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Seadog wants you...to party on Pensacola Beach during the Fourth of July weekend. It's a sizzlin', sparklin', slidin' celebration of America's birthday. Come out of your shell for Indy Crab racing. Slip over to the Tiki Slide competition. Movies under the stars. Island music fills the air by day and fireworks light up the sky at night. For more on this story, see Page 2.

# They're Off - Indy Crab Races Speed Across the Sand Kaboom Lights Up Fourth of July

Crabs, sharpen your claws. When the cannon sounds at sunset on the Fourth of July, the Crab Races will begin at Crab's, We Got 'Em.

"Crabs are arriving from all over the United States to compete in these world famous races," Seadog, Crab Master said. "Bug-Eye Crab, world record holder, will be the star of the Fourth of July races. We welcome entrants. Every winner receives a picture and an official Indy crab race t-shirt."

It's all for a good cause according to Seadog who says the proceeds go to raising free range crabs and the official Seadog Crab Training School. Anybody can be a part of this world class sport. Just be at Crab's at sunset on the weekends.

Before the Crab Race, beach visitors will have a variety of events to choose from, including the Slide with Style competition at 2 p.m. on July 4. This competition will be at the big blue Tiki Slide located on Santa Rosa Sound behind the Soundside Market. Registration is \$5 and will begin at 1:30 p.m. The first event is at 2 p.m. The Wild and Whacky slider contest will award first, second and third place to the wildest sliders. Trophies are sponsored by *Island Times*. Be sure to wear your hottest or coolest summer costume to enter the costume contest. Island Style will award gift certificates to the top three winners in this category. Loads of other prizes including frozen treats for everyone will be given by Tiki Island Golf and Games.

Live music will be going on in the Gulfside Pavilion from 3 to 6 p.m. with jazz musician Richard Bowen.

The Slammers will play in the Pavilion from 6 to 9 p.m. This band calls itself "Southern Rock Specialists."

The UAG Band will be playing reggae tunes in the Amphitheatre on the Boardwalk from 6 to 9 p.m.

And at 9 p.m. the much anticipated Kaboom, one of the biggest and best fireworks displays on the coast will start at 9 p.m. It features over 2200 aerial shells and is produced by Fun Coast Promotions. Kaboom originates on a barge in Santa Rosa Sound just north of the Boardwalk, but the display is visible all over the core area.

"Our ultimate goal is to create memories for children, their families, and the community that will be passed on generation to generation," said Doug McAllister of Fun Coast Promotions. "Make plans now to be on the Beach for America's birthday and the highlight of the summer."

If you think you can't get through a Fourth of July celebration without eating a hotdog at a baseball game, the Pensacola Pelicans will be playing the Sioux Falls Canaries at 6:35 p.m. on Thursday, July 2. The game will be played at Pelican Park on the UWF campus in Pensacola.

The Gulfside Pavilion will feature live music Friday, July 3 by the UAG Band from 6 to 9 p.m. followed by a free movie, *Forrest Gump*, at 9 p.m.

The Sounds of Summer concert series features Dave Tucker and the DMT's from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Quietwater Amphitheatre.

If you haven't satisfied your party appetite, come to the Beach on Sunday, July 5 to hear Ivory and Steel from 3 to 6 p.m. and UAG from

6 to 9 p.m. at the Pavilion.

Joe Occhipinti, perennial local favorite will grace the stage at Quietwater Amphitheatre playing solo jazz from 6 to 8 p.m. on July 5.

Special recognition among the Kaboom sponsors goes to the Grand Marlin and Publix with thanks to the Escambia County Commission, Santa Rosa Island Authority and Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce. Other sponsors include: Landshark Lager (Stage Sponsor), Hilton Pensacola Beach, Hampton Inn, Capt'n Fun, Mediacom, Portofino Resort and Spa, Levin Rinke Resort Realty, Sandshaker Lounge, Soft Rock, WXBM, Hemingway's Island Grill, Island Realty, *Island Times*, Island Style, WEAR TV 3, Pelican and CB United Realtors.

## Committee Sets Criteria For Master Planners Presentations

If the Master Planner has all the right credentials for creating the perfect vision for the future of Pensacola Beach, it will be to the credit of the Ad Hoc Committee who met on June 17 to review and finalize the planner's criteria.

The Committee approved a long list of project elements which should be addressed by planners including:

Peak Season Saturday Toll Counts (20,000 cars); Public Parking spaces on Pensacola Beach (3400 places); Traffic flow/ congestion in the commercial core area; Toll Facility congestion; Use of Public Transportation; Pedestrian facilities and movement patterns; Hardscaping/ Landscaping to enhance safety; Lighting; Utilization of existing parking/parking enhancements; Gateway feature/sense of arrival; Attractions/ Special events; and Beautification along Pensacola Beach Boulevard and Via de Luna.

Presenting firms will be judged and scored by the Ad Hoc Committee based on the following criteria:

*Qualifications* - expertise to complete this project

*Understanding* - degree to which firm understands the project, whether from experience with similar projects

### FRIDAY, JULY 3

#### Gulfside Pavilion

6 to 9 p.m.  
9 p.m.

U.A.G. Band

Special Free Friday Flicks "Forrest Gump"

#### Quietwater Amphitheatre

6 p.m. 8 p.m. Dave Tucker and the DMTs

### SATURDAY, JULY 4

2 p.m.

Slide with Style Competition at the Tiki Slide

7:55 p.m.

All American Crab Races at Crab's We Got 'Em

#### Gulf Side Pavilion

3 to 6 p.m.

Music by Richard Bowen - jazz

6 to 9 p.m.

The Slammers

#### Quietwater Amphitheatre

6 to 9 p.m.

U.A.G. Band (reggae)

9 p.m.

Kaboom Fireworks extravaganza

### SUNDAY, JULY 5

#### Gulfside Pavilion

3 to 6 p.m.

Ivory and Steel

6 to 9 p.m.

U.A.G. Band

#### Quietwater Amphitheatre

6 to 8 p.m.

Joe Occhipinti

*Happy Birthday America*

or from preparatory research

*Approach* - degree to which Consultant's approach addresses the project issues

*Past Performance* - Documentation of the past performance on other projects done by the Consultant

*Personnel* - the qualifications and availability of the personnel to be assigned to the project.

*Overall* - presentation and responsiveness to questions.

Five of the seventeen planners who originally submitted proposals were chosen to make presentations. They are: Sasaki, EDSA, Wallace, Roberts, and Todd, Valley Crest, and Daugherty. The planner hired will be from among these firms.

Methods of making the selection were discussed with some preferring a score card type of measuring how well firms met the criteria and others feeling the committee should hold open discussion to arrive at the proper choice.

Buck Lee, Santa Rosa Island Authority executive director, said, "We have to keep this all out in the open."

Committee member Vernon Prather said there could be a discussion before the vote and it would be conducted in an open forum.

Mike Langston, Baskerville Donovan engineer, cautioned the committee that if the scorecard system is used, they would be required to choose the firm that gets the highest rating.

The scorecard system and the open discussion will both be used at the July 7 meeting, and the Committee agreed to have a recommendation ready to present to the Authority Board on July 8.

Before the Master Planner is selected the Tisdale Oliver consultants will be preparing a traffic study which will become a part of the overall plan. The firm performed traffic counts for seven days from June 19 to June 26. The collected data will be compiled and the final report is due September 30. The Master Planner will receive all of this information.

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee are Fred Gant, chairman, Vernon Prather, Dave Pavlock, and Robert Rinke. The members of the SRIA Board are welcome to attend and give input at the Ad Hoc Committee July 7 meeting during which time the master planning firms will be making presentations. The presentations are open to the public, but the floor will not be open for questions or comment.

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# Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



My heritage is in the magnificent Rockies of Northern New Mexico and in the golden prairies of Southern Nebraska. As far as I know, neither of these places is ever listed in publications touting "Southern Hospitality." Most newspaper photos are taken of them in the dead of winter when they are buried in snow and all its attendant problems. During the last couple of weeks this summer, I've been watching the college softball and baseball national championships. What does this have to do with Southern Hospitality?

Well, in case you didn't know, the games have been played at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha for the past sixty years. For sixty years the elite college baseball players have made their way to Omaha where they are welcomed with unbelievable gusto. Over the past several years, I have always been astounded at the crowds who attend these games. This year, the average attendance was 24,000. Although the college support groups are on hand to cheer their teams on, thousands of these spectators are from Omaha. They just come for the love of the sport and to welcome the kids. These teams, year after year, are from California, Arizona, Louisiana, Virginia and mostly other southern states. Probably not many Nebraskans on the field.

But in Omaha, no matter who they are, if they come to play, the crowds will come. Locals create a festival atmosphere, dancing in the stands, sleepy-eyed children clapping for what they are not sure, but every home run, double play and spectacular catch is cheered by the

crowd. The college kids are not alone. Omaha loves these boys and girls of summer. It's their version of "Southern Hospitality."

Have you ever heard of a small Nebraska town named North Platte? Sorry, I asked, but it has a story about hospitality which dates back to World War II. North Platte was on the coast to coast railroad line, where the troop trains stopped for a couple of hours as they transported soldiers on their way to combat zones. The troops were young men; most of them had never been away from home before. They were tired, scared, and lonely when they stopped in North Platte. When they entered the station they found that the townspeople had gathered and were giving away whole cakes, doughnuts, cupcakes, and perhaps best of all the town's prettiest girls had come to dance with the servicemen. It would, perhaps, be the last time many of them would ever hold a girl in their arms. The housewives who provided all that food did so at great sacrifice to their own families, by saving and using their ration tickets to bake sweets for the boys.

When they reboarded to leave, the soldiers were grinning, and saying thank you for their bags of food which they were taking with them. They were also taking with them the hugs and the warm memory of dancing to "String of Pearls."

In the afternoon another troop train stopped in North Platte. This one, even sadder than the first, because it was filled with wounded combat veterans on their way to the hospitals. They were all greeted with the same caring outstretched arms and all the sweets they could possi-

bly eat. The pretty girls served the food, and those fellows left the small town with smiles on their faces, forgetting their pain for a moment.

The unbelievable housewives of North Platte repeated this loving party twice a day, every day for the duration of the war. Every day. Twice a day. Southern Hospitality at its best.

After the war, the mayor and other agencies received letters from many who had been on those trains. They said they would never forget what the town did for them during an otherwise fearful and joyless journey.

You probably know more about Taos which is near the town where I was born. Taos is now a world wide celebrity known as Ski Taos, featuring its famous Angel Fire Mountain. But when I was a child, it was a dusty little town where Native Americans lived humbly and precariously in their adobe huts. They sold curios they had made and bread they had baked in outdoor ovens from their homes. The thing I remember most

is that they were always smiling. They were glad to help you select a gift or answer questions about the reservation. They were always so happy to welcome visitors although they cautioned you not to enter their sacred church. The Taos Reservation was my DisneyWorld. And, if you go there today, you will find that not much has changed. Adobe is still the material used in construction, but the reservation is no longer occupied by the natives. It's a casino. The people who are in the streets, working in hotels and restaurants, are still the same smiling, helpful people. (And you might even run into Julia Roberts.)

So, why didn't I stay in the warm embrace of these hot-spirited, polka dancing people? I guess it's because I am allergic to tumbling tumble weeds and speedy skis.

After living on Pensacola Beach for thirty years, I am a bona fide Floridian, and I have the orange cap and blue shirt to prove it.

Nebraska may be, in some minds, that place out there that once

had national championship football players and where they grow a lot of corn. And New Mexico is that hot place where cowboys chase Indians and vice versa. All I have to say is Southern Hospitality is where you find it. Perhaps in a snow capped mountain town or in one of the small cities which dot the Nebraska landscape.

This week we are celebrating the 233rd birthday of the United States of America. (Do we have enough Botox to cover this event?) I know one thing. In California, Wisconsin, Maryland, Washington, D.C., New York, and Olathe, Kansas, Southern Hospitality rules; and they don't even know it. It is one more reason that America will stand. Now and forever.

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# PEOPLE

# Trivia Original Sister Shelly Sends Correct Answer

## SWEET MUSIC

Monita and Harry McLemore who lived in Villa Sabine until they were chased away by a hurricane, returned recently for a visit. Monita, a professional harpist, has done a couple of interesting things; acquired a doctor of philosophy degree and composed a song, "Come Back To The Island." Dr. McLemore is working on marketing the song which is about Santa Rosa Island.

## AERO GARDENERS

Reports are coming in from closet Aero-Gardeners, like DJ Zemenick, who is the official photographer of the Island and of the Krewe of Wrecks. She says she loves her Aero-Garden and grows herbs in it year around. She hasn't branched out in hers to produce farming, but is waiting to see how Barefoot does with tomatoes. Nan Harper also reports that she loved the story, but didn't say she wanted an Aero-Garden. No farms for Nan. She is a beach girl.

## IN SPRITE OF HIMSELF

The mysterious Waldo Defendorfin, who has saltwater in his veins and sand in his shoes, was cautioned recently by the Beach deputies for having an open container in the parking lot. Upon closer scrutiny, it turned out to be a cold, bubbly Sprite, so Waldo continued to sip and survey the goings-on from "the corner."

## CHALK UP ANOTHER

Island Times pigskin prognosticator Barry McCleary celebrated his June 27 birthday with gusto. He notes that it's only a little over two

months until the University of Alabama takes on Virginia Tech in the season opener on September 5. Roll Tide.

## BACK TO THE BREEZE

Jim Cunningham and his vivacious wife, Margaret, just returned from a trip to Costa Rica. The two world travelers are happy to be back home, but already have other exotic destinations in mind.

## STING RAY STUNG ROBERT

After a two mile trek, Robert Rinke stepped off his paddle board onto a stingray. Luckily, a Beach lifeguard was patrolling and rendered immediate assistance. The painful experience landed him in the Gulf Breeze Hospital emergency room where doctors patched him up. He's been hopping around the island on his crutches.

## LUCKY LADIES

Birthday gal Sharon Mattair and Paradise General Manager Renee Mack found a spot at a Biloxi Blackjack table next to Lady Luck on June 16. Sharon came home with a pocketful of money according to Renee. A birthday worth remembering.

## FINALLY FISHING

Vernon Prather laments the fact that between his job with the City of Gulf Breeze and time spent as an SRIA board member, he doesn't get to fish as much as he would like. He made up for it last week by bringing home a good catch from a snapper trip.

## ROYAL COUNTER

Former King of the Krewe of Bula Dan Deanda was part of the professionals who surveyed traffic patterns on the Beach June 20.

Nineteen years ago on June 29 Lillian Alyse White was born. Shortly before her birth, the Sisters of the Beach and guys on the Beach hosted a baby shower honoring the expectant father. As far as the Trivia Master can remember it was the first and last and only baby shower held for a man on the Beach. Shelly Geier, founding member of the SOBs was the first to email "Jack White" as the dad, owner of the flagship bar, Dirty Joe's on the Beach. All who attended the event ooh'd and ah'd when Jack opened and held up each tiny baby garment. Refreshments were long necks and pretzels. Entertainment was playing pool. It was an afternoon to remember.

Countess Kim LoBue and Sir Bill Greene, Knights of the Roundtable, both recalled the name correctly, although Sir Bill admitted to having help from Krewe of Wrecks guru Jeff Goudey.

Underground newspaper publisher Chuck Steele said he realized he was probably too late, but sent the correct answer, "Action Jackson." Don't shed tears for him. He won a shirt recently.

If you want to cry, do it for Peggy Pope who emailed that she needed a t-shirt, but sent the correct answer too late.

And if you are look for the laugh of the day, here is Joanne Brooks' submission. "Could the answer be Scott Amberson?" she emailed. "I also thought of Richard Wells, but who would remember him?"

Sorry Joanne. You remain as the Queen of Wrong Answers as of this date. You have no challengers.

Here's one the Trivia Master thinks will stump all of you. What was the name of the singing group which entertained at the Sandspur Republic's fantastic fireworks display on the Fourth of July?

Rules are the same.

Send your answer to [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net) with "trivia" in the subject line and include your name, phone number. Deadline to answer is July 1, 2009. Good luck!

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# Move Over Mickey- Santa Rosa Beach Mouse Takes Center Stage For Study

Santa Rosa Beach Mice took center stage at the July 24 Santa Rosa Island Authority Committee meetings. They are the stars of a research project and all it costs them is the tips of their tails. There are lots of them and they are not endangered and probably never will be, unlike the six other remaining species of the Island mouse community. The Santa Rosa Beach Mouse is so prolific that it stands in for some of the endangered species when it comes to research. These mice will not stop development like the Perdido Key Beach Mouse.

"If I were a mouse," Board Member Dave Pavlock said, "I would want to live in the Gulf Islands National Seashore. There are lots less people."

The whole point of the Beach Mouse SRIA discussion was to satisfy a request by Dr. Elliot Wilkinson, postdoctoral research associate for the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of Florida.

"We would like to ask your per-

mission to place traps on three sections of remnant dune habitation on county lands within the community of Pensacola Beach," Dr. Wilkinson wrote in a request to the Board. "Mice will have tail tips taken and will then be released."

The Santa Rosa Beach Mice live in dunes and come out at night to feed on sea oats.

Researchers were granted permission to study the non-endangered, prolific mice.

The Development and Leasing Committee passed a request to allow Tiki Island Golf and Games to add more inflatable games to their waterslide location. These include Castle Maze, Dolphin Kiddie Slide, Water Rapids, Bouncee House, Bungee runs, and an Obstacle Course. These amenities are designed for children and the company is already seeking approval from the Escambia County Development Review Committee to install them.

Finance Director Dottie Ford

brought her usual message of economic cheer by telling the committee members that the revenues in April were up by \$50,000.

"This is about \$30,000 more than we had for the same period last year," she said. "Also, lease fees from businesses were \$1,284,029 and were \$1,511,757 from residents."

The Development and Leasing Committee also approved a change in the lease agreement with the Innisfree Corporation which is planning to build a Holiday Inn on the Gulfront. Approval is required to secure financing. A clause in the document dedicating insurance proceeds to satisfy the mortgage rather than post-disaster rebuilding caused some discussion among the committee members.

Board member Ed Guernsey said, "We want to see the commercial operations succeed. I don't see anything wrong with them having this right."

The approval will be subject to the attorneys' review and additions to the

lease and will come before the Full Board, July 8.

New Beach businesses will be officially welcomed on opening day by the Santa Rosa Island Authority on the electronic reader board. The Committee approved this business-friendly initiative. Previously, the board was used for safety and public service messages only.

Chairman Fred Gant closed the meeting reminding the members that

they were invited to attend the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting when the presentations are made by the five finalist master planning firms on July 7 beginning at 9 a.m. in the boardroom. The public is also welcome.

The next meeting of the Island Authority will be the Full Board on Wednesday, July 8 at 5 p.m. in the boardroom at 1 Via de Luna. The meetings are open to the public.

*Pensacola Beach was well-represented at the June 22 Pensacola Pelicans game when SRIA staffer Katie Denny was showing off her Beach themed suite. Enjoying the ballgame are (L to R) Beach Chamber President Jeff Elbert and Mike Graham, who assist drivers with toll facility transponders.*

PHOTO BY KATIE DENNY



## After Sundown

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## peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis



Let me just begin by saying "I love living on Pensacola Beach located on Santa Rosa Island."

I have a firm belief that this beach should be enjoyed by everyone who can scrounge up the dollar to cross through the tollgate. This island has always been inhabited by two types of people - those of us who give thanks to God each time we top the bride for the beauty He created and those who only see the money to be made from His creation.

I know that's not politically correct anymore to talk about our faith or God for fear of offending someone. It's not what's in your pocket that matters, but what's in your heart.

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, we can get to the fun stuff.

We had a bubbly fueled Sister's of the Beach Bridal Shower for Emily L'Oignon. She lives so far away that she could not come to the Beach, so we partied without her. Judy L'Oignon, her stepmother opened presents and is going to deliver them to her. Best wishes to her!

I could hardly wait to tell y'all about our recent trip to visit Marilyn LeNormand. Since Marilyn's move to Mobile, we rarely have the opportunity to celebrate her birthday anymore. So a few of us from the Wednesday Night Mentally Healthy Ladies decided we would surprise her with a visit. Well, of course we called to say we were coming to visit, we just didn't tell her we were bringing her a Birthday Party. Oh yeah, the First Official Road Trippin' Birthday Party.

We gave Elaine Mitchell the charge of making arrangements with Marilyn while keeping the party a secret. She's a clever one, our Elaine! The original plan was just a day trip with hopes of keeping Marilyn from stressing with preparations for overnight guests.

Wrong. She insisted we stay the night as she was taking two days of vacation. Poor, poor Marilyn!

By the time Elaine, Charlotte Spencer and I arrived she was so stressed because of a sewer problem that she had booked a suite in a

local motel. She had been dealing with the problem for four days already, and was now on her second plumber who was five hours late. Talk about stress!

Courtney Winstead had arrived before us and Paulette Provost was expected later in the afternoon. (Paulette was busy buying a brand new car, so her only charge was to just get there.)

Imagine, five female guests and no facilities. Well, the plumber finally arrived and managed to fix the problem just in time; although we had assured Marilyn we were quite capable of "camping" without proper facilities having survived worse conditions after hurricanes. Hey, we still had electricity!

So, we're enjoying Marilyn's Outdoor Oasis, which never fails to soothe the soul with its tropical spa atmosphere and we've been very clever so far at hiding all birthday stuff while waiting for Paulette.

Courtney (who is always so dependably responsible) had renounced all responsibility after bringing ice-cream birthday cake all the way from Pensacola.

So, here's the best part - Paulette made it; we successfully surprised Marilyn with gifts; the plumbing's fine; and we're about to put candles on the cake but it is very soft and mushy because Courtney put the ice cream cake in the refrigerator instead of the freezer! That's right Courtney, the freezer's the "other" door.

And, we all need the freezer 'cause it is waayyy too hot to cook. Here's my recipe for staying cool for the 4th of July.

Green seedless grapes are wonderfully refreshing after being frozen. Just pop 'em in the freezer (the other door) and enjoy while watching fireworks at 9 p.m.

Another favorite is mini banana splits - just split half a banana, add your favorite ice cream, fruit preserves, nuts, whipped cream and whatever else that looks good.

Happy Birthday America! Be safe, have fun and don't forget to share. See ya at the fireworks.



The Sisters of the Beach are steeped heavily in tradition, so when Emily L'Oignon could not attend the wedding shower hosted in her honor on June 20, her stepmom, Judy L'Oignon dutifully received gifts and even donned the Good Luck Shower Hat on her behalf. The Sisters made a champagne toast to the prospective bride via her cell phone.



April Wolfe is a good sport as she waits for another ball to hit the mark and drop her into the dunking booth. The carnival was hosted by the Krewe of Brewe on Father's Day at the Shaker. The proceeds benefitted Covenant Hospice and Cancer Kids at Sacred Heart.



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## Junior League Taps New Board

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The Junior League of Pensacola is a nonprofit organization comprised of 200 women who are actively volunteering and serving in the community.

## Wine Talk

By David Griffin,  
Beach Wines  
& Liquors



### A REAL CORKER

Corks may have tradition on their side, but they have their limitations. To begin with, there is a limited supply. In addition, cork is subject to occasional taint, which can produce a musty flavor in wines. Then, there is the matter of people finding the use of a corkscrew to be an intimidating obstacle to the enjoyment of wine drinking. With all this in mind, several alternatives to cork have appeared. Synthetic corks are easy to mass produce, but some leach plastic flavors into the wine. As for screw tops, they have yet to gain consumer acceptance. All of which bring us to the MetaCork, which combines a twist top with a cork (natural or synthetic) that makes for easy uncorking of wine bottles.

HINT: Once opened, the twist portion of the MetaCork goes back on the bottle and the cork is discarded.

The cork may become a thing of the past. Beach Wines and Liquors Inc has available a wide array of wine that will be the perfect accompaniment to whatever type of meal or party you are planning. We are very knowledgeable about the wines we carry, so if you need assistance, please don't hesitate to ask. Come by 5 Via de Luna and see us. Please don't drink and drive!

# BUSINESS BUZZ

## LOTTO FEVER

The newest Florida Lottery retailer on the Beach is David Griffin at Beach Wines and Liquors in the Soundside Market. He commented that he wants some really lucky people to buy winning tickets, so he can be a small part of their good fortune.

## HARD WORKING REP

Florida Chamber of Commerce recognized Rep. Dave Murzin as a "Distinguished Advocate" who fought for Florida's employers throughout the 2009 Legislative Session. Murzin, whose district includes Pensacola Beach, championed key Florida Business Agenda priorities and fought tirelessly for the passage of pro-jobs legislation. Representative Murzin is a candidate for the District 2 State Senate seat being vacated by Durell Peadon.

## ACTION HERO

Bronze Star recipient Staff Sgt. Brandon Adams has been chosen by the US Army as a Real Hero. As part of the program, an action figure has been created in his likeness. The Sandshaker Lounge will host a Real

Hero party on Saturday, July 25 to honor Adams. He will be giving his action figure to youngsters along with autographs. Look for more details in the July 7 *Island Times*.

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## WHAT'S COOKIN

Beach Realtor Karen Cook celebrates her birthday on July 3. Her words of wisdom are a recipe for business success in this economy. Work hard, add volunteer hours, mix well with equal parts fun on the beach.

## SHOP TIL YOU DROP

If you could not resist all the

must-have items at Island Style and your suitcase is just too small, call the UPS Store. They will wrap and ship your vacation keepsakes home.

## WHERE TO WATCH

Fireworks are best viewed with friends and family on the sandy shoreline of Santa Rosa Sound. But, there are no bad seats in the core area, so head to your favorite bistro or pub and secure a table or bar stool and have a good time.

## WHO DAT

Saints fans only have about six weeks left before the pre-season kicks off, August 14. If you need to add to your fleur de lis collection, go see Carol Campbell at Blue Sky Gift Shop. You will be amazed at the selection. Subtle pewter on shotglasses to wild purple, green and gold yard signs. Geaux there soon.

## SLEEP TIGHT

In case you haven't noticed, sleep has become a lively topic. Dr. Tracey Pinkston says you need to sleep. *Island Times* advertisers have just what the doctor ordered...new mattresses, beds, and pure goose down pillows, comforters and duvets.

## BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stuke, Your Computer Pal

Q: "What is PAYPAL?"

A: Paypal is a business that processes secure electronic payment transactions through the Internet. The big benefit of using their service is that you never have to reveal your credit card, debit card, or bank account numbers to a person with whom you are doing business. It also eliminates the need to mail checks and money orders.

If you want to buy or sell items on the Internet, set up a Paypal account by linking your bank account or credit card to that account. Then transfer money into your Paypal account. With your approval, a seller (who also has a Paypal account) can then withdraw money for items you have purchased. There is a small service charge each time money is transferred in or out of your account.

When selling items on the Internet, you can reach a large number of customers who would feel safe making purchases with Paypal, but might be hesitant to use their credit cards. Many sellers on eBay require that you have a Paypal account in order to make purchases from them. Payments made by customers are easily transferred into your personal or business account by logging on to the Paypal website.

Paypal became a subsidiary of eBay in 2002. It operates in 190 markets worldwide and has over 70 million active customers. Customers can transfer funds in 19 different currencies.

This article was provided by The Stuke Group. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 206-3156.

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# Take Two Apples

*and call me in the morning...*  
The doctor is in and she's hip, too!  
By Tracey Pinkston, J.D., M.D.

Everyone has occasional trouble falling asleep --the times when even counting the cute mattress commercial's sheep won't even help. Perhaps it was a stressful day or an exciting event approaching that occupies our minds and keeps the ZZZZs from coming. However, there are millions of Americans for whom a sound sleep is only a far away dream. Insomnia can be serious, not only because of the consequences of lack of sleep (like inability to concentrate at work or failing school performance) but can also be potentially life-threatening in the case of falling asleep while driving or developing heart problems due to deranged sleeping patterns.

Fortunately, we now have a repertoire of things that can help. The first changes to initiate are generally called "sleep hygiene." These are things to change about your lifestyle that will help you be more ready to sleep when it's time to lie down. Changes like avoiding caffeine in the afternoon, settling down into a relaxing evening routine before bed, and avoiding stimulating activities such as heavy exercise in the evening can help prepare your mind for sleep.

It is also important to prepare your sleep environment. Have a comfortable, inviting bedroom free from clutter and work distractions. Avoid having computers, faxes, telephones and other work-related paraphernalia in the same room where you sleep. Having a daunting work report on the desk just across the room from your bed can make you feel the pressure as you try to rest. So try to separate your work space from your bedroom.

Take a few moments, perhaps 15 to 20 minutes before bed to stretch, do yoga, or meditate in quiet. This can help prepare your mind for restful sleep. Once your body, mind, and sleep space are prepared appropriately, sleep should come more easily. If it does not, some additional help in the form of an herbal or homeopathic sleep aid or herbal tea (such as chamomile) may help.

Magnesium before bedtime can be an effective adjunct to your sleep hygiene, as magnesium helps to promote relaxation. Melatonin, the first choice for jet lag, can also be helpful as part of your nightly routine, even when not travelling.

If you still are having trouble either initiating sleep or staying asleep, it is time to see your doctor. He or she may be able to adjust medications you are taking in order to promote more restful sleep. Some medications and supplements can actually be stimulatory and contribute to insomnia. Your physician may also want you to try some of the available prescription sleeping medications. There are now quite a few of them, mostly well-tolerated, and side effects vary, so a trial of different prescriptions may be needed to find the one that is right for you.

Finally, your doctor may recommend a sleep study or PSG (polysomnograph). For this test, you sleep at a sleep lab attached to wires and monitors to try to determine the cause of your insomnia. I'm not sure how anyone actually gets any sleep there with all that stuff attached to them, but apparently even a little sleep can help an expert (usually a pulmonologist) to decipher the data into a cause of insomnia. With that knowledge, your physician can devise an appropriate sleeping strategy, which may range from changing your pillow to weight loss to oxygen supplementation or pressure support. Hopefully, no extreme measures will be needed and your nocturnal sheep will be fluffy and your ZZZZs many.

**Keep Reading** - Please always consult your doctor before starting or stopping any medication or nutritional supplement.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Job Security Needed

Pensacola Beach Elementary School is a charter school serving about 150 students per year. The teachers are dedicated professionals whose students have achieved top test rankings, and national recognition, yet they have no job security. I think it's despicable that the teachers can be terminated without warning, without being given a reason and without due process.

The first teacher was terminated in 2005 after 15 years at the school. In 2006 the second teacher was terminated after 22 years, and one year before her retirement. In 2009 the next teacher was terminated after 21 years.

It is difficult to understand how the governing board of the school has given this power to one person and continue to support him. It is not good for morale and it's morally and ethically wrong.

The school's FCAT scores were consistently among the highest in the state. How can the Beach school continue to succeed in the atmosphere of management by intimidation?

Big changes are needed in

leadership or the Beach school that Harry Gowens and others fought for and started in 1977 will suffer the consequences.

Leigh Fisher  
Pensacola Beach, FL



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Fair skies and summer breezes were on tap for competitors who raced in the Island Fever Regatta, Saturday, June 13 on Pensacola Beach. The annual race whose course was in Santa Rosa Sound is sponsored by Key Sailing.

"We had a good day of racing," said Kirk Newkirk, sponsor. "I appreciate all those who entered and came out to be part of the action."

The racing was followed immediately by an Awards party. The results are as follows:

1. Kirk Newkirk
2. Mike Wilson
3. Mark Smith
4. John McDonald
5. Andy Humphry
6. Bob Curry

## Runners Prepare To Tackle Beach Course

The Pensacola Runners Association will host a 5K race, July 19 on Pensacola Beach to benefit the Center for Independent Living. For more information, or to volunteer, or sponsor the race, contact Brian Casey at bcasey1@bellsouth.net or call 850-261-1779 or 850-623-8458.

7. Chris Amador
  8. Cliff Fahara
  9. Rick Adams
  10. Charlie Harp
- Upcoming regattas on Pensacola Beach include the Patri-

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# The Lizzard's TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



*My name is Sparky, not Popeye*

So last weekend the Colonel, my husband, and the Kid, our son, get the brilliant idea to take Sparky, the family cat, on our afternoon sail. I must have been sporting a "you can't be serious" look on my face because immediately I was barraged with instant messages of the convincing kind. "Whatta you think?" *I think I need to put another six pack in the cooler.*

"It'll be fun!" *Could someone please define fun for me?*

"I read in Sail magazine that cats like boats." *I must have missed that article.*

But being the team player that I am, I begrudgingly agreed and stood my ground that Sparky had to stay in her cat carrier until we were under sail. I had this vision that as we were backing up under motor or while trying to raise the sails, she would attempt to abandon ship and I just wasn't in the mood to perform a man overboard drill for the cat. So after much coaxing and a lot of wrestling, I shoved Sparky into her Louis Kitton carrier.

After much hissing at me and meowing at her boys to rescue her from the evil Human Lady, we all wondered what she was trying to tell us. The Colonel started and said in a high-pitched squeak, "Hey, I travel only first class, not in some mesh bag

that rubs on my bottom." Well he didn't actually say bottom, but he did use a high-pitch squeaky voice. The Kid followed with the only thing he thinks Sparky ever says and that is "You got any food? Shrimp? Salmon? Tuna?"

As for me, I was sure she was saying things like, "Human Lady, I will get you for this. I think, if I make it home okay, I will use your one of a kind chaise lounge for a litter box. Then I will sharpen my claws on your suede bar stools so I can hone my climbing skills on one of your Marine Corps ball gowns because you and I both know the Colonel never remembers to shut the closet door."

Once again, I try to tell the boys that I think this might not be the best of ideas. But before I know it, the Colonel is placing Sparky in her carrier on the bow of the boat. I try to communicate to her that I really tried and beg her not to go after my gowns. I am almost certain she answered me with "Get me off this boat and you've got a deal Human Lady." No such luck.

Before I knew it, we were under sail and the Kid was letting Sparky out of her carrier. At first there was massive meowing. Again we played the translation game. "This ain't no Cat Boat," said the Colonel.

"Where's my life jacket?" translated the Kid.

"My name is Sparky, not Popeye. Don't you folks understand?" was my best guess. But with the wind in her ears and the intriguing smells of the Potomac River, she finally began to calm down. That is right until we sailed across the wake of a gargantuan power boat. As river water dripped off her whiskers and with her paws soaking wet, Sparky let us all know that sailing is for morons who don't have anything better to do with their time like sleep. No feline translation needed. She soon found her way down below into the v-berth and onto a blanket where she slept until sunset.

As we tied up The Tempest, she awoke completely dry and very well rested. She sauntered and stretched her way to the bow of the boat and in one leap was on the dock where she sat patiently waiting for us to finish securing it. For the walk home, the Colonel carried the cooler; the Kid carried the empty picnic basket; and I carried a 14 pound seasick Sparky. Eventually she got her land legs back and I assure you she is now plotting her revenge that would make a Somali pirate proud. Until next time...

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# Skies Turn Blue Over Pensacola Beach

The 2009 Red, White & Blues Week turns up the summer heat with four days of high-flying chills, thrills, dives and stunts that push the boundaries of gravity from July 6-12 on Pensacola Beach. The jam-packed week of events culminates with the Pensacola Beach Air Show, featuring civilian and military aircraft flight demonstrations and concludes with Pensacola's own Blue Angels.

The week kicks off with Blue Angels jets flying Circle & Arrival maneuvers at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8. The Blues will also perform a practice session at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 9.

The full dress rehearsal begins at noon on Friday, July 10 and includes Julian MacQueen, the U.S. Coast Guard, Skip Stewart, Gary Ward, Aeroshell Aerobatics and the Blue Angels flying Fat Albert (C-130) and F/A-18 Hornets. The main event, the Pensacola Beach Air Show, kicks off at noon on Saturday, July 11.

The complete Red, White and Blues Week schedule is as follows:

July 7: 7-9 p.m. Bands on the Beach featuring Kyle Parker Band at the Gulfside Pavilion.

July 8: 8-10 a.m. "Breakfast With the Blues" Blue Angels Circle and Arrival maneuvers.

July 9: 2 p.m., Blue Angels Practice Air Show.

July 10: Noon, Full Dress Rehearsal of Pensacola Beach Air Show. Blue Angels fly at 2 p.m.

July 10: 6-8 p.m., Sounds of Summer concert featuring Anna Garrott at the Quietwater Shell.

July 11: Noon, Pensacola Beach Air Show. Blue Angels fly at 2 p.m.

July 11: 6-8 p.m. Sounds of Summer featuring Anna Garrott at the Quietwater Shell.

July 12: 6-8 p.m. Sounds of Summer featuring Anna Garrott at the Quietwater Shell.



Navarre High School Raiders Cross County Track Teammates competed the Gary McAdams 5K run on Pensacola Beach, June 20. The fleet-footed track stars are (L to R): Anthony Herman, Colin Boyer, Cody Haden, Robert Mann and Dylan Des Jardins. Mann finished fourth place out of 506 runners posting a 5k time of 18:30.00 All the Raiders finished in the top 18.



Pensacola Beach resident Pam Lane kicks it into gear at the start of the Gary McAdams 5K run on June 20. Lane, who is an avid runner, placed second in her age group with a time of 25:34.00. Over 500 athletes competed to support the McAdams scholarship fund. The post race party was held at the Sandshaker.

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# A Cross in the Sand

By

Dr. Chuck Randle, Pastor  
Pensacola Beach Community Church

The decision to declare the independence of America was a unanimous decision by the 56 persons, from the 13 colonies, on July 4, 1776. That document set in motion actions that led to our independence. It read, "When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation."

It then spelled out the principles on which this new nation would be founded. It was an amazing accomplishment. The signers of the Declaration were just as amazing. Two, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, would eventually become presidents. The youngest, at the age of 26, was

Edward Rutledge; and the oldest was Benjamin Franklin, at age 70.

Although they were unanimous in their desire to be independent, they did not always agree on other matters. That, it seems to me, has always been instrumental in helping to achieve the longevity of our Nation.

Differences of opinion cause us to examine the stances we take. If we are to accomplish anything of significance, we generally need to be open to compromise. So, the decisions that are finally arrived at may not be the perfect decisions, but may be the best given the differences of opinions.

We are certainly indebted to those brave people who put us on the path to independence. And one of the best ways we can express our appreciation is to celebrate with joy and gusto on July 4th, and commit ourselves to doing what we can to preserve the principles that make our Nation strong.

# Museum Presents Finding Amelia

The riddle of what really happened to Amelia Earhart has made her America's favorite missing person. The National Naval Aviation Museum will unveil a restored Lockheed Electra, the type of aircraft

flown by Amelia Earhart, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 2 in the Blue Angel Atrium as part of a special program on the 72nd anniversary of Amelia Earhart's disappearance. Following the aircraft rollout, Ric

Gillespie, executive director of The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery will hold a book signing for his publication, "Finding Amelia – the True Story of the Earhart Disappearance."



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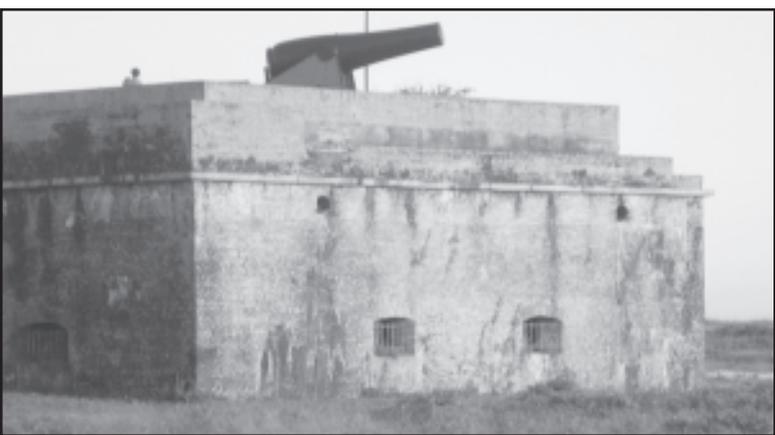
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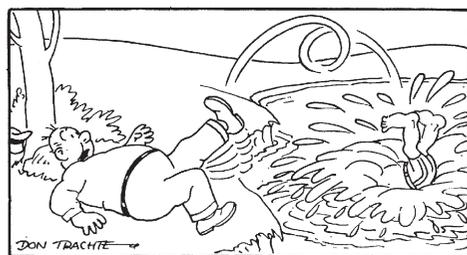
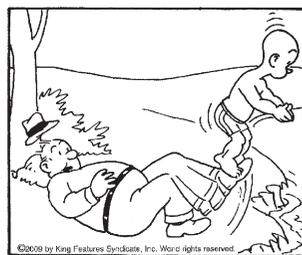
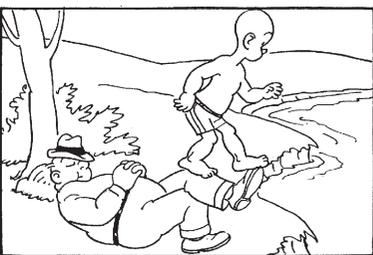
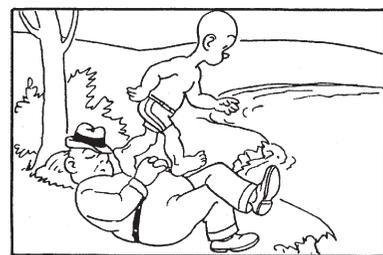
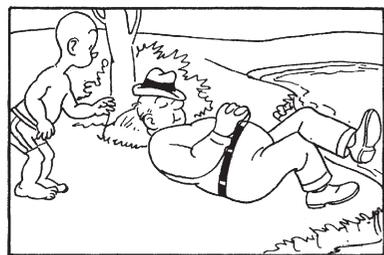
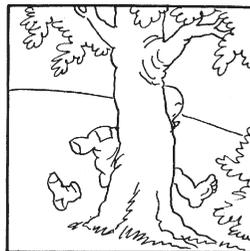
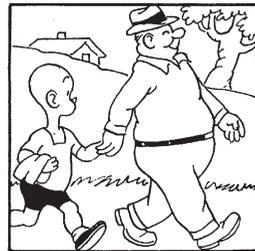
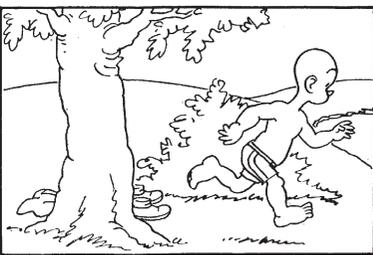
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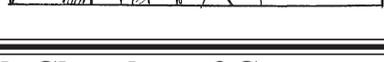
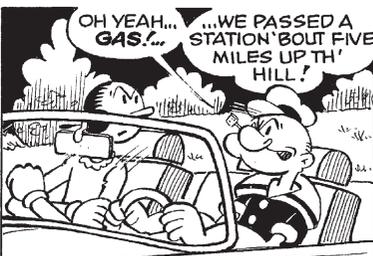
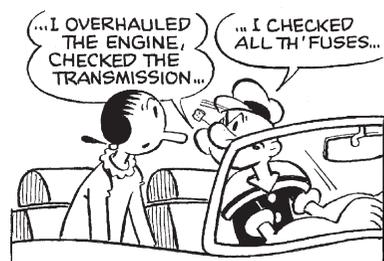
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Get your chips. Pull your chair up to the felt for the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun games on Pensacola Beach. Don't be late. The games start promptly at 7 p.m. Beach Time on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday.

"When you adjust for Beach time that means about 7:20 or so," says Poker Promoter Rick Uzdevenes. "However, we are no longer going to allow players to join the game after the first break," he added.

Billie Urquhart's timing has been very good. She has outlasted all the Island card sharps on June 22 at the Sandshaker to take home the win over Dr. Glenn Burleson. One of the winningest Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun players, Phil Tracy, was third.

"It's hard to beat a gal who can draw to four-of-a-kind in the final hand," said Burleson.

Justin Scher played to a win over Phil Tracy at the Shaker on June 15.

Players look for lucky cards

when playing at Paddy O'Leary's in downtown Pensacola Beach. Price Ranson found his stride on



Justin Scher and Chelsea take a break from the poker tables.

June 11 against Bob the Tourist who was just passing through. Three nights later, Billie Urquhart rode a full boat to the winner's circle. She navigated past Phil Tracy and Eric "the Postman" Weatherford.

Phil Tracy delivered winning hands all night on June 16 to claim the title over Eric "the Postman" Weatherford.

Big Todd Lentini and Phil Tracy battled for forty minutes in a head-to-head showdown on June 17 at Paddy O'Leary's. Todd was the victor. The following night Phil Tracy came out on top and set a new chip record of \$110,500,000 in front of a packed house at Paddy's. Kristin Larmier was second and Kevin Reiningger was a strong third.

Father's Day fame went to Phil Tracy who would make that his fifth win of the month. Todd Lentini was the runner-up.

**From the Chip Stack**  
Happy Birthday to "The Colonel" Phil Tracy who celebrated by playing poker on June 15.

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day and Sunday evenings at the Quietwater Amphitheatre on the Boardwalk. The free concert series are provided by the SRIA.

Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to the pavilion area. No pets are allowed and glass is prohibited. For more information and the band schedule [www.VisitPensacolaBeach.com](http://www.VisitPensacolaBeach.com).

## THE SEAGULLS SING

The Grand Dossey  
by Mike Willett

*When I drove accross the beach bridge the setting sun on the bay.  
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I need to slow my mind down so I go to the bar and say,  
"I need to get me a Dossey New Castle and Grand Marnier"*

*It could be the Sandbar, the Paradise too  
I think the Islanders got it, the Break may have a few.  
But there's one thing for certain just go to Paddys and say,  
"Give me a Grand Dossey Newcastle and Grand Marnier."*

*I looked at my watch, it was a half past two  
I thought to myself, well there's nothing left to do.  
Give one of those Dosseys all my problems went away.  
Thank God for Bill Dossey Newcastle and Grand Marnier.*



The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club installed officers at their May luncheon. The new board members are ( L to R): Second Vice President, Janet Penniman; President, Lynda Knell; Secretary, Patty Lou Kattner; Treasurer, Nancy Wyse; and First Vice President, Sandi Johnson. The Club's next meeting will be July 16 at noon at Hemingway's Island Grill.

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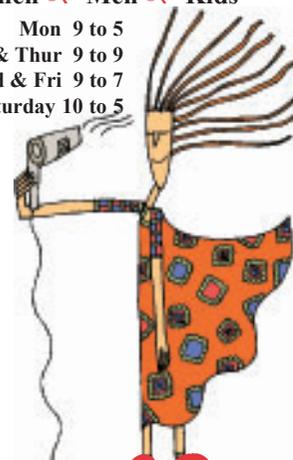


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## readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick

Old Fishermen rule! The Sandshaker gang proved this with a great catch off The Entertainer, reports poker great Larry Paz. Larry and the guys took to the Gulf on a rescheduled trip from a weather delay in May, and came back with some great stories.

Larry tells of an endless fight that turned out to be a five foot long Barracuda. It was released a lot faster than it was landed. For more on the tales from the deep you'll have to stop by the famous watering hole and get your fill.

Justin Scher, another beach poker legend, reports the Specks are slotsize in the grassbeds and sunrise

wading is very productive around the piers.

Todd Lentini reports losing a nice one and a favorite topwater jig as he was bringing it in.

"The knot must have failed," he said.

His buddies told of a shallow water chase as Todd went after the fish and his jig, but, the fish won and went home with Todd's topwater.

The big boats are coming in daily with Snapper and Tuna, so stop by when you see them at the cleaning tables. It's a real treat and they might even sell you a fillet. Better yet, do yourself a favor and go fishin'.



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Easton Stanley comes from a long line of Beach anglers, so it was about time for him to land his first fish. His fishing spot is on the sandy shores of Santa Rosa Sound behind Paradise Inn where he reeled in this "keeper" last week.

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