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Wheelin' and Dealin'



Pensacola Beach will be a poker player's paradise next weekend when the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun Celebration For Education Tourney is played on October 10 at the Shaker and The Break Beach Bar's Poker Run Pub Pedal rolls through downtown Pensacola Beach on October 11. Beach gals who are ready to bet and bluff their way to a win are (L to R): Tina Wright, Janie Uzdevenes holding Sumo the Puppy, Kelly Davis, Ashley Johnson, and Julie Scarberry. The poker faced fellow front and center is Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun promoter Rick Uzdevenes and his dog Salty. Salty and Sumo give two paws up to the Pub Pedal whose proceeds benefit the Humane Society. For more on this story, see Page 2.

Pensacola Beach Card Playing Aces Host Pair of Poker Events

Celebration For Education

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun and *Island Times* are sponsoring the third annual Celebration for Education Tournament on Saturday, October 10 with the call to "Shuffle up and deal" being made about 4 p.m. at the Sandshaker Lounge.

Players who want to brush up on their skills or those who need to gain a basic knowledge of the game can participate in a poker instructional class starting at 3:30 p.m. The class is free and includes game basics and poker etiquette.

There is no charge to play in the Celebration for Education Tournament, but a donation of \$20 per player will be accepted. All monies will go to the Pensacola Beach Elementary School Music Department.

Players will be issued a stack of twenty chips, which could be up to \$38,000 worth of chips to start.

"It really depends on how many players sign up, but everyone is issued the same amount of fun chips," said Rick Uzdevenes, promoter. "We have some wow-factor chips that are worth a million dollars in fun money. If all goes well, we may see some players betting with the big chips!"

Gaming tables will have eight players each plus one dealer. There were 47 players at the first Celebration for Education which was held at the Paradise Bar and Grill. The winner was Bank of the South teller, Jon Rhodes. Last year, the tourney was held at Tiki Island Golf and Games and Beach poker icon Tex Atkinson was the winner.

"The Shaker is a great place to play. We have a covered area, but it is not enclosed so you get the fresh air, too. Should be a fun afternoon," said Tex who plays poker every chance he gets.

The first hand will be dealt around 4 p.m. and there will be a ten minute break each hour.

As players get knocked out, seats will be shuffled around until the last eight to nine players are still alive. They will be moved to the final table from which the winner will emerge.

If your stack of chips is dwindling or not as big as you would like, you may get more chips by making another donation. Re-buy will be allowed until the final table is seated.

"Since this is to raise funds for the Beach School's music department, we will encourage players to make additional donations and receive extra chips all afternoon long," said Uzdevenes.

The Beach School Music Department is the beneficiary of the donations because there are a number of Beach poker players who are also musicians. Rick Uzdevenes, the founder of the tournament, performs and writes blues music under the name Saltwater Rick.

The tournament will last from three to four hours depending on the number of entrants and pace of play.

"A winner should be crowned around 7:30 or 8 p.m." according to Uzdevenes. "I understand some of the lady riders from the Biker Chick Slumber Party will be joining us at the poker tables. We are looking forward to a good crowd."

The top six players will be awarded special Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun Commemorative Mugs. They are clear glass mugs with the tournament name, poker chips and the date emblazoned on them.

The winner gets an engraved keepsake Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun Celebration For Education award.

Additional door prizes will be given throughout evening.

For more information, call the poker hotline at 850-324-2667.

Poker Run Pub Pedal

If you like poker, the real game, or a modified version, your best place to be this weekend is on Pensacola Beach. The Break Beach Bar on Via de Luna is hosting the third annual Poker Run Pub Pedal this Sunday, October 11. Registration begins at The Islander Lounge at 11 a.m. Participants are asked to shine up their bicycles, decorate their baskets, and prepare for a route that covers the entire core business area of Pensacola Beach. However, don't get nervous. There are multiple rest stops and refueling places along the way.

The entry fee is \$25 which includes a special limited edition t-shirt, two chances to win a motorized scooter and a post event party featuring a free fish dinner and free beer.

Riders will receive the first of five playing cards at The Islander between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. then they will ride to the Sabine Sand-

bar on Pensacola Beach Blvd. The second card will be dealt for their poker hand from 1:30 until 2 p.m. The next stop is the Sandshaker Lounge where the next card will be drawn, until 2:30 when the ride departs for The Dock. The bikers will receive their fourth card at The Dock and may start riding at 3 p.m. for the final destination, The Break Beach Bar at 65 Via de Luna. The fun begins at The Break about 3:30 p.m.

Each bar along the Pub Pedal will have drink specials for the thirsty participants.

According to Dave Kelly, co-owner of The Islander and The Break, this will be the third Pub Pedal they have hosted on Pensacola Beach.

"In previous years, we have

had about 125 people show up to pedal around the Island and raise money for a good cause. The party begins during the afternoon but may last into the night. There will be



Poker Run Pub Pedal 2008 participants prepare to roll to the first destination.

awards for the Best and the Worst poker hands. Over \$500 in cash and prizes will be given away. A live band will play. A free fried fish dinner with all the side dishes will be served with free beer. You can't beat that."

All proceeds will be donated to the Pensacola Humane Society.

For more information call The Break at 850-932-0864.

Mike Nixon Joins Beach Chamber Board

Mike Nixon took his seat at his first Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce meeting on September 22. Other Board members welcomed Nixon, who is the Regional Director of Operations for Innisfree Hotels.

The Board discussed their highly successful Taste of the Beach festival on September 19 and 20.



Beach Chamber Exec Maureen LaMar awards Crab's Kitchen Manager Jere Doyle the Best Dish award at the Taste of the Beach.

The Board officially accepted monies raised at the Anything That Floats and Bathtub Races and the Sandshaker's Queen contest. Those donations will be used to cover event costs from the Taste of the Beach and Art and Wine Weekend.

"It is wonderful to see the Chamber exceed its financial goal and be able to support these quality events on Pensacola Beach," said Maureen LaMar, executive director.

The Board will send a special thanks to Jack Lawrence of H2O Water in Gulf Breeze for supplying filtered drinking water for Taste of the Beach; to Lila Cox and the Pensacola Beach Advocates for coordinating the festival recycling and water bottle sales; and Mary Montcalm and the Gulf Breeze High School Key Club for manning the Kid's Area. Also, to Julian MacQueen, owner of Innisfree Hotels; Tammy Bohannon, owner of Emerald Coast Rentals; and Beverly

Boswell, co owner of the Sandshaker for their sponsorship of the stainless steel water bottle program.

Winner of the Taste of the Beach Best Dish category was Crab's for its Crab Cake Sliders. Because of its popularity, the dish is being added permanently to Crab's menu.

The Best Decorated Booth award went to Hemingway's Island Grill.

Despite the weather, the event attracted thousands of attendees.

"We look forward to making this event a regional attraction where we can show everyone how wonderful a taste of the beach really is," said Nan Harper, Chamber events chairman.

The Board approved the date of Tuesday, December 29 for their annual holiday party. A volunteer appreciation luncheon will also be hosted.

For Chamber membership information or to volunteer, call Maureen LaMar at 850-932-1500.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh my. I'm not talking about the zoo or the Wizard of Oz here. I'm talking about the animals who live on college campuses all over the United States. These animals are loved, petted and honored. They are, after all, the team mascots. According to a survey by Dr. Ray Yarborough, there is not a college or university, large or tiny, which does not have a mascot. Some of these animals are for real. Remember Mike the Tiger who attends LSU games? Others are students dressed in costumes and masks, sort of turning out to resemble Dorothy's buddy, the Cowardly Lion.

Actually, the top college mascot is the majestic Eagle. Most Eagles are costumed such as Awesome Eagle, mascot of the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles. None of these glorious eagles are kin to Kansas University's Jayhawks, which are not really real birds at all. This emblem is a cross between a blue jay and a sparrow hawk. No wonder it took so long for the Kansas football team to get in the top twenty-five rankings.

Second in the survey is the Tiger, with the original mascot dating back to 1884. This ancient mascot is at Princeton University. Then there's the Clemson Tiger, and Toby

the live tiger who represents the University of Memphis. There is Aubie the costumed tiger of Auburn University.

For the record, hundreds of tigers show up to staunchly stand by their teams every week. Sometimes, they are successful, sometimes not. We don't know what happens when two tigers meet and snarl at each other on the field of combat.

We do know the bulldogs, panthers and Knights are third, fourth and fifth in popularity according to the survey. The all-time favorite bulldog has to be Hairy Dog who watches over the University of Georgia. At least, when he's not sleeping. And did you know that Pounce, the Blue Panther, is the mascot at Georgia State?

Lions are roaring on many campuses. They are costumed to look like lions that won't bite or maul anyone unless they are playing football. I only know one lion, a Nittany Lion, in fact the Beach's Kristin Amberson. Her alma mater, Penn State has created a storied past and present under the watchful eye of the Nittany Lion. Want to know what Nittany means?

Nittany is a Native American term meaning single mountain. There happens to be one near Penn State, so the originator of the

mascot, added Nittany to lion to declare him the "fiercest beast of them all." That happened 102 years ago.

The Bears and Hawks are number seven and eight with the next three tying for ninth - Cougars, Pioneers, and Warriors.

It's the mascots who did not make the charts who are the most preposterously goofy of all. There are those in the food category. Not as in tailgate. As in mascots.

For instance, the Rajun Cajuns of Louisiana Lafayette, pay homage to their gumbo by featuring a costumed Chili Pepper as their mascot of choice. Maybe they are a red hot team in their division.

Another gumbo ingredient adorns the flag of Delta State University. Drum roll, please! They are known as the Fighting Okra and have the honor of being named one of the ten worst mascots by David Letterman.

One more I just have to mention is the Flying Pickle, mascot

of the University of North Carolina School of Arts. If the Cayenne Peppers met the Flying Okras, would spontaneous combustion occur?

Dartmouth College has an unofficial mascot named Keggy the Keg. A Keggy might work for a number of different universities I can think of.

Romance enters the picture at the University of South Alabama where the female mascot Miss Pawla, the costumed jaguaress is the girlfriend of Southpaw, the costumed male jaguar. Also, along these same lines, is the romantic encounter of a Nittany lioness and a regular lion named Rocky Two who watched over games at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. Kristin was the Nittany and her now husband, Scott, was a disciple of Rocky Two. And, you know the rest of the story.

The survey did not mention the University of Nebraska's Cornhusker nor the University of West Florida's Argonaut. One thing

is for sure, they will never meet another Husker or Argo anywhere.

Sadly, the survey did not cover the NFL where my favorite team is forever blessed by being the Saints.

I also regret that the survey did not include the mascot of a school which has no football team, basketball team, or even a soccer team. Its student body is comprised of bright scholars, and its mascot, for the record, is the Pensacola Beach Sandpiper.

I guess I will hop in the 1930 Ford mascot of Georgia Tech and leave the subject of mascots forever.

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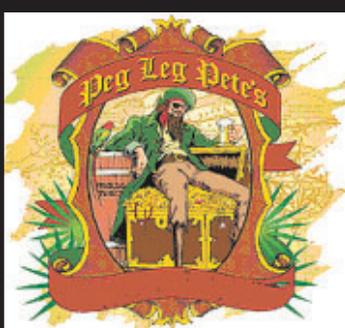
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EYE OF THE TIGER

Former Beach business owner and musician Tiger Atkinson keeps in touch with his Pensacola Beach roots through email. He still has sand in his shoes. Tiger is the Food and Beverage Director at the Holiday Inn in Destin. He lives in Gulf Breeze with wife Patrice and brags about having six grandchildren.

WELL WISHES

Alice Segar celebrates her birthday this week. She is ninety years young. Alice reads *Island Times* from cover to cover at her home in Owego, New York.

BIRTHDAY GIRLS

The Sisters of the Beach are sending special birthday wishes to Lynn Cieutat and Charlotte Spencer. The ladies are not admitting how old they are, but the candles were creating a glow.

AYE CARUMBA

Capt'n Fun runner Glenn Windham, who works so hard at the local races, took some time off for a trip to Argentina. He will return to the Beach refreshed and ready to log some training miles.

AT EASE

United States Marine Corps Colonel Chris Holzworth and Lt. Col. Dave Glassman officially retired in ceremonies at NAS September 24. They served as the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer, respectively, of MATSG 21 in Pensacola. The retirement parties, which started in Pensacola and continued on Pensacola Beach, lasted for two

days. A fitting send off according to Jim Knell who is also a retired Marine.

IN THE WIND

The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club hosted the first ever Pier and Back Regatta, September 19. A perpetual trophy was awarded to the crew sailing aboard Forerunner. "The Animal" sailors claimed that they should have been awarded the coveted prize, but will vie for it next year. The following week, Pensacola Beach Yacht Clubber Dave Dunbar sailed Tryptonite to a win in the Pensacola Yacht Club's Championship Series, September 27.

WHO DAT?

Bobby Draper, the most die hard Saints fan of all time, says this is THE year. He is making "super" predictions for the black and gold gridiron players. Geaux, Saints.

Trivia

Larry Keever, who recently registered a complaint with the *Island Times* publisher that the trivia questions were too hard, got redemption last week when he rushed to his computer to be the first to answer the current trivia question. Larry emailed that the name of the band which started out in the entertainment complex where Flounder's is now located were the Alman Joys, which later became known as the famous Alman Brothers Band. Larry was so sure that he had won that he inquired about the colors of shirts in size XXL. He now has a teal *Island Times* t-shirt.

Jeff Goudey also sent the correct answer, and also noted that the Blue Magoos were playing at the Five Flags Inn during that time period. Good info. Too late.

Remember the Beach Postman Kim Travis? He and his wife,

Jaqui, submitted the correct answer as well. They also sent photos of their son, Dustin who was recently married at Ocean Springs Lake in New Jersey. Jaqui wrote, "Where does the time go? It seems just like yesterday that Dustin was digging a hole in the sand beside our house on Largo. Now, he is on his way to Afghanistan."

Mike Willet had the right answer as did Dave Wheeler of Atlanta, and Chuck Steele, all too late.

Susan Kennedy from JME also came along with the right answer and wondered what the name of the place was. She said her grandmother took her there to lunch when she was a little girl and she got a Coke with a swizzle stick with a giraffe on top.

Well, Dave Greenwood, Head of the Beach Lifeguards, rescued us on the question of what the name of the place was. He emailed

the name of the complex, The Oasis, instead of sending in the name of the band. Maybe he had ESP working with Susan.

So, the Trivia Master got a bundle of correct answers this time, although he noticed the knights and the countess of the Roundtable were missing. Sir Bill Greene is in rehab after being hospitalized, so he has a good excuse. A Songwriter's Festival took place on the Beach on October 3 and 4 this year. There was an original Songwriters event on Pensacola Beach in the early 1990s. Who was the person who started and coordinated it?

Rules are the same. Send your answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with "trivia" in the subject line and include your name, phone number. Deadline to answer is Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

Good luck!

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Beach Tax Lawsuit At Top Of Meeting Agenda

Attorney Danny Kepner, who represents Beach residents in the tax litigation, is first on the agenda at the Pensacola Beach Advocates annual membership meeting, Wednesday, October 21 at 6 p.m. at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall. He will be discussing the current status of the residential tax lawsuit. Members and prospective members

are welcome to attend.

Other agenda items include an update on the Escambia County Consolidated Government initiative, Core Development and Island Beautification planning process, and environmental advocacy issues.

The PBA membership committee will have a registration table for those who wish to join the group.

The Pensacola Beach Advocates is open to leaseholders, residents and those with a business interest in Pensacola Beach. Annual dues are \$30 per household or business. A membership application is located on page 7 of this edition.

For more information, please refer to the PBA website at www.pbadvocates.org.

Public Forum Convenes For Stakeholder Input

What's your vision for Pensacola Beach's future? Citizens will have the opportunity to give input at the upcoming Core Development and Island Beautification Public Forum. The Santa Rosa Island Authority is hosting the first of three public forums to get your input Wednesday, October 28 at 6 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Community Church Fellowship Hall.

The public forums are part of the Core Development and Island Beautification planning process. Representatives

from the master land planning firm, EDSA, along with their six specialty area subconsultants will be coordinating the forum.

Noting that consensus building is an important part of the planned process, EDSA advised the SRIA that public meetings should be scheduled for the community at large to provide feedback during the planning process.

The forum will begin with a brief overview of the planning goals followed by a guided discussion and informal ques-

tion and answer sessions. Input may be shared in writing or in person at the meeting.

Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce President Jeff Elbert, who was appointed to the Steering Committee said, "Gathering input from residential and business stakeholders is critical. I encourage everyone to attend this meeting."

For more information, contact the Santa Rosa Island Authority at 850-932-2257.

Mardi Gras on the Island

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Krewe of Wrecks Meeting Sandshaker, 6 PM
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Krewe of Wrecks Meeting The Dock, 6 PM
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Krewe of Wrecks Meeting Paradise Bar, 6 PM
Krewe of Wrecks Mtg Bamboo Willie's, 6 PM
Krewe of Wrecks Meeting The Break, 6 PM

Krewe of Wrecks Meeting Flounder's, 6 PM
Nereids King Cake Party, Paradise, 3 PM
Krewe of Wrecks Mtg Paddy O'Leary's, 6 PM
Nereids Moonpie Party, Sandshaker
Krewe of Wrecks Meeting PegLeg's, 6 PM
Nauga Champagne Breakfast, Dock, 10AM
Krewe of Wrecks Meeting The Islander, 6 PM
Nereids Mystical Ball
Bananimals Ball
Krewe of Wrecks Meeting Elk's Lodge, 6 PM
Krewe of Kids Parade
Queen's Dinner, Flounder's, 7 PM
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peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis

October 1 was my twenty-seventh anniversary here. I have now lived here more than anywhere else - over half of my life. Congratulations to my Sister Christine "Bunky" Hewerdine who just celebrated her twenty-ninth year here.

Once upon a time long, long ago I left Albany, Georgia to move here (1982). People told me I was making big mistake and that I would be tired of the beach within three years. So, what did they know, huh?

Like many before and after me, I chose this island without knowing anyone who lived here already. My daughter Mel was only 9-years-old (which is the age of grandson Jesiah today) and the first person we met was the lovely woman who rented us our first home, Ellen Schroth. So, thanks Ellen, for taking that big chance on us complete unknowns. She became my friend that first day we met and still thinks I'm the best typist in all of Gulf Breeze.

My friends in Georgia also knew I didn't have employment lined up. What they didn't know was that I've always had the ability to work, survive and to control my life and make necessary adjustments or changes so that I can enjoy the ride. Doesn't everybody do that?

It was not long until I felt the magic of Island life. It's so magical you can spin fairy tales right out of the salt air. I became part of the Beach family and accumulated a bunch of sisters - Sisters of the Beach.

SOB's can live anywhere and still be an SOB. They are born, not made and they are loving, giving, caring, amazingly talented, gifted, and the absolutely most fun friends you will ever have. Thanks to all of you who created and contributed to our incredible eclectic SOB Art with such a talented array of art media. We had everything from our signature collectible SOB Island Girl Art to fresh garden herbs and mouth watering delectable home cooked recipes. We sold items that were hand-painted, sewed, glued, written or stamped art right down to SOB pins, buttons and key chains.

If you were unable to be part of the Chamber's Art and Wine Weekend, you have one more chance to purchase items at the SOB Christmas Brunch. The date will be announced later.

If you're not able to attend the SOB Brunch, then I'm sure you can look forward to receiving a wonderful Christmas or birthday gift from another Sister. Or maybe you can join us in playing in the American Legion Putt-Putt Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 17. The SOB's will be playing this year in honor of Chuck LeBum L'Oignon.

While Elaine Mitchell, our chef for Wednesday Nite Mental Health, was having fun in Dallas this summer, Paulette Provost cooked us this week's fabulous recipe. No, it's not crawfish pie, but it's just as mouth-watering! We were just about moaning with pleasure over this dish. I had to beg, beg and beg Paulette for this recipe which she first cooked as a very young woman in Louisiana. Okay Krewe of Wrecks Queen Paulette, this one's for you! I'm also a good 'begger' so let's cook...

Paulette's Bastille Chicken
3 Fryers or equivalent weight in chicken breasts
20 medium size Potatoes
2 lbs. Bacon
6 lg. Onions
salt, black & red pepper
crushed garlic & parsley (optional)

Fry bacon crisp. Cut chicken into pieces and season to taste (salt, black and red pepper). Fry chicken in bacon drippings. Peel and halve potatoes and brown in bacon drippings. Into a large roasting pan, put a layer of chicken first, then layer of potatoes, thinly sliced onions, and bacon. Repeat until all ingredients are used. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes, then uncover and bake 10 minutes longer. (Generously serves 8 adults and can easily be halved to serve 4.) Warm or cold, it's delicious and makes a full meal by serving garlic bread and salad.

Enjoy, share and I'll see ya in the kitchen.....

Six Swans A' Swimming All Over The Island

Reports have been floating in from all areas of the island, a family of swans has been sighted at EPA Lagoon, PegLeg Pete's, Little Sabine Lagoon and Santa Rosa Sound. The Swan Surveillance Team was dispatched to locate the fair feathered clan and their rightful owners.



Mute swans on beach near EPA Island.

Photo by P. Clark, Swan Surveillance Team

Darell McIntyre of Regency Villas reported that their resident swans took off three weeks ago.

"I expect these sightings are the Regency swans. They walk across Via de Luna and get into the Sound, where the swimming is easy and there are lots of opportunities for a free lunch. The two adults did the same thing last year," said McIntyre. "They are off on a fall



The Swan Family navigated from Regency Villas to LaFitte Cove. They have a flock of admirers at PegLeg Pete's waterfront deck.

Photo by Walt Lumpkin
Swan Surveillance Team

vacation, probably to recover from the tourists."

The Regency family is comprised of two young dark swans and four white ones. The adults had their wings pinned when they were young, so they cannot fly. This was not done to their offspring, so they may take off at some point.

There are some safety considerations for both the swans and their admirers. Since swans are not domesticated animals and are quite territorial, they can be aggressive, especially the parents when protecting their young. Children should be kept at a distance from the swans.

According to Swan Surveillance reporter and Villa Sabine resident Priscilla Clark, her swan sightings are daily and

the swans appeared to be friendly foul.

"I have seen them several times. Once they swam right up to my kayak while I was fishing," Clark said.

Charles and Wanda, the security guards at EPA Island, said they have been in EPA Lagoon every morning for the past week. Wanda reached out and petted one of the youngsters on its breast feathers.

McIntyre says these beauties are Mute Swans and keeping them requires a permit.

"My only concerns would be if the dredging of Little Sabine would put them in danger or they would get hit while crossing the road. Otherwise, returning them to Regency would probably work only until they decide to leave again. Independent souls they are indeed," he mused.

Why does the family of Mute Swans travel the island? The Swan Surveillance Team does not know and the swans are not talking.

Wine Talk

By David Griffin,
Beach Wines & Liquors



WINE LABELS

You may be surprised to learn that wine labels did not come into widespread use until the middle of the nineteenth century. These early labels took a far simpler form than modern labels. The most attractive labels were reserved for French Champagnes, which, unlike other wines that were opened in back rooms and served in decanters, were opened at the table. By the latter part of the nineteenth century, wine labels took on greater importance, as they were needed to identify individual bottles to diners at restaurants. In the early part of the twentieth century, European countries began to exert greater regulation over their wine industries, which necessitated the more comprehensive labeling with which we are now familiar.

HINT: Between the two world wars, the modern wine label was born out of the need to identify and sell wine to American wine drinkers, who were purchasing their favorite products in self-service retail wine shops.

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BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stukey, Your Computer Pal

Q: "What can I do with my old computer?"

A: Don't throw it in your trash can --- it's too toxic. You can always send it to the recycling center, but here are some more creative ways to make use of it. Donate it to a friend or aging relative. Or dedicate it to a specific use, such as one of these: use it to monitor your security system, or play some of the old classic games on it (the games that won't work with Vista). Turn it into a jukebox. Playing tunes from your music library doesn't require much horsepower.

Turn it into a digital picture frame. Software is available to allow your favorite pictures to be displayed on a timer. You can buy a TV tuner that will turn that big 19" screen into a fine television screen. Or, you can in-

stall software that will allow you to turn the computer into a digital video recorder.

If you are artistic, you might find that circuit boards and electronic parts can become really neat pieces of art. My son created a sculpture entirely of computer parts. It looks like some kind of futuristic Robotech guy. There is also a way to connect the old computer to the Internet so that research organizations can use it for additional processing power for their scientific studies. For example, for studying how to cure cancer.

You might even find that a bit more memory is all that is needed to make it good again. Add some more RAM (memory) to it and give it a few more years of useful life. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 206-3156.

BUSINESS BUZZ

Spin A Web

The Krewe of Wrecks is seeking a wiley webmaster to chronicle the krewe's Mardi Gras season on Pensacola Beach. The person who signs up for this volunteer position will be awarded the designation of Web Wreck, Master of the Site. Call today to be considered. 850-291-6957.

Shoo Flu

Baptist Health Care is providing opportunities to get a flu shot at the Andrews Institute Conference Room B, Athletic Performance & Research Center Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 8 to 10 a.m. Reservations and photo identification are required. Vaccinations cost \$30 and can be paid for by check, cash or credit card. Medicare, TRICARE and WellCare cardholders can receive vaccinations at no additional charge with proof of coverage. This is not a Swine Flu shot. For more information or to make reservations, call 850-469-7897.

Waterfront Wanted

Check this out. The Escambia County Marine Advisory Committee is seeking waterfront land for sale. Property owners and/or real estate agents may bring their property information to the next meeting, Monday, October 12 at 5:30 p.m. at 1190 West Leonard Street (please use northeast entrance). For additional information, contact Robert Turpin, Neighborhoods and Community Services, Marine Resources at 850-595-3474.

Ski Club Cruises

The Pensacola Ski Club is setting sail for a three hour cruise with Jerry Andrews aboard The Entertainer, Saturday, October 24 at 5

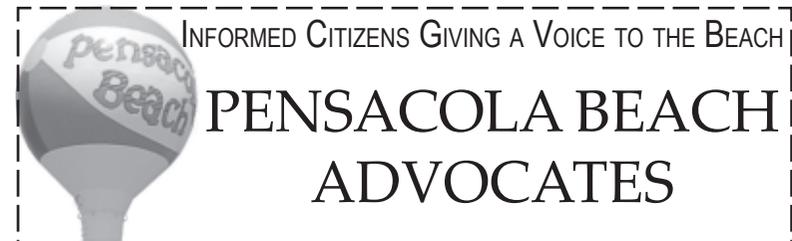
p.m. If you want to be part of this group, better get your membership application turned in. Go to pensacolaskiclub.com.

Pinch Me

You are not dreaming. An all-you-can-eat special has been added to the Crab's menu beginning at 4 p.m. every night but Saturday. Oysters are two bits and drinks are two for one during the daily happy hour.

Music To Your Ears

Bands on the Beach will extend the concert season through October. Concerts are hosted by the SRIA. Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gulfside Pavilion. Admission is free.



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Butterflies Come Back To Morgan Park After Five Year Hiatus

Butterflies will return to Morgan Park and Botanical Gardens on Pensacola Beach soon. Kay Mitchell, Brenda Roose and Lydia Abram, members of the Escambia County Master Gardeners, will oversee the planting of nineteen different varieties of plants and flowers in the Spring which will lure the delicate winged creatures.

The entire park will experience a much needed re-planting of native plants which will take place in stages over the next year, according to the Master Gardeners' plan.

"After the hurricane some non-native invasive plants have made Morgan Park their home," said Mitchell. "Mason Kilgore and the SRIA maintenance team will spend time cleaning and preparing the planting sites, and we will direct the project."

Morgan Park was originated in 1995 by Jim Randol, who was interested in beach horticulture, to honor the memory of Dr. James P. Morgan

who passed away in 1995.

Dr. Morgan, a world renowned Coastal Geologist, lived with his wife Dot on Pensacola Beach for sixteen years. After retiring from Louisiana State University's Geology Department, Dr. Morgan was an adjunct professor at the University of West Florida, but spent much of his time assisting the Santa Rosa Island Authority on erosion and other environmental problems.

During the dedication of the park in March of 1997, Randol paid tribute to his friend.

"He was a wonderful, scholarly person and truly an asset to the Island," Randol said.

The park, located just south of the toll plaza on Santa Rosa Sound was always a favorite spot of Dr. Morgan's.

The original park was established by Randol and a board of individuals who formed a foundation, designed primarily as a fundraising group. Eventually, the

Island Authority budgeted \$5,000 per year for the park. Hurricane Ivan practically wiped the facility out in 2004. All the benches, podiums, the Butterfly, Evergreen and Japanese gardens were heavily damaged. The foundation began working to bring it back, but in 2006, Randol dissolved the Foundation and turned the area back over to the Island Authority, which restored and maintained the grounds.

No new planting has taken place until now, when the Master Gardeners and the Island Authority have coordinated on a planting schedule for the park. Funding will come from the \$5,000 budgeted by the SRIA to take care of the park.

Morgan Park has always been a popular place for small weddings, memorials, school field trips and other types of celebrations. There is usually no charge for holding events, but all requests and paperwork must be completed at the



Master Gardeners (L to R) Kay Mitchell, Brenda Roose and Lydia Abram visited Morgan Park, September 30 while reviewing the planting plan.

Authority office. Robbie Loft, events coordinator is the person who handles these requests. She can be reached at 850-932-2257.

Morgan Park is open from sunup until sundown, seven days a week.

Get Your Putters Ready For Beach Legion Post Charity Event

Players Support Local Groups

Sharpen up your short game for the Tenth Annual American Legion Post 379 Putt Putt Outing on Pensacola Beach, Saturday, October 17 at Tiki Island Golf and Games. Players should arrive at 10 a.m. to sign in.

The entry fee is \$10 per person. Bring three friends and form a team or individuals will be grouped together into foursomes. There is no limit to the number of players who can compete.

The monies raised at this event are used to support American Le-

gion Post 379 charities which include aid to veterans in local nursing homes, Gulf Breeze High School Jr. R.O.T.C., Pensacola Beach Elementary School, Honor Flight, Covenant Hospice and Boys State.

"The Legion Post supports two high school juniors who will attend Boys State. The two delegates go to Tallahassee during the summer for a week where they are immersed in the workings of state government," said Bill Greene, Post 379.

The Awards Ceremony will take place immediately at the end of play.

Players with the best scores will win cash prizes for first, second and third place. There will be prizes for scoring a Hole-In-One.

Food, drinks and door prizes will also be available.

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High Goals Set At Beach School Meeting

The Pensacola Beach Elementary School Board got an update on progress toward financial and educational goals at their meeting Monday, September 28. Board president Todd McCurdy told the Board that the Partners-in-Education donations totaled \$16,500.

"We are well on our way to reaching the \$25,000 mark we need to make our budgeted goal," said McCurdy. "And, the Finance Committee report looks like everything else is doing well, too."

Principal Jeff Castleberry handed out the School Improvement Plan. It outlines academic, volunteer involvement and technology goals for the Beach School. "We have set very high goals and our teachers work very hard to exceed them," said Castleberry.

The Board unanimously approved the School Improvement Plan.

The Beach School has qualified to participate in the Charter School Merit Award Program. The State funds a merit pay bonus to teachers based on student performance.

"Ranking teachers is very diffi-

cult and almost unfair, but it is money allocated at the state level and we should take advantage of it," Castleberry said. "It is an opportunity to earn about \$5,000."

An additional \$11,000 will come to the Beach School for performing as a "A" school. The Board allocated a portion of the money for teachers' bonuses and the remainder will go toward the purchase of FCAT study materials.

Students at the Beach School have been participating in computerized reading assessments and pre-FCAT testing all month, according to third grade teacher Joy McLaurine. But, it's not all work for the students.

"Third grade had front row

seats at NAS during a recent Blue Angels Air Show practice," she said. "They also have been invited to see Sleeping Beauty performed as a ballet at the Saenger Theatre. It will be exciting, but the third grade boys don't believe me."

The annual Fall Festival is set for Friday, October 30 on the school campus from 5 to 8 p.m. The festival includes games, music, food, dancing, door prizes and a silent auction. It is sponsored by the PTA as a fundraiser and is open to the public.

The two final Board meetings for 2009 will be Monday, November 2 at 6 p.m. and Monday, November 30 at 6 p.m. There will be no meeting in October or December. Meetings are open to the public.

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The Lizzard's TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



I was a competitive swimmer for my entire childhood and young adult life. I must have swum thousands of laps, up and down a 25-yard pool during the short course season (September through May), followed by the same routine in a 50-meter pool (a true Olympic size pool) during the months of June, July and August. I worked out six days a week. Sometimes even twice a day. I was 100% dedicated to the sport. Therefore, so was my mom.

In the early 1970's, my mom was a maverick parent in the sport of swimming. She was the president of the Southern Amateur Athletic Union, the governing body of swimming at the time for the states of Louisiana and Mississippi. I was so proud of her that I wrote a poem about this accomplishment.

*My mom has brown hair,
Just like a grizzly bear.
She is the prestodent.*

I was probably only seven at the time when I penned those infamous words. Little did we both know that 13 years later I would still be competing and she would eventually hold almost every volunteer position and certification made available on local, national and international levels.

Well it's been 25 years since I've truly competed in swimming and since my mom has had to officiate at any level of the sport. I hung up my goggles. She turned in her referee hat. I did race for awhile at the master's level when I lived in California, but on more than one occasion my efforts to compete on a national level were thwarted by a business trip or a sick child. It took me a while to realize that swimming was merely a hobby. Something I did in my spare time. It was not my job and I was certain it was not my life.

That, however, has all changed. Within the past year The Kid has taken up the sport. No, Michael Phelps had nothing to do with it. Well before the 2008 Olympics and while we were still living in North Carolina, The Kid announced that if we ever moved back to Maryland, he wanted to swim on the team that

worked out in the big pool. The rest, you could say, is history.

Now five nights a week, we make the 90 minute round trip for the 90 minute swim practice. Breakfast has become the only meal we eat together as a family. The Colonel is never home at 4:30 in the afternoon for the first dinner serving and 8:00 p.m. is reserved for post practice dinner snack. The true translation is I am now cooking 10 dinners every Monday-Friday. Feeding a pre-teen boy is a challenge in and of itself. Trying to fill up a swimmer, no matter what the talent level, just amplifies the situation.

As for me, I would like to say I spend the 90 minutes on the pool deck doing something nice for myself. A small treat between making meals and doing dishes. Maybe reading a good novel or catching up on my old-fashioned letter writing to friends and family. But I don't. I now find myself engrossed in the USA Swimming Rule Book studying for the my Stroke and Turn Judge test and preparing for my internship to become certified to spend countless weekends getting splashed and making sure competitors are doing legal swim strokes and turns.

Did I just write countless weekends? Maybe I have gone beyond being a certified judge and straight on to being certifiably crazy. I believe the chlorine fumes have penetrated the reasoning portion of my brain. Or potentially something even worse could be happening to me. I could suffer from a genetic predisposition passed down from my mom to volunteer and support any activities my child participates in. Hmmm. What's the saying? Payback's a Until next time.

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Admission is free. Festival hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Live Greek music and traditional folk dancing will be the entertainment highlight of the weekend.

Visitors can attend twenty minute church tours to see the architectural beauty of the inside of an Orthodox Christian church and learn a little about the Orthodox faith and its culture. Byzantine hymns will be sung by choir members at the end of each tour.

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Beach resident Joanne Brooks congratulates Island Realty owner Nan Harper during the September 17 Women's Council of Realtors fundraiser hosted at Lillo's on Pensacola Beach. Nan will host the Women's Council of Realtors Leadership Conference on Pensacola Beach October 22-24.



Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce's Taste of the Beach entertainers really heated up the crowds on Sept. 19-20 at the Gulfside Pavilion. Left: Lauren Pinkston croons to the crowd while the Dancingly Yours dancers perform. Center: The World Famous Sauce Boss Bill Wharton serves up his own style of rock 'n' roll. Right: Daniel Green flies through the air during the Dancingly Yours troupe's performance.



Bamboo Willie's hosted "Bridging The Gap" Business After Hours for the Beach and Gulf Breeze Chamber members, September 24. Networking at event are (L to R): Gail Green, Joe Billingsly and Rita Finkbone.



Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce's Taste of the Beach had the recipe for success, Sept. 19-20 at Casino Beach, equal parts food and fun. Left: Joyce and Arin Brown of Native Cafe served sweet treats. Center: Webelos Colin Adams and Justin Fruitticher volunteered as tent hosts. Right: Kim Schmidt loves this electric vehicle.



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Biker Chicks Head For The Beach

Lady Motorcycle Riders Host Sixth Slumber Party

Lady motorcycle riders will roll onto Pensacola Beach Saturday, October 10 at 3 p.m. decked out in leather and lace ready for the Biker Chick Slumber Party. Their destination is the Sandshaker Lounge and the Comfort Inn.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at Redline Motorcycles in Pensacola where lady riders will register and begin a day long ride after a doughnut breakfast and a gift exchange. The ride leaves at 10:30 a.m. and travels 70 miles on country roads. The route turns south to Navarre Beach where the group stops for lunch at Juana's Pagoda. The ride will continue along Santa Rosa Island to Pensacola Beach.

"This is the sixth Slumber Party we have planned, but we have only been able to actual host five, since one bad dude named Ivan washed out our first planned event," said Babz Helm, event coordinator. "Only ladies who ride their own bikes are allowed on the ride, but when we get to the Beach we want everyone to join us to party."

The Biker Chicks arrive on Pensacola Beach at 3 p.m. in time to enjoy the Beach and some will take part in the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun poker tournament. There is special parking for motorcycles at the Shaker and reduced room rates at the Comfort Inn.

"We encourage all riders to park their bikes in our cordoned off area," said Beverly Boswell, co-owner of the Shaker. "Plenty of room for our biker friends."

The evening events start at 7 p.m. when the ladies trade their riding clothes for nighttime attire. They will gather at the Comfort Inn for the Pajama Promenade to the Shaker. Prizes will be awarded for the best loungewear.

There is no charge to participate in this event. For more information call 850-934-4413.



THE RAYS ROCK - The musicians from the band Journey were in town September 21 to perform at the Civic Center, so Marta and Ricky Ray gave them a tour of the best places on Pensacola Beach. The final stop was Marta's kitchen for a Gulf Coast seafood dinner. Having fun in Villa Sabine are (L to R) : Ricky Ray, Morgan Ray, Journey's Jonathan Cain, Marta Ray, Bass player Ross Valory, and Glenn Shane.



Pat Scorzetti of American Hydrocarbon traveled from Spring Hill, Florida to the Miracle Strip Corvette Club Life's A Vette Show, September 19 in his blue Chevy Corvette. The event, which was hosted at Casino Beach parking lot, attracted 117 cars with entries from five states.

Spooktacular Happenings on Pensacola Beach

October 23: Chamber Vegas Nite, Bimini Bar, 7 p.m.
October 24: Junknoo Octoberfest, Sandshaker, 3-6 p.m.
October 25: Fall Carnival, Beach Church, 2 p.m.
October 26: Krewe of Wrecks Costume and Kick Off Meeting, Sandbar, 6 p.m.
October 30: Fall Festival, Beach School, 5-8 p.m.

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The results from September's weekly action are as follows:

Paddy O'Leary's

September 17

1. Mike Wood

2. Kristin Larmier

September 20

1. Diamond Donnie Beall

2. Justin Dublin Scher

3. Kristin Larmier

September 22

1. Justin Scher

2. Ryan Schnippert

3. Freddie Falgout

September 24

1. Trace Lewis

2. Pete Falgout



Future Pensacola Beach musician Joel Hargitt of Pace was jammin' on the sidewalk at Casino Beach before the Sept. 22 Bands on the Beach concert.

September 27

1. Trace Lewis

2. Billie Urquhart

September 30

1. Diamond Donnie Beall

2. Justin Scher

Sandshaker

September 21

1. Mike Willett

2. Miquel Thompson

3. Mike Wood

September 28

1. Billie Urquhart

2. Mike Willett

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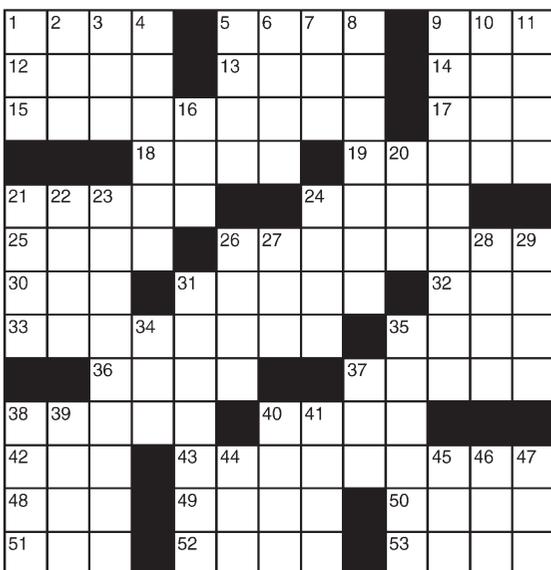
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- 12 Hodgepodge
- 13 Met melody
- 14 Anger
- 15 April paperwork
- 17 "Do the Right Thing" director
- 18 Elbow counterpart
- 19 Private instructor
- 21 Fathered
- 24 Relaxation
- 25 Took care of weeds
- 26 PC peripheral
- 30 Lamb's dam
- 31 Anna of "Scary Movie"
- 32 Coll. transcript stat
- 33 Dadaism pioneer
- 35 Existed
- 36 Pub orders
- 37 Bygone
- 38 Greedy cry
- 40 Highly rated
- 42 Blackbird
- 43 Speak eloquently
- 48 Heavy weight



- 49 Neighborhood
- 50 Hemingway nickname
- 51 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 52 Scream
- 53 Location
- 10 Sandwich treat
- 11 Antelope's playmate
- 16 Conclusion
- 20 Gls' entertainment org.
- 21 Son of Noah
- 22 Hawkeyes' home
- 23 Double-check
- 24 Egress
- 26 Bleacherites
- 27 MGM motto start
- 28 Foil's kin chickens
- 29 "Death in Venice"
- 31 Big road
- 34 Shade source
- 35 Censors, in a way
- 37 Yoko of music
- 38 Fence opening
- 39 A party to
- 40 Skating jump
- 41 October birthstone
- 44 100 square meters
- 45 Spigot
- 46 Nasdaq debut
- 47 Heathcliff, for one

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Women's Council of Realtors State Leadership Retreat, Oct. 22-24. Hilton

Beach Chamber Membership Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 8:30 a.m. Comfort Inn

Core Area Development/Island Beautification Steering Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Oct 27 at 5 p.m. SRIA Office. Open to the public

Core Area Development/Island Beautification Public Forum. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. Beach Church Fellowship Hall. Public Encouraged to attend.



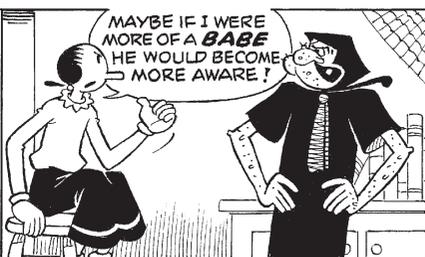
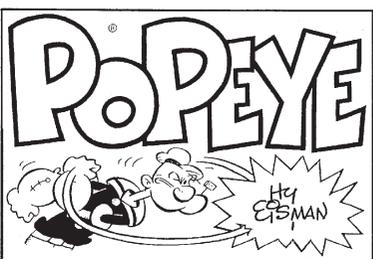
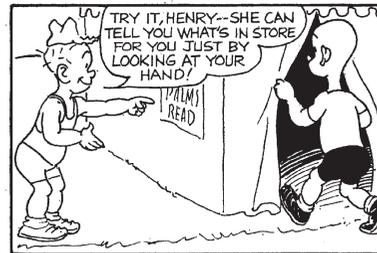
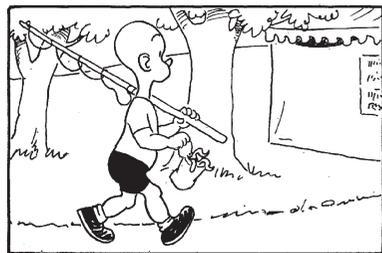
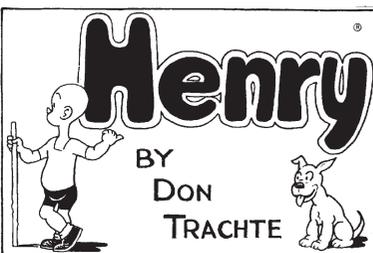
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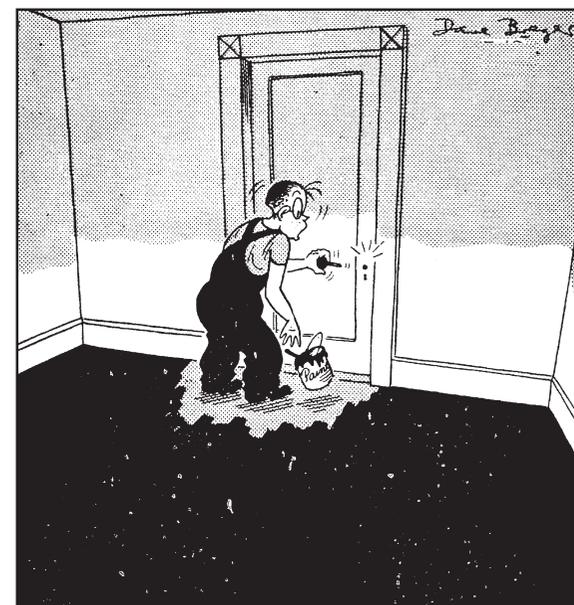
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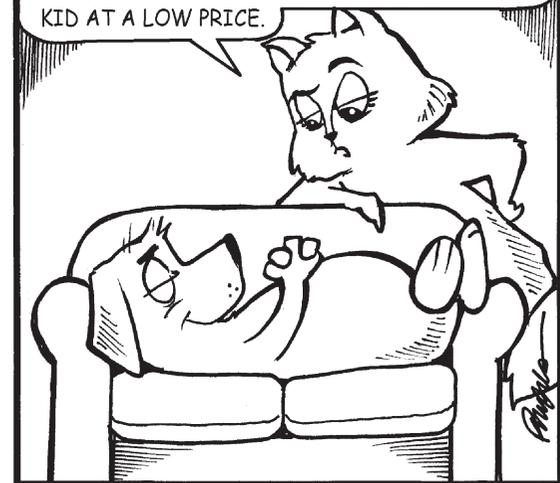
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by Dave T. Phipps

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The Universal Light by Candace Segar

[This is Part IV of V]

August and Charlie's eyes interlocked as if they had known each other all their lives. Right at that moment two things happened. Charlie was being torn from August and forced to focus on the lamp. It was as if a magnet just seized his head and turned it. And that's when Jerry appeared.

"Let me introduce you two. August, this is the reporter I was telling you about. August, please meet Charlie Simonson and Charlie please meet August Favrot," said Jerry.

Suddenly a strange thought raced through Charlie's mind as he shook August's hand. He did not want her to buy the lamp. It wasn't exactly a sense of foreboding, but just a feeling, a hunch that triggered his thought. Maybe it had something to do with his compulsion toward the lamp. He wanted to stare at the unusual lamp.

He quickly focused back on August and Jerry, and the three of them exchanged pleasantries. Shortly thereafter, Jerry excused himself and took off to talk to other customers and to get ready for tonight's auction.

Charlie and August didn't notice that Jerry had left. They were both scrutinizing the lamp, the markings and each other. Then Charlie asked her a direct question, but one he had to know the answer to.

"What are you going to do with this lamp if you win the bid?" he inquired.

August thought carefully about it before she replied, "Well, I have a sun-meditation room, and I plan on putting it in there. There is something quite magical about the lamp. I can't put my finger on it exactly. It's as if it allows me to

go into an altered state of mind and visit other dimensions. Now, I know that sounds ridiculous, but..."

"No," he interrupted, "I don't think it's ridiculous at all. For some reason this lamp has some kind of pull on me as well. I understand what you are saying, but..."

There was that strange feeling coming over him again.

"But?" August asked with her eyes focused on Charlie while her right hand was touching the lamp.

"Well," Charlie hesitated, "I am following a lead about this lamp. It appears that whoever buys the lamp - disappears."

That remark totally caught August off guard. She broke into huge laughter with Charlie chiming right in. This actually was good because some of the tension Charlie felt began to ease off. They sat and talked right up to the start of the auction, discovering how much they had in common.

The lamp was pushed on its wheels onto the floor and the bidding began. Charlie winced as it hit the \$1000 mark, but he almost cried when August got it for \$5000. He congratulated her and took a bold step.

"August, would you like some help getting your new lamp home?" he asked.

She took an equally bold step and said, "Yes, Charlie. I would appreciate it very much."

Charlie followed August to her home and helped her unload the lamp. When they were unloading it from her SUV, a strange sensation went through his entire body and mind. It felt like a mini shock had struck him and that something was trying to communicate with him.

[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.]

Woman's Clubbers Get Into the Spirit

Pensacola Beach Woman's Club Goes Goth

Don't be scared by the witches, goblins and divas who plan to take over the October 15 Pensacola Beach Woman's Club luncheon at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall. It's the gals' annual Halloween costume contest with prizes for the most outrageous, funny, and creative costumes.

The Native Café will cater the luncheon that begins with a social at 10:30 a.m.. The cost for the lunch is \$8 and reservations will be accepted until October 12 by Nancy Wyse 932-5998 or e-mail nancy@gulfbreezecats.net

Santa Rosa Woman's Club Breezes Through Holidays

The Santa Rosa Woman's Club will start your holiday season off with the Breezing Through The Holidays luncheon, Thursday, November 5 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 100 Daniel Drive in Gulf Breeze. The event which begins at 11 a.m. will feature a gourmet luncheon by Elaine's Catering, Day to Night Fashions by Dillard's Department Store, Holiday Decorations by Garden Gate Nursery, and a silent auction.

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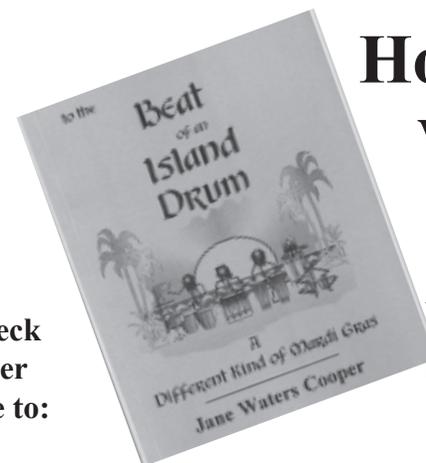


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A Cross in the Sand

By
Dr. Chuck Randle, Pastor
Pensacola Beach Community Church

I've noticed during the years I've been on the beach that beach people tend to look out for one another. There's a kind of bonding between our owners of businesses, the Beach Elementary School and the two churches – Our Lady of the Assumption, and the Beach Community Church. Although there is great diversity in the belief system of our churches, there is a closeness, not just because of the geographical proximity, but because we both have a great concern and love for people. Members and friends of both churches move back and forth to participate in social activities and special programs. I'm proud and honored to be a part of this beach fellowship.

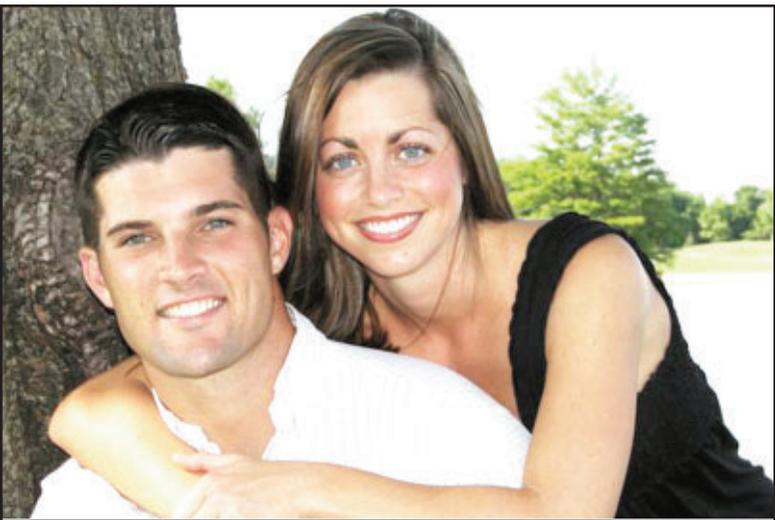
One of our diverse beliefs centers around Communion/the Eucharist. The differences are deep and greatly meaningful to members of both groups. In Our Lady of the Assumption Church, the Eucharist is observed each Sunday. In our Beach Church, we schedule Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Other

Protestant churches may observe Communion weekly, monthly, or occasionally. Sunday, October 4, Protestant churches around the world joined with our Catholic friends for World Communion Sunday.

As we received the bread, and wine or grape juice, we knew that Christians throughout the world had symbolically joined hands and hearts to celebrate this great sacrament of our Christian Faith.

In our Beach Church, we used ethnic breads from various countries of our world in our Communion, and members and friends baked and offered their favorite breads for which contributions were collected to support the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen in Pensacola.

A great compliment was paid to the early Christians, and we still experience it in many ways – "See how these Christians love one another." And the wonderful and amazing thing is that it is not just Christians that are loved, but all of God's people. May it ever be so!



Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Denise) Novascone, Wichita, Kansas proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Marie Novascone, Wichita, Kansas (formerly of Pensacola Beach) to Captain Seth Adam Gulsby, U.S. Army, Ft. Riley, Manhattan, Kansas, (formerly of Pensacola Beach) son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert (Bette) Harriman of Pensacola Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen (Cindy) Gulsby of Gulf Breeze.

Amanda is a 2006 graduate of the University of Kansas with a degree in journalism. She is currently employed as a school teacher in Wichita.

Seth is a 2002 graduate of Gulf Breeze High School and a 2006 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He is a Captain in the United States Army and a OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter pilot stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas and is a veteran of the war in Iraq.

Seth proposed to Amanda March 31 on a scenic overlook of the Waimea Canyon in Kauai, Hawaii while on vacation. The couple will be married on November 28, 2009 in Kansas City, Kansas.



Former Beach resident Dustin Travis and Lisa Ulrich of Hoboken, New Jersey, were married last month in Spring Lake, New Jersey. Dustin's father Kim Travis and Steven Roupe served as his groomsmen. Jaqui Travis is the mother of the groom. Dustin is stationed in Afghanistan.

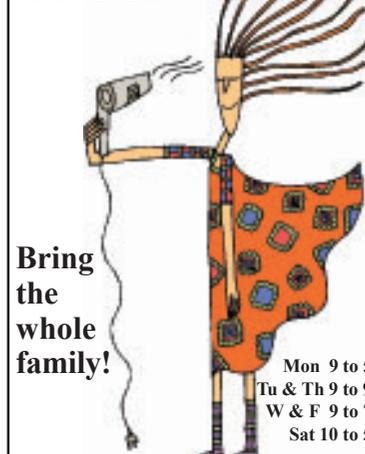


Deborah and Clyde Patroni celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary Saturday, September 12. The Pensacola Beach couple were honored by friends and neighbors with a champagne toast before they went to Pensacola for a romantic dinner at Jackson's.

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readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick

Fall fishin is in full swing and the flatfish are here early; and are big this season. Jenny "Lionheart" Doherty hooked an amazing 6.5 pounder, along with a few others, on a recent trip with her mate Trace Lewis. Trace also had a fine time of it with his version of a "board" meeting. Bull Minnows are the bait of choice. Although they were tight lipped about the location of the catch, it's somewhere between the Bob Sikes Bridge and Ft. Pickens, and there are rocks all around it.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun's player of the month Justin Scher seems to be having a lot of luck

with his new rod and reel, too. Justin has caught and released two Ling around the Deer Point. area while wading and fishing with live pinfish in the last couple of weeks. It's a rare thing to land one of these in the Santa Rosa Sound. Looks like all the rules and conservation steps are paying off to me. It's very good karma for Justin, too. Releasing fish that are not in the slot when you could sneak off them, scores big points with the Fishing Gods. Take a picture and move on.

It went down below 70 degrees last night and those door mat sized Flounder are out there, so do yourself a favor and Go Fishin'.



Trace Lewis and his faithful black lab have called a Board Meeting to order. Sitting on the Board are five flounder who graciously joined a recent fishing trip. They also were invited to dinner at Trace's house, as the featured guests.

Brandon Carey with two fistfuls of fish caught two weeks ago in Santa Rosa Sound. According to his fishing buddy Justin Scher, Brandon is an experienced angler with great luck. He always comes home with a good catch.



Pensacola Beach resident Craig Wood, left, finished in the money at the Pensacola Recreational Fishing Association's tournament, Sept. 20. He weighed in a 1.7 pound Black Snapper at Shoreline Park to earn second place in the Snapper Division. Gary Schurner awards Craig his \$50 winner's check.



Trace Lewis reeled in this nice Flounder, Sept.18 somewhere in Santa Rosa Sound on live bull minnows.



Angler Jenny Dougherty shows off her September 18 Flounder catch. She has a secret flounder spot in the Sound.



Justin Scher nabbed a Ling in Santa Rosa Sound last month. After the photo session the Ling was set free.

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