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## Who Will Win?

## Beach Festivals To Crown Bath Tub Victor, Shaker Royalty, Tastiest Beach Dish



Pensacola Beach splashes into September as the festival season takes center-stage. Bamboo Willie's Jamaican Fest culminates with the Anything That Floats and Bath Tub Races on Sunday, September 6 while the Tangbanger Fest unleashes a prize-laden Goldfish Race. The following weekend ShakerFest celebrates the island's fifth anniversary of rebuilding from Hurricane Ivan. The fun continues as the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce showcases Island chefs' signature dishes at Taste of the Beach, September 19-20. Ready to step up in the winner's circle are expert bath tub racers (front row, L to R): Samantha Wiggins, Ashley Keller, Jamie Kirk and Jenna Stanfield. Back row (L to R): Shaker Queen Patti Hall looks for her successor and Native Cafe Chef Jesse Brown has the recipe for success as the Taste of the Beach co-chairman. All the exciting details of Pensacola Beach's September festivals are in this edition.

# Hey Mon, Come Dance to the Music of the Island

## Beach Reggae Rules, Sauce Boss Rocks

Come to the Island. Sip the rum. Dance to the steel drums. Where are you? In Jamaica? On Saint Lucia? At the Bahamian Goombay? No, you may think you have been transported to some exotic island this weekend, but you are on Pensacola Beach where Bamboo Willie's is hosting its annual Jamaican Festival beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, September 4. There will be three stages of great entertainment throughout the weekend.

All the Boardwalk merchants will hold a sidewalk sale and there will be booths serving authentic Jamaican delicacies. The popular Kid's Zone at the family festival will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday featuring Rainbow the Clown and Face Painters.

All this leads to Sunday when Bamboo Willie's presents its wildest, loudest and wackiest events, The Annual Bath Tub Races and Anything That Floats competitions. Anybody can star in these two reality events. If you sign up for the Bath Tub races, you will very likely win one of the many prizes offered and you will be contributing your entry fee to the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce. There will be two paddlers per boat, paddling a prescribed course. Top prizes will be the coveted beer steins which have been featured as trophies for a number of years. The entry fee, all of which goes to the Chamber, is \$30. Bamboo Willie's provides the tubs and the races start at 2 p.m.

The hilarious contest that follows the tub races is Anything That Floats. And Robert Gleim, Bamboo Willie's general manager

says they mean that. Any kind of floating contraption is eligible. There is a prize for the most creative boat.

In addition to most creative, champions in the costume category will be named and even a Best Sinker trophy will be given.

"There's no better place to celebrate Labor Day weekend than at Bamboo Willie's," Gleim said. "There will be plenty of fun for everyone as we say goodbye to summer and welcome the beginning of fall."

The full schedule for the festival is on page 13.

You will have time to catch your breath between events when you make the trip to Casino Beach for the Chamber of Commerce's presentation of Taste of the Beach on September 19 and 20.

"The Beach's Chamber of Commerce businesses are very excited about the second annual Taste of the Beach," Jeff Elbert, president said. "Restaurants are offering their signature foods at very low prices. There will be free entertainment and give aways, Corvette Show and Chrome Zone on Sunday, even a children's game area at no charge."

The Chamber's goal to bring quality family events in the temperate fall months was the impetus for this festival.

"Those who attended this event last year had a blast. I'm certain they will all be back," said Nan Harper, Chamber events chairman.

New on this year's schedule will be the appearance of the fa-

mous Sauce Boss, Bill Wharton. He has cooked gumbo on stage from more than 150,000 people. He mixes his own spicy original music and adds his famous liquid Summer Hot Sauce right into every cooking demonstration. His website says, "It's a multi sensory soul shouting picnic of rock and roll brotherhood."

Also new this year is the opportunity to rate the restaurants. You can vote for the best food and the best booth. Ballots will be available at the Chamber's Hospitality Tent. Awards will be presented on Sunday, September 20 at 4 p.m.

The Chamber is going green at its festival and will partner with the Pensacola Beach Advocates to offer colorful aluminum water bottles for sale at the festival.

"This is an effort to reduce the number of plastic bottles which are clogging our landfills," Dr. Lila Cox, PBA said.

Sponsors of the program are Innisfree Hotels, Sandshaker Lounge, Emerald Coast Rentals and H2O Water in Gulf Breeze.

Guests may eat at the Casino location or take the food to-go. All dishes will be offered for \$5 or less, so gourmants may choose a variety of the best of the Beach. Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Dig in.



**The Sauce Boss**  
photo by Ruth Wharton

### Taste of the Beach Restaurants Signature Dishes:

Bullfeathers - Bullfeather's Burger, Fall Off The Bone Ribs  
Crab's We Got 'Em - Crab Cakes, Stuffed crab  
Dog House Deli - Red Beans and Rice, Hot Dogs, Banana Pudding  
Flounder's - Beer Boiled Shrimp, Flounder's Chowder, Tuna Dip, Sno Cones  
Hemingway's - Long Boat Mahi Mahi, Conch Chowder, Key Lime Pie  
Hilton's H2O - Muffalettas  
Hooters - Naked Wings, Breaded Wings and Drums with Dipping Sauces  
Lillo's - New Orleans BBQ Shrimp, Crab Balls  
Native Café - Shoreline Shrimp Chowder, Walnut Crusted Key Lime Pie  
Paradise Bar and Grill - Renee's Shrimp Salad, Quesadillas  
PegLeg Pete's - Fried Gulf Shrimp & Oysters  
Sandshaker Lounge - Purchase Shaker Cup filled with free Bushwacker  
Sidelines - Fresh Fried Grouper Nuggets, Steamed Shrimp  
The Dock - Jan's Famous Corn and Crab Bisque

Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce will be selling beer, wine, Bloody Mary's, Mimosas, soft drinks and water.

### Entertainment Schedule:

#### Saturday

11 to 1 Michael Wheeler & Friends  
11 to 4 Miracle Strip Corvette Show  
12 to 3 Yo Yo The Clown  
1 to 3 The Sauce Boss

#### Sunday

11 - 12 John Wheeler  
12 - 2 Dancingly Yours  
12 - 3 Yo Yo The Clown  
2 - 4 Miller Tyme  
12 - 3 Chrome Zone Display

### Children's Area

Saturday & Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.

Activities include: face painting, mini golf, bean bag toss, sidewalk chalk art area, ring toss, sand sculpture.

Coloring Contest with prizes awarded daily at 4 p.m.

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## Who Will Be The Queen of the Shaker Bar?

Everybody wants to be the Queen of the Shaker. This year's queen will be crowned amidst great pomp and circumstance on the last day of the annual Shakerfest, September 13.

The event begins on Friday, September 11 with the music of Miles from Coltrane as the kick off band. The same band will perform Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. with a Kahlua and Lobster

Luau at 3 p.m. Boogie, Inc. will present a karaoke contest from 6 to 9 p.m. when The Astronauts take the stage from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Queen of the Shaker is the lady who garners the most votes by selling them at one dollar a piece. Choose your favorite candidate and buy votes for her. Last year's queen pretty Patti Hall will crown the new queen in the six o'clock cer-

emony on Sunday.

Lectric Mullet will be performing from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. before, during and after the royal coronation.

The Shaker will give door prizes, merchandise and award prizes in the karaoke contest. Shakerfest is one of the most outstanding events of the year at the ever popular Sandshaker Lounge. Go early and stay late.

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# Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



A bath tub is a bath tub and a race is a race. If you put the two together, you come up with a rather bizarre sporting event, the annual Bath Tub Races which happen every Labor Day weekend on Pensacola Beach.

The Gulf Breeze Jaycees sponsored this event on the water at Ft. Pickens gate with bleachers and vendors dotting the sandy shore. The Tub Races were always the very last hurrah of summer, bringing down the final curtain of the season. What a splash it was!

The racing craft were real cast iron bath tubs with floating supports built from railroad ties. If you are wondering how in the heck that contraption ever floated, so am I. But they did.

My daughters, who loved all sports regardless of whatever kind, joined the feared but small group of paddlers who could maneuver the tubs to reach the winner's circle.

My kids had won a couple of years in a row when they tried a

new "pusher." The pusher was usually a young guy, muscular and sober, sometimes hard to find on the beach. But Liz and Shelley found one. A perfect specimen of a man. I wish I could remember his name.

My team had survived preliminary rounds, in spite of the ladies from a Gulf Breeze bank, hitting the side of their boat with their paddles. Now, they were poised to line up for the championship, fighting this same regarded bank twosome.

The moment was at hand. The boats were manned. Well, womanned at this point. The two pushers were in the water at the edge of the shore, proud of their participation in the race. Often as not, the pusher was instrumental in the final outcome of the race. The starter yelled, "Go" and the pusher pushed. Our pusher, in his eagerness to win, heaved a mighty shove against the back of the boat. The other guy did the same thing. There was only one prob-

lem as far as our pusher was concerned. His start was too much, way too much. The boat took an upturn and suddenly sank. Bow up and stern down. My contenders lost that year because our pusher pushed too hard.

In later years, Liz and Shelley continued to win even after the races were moved to Quietwater Beach. The pusher with Mr. America abs did not go with them.

Liz and Shelley had a method in their success. They went home and slept between the preliminary rounds and finals. Most of the other finalists went to a local bar to rest. So my kids won. What can I say?

This Sunday, the time honored races will continue. The boats will be fiberglass tubs supported by space age plastic. They will have pushers, just as in the early days, but everything is more sophisticated than it was back then. And the competitors? Where do they go between rounds? Probably ordering orange juice on the

rocks.

If you have never entered the tub races, go to Bamboo Willie's and sign up. You may win one of the many prizes they award. Mostly, they are the same beautiful ceramic beer mugs; the same kind they have offered for years.

There will be other new twists and turns. The Jaycees always held a Miss Pensacola Beach Contest after the races. Ten or twelve beach beauties would enter, enticed at least in part, by the first place prize, a diamond ring. And it was always pretty nice to go through the year knowing you were "Miss Pensacola Beach," chosen by a panel of very discerning Jaycees.

Now, Bamboo Willie's hosts a

bikini contest, no less appealing than the Miss Pensacola Beach contests and a whole lot more sophisticated. They win money. They can buy their own diamonds.

The tub races do not end the day. A contest among novice boat designers called Anything That Floats is an added attraction.

Prizes are awarded for the best boat, the best sinker, and the best costumes. This whole celebration which is the final day of the Jamaican festival is a great place to say goodbye to summer and hello to fall. Do we still see the tourists leaving and the tourist flies arriving? A time honored tradition of departures and arrivals on and after Labor Day.



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# Trivia ?????

The Trivia Master has been knocked off his pedestal, much to the relief of the office staff who were getting a little tired of his Puffy Toad act. All the trivia players quickly surfaced to answer the question in the latest issue. Do you remember the name of the jovial guy who directed the Bath Tub Races for many years until they no longer existed on Pensacola Beach?

Almost all the trivia players sent their answers in a hurry. The jovial guy is Dave Bisceglia.

It took an ex-cop, now a teller at the Bank of the South, to topple the Trivia Master. The winner was Jon Rhodes who emailed that the Fraternal Order of Police used to operate a coke booth at the races, not as popular as the Jaycees' beer tent. Later Jon worked with Dave at Banana Bob's. So, the Banker is sporting a nifty new t-shirt.

Wendy Brandon also had the right answer, just a little slower than Jon. Susi Lyon said she really needed a new t-shirt and identified Dave as the president of the Jaycees and the manager of Banana Bob's.

Dr. Fran Albert had the right name, said he liked the gray t-shirts. Not this time, Fran. Too late.

Jean Curtis submitted incorrect answers of Richard Bisceglia and Dim Whit. Does anybody know Dim? Jayne Drees and Kathryn Curle had the right name, but too late to win.

The Countess of the Trivia

Roundtable, Kim LoBue, had the correct answer, and she's back to the beach after a trip to Alaska. Sir Morrie Drees, the original knight, also sent the correct answer.

So, let's stop talking about Dave. Do you really want one of the coveted Island Times t-shirts? Email the correct answer before anyone else and it will be yours.

Before there were any Circle K's, Tom Thumbs, Surf Side Food stores on the Island, there was a grocery store. The owner was a well-known Beach character. What was her name?

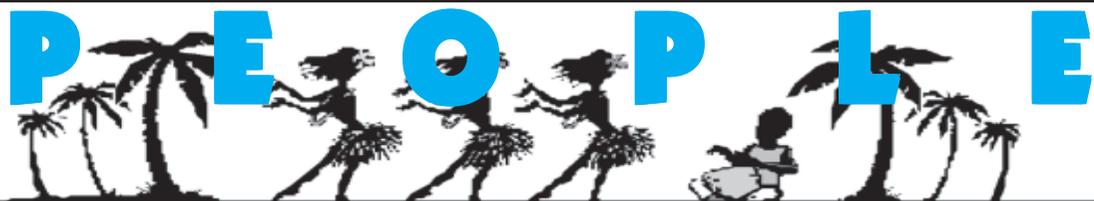
Rules are the same. Rules are the same. Send your answer to [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net) with "trivia" in the subject line and include your name, phone number. Deadline to answer is September 16, 2009. Good luck!

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### TURNERS CELEBRATE

The Turner Tribe, who have lived on Santa Rosa Island since 1958, celebrated a major milestone last month. No, not five decades of beach living, they toast that every day. The entire family gathered for a birthday party extraordinaire for mom Louise who turned 80-years-young.

### JUNKANOO COUNTING DAYS

According to Marcia Wiles, former Junkanoo queen, the first ever and already famous Mardi Gras calendar is just about ready to go to the printer. Look for more details in Island Times on how to get your copy.

### TOMATO MAN, RETIRED?

Bud Poole, who calls himself the Tomato Man in Villa Sabine, has not retired. He has moved his crate of colorful fruits to the garage in his

home. His curbside display was hit by vandals, so he is retreating but not surrendering. Bud says his friends should continue to stop by for a visit and look at his new crop.

### GETTING NAUGAFIED

The first queen of Nauga Danah Gibson took a quick trip New Orleans to get her Mardi Gras vibe tuned in. After helping her young friend Hannah move to Louisiana, Danah headed to the French Quarter, got a good dose of Creole mojo and returned to promptly announce that the Nauga Champagne Breakfast and Native Noontime Ball is set for January 23. Get your pajamas ready.

### LEGION HONORS

The American Legion Post on Pensacola Beach is an active group. They are hosting a barbecue to honor the late Paddy Blake for his community service on September 12

at the Beach Elk's Lodge. According to Bill Greene, the next event is the October 17 Putt Putt Tourney to raise funds for local charitable programs.

### BETTER BEACH

Susi and Rick Gordon have two beach houses - one in Coastal Maine and the other is on Pensacola Beach. Susi said when the time comes to retire, the Maine beach house will be sold, because the people of Pensacola Beach are as warm and wonderful as the beautiful Gulf waters.

### BE BACK SOON

Christy Sullivan has been in Anniston, Alabama helping her daughter recover from surgery. Her friends and customers are lonely for her sweet smile, but she promises to return to her post at Paddy's O'Leary's as soon as she can.



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## peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis



I know summer is nearly over because I've been getting the last of the fresh vegetables from the gardens that my friends' have labored over. Since it's Labor Day and I have been the grateful recipient of the delicious bounty from your hard labors, it seems that now is a very good time to express my thanks to you all. Not to mention, I'm already wishing you much success in your gardens next year.

So, I tip my Tiara to all of the following friends and send out "Thank You's and love" from the very bottom of our hearts and delighted taste buds:

Courtney and Jim Winstead- for the many batches of snap beans. Not only did they return me to a taste of my childhood days; I had actually cooked real bacon and saved the grease. I haven't done that in many years, so obviously it was meant for the snap beans. That's how my Mama always cooked them and, man, were they good!

Marilyn LeNormand- During the last trip to visit Marilyn LeNormand's Outdoor Oasis, we polished off the last of her zucchini in an exquisite dish instantly created by Elaine Mitchell. When Marilyn and Bruce came here for the Blue Angels, she brought me the last of her tomatoes. There is nothing better than a fresh home grown tomato sandwich.

Cindy Kelley - I was also lucky enough to get the last of her fresh okra grown. For me, there's only two ways to eat okra. It must be fried or cooked in gumbo and while it was too hot for gumbo that day, it was not too hot for me to fry up some fresh okra. Just like my Mama fried it and again, man, was it good!

These wonderful foods were not only good for my body and taste buds, they were also good for my soul. So, if you need help planting next year, call me - I'll send you someone to help. You just really don't want me around anything you're trying to grow unless it's a party. There is no green color in my thumbs.

Did you know, dear readers, that there is a Grandparents Day?

Yes, and it is on Sunday, September 13 this year. If you are a grandparent then it's your day to be celebrated. If you're not a grandparent then you need to honor and celebrate your own.

If you are neither, then sending a card to one of our local assisted living facilities and touching a life that might not be celebrated this day can be as rewarding for you as for that unknown someone. Each one of these residents still has something to share and the capability to touch your life as well. You never know what amazing treasures these people hold in their minds and lives.

It was my daughter, Melanie Rowe who brought Grandparents Day to my attention years ago. She always sent something to her Granny (my Mama). Mom and Dad are the ones who taught me to be a good and loving grandparent by being such incredibly wonderful grands to my children. That's a totally indescribable love and words don't fail me often! So, a Happy Grandparents Day to all who are, have been or will be.

My lovely friend and Sister, Charlotte Spencer is sharing a recipe with us this week along with her other amazing gifts. Few of you may know that Charlotte has become a Bird Whisperer taking under her own wings a baby Blue Jay whom we've named Forest. Charlotte has always been our Dolphin Caller when we're guests at Courtney's Bodacious

Balcony on the Far Side along with being an expert in plastic jewelry repair.

Charlotte is responsible for the traveling pan too, when she left it at my house; I carried it to Sharon Mattair's house from which it traveled with Paulette Provost back to her house, where it remains for now. Where will this beautiful silver bowl go next? Only a cook will know...She's also a very good cook, so get your scissors out. This one's excellent for Labor Day. Let's cook.

### Ramen Noodle Salad

1-3oz. pkg. Beef Oriental Ramen Noodles, uncooked & broken  
1-12oz pkg. Cole Slaw  
1-2 1/4oz pkg. Toasted slivered almonds  
1/4 Cup salted Sunflower Seeds  
2-3 green onions

Salad Dressing:  
1/3-Cup Apple Cider Vinegar  
1/2-Cup Veg. Oil  
1/4-Cup sugar  
Season pkg. From Ramen Noodles

Mix salad dressing together and pour over well-mixed salad ingredients. Chill completely for a wonderfully, cool salad. Keeps for several days.

Enjoy, share, and try to keep up with my social calendar. I will see ya at COLOR'S at Paradise Bar on September 15 and at the Taste of the Beach on the 19 and 20 at the Casino Beach.



The Sunset Party hosted by Hal Harris at Beach Buns at the Fort Pickens Gate parking lot August 29 attracted a fleet of low speed electric vehicles. Longtime Beach resident Larry Lowery shows off his 2004 EZ-GO street legal customized golf cart.

## Bananimals Spice Up Beach Weekend

The pots are full of steaming seafood; the instruments are tuned. Pensacola Beach's Krewe of Bananimals is hosting a Shrimp Boil on Sunday, September 13 at 4 p.m. at Sabine Sandbar.

Live music and heaping plates of spicy boiled shrimp will be enjoyed on Dale's Big Deck.

The Bananimals do not retreat into their den after Mardi Gras is over. The krewe meets on Pensacola Beach year round and supports their main charity, Santa Rosa Kid's House.

"Mardi Gras is not just one weekend for us. We like to have a good time and help a good cause," said King Bruce Yoder. "We want the entire beach to come and join us."

The party is open to the public. Food is \$10 per plate which includes a big mound of large boiled shrimp, red potatoes and corn on the cob. Krewe memberships will also be available at \$30. Checks may be made payable to the Krewe of Bananimals.

For more information, contact Sharon Foryst at 850-982-1330.

## Wine Talk

By David Griffin,  
Beach Wines  
& Liquors



### GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

Some people wrongly believe that it is not worthwhile to use a good wine as a cooking ingredient because the alcohol is eliminated through evaporation. Research shows, however, that when wine is added to boiling liquid and the mixture is immediately removed from the heat, 85% of the alcohol remains. After 15 minutes, 40% remains. As a basic ingredient in stews, stocks, and marinades, wine adds more layers and richness than water can, even though the wine itself cannot be tasted. On the other hand, when used to finish sauces, meats, and vegetable dishes, the goal is to have the flavor of the wine come through. In either case, cooking with wine calls for better quality wines.

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# Green Grass May Grow At Casino Beach

Casino Beach may be going green. It's just not the kind of green that most people are seeking. The Santa Rosa Island Authority Development and Leasing Committee members were presented with a plan to plant grass at Casino Beach at their August 26 meeting.

Matt Mooneyham, SRIA director of Developmental Services, said, "The sand blows on top of the parking lot and creates a constant maintenance issue. If it blows out of the area, it undermines the concrete and that jeopardizes the structural integrity of the sidewalk."

The sod would be placed on the small areas near the Public Safety building and a larger parcel just west of the Gulfside Pavilion.

Board member Dave Pavlock questioned the irrigation of the grass and was told the lifeguards would water the small areas and a sprinkler system could take care of the larger area. The cost for the project would run about \$5,000. The matter will be brought to the full board meeting.

In a special meeting which preceded the committee meetings, the Board voted 5 to 1 to accept the higher priced scope of work from the master land planning firm EDSA. The more expensive plan, which includes the use of a number of specialized sub consultants, is priced at \$234,500. The lower cost plan was \$169,250.

"This is our opportunity to do it right," Board Member Ed Guernsey said.

Dr. Thomas Campanella, selected Board member, who cast the lone dissenting vote, said he felt the added benefits of the second plan were not worth the extra costs. He noted that one of the items, public meetings, costs were higher in the second plan.

"What could possibly be the difference in one public meeting compared to another?" he asked.

The composition of the Steering Committee which will work with the land planning firm was discussed. The final consensus was that an eleven member com-

mittee should be formed.

"This committee is a great start," Vernon Prather, board member said. "We have a balance of residents, hotel owners, developers, representatives from the Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Pensacola Beach Advocates. Two members of the SRIA board should be added."

Members of the community who have offered to serve on the committee include attorney Jim Reeves, Kenny Morgan, contractor; JJ Waters, sales manager at CAT Country; Scott Carlson, owner Fast Eddie's Fun Center; Dave Kelley, owner The Islander Lounge and the Break; and Michael Foley, owner Surf Burger.

The Steering Committee appointments will be made in upcoming weeks.

The Development and Leasing Committee favors working with the bank which is foreclosing on The Palace lease which is in default. The bank has agreed to pay the past due lease fees, attorney's fees and the liquidated damages would be held in abeyance until the foreclosure has been completed. The committee voted to accept the bank's offer and hold the liquidated damages in abeyance.

The Committee rejected an offer of \$3,500 from the Regency Cabanas homeowners for a lot adjacent to their property. The parcel was appraised at \$65,000 years ago. After rejecting the bid, the committee asked Buck Lee, SRIA executive director, to work with the leaseholders in creating an agreement to lease the property. Representatives of the Regency Cabanas said the public has been using the area to access their condo's swimming pool.

In an effort to keep motorists from parking on the right-of-ways, the SRIA staff had installed yellow poles, but members of the Board objected to the poles, saying they were not in sync with the Island beautification initiative. As of now, the poles have been removed and the concrete curbs have been painted bright red and

labeled with "No Parking."

Planting native grasses in the right-of-ways had been discussed. Staff will bring this item back to the board along with additional information on plans, plants, and the cost of the project. Fred Gant, Board chairman, suggested that the Island Times remind residents and guests that the No Parking areas will be enforced.

The Administrative Committee heard good news from Dottie Ford, Director of Finance when she announced that the revenues are now up more than \$165,000 over projections.

"This report is for June," Ed Guernsey said. "We still have a strong July and August to review. Actual income was greater than actual expenditures. Spending was well below budget, so I would like to compliment the staff and Mr. Lee for controlling expenses."

A request for a potential ordinance giving safety personnel authority to enforce rules and regulations for public safety was made at the Administrative Committee meeting.

Bob West, SRIA Public Safety director said, "This includes allowing the Executive Director, Safety Director, Water Safety Supervisor, and senior lifeguards to ask beach goers to comply with laws."

Dave Pavlock moved the acceptance of creating an ordinance which will have to go to the County Commission to be considered as an addition to Section 74 of the Parks and Recreational Areas ordinances.

A bid of \$109,500 from Deep and Wide Dredging of Navarre, was approved for the Little Sabine Bay project. The dredging will begin in September or October and will be complete in about ninety days after that.

Dr. Thomas Campanella asked about the Little Sabine Recirculation project. Mike Langston, Baskerville Donovan, said the recirculation will begin well after the dredging is complete. Dave Pavlock credited former board member, Dr. Andy

Gygi for starting the care of Little Sabine Bay ten years ago. Buck Lee noted that a thank you should go to State Rep. Dave Murzin who assisted the Authority in getting the grants to carry these important projects to completion.

Pensacola Beach will get national exposure through a documentary about the Gulf Islands National Seashore and Santa Rosa Island, produced by public television. It will begin airing in October, and Lee said the Island Authority voted to become a sponsor of the project and will now be recognized each time the production airs.

Lee told the committee that he

is working with regard to the SRIA's two websites. They currently host a tourism website [www.visitpensacolabeach.com](http://www.visitpensacolabeach.com) and a government website [www.sria-fla.com](http://www.sria-fla.com)

The budget workshop commenced after the meetings, Buck Lee said. "We have a leaner budget and more revenue."

The 2009-2010 budget was adopted and will now go to the County for approval.

The next meeting of the Authority will be the Full Board on Wednesday, September 9 at 5 p.m. at the SRIA offices, #1 Via de Luna. All meetings are open to the public.



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# Chamber Members Report Great Summer

The Pensacola Beach Chamber Roundtable where business representatives discuss their current activities continues to be a positive, upbeat commentary. Chamber businesses at their August 25 meeting reported a great summer.

Marta Ray, sales representative at the Days Inn, reflected the feelings of most members when she said the weekends for fall and winter are already booking up. "Lots of walk-ins are keeping us hustling," she said.

Nan Harper of Island Realty said that real estate is alive and well. Her remarks were backed by Diane Tyson

who added, "Compared to this time last year, real estate is looking up. Walk in customers are up, too."

Realtors are not the only ones at the Roundtable reporting a good season. Hannah representing Bullfeathers, a new restaurant on the Boardwalk said, "We had a great summer and we are looking forward to participating in Taste of the Beach."

Robert Gleim, general manager at Bamboo Willie's told the group that they would be hosting a Motorcoach Association party on September 22. "This party is for 200

representatives of the Motorcoach Industry who make stopovers for a few hours or spend the night," he said. "This is an opportunity for the Beach businesses to make an impact that would bring year around visitors on tour busses."

Beverly Boswell, co owner of the Sandshaker Lounge, urged her peers to conduct themselves like a year around business, "Encourage your customers to come to the beach, year around," she said.

The Chamber is seeking a few volunteers right now. Jeff Elbert, president, said, "Make the time to volunteer at an upcoming Chamber event or at the VIC. It will enhance your Chamber experience."

And, Maureen LaMar, Chamber executive director, announced that the Membership Committee is still seeking a chairman.

The next General Membership meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29 at the Comfort Inn. Business After hours will be on Thursday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Bamboo Willie's. This is a combined Business After Hours with the Gulf Breeze Chamber.



**HE'S HOT**  
Matt Brazil of Pensacola is a fire dancer. He twists, twirls and throws flames to delight the crowds at Paradise Bar and Grill, Tuesday, August 25. During part of the performance he dances in a circle of fire to the beat of a Djembi drum played by Michael Kinser (not in photo). The fire act appears every Tuesday and Sunday at Paradise.

# Goldfish Ready to Claim World Records At The Break Beach Bar

Have you ever been to a Tangbanger Festival? Have you ever placed a bet on a Goldfish race? Have you ever drunk a bottle of Landshark beer? If you answer is no to one or more of the above questions, head directly to The Break Beach Bar for a cool Labor Day weekend party, Sunday, September 6.

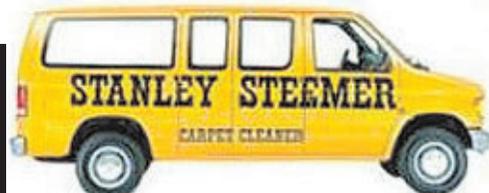
Tangbangers and Landshark beer in bottles at \$1.50 will be the featured drinks at this inaugural Tangbanger Festival.

Goldfish Races start at 6 p.m. with \$500 in cash and prizes waiting for the winners. In case you haven't seen this sporting event in California, Dave Kelley, bar owner, explains it.

"The entry fee is ten dollars and you get to pick your pet fish, get a free t-shirt and entry in to the races," he said. "Rain gutters will be placed side by side, and two people at a time will place their fish in the gutters. Contestants will be allowed a small plastic squirt gun to herd the fish toward the finish line."

The winning fish claims all kinds of nice prizes for its master. Although the Goldfish Races will be the premier event of the Tangbanger Festival, there will be specials all day long, live music and a free fish fry.

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# TDC Awards Advertising Funds To Beach For Festival Marketing

It's been almost thirty years since the businesses on Pensacola Beach made their first request to the Tourist Development Council asking for funds to promote tourism. Year after year, representatives from the Beach Chamber of Commerce continued to make requests and give presentations, mainly pointing out to the TDC in recent years that the Beach hotels supplied a third of the TDC's total funds in bed taxes.

Last year the Chamber finally received \$25,000 from the TDC and this year they made a bold request for \$100,000 and they were granted half that amount \$50,000.

Representing the Beach at the August 25 meeting were Jeff Elbert, Chamber president, and Maureen LaMar, Chamber Executive Director. Also the following business representatives were in attendance: Buck Lee, SRIA Executive Director, Shelley Johnson, Mario Roberts, Karen

Cook Cowen, Diane Tyson, Beverly Boswell, Ron Wilson, Mike Nixon, Robert Gleim, JJ Waters, Tom Barron, Rick Cantin, DJ and Carl Zemenick, Lila Cox, Christy Manderson and Jayne Bell. Nan Harper is a member of the Council's board.

"The beach loses ground in the off season. We are pleased to be able to market off season events with this money," said Elbert.

Statutorily, the TDC has to provide a large portion of its funds to the Pensacola Civic Center. Others who were allocated money include: Pensacola Convention and Visitors Bureau, \$1,541,250; Pensacola Sports Association, \$225,000; Perdido Key Chamber \$175,000; and the Beach Chamber, \$50,000.

The Council voted 7 to 1 to allocate the monies as outlined above with Commissioner Grover Robinson casting the opposing vote.

"I have a philosophical issue

with carving up the allocations," Robinson said. "I think we should all work together as one to get people to come to our community. Why splinter the money?"

Board member Nan Harper, Pensacola Beach Realtor, said,

"We're asking for this grant to bring heads to beds. Each area knows best how to present their own story to bring visitors to the beaches and historic venues."

The Tourist Development Council's budget, including grant

allocations, must be approved by the Escambia County Board of Commissioners.

The Council's next meeting will be October 20 at 3:30 p.m. The meeting location is yet to be announced.



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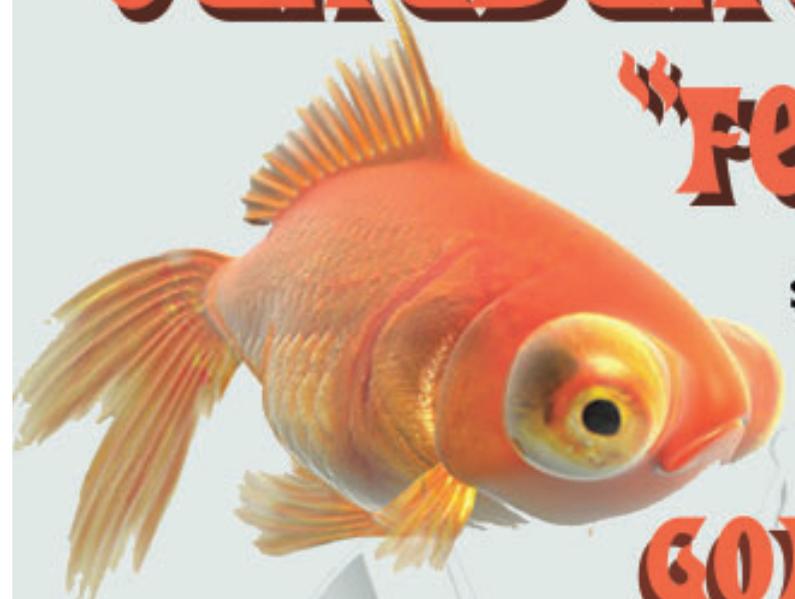
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## SECRET IN ROOM 112

Renee Mack, general manager at Paradise Inn says sneak over and look inside room 112. It will be filled with hip jewelry and designer duds at half price. The secret room opens at noon on Friday and closes at sunset on Labor Day. Fashionistas should not miss this.

## LOWLIGHTS

Andrew Diller at the Escambia County University of Florida Extension Office is headed to the Santa Rosa Island Authority meeting, Wednesday, September 9 at 5 p.m. to recognize the Portofino as a sea turtle friendly property after and their Homeowners Association changed the parking garage lights in each of their five towers to wildlife friendly bulbs.

## COMPUTER GURU

*Island Times* computer colum-

nist Joe Stukey will be the guest speaker at the Pensacola Beach Optimists September 15 meeting. Stukey Computers, whose Beach clients include the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce, Island Style and JLSC Properties, specializes in computer repair and consulting.

## GETTING SNOWED

Pensacola Ski Club members will meet for Happy Hour at Flounder's Beach, Friday, September 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. The ground is not covered with cold, wet flakes, but it is at least, white. Prospective members should get an application at pensacolaskiclub.com.

## LOCAL HERO

The summer concert series at the Quietwater Amphitheatre will end with a bang when Local Hero takes the stage at 6 p.m. Sunday, September 6. The popular Bands on the Beach continues each Tuesday evening through September 29 at the Gulfside Pavilion from 7 to 9 p.m. Have dinner or grab something to go from a Beach restaurant.

## TRAIN TO TRI

The Santa Rosa Island Triathlon is set for Saturday, October 3. The Mere Mortals are splash-

ing and spinning their wheels every Sunday morning on Pensacola Beach. Check out their website at <http://www.trigulfcoast.org/>

## CHIP IT IN

Area golfer have multiple chances to hit the links and do good deeds. Sign up for the 9-11 Charity Tournament, September 11 at Tiger Point; Stop the Hurt Tourney, Sept. 18 at Tiger Point; or the Legion Putt Putt at Tiki Island on October 17.

## BRING IT ON

Former Beach resident Karen Hagford has returned to the area and has launched a concierge shopping and delivery service. The service includes stocking condos and homes with groceries, cleaning services, running errands and meal preparation. She can be reached at 686-7197.

## COLORS CELEBRATION

Wooly Booger Queen Shugah and her Royal Consort Wooly William Lewis have invited all Beach family members and their friends to the first ever COLORS gathering at Paradise Bar and Grill on September 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. It's a Beach family get-together, no rules, no agenda, just chillin'. See you there.

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# The Lizzard's TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



Last week my son, commonly referred to in this column as The Kid, started middle school. Sixth grade to be exact. My husband, The Colonel, and I couldn't help but notice that after the start of school our son was immediately smarter than both of us combined and in order to prove this fact he no longer felt the need to listen to either one of us. After all, what could either one of us know about middle school, girls or dances?

Yes, The Kid attended his first dance and it seems 30 plus years later not a lot has changed. At first The Kid didn't want to go. Then after watching an episode of "Army Wives" with me, he learned that one of the lead character's daughters went to her school dance and all the boys made fart noises with their underarms. He started practicing immediately and eventually picked out the shirt that would give him the ultimate access to his hairless armpit.

The Colonel offered to teach The Kid some of his dance moves. I suggested he take a shower before the dance and was willing to splurge for deodorant and cologne. We were both answered with a resounding, "No Thank You!" The Kid did, however, rinse off and I think he actually used soap when he found out certain girls from his class were going to the Saturday evening social.

So as we walked him up the steps to the gymnasium, we made sure he had his cell phone on and his five dollars for admission and refreshments. The Colonel explained that this was a dance and it was not appropriate to chase his buddies up and down the length of the basketball court. My only advice was "chicks dig guys who dance." I knew the armpit noises were not up for discussion.

"Hewson, Little Flower Catholic School," I said to the chaperone as she checked his name off the list. Then, like a chorus of angels full of the giggles, I heard, "Harry, you made it."

I couldn't help but watch in awe as four very dressed up young ladies, including his best friend's twin sister, came out and pull him towards

the dance floor.

Three hours, one cheese plate and a nice bottle of Merlot later, The Colonel and I found our way back to the gymnasium. Before I could even say The Kid's last name, he appeared, hot, sweaty and ready to go home.

"How was the dance?" inquired The Colonel.

"Good," answered The Kid.

"Did you dance?"

"No?"

"Did anyone ask you to dance?"

"Yeah, but I said 'no'."

Then I could not help myself. "Who asked you to dance?"

"Mallory. Bailey. Some other girl I didn't know."

"You said no to Mallory, your best friend's twin sister?"

"Yeah and she wouldn't stop asking. First, she said, Harry will you dance with me. And I said no. Then she asked if I was sure. Yeah, I was sure I didn't want to dance with her. So she asked if I was super duper absolutely positively sure. Yeah I was super duper absolutely positively sure that I didn't want to dance with her or anyone else."

I explained to The Kid that when a girl asks you three times to dance, it usually means she really wants to dance with you. He quickly confessed that she actually asked him to dance eight different times.

Changing the subject, The Colonel quickly asked about the refreshments and the music. According to The Kid, the refreshments were yucky and the music was terrible. Translation there wasn't any Sprite and the music was actually pop music from the 2000's as opposed to tunes from the 1960's, 70's and 80's.

I am beginning to think The Colonel and I need to invest in some type of satellite radio service because the only radio stations that we receive without static are classic rock. The Kid was offended when the DJ had never even heard of the song "Major Tom." I tried to explain the best I could, but without much luck, that even in the 1980's that song wasn't a huge hit.

The Kid continued to talk about the night. He told us about Pat B. a rather short, red hair kid with freckles and glasses asked an 8th grade girl wearing a yellow tank top to dance, but she shot him down in his tracks. He then filled us in about the Brits in his class, Will and Michael, who must not have received the no running up and down the gym floor lecture because according to The Kid they played chase all night long. Finally he admitted that he was going to have to keep up with his comedy routine because the returning 7th and 8th graders kept asking for a repeat performance from last spring's talent showcase.

"So did you have a good time?" I asked.

"Good, it was great," he said and then he segued right into, "Can I stay up and build Legos and watch some TV?"

As The Colonel and I dragged our tired selves to bed, we had to laugh that The Kid, our kid, was growing up and that this was just the beginning of dances and girls. The only difference was I kept thinking about "my baby" and The Colonel mumbled something in between snores that sounded like "lucky kid." Until next time...

## Lace Up Your Hiking Boots For Trail Association Event

Labor Day Weekend on Pensacola Beach offers something for everyone. If floating bath tubs and flopping gold fish aren't of interest, perhaps an afternoon stroll down the Dunes Trail with the Florida Trail Association is more your speed. The hike begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 6. Participants should meet at the parking lot just east of Portofino.

Hikers should bring sun protection and water with other essentials in a day pack. This hike is rated leisurely by the Association.

There is no charge to participate. For more information, call hike leader Ed Walker at 850-932-5469



Pensacola Beach Optimists hosted a Chili Cook Off during their First Responders Dinner, August 21 at the Beach Church. New member Rich Smoker, left, stirred up a winning chili and was awarded the first prize by Optimist President Scott Neal.

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# A Cross in the Sand

By  
Dr. Chuck Randle, Pastor  
Pensacola Beach Community Church

The beginnings of Labor Day are associated with recognizing the contributions of working men and women to our common life. As with many observances, the focus has changed over the years so that now we try to recognize the contributions of all people, not only to honor all laborers--men and women, young and old, employed and unemployed, but all who contribute to our lives. It is designated as a national holiday, a day off for everyone when the wheels of industry slow down, and the business community takes a respite. In many areas, the labor force is at rest. There seems to be some confusions in our modern day surrounding work, a kind of love/hate relationship. Some work too hard, others are searching for meaningful work, and some seek the kind of work that offers time for family and friends.

Its interesting that some of the largest salaries go to those in professional sports, or the movie indus-

try, and of course, those few executives who are at the top of their professions and are rewarded with huge pay outs. Those who know how to make and manage our money are compensated far more than those people who know how to feed us, teach us, clean us, and serve us.

But, work is about more than money. It's about the way in which we can find satisfaction in doing meaningful work. Seldom have I been bored by the work I do, but there are many who do perfunctory work and repetitions actions, and they do the same thing hour after hour, and day after day. Without that kind of work, life as we know it would be less than it is.

I would just hope that we all could find our work enjoyable, or at least meaningful in the sense that we realize we are contributing to the well-being of our society. Each day, then, can be looked forward to with anticipation rather than dread.

## Woman's Clubbers Get Back To Business

The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club summer social season ended with fifty-five ladies enjoying a luncheon at Hemingway's Island Grill on August 20.

It's back to work for the group. The next meeting is set for Thursday, September 17 at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall. The doors open at 10:30 a.m. with a business meeting and pot luck



Beach Chamber Exec Maureen LaMar was the Woman's Club August Birthday Girl.

lunch to follow.

Jeff Castleberry, Beach School Principal will be the guest speaker and the Club members are encouraged to bring school supplies to donate to the Beach School.

Members should bring a dish to share. For more information about the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club, please call 850-934-0553.

# Everyone's Invited To Beach School Open House

Pensacola Beach Elementary School is getting ready to open its doors to guests when it hosts an Open House at 6 p.m. on September 17. Board members heard at their August 31 meeting that the Open House theme would be "Get Your Ducks in a Row."

Classrooms will be open. PTA memberships and t-shirts will be on

sale. Donations to Partners-in-Education will be accepted at the event and volunteers can sign up to help with the Fall Festival which is set for October 30 at the School.

The School's Finance Committee offered a good report. "July starts a new year and this committee is off to a good start," said Todd McCurdy, chairman.



Volunteers from the Hurlburt Chapter 38 of Aeronautical Educators arrived on Pensacola Beach to share some science fun with the kids attending the Foster children's birthday party last month. Preparing to blast off the kid-friendly rockets are (L to R): Retired USAF Colonel John Jogerst, Kim Moore and Janice Malone.

Letters will be sent to Partners-in-Education reminding them that September 30 is the final date for collections in order to get their name on the donor board in front of the School.

The Board considered the new budget. The anticipated revenue is \$892,133 based on 144 students attending the school and includes a goal of receiving \$25,000 in donations. The budget was accepted unanimously by the Board.

The Policy Review Committee will publish an Employee Handbook developed by Principal Jeff Castleberry, and also a Board of Directors Handbook, according to Kim Homewood, committee chairman.

Board President Todd McCurdy announced that \$23,905 had been invested in repairs to the school which have been completed. Phase two and three of the painting schedule which includes trim and exterior walls will be set aside until next summer.

All classes have been filled except the second grade which has two openings. To be eligible for the openings, the child must live on Pensacola Beach. Classes have the following number of students: Kindergarten, 22; First grade, 22; Second grade, 22; Third grade, 27; Fourth grade, 25 and Fifth grade, 26.

The next meeting of the School Board will be at 6 p.m. Monday, September 28.

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Pensacola Beach Elementary School, Inc. Sept. 28, 6 pm at PBES. Open to the Public.

Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce, Membership Meeting, Tuesday, Sept 29, 8:30 a.m. Comfort Inn.

## King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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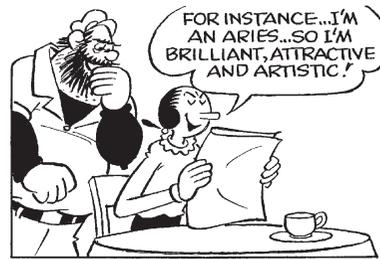
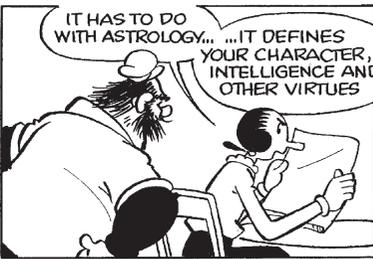
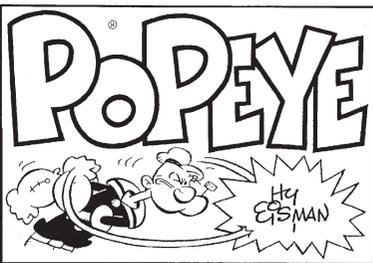
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by Dave T. Phipps



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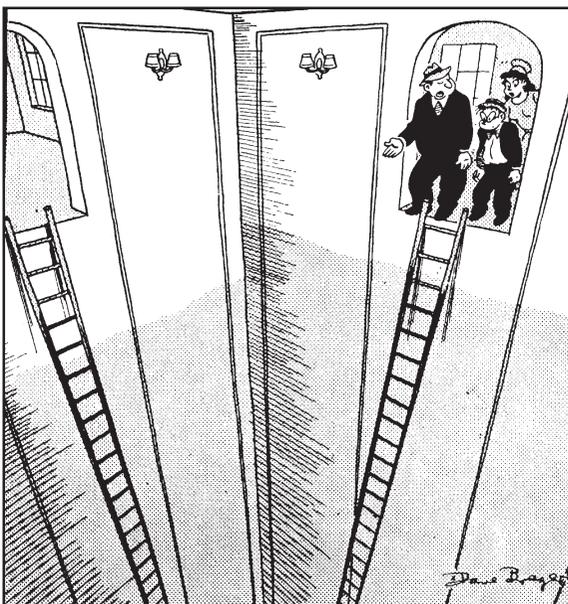
*Who's there?*

*Abbey!*

*Abbey who?*

**Abbey stung me on the nose!**

## MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"... And this is the sunken living room ..."

## LAFF - A - DAY



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# Mostly Nuts & Bolts

*The Universal Light by Candace Segar*

[This is Part II of IV]

Joe carefully thought about what he had just heard as he moved his long legs from the top of his desk. He finished the dregs of this coffee and began formulating a plan. He knew one auctioneer, Jerry Macready, who could tell him if he had seen this strange lamp. It may have all been an old man's mind crumbling down in his later years; and yet, Joe doubted that.

He would get a list from Jerry of auctioneers in different areas - vast distances apart and do some investigative reporting himself. It was a slow day, what did he have to lose?

August sat stretched out on her most comfortable chaise lounge. Mr. Peebles, her slinky tabby was equally prone, garnering all the fur stroking she was willing to give. Her favorite book, "Stranger In A Strange Land," by Robert Heinlein, occupied her other hand being read for the sixth time. Actually it was the seventh if you counted that she had listened to it on CD in her car.

**[Editor's Note: Candace Segar, an Island Times columnist, is an electrical engineer and owner of CRS Commissioning, Inc. She is currently working on a fantasy, science fiction trilogy and is a published member of the Science Fiction Writers of America.]**

After she had read a chapter, she slowly put the dogeared book down to think about what the master, Heinlein, had said.

Then she heard voices. At first she thought it was friends and their children at the door. But, no, it seemed more distant and it was just one young voice and one adult's voice - why it was her voice! She was shocked to hear her voice asking, "Are you God?"

And the response back was equally shocking. "No, I'm a student."

August was perplexed by this answer and asked another question, "Where did you come from?"

The student was equally shocked and wondered how this conversation was taking place. So he responded with an equally bizarre retort. "You are just an experiment!"

Just at that moment the phone rang, and August was jolted out of sleep and opened her eyes. That was an odd dream she thought as she headed toward the phone.

# Justin's Sure To Win At Beach Poker Tables

It's a sure bet at Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun that Justin Scher will be in one of the top spots at the end of the evening. Scher earned the champion's title for his outstanding play during August. He amassed three first places and four second place finishes to earn the Player of the Month crown.

Results from the Monday night action at the Sandshaker pitted Terri McKamey and Glenn "Doc" Burlson in an up and down battle. McKamey took the win on August 24 beating Burlson and poker legend Tex Atkinson. Burlson turned the tables on them to win on August

31. McKamey and Atkinson were runners-up.

The poker tables at Paddy O'Leary's are filled with card sharps and wanna-be's. August 19 found Courtney Winn ahead of Father Sean Knox at the final hand. Visiting Marine Jim Lest rounded out the top three.

Price Ransom travels from Niceville each week to play on Pensacola Beach. The Boggy Bayou Boy hit four 4s on August 20 on the final hand to knock off Larry Paz.

Justin Scher had all the chips on August 23 which put him ahead of Freddy Falgout and Pam Gough.

Pam Gough came roaring back on August 25 to take the win with a King High Straight. Kristin Larmier settled for second and Sean Gough third.

The Goughs, who called Jasper, Indiana home until recently, are fine card players. Sean Gough outlasted Justin Scher on August 26. Guest dealer, Mike Wipeout Willett, handled the action.

Another Jasper, Indiana resident, Chris Peters, waltzed into the winner's circle ahead of Justin Scher and Pam Gough on August 27.

Pam Gough ended up as a runner-up after the last hand hit the felt on August 30. David Edwards took first place and card playin' diva Billie Urquhart was third.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun is open to everyone. Games begin at 7 p.m. beach time. Players should have a basic knowledge of the game. For more information, call Rick Uzdevenes, poker promoter at 850-324-2667.

# Vettes Invade Beach

The Miracle Strip Corvette Club is revved up for its annual "Life's a Vette at the Beach" Corvette Show, Saturday, September 19. The show will be in the Casino parking lot from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The show brings together Corvette enthusiasts and owners from the Florida Panhandle and the southeastern United States.

"We are inviting the public to come and help us celebrate America's sports car," said Rick

Gordon, show coordinator. "We will have Vettes at the show from the 1950s to the 2009 models."

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# Comfort & Joy

by Pandora de Balthazar

There are good pillows and bad pillows. A good pillow, essential to long-term health, gives you comfort and automatically puts you in a healthy sleep posture. Neck and back problems are worsened by improper sleeping habits and bad or worn-out pillows. Follow the points below and your worries will be gone.

► Sleeping on your stomach or with your head elevated can give you aches and pains. To give your body the proper rest and to ensure the health of your neck, sleep only in two positions: on your side or on your back. Both these positions keep your spine in natural alignment and prevent misalignment of the neck. You will prevent neck aches, backaches, pinched nerves, and general health problems caused by wear on your vertebrae and spinal column.

► Look for pillows that fluff and squish to fit your unique contours, shape, and sleeping posture. Your pillow should be a "fit" just like shoes. Natural-fill pillows such as down and feather give you the most comfort, long-term performance, and adjustability of any pillow. They gently support your head, providing tactile softness, eliminating pressure

points, and increasing facial circulation to reduce face squashing, or "sleep wrinkles." Down pillows offer you the optimum in comfort, luxury, and performance.

Since everyone is back in school, give your pillow a test!

1) Examine the covering fabric: Is it stained or leaking filling? If so, time for a new one.

2) To test the support of down and feather pillows, lay the fluffed pillow on a flat, hard surface. Fold the pillow in half and squeeze out the air. Release the pillow: one with support will unfold and return to its original shape. A broken pillow will remain folded.

3) To test a polyester pillow, place a ten-ounce weight on the pillows (such as tennis shoes). A pillow with support will throw the shoe and unfold itself.

The comfort lifetime of a pillow is the length of time you can expect it to retain its original support and adjustability. With normal use and care, the lifetime of feather pillows is 5-10 years, and polyester is 6 months to 2 years. Use your head when it comes to getting the right pillow!

# Vegas Style Gaming Comes To Beach

*Gulf Breeze Chamber Hosts Casino For Fun*

The Gulf Breeze Chamber is hosting a fundraising gala, Hitchcock Goes to Vegas! The themed night of gaming fun at Bimini Beach Bar begins at 7 p.m. October 23.

The tickets are \$30 per person which includes light hors d'oeuvres, 2000 fun chips to use at the "casino-style" games and two raffle tickets. There will be a cash bar.

"We are going to set up all kinds of games," said Meg Peltier, Chamber exec. "Although no money will be exchanged or won at the tables, we'll have craps, roulette, black jack, and Texas Hold 'Em for everyone to enjoy."

After the gaming closes the party continues into the night with dancing at Bamboo Willie's.

Be ready to enter the Costume Contest as your favorite Hitchcock movie character.

One of the highlights of the evening will be a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament with advanced reservation of \$20.

Sponsorships are available. A \$200 Table Sponsor receives two tickets, recognition on website and all publicity, and signage and a ban-

ner at the event.

Chamber members and non-members welcome to attend but must be 21 years or older. Join the

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# readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick

The inshore fishing this time of year seems to be loaded with all kinds of nice catches being reported by all my fishing friends.

Justin Scher has made a habit the last couple of weeks, of going in the early morning hours and making the most of it even after a long night of poker. Justin reports major hits of Speckled Trout off the sandbar at Deer Point on the southwest edge of Gulf Breeze. Pinfish are the bait of choice and some nice hits of Redfish and even some Blacktip Sharks have made their presence known. Justin showed off some fancy footwork along the beach after a catfish found its way under his foot. Ouch!

Janie and I just got back from a trip in our boat, The 4fun, targeting Specks in the grassbeds off the Live Oak Area and we saw everything you can name feeding in those thick beds. The Redfish were right up on the grassline feeding and tipping

their tails. Spanish Macs were ripping through the schools of Glass Minnows and the Rays were flying and flopping about doing their thing in the sunshine. Mullett were everywhere, too. We had hits on just about every cast as we worked with the old wonder bait - a white stringray grub. The sun was doing its thing and the breeze was wonderful. A perfect kinda day.

The Redfish dinner was out of this world. What are you waiting for? Do yourself a favor and go fishing.



*The bigger, the better according to Jack White. The longtime Beach resident and business owner made halibut fishing part of a recent Alaska vacation. Not to be outdone, lady Beach angler Kim LoBue, reeled in a giant halibut, too. To hear the fishing stories stop by DJs and see them.*

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