

# ISLAND TIMES

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## Thirty Thankful Years



Members of the Pensacola Beach Community Church are saying prayers of Thanksgiving as they get ready to celebrate the church's thirty year anniversary. The Beach Church is now the busy center for groups such as the Crafty Ladies who meet every Tuesday to handcraft distinctive Christmas items which will be sold in the church lobby on Sunday mornings, beginning this week. The talented artisans are (seated, L to R): Alys Kline and Helen Randle. Standing (L to R) are: Louise Greenley, Linda Seager, and Hazel Fairey. More on this story, Page 2.



# After Sundown



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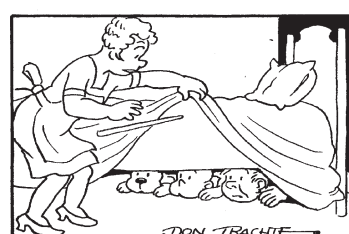
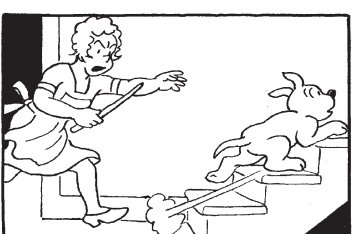
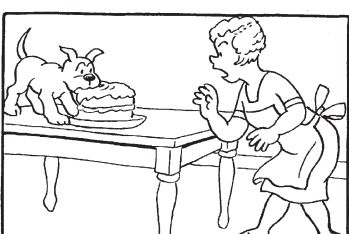
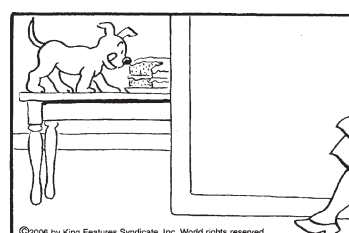
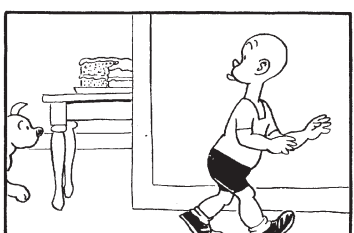
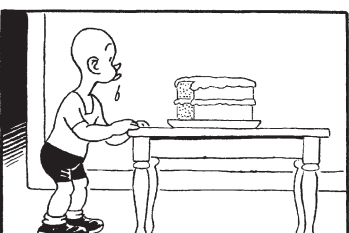
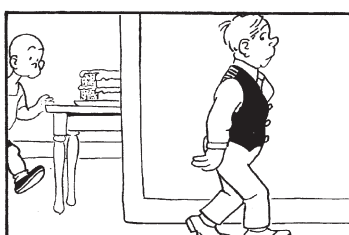
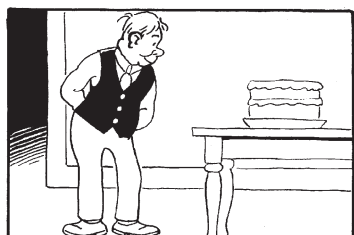
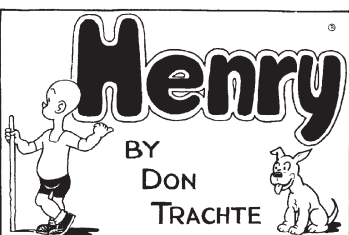
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Keep those sharp Sheep eyes focused on a hazy situation. As things begin to clear up, you'll find a sharper picture emerging, showing something you will need to know.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Watch your expenses through the end of the month. Later, you'll be glad to have extra money to pay for something that will make an acquisitive Bovine's heart beat faster.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're now ready to make that oft-deferred commitment, if you still believe it's what you want. Don't be afraid to change your mind if you feel you should go in another direction.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Now that you are moving on with your life after that recent disappointment, how about re-activating your travel plans and taking someone special along with you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Many new friends come into your personal life, which suits all of you social Lions just fine. However, one new friend might make demands that you could find difficult to deal with.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Communication doesn't exist unless it's two-way. So if you're getting no replies to the signals you're sending, it could be time to look for someone more receptive.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A workplace complication that you thought was ironed out develops new wrinkles that need attention. Meanwhile, expect continuing improvement in your home life.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A tense personal problem needs to be talked out before someone decides to walk out. Resist making decisions until full explanations are offered from both sides.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A technological glitch that caused problems recently will soon be repaired, and life can return to normal. A colleague has a surprising message to deliver.

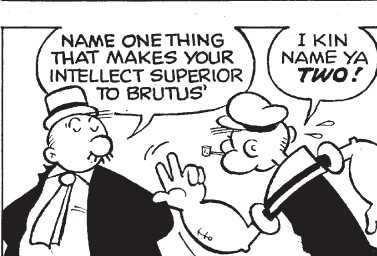
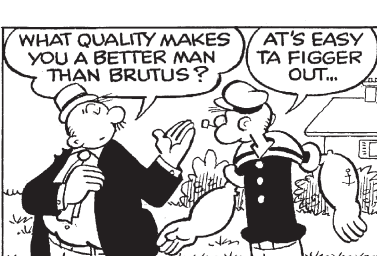
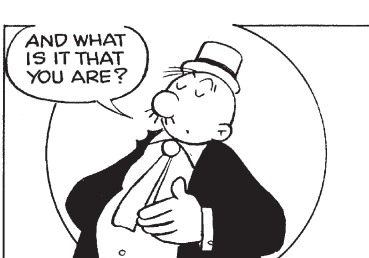
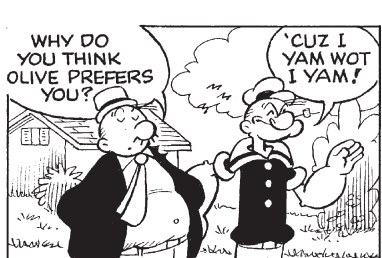
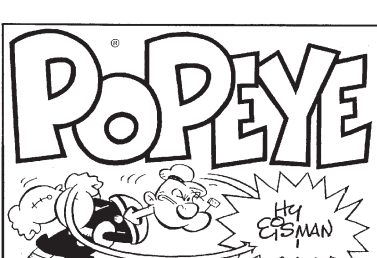
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your partner might feel that you haven't been as open with him or her as you should be. Deal with this now, before it turns into something more difficult to handle.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Many of the stumbling blocks that affected the progress of some of your career projects are fading away. Things also start to look up on the home front.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You'll need that strong Piscean pluck to get through waters that will be turbulent for a while. A more positive aspect soon emerges, along with some welcome news.

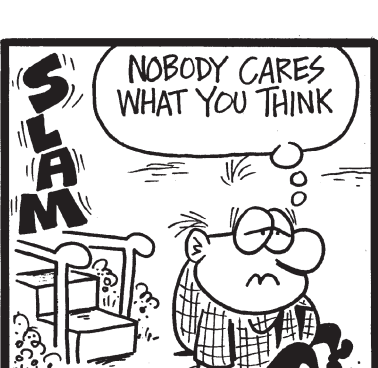
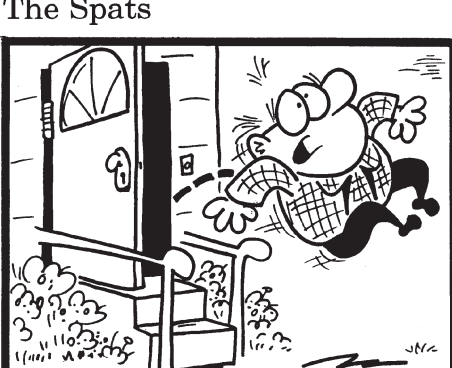
**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are zealous in the pursuit of truth. You would make an excellent research scientist.

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



# Espo's Surf Report

by  
Freddy  
Esposito

## Sorry No Refunds....

Well folks, I just took my first Carnival Cruise Ship Vacation to Mexico. This was something I have never done, and had always wondered what it would be like.

I was lucky to go with great group of people from my wife's beauty salon, and was part of a beautiful wedding on board the ship.

On my arrival I noticed the incredible amount of people all crammed into a 855 foot ship. There were 2300 passengers and 900 crew. This is where things get a little strange, people. I mean, here I was surrounded by a mixture of 2300 extremely loud, drunk, and hungry Americans - all with \$8 frozen margaritas, six hot dogs and hands full of beer ready to get their Party On! And, we still have not left the dock yet. This was the first two hours. Oh, just wait.

Then as we left New Orleans, and cruised the Muddy Mississippi River, we were treated to a lovely view of the local oil refineries and platforms. Wow, that wasn't in the brochure, but it sure should have been.

Eight hours later we hit the Gulf of Mexico and then everything went downhill quick. You see, the seas now were 15 feet from the northeast and tossing the ship like a small toy. 2300 people all puking and bobbing in all directions, still drinking and eating, but a bit uglier than the day before. This was so fun.

I slept for 28 hours in a spinning closet. I love this already!

The next day was gorgeous, and that was the signal to do the most important thing you do in a cruise ship - Eat. Eat and eat again. Dude, it was like a feeding frenzy for cattle every few hours. People of all ages lined up like lemmings with more food on their plates than I had ever seen before. It was art!

It was like this. "Hi sir. What would you want on your hamburger?"

"Hmm. Let me see....a hot dog!"

The ship finally landed in Costa Maya, small town just built for the Carnival Cruise line. It was

filled with dozens of local people all working for about \$4 a day, living in concrete small houses and lean-to's. I just can't imagine bringing one of them on the ship to witness the excess buffet feedings. They would go into toxic shock.

Hey, I have an idea. How 'bout we give the children of Costa Maya just one day's waste from the boat's food stash? They could eat that for weeks. Hmmm. You think?

This is where I had a direction change in thought. Here I was in an extremely poor country surrounded by excess in everything. It was an incredible feeling. People all over the world put down Americans, and I hate that, but I do see some of the reasons for this resentment. The things that are important to us, just don't relate to the entire world. We seem to be able to afford certain luxuries that some people only dream of and we wear it on our sleeves like a badge of honor.

Oh wait. It's time to eat again!

The next day we hit Cozumel. Wow, what a difference a day makes. Bars. Boats. Food. Drink. And thousands of people, plus perfect surf and crystal blue waters. A dream. A great day for spending all your money.

The next day we were sailing back to port and so it was really time to get your food and drink on. Time to get your money's worth. Look - land ho!

As we docked I was never so happy to see New Orleans in my life and to get away from the food and drink frenzy. I truly expected to see Betty Ford and Jenny Craig at the gate saying "Come on in darling, we'll take care of everything now."

In fact, I think they should weigh everyone before and after the trip and then charge by the pound. Think of the money they would make.

I did had a great time with all of our peeps though. They saved the trip for my wife and me, and we love them for it.

Glad to be back on land.

## Globe Trotting Flat Kids Bring Souvenirs Home

A story about the adventures of Flat Stanley inspired Pensacola Beach School kindergartners and first graders to create flat copies of themselves and send them on adventures of their own. The little boy in the story, Stanley, was flattened and traveled all over the world via mail. So, the Beach kids, in a close imitation, sent their copies to family and friends everywhere.

The recipients of flat friends loved the game and have played their parts so well that "Project Flat Friend" can be called a major success.

Flat kindergartners have returned from their travels, reporting triumphant visits like Flat Cayson who returned from South Africa via Texas, Chicago and London. During his visit with Aunt Lala he ate lamb tail and escaped being eaten by a tiger fish. He brought back some cool African coins.

Flat Eric had a really great time visiting his grandmother and then going on a cruise with his aunt in the Caribbean. They sent post cards and photos from all ports of call.

Flat Kat took a trip with her grandparents in New England. She visited Acadia National Park, ate lobster, and brought back the shells for show and tell.

Flat Carlee went to Pennsylvania to visit her grandparents

where she learned a lot about the state and brought back beautiful fall leaves.

Flat Steele went to Atlanta to visit his best friend, Bowen. They went to a University of Georgia football game.

Flat Clay went to California to visit his Aunt Mary who whisked him away to San Diego where he attended a Chargers-Steelers game. Later, with the

help of Hall of Famer Willie Buchanan, he got to hang out in the Steeler's locker room where he met some players and Coach Bill Cowher. Flat Clay even brought back photos to prove his fifteen minutes of fame with the football stars.

The story of the travels of the Flat Friends from Pensacola Beach will continue. Don't miss the next issue of *Island Times*.

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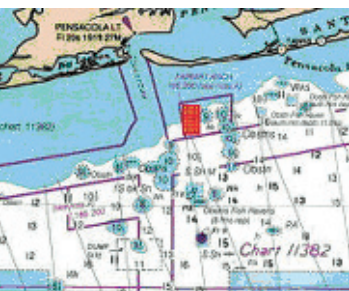
**AT THE LIGHT-NEXT TO FLOUNDERS**

# The Promise of Tomorrow's Fishing

By Pete Della Ratta

Our fishing community here on the Gulf Coast keeps on thinking of ways to better the fishing while boosting the economy and all of the environmental concerns at the same time. There is an initiative to produce more artificial reefs to help set up numerous marine sanctuaries for our future fisheries. The Reef Fish Restoration Association is a diverse group of fisherman who would like to see a long term solution to our reef fish fishery problems. Below is some information on the initiative and if interested in becoming a sponsor or for more info call Paul Redman at 850-516-1665 or e-mail him at snapperhead3@aol.com.

The red box indicates the projected area for the MPA (Marine Protected Area)



## Bid 'Em Up At Junior College Surplus Auction

Going Once, Going Twice,  
Sold!

Pensacola Junior College is holding a public Surplus Property Auction Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Pensacola campus, Building 69, on Douglas Avenue.

The preview starts at 8 a.m. and is followed by the auction at 9 a.m.

On the auction block are: computers, office furniture, equipment and much more - even a vehicle.

Garth's Antiques is providing the auctioneer. No credit cards accepted.

For more information, visit garthsauction.com or call 484-1742.

**Pensacola Beach Chamber Business Meeting 8:30 a.m. November 28 Comfort Inn**

The Gulf Council wants input for each of these entities to help develop a plan to bring the fishery stocks back. We believe we have such a plan. The Gulf of Mexico bottom is mostly a vast desert with the exception of artificial reefs and natural bottom areas. It has been scientifically proven that reef fish are attracted to vertical structures. Our plan is to use a small portion of barren sea floor and place a diversity of artificial habitats in it to create a marine protected area (MPA). By establishing state MPA's we can help restore balance in the Gulf of Mexico and safeguard our fish stocks while also providing an abundance of recreational fishing reefs outside the MPA's. This will create long term solutions for what has become a battle between all entities in the fishing communities (recreational, commercial, and shrimping,) one in which fish may mature and produce maximum offspring.

It has also been scientifically proven that mature Snapper in the 23" range produce hundreds of times more eggs than a 15" class Red Snapper. For example it takes two hundred and twelve (212) 15" Red Snapper to produce as many eggs as one 23" Red Snapper - 9, 300,000 eggs roughly. We would like this plan to be eventually utilized Gulf wide in each county along the Gulf Coast.

If we use five square miles from each county along the Gulf Coast of unused, un-fished barren sea floor, and turn it into a

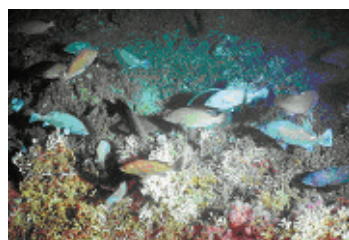


thriving ecosystem of marine life and protect it, we feel this will enhance our fishery like no other.

Our economy will benefit as well by bringing more people to the chartered fishing boats. They will have to stay in the community and spend more money on such items as lodging, gas, shopping and all the other economic factors which make a community grow. By creating this ecosystem, all will benefit and the future of snapper and overall fishing will thrive for our children's children.



Before Artificial Reef:



After Artificial Reef:

## Optimists Treasure Maritime Talk

Members of the Pensacola Beach Optimists Club were entertained by tales of sunken treasures and historic shipwrecks during the program presented by guest speaker, Jeff DeWeese of O'Sullivan & Creel Accounting on November 7.

According to DeWeese, 325 shipwrecks have been identified by side scan sonar in Pensacola Bay which have left countless sunken Spanish treasures. Items from these wrecks will be on display at the John H. Fetterman State of Florida Maritime Museum, which is scheduled to open in 2009. DeWeese said the Spanish government has sent many items including gold pieces for the museum's opening on the 400th anniversary of the founding of Pensacola. The King of Spain may attend the opening.

Pensacola Beach Optimist Club meets the first and third Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Beach Church House. Prospective members are welcome to attend.

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# Beach Poker Crowns JMac Champ Lockwood Shuffles Into Second

The action heats up as the temps cool down on the Island's poker circuit. Hot handed players duked it out at the Monthly Champions Tournament November 4 at Paradise Bar and Grill's soundside card tables. Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun promoter Rick Uzdevenes announced that John "JMac" McNamara won his second Grand Champion's title. Jeff Lockwood was a close second.

At the weekly poker game Monday, November 6 Michelle Bourgeois returned from a cruise vacation to claim the win on a stormy night in Paradise. Trace Lewis whittled his way to second. Fifteen players braved weather to make the scene.

Monday, November 13 was a beautiful night at the beach with a packed house at the Paradise poker tables. Mr. Franny Cox

ended up with all the chips after a week's absence because of that four letter word, "work."

"All I did was think about poker while I was working," said Cox.

Jeff Lockwood was the bridesmaid - yet again.

Play moved into Pensacola Beach historic district at The Islander Lounge, Wednesday, November 8. "The Cobra" Justin



This is Michelle Bourgeois' poker face. No wonder she wins at the tables.

Robbins defeated Bud Waite and the rest of Beach crowd for yet another Texas Hold 'Em 4 Fun win.

Games start at 7 p.m. beach time on Mondays at Paradise Bar and Grill and Wednesdays at the historic Islander Lounge. Sign up and get a seat - it's all 4 fun.

## Letters to the Editor

### Vern Says Get Wrecked - Good Times Will Roll

In 1979 a few beach residents decided that we needed Mardi Gras on the Beach. That story is told in Jane Waters Cooper's book, "To the Beat of an Island Drum." I think it should be required reading for anyone moving to the Beach, or maybe even Gulf Breeze. At that time the people starting the Krewe of Wrecks were ages 30 to 50. Today these same members are ages 50 to 80-years-old.

With our Head Wreck Andrea Brunt passing away, the Board of the Krewe of Wrecks has met with a renewed spirit and a promise to bring the joy of Mardi

Gras to the 100,000 people who visit the Island on Parade Day in her honor. But, we need your help.

The Krewe of Wrecks is looking for new members. Our membership requirements include a ability to display the Mardi Gras spirit and willingness to pay \$20 dues. The membership is not limited to Beach residents. Memberships can be purchased at the meetings which are held on Monday nights at 6 p.m. at various Beach establishments. A meeting calendar is in *Island Times* on page 7.

Let the good times roll,  
**Vern Phillips, KOW**

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# Beauty & Beach

By Danah & Gwen Gibson

Since this is our Thanksgiving edition of the *Island Times*, I would like to focus on inner beauty instead of outer beauty. Here is a very condensed list of my beauty for the soul and what I am thankful for.

1). I am thankful for my "roots" (no pun intended). Being born and raised here, and generations before me, adds a sense of security and nostalgia.

2). Our Beach family- a community and sisterhood that sticks together through thick and thin. Always there to help and love one another when times are tough, and enjoy each other on one of our perfect days in paradise. That is so rare, and we are so lucky!

3). The reckless abandon of my youth, and now the wisdom from my age to appreciate the fact that I made it to enjoy today! (sometimes I do miss it though!)

4). Having a loving and supportive family- Need i say more?

5). After 24 years, I still love the profession I had wanted to be in since the eighth grade.

6). I am very thankful to all of our clients who have stuck with us through five hurricanes, one move, multi incidents of road constructions, and just putting up with our craziness in general!

7). Human nature. The fact that 90% of people always want the kind of hair that they don't have- if everyone were happy with her 'do, I would be out of a job!

8). Unconditional love from my "fur babies" Bo and Smokey- who are always glad to see me, no matter what! For those of you who don't have a pet, think about adopting one. Truly a joy!

Happy Thanksgiving to each and everyone one of you!



by Pandora de Balthazar

## Tips for Transforming Your Thanksgiving Table into a Timeless Tradition:

- Have at least three tablecloths on hand. One for mishaps and 2 for leftovers.

- Keep it simple. Candles make any setting more beautiful.

- Use the flowers on the sideboard or entry way. The table is for turkey!

- Have plenty of large dinner napkins. Your guests will appreciate them and they are wonderful to use at all of your meals.

- The beauty of Thanksgiving is in the sharing of food, family and friends. Think about your menu in color as well as taste to embellish your beautiful table.

- It doesn't have to match! Mixing and matching dinner plates or salad plates makes for a fun table. Use color for seasonal fun.

- Be prepared for extra guests, extra settings ready just in case.

- Cook in advance as much as possible so you can enjoy your Thanksgiving, too!

- Use place cards that are fun and make your guests feel spe-

cial. Place cards can be simple & placed on gourds, shells, or even rocks, if you don't have holders.

- Place a wreath of dried leaves and corn on your door or mailbox with a large bow to greet your guests.

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# What's Cool at School



Helen Cotton shared a commemoration letter from President Harry Truman with the fifth grade students.

## Candles Light Way at Ranger Led Fort Barrancas Tours

Rangers at Gulf Islands National Seashore plan to conduct two evening candlelight tours of Fort Barrancas during the upcoming holiday season. The first event is Saturday, November 25 and the second is on Saturday, December 30. Both programs will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end about 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Jerry Eubanks said today, "The tour will feature the life and times of the soldiers stationed at Fort Barrancas and the public will have the rare opportunity to experience the fort at night by candlelight." The tours are free. Parking is limited so car-pooling is recommended. Visitors should enter the Naval Air Station through the back gate on Blue Angel Parkway.

Superintendent Eubanks encourages everyone to enjoy the National Seashore and join us for our ranger-led programs. For a complete program schedule and more information, call 934-2600 or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/guis](http://www.nps.gov/guis).

**Sandpipers Learn about Military:** Pensacola Beach veterans Helen Cotton and Mary Dunne gave living history lessons about their service, Thursday, November 9 at the Beach School. The fifth grade listened intently to Helen Cotton's stories of World War II while the second graders were enthralled with Mary Dunne's helicopter stories.

**Kickin' It at the University of West Florida:** UWF Soccer player Keith Savage, a Gulf Breeze High graduate who was featured in the November 8 edition of *Is-*

*land Times*, earned All-Gulf South Conference, GSC All-Tournament Team and NCAA Division II South Region All-Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors. Savage is third on the Argonauts this season with 26 points on 10 goals and six assists.

**Falcons Take Flight:** Michael Sullivan, who is a Bentley College alum says "Go Falcons!" The Boston based school's Field Hockey team competed in Pensacola last week and the beach's favorite Bostonian cheered his alma mater.

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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



As Thanksgiving approaches, I have much to be grateful and thankful for this year. I am trying to teach my son, Harry, to do the same. It has not been easy.

A few weeks ago he came home from school completely deflated and miserable. My first thought was he was being held accountable, once again, for the majority of the kids in his class poor behavior. This idea of punish the whole class instead of the actual perpetrators has not gone over well with him. Unfortunately, that wasn't it.

"How was your day?" I asked.

"Horrible."

"Horrible. What happened?"

"Stevie picked me to be his partner for science."

"Mom, you just don't understand."

"Try me."

I knew where this was headed and I wasn't going to let my "Army of One" child off the hook on this one. Stevie, not his real name, is the perfect example of a child who somehow has been left behind, no matter what the law says. He is older than all the other third graders, physically smaller, and still cannot read. Sometimes his mom remembers his medicine and sometimes she doesn't. He receives more attention and assistance than any other kid in the class and yet he still struggles academically. This is the second year Harry and Stevie have been in the same class together.

So Harry began. He explained how every time his teacher allows her students to

work in pairs, he never gets to choose first and somehow he is always chosen first by Stevie. They never finish their assignment with free time left over to go to centers. And worst of all, he never gets to work with his best friend.

After serving up cookies and milk, I began. I asked him why he thought Stevie always chose him. I clearly acknowledged that they weren't best friends and didn't sit at the same lunch table or even play together at recess.

"So think Harry. Why do you think Stevie always picks you?"

With arms folded, Harry had taken the classical defensive stance. His cheeks had become flushed and his voice took on an angry tone.

"Mom, Stevie is dumb. He can't even read."

"I know," I said. "But if I couldn't read and I had to pick someone in the class to be my partner, who do you think I would pick?"

"Me?"

"Yes, you. So Stevie can't read, but I don't think he's dumb. I would even say he's pretty smart for choosing the one kid in the class who makes straight 100's on all of his class work and tests."

"Hmmpff," he replied.

Our conversation had ended. Neither of us had any more to say. I was worried my son was turning into an ungrateful, academic snob with little or no compassion for others not blessed with his brain power. Fortunately, as he does so often, he proved me wrong.

As I was dropping off paper goods for his class' Thanksgiving celebration, I observed the pairing process. Another mom and I were standing in the supply closet when I heard the teacher say, "Harry you have first choice today. Who would you like to be your partner?"

He simply said, "Stevie."

Until next time...

Luv, Lizzard

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If bling is your thing, don't miss the Gulf Breeze Hospital Auxiliary annual Christmas \$5 Jewelry Sale, Thursday, November 30 and Friday, December 1 in the Hospital lobby, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# Mostly Nuts & Bolts

By Candace Segar

## Engineers Engineer Delightful Alternatives

There are two marvels that technology has brought us, and I am using both of them.

The first engineering feat are teeth implants. It amazed me when I first looked at the implant in my gum via an X-ray. It is basically a titanium socket with threads and a lip that allows the post to screw and lock into place. The post is half in the implant and half exposed above the gumline. The upper half of the post is latched and screwed onto a metal hood. Over the metal hood is placed the crown. And voila - I have a bionic tooth. I made a commitment to my teeth, (sounds funny, but I'm serious) about eating right, exercising and doing daily maintenance, and it paid off.

The second marvel is the treadmill. It has come a long way, baby. I can go on a walk in the hills, or through a mountain pass, or Pike's Peak. (I haven't attempted Pike's Peak yet.) There is one setting for fat burn. Yea baby, that's what I'm talking about. And

in addition to that I can watch Home and Garden's TV to get ideas for our old house. (I learned how to install a French drain today.) So this Thanksgiving when we are giving thanks for everything in our lives, remember to give thanks to all the engineers and inventors out there. They make our lives a lot better. But I'm biased - I am married to one, am the daughter of one and am one.

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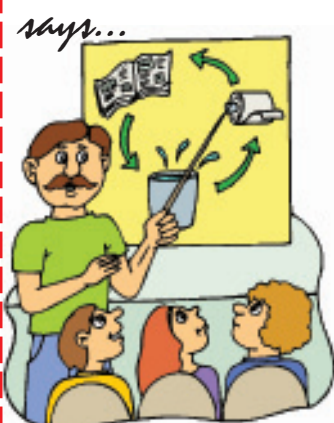
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- 20 Brutus' birds
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- 22 Comedy
- 23 Addict
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- 26 Calamitous
- 40 Blueprint
- 42 Turf
- 27 Actor Wilson
- 28 Cincinnati squad
- 43 Favorable vote
- 44 Lennon's lady
- 45 Skedaddled

# Thirty Years And Going Strong - Beach Church Celebrates Anniversary

Thirty years ago, Reverend Thaine Ford, a retired Navy Chaplain, went to the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club, and told them about his plan to start a church on Pensacola Beach. He asked if his congregation could meet in the Woman's Club building at Via de Luna and Avenida 18. The women, always community minded, graciously agreed to hosting the church.

So, on December 5, 1976, a group of beach residents attended the first church services.

The original congregation was small, so the club house seemed more than adequate for those who came to hear Thaine's

sermons. In those early years, it was an informal affair. Some members went to the church early on Sunday mornings; set up folding chairs moved the big sofa and heavy chairs into place to give the appearance of church pews. They also set up the sparse altar, which was dominated by a pair of brass candle sticks with the letters "USN" engraved on them.

When it was time for communion in the church, the few parishioners gathered at the altar, formed a circle and held hands. Then, Thaine would bring a big loaf of French bread out and break hearty chunks for everyone. All of this was a little differ-

ent from most standard communion services. But at that time the whole church was a bit different.

Thaine was a dynamic speaker who did not mince words and no one was allowed to fall asleep on his watch. He would come down from his podium, stride down the aisle, and go straight to one of the members of the congregation. He would preach there in the midst of his people for a couple of minutes before he returned to the podium.

There were lots of stories about the church back then. Like the one about the late Henry Stierlen, a retired Marine Corps officer, who told his wife if there

was ever a church on the Beach he would attend. He never missed a Sunday and proudly wore the ribbon he was awarded for perfect attendance. He founded the Men's Club which met on Monday nights for steaks and telling tall tales.

Louise and Jack Greenley were on the founding board, and Louise is still active in a number of church projects. Louise was best known for directing the choir and playing the piano during the church's first services.

Thaine's idea for activities other than Sunday worship were not very "churchy." He organized a boat parade, so church members and their friends could sing carols on Christmas Eve as they cruised in Little Sabine Bay. The event was warmly received as Villa Sabine residents came to their doors and cheered and applauded the boat carolers.

Christmas Eve was special to the tiny church. The congregation always found a way to spread cheer in the Pensacola area. One Christmas Eve they invited two Vietnamese families to the church, showered them with gifts, embraced them with love and finally the guests, some of whom spoke English, joined in singing Christmas carols.

Gradually, the church began to change. It became affiliated with the United Church of Christ, so its future stability was assured. The Woman's Club had given the property to the Church in 1978, but 10 years later the congregation outgrew the building. There was a need for more Sunday school classrooms and meeting rooms. The campaign to fund building a new church and to upgrade the Fellowship Hall began in February of 1988. The campaign, under the tutelage of the pastor, Reverend Jack Forest, was called "Growing with Christ and Community." The church raised \$250,000 over a two year

period and their efforts resulted in the spacious edifice dedicated October 6, 1991, where hundreds now attend church.

As the church grew, so did the number of internal activities and community events. The Crafty Ladies, who meet every week to make Christmas items for sale, is one of the many activity groups in the Church which include, the Youth Group, ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eat Out), and Women's Prayer and Bible Group. The Beach Church is the location for the Optimist Club, Residents and Leaseholders Association, condo associations and many other meetings.

The church recently acquired the lease to a house next door, called the Church House, which serves as a fellowship hall to replace the Woman's Club building which was destroyed in 2004 by Ivan. The deadly storm also took its toll on the Church structure, forcing the congregation to hold services in several different locations while the building was repaired. Plans are underway to rebuild the fellowship hall.

After Thaine Ford left the church, he was followed by interim pastors, Tom Schutte and William Kinsler. The Reverend John Cheshire, who taught Adult Sunday School class, also filled in as pastor when needed. Dr. Jack Forest was hired as permanent pastor, in 1982. When he retired Raynell Kimmel, served. Dr. Chuck Randle, the present pastor, came to the church as permanent pastor on February 15, 1996.

This year, on December 3, the first Sunday in Advent, the members of the church will celebrate their thirtieth anniversary with a special service followed by a potluck dinner under the tent at the Church House. Chuck extends an invitation to members to join in the celebration of this milestone in the life and history of the church.

## Thom Blas Conducts Final SRIA Board Meeting

### *New Appointee Will Replace Chairman*

Thom Blas, Chairman of the Santa Rosa Island Authority conducted his final full board meeting on November 8. Blas will be replaced on the Board when County Commissioner-elect Gene Valentino names his appointee from District 2. The full board's decisions, at their Wednesday meeting, included one which may lead to the sale of the land south of Coconuts on Santa Rosa Sound.

Philip Napier, represented the Grand Marlin Marina, a complex to be constructed at the Coconuts site which includes a hotel, restaurant and marina. Napier made the request to purchase the lease of the vacant land which would be used for the development.

"I do not think staff sees any impediments to this, so we will consider your request that we take the necessary action to put these leases up for public bid for the purpose of development," Bill Griffith, vice chairman, said.

Dr. Tom Campanella, who began his third term as the elected member at the meeting was successful in getting the election of officers tabled until the December meeting. The slate presented by Thom Blas named Bill Griffith, chairman and Tom Campanella, vice

chairman. Campanella said he felt the board needed to re-image. Jimmie Perkins then presented a slate naming Campanella as the chairman. Both slates resulted in a tie vote, so the election will be in December.

Jim Mallet, beach resident and consulting engineer, brought new information for the Board to consider in their ongoing effort to establish a policy for enclosures beneath houses built on pilings.

After reviewing codes and statutes, Mallet showed an example of a first floor enclosure with only a portion designed for break away walls. He suggested that there should be a limit of square footage only in the break away zone.

"The codes are complicated, but basically they say not to build a wall so strong that when a wave hits, it pulls the whole house down," Mallet said.

Debbie Norton, Environmental and Development Manager, will bring Mallet's idea plus additional graphics to the Board to help them formulate a policy.

Sand dunes came before the Board again, this time from Lee Shrewsbury, who wanted to enter into the public record that Roads, Inc. dumped sand full of debris into his Ariola

Drive yard. Shrewsbury has spent his own time and money cleaning the dune before the contractor with no ROE dumped the sand. His complaint must go before Escambia County since Roads, Inc. is a sub-contractor for the County's contractor.

The Authority will write a letter on the Shrewsbury's behalf in an effort to help resolve the matter.

The Board approved a request from Hooters to sell liquor drinks in addition to beer and wine.

Nita Omley, Finance Department manager, continued to bring good news when she announced that revenues, at this point, exceed budgets.

When the committees meet on December 6, new members are expected to take their seats. In addition to Valentino's District 2 appointee, Grover Robinson, District 4 commissioner-elect has announced that he will appoint a beach resident to the SRIA Board. Grover, whose district includes Pensacola Beach, is a leaseholder. His appointee will replace McGuire. There will also be new appointments made by District 1 Commissioner Mike Whitehead and Commissioner Marie Young, District 3.

All SRIA meetings begin at 5 p.m. and are open to the public.

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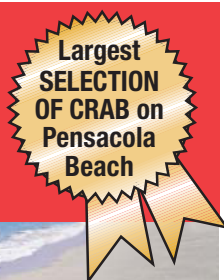
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# Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



I like football more than I like food. So, turkey is second on my list of priorities on Thanksgiving Day. When the family gathers for Thanksgiving, especially if it's at my house, I politely finish the meal before I bolt for the television set.

I was a football brainwashed child. I grew up in Big Red Country, Nebraska, where football is a way of life.

My dad used to take me and three of my friends to Lincoln on game day, settled us in the knot-hole section and admonished us to stay there until he came back to get us after the game. So, there we were four giggling little girls who didn't know the difference between a fourth down and a touchdown, but we had fun anyway. There were diversions like hot dogs, popcorn and dill pickles. If we had enough change left near the end of the game we could buy a miniature white chrysanthemum with a red "N" on it. Ven-

dors were open to low offers on these flowers as game time began to run out. After the game, Dad usually took us to the Cornhusker Hotel Coffee Shop for yet another snack before we began the forty mile trip home.

Fast forward through high school and college games and right to the first New Orleans Saints game. There are lots of liars who will claim they saw that game. I am not one of them. I did not go to the first game. But after a while I went to all the games in the old Tulane Stadium.

Archie Manning was the fabulous quarterback of that original team. Unfortunately, the other ten offensive players were not so fabulous.

Over the forty years of their dismal existence, I faithfully followed the rocky path the Saints created. I went to lots of games in the Dome and then returned for a few more after I moved to the Beach. Now, I never ever miss a

televised game. Each season I have renewed my hopeful enthusiasm for the team. I have watched a string of high profile coaches, John North, Bum Phillips, Hank Stram, Jim Mora, and the famous Mike Ditka, as they found themselves mired in the quicksand of defeat. By the end of each season, my enthusiasm had faded away and my heart was once again broken. I have a note in my desk from Mike Ditka in which he tells me to keep the faith, that Ricky Williams will take us to the Promised Land. Well, Ricky, who has been in a heap of trouble during his NFL career, is meditating in Canada and still playing football for the Argos. Ditka is a TV commentator after he finally realized it was time to hang it up.

Right now, my Saints cup runneth over. As I write this, they are six and three, on top of the NFC South. Who dat?

Although I haven't gone to a football game in Lincoln in many years, I still keep up with the Big Red. They have rewarded me with five national championships but in recent years they have tumbled out of the top rankings are now counting on former NFL coach Bill Callahan to bring them back to national prominence.

Gulf Breeze High School is

my other team. I went to every game during the four years my grandson, Jeremy played offensive lineman. I am proud to report that Jason McKie, Jeremy's teammate, has just signed a five-year contract with the soaring Chicago Bears.

So, on Thanksgiving if you want to talk turkey and feasting, I'm not your best choice for a conversation. If you want to

talk touchdowns and end zones, I'll be right in sync with you. Just don't speak to me during the game. I won't answer.

So, if you like turkey more than touchdowns, or if you like touchdowns more than turkey, or if you like touchdowns and turkey equally, or if "you hate football" (does that cover everybody?), may Thanksgiving blessings come your way.

## Campanella Begins Third SRIA Term

Dr. Tom Campanella took his seat as usual at the November 8 Santa Rosa Island Authority Board meeting after defeating Johnny Johnson, 706 to 346 in the November 7 General Election. This will be Tom's third term as the only elected member of the SRIA. Johnny, a political newcomer, felt he ran a good race as he thanked his friends and supporters at a post-election party at The Olive Drop.

As expected, Grover Robinson, Republican, ran away with the District Four

County Commission election. He defeated Andy Kowalski, NPA, 17,224 to 4,016. District Four includes Pensacola Beach, and Grover is expected to announce the name of his SRIA appointee this week. He had said previously that he would appoint a Beach resident to the Board.

Gene Valentino, who won the District 2 race in the Primary Election, announced that his SRIA appointee will be from his district. The new commissioners' swearing in is November 21.

## Author Immortalizes Peter Geier

Peter Geier who passed away after battling Muscular Dystrophy most of his life, always dreamed of becoming a scientist. Now, Shelly, his mother, has word that Peter will be immortalized as a scientist in a book, MEG 4 Hell's Aquarium. The author, Steve Allen, told Shelly that Peter had "immortalized himself in your hearts. I will make sure he is immortalized in my book. He looks like a scientist to me."

Peter attended Pensacola Beach Elementary School. He was diagnosed with MD while he was in kindergarten. He later attended

St. Michael's Catholic School and graduated from Pensacola Catholic High School and the University of West Florida. He was employed as a marine biologist at the time of his death.

Shelly did not say when the book would be available, but details will be published in the *Island Times*.



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### WELCOME ABOARD

The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club continues to extend a warm welcome to new members. Newcomers last month were Conrad Hamilton and Bonnie McLeod, Doug Stein, and Peggy Langenbeck all of Gulf Breeze and William Proctor, Pensacola Beach.

### MARCEYS GO WEST

Longtime Gulf Breeze residents Claire and Eric Marcey, have decided it's time to put down new roots in Arizona. The popular couple, members of the Beach Elk's Lodge and the Krewe of Wrecks, are making the move to be near their children and grandchildren. Claire says she knows she will miss the Beach, but is already planning to come back and visit.

### SMALL WORLD

Ashley Barr, formerly of Gulf Breeze, attended a wedding in Charleston, South Carolina on November 11. It was not Dee Lambert's marriage to Mike Moore, but in a small world happenstance, the two young women ran into each other after the weddings and renewed an old friendship. They were classmates and graduates of Gulf Breeze High School.

### GATOR GROUPIES

The Florida Gators are climbing up in the BCS rankings, standing at number 4, and a possible chance at reaching the national championship. Phil Simoneaux made a motion at the Krewe of Wrecks meeting last Monday, "Go Gators." Amy DePew seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

### BONNIE ELBERT RECOVERING

Jeff Elbert says his mother, Bonnie, is getting much better after undergoing major heart surgery. The Elberts, Jim and Bonnie, owned gift shops on Pensacola Beach for many years.

### NO NIGHT OUT

Betsy Phillips had to stay home and miss the Monday night Krewe of Wrecks meeting at PegLeg's after undergoing surgery. She's doing well and will be at all the Wrecks' events from now on.

### BIG TIME CELEBRATION

Ella Hess put on a party to end all parties November 12. She toasted Drew Hess' appointment to the Blue Angels.; Kathy Hess, Rick and

his wife Patti VerMehren's birthdays, and finally, Rick and Patti's second wedding anniversary. Ella said there was plenty of cake and champagne for everyone. Cheers!

### TWINS

John Pinzino, Beach Realtor, and Jim Cox, Beach activist, both celebrated birthdays beach style on November 4.



Fred and Florence, not unlike snowbirds, were very part time Pensacola Beach residents at certain times of the year.

## TRIVIA

Pat and Beverly Deliver  
First Correct Answer

Are two heads better than one? Does it take two to tango? Will a two person team win first place in the trivia contest? Yes, yes, and yes. Beverly Dufrechau and Pat Spencer teamed up to send the first correct answer to the last trivia question. "There was once a United States Post Office on Pensacola Beach. Can you name the business where the post office was located?" The correct answer was the Beach

Laundry. Now Beverly and Pat have custody of an Island Times t-shirt. They will have to figure out visiting rights.

You, too, can be a trivia winner. Try this one. "A handsome pair of turkeys, Fred and Florence, resided in a crate near the entryway of a local restaurant for a week prior to Thanksgiving. Just before Thanksgiving Day, the individual who came closest to guessing the weight of the turkeys won them. Can you name the restaurant which sponsored this event?"

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

### PBRLA Elects Officers

The Pensacola Beach Residents and Leaseholders Association elected the following officers at their November 14 meeting: President Tona de Mers, Vice President Dr. R.P. Moon, Secretary Tarsha Bechtol, and Treasurer Gary Smith.

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# Beach School Students Share Secret Turkey Recipes and Thankful Thoughts

**Jennifer Neal's Kindergartners share secret recipes for Thanksgiving.**

**Kessler Foreste:** It takes 24 hours and a minute to cook a turkey. We don't put anything on it. We cook it on the stove at the temperature 64 (I think). Put BBQ sauce on it and it is good!

**Carlee Amberson:** Go to Bruno's or some place and you get a turkey and something else to eat for Thanksgiving. We cook it on the stove for a few minutes. When it's done I eat it with my sister and brother. (I don't really like it.)

**Chloe Huntley:** First you take the turkey and put it in the oven. Put butter on it and cook it for about 3 minutes and that's all.

**Kat Denton:** To make a turkey I think you first buy it. Then I think you cut it and then I think you put it in a pan and then you put it in the oven. You cook for maybe 12 minutes on 100. I can count to 100. I don't think there's anything else.

**Veronica Gyoerkoes:** You go to a farm and get a turkey and then you cook it in your oven at home. (You have to take his fur off first, because people don't really eat fur.) Also take his wings off because some people may not want to eat the wings. Cook it a very long time, after you go night-night it stays in there. You eat it with your friends and parents.

**Clay Clifton:** To cook a turkey, you take its head apart and its legs apart. You cook it in the stove for 15 minutes and after it's done you eat and then it's gone.

**Cayson McCurdy:** You get a turkey from the farm and put it in the oven. Take the bones off first. Cook it for about 3 hours on hot. You can put it in the freezer in case you want it for another time.

**Patrick Cronin:** Take the skin off first then cook the turkey for 45 minutes on high in a pot. I eat it with my family.

**Shane Dorian:** I think you cook a turkey on the grill. Put some olive oil on it, put it on the grill for 24 hours. Get it off and eat it. I eat it with my grandmother.

**Devon Elliott:** Get a turkey from the store and then cook it. We poke it in the middle with a knife and then we eat.

**Anna Jacobs:** Put powder on a turkey and put in on the stove. Cook it for 30 seconds!



Patrick Cronin, artist

**Alli Seeker:** Go to a farm to get the turkey. Cook it in the oven for 10 minutes on a little hot. Eat it with bones.

**McGuire Wolfe:** First you take the turkey apart. Then you put it on the stove for probably 16 minutes. Then you eat it.

**Jesiah Fitzgerald:** Roll it around with the fire under it for 23 minutes. Let it cool off and then eat it.

**Ashley Price:** You go to the farm and get a turkey. Put it in the oven for 55 hours on the temperature 6. Put a little sauce on it and eat it.

**Thomas Niven:** You go to a turkey farm. Get a turkey. You cook it for 4 minutes on 5.5 degrees. Take it out and then you eat it. After you eat it, it's gone, or if you have some left you can save it for next Thanksgiving.

**Grace Reece:** You find a turkey and you cook it in the stove on 25 for 14 minutes. Out a little sauce on it and then the tomatoes. I get to have it with all my grandmas and grandpas.

**Hannah Childers:** You cook a turkey by putting salt on it, peanut butter, butter and seasoning. Put it in the oven for 16 minutes on 9 degrees and then it's a turkey. You could eat cookies with it.



Nicole Niven, artist

**Sandee Bredesen's First Grade Chefs prepared instructions for turkey feasts.**

**Blair:** This is how you cook a turkey. First you have to get a turkey. Then, you cook it for two minutes. Next, you put salt and pepper and gravy and set the table. Now you eat it.

**Julia:** You find a turkey. You find your position. Then kill it. Then you put it on for 30 minutes and that is how you make a turkey.

**Grayson:** I like turkeys. My papa shot turkeys. You put it in for four minutes. You make it hot. You put salt in it. It is good, "Mmmm."

**Meredith:** This is how you cook a turkey. First you go buy one. Then you take the turkey and you put it in the oven. You cook it for about 12 minutes. When the turkey is done, you set the table. Start with putting a glass of juice and plates and that's how you make a turkey.

**Macy:** Turkey Time! Step one - buy the turkey. Step two - put it in the oven for ten minutes. Step three - you eat it. I always eat it with rolls. The end.

**Lauren:** This is about how you make a turkey. First, you let it defrost

in the sink. Next, you make sure there is no fat. Then you cook it. When you cook it you have to take some juice out of the turkey. This is all about cooking a turkey.

**Abby:** Farmers raise turkeys. Turkeys are big birds. We hear them gobble. They are noisy. Here is how my mom makes them. 1. Go to the store and buy a turkey. 2. Put the turkey in the oven. 3. Then put them in the oven for two hours. Then take them out and set the table. Then get vegetables and water. And then you're ready.

**Jeffrey:** Put stuffing. Next put the turkey in the oven for one hour. Let it cool for one and a half hours. I like turkey.

**Zosia:** This is about turkey. A long time ago there were Indians and Pilgrims and they made a turkey and they made a feast. On Thanksgiving you might cook a turkey. First, you have to get it from the store and next you bring it home. Then you put the turkey in the oven and then you get the turkey out and put some pepper on it and then set the table and then eat. Turkeys are in the Zoo. This is all them. "Yum, yum."

**Thomas:** First someone will get a bow and arrow. Next someone shoots it. And then you cook it for 80 minutes and then you take it out and carve it and you watch out for the bone. And that reminds me, "Yummmmm!"

**Kaden:** I am going to teach you how to cook the best turkey in the world! First take the wrapper. Next put the turkey in a pan. Then take the heart and all of the yucky parts. Then put it in the oven. Last thing, put the forks and everything.

**Jackson:** This is how you make a turkey. Put it in the oven for three hours. It would taste good with gravy on it. You would find it in the woods.

**Ryan:** Turkeys are good. First you buy a turkey at the store. You cannot eat turkeys when they are alive.

**Lara:** First you get the turkey and kill it. Second, you cook it and put pepper and salt. Then, you cook it. You cook it in an oven.

I think if my m o m w o u l d c o o k a t u r k e y f o r 5 h o u r s m y m o m w o u l d p r o b a b l y m a k e t h e b e s t.

**Aidan:** This is how you make a baked turkey. First you get a turkey. You peel some skin off of the turkey. You bake it for like 20 minutes. You can put salt and pepper and gravy. You can eat it. When you are done wipe your mouth and that's how you make a baked turkey. Bye, bye.

**Morgan:** First you go to the store and you defrost them in the sink. Then you peel the skin off the

turkey so you can eat the turkey. You can put a little salt on it and then you put it in the oven.

**Braden:** This is how you make a turkey. First bake it. Next put salt and ketchup.

**Susan McLeod's fourth grade students wrote about why they are thankful. Here are a few of their thoughts.**

**Jett Crowdis**  
I am thankful for the things I have including my health. You can lose your health as fast as a Black Mamba injects its venom. I am also very passionate for my family. Pets, well, let's just say without pets there would be no happy people. Well, there would be people, but they would be very lonesome indeed. I think life would be a better place if people had a more thankful attitude.

To begin with I'm thankful for my health. It can disappear as fast as a jack rabbit that's in agony due to the pain of a thorn in his foot. If you had cancer you would probably be in agony.

I'm also grateful not to have any deadly diseases. This is a reason why I am blessed for the things I have.

Another reason why I am grateful for what I have is because - no one else is like these people - my family. It is a sad sight when I see people who are homeless. My dad is like the whipped cream on top of the cake. My dad is a colossal man. My mom is an obliging person. This is another reason why I am thankful for my family.

In addition to my family, my pets are extremely important to me. Tiger, my contemplative cat; Oreo, my cat who is currently in Heaven, and my other solicitous cat, Slug, is permanently in Oklahoma. This is the final reason why I am appreciative of the things I have.

Those are all the reasons why I am thankful. For my health. I am also grateful for my family and last of all my pets.

Why are you thankful?

**Taylor Sexton**  
November is a time to be thankful. I am glad my family loves me, and my friends have faith in me.

The military fights to keep me safe. I am a lucky boy!

One reason I am thankful is I have a terrific family. They feed me, so I can stay healthy. My family gives me money to buy games, so I can play with my friends. They buy me clean clothes, so I can stay warm.

The next reason I am thankful is I have a lot of friends. Jon and Bo always play with me. They have a

lot of faith in me. They help me if I get hurt or something. I hope I will always have wonderful friends like Jon and Bo.

Another reason November is a great thankful month is the military fights for me and my state. They die for me so the state won't die. The military will always keep fighting to keep the state safe so we don't die. The military is wonderful!

**Will Green**  
I am thankful for tons of things, but here are my three things I am most thankful for. My puppy is the first one.

Living in America is another. My family is the final reason. Trust me, I have a million more!

To begin with, I am thankful for my super, cute puppy. I think she is a great puppy because she is really nice to me. Also she usually obeys my commands like sit and roll over. My puppy would never hurt me on

purpose (unlike my other dog, Panda Bear). I am really grateful for my puppy.

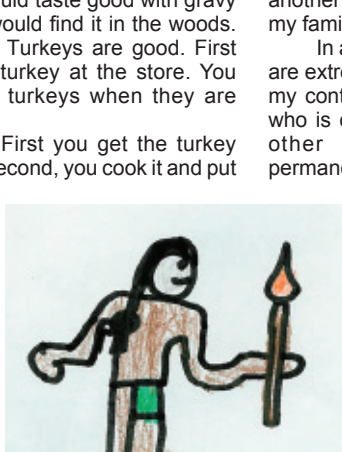
Another good reason I am thankful is I live in America. In America we are free from slavery. Also, we have a military that protects us from bad people from different countries. Almost everyone in America is tolerant to one another. Our police keep people from violating laws. That is why I am grateful for America.

The last reason I am thankful is my family. My family is super friendly to me. Also, my parents care for me. My family helps me when I get stuck on things like homework. I am so thankful for my family.

You have seen my three reasons why I am thankful. I am completely thankful for my puppy. Also, I am grateful for living in America. Last, but not least, I am especially thankful for my family (except my brother). I am a very thankful person!



Shane, first grade, artist



Aiden, first grade, artist



Chloe Huntley, artist





peas, porridge  
&  
a dry martini  
~~~~~  
by kathi lewis

Last issue, I promised details on the wedding of Deanna Lambert (daughter of Deb Friedman) and Michael Moore in Charleston, S.C. Well, it was certainly the happiest of occasions and an absolutely fabulous wedding! I traveled with Paulette Provost and Elaine Mitchell in Elaine's van. We arrived Thursday night around 8 to a suite, with a balcony over-looking Ashley River, the marina and the Bridge. The rest of the beach crew attending the wedding were Pete and Susie Hastings, Pierce Traer, Denise Keever, Jackie Henderson, Sandy Watkins (Asheville, NC), John Morgen (Kansas) and Sharon Mattair. Sharon was the hairstylist for the wedding party and everyone was beautiful. After arranging for taxi service for 4:30, Paulette, Elaine and I spent a leisurely day on Friday. We walked down to the Marina for one of the best lunches I've ever eaten.

We returned to the Hotel, where Paulette and I "refreshed" with a couple of cocktails, then we checked the time. You know, time change always has a detrimental effect on beach people. We discovered to our devastation that the "current" time was 4:31! Yes, and we had not even

began to dress for the wedding! You won't believe what took place in that room - clothes were flying, make-up was everywhere, and there was enough hair spray to feed the entire Nauga population for a year! We rushed downstairs only to find out that we did not have a taxi coming, AT ALL! Apparently, it was homecoming for the Citadel. Now, Charleston is a very hard city for finding and arriving at your destination because of its numerous one-way streets, but Elaine rallied to the occasion and managed to get us to the Chapel just as Martha Lambert (Deb's mother) began singing.

I have never seen a happier couple as the new Mr. and Mrs. Michael Moore. The reception was held at the Historic Rice Mill. We arrived at the Old Rice Mill and remembered we had forgotten our guest-parking permit. When we located our table, oh, yeah....we were seated at table 13. Of course, it fit in with the rest of the evening. All beach

people were seated together, for obvious reasons.

We wanted to remove the centerpiece, because, while beautiful, it was quite large and blocking our view. Without even touching it, our table number fell over onto the candle! Sandy screamed, "Fire" while Denise grabbed it and I tossed a glass of water on it! No one was injured, but the wait staff was a little surprised when I said I wanted to keep the charred remains. On Saturday we attended a brunch at the beautiful beach house in Isle of Palms rented by the family.

Well, it seems there was a problem with the cruise ship and the honeymooners could not board before 5:00 pm, so they called us to join them for cocktails at the Fleet Marina over-looking the cruise ship basin. We were pleased to be asked to join them and we had a real Bon Voyage party with the happy couple. We also found out that the main course choices were original recipes by Mike and Dee, who hope to open their own restaurant one day. Oh, my favorite souvenir was an original Old Rice Mill rattan chair, that I somehow acquired after the reception. It's perfect for my new house and will always hold fond memories for me. So, Michael and Deanna Moore, this one's for you. May each day bring you as much happiness as you shared on the day you married and may all your dreams come true.

#### Deanna's Easy Caramel Apples (serves 150)

2 large bags caramels  
1 large bag finely chopped pecans  
150 Popsicle sticks

Call the nearest apple market and order 150 caramel apples. When they arrive, tie place cards around each apple, then divide caramels into each guest's gift bag! Save the nuts, you can always use them later! I don't know what you do with the Popsicle sticks! Deanna and Mike - we love you and wish you the best!!

Do not try this recipe at home since we really can't tell you what to expect so, cook something else, join the Krewe of Wrecks and I'll see you in the kitchen.....

## Gobble, Gobble - Where To Find Thanksgiving Dinner

If you're not cooking Thanksgiving dinner in your own kitchen this year, it may be a little bit tricky to find a nice place which will be open and serving a holiday meal. Here's a guide to help you.

If you like a laid back Thanksgiving, go to the famous Sandshaker Lounge pot luck dinner. Bring your favorite side dish. The festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. The Turkey Bowl is from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by live music by Knee Deep from seven to 11 p.m.

Bud and Marietta Schroeder are hosting a special, but casual, sit down buffet at The Greenery in Gulf Breeze. There will be a \$14.95 buffet, featuring turkey, duck and Lobster Newburg plus all the trimmings. Reservations are not required, but are recommended since the restaurant will be open from 11 to 3 only. Call 923-1525.

Sidelines will be open in the late afternoon offering after-

Thanksgiving light food, drinks and football.

If you forgot something or run out of an item critical to your feast, don't worry. Surf Side Food Store on Via de Luna will be open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. to fill all your needs. They are even offering a Thanksgiving special on cold beers.

The Olive Drop in the Soundside Market will open at 6 p.m. and will offer Spice-tinis, so you can forget how much turkey you ate earlier. Relax and enjoy the music.

If you placed your order for Thanksgiving dinner at The Market on the Island, it will be ready for you to pickup on Wednesday. The Market will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Some restaurant employees will take Thanksgiving off and enjoy the day with their families. Some of your favorite places will be closed including PegLeg Pete's, Flounder's, Crabs and Paradise Bar and Grill.



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Sherry is a fortified wine that is often sipped after dinner. Not only does it facilitate digestion and promote conversation, but sherry also seems to promote heart-healthy benefits. Like red wines, sherry contains antioxidants called polyphenols that help control cholesterol levels as well as reduce the risk of coronary artery disease. According to recent research conducted at the University of Seville in Spain, moderate intake of sherry decreases total cholesterol and increases HDL (good) cholesterol. HDL cholesterol is associated with longevity and decreased incidence of coronary artery disease. It seems that the polyphenols in sherry prevent the oxidation of bad low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol. Thus, sherry is as good for you as it tastes.

HINT: As a general rule, moderate consumption of red wine exerts beneficial effects for health.

At BEACH WINES & LIQUORS, INC. we always love to hear about the health benefits of wine, and in this case, sherry. A good sherry really does encourage a great after meal environment. As always, please drink responsibly and enjoy wine like many other good things in life, in moderation. Questions? Call 932-8850.

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## FUNKY CANTINA

OMIGOSH! Just when locals are moaning and groaning about all the new stuff developing on Pensacola Beach, it takes Continental Airlines to remind everyone there are still pockets of "old Beach" thriving. In an article in their November in-flight magazine, they refer to Paradise Bar and Grill as a breezy, beach bar with corrugated roof, no walls, and an unbroken panorama of white sand and turquoise water. The article suggested that a person could travel the world over in search of such a place, or just get a ticket on Continental to fly here. Maybe, it's time to stop complaining and enjoy what's still funky and fun.

## SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE

Pensacola Beach's Honorary Mayor Becky Shearman is preparing to launch the Mayor's Race soon. After great deliberation with her Chief of Staff, she has named the Olive Drop as the new elections office. Details will follow.

## BRING TOYS

Island Style is collecting Toys for Tots at their store next to Flounder's. Everyone who brings in a toy will receive a free angel ornament. Island Style has a Christmas Gift Village inside their store. Check it out.

## BRING TOYS II

Judy Lenderman and Duffy Folmar at the Bank of the South will be gathering toys for Karen Cook Cowen's lunch bunch Christmas gift program for the children in need. The bank will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

## OPTIMISTIC PROJECT

Pensacola Beach Optimists Cliff and Sally Taylor are seeking donations for the Coats for Christmas program. New or gently used coats will be accepted to be distributed locally to those in need. Drop boxes are conveniently located on the Beach at both churches, the Beach School, Island Realty and JME Realty. If you are in town on Garden Street, there is a drop off at Everman's Grocery Store.

# It's Party Time

Are you ready? It's Christmastime on the Island so get out your social calendar and check the date of your party. Here they are.

- Monday, December 4, 5:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, at Flounder's. Sponsors are Island Style, Real Estate House and Five Flags Motel.
- Sunday, December 10, 5 p.m. Nauga Queens. Karen Cook Cowen's house. Gift exchange. Dinner served on gold plates by Nauga elves.
- Tuesday, December 12, 6 p.m. Residents and Leasehold-

ers Association at Paradise Bar and Grill. Membership applications available.

- Wednesday, December 13, 5:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch, Karen Cook Cowen, hostess.
- Thursday, December 14, 11:30 a.m. Pensacola Beach Woman's Club, Bay Beach Inn.
- Friday, December 15, 7 p.m. Optimist Club, Boardwalk Condominium Clubhouse.
- Sunday, December 17, 11:30 a.m. Sisters of the Beach, Flounder's. Second Annual Sleigh Bell Ride to Jane Cooper's House. Finish at The Islander Lounge.



Pensacola Beach's Jane McGrath, left, traveled all the way across the United States to meet her new grandson, Andrew James Igor McGrath (center). Andrew, who had just arrived in California from Russia, was adopted by Jane's daughter Meredith McGrath, right. Jane hopes that Andrew will get to come to Pensacola Beach soon.



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| 11/27- Crab's      | 12/4-Paradise   | 12/11-The Dock       |
| 12/18- Elk's Lodge | 1/8-The Break   | 1/15-Paddy O'Leary's |
| 1/22-The Islander  | 1/29-Flounder's | 2/5 Sidelines        |

**EVENTS**

|         |                                                    |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Jan. 6  | Nereid King Cake Party, 4 p.m., Paradise           |
| Jan. 19 | Nereid Moon Pie Party, 7 p.m. Sandshaker           |
| Jan. 21 | Junkanoo Cajun Boil, TBA, Sandshaker               |
| Jan. 27 | Nauga Breakfast, 10:30 a.m., The Dock              |
| Jan. 27 | Brewski Beach Babe, 1:30 p.m., The Dock            |
| Jan. 27 | Bananimals Ball, 8 p.m., Hilton                    |
| Feb. 3  | Brewski/Nereid Black Tie Ball TBA                  |
| Feb. 10 | Junkanoo Ritter Krawl, Noon, Gulfside Pavilion     |
| Feb. 10 | Krewe of Kids Parade, 1 p.m., Gulfside Pavilion    |
| Feb. 10 | Krewe of Wrecks Ball, 8 p.m., The Dock             |
| Feb. 11 | DeLuna Fest, 11 a.m., The Islander                 |
| Feb. 17 | Krewe of Wrecks Champagne Breakfast Crab's         |
| Feb. 17 | Krewe of Wrecks Street Dance 1 p.m., Bobby D's     |
| Feb. 18 | Krewe of Wrecks Parade, 2 p.m., Via de Luna        |
| Feb. 19 | Red Beans and Rice, Noon, Casino Beach Parking Lot |
| Feb. 20 | Krewe of Coma, 6 p.m., Sandshaker                  |

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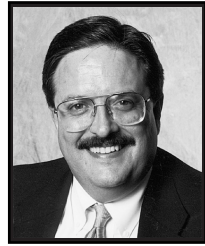

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# Santa Claus Cruises to Pensacola Beach

SPECIAL FROM THE NORTH POLE - Santa Claus has declared December 2 and 3 as days of rest for Rudolph and the rest of his busy reindeer. The jolly, tireless old elf himself will arrive by boat on Santa Rosa Island on Saturday night, December 2. Santa's lighted yacht and a procession of decorated boats will line up at 4 p.m. in Little Sabine Bay. They leave and travel west on Santa Rosa Sound then east and come under the Bob Sikes Bridge. They loop around behind Portofino Boardwalk where Santa's boat and small boats will tie up at the t-dock. Larger boats will make a circle and return to Little Sabine Bay.

Children should arrive at the Boardwalk by 5:30 to see all the boats and receive their special light sticks. The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce provides light sticks for all children to light the way for Santa Claus so he will know how to find them. Santa will greet kids in a decorated Christmas area across from Bamboo Willie's.

A Captain's Party will precede the Boat Parade on Friday, December 1 at Bamboo Willie's beginning at 6 p.m. The Boat Awards party will be at Hemingway's after the parade.

Boats must register to enter the event at the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Center before the pa-

rade. Entry fee is \$10 per boat. For more information call Sandy Johnston, Chamber executive director, at 923-1500 or Nora at Bamboo Willie's at 916-9888.

Santa will remain on the island overnight and will ride in the Street Parade Sunday afternoon. The parade will line up at Springhill Suites, Avenida Ten and Via de Luna, and start at 2 p.m. The parade will go along Via de Luna to Sidelines where it will turn in and disband at Casino Beach. Santa will go to the Gulfside Pavilion and will remain there until he has heard requests from all children who come to see him. He will return to the North Pole Sun-

day afternoon, to put the final touches on his annual Christmas Eve journey.

Entries in the Christmas parade will be \$15 and the number

will be limited. Register at the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center as soon as possible. For more information, call Sandy at 932-1500.

## Hurricane Gods Await Wooly Booger Bawl

Calling all Wooly Boogers and Wannabe Wooly Boogers - It's time for the annual wake up call.

Grateful WBs must pay homage to the Gods of the Hurricane season at their annual Kiss the Hurricane Season Goodbye Bawl. This year, by order of Queen Sugah, the Ball will be at Paradise Bar and Grill on Saturday, December 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. The usual ceremonial blessing of the Hurricane Gods will highlight the party which will include a 50/50 raffle and whatever else the planning committee presents. Proceeds from the party will go to Morgan Park.

The Wooly Boogers will

also honor their founder, His High Wooliness, the late Les Cieutat during the feasting and partying.

The Wooly Booger Social Club, once a hot bed of non-violent protesters throwing verbal brick bats, has now found comfort in hibernating all year long, coming to life long enough to attend the Wooly Booger Bawl. If you want to avoid getting on Queen Sugah's bad side, you better get to the Bawl. Everybody is welcome. The only requirement is that you must be awake. The dress code is easy. You must wear some type of clothing. And, you must be willing to display, in public, your gratitude for a hurricane free season.

## Annie Comes To St. Ann's

Pensacola Beach and Gulf Breeze residents are in for a real holiday treat when B.E.T.A. Children's Theatre presents the classic story and music from the Broadway musical, "Annie," at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Showtimes will be at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3.

The show features the popu-

lar music of Orphan Annie's search for a family such as "Tomorrow," "Hard Knock Life," and "A New Deal for Christmas."

Sharing the starring role of Annie will be Savannah Green and Maddie Mateer, both of Pensacola Beach. Others in the cast are Craig Mateer of Pensacola Beach as Oliver

Warbucks with orphans and chorus played by the Beach's Macy Mateer, Tara Dorlag, Aubrey Coats, Bailey Schmidt, Sarah Collins, Alex Lentini, Rich Dwornik and Auriette Lindsey.

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*"One midnight deep in starlight still,  
I dreamed that I received this bill —  
5000 breathless dawns all new;  
5000 flowers, fresh with dew;  
5000 sunsets, wrapped in gold;  
1,000,000 snowflakes served ice cold;  
5 quiet friends, one baby's love;  
1 white made sea with clouds above;  
100 music haunted dreams, moon-drenched  
roads and hurrying streams;  
A prophesying wind, and trees;  
A silent star and browsing bees;  
One June night in the fragrant woods;  
One heart that loved and understood.  
I wondered when I waked that day,  
How — how in God's name — I could ever pay."*

The Season of Thanksgiving is a time of gratitude as we recall the good things that happen in our lives. Even during those times when we feel pushed and pressed, we can look around and see all the "gifts" that are ours just for the taking: The white sands, gorgeous waters, beautiful sunsets, and all the wonderful people who come into our lives. Thanksgiving is not an attitude that can be externally imposed on us — it is that attitude which comes when we realize we are the recipients of the greatest gifts we can ever hope to have.

## Church Shares Proceeds From Local Land Sale

St. Ann Catholic Church has completed the sale of a portion of the parish property on Daniel Drive to Moulton Properties. As a Stewardship Way of Life Parish, St. Ann will be using part of the money to reach out to the community, said Parish Administrator Susie Spencer.

The Parish Council voted in October to donate a tithe of the

proceeds to South Santa Rosa Caring and Sharing who received \$5,000 and Ronald McDonald House of Pensacola received \$4,500. St. Ann's mission work in Chimbote, Peru and the local Habitat for Humanity chapter will also benefit. About two dozen different charities and activities in all will receive a total of \$80,000 from the tithe.

## Savannah Green Wins Emerald Coast Junior Idol Title

### Aspiring Actress To Appear in "Annie"

Pensacola Beach has its very own idol. Young singing star



Savannah Green receives her Junior Idol Awards.

Savannah Green won the Emerald Coast Junior Idol title, over a field of twenty-five contestants. Savannah sang "Born to Entertain" and also danced at the event, November 11 at the Saenger Theater in Pensacola. She won \$2500 in cash and prizes. One prize is an Album Recording Package which includes a five song recording and 100 full packaged retail ready CDs from Rex Recording Studio.

Savannah has recognized the work of many teachers and volunteers who presented the Idol

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contest with proceeds going to the Humane Society and Rebuild Northwest Florida.

Savannah thanks her dancing instructor, Monette Hodges of Pensacola Beach and her singing coach, Michelle Kerrigan. She also thanks all the members of her family and friends who came to support her. She especially recognizes Rachel Morgan and other volunteers who produced the Em-

erald Coast Idol event.

Savannah, who is in the sixth grade at Gulf Breeze Middle School, is a graduate of Pensacola Beach Elementary School where she was the Student of the Year. She will share the lead in "Annie" in the B.E.T.A. Children's Theatre production set for December 2 and 3 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze.

Her parents are Dan and Gail Green of Pensacola Beach.



**BEACH STARS** - Pensacola Beach actresses Macy Mateer and Savannah Green will perform in the BETA Children Theater's production of "Annie." Macy (left) who plays the orphan, Molly, is serenaded by Annie played by Savannah Green.

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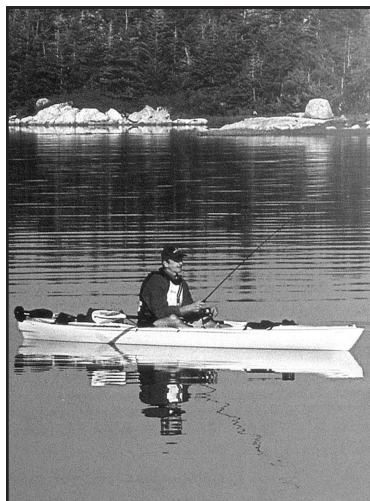
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