

# ISLAND TIMES

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## Saluting Beach Veterans



Pensacola Beach's longstanding tradition of gratitude to military veterans is celebrated annually at the Veteran's Day Parade which will roll at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 11 down Via de Luna to the Gulfside Pavilion. Representing the many veterans on Pensacola Beach are front row (L to R): Mary Dunne who was a Naval aviator for eight years and served in the Gulf War; Matthew Drees spent 13 years in the U. S. Army and is now serving in the National Guard as a military policeman; Loretta Browder is a Korean War veteran who served in the Navy Reserve for four years; and retired Cmdr. Morris Drees, USN, founder of the Pensacola Beach Veteran's Day parade. Back row (L to R) are Cmdr. Reed Dunne, U.S. Navy Reserve who began his career as an aviator in 1986 and Tom Fitzgerald who flew for twenty years and retired from military service as a United States Marine Corps Major in 1995. For more information on the Pensacola Beach Veteran's Day parade and ceremonies, see story page 2.



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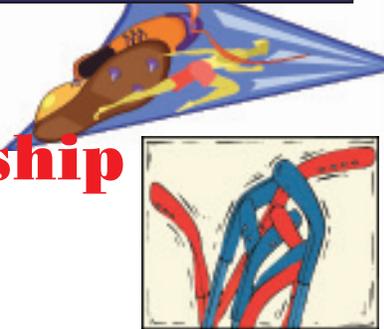


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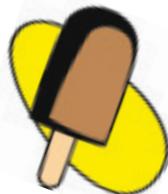
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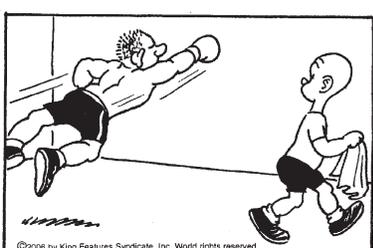
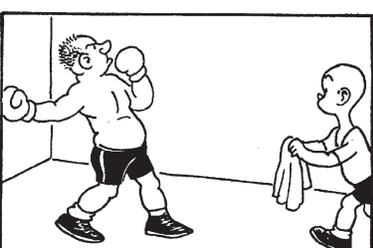
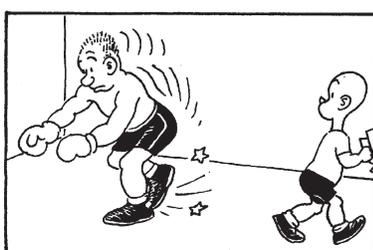
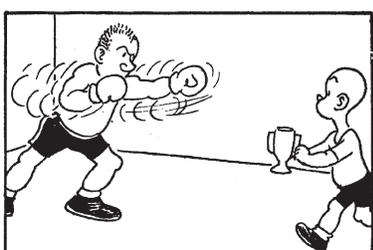
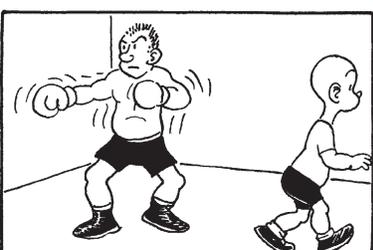
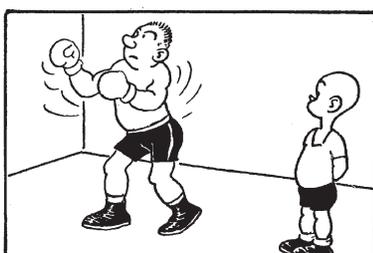
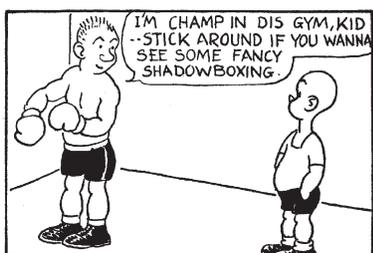
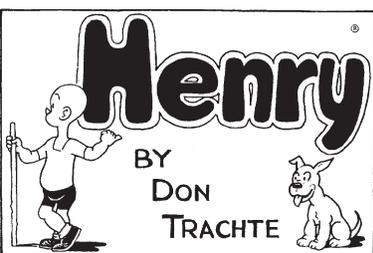


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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) That difficult situation you've been dealing with continues to call for careful handling. Avoid quickly made choices that might not stand up when they're finally put to the test.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You still have lots of evaluating to do before you can consider making a commitment. It's better to move cautiously than to risk stumbling into a major misunderstanding.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A previously peevish partner offers to be more helpful with your problems. But remember: The final choice is yours. Be guided by what you feel is the right thing to do.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) As the Big Cat, you can sometimes be pretty rough on those you suspect of betrayal. The best advice is to pull in those claws and listen to the explanation. It might surprise you.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your inner voice usually guides you well. But a note of caution: This is a period of mixed signals for you, so be careful you don't misunderstand the messages you're getting.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Cupid's call beckons both single Librans looking for a new love, as well as couples hoping to strengthen their relationships. A workplace problem is quickly resolved.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It's been a hectic time for you, and you might want to take a break to restore both body and soul. You'll then be set to face new challenges later this month.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It's a good idea to take a more conservative approach to your financial situation right now. Some plans made earlier this year might need readjusting.

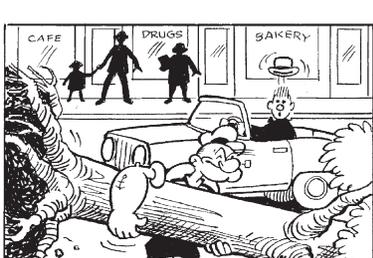
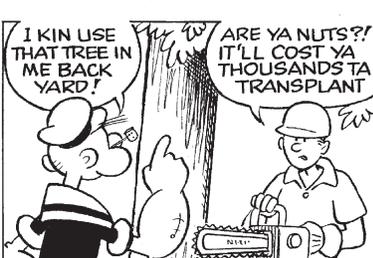
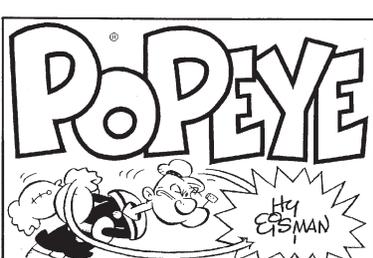
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) This is a fine time to move boldly into those new opportunities I promised would open up for you. Check them over, and then choose the best one for you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations. Your self-assurance is growing stronger, and you should now feel more confident about making that long-deferred decision about a possible commitment.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You're very close to reaching your goal. But be wary of distractions that can lure you off-course and leave you stranded far away from where you really want to be.

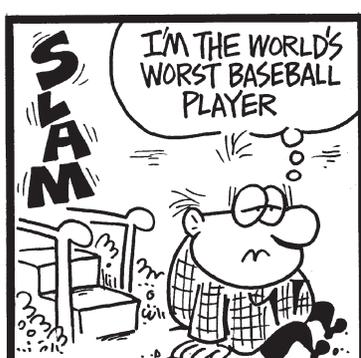
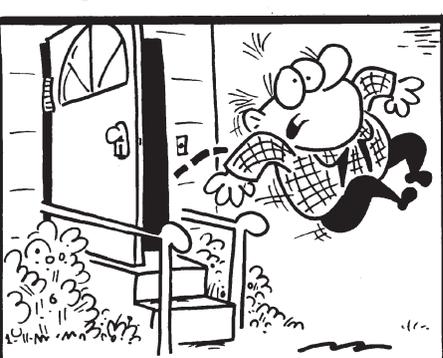
**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have an inner sight that helps you see into people's hearts. You would be an excellent psychologist or social worker.

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



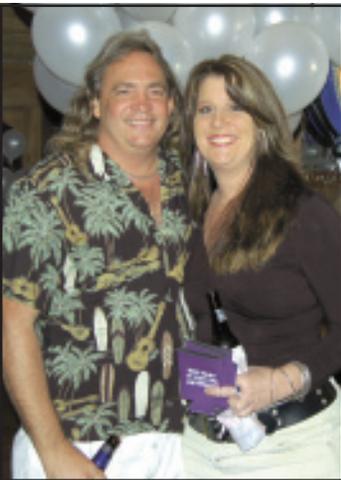
# Wooly Boogers of the World Arise

Queen Sugah has spoken. All members of the Wooly Booger Social Club are to rise from whatever it is they are not doing and attend the annual Kiss the Hurricane Season Goodbye Bawl.

The Wooly Booger Royal Court has designated the Paradise Bar and Grill as the site of this year's Bawl on Saturday, December 2 from 4 to 8 p.m.

All Wooly Boogers and Wannabee Wooly Boogers are invited to the Wooly Bash which will feature music by Wildwood. The band's Michael Wheeler was a key player in the long ago confrontation with the sheriff's department which spawned the Wooly Booger Social Club. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be raffle including a

50/50. Proceeds will go to Morgan Park in memory of the Wooly Booger Social Club founder, his High Wooliness, the late Les Cieutat. Wooly Boogers are cautioned not to seek additional information on the party. Just show up at Paradise and join in the tribal ceremony of thanksgiving that the hurricane season has stalled out for another year.



**PARTY TIME** - Stormy Gail's friends blew into The Islander Lounge's upstairs Cypress Bar, Saturday, October 21 to toast her birthday. She rewarded each partner with a custom koozie that said, "I am Stormy's friend. Not that it gets me anywhere." Wishing Stormy Happy Birthday is her boyfriend, Jay Monzingo.

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**AT THE LIGHT-NEXT TO FLOUNDERS**

# Red is the color of Love

By Pete Della Ratta

If you have not noticed by now, the weather is starting to take the usual nose dive. What does that mean for us, you ask? The almighty Bull Reds are coming to town. If you are reading this for the first time, the Bull Red is a bigger version of the Redfish or Red Drum, if you are being politically correct. These fish are a hot commodity even though they usually do not show their face until the weather dips to the "You're going where!" statement.

Even though you cannot keep these hard fighting, reel screaming fish if they are over 27 inches, you can have a great time whether you are an experienced angler or the fisher person who rents a rod, then buys some squid and waits for the big one. Some of these fish weigh in the 20 to 40 pound class and believe it or not, squid or cut bait such as mullet can be just as tempting or more to a hungry Red as any other presentation you can throw at them.

I do offer this advice: try to use circle hooks so fewer fish swallow hooks and are killed in the process of the hook removal. Circle hooks are alike to U-hooks but the point of the hook is perpendicular to the shank of the hook. I like to use Owner Hooks because of the sharpness of the hook and the strength while being a fairly thin hook.

Make sure you are using a heavy enough leader of either stronger monofilament than your main line or are using a fluorocarbon leader such as Seaguar. It can be of any length but remember that casting a long leader can be difficult and a leader of 36" should suffice unless your bait is hunted by the infamous toothy critters, or what tourists call sharks.

If you are hunting the Bull Red and come up empty after a big pull on the line then you have been introduced to someone in the toothy family. Redfish sometimes will hold on to your bait and take it for a swim before letting go because it is too big or the hook has not set in the corner of the mouth of the fish. Either way, it will get your blood rushing when you start to see that drag peeling off, especially if you have numerous layers of clothing on.

Anyone can have a chance at these if they feel like getting bundled up and bearing the cold because night time can produce some of the biggest Reds you will

see.

When fishing, make sure your drag is set properly and tight enough. If you do not know how to do this, then ask someone near you or where you purchased the reel, about how to properly set drag for different targeted species.

I'm still waiting for the road to Fort Pickens to open up in the next few years so I can go sit on the beach in the middle of nowhere under the stars with a few friends of mine and hopefully hook-up with one of these majestic creatures.

I used to take my girlfriend, who is now my wife, out to the point which is at the western-most tip of Fort Pickens and camp out over night with the Night Owl Pass (Money Maker). She would love it when there was a fish on the line but the time in between hook ups was the problem. She looked like the Michelin Man because of all the layers of clothes. I even had her try on coveralls in Academy Sports so warmth would find its way to every nook and cranny of her body. Sleeping became a recreational sport when the "pickens were slim," no pun intended. She always tells everyone I looked like I should have starred in the movie "Castaway" because I would dig out a 5 foot clam shell in the sand so the wind would not pierce through the layers of clothing. My chest waders worked as my body armor. My chicken-wire pier cart was my transportation for all



the goods including the chair, heater, food, and of course, cooler. One of the great aspects of the cold is not having to worry about running out of ice for your drinks or legally caught fish.

Sand, on the other hand, was an issue. Getting to the fishing location, during the fishing, and after you were done fishing because trying to get sand out of crevices you did not know you had can be a difficult task.

The benefits out-weighed the disadvantages every time I went because whether I caught fish and toothy critters all night or came home empty handed when the sun was sparkling on the horizon at dawn, I had the time of my life with the person I wanted to be with. And I still want to spend the rest of my life with her - my best friend, my fishing mate for life, my confidant, my wife.

I want to thank her for all the times she went with me to support my "habit" and in the mean time put her hooks in me. I wish everyone could find that one person who will find a little bit of goodness in everything their better half does and support them even if that means teeth chattering cold for numerous hours on end. Go soak a line with someone you love.

## Toll Plaza Tips Alleviate Traffic Tie Ups and Travel Troubles

Richard Butler, general manager of the Bob Sikes Toll Facility sends some Toll Plaza Tips to assist drivers.

- **Transponder Troubles:** Transponders must be renewed annually. If you do not know whether your transponder is currently active, please do the following: Standing in front of your vehicle, locate the number on the back of your transponder. Call the Toll Plaza at 934-7005 and ask if this transponder has been renewed. If it has not, the renewal process is simple. You can renew at the Santa Rosa Island Authority Office at 1 Via de Luna.

- **Toll Plaza Tailgaters:** Do not follow the vehicle in front of you too closely. It is not safe and it confuses the electronic readers.

- **Fast and Furious:** The maximum speed through the Toll Plaza is 5 m.p.h. Speeders cause delays by jamming the electronic equipment at the Toll Plaza.

- **Forward Focus:** Please keep your attention focused forward. Following the car in front

of you at a safe distance and moving at a slow and steady pace. You do not need to be waived through by the toll collector, so there is no need to turn your attention away from what's in front of you.

- **Patience, Please:** As we transition and rebuild, there are going to be challenges. Help us by renewing your transponders, being courteous drivers and make your trip through the Toll Plaza a safe and simple one.

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# Poker Players Know When To Hold 'Em

As daylight slips away, Rick Uzdevenes carefully stacks cards and chips on the felt preparing for yet another night of Pensacola Beach Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun. Monday night games are played on waterfront tables at the Paradise Bar and Grill on



**Tommy Chavis is a force to be reckoned with at the Poker tables.**

with Jeff Lockwood second. It was beautiful at the beach according to all the players.

Card players gather in downtown Pensacola Beach on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. to try their luck at The Islander Lounge. Wednesday, November 1

Tommy Chavis took down another win at The Historic Islander. Justin Robbins was second.

"Everyone is welcome to play Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun," said promoter Rick Uzdevenes. "We start about 7 p.m. Come early and get signed up. Let the games begin."

For more information, email Rick at salt2o@mchsi.com

Pensacola Beach. Monday, October 23, JMac (John McNamara) took out Jeff Lockwood in the final. Dave Bryant was third.

"It was a great crowd tonight and everyone had a good time," said poker regular Jeff Lockwood.

The Halloween hauntings didn't seem to bother players on Monday, October 30 at Paradise. Tim Rinker pulled out another win

# Park Hosts Open House to Comment On Road Repairs

Gulf Islands National Seashore Superintendent Jerry Eubanks announced today that temporary repairs to J. Earle Bowden Way, the road which connects Pensacola Beach and Navarre Beach, are underway. Superintendent Eubanks said, "By spring of 2007, we hope to have a two-way public use road from Navarre Beach to Opal Beach day-use area, as well as a one-lane road for emergency use only westward from Opal Beach to Pensacola Beach."

Eubanks also announced that, after recent meetings involving the Federal Highway Administration, Florida Department of Transportation, the National Park Service (NPS) and consultants, plans for permanent repairs to J. Earle Bowden Way and Fort Pickens Road on Santa Rosa Island are moving forward.

A public open-house will be held at the Naval Live Oaks Visitor Center from 2 p.m. -7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, to discuss and receive comments on the EAs. Superintendent Eubanks invites the public to attend the open house and/or to submit written comments during the comment period which ends Nov. 30. For additional informa-

tion, contact Park Headquarters at 850-934-2600.

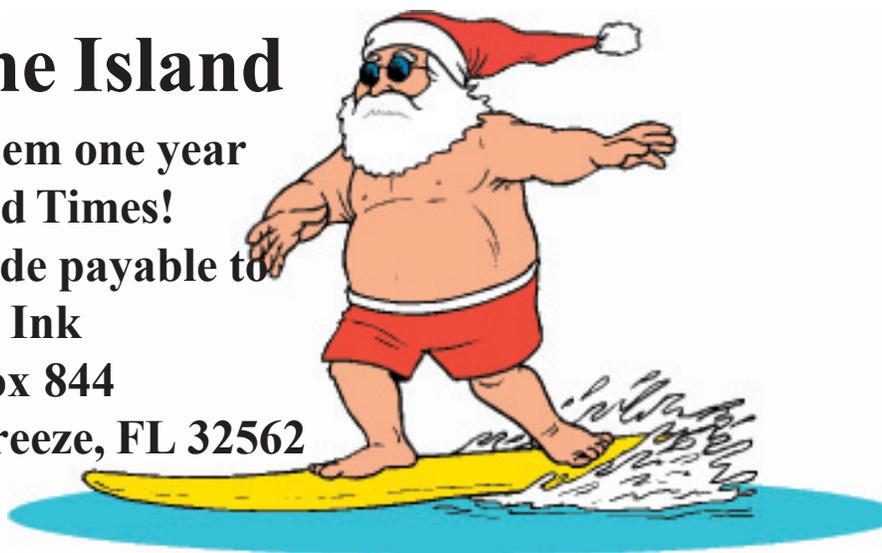


The Ladies of the Elks from Pensacola Beach Lodge 497 hosted a "Get It Out Of My House" garage sale, Saturday, October 21 in Gulf Breeze. The bargain hunters swarmed to purchase new treasures from (L to R): Donna Dotson, Liz Glackin, Charlene Deangelo, Lois Jernigan, Amy DePew, Sharon Burnside, and Pat Reese. Not in picture, Teresa Ivie.

**Pensacola Beach Veteran's Day Parade**  
**Saturday, November 11**  
 Rolls at 2 p.m.  
 Springhill Suites to Sidelines  
 Ceremonies at the Gulfside Pavilion  
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# The Beauty & Beach

By Danah & Gwen Gibson

## How to Change to a Different Stylist Graciously

This can be a really delicate issue to tackle, depending on who your hairdresser may be, and your relationship with her or him. Here at Danah's Hair Studio, we "share" many of our clients. We do not have the typical back stabbing and fighting that exists in some salons. It is really a matter of time and convenience for the client. We are just happy that you are coming to us!

Anyway, many years ago, I had a new customer sit in my chair, named Muriel. She explained to me that she was a "chair hopper" and would stay with one person for maybe six months, or maybe three years, just depending on her mood. Then she told me that when she felt it was time to move on, she always sent a nice note explaining her disappearance from the salon. What an excellent idea!

## Beach School Students Capture Computer Award

Pensacola Beach School computer lab allows students time to sharpen computer and academic skills in a fun environment. Computer lab teacher Monika Springer recognizes Students of the Week for their hard work and good behavior. The student is given a special chocolate bar whose ingredients spell out a

Speaking from behind the chair, when somebody quits coming to see you, you always wonder, "Did I cut her hair too short? Did she not like her color? Did someone offend her while she was here?"

To get a note saying, it was just time for me to move on, is the greatest gift you can give your hairdresser. It explains the circumstances and gives your hairdresser closure. Plus, it ends the need for you to avoid or dodge me in Wal-Mart. Ha-ha. So, if you find yourself in this predicament, here's your easy solution - a simple little note.

Cherish your freedom to patronize any salon. Cherish your freedom as an American and hug a veteran today!

On a Heavenly note: Here's to Sister Andrea- we love you so much, and will miss you dearly. The SOBs are sobbing.

recipe for success in the computer lab.

Students who were tapped as achievers for the week of October 27 are: Kindergarten Veronica Gyoerkoes, first grade Macy Mateer, second grade Parker Baynes, third grade Lani Smith, fourth grade Brai Royer and fifth grade Andrea Wassner.

## Group Announces February Date for Annual Metaphysical Festival

Unlimited Horizons has announced the date of the 2007 Metaphysical Festival. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 17 and 18, at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, Highway 98 in Navarre.

This is a very popular event. We have averaged over 1,000 attending over the last four years. For more information about this or other Unlimited Horizons pro-

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## by Pandora de Balthazar

...And we're off!

As November begins, so does the holiday season in all of its wonderful, exciting, frenzied, inviting, and exhausting glory. There are meals to prepare, in-laws to visit, children to shuttle, gifts to buy, parties to attend, donations to be made, and all while maintaining the somewhat normal life you live the other 10 months of the year. How to do it and still have enough energy to wake up and start all over again on January first?

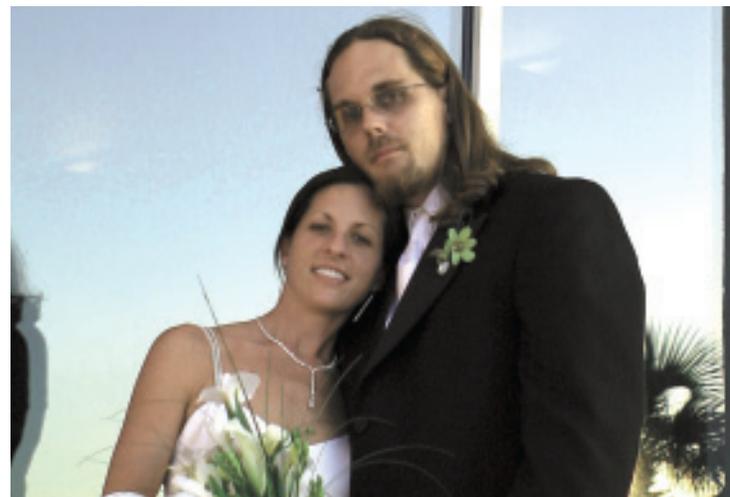
1. Set a sleep schedule and stick to it! At the very least, wake up at the same time every morning and power nap during days that follow late nights.

2. Get some exercise. A walk after dinner will aid digestion, help ward off the holiday weight gain, and expend extra energy to allow you to sleep more soundly.

3. Evaluate your bedding. Flip your mattress, replace threadbare sheeting, and discard old pillows. If your bed isn't inviting, you simply won't want to be in it.

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Newlyweds Sara and Richard Miller share a reflective moment during their Pensacola Beach wedding reception, Friday, September 15. Sara is the daughter of Sandi and Johnny Johnson of Pensacola Beach.  
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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



On November 10, the United States Marine Corps will turn 231 years old. My husband, Harry, and I will celebrate this monumental occasion by attending his unit's official Marine Corps Birthday Ball. One would think that going to the same themed party year after year after year gets boring, but it doesn't. Each ball that I have attended has been unique in circumstance and uplifting in message. Plus six weeks before the event, I look forward to seeing all my female friends in the diet section of the local bookstore and having the extra person to talk to while I am out on my morning jog.

I've gone as a girlfriend, a wife, a mother, with my husband, without my husband, with in-laws and without in-laws. I've been the designated driver and the taxi cab caller while Harry has upheld the honor that the Corps was founded in a tavern. I have pictures to show that I went as a blonde and a brunette, hair up, hair down, short hair, long hair, curly hair and straight hair. Harry's hairstyle hasn't changed since 1998. It's just gotten grayer. I have danced the cha-cha, tangoed and waltzed whether I was skinny, fat or pregnant while my rhythmically challenged husband just swayed. I've worn new dresses, old dresses, and homemade dresses in either black, red, blue or gold and always floor length. Harry's outfit hasn't changed nor has it had to be altered. It just has more bling on it. No matter what, the Corps' birthday is never forgotten and always celebrated be it peacetime or wartime.

Two things become a hot commodity on a Marine base in

November – the unique ball gown and a good babysitter. Last year my other neighbor and I both ordered on-line the exact same dress without each other's knowledge. The only saving grace was that our balls were on separate nights and at different locations. Whew, that was a close one. My new next door neighbor is a Navy wife. She offered to keep my son, Har, for me while Harry and I go to our ball this year. I didn't have the heart to tell her that watching a Marine's kid for the ball is at least a 48-hour, if not 72-hour, commitment, and because of that I've had childcare locked on for at least six weeks.

My neighbor whose husband is a Marine Air Group commanding officer is faced with having to attend 10 separate birthday celebrations or as she says "make an appearance." The most balls Harry and I have attended in one year is three and he doesn't believe in "making an appearance." I believe I am still trying to recover and that triple header was years ago.

My most memorable birthday celebration was our first squadron ball in 1991. I remember sitting at our designated table with all of his peers and their wives. We were all passionate about the taped message from the Commandant and had more in common with the youngest Marine at the cake cutting ceremony than anyone else. Today, most of those Marines are no longer active duty and we are all old enough to be the parents of the youngest Marine present. Where did the time go?

My least favorite ball was the one I chose not to attend while

Harry was overseas in 1994. The most fun was in 1995. There was some kind of two-ticket drink limit due to insane partying in the past. That's when I found a portable bar at a garage sale in Washington, D.C. Everyone was lined up at our table to view the latest in high fashion accessories. And it is safe to say that my "bulky black purse" hasn't missed a celebration since. 1997 was a good year. I was eight months pregnant and Harry's squadron was overseas again. Nothing ever deterred us Gunfighter Gals. I borrowed a maternity evening gown, waddled into the limo and we celebrated in style. I've always wondered when the Chart House in Oceanside, California was remodeled if they found all the "Gunfighter" stickers we conveniently hid in the ladies bathroom while having pre-happy happy hour before heading to San Diego for the ball. In hindsight, 2000 has to be the most sentimental. It was the last ball held during a time of peace and the year I chose to wear something belonging to both my grandmothers – earrings and a mink stole. The best ball ever is the one I will attend this year and in the years to come.

So here's to the Marine Corps and to all Marines – former, present and future – happy 231st birthday and thank you for keeping us safe. Semper fidelis.

### Timeless Thanksgiving Table Showcase

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This scary group of wild Beach witches and warlocks were handing out treats at the Beach Church's Trunk or Treat celebration Sunday, October 29. The frightfully fun bunch are: (L to R) Ada Baughn, Jackie Henderson, Linda Murphy, The Scarecrow, Joanne and Don Mateer.

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# Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

## Paint Tape Does a Body Bad

There is a bedroom in our house that I primed about a month ago. I left the tape in place around the trim so the room would be ready to walk in and paint. Well, a few weeks later I walked into the room, and it looked as if the tape had curled in three places around the window trim. Upon closer inspection, I realized it wasn't the tape, it was three petrified black snakes. No they weren't scared of me, they just stayed too long in one place. Their bodies were as thin as telephone wire, and they gotten caught up and stuck in the tape. I removed the snakes and looked closely for an opening around the casing for the window. Bingo! I saw daylight through a small opening. I immediately set my caulk gun into action and sealed the inside as well as the outside of the window. (Ralph has the latest caulk gun technology - battery powered -but he hid it from me). Just remember Remodeler Law #3: A caulk gun in use, keeps the snakes in the bush!

## Carpet Pads Pack a Punch

Have you ever gone into a room healthy and come up with an asthma and sinus attack? Well, you need to read this next paragraph. I had a bedroom that attacked me when I walked in. My breathing stopped and my throat swelled up. I loved the view from this room. What to do? What to do?

I decided to rip out the carpet. It had to be the carpet! It wasn't. It was the pad underneath which made the carpet emit formaldehyde fumes. Once I got it all ripped up (keep all the windows wide open when you do this) and out of the room, and left the windows open for about three hours, I slept just fine in there. Of course now I am looking at plywood floors. Haha. Like that's going to bother me.

# Pensacola Beach Dome House Survives Again

By Dr. Emily Baird

Pensacola Beach's Dome House on Ariola Drive, built to survive a hurricane, proved once again it was designed to withstand a storm--this time a different kind of storm. On October 14 a group of 60 revelers descended on the premises to celebrate Pat Brady Bernhard's 70th birthday. It was a celebration to remember!



*The Dome of a Home on Ariola Drive is built to withstand all types of storms- including the birthday parties who danced up a storm to the tunes of Boogie, Inc. last month.*

Looking radiant in a three-piece lavender Carol Little cocktail ensemble, Pat was surrounded by four generations of her relatives, neighbors from New Or-

leans and local friends.

Cocktails, and a variety of hors d'oeuvres were served, along



*Pat Brady Bernhard celebrating her birthday on Pensacola Beach.*

(some best forgotten according to Pat).

Music for the evening was furnished by Boogie, Inc. The guests, led by Pat and Dick Hart, literally danced "up a storm". Musical selections ranged all the way from boogie to a line dance, which ended the delightful evening.

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Answers

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

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- 6 Skilled player
- 9 Put away
- 12 Insignificant one
- 13 Off-tattooed word
- 14 Illumination measure
- 15 Avian penthouse
- 16 Superior in quality
- 18 "- in the Wind"
- 20 Eastern potentate
- 21 Greek vowel
- 23 Fairway start
- 24 Take as one's own
- 25 Unaccompanied
- 27 Step
- 29 Man with all the answers?
- 31 Penguin's adversary
- 35 "If You Knew -"
- 37 A few
- 38 Michaelmas daisy
- 41 Chart
- 43 Catch red-handed
- 44 "- there?"
- 45 Peanut butter, e.g.
- 47 Realty sign
- 49 In any way whatsoever

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- 10 Tiny Tim's flower
- 11 Work the muscles
- 17 West Point newbies
- 19 Classroom array
- 21 "Guinness Book" suffix
- 22 Anderson's "High -"
- 24 Khan title
- 26 Haunt one's mind
- 28 As cross as -
- 30 One side of the Ural Mts.
- 32 Carter's veep
- 33 "I - Camera"
- 34 Kans. neighbor
- 36 Block
- 38 Terrible
- 39 Coastline
- 40 "Flying Down -"
- 42 U.N. goal
- 45 Thick chunk
- 46 Fermi's unit
- 48 "Eureka!"
- 50 Actor Cariou
- 51 Hallucinogen letters

### DOWN

- 1 Harper Valley grp.
- 2 Shock partner
- 3 Sheet material
- 4 Carreras rendition
- 5 Exhausted
- 6 Magic charm

# Veteran's Day - Pensacola Beach Style Salute To Area Vets

The Eighteenth Annual Veteran's Day parade on Pensacola Beach is set to roll on Saturday, November 11 at 2 p.m. Line up for the event, sponsored by the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge 497, will be at Avenida 10 and Via de Luna. Units participating should arrive no later than 1 p.m. The procession will go along the southernmost lane of Via de Luna and turn into the Casino Beach parking lot at Sidelines. The parade will disband at the Gulfside Pavilion.

Post parade ceremonies in the Pavilion will feature speaker,

Navy Lt. "Buck" Herdegen. The naval aviator who received his flight training at NAS Pensacola, returned from a tour in Iraq last May. He was awarded a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, six air medals, and the Combat Action Ribbon for his service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Buck is currently serving as a flight instructor with VT-4.

The Veteran's Day parade and ceremony was founded by Morrie Drees, who started it as a marching parade for veterans who lived on Pensacola Beach. Over the years, it has grown to

include not only marchers, but motorized units, color guard, and participants from a number of organizations. Andrea Brunt, who was the parade chairman, passed away on October 30. However, she had taken care of all the details for the parade and ceremony prior to her death. Elk's

Lodge members Jeff Goudey and Bill Greene will be the parade marshals.

According to Amy DePew, Ladies of the Elk's president, the LOE will serve hot dogs and cokes at Casino Beach, first to parade participants and then to

the general public on a first come, first served basis.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority will provide live music by After Hours from 4 to 6 p.m.

For more information about the parade, call the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge at 932-4444

## Beach Business Prospects Look Better and Better

Buck Lee, Santa Rosa Island Authority general manager, painted a rosy picture for beach businesses at the October 31 meeting of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce.

"Businesses have a lot to look forward to," Buck said. "Next summer, the roads will be finished, and the public safety/restroom building will be complete. New condos and hotel rooms will be ready. The Dunes is slated to be open in February or March."

Buck said he had permission to drive on the road to Navarre Beach and commented that it needed to be repaired for safety's sake. He also said that Fort Pickens was one of the top ten attractions in the National Park system, but they seem to be in no hurry to restore the road to the Fort.

"Businesses may need to start hollering to get some attention," Buck said.

Buck gave an update on road repairs. He said the north lanes of Via de Luna would be complete by February 2007, along with the asphalt bike path. Traffic will shift to the northern lanes while southern lanes and concrete sidewalks are under construction.

During the business session, Sandy Johnston, executive direc-

tor of the Chamber, announced that the annual Christmas Boat Parade would take place December 2, ending at Portofino Boardwalk. The Christmas Street Parade will be December 3 and will start at 2 p.m.

Jeanetta Moultrie of Springhill Suites reminded Chamber members that everyone is welcome to come to their tiki bar, the Sun Ray.

Mike Cook representing the Better Business Bureau, cautioned Chamber members about certain scams. He suggested that they refer to the website at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) for more information and updates.

Renee Mack, manager of the Paradise Bar and Grill announced that a new event, the Back to the Beach Music Festival would be hosted at Paradise November 10 through 12.

"This event is designed to bring business to the Beach in the off season and it will also be a fundraiser to support music education," Renee said.

The Chamber's next business meeting will be at the Comfort Inn at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 28. After Hours will be on the same day at 5:30 p.m. at Springhill Suites. Businesses or individuals interested in joining the Chamber should call Sandy at 932-1500.

## Seeking Donations to Help Michael

A fundraising account has been set up for Michael Kaston to help take care of medical expenses after he suffered severe injuries in a skateboarding accident. Michael is the son of Beach Deputy Peter Kaston. Anyone

wishing to help can send a check made out to Sandi or Peter Kaston, and send it to 142 Highpoint Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL, 32561. Or, go to any AmSouth Bank and make a contribution to the account.

## Dune Problem Triggers Emotional Reaction

Sandwalls and dune systems which have been installed on leasehold property have become a growing phenomenon on Pensacola Beach. The issue reached dramatic proportions at the SRIA Architectural and Environmental Committee meeting, November 1. Although the full board had voted to hire Olsen and Associates to prepare a study of the complications arising from the practice, they listened to the tearful plea of resident Marianne Crowdis concerning the landscaped dune in the Crowdis yard.

After she told the Architectural and Environmental Committee members that the Board's previous actions had caused her family more stress than a hurricane, the committee decided to put the action against them on hold, including a \$500 after-the-fact fee.

A motion was passed to have the SRIA staff order and pay for a survey to identify the exact location of the easement next to the Crowdis' leasehold. The SRIA will ask Escambia County Code Enforcement to withdraw their names from a complaint regarding this property. Finally, they will await the results of the Olsen Report in December to determine resolution of the issue.

The Development and Leasing Committee heard requests for the construction of new hotels. Philip Napier, representing the investors who have purchased the Coconuts property told the committee that their plans include a boutique hotel, restaurant and marina to be known as Grand Marlin Marina. Napier asked to lease the properties adjacent to the Coconuts site.

"In order for us to be good neighbors and commingle parking with the fishing bridge, we are considering a design which would require our leasing adjacent lots," Napier said. "Our plans include developing a Marina at the point and an upland development of a boutique hotel and a

nice restaurant. It will be a beautiful flagship when you come across the bridge."

Bill Griffith, Development and Leasing Committee chairman, pointed out that the properties in question are designed for public recreation. Releasing the properties required public notification and an appropriate public auction. Dr. Tom Campanella commented that staff should study the issue before further discussion.

"I understand that the developer would not want to invest money in plans if we are not able to give him some notion if it is feasible," Tom said.

Jim Reeves received approval from the committee to begin the procedure to change the

## Stop Escambia County from Taking Away Beach Money and Way of Life

Residents of Pensacola Beach, the time has come for you to stand up for your rights. Burying your heads in the sand or hoping someone else will solve the problem of the possible abolishing of the SRIA is not acceptable. The first opportunity for Beach residents to make a strong showing is Saturday, November 18 at the League of Women Voters meeting featuring, "Santa Rosa Island, Past, Present, and Future." The meeting is at the First Presbyterian Church, 33 East Gregory St. in

land use of the Holiday Townhouses and Tiki Motel on Via de Luna, from medium density to high density. Reeves said he would ultimately need the additional variance of fifty units per acre. After he secures all required documents, a hearing will be scheduled.

Development and Leasing granted approval to Blue Angel Ice Co. to place a free standing vending machine at Sabine Marina parking lot. They also approved an \$800 expenditure to go toward Christmas decorations for Portofino Boardwalk.

The SRIA Full Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 8, at 5 p.m. at the Authority office building. The meetings are open to the public.

Pensacola. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. Speakers will be M.J. Menge, who will discuss the history of the SRIA and give reasons to retain it. Escambia County Commission Chairman Mike Whitehead will present his case for abolishing the Authority.

The meeting is open to the public and beach residents are urged to attend. Car pooling could be a good idea. Beach residents will have to begin to make a case to save their own governmental body.

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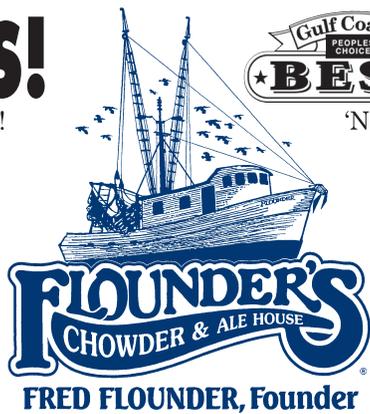
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# Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



I have been petless for a dozen years. My last animal was a beautiful Springer Spaniel with long velvety ears and a spattering of freckles across her muzzle. She was also haughty, egotistical and demanding. It really irked her that I went to my office every day and did not stay home and play with her. I gave her to Tiger Atkinson who gave her to someone else, so I don't know where she is, but I am sure she's the queen, bossing everyone around.

I peaked out on pets when I was ten-years-old. I had a Western pony named Honey Babe, a

gigantic white rabbit with shocking pink eyes, Timothy; a pair of greyhounds, Duke and Duchess, and a little gray cat, Muggins. My dad forbid me to bring all these animals into the house, so finding them places to live became a challenge, but I managed. The dogs resided in the garage. Timothy had his own hutch in the corner of the basement and another in the yard. Muggins' bed was on the landing at the top of the basement stairs. If you live in town in a residential neighborhood, what do you do with a horse? My dad had a lot with a privacy fence

where he kept his contracting equipment, so Honey Babe went there to live in a stable made out of two abandoned truck cabs. In the winter, she went to my Uncle's farm where she had her own stall in a real barn, and a chance to socialize with other horses. I visited her every week and neither of us could wait until spring when I could ride her back to town and then, ride her every day. I can't remember a single day during my childhood and teenage years that I did not have at least one furry friend.

So, it was a natural progression that while my children were growing up in New Orleans, they just had to have animals. They had pedigreed dogs, pound dogs, strays, Siamese cats, alley cats, turtles, exotic fish, parakeets, rabbits, even a monkey and an alligator. Since they only had one or two pets at a time, all the members of this menagerie were allowed in the house, except the alligator.

There are endless tales I could tell about all these pets, like the time the turtle went missing and months later, I found it in my closet hibernating in my shoe. It was alive and seemed happy enough to get back to its little pool, shaded by a miniature plastic palm tree.

The monkey was the most

exotic pet the kids ever had. Also, the most exotic stories revolve around that little Cinnamon ring-tailed primate. Winky's home was a lavishly furnished cage with a monkey proof lock on the door. Did you ever watch a monkey eat a grape? Winky would sit on his swing, peel the grape, eat the fruit, and spit out the seeds. He looked pretty human, so the kids would dress him in New Orleans style costumes, put on his collar and leash, and walk around the neighborhood. Of course, it was only a matter of time before he got loose during one of these excursions. He took off, disappeared, and my daughters sank into a deep depression for about a week. When I was about to give up hope that we would ever see Winky again, I got a call from the New Orleans Police Department. Someone had brought in a small monkey with our phone number on his ID tag. I identified Winky and a little while later, he was home. I will never forget the sight of these two big, burly New Orleans cops bringing Winky on his leash up the front sidewalk. Winky was still wearing his clown costume, although it was tattered and dirty.

The little monkey brightened our lives for a couple more years, but then died of grief when we

took a two-week vacation and left him in the jungle of an exotic pet caretaker.

So, having pets is not without trauma. I could create an artificial lake with the tears we have shed when we lost our animals. But it's all worth it. Everyone should have a pet.

When Frank and I were married eleven years ago, we decided not to acquire any pets, so we would be free to travel without worrying about an animal left behind in a kennel.

So, now our pets are wild and airborne. Pelicans, seagulls, doves and Blue Herons put on a show for us almost every day. We have not tried to name the birds or make them part of our family. They are just a squadron of strangers who bring joy to our lives. If one flies away and never comes back, we don't cry. We never knew him intimately in the first place.

There is an upside on our current petless status. We don't have to walk these birds, or feed them, or take them to the vet. They do not wake us up at five in the morning.

All we do is watch them fly, free and unfettered, over the Gulf of Mexico. Maybe, having wild birds for pets is not a bad thing after all.

## Partners Program Shifts Into Gear For New Year

Members of the Pensacola Beach Elementary School Board, announced at their October 23 meeting that the Partners-In-Education program is now underway. Board members jokingly told Conna O'Donovan, committee chairman, she did such a good volunteer job, that they would allow her to have the job another year. A sign bearing the names of the current partners is at the school now. Last year's partners who are mostly Pensacola Beach community organizations, businesses and individuals contributed thousands of dollars to the Charter School.

Vernon Niven, a member of the Board, was honored during the school's Fall Festival October 27. Dedication ceremonies to announce the naming the Vernon Niven Administrative Building,

took place during the Festival. Niven was a driving force in rebuilding the school after the hurricane. The Niven family is moving out of town.

The long awaited new school bus is operating, but the permanent driver and teacher's aide, Mary Williams, has been injured. Anyone interested in driving the school bus should call Jeff Castleberry, the principal at the school.

Marilyn Sundstrom, Board secretary, announced that the last two meetings for this year would be on November 27 and December 18 at the School at 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the public. The Beach School Christmas program will be December 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Community Church



Pensacola Beach Elementary School Board member Jeff Gill, left, announced to the crowds at the Beach School Fall Festival, Friday, October 27, that the Administration Building has been dedicated in honor of Vernon Niven, right. The plaque reads, "In appreciation of his extraordinary effort to bring us home."



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## Andrea's Footprints Will Never Fade Away

By Jane Waters Cooper

A month or so ago, Andrea Brunt and I were immersed in a conversation at Dee Lambert's bridal shower. As usual, we recalled some of the totally weird things the Beach family used to do when it was "old beach" and the living was easy. Of course, neither of us realized that this would be the very last time we would see each other on this earth.



**Andrea Brunt  
1951-2006**

Andrea, 55 passed away on Monday, October 30. Her neighbor found her sitting in a chair with her eyes closed, just as if she had fallen asleep, and did not wake up.

When I first met her in 1980, Andrea was the eyes and ears of the Beach family. Her store of information spread lightning fast among the members of the family. They used to tease me and say, "We don't need your newspaper, we have Andrea."

I soon discovered that Andrea was reliable, accurate, and the only source of above and underground news that I could really count on. She always called me first when she had "breaking news."

When it came time to start Mardi Gras on the Island, Andrea was right there, gathering people, starting fundraisers, running herself ragged to do all she could to help make that first attempt a success. She was a true Wreck from then on, and was the Queen in 1987.

When Mary Drees, the second Head Wreck decided to step aside, there was Andrea next in line for the now overwhelming task of guiding all the Beach's revelers through the party season.

No task was too big or too small for Andrea. If it was too big, she just got that grin on her face, and faked her way through until she got it done.

Andrea liked to run things - a trait that made her a great Head Wreck. She had various jobs in Island establishments, and no matter who the owner or manager was, Andrea was always in charge.

Andrea loved her husband Andy, her family, her Beach family, the Krewe of Wrecks, the New Orleans Saints, gossip, electronic games, and rum drinks in that order.

Memories of our twenty-six year friendship keep flooding back to me. Sometimes, I was Andrea's mentor and frequently, she was mine. Once, when I was down for the count with a broken back, it was Andrea who showed up with

her Volkswagen to deliver Islanders on Pensacola Beach. Although, the floor of her beetle had rusted out, she stacked the papers in the seats and went on her merry way. But, not before she stopped to bring me her special brand of cheer. Helping friends feel better was her trademark. She was the one who put out the tip jars when someone

was in need. It was Andrea who visited patients in hospitals and wrote letters to beach military persons serving in Iraq. It was Andrea who made all the arrangements for the SOB Christmas luncheon and emailed everyone a personal invitation. It was Andrea who, as a member of the Elk's Lodge, served as treasurer and was the Veteran's Day parade chairman. It was Andrea who took care of her mother and mother-in-law during their recent illnesses. Andrea's finest attributes blossomed when she was faced with a crisis. She was instrumental in raising funds to support last year's Mardi Gras parade, an almost impossible task to fund and run on a still hurricane ravaged beach. But she did it.

Sadly and unbelievably, Andy's beloved "old lady" is gone now, suddenly and without warning, and way, too soon. We all have stories and memories of the vivacious lady who grew up on Pensacola Beach and who touched all our hearts. Her footprints in the sand will never be erased.

Sometimes, I have difficulty describing the things I cherish the most. A sun beam, a birdsong, a butterfly, a shooting star, and the music of our Gulf of Mexico. Now, my dear friend Andrea, is added to this list. Through all her fantasies and foibles, there was so much substance. She really defied description.

Andrea, is survived by her husband of twenty-five years Andy Brunt, mother Frances Smallwood East of Milton, sisters Karen (Rick) Hagford, Fernandina Beach, Fla; Denise (Eric) Olson, Oklahoma City, OK; nephews Jason (Stephanie) Fredrickson and Yahn Olson; aunts Evelyn (George) Wright and Gert Smallwood. She is also survived by her Sisters of the Beach and numerous friends on Pensacola Beach.

Memorial services were Friday, Nov. 3 at the Beach Church. Contributions in her memory can be made to Favor House.



### DOUBLE OR NOTHING

When doctors told Susan Ross she needed replacements for both knees and they would operate on one at a time, she told them, "Double or nothing." She had both replacements done at once and is recovering well. She'll be ready to party with her sister-in-law, Joy Anderson when Mardi Gras gets in full swing.

### FRIENDS SAY GOODBYE

Kim Kaminski has word that her close friend Marie Fredericksen passed away on October 24. Marie was an officer in the Beach Dart League and had many friends on Pensacola Beach. She is survived by her husband, Bill, one son, two daughters and four grandchildren. Marie was sixty-years-old.

### RETIRED???

Melanie Waite must have spent the first part of her retirement from teaching by gathering tips from a couple of guys named Gulliver and Whirling Dervish. Over the past few weeks, she has attended the Florida Humanities Council Gathering in Cedar Key, and the Telephone Pioneers As-

sembly in Lafayette, Louisiana. Between trips, she conducted haunted history tours for the Pensacola Historical Museum.

### CRUISING AWAY

The Beach was minus Genella Vegas as she embarked on her annual October cruise to the islands. Genella makes Beach residents happy by keeping their glasses full of spirits at the Yacht Club and pampers them at Danah's Hair Studio. Glad she's back.

### HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Hank, Shelly and Erika Geier are really looking forward to Christmas when Chrissi Geier comes home for a two week leave. Chrissi is serving in the Air Force, and is stationed in Germany.

### CONDOLENCES

Bonnie Edwards, mother of Karen Alexander passed away on November 1. The Edwards family has always been active in the Beach Mardi Gras. Bill and Bonnie Edwards were named Tourist King and Queen when they first came to Pensacola Beach. Karen is an active member of the Mystic Krewe of Nereids.

## TRIVIA

As usual, trivia players rushed to their computers to email their answers to the question in the last issue of *Island Times*. The question was "What was the name of the hit movie filmed in part on Navarre Beach?" Amy Drees was the first to answer, "Jaws 2" so she gets the t-shirt. We had noted that Capt. Red who owned a bait and tackle shop, located on Little Sabine Bay, had played a part in the movie. Amy added that TT Lowery, longtime resident of Pensacola Beach and a Krewe of Wrecks Mardi Gras king, was the driver of the boat that pulled the shark through the water.

If you would like to have an *Island Times* t-shirt, be the first to email the correct answer to the following question. "There was once a post office on Pensacola Beach. Can you name the business which shared the building with the post office?"

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 12. Be sure to include your name and phone number.

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by kathi lewis

Our entire beach family and community have been dealt a harsh blow in the past week with the loss of our long-time friend and Head Wreck. But, we are and will always be strong and enduring and we'll play with whatever hand that God deals us! So, in the words of my wonderful friend, Andrea Brunt, "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rollez!" She excelled in delegating, so it's interesting and appropriate that the first recipe I came across in my collection is called "Do Nothing Cake." I can barely remember before Ivan when my life was full of do nothing days. Of course, these are the days we love the most and very rarely have anymore. I am still working to retrieve that lifestyle, but I don't see it happening in the near future. We continue to paint, purchase lights, and hope to be able to move into our house by the end of November. If everyone will keep their fingers crossed, please, I believe this will happen.

I am getting ready to head to Charleston for Deanna Lambert's wedding. I am looking forward to this - 1) because I need it, 2) because it is going to be a happy and wonderful celebration, 3) every time Dee mentions her wedding dress, she gets an ear to ear smile and her face literally glows with happiness, and 4) we must all continue to look forward. I can hardly wait to get back and share the parts suitable for print. Since, I'm going to be traveling with Paulette, Christine, and Elaine, I feel sure there will be some things that we absolutely cannot tell, ever! SOB's can keep secrets, believe it or not.

I can tell you that the Halloween party at Paradise was a ton of fun! Our Sandspur Repub-

lic witches coven was well represented. We are good witches and you can thank Chuck Steele for the very existence of our coven. Every time there were more than a couple of SOB's around together, Chuck always asked the question, "Is there enough for a coven?" So, we realized one day that we, indeed, had more than enough.

I wish a Happy Veteran's Day to all who have served our country and protected our freedom! Please be grateful to veterans everywhere and extend a hand to help, when needed. They are why I get to write this column each week and speak my piece. God Bless America and our Veterans! And for my dear friend, Andrea, this one's for you! Okay, it's time to cook.....

#### Do Nothing Cake

2 Cups all-purpose flour  
2 eggs, slightly beaten  
½ tsp. salt  
1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, undrained  
2 Cups sugar  
1 tbsp. Vanilla  
1 tsp. baking soda

Topping:  
1 (5oz.) can milk  
½ Cup margarine  
1 Cup sugar  
1 ½ Cups coconut  
1 Cup chopped pecans

Combine all cake ingredients and mix by hand. Do not use an electric beater or mixer. Pour into a greased 9 X 12" pan and bake for 30 - 35 min. at 350 degrees. Topping: Mix milk, sugar and margarine together. Boil 5 min. Add coconut & pecans. Spread topping over cake while warm.

Enjoy, share with a friend & join the Krewe of Wrecks! I'll see you in the kitchen.....



Pensacola Beach Woman's Club honored October birthday girls with a Halloween Cake at the monthly meeting Thursday, October 19 at Hunt Hall. Celebrants are (L to R): Edwina Speirs, Pat Bernhardt, Bunny Branan, Katie Dombey and Evelyn Wright. The next meeting of the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club is November 19 at 11 a.m. at Hunt Hall. Everyone who attends is requested to bring can goods to be donated. This is a November tradition for the Woman's Club. For information call Chrissy Cook at 916-7338.

## Island Bankers Want Food Deposits

Beach bankers at the Bank of the South-Island Branch on Fort Pickens Road want customers to make a deposit of a different kind this week. They will be accepting donations for the Waterfront Mission.

"We are accepting donations of food, clothing, and personal items," said Duffy Folmar, Beach banker.

The Waterfront Mission has published a list of needed items which includes canned yams, corn, cranberry sauce, lima beans and green beans. They are also asking for hats,

coats, gloves, new socks, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant.

Collected items will be distributed to homeless, elderly and homebound people in Northwest Florida.

"This is our annual Thanksgiving Drive," said Duffy. "The deadline to deliver these items is November 15."

The Christmas Toy Drive will begin November 16 at the Bank of the South Island Branch.

If you need more information about the event or items needed, please call Duffy at 932-9336.



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## ISLAND REALTOR ON TV

Jeremy Johnson, Island Realty, was the spokesman on a Channel 3 real estate segment, October 25. Jeremy predicts an upswing in the Beach real estate market within the next year.

## NEW PARTY PLACE

If you are looking for a great Beach location for a wedding reception, Mardi Gras party, holiday parties, meetings, or seminars, call Carol Sears at 335-1824. She can tell you all about the new Cabana Club banquet facility on the top level of the Marina. Rates and amenities are flexible. Better hurry to book the Cabana Club for your celebration.

## Beach Club Helps Others

The Pensacola Beach Optimists announced ongoing and holiday projects at their October 17 meeting.

Teet Brannon has a very full plate this month. She is the chairperson for the "Favor House Thanksgiving Project." Members will donate and prepare enough food for fifty people. Marilyn Sundstrom and Karen Jurkovich are assisting in this effort.

Lila Cox is making the world a better place by heading up the PBOC Beach Recycling Committee.

Sally and Cliff Taylor are spreading the warmth of the season with the "Coats for Christmas Project." Both churches on the Beach will have drop off boxes for donations of new or slightly used coats.

The Optimists will host their annual Christmas Party on December 15 at 7 p.m. at the Boardwalk Condo party room.

The Optimist Club meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Beach Church House at 7 p.m. Prospective members are invited to attend. For more information contact, Mary Claus at 916-0455.



Purple Heart Chapter #566 will be dedicating a Purple Heart Memorial at Pensacola Veterans Memorial Plaza, Saturday, November 11 at 10 a.m. according to Beach resident Mike Cook. Mike, left, Purple Heart recipient and retired Army Colonel, thanks Marcus Michles, right, for his generous sponsorship of the monument. Marcus was a Captain in the U.S. Army serving with the 82d Airborne Division, Third Special Forces Group, and the First Special Operations Command. Both veterans will be on hand to unveil the monument at the Veterans Day ceremonies.



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# Pensacola Beach Prepares Olympic Style Village for 1000 Student Athletes

Pensacola, Pensacola Beach and Gulf Breeze will have a golden opportunity to showcase their legendary Southern hospitality when college athletes from all over the United States come to the University of West Florida to compete in the 2006 Division II National Championship Festival.

The sporting event which runs from November 15 through November 18 is hosted by the University of West Florida and Pensacola Sports Association. Student athletes will compete in men's and women's soccer and cross country. There will also be volleyball and field hockey for women.

"The University of West Florida and NCAA Division II institutions truly understand what it means to celebrate the student athlete. Along with the PSA, we hope to provide a championship festival these athletes will never forget," Richard Berg, UWF Director of Intercollegiate Athletes, said.

Opening ceremonies will be Wednesday, November 15 beginning with a street festival at Seville Square from 3 to 9 p.m. There will be a parade of athletes, great food, great music, and family games, according to sponsors. The Molly Ringwalds, a New Orleans band, will play. A fireworks display will take place over Seville Square at 7:45. Sponsors invite the public to all the opening ceremonies to welcome the athletes. There is no charge.

Tickets to the championship games are available. All-session passes for the general public are \$30 and student all-session passes are \$15. A single day pass is \$12

for the public and \$5 for students. Passes may be purchased at each venue at championship locations or call 434-2800 for more information. The games can also be watched online. Go to [NCAAsports.com/DII](http://NCAAsports.com/DII). There will be live video webcasts during the festival.

A number of activities will be provided for the athletes to relax, unwind and socialize poolside at the Hilton Garden Inn on Pensacola Beach. The students will also have a chance to give back to the local community by participating in several scheduled work days at Habitat for Humanity homes.

A clinic for youth will precede the start of the Championships on November 11. The clinic will feature instruction in volleyball, field hockey and soccer. The clinic will be held at UWF Field House for students ages 10 through 16. Pre-registration is required. Go to [www.yesclinics.org](http://www.yesclinics.org).

Sponsors predict that approximately 1000 student athletes have qualified and will compete in the championships. All the athletes and their coaches will stay on Pensacola Beach in an Olympic village style atmosphere. Sponsors estimate the economic impact of the housing alone at \$1,181,750. This figure does not include accommodations to support groups and families or any other expenditures the visitors may make during their stay.

The closing ceremonies, which will be by invitation only, will be at Flounder's Chowder House. The Beach party will include an awards ceremony, food, live music, beach games and fire-

works over Santa Rosa Sound. A highlight video of the week's events will be shown.

Although the closing ceremonies are not open to the public, it will be possible to view

the fireworks from various locations in the core area of Pensacola Beach.

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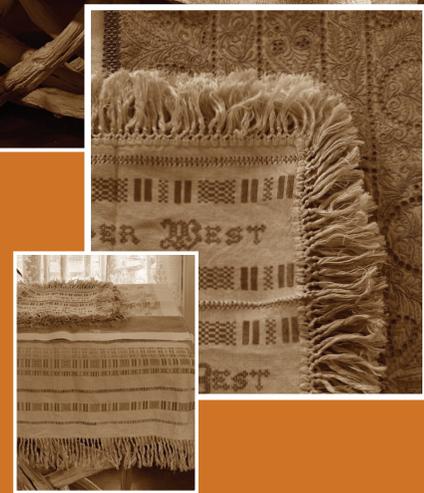
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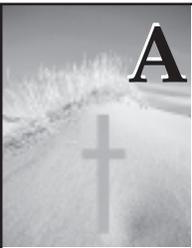
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# A Cross in the Sand

By  
Dr. Chuck Randle

Pastor

Pensacola Beach Community Church

## Thoughts on Veteran's Day

On November 11 we will observe Veteran's Day in which we will honor and express appreciation to all the veterans who have served in the military branches, as well as those who still serve today. We are deeply indebted to those who have helped to preserve our freedom.

Two experiences recently have caused me to be aware that the freedoms that we enjoy also makes it possible for some to take advantage. This week, I have received two emails purported to be from banks in our area, indicating that an error had occurred in my account and I was directed to follow a link given by the bank. It was really a no-brainer because I do not have accounts in either of the two banks. I called one of the banks and was told that it was a scam, or in the language of the Internet, a phishing expedition, hoping that some unsuspecting person would follow the instructions and give valuable information that could compromise their bank account.

In some places of our world, people who do these things are dealt with very severely. In our country, we have to be wise enough not to fall for the scam, or get computer software that will detect this type of activity and abort it.

Wendell Phillips said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Living in such an imperfect world as we do, we need to be eternally vigilant against all that would be destructive to our well-being. The freedoms preserved through the dedication of our military, make it possible to be the best that we can be, or gives opportunity for the less scrupulous to take advantage of an open society.

A strong nation is not finally achieved through might, but through the inner strength of citizens who put a high value on honor, integrity, and commitment to the high ideals that brought our Nation into existence.

Let's remember our veterans this weekend.



Dressed in traditional Greek costumes and preparing to perform at the Greek Festival November 10 through 12 are beach youngsters (L to R): AJ Anastopoulo, Sandy Spraggins, Paul Spraggins and Gus Anastopoulo. Not pictured is George Weisnicht. Festivalgoers can see these talented dancers on Friday at 5:30, 7:30 and 9:00; Saturday at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 and 9:00; and Sunday at 1:30, 3:30 and 5:30. The festival is on the grounds of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church at 1720 East Garden Street and will feature authentic Greek food, music and wares, as well as the dancers.



The Gang's All Here - to celebrate Marilyn Sundstrom's birthday, October 21. Marilyn and all her friends partied at Flounder's on the Beach to commemorate the special day. (L to R): Mike Cook, Johnny Johnson, Marilyn Sundstrom, Helen Randle, Bettie Lee Sundstrom, Allen Penniman, Janet Penniman, Rick Sundstrom, Chrissy Cook, Chuck Randle, Dave Sundstrom and Tracey Pinkston.

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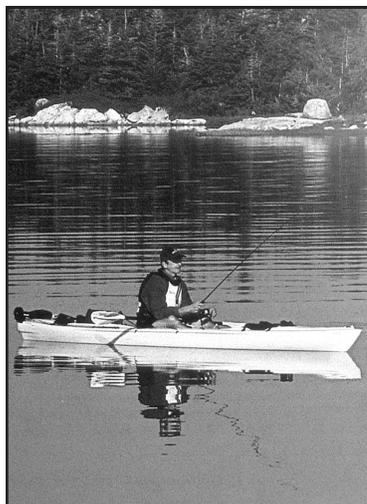
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