfest, Saturday, Oct. 14 at The Shaker. Junkanoo fun girl Nancy Kittel, center, made it a family affair with mom Thelma Ryan (left) and granddaughter Kallie McGowin. Thirteen-month-old Kallie appeared in an authentic Bavarian costume.

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by Pandora de Balthazar

This is a Howdy from Round Top, Texas where the Pillow Party is happening. I have to leave the Beach on occasion to travel to my Pandora de Balthazar store "deep in the heart of Texas." With that in mind, I have a few ideas for weary travelers.

These are your travel tips to make sure you rest well during your trip:

1. Take your very own best pillow with you!
2. Even if you are a guest in someone's home, it is important to take your pillow without apology. Just so you will remember to take it back home with you, use a colorful or monogrammed case so you don't forget it!

## Opera Patrons Go Wild With Fowler Fundraiser

If you think Opera is stuffy you may change your mind at Pensacola Opera's upcoming (slightly) wild, taste sensational, fund and friend raiser, "Go Wild for Opera". The evening will spotlight animal conservationist icon, Jim Fowler, of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom fame and is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

"We are so happy that we were able to get Jim Fowler to speak at our fundraising event," said Elodie Cardon, event chairman. "That coupe is attributed to Pat Quinn, Director Emeritus of the Gulf Breeze Zoo and long-time friend of Jim Fowler and Pensacola Opera."

The event will be the first of its kind for the opera featuring a "wild" theme throughout - offering auction items such as: a Colorado fly fishing experience in the wilderness, a wild game dinner for eight, and a back door tour of Alabama's Gulf Coast Zoo complete with the chance to play with a Bengal tiger.

Food and wine will be provided by Big Sexy Food and M & J Wines. The Tapas menu will include: alligator, Thai curry beef, duck, calamari, wild greens and Banana's Foster.

Tickets are \$75 per person. Tickets and sponsorships are available through Pensacola

3. Pillow too big for the plane? Put it into the bottom of your suitcase with clothes on top. It will be soft and ready when you unpack!

4. Take an extra pillow case for a fresh night's sleep.

5. Pick up some essence of lavender oil. Place several drops on cotton balls into zip lock baggies and dot on your temple and wrists before bed. You'll sleep like a baby.

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# Sandpipers Earn Honor Roll Status

These Pensacola Beach Elementary School students have earned their way onto the Honor Roll:

## Second Grade

**"A" HONOR ROLL**  
Michael Dunne

**A/B HONOR ROLL**  
Baylee Beauchamp  
Benton Byrd  
Angelica Dempsey  
Rich Earle  
Mary Elliott  
Kylie Finkbone  
Justin Fruitticher  
Daniel Green  
Alise Holk  
Joseph Martin  
Maddie Grace McCurdy  
Reddon McLaurine

## Third Grade

**"A" HONOR ROLL**  
Jace Amberson  
Lia Lampone

**A/B HONOR ROLL**  
Jacob Baldwin  
Sarah Burnnett  
Megan Cronin  
Maguire Foreste  
Emily Larsen  
Lani Smith  
Marley Taylor

## Fourth Grade

**"A" HONOR ROLL**  
Zane Gill  
Ian Price

**A/B HONOR ROLL**  
Jett Crowdis  
Savannah Crowdis  
William Green  
Jon Grigsby  
Collin Hightower  
Madeline Mateer  
Savannah McCleary

Duncan Niven  
Sara Post

## Fifth Grade

**"A" HONOR ROLL**  
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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE



by E.K. Hewson

I have officially become the Wench who stole Halloween. I am not sure how I came to bestow this name of myself. But I did. And I kind of like it.

Could it be I am feeling a little bitter about the fact I was asked to bring in treats – pumpkin theme only -- for my son's Fall Festival Celebration that will be held on October 31? Gee, all my calendars say that Halloween is celebrated on that date. No mention of a Fall Festival. I wonder what is celebrated in Whoville?

Or maybe I am already burned out on Halloween and I'm still days away from handing out over 120 individual bags stuffed to the rim with the good candy. You know the stuff I am talking about. The over-priced, individually wrapped miniature bars of chocolate that have been on display since the Fourth of July. Not to mention the \$20 I spent on gummy body parts candy in the creepy coffin container.

Perhaps it is the fact that I am still waiting to hear what day MCAS Cherry Point will celebrate Halloween. The base commander will let his wishes be known soon. Will it be Friday, October 27? Maybe he will choose Saturday, October 28? Perhaps he is a traditionalist and will opt for Tuesday, the 31st. Now that's a different strategy I can abide by.

Of course, there is always the costume conundrum that I find myself in every year. After the 42 piece Buzz Lightyear costume, I swore I would never sew another Halloween getup for my son again. Then there was last year's fiasco that included a bidding war on eBay for a Darth Vader cos-

tume since I waited too late to purchase one of the 500 that were available sometime after the Fourth of July at that giant retailer who sells everything from toilet paper to turnips. This year, I am back to sewing his costume that initially started out as "Mom, can you make me a black cloak?" It has now evolved into a black cloak, a dickey and a tunic, plus custom designed shoulder armor made out of synthetic leather.

My husband insists that my new found wenchdom is because my sweet tooth is two sizes too small. I guess he missed the entire stuffing of the treat bags. Let's just say I had enough candy for 150 of the little 3 inch by 4 inch containers.

I think I've become the Wench who stole Halloween out of self preservation. I want my favorite holiday back and I want it to be like it was when I was a kid. I want to be able to handout homemade popcorn balls because the parents of the kids who will ring my doorbell know me and know I would never harm their children. I also want to give away suckers dressed like ghosts and not be the laughing stock of base housing. I want to take my son on a Halloween costume scavenger hunt throughout our house and garage. Then hand him duct tape and a bottle of glue and tell him to figure it out.

Finally, I want to say Happy Halloween with reckless abandon and I want to say it on October 31. If I wanted to celebrate fall, I would drive up to Vermont and watch the leaves change.

Until next time...  
Luv, Lizzard

## Barbella Shows Off Her Bods

When Barbara Fail announced that she was opening Barbella's Art Gallery and Studio at 210 Church Street in downtown Pensacola, none of her Beach friends knew she would show off her bod. And, actually she isn't. Barbella's is hosting "Bods and Bodices: Visions of Women's Armor, A Panoply" beginning October 27.

"I am kicking off this amusing perspective of women and their cultural armor with a reception from 6 to 10 p.m., Friday, October 27," said Barbella's owner, Barbara Fail of Pensacola Beach.

Mixed media artists Deb Chinery and Suzanne Ens will display their panoply of women's decorative, ceremonial and/or protective attire in the exhibit. Ens, who usually works in mosaic mixed media, uses the female form as a canvas, "dressing" it to portray some familiar stereotypical guises and roles women don to armor themselves in male dominated cultures. Chinery is already well-known for her "Bra'scapes," pieces that begin with a purely feminine and hidden article of clothing, the brassiere.

The exhibit will be open through December 14. For more information, call 380-0864.



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# Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

This past weekend I decided to prime the soffits on our upstairs front porch. This involved standing on the porch railing and painting the boards over my head. I was glad that they were over my head because that forced me to look up. If I had looked down I would have to look at the twenty foot fall that was waiting for the first misstep. Fortunately that misstep never happened.

When painting over your head you should remember rule #1 - Always wear a doo rag over your head and then a hat on top of that. Obviously this is to keep paint from getting into your hair. In fact I imagine most of you would think this rule should be immediately obvious before you start. So I would rather not tell you how I found out about rule #1. However if you insist I would be willing to tell you how long it takes to get a horror film sized glob of oil base paint out of your hair.

I also discovered painting

rule #2, always wear socks. The reason for this rule is not so obvious. After all, who cares if you get some paint on your feet. Even if your feet are as hairy as some I have seen on the beach (no, I'm not talking about mine). It's still no big deal. Wrong! It's a big deal if you just spent several hours to get a beautiful professional pedicure. The painting goddess was with me, that first big glob just missed my big toe, and I discovered rule #2.

There are fringe benefits to doing some of your own remodeling. I mean other than learning how to do some things better than your husband. The benefit I am referring to is it can provide you with wonderful clothing accessories. Backerboard screws come in a precious little plastic container with handle that makes a striking purse to go with your paint streaked hair and clothes on your next outing to the lumber yard.

## Beach Students Recognized for Outstanding Effort

Benton Byrd and Maddie Grace McCurdy have earned Student of the Month honors in second grade at Pensacola Beach Elementary School according to their teacher Debbie Campanella.

"These students have displayed outstanding characteristics in scholastics and citizenship," said Debbie.

In addition to classroom assignments, Beach School students complete work at the new computer lab under the direction of Monika Springer.

"Each week, I recognize students for hard work and persistence," she said.

Computer lab students of the week for Sept. 25-29 are:

- K - Steele Chamber
- 1 - Morgan Churchill
- 2 - Paris Dupuis
- 3 - Meagan Cronin
- 4 - Jon Grigsby
- 5 - Mitchell Robbins

Students tapped for Computer lab students of the week for Oct 9-13 are:

- K - Carlee Amberson
- 1 - Lauren McCleary
- 2 - Patrick Hodges
- 3 - Trey Wright
- 4 - Will Green
- 5 - Rebecca Summers



Amy Martin convinced her dad, McGuire, that he needed to go to the Pensacola Beach Elementary School for Grandad's Day last Thursday, but when he got there, he realized he was the honored guest at a Thank You Party, hosted by the teachers, staff and students. He was given a tour of the new computer lab and the students sang a specially composed song, expressing their thanks for his interest in the school. McGuire, one of the school's primary benefactors, has supported the school in numerous ways for more than 25 years. Pictured are Amy, McGuire and his grandchildren Starfish and Drew Holk, both students at the Beach School.

## Blues Concert Finale Nears

Crosstown will fill the Gulf side Pavilion on Pensacola Beach with their own special blend of contemporary sounds on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at the final Blues on the Beach concert of the 2006 season. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

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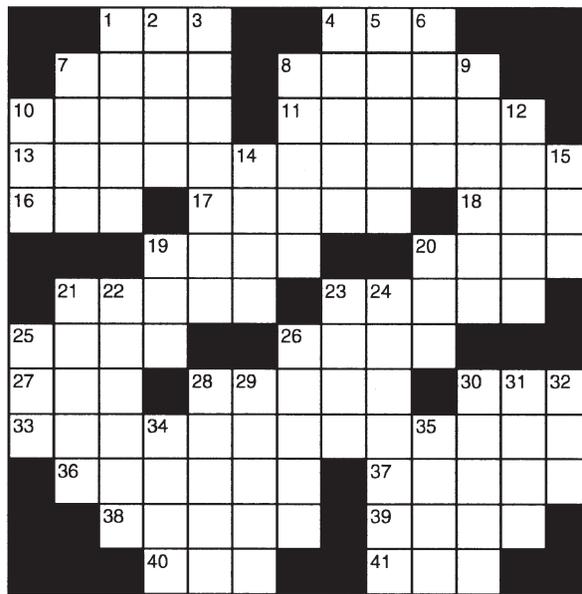
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  - 10 U.S. Grant's first name at birth
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  - 13 Times of significance
  - 16 Draft agcy.
  - 17 Use a block and tackle
  - 18 Born
  - 19 Loving
  - 20 4,840 square yards
  - 21 Ostentatious
  - 23 Sends quickly
  - 25 Pinnacle
  - 26 Guy
  - 27 Madam's mate
  - 28 Weak
  - 30 Big bother
  - 33 Hester's "A"
  - 36 "Seinfeld" role
  - 37 Gaggle member
  - 38 Obscene
  - 39 Hierarchy status
  - 40 Army officers (Abbr.)



- 41 "- to Joy"
- 8 Malodorous courses
- 9 Rap session?
- 10 Day divs.
- 12 Color workers
- 14 Broadway statuette
- 15 Witness
- 19 TV network
- 20 Lumberjack's need
- 21 Dash
- 22 Miami newspaper
- 23 Need remedial
- 24 Brisk, lively tempo
- 25 Foolish one
- 26 Companion to a Brit
- 28 Coquette
- 29 "Monopoly" payments
- 30 Expiate
- 31 Secretary, for one
- 32 Raw rock
- 34 Racetrack border
- 35 Frog's cousin

# Farewell To Worries, Cares, Frets - A Good Time's Our Only Goal

It's festival hopping time for kids of all ages on Pensacola Beach. Mardi Gras krewe meetings and parties, fall festivals and Halloween celebrations are all on the docket this weekend beginning with the Association of Krewes meeting Thursday, October 26 at 6 p.m. at the Comfort Inn. Deb Friedman, AOK president, invites all krewes to send representatives to this important meeting.

"We will begin the process of scheduling Mardi Gras events, so there will be no conflicts in dates," Deb said. Each krewe will be able to cast one vote on any motions made at the meetings, so Deb urges krewe captains to designate an official voting member.

Momentum mounts as the Pensacola Beach Elementary School hosts its annual Fall Festival

from 5 to 8 pm. on Friday, October 27. The Festival is bigger and better than ever, according to Katie Cronin, festival coordinator. Wally Pecevich and his famous beach barbecue will be featured. There will be inflatable slides, a moon walk, and an obstacle course. There will be plenty of midway games, a strolling clown and the popular cake walk. No one needs to go away hungry. Cotton candy and popcorn booths will be open all during the festival.

It's all right to take Saturday off because Sunday's Fall Festival will be from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Community Church. Keep in mind that the time changes back to standard time, so don't go too early.

This festival will also feature a moon walk and cake walk, but

the highlight will be Trunk for Treats where children can go treating from car to car in the parking lot. Head Deacon Gordon Paulus promises every youngster a fun filled afternoon at the Church's traditional event.

Don't take your costume off yet. Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Mission is inviting everyone to their Spaghetti supper and Halloween party on the same day at 6 p.m. The event will be in Hunt Hall. Dinner is \$5 for adults, nothing for infants, and \$3 for children up to twelve-years-old. Proceeds will go to our Lady.

Our Lady's party is not all about eating dinner. There will also be a costume contest, carved pumpkin contest and games. You can carve your pumpkin at home and bring it to the church to be judged.

And the grand finale of the long weekend will be the opening night Krewe of Wrecks party that revelers looks forward to all year. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served beginning at 6 p.m. at Bobby D's on Monday, October 30.

"We will be accepting memberships at the party," Andrea

Brunt, Head Wreck, said. "If there is a business meeting, I don't know who will stop having fun long enough to conduct it."

Wear your very best costume. This is your opportunity to hob knob with kings and queens, royal court members, stars, and celebrities from all over the Beach.

The good times are not just rolling, they are steam rolling for Beach folks as their very own social season begins. The good times are spreading all over the Beach this weekend. Let no party person be left behind.

## Leaseholders Election Set for November

November is election month and the Residents and Leaseholders Association is right in step. The Board has appointed their nominating committee chairman, Debbie Magyarosi. PBRLA President Tona de Mers announced at the Association's October 10 meeting that the election of officers would be on Tuesday, November 14. Debbie will present a slate of officers and nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting.

The website, [www.pbrla.org](http://www.pbrla.org) will be up and running within a short time, according to Tona. Iko Mitchell of Sunshine Technologies is preparing the site.

## Triathletes Cross the Finish Line at Beach Competition

Hundreds of triathletes from the coast of California to the tip of Southern Florida and points in between like Kansas and South Dakota, arrived on Pensacola Beach October 7 to compete in the Santa Rosa Island Triathlon. Among the many stalwarts who finished the grueling swim-bike-run course, were Beach residents competing in several age groups.

Meri Asmar finished second in the 35-39 female age group. Justin Liane was ninth in the Elite Male group. Robert

Rinke finished thirty-ninth in the 45-49 age group.

The triathlon turns into a fun event for the crews entered in the team bracket. Surf Burger owners entered in the Mixed Team Division, calling themselves, "We Just Want The T-Shirt." Brad Foley swam the 500 meter course, Alice Bohannon did the eighteen mile bike ride and Debra Foley completed the 5K run. For all their efforts, the Beach crew took eleventh place, but they did get the t-shirts.

There a new buzz word on Pensacola Beach - sandwall. Some residents have used the sand washed up on their properties by storms to create their own sand dunes. The Santa Rosa Island Authority has concerns with these sandwalls, and voted at their Full Board meeting, October 11, to hire Olsen and Associate Coastal Engineers to study the retention of sand on private leaseholds. The SRIA is looking for answers to questions related to these projects. Who owns the sand, the SRIA or the leaseholder? Is the sandwall encroaching on the public right-of-way?

Problems could be created for neighbors of those who have sandwalls, since water run off would be diverted onto their properties.

The Board also agreed to address an issue they thought they had solved. A month ago, they voted five to one to restrict enclosures beneath houses built on pilings to a total of 850 square feet. Dr. Tom Campanella reminded the Board that he had cast the lone dissenting vote.

"I think we rushed that decision," Tom said. "Let's reconsider this."

The Board felt the 850 square foot limitation would help reduce the amount of debris generated by items stored in enclosures behind wash away walls.

However, Villa Sabine

residents told Board vice chairman Bill Griffith that it was not the small items that damaged their homes, but larger missiles such as boats. A committee, chaired by Dan Green had recommended that the size of the enclosure be governed by the size of the house. The topic will come up for discussion again at the November committee meetings. Although the policy is still in place the December 31 deadline for compliance has been removed until the matter is settled.

Lighting along the rebuilt Ft. Pickens Road was discussed and the Board approved the lighting of only the bike path with decorative bell shaped, turtle friendly lights. The lights will be installed on 20 foot poles which can withstand 140 mph windloads.

The complete engineer's report which was sent to the Board by Dave Hemphill, Baskerville-Donovan, covered all of the remaining projects on the rebuilding list. The report stated that real progress has been made on the roadways. Ft. Pickens Road is expected to be substantially completed before the November Board meeting. The north lane of Via de Luna will be operational by the first of the year.

The engineering firm's efforts include the design of Quietwater Beach Parking Lot modifications, and the kick-off for the new public safety building and sidewalks.

SRIA committee meetings will be Wednesday, November 1 at 5 p.m. at the Authority office. The meetings are open to the public.

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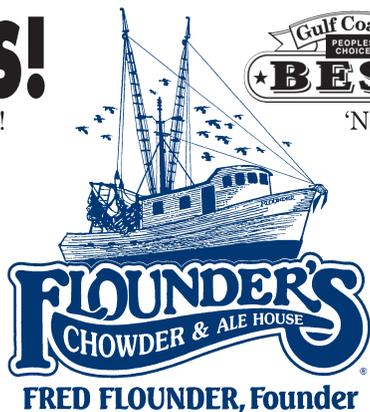
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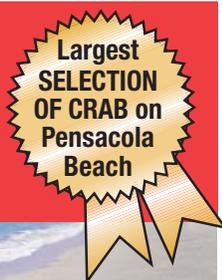
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# Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



A couple of weeks ago, my husband Frank was installing some signs in vacant neighboring driveways. The message on the sign which was "SOB Parking," piqued the curiosity of a tourist walking by, so he had to stop and ask questions. "What does that sign mean?"

"Oh," Frank replied. "The SOBs are having a bridal shower at our house today. I'm just marking the parking places for them."

Somehow, the tourist had conjured up a mental image of an SOB as some big, mean, male misfit, so Frank's answer sent him into a state of confusion.

"SOBs have bridal showers?" he asked, incredulously.

"Yes, and it's quite an event," Frank said. "They get all dressed up, drink champagne, eat petit fours, sing their secret song and bring elaborate gifts to the bride-to-be."

"I'm trying to believe you. Why are they coming to your house?"

"Because my wife is an SOB," Frank answered.

Sir Tourist could stand no more. He ambled off down the street, probably rehearsing the story he would tell his buddies when he got home. So, on that Saturday afternoon, thirty of my closest friends arrived to make sure Dee Lambert, a second generation SOB, had the proper start toward marriage. It is written in the SOB code that no bride to be, newborn child, or birthday girl can negotiate these milestones without the blessing of the Sisters of the Beach.

The SOBs were formed about thirty years ago by a few

young beach girls who banded together. Just because. No real reason. Just because. They soon bonded and became almost like a real family. One small difference, perhaps, was that they liked each other. They adopted a love-and-let-live philosophy, and just rolled with the punches. They never had meetings. They had parties instead. So, there were no rules, no officers, no dues. All that linked them together was their love for each other.

Early on, when I first came to the Beach, the Sisters had fun names like Tina Cortina, Trish the Dish, Bunkie, Rie, Spark Plug and Harpo. They were a perfect fit for my then fledgling newspaper since they were never afraid to let their antics appear in print. Like the annual sleepover when SOBs were required to wear a pink curler, in their hair and spend the night at a sister's house. Sleeping was never on the agenda.

Often, the Beach guys asked to come to SOB parties. The SOBs said any man would be welcome if he came without wearing clothes and brought gifts. One brazen male took them up on it and came to a sleep over. The SOBs accepted his gifts, then chased him away.

For many years, the Sisters were notorious for their bake sales. They would setup a table on Derelict Corner, fill it with fresh baked cookies, cakes and breads. Beach family members patronized the bake sales religiously, often buying a cookie with a five dollar bill. They knew the proceeds would be going to someone on the Beach who was in need. Maybe another SOB,

or more often, someone living in the community. The bake sales are gone, but the Sisters are still the first responders when they hear that someone is in a jam.

The SOBs have always been employed. At first, there were teachers, an airline hostess, Realtors, an advertising agency rep, and artists. Some worked at The Junkyard Coffee Shop, Nero's, Dirty Joe's, and Flounder's. Over the years, their profiles changed as they became college professors, business owners, insurance adjusters, and office managers. They began to assume prominent roles in the presentation of the Beach Mardi Gras, and they created a fundraiser to help pay for the first ever bicycle path on Pensacola Beach. While they always took care of each other, and still do, they managed to let the community know that the happy-go-lucky ladies had heads full of brains and hearts full of compassion.

The ranks of the original SOBs are somewhat thinner now. Many are scattered around the country, but they keep in touch. Once an SOB, always an SOB.

I would like to say the SOBs are more sedate than they used to be. Sorry, I cannot say

that. Some are now grandmothers, and we have second and even third generation members. You would think these women would put a lid on it. We won't. Why should we? We know that in the worldwide scheme of things, our little fragment of island girls is unique, perhaps even bizarre. Still, if everyone cared for her fellow human be-

ings the same way the SOBs care for each other, the world would be a peaceful place. Too bad the tourist didn't stay around a little longer. Frank would have loved to tell him the whole story.

But, would he have believed it? Probably not. It would have spoiled his report about what he did on his vacation.

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# TRIVIA

Answers to our last trivia question arrived earlier than usual. Apparently, no deep research was required. The question was, "Who is the self-proclaimed mayor of Pensacola Beach whose office is a chair in the sand at Casino Beach?" The first correct answer came from Lee Hudson of Gulf Breeze. Mayor Bob. So, the t-shirt this week goes to Lee.

The second emailer, sent such an impressive answer it deserves recognition. His answer was Robert Lee Meriman, also correct. Not only that, but he sent a photo of Mayor Bob meeting with one of his constituents. Thanks, Howard.



Mayor Bob at City Hall consulting with one of his constituents.

The new *Island Times* t-shirts are in. You can be one of the first to wear the new shirt if you can answer the following question and email it before anybody else. "What was the name of the hit movie which was filmed in part at Navarre Beach? One of the seafaring roles in the movie was played by Pensacola Beach's Captain Red."

Rules are the same.

Email your answer with "Trivia" in the subject line to [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net) before 5 p.m. November 1. Be sure to include your name and phone number.

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# PEOPLE



## FOR WHOM THE WEDDING BELLS TOLL

Wedding bells have already started to ring as beach friends step to the altar. Bob Seitz and Sharon Simmons were married on September 6. Dee Lambert and Mike Moore will be married November 10 at St. Luke's Chapel in Charleston, South Carolina. Christy Jones and Michael Sullivan will tie the knot in Morgan Park on February 10.

## ON THE BLUE DANUBE

World traveler, Cathy Kress has booked a cruise on the Danube River. She will be able to stop off at little villages along the way and chat with the natives since German is her second language.

## BIRTHDAY BOY

Allen Lanton whooped it up on Oct. 15 at his birthday party at the Shaker Bar. One of Allen's major talents is celebrating, so his friends all gathered for a real blow-out.

## BLUES FOR KIDS

Tammy Hodges, sister-in-law of the Beach's Andrea Stanley, has written a book, "Breakfast with the Blues," geared toward first and second graders. It's available at Barnes and Nobles in

Pensacola.

## YOUTH PASTOR OFFERS HELP

Rev. T.J. Emma, son of former longtime beach residents, Cathy and Tom Emma, is the Youth Pastor at the Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church. He's been reading scripture lately, invoking divine help for the Gulf Breeze High School Football Team. After many winless games, the team beat Woodham High School on October 13. Amen.

## SOCCER RULES

Thirteen-year-old Ethan Curle, son of Kathryn and Woody Curle, plays soccer the year around in the Navarre Sports Association league. Its no wonder notes Kathryn, since his very first spoken word was "ball."

## HAPPY HULA

Imagine Larry and Denise Keever wearing grass skirts and swaying to the romantic music of the Hawaiian Islands. The Beach couple may not have danced the Hula, but they did spend two weeks in Hawaii recently. Now, they are home on their own island.

## KAREN AND LITTLE RICK VISIT

Karen and Rick Hagford vis-

ited family and friends recently. Karen and her two sisters, Andrea and Necie, grew up on Pensacola Beach. She and Rick now live in Fernandina Beach, Florida.

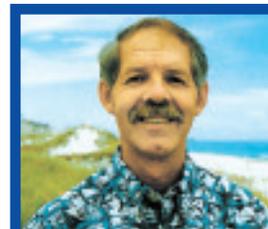
## BEACH SNOWBIRD FLIES SOUTH

Jim Randol has made his annual winter pilgrimage to his home in Ft. Meyers. Jim likes basking in warm sunshine the year around. He will be back in the

spring to resume directing his favorite project, the restoration of Morgan Park.

## BEACH POLITICIAN

Sixth grader Cody Cowen has thrown his hat into the political ring. He is campaigning to become the president of his class at Gulf Breeze Middle School. Parents Ty and Debbie could have a budding Beach politician on their hands.



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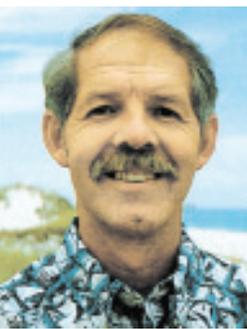
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# Candidates Seek Island Authority Board Seat

The Pensacola Beach voters will have the option of retaining incumbent Dr. Tom Campanella or electing challenger Johnny Johnson, to the Santa Rosa Island Authority in the November 7 General Election. The nonpartisan race provides the only opportunity for Beach residents to vote directly for a Board member to represent them.

The following information has been submitted by the two candidates:



**Name:** Dr. Thomas Campanella  
**Wife:** Debbie Campanella  
**Children:** Lauren, 23; Gregory, 22  
**Occupation:** Dentistry  
**Memberships:** Gulf Coast Conservation Association, Krewe of LaFitte, Ducks Unlimited, Optimist  
**Political Background:** SRIA Board member, 4 years

**Name:** Johnny Johnson  
**Wife:** Sandi Johnson  
**Children:** Kama, Jessica, Sara, and Keely  
**Occupation:** Business owner: Computer Software Consultant; FL Real Estate Salesperson inactive, FL Insurance Claims Adjustor  
**Memberships:** Optimist Club, Pensacola Beach; Vice President, Board of Directors of Condominium Associations  
**Political Background:** No previous experience



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**What are your feelings on future development on Pensacola Beach?**

Campanella: Planned, guided redevelopment. Not OVER development.

Johnson: See answer above

**Where do you stand on ad Valorem taxation on the Beach?**

Campanella: I oppose them . Our lease fees are in lieu of ad valorem taxes.

Johnson: Every leaseholder on Pensacola Beach wants to avoid paying property taxes to Escambia County! That was the deal in 1947. That was the deal when we bought beach property. The county advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* that beach property was "tax free". The county actually used its inability to levy taxes as a benefit to encourage residential development on Pensacola Beach. To Escambia County, address the real problem; otherwise, go pound sand!

**Do you think Pensacola Beach is marketed advantageously?**

Campanella: Yes and no. We are probably the only community resort, so to speak, not overdeveloped with a unique ambience not found in other coastal area communities. We have much public beach accessible to everyone! Perhaps more attention should be marketed toward that aspect!

Johnson: Pensacola Beach is advertised in various markets, and that effort has been beneficial for the beach. Has the quality of advertising and promotion been sufficient to provide more than an adequate return on the marketing investment? My opinion is that the marketing effort does not exceed expectations, and we must do much more to maximize the peak season at the beach, to develop activities which will build "shoulders" around the peak season, and to improve the off season.

**Do you feel the Beach's hurricane plans- before and after- are adequate or could be they be improved?**

Campanella: They are better than they used to be,

but there is still room to improve. Each storm teaches us a new lesson.

Johnson: Storm preparations are adequate for some levels of storm, but can we do better? Of course, we can. Can we build smarter so that structures on the beach can withstand a category 3 or 4 storm? Can the island be kept free of debris? Can we include food disposal in our evacuation plan? Can we use dumpsters before a storm to remove debris and to empty refrigerators? Can we develop a re-entry plan that will allow owners the opportunity to protect their property and mitigate damage? Can we develop a recovery plan that allows for a reserve for SRIA operating expenses and for infrastructure damage mitigation? Can we upgrade our infrastructure to withstand a category 3 or 4 storm and be up and running within a week? Of course, we can.

It will require architectural restrictions and stronger building codes, planning and coordination with the county, and an open discourse with residents and leaseholders before the storm hits. Now is the time to work to ensure a good outcome when next we face catastrophic weather.

**Please make a brief statement of your goals for Pensacola Beach if elected to the SRIA.**

Campanella: To continue to serve the residents/leaseholders, and commercial businesses. To continue to try to bring thoughtful, rational, sensible discussion before the Board in an attempt to influence and enlighten the staff and my fellow Board members before important decisions and votes are made.

Johnson: I support - completing road construction without further delays; rebuilding the recreational sidewalk; removing all demolition and construction debris. Installing underground utilities for Via de Luna and, eventually, all residential areas; promoting and enforcing smarter building codes. Enforcing litter laws during peak season; encouraging recycling; restoring dune crossovers and sand fencing. Using parking permits and tow-away zones to restrict parking in residential areas to residents and guests only; increasing satellite parking to relieve the parking shortage and traffic congestion in the core area during peak seasons.

**How do you feel about retaining current building caps and restrictions on the beach?**

Campanella: I am in favor of retaining the caps.

Johnson: Stick to the current Plan! Keep the building caps and zoning restrictions! Work toward rebuilding

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by kathi lewis

On October 18, 2005, I was sitting in a hospital delivery room waiting to welcome my granddaughter, Quincy Grace Maxwell Rowe, into this world! Yes, today is her first birthday. And, what a year it has been. With all those names, she is actually called Emma by the SOBs and is known as Sissy to the rest of her world. While Pappy and I were unable to spend as much time with Sissy (unlike big brother, Jesiah) during her first year, we were there to see her take her first steps! It was an exciting moment for us and one that we'll always treasure. She is now moving at the speed of light. If we can catch her (and finish our house) we will make up for lost time. So, Happy First Birthday Sissy! Pappy and Nanny love you very much! I'd also like to wish a belated Happy Birthday to Charlotte Spencer! We love you, too!

We are still painting and everyone will be able to see my colors, as I am wearing a lot of the paint. I thank God, Mama and Daddy for our close and loving family, because my sisters and their husbands have certainly been of great help, emotionally and physically, to us.

We had Gail and Hector Rodriguez, and my sister Brenda Williams and husband Ron as painters. Ron and Hector primed our entire house. Then we got to paint colors (more fun). Brenda brought us Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies.

Now, I know everyone has had these cookies before, but her recipe is special and will not be found in any cook book. She has always loved cocoa and her recipe is the best I've ever eaten. Brenda shares week's recipe - the cookies she brought to us. She's re-

quired to make them in large quantities, because everyone wants a bag to take home. This is an easy, no-bake recipe that can be doubled, or changed to add crunchy peanut butter. They keep for several weeks in an airtight container or can be made early and frozen. That's if you can stop yourself from eating them as fast as you make them. It's great for Halloween (or any Holiday) parties, which will be starting sooner than we ever expect.

Anyway, thanks from the bottom of my heart for the help and support. My sisters (family and beach) take care of me and it's great to know they are always there! So, Brenda, this one's for you! Let's head to the kitchen....

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3 Cups Oatmeal  
1 Cup Pecans, coarsely chopped

Mix sugar & cocoa together & add milk slowly, stirring constantly. Add cut-up margarine & cook on medium heat, stirring constantly, until margarine melts. Bring to a full boil and continue boiling 1-2 minutes. Remove from heat; add oatmeal & pecans, mixing well. Drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper and leave until set. NOTE: To make peanut butter chocolate oatmeal, leave out pecans and add 1 cup of crunchy peanut butter.

Enjoy, share, and join the Krewe of Wrecks! If you're already a member of another Krewe, you can still join the Wrecks. Have a safe & happy Halloween! See you in the kitchen...



**A TOAST TO THE BIRTHDAY GIRL** - Sisters of the Beach threw a surprise birthday party at the Paradise, October 8. Birthday babe Marie Steele, center, toasts with her dad Bob Newton and mom Alida.



**IT'S NO SECRET** - The SOBs are always celebrating something. On October 8 it was a surprise birthday party. Susie Hastings, left, greets birthday girl Deb Friedman with a big hug at the soundside Paradise Bar and Grill.

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## SEXY SENIOR

Conner Cagle, owner of the popular Olive Drop Martini Bar on Pensacola Beach will bare all as the February model for the "Perfectly Aged 2007" calendar. Actually, like all the other models, he will be wearing props instead of clothing. The fun filled calendar, a fundraiser for the Council on Aging, will be on sale at the Olive Drop on November 6. Get your copy for \$20.

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## Mayor Becky Shearman Says It's Time To Get In the Race



By Becky Shearman  
Pensacola Beach Mayor 2004

Time flies when you are having fun or recovering from a hurricane. Recovery is well underway and ongoing but it is, once again, time to have some fun.

As "The Mayor of Pensacola Beach 2004," it is my responsibility to see that the tradition of the election for charity is continued. Pensacola Beach is well on its way to recovery from Hurricane Ivan and needs a Mayor for 2007.

Any Beach resident who would like to campaign to be "The Mayor of Pensacola Beach" should get ready to hit the campaign and fundraising trail. I

would also like volunteers to serve on the board of directors or work on committees for future fundraisers. Volunteers do not need to be beach residents.

Everyone is familiar with our longtime, honorary "Mayor Bob," who carries the title as first Mayor of Pensacola Beach. There have been ten mayors "elected" over the years.

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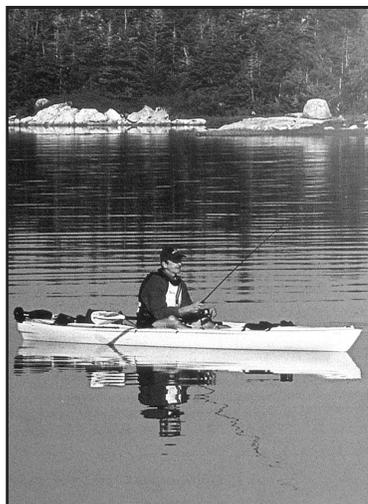


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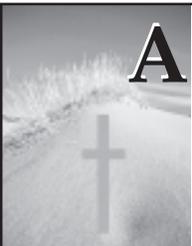


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# A Cross in the Sand

By  
**Dr. Chuck Randle**

Pastor

Pensacola Beach Community Church

Many of us can remember those days in high school when we were in plays such as "Our Town." It was an opportunity to try and get into the feeling of the person we were playing. It was enjoyable to step outside of our persona and take on the persona of another. I think that is the reason Halloween is such a happy time for our children. They can dress up and be princesses, pirates, Cinderellas, Superman, Spiderman, or a host of other characters. For just a short while, they take on the role of another, which they recognize is fictitious, then return to be themselves.

Some see something dark and evil in Halloween. I remember reading that Christians took over a holiday once known as Saturnalia, and gave it a new meaning, and now few see anything dark and evil in it. We can take almost anything and give it a good or bad connotation, so

## Pandora Sets Tables For Timeless Traditions

Beach resident Pandora de Balthazar is creating a new holiday tradition by hosting the first ever "Setting a Timeless Thanksgiving Table" showcase November 7 through the 11 at her bayfront Pensacola shop, 9 S. 9th Avenue. Pensacola's premier interior designers and leaders of the art community will compete for votes in creating the winning "Timeless Thanksgiving Table" using Pandora's extensive collection of antique textiles. Voting is open to the public through the purchase of \$5 tickets, available in advance or at the door, with proceeds being donated to the Manna Food Pantry.

"This event is close to my heart," says Pandora de Balthazar, company founder. "I love sharing a beautifully dressed table with dear friends and family. I am thankful to have the opportunity this year to share this experience with some of the most creative minds I know and the community at large."

Pandora de Balthazar has created a company that is committed to improving the lives of others by helping them create a haven within their home for the rejuvenation of mind, body and spirit.

it only seems natural to take Halloween and turn it into a happy day for our children, as well as adults, and make it a positive experience.

Our churches on the beach are attempting to do just that! On Sunday, November 29, the Community Church will have a "Trunk or Treat" event on the church parking lot from 2 to 4 p.m.. Children will go from open car trunk to open car trunk to receive "goodies" from those who have made a special effort to turn it into a special fun day. There will also be a cake walk, haunted house, face painting, and free hot dogs and soda.

Our Lady of the Assumption will have a Halloween Supper and Party in Hunt Hall, beginning at 6 p.m., which will include costume contests, games, and a carved pumpkin contest. Children, and adults too, are encouraged to wear costumes to both. These events are open to the public.

For more information please ring 850-432-4777.

# Flat Friends Fly Far Away From Beach School

Pensacola Beach kindergartners and first graders read Flat Stanley, a story about a child who gets flattened and travels the world by mail. They created flat copies of themselves and mailed them across the U.S. and to exotic places like Brazil and Africa. Students will chart where their flat friends have traveled, when they hear from each recipient. Students participating are shown below:



**TOP PHOTO:** Jennifer Neal's kindergartners are: Allison Seeker, Hannah May, Thomas Niven, Clay Clifton, Shane Dorian, Eric Furrow, Jesiah Fitzgerald, and Katarina Denton. Standing on left: Veronica Gyoerkoes. Standing on right: Patrick Cronin, and Anna Jacobs.

Back (L to R): Steele Chambers, Nicole Nogueira, Chloe Huntley, Carlee Amberson, Grace Reece, Devon Elliott, Kessler Foreste, Nicole Niven, Ashley Price, McGuire Wolfe, and Hannah Childers. Not pictured: Cayson McCurdy



**BOTTOM PHOTO**  
Sandee Bredesen's first graders are front row (L to R): Morgan Churchill, Meredith McCurdy, Julia Wassner, Abby Jacobs, Blair Amberson, Lauren McCleary, and Zosia Uszok. Back (L to R): Sandee Bredesen, Jackson Smith, Jeffrey Doyle, Lara Medve, Grayson Smith, Braden Sheffield, Ryan Furrow, and Aidan O'Brien.

Standing, right: Thomas Goodroe. Not pictured: Macy Mateer

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