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Saluting Veterans

Military Honored at Beach Parade



Members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will salute those who served by participating in Veteran's Day parades and ceremonies. Pensacola Beach residents Glenn Windham, left, and Mike Cook, right, are Purple Heart recipients and members of the local chapter. Military Order of the Purple Heart Commander Gene Loving, center, coordinates the chapter's participation in Veteran's Day events. For more on this story and information on the Pensacola Beach Veteran's Day Parade, see Page 2.

Veterans To Parade Along Flag Lined Streets

Gulfside Pavilion Ceremonies Recall Sacrifices of Military Men and Women

American flags will fly over the core area of Pensacola Beach from November 6 to November 12 honoring the area's military veterans.

The annual Veteran's Day parade will roll along the flag laden streets, beginning at 11 a.m. on Veteran's Day, Wednesday November 11. The procession will begin at the Via de Luna Shopping Center and end at the Gulfside Pavilion.

Although plans were not complete at

press time, the line-up will include the Pensacola Beach American Legion Post 379 presenting the colors. Post member Jeff Goudey will carry the American flag. Other entries are: a float from the Pensacola Veteran's Administration, Hadji Shrine Temple float and mini cars, United States Marine Corps, POW cycles, Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge, *Island Times* newspaper honoring Marine Corps and Coast Guard veterans, Cub Scout Pack 11 marching and wearing their Class A uniforms.

When the entourage arrives at the Pavilion, the colors will be

posted and there will be an introduction of dignitaries, patriotic music and speeches.

lives to preserving and protecting our freedom, will never be forgotten."

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The highlight of the Gulfside ceremony will be the annual presentation of the Missing in Action/Prisoner of War Empty Chair. The master of ceremonies will read from the official text, "This is done to remember the incredible cost paid by those who gave their all to help preserve the freedoms we enjoy, those gallant individuals who fought and died for this country. Yet, it is in remembering our fallen comrades that we are reminded of those whose fate is still unknown, those listed as Missing in Action, and Prisoners of War. These courageous Americans, who dedicated their

At the present time more than 78,000 Americans are still unaccounted for from World War II; 8,100 from Korea; 120 from the Cold War; 1,810 from Vietnam.

Two beach residents who will be part of local Veteran's Day activities are Purple Heart

recipients Glenn Windham and Mike Cook. They are members of the Susan Lane Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Each of its 41,000 members was wounded in combat for which they received the Purple Heart.

After graduating from the United States Military Academy, Cook served in the United States Army for 28 years. He was wounded in Vietnam. He retired at the rank of Colonel.

Glenn Windham was a machine gunner during the Vietnam War, where he was wounded. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1967 to 1969.

George Scribner of the Elk's Lodge is in charge of the

Veteran's Day ceremony and parade. There is no charge for entering the parade, but you need to reserve your space by emailing Scribner at perelkgeo@aol.com or call the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge at 850-932-4444.

The Pensacola Beach Elementary School will not hold classes on Veteran's Day, so students can view the parade and attend the ceremony. However, Beach restaurants and shops will be open all day.

Pensacola Beach Veteran's Day Parade

Wednesday, November 11 • 11 AM
Via de Luna from Avenida 10
to the Gulfside Pavilion

SRIA To Reach Beach Leaseholders Via Email

Every leaseholder on the island will soon be able to get messages via email from the Santa Rosa Island Authority if a proposal by Buck Lee, executive director, clears the Full Board at their November 3 meeting. The Administrative Committee at their October 28 meeting approved the request.

The staff will launch a postcard campaign to alert both commercial and residential leaseholders that they will be able to visit a special Santa Rosa Island Authority website to opt in to the email announcement system. They will have to provide an email address at which to receive messages from the Authority.

Buck Lee said "If the Full Board approves this, we will have a special website created to accept the requests from the leaseholders to be part of our email database. At any point that we have an important message we can send it to the leaseholders."

Buck continued. "This would be very helpful in notifying residents and business owners when to evacuate for storms and when they can return. It will also be used for important meeting notices when public input is required."

Directions on how to become part of the email announcement system will be distributed via postcard to each leaseholder.

Utilization of certain areas of the Beach for profit-making enterprises occupied the time of the Development and Leasing Committee. The wedding parties and the havoc they create were once again discussed.

"Our staff needs to develop some way to cure this problem," said Fred Gant, Island Authority chairman. "Do not tell me we can do nothing. We can do something about this. We must find a way to make an impact and stem the tide. Or else this will escalate. We have to stop this trend."

Board member Dave Pavlock made a motion that they examine the issues associated with this problem. He wants to include the review of sales tax and bed tax for short term rentals.

"I also want to know what the ordinances are with regard to the running of a business in a residential area along with zoning, parking and safe passage of emergency vehicles."

This item will remain in commit-

tee for additional study.

Hal Harris' request for more picnic tables and the relocation of the recycling container at his mobile food vendor's business location at Fort Pickens gate, met with resistance when the Board learned that he had violated their agreement by making changes without their approval.

The Authority originally gave Harris the green light to sell hot dogs and hamburgers from a vendor's cart. Since then he had added a port-o-let, picnic tables, and an ice machine, none of which have SRIA approval.

Board member Vernon Prather recommends that this item go back to staff and through the review process or Harris should confine his operation to the original agreement.

The financial report was upbeat as usual when Dottie Ford, finance director, said the amount collected for August was \$447,476, which is 13 percent higher than what was expected.

The next SRIA meeting will be the Full Board at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4 at the Authority Office.



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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



Bits and Pieces

GREEK SECRET

What I learned from a Greek chef in a New Orleans restaurant makes Cloves superstars. When I asked him why everything tasted so good at his place, even the lamb was a palate's delight. "Ah, it is the cloves," he replied. "Put a little bit of ground cloves in everything, meats, soups, salads, dressing, red beans and rice. Everything."

I took his advice many years ago and to this day, when I cook, I always add a touch of cloves. Even to hot Mexican chili. Try it.

STATESMAN MARY

When Mary Drees went to Delta State College in Mississippi, the students and the football team were known as the Statesmen. I noted in a recent Barefoot that the mascot for Delta State is Okra. Yes, the vegetable which makes gumbo taste like gumbo. From a sedate Statesman to a mischievous piece of Flying Okra. Is this progress?

FRANK'S DANG FURRINER

My husband, Frank, thought he had found a spread of rogue weed, Vitex, growing across the street on the sandy beach. Vitex was the plant the folks in North Carolina imported from Korea which was supposed to be beach-friendly. In fact, it turned

out to be all bad, clogging turtle nesting areas and doing nothing to stabilize the sand.

Frank notified the SRIA about the plant which seemed to have been brought in by some sea oat planting. Buck Lee and Matt Mooneyham, promptly responded, checked it out, and showed it to a plant expert who declared it harmless.

Frank, a gentleman from Georgia, said. "It was only some danged furriner."

WHAT DO I WEAR ON SUNDAY GAMEDAY?

I dress in my Saints caps, and an old Saints shirt which has no rips or tears. I wear white shorts or white jeans depending on the weather. I also have a gold chain with a gold heart and Fleur de lis pendant, a bracelet to match, and a ring covered with Fleur de lis to match the bracelet.

HOW DO I DECORATE ON GAMEDAY?

A flag flies between the kitchen and living room. I invite my artifact, Paddy, to sit on the coffee table, to

view the game with me. He is leprechaun given to me by Paddy Blake; and now has his own Saints costume. He appears to be very cheerful at the moment. Like all Saints fans.

WHAT IS MY PREGAME MEAL ON SAINTS DAY?

We always eat seafood gumbo complete with crabs, shrimp, oysters, okra and other voodoo prepared especially for Saints fans by Cajun Specialty Meats in town. We drink only water. We have no sorrows to drown.

WHAT IS OUR POST GAME ROUTINE?

I talk to Bobby D. We congratulate the Saints and ourselves for the years and years of patience we have shown to get to Six and O.

As Bobby and I always say in unison, "Who dat? Who dat? Who dat gonna beat dem Saints?"



Who Dat?

receive from the diligence with which this organization is operated. Joining will mean you will not only know what's going on, it will mean you are also part of it all.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

While you are at it, join one of the Mardi Gras krewes while the membership books are still open. If you like friends, frivolity and fantasy, get inside the Mardi Gras magic. You may soon be a king or a queen. Try it. You'll like it.



Paddy The Saints Irishman

IS IT WINTER ALREADY?

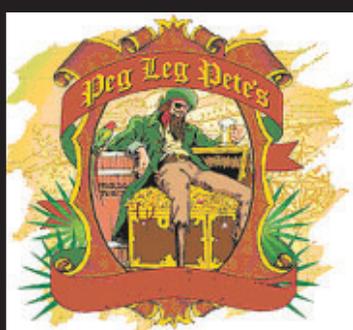
Yes. It was dark in the mornings until Halloween. Then summer's daylight savings went away and we can officially say winter is here. In the meantime, enjoy every warm day that comes your way for the next few months.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE BEACH?

ECUA has a place to bring your used cooking oil. They assure you they will take the used stuff and convert it to fuel. It's an easy process. Just pick up an empty can at the site, fill it with drippings from bacon, ribs and steaks, and take it to the reclamation center between the school and Cowley Park. Pick up an empty can and start over again. You will have avoided clogging your sink and provided automobile fuel. That's what I call a wonderful environmental step forward.

PAY YOUR DUES

While we are on a roll for good stuff, pay your dues to the Pensacola Beach Advocates. Thirty bucks a year per family or business is a paltry sum for the benefits you

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PEOPLE



TRAINING CAMP

U.S. Army veteran Matt Dress, who was raised on Pensacola Beach, will report for a two week Pre-Mobilization Leadership Training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Matt says this allows him to focus on leading the troops versus being trained during deployment. Although he will miss the Veteran's Day parade, he promises to be home in time for Thanksgiving.

SEALED WITH A KISS

Gene Simmons rock 'n' rolled all night at the Civic Center before spending the next day enjoying Pensacola Beach. SRIA Events Coordinator Robbie Lofty emailed that Simmons was eating lunch at The Dock. Sixth grade beach resident Chad Harvey reported that his friend, Trey Wright got to shake Simmons' hand while getting his CD autographed.

FIRST PLACE PORK

Iron chef, move over. Here comes Island Chef Paul Robinson into the kitchen. Paul won the best overall pork dish at the Bananimal's Luau October 4. Jacque McMillion was his culinary consultant. Brenda Roberts and Rusty Kleinsmith won a quick-to-evaporate bar tab for having the best Luau costumes at the Sandbar on the rain soaked afternoon.

HOCKEY FAN

Chic Demera was among the hundreds of hockey fans who got to meet and greet the new Ice Flyers players at Paradise Bar and Grill October 24.

HALF DOZEN

Rick Uzdevenes and his lovely wife Janie toasted a half dozen years of wedded bliss on October 30. After a romantic dinner on the Beach, they presented \$1115 to the Beach School from the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun tournament.

TIARA TIME

Tracey Mitchell wore a tiara every day for the entire year that she reigned as the Krewe of Wrecks Queen. She accumulated a real col-

lection of casual and classic tiaras. Now her daughter, Lindsey, has her first tiara as a member of the Northeast Pensacola Football Homecoming Court. She will have to start her own collection.

HE'S A PLAYER

Brandon Mattair, who coaches the Gulf Breeze High School Band's Drum Line, has earned a place in the Pensacola Civic Band. You can see him perform during the holidays at PJC's Ashmore Auditorium, December 14.

BEST PUTTER

American Legion Putt Putt Tourney teed up at the Tiki Island Golf and Games with 72 players on the course Saturday, October 17. Keith Howell was declared the winner. He has bragging rights until next year.

NURSE CARLEEN

Carleen Wheeler says everything is back to normal at the Draper residence now that Edie is home from the hospital. She was lending a hand and reports that Edie is feeling much better. All is well.

IN IT TO WIN IT

Pearl Clarkin, 14, needs your votes. She has entered the CMT Music City Madness contest, a singer/songwriter's competition. You can help her vie for a chance at a record deal by visiting the CMT (Country Music Television) website, then to Music City Madness to vote.

A LA NATURAL

Jim and Margaret Cunningham returned from a trip to Vegas, but shunned the glitz and glamour for tours of the nearby national parks and monuments. They logged lots of miles in their rental car, but did not make it to Area 51 or the newly opened clear walk-out over the Grand Canyon.

SCARY PEOPLE

Thomas Fitzgerald and Chase Dupuis were the monsters in the Beach Church's Haunted House October 25. Who knew such nice kids could be such scary characters?

Trivia

The witches who fly over Pensacola Beach every Halloween cast a spell on the pompous Trivia Master and brought him to his knees. He had the audacity to ask a question about their legitimacy and they answered him with everything but a dunk in the cauldron. He just asked a simple question, "What does this snaggletoothed, peaked hat, broom carrying group call itself on Halloween?"

Somehow, this question did not sit well with the lovely, exotic ladies, so they cast a spell over him. The Trivia Master was sure they were known as the Witches of Beachwick.

"Go jump in the cauldron," emailed Lynn Cieutat. "It's the Coven of Steele."

Chuck Steele recalled, "About a dozen SOBs were gathered at a beach watering hole and to me this spelled trouble. You look like

you have a full coven," he remarked.

They jumped on this idea and were called the Coven of Steele, and next Halloween all dressed up as witches.

"I can prove that was the name because Robin Taylor made a poster with the name on it," said Cieutat.

The t-shirt goes to Lynn and the Trivia Master is out scraping egg off his face.

However, in his defense even the SOBs don't know for sure who they are. Amy DePew guessed Coven of Witches. And, Dr. Courtney Winstead said, "I have done my homework. How about the Sandspur Witch Project?"

Melody Spink agreed it was Sandspur Witch Project, and added, "Send me my t-shirt!"

Sorry, Melody. Not this time. Try again.

The publisher is still trying to

find the Trivia Master. The last time she saw him, he was asking a frog to marry him. The frog said no.

So the publisher is digging into her own Beach lore to find an easily answered question. Several proud female veterans always rode in the Beach Veteran's Day parade. Some have moved away, some have passed away, and some still live on the Beach. Can you name one of them? First and last name please.

Note to the Coven of Steele: Please remove the spell from the Trivia Master, before he finds a frog who will say yes.

The rules are the same. Be the first to email the correct answer to win a coveted t-shirt. Send your answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with "trivia" in the subject line and include your name, phone number. Deadline to answer is Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

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Tax Suit Still Not Settled- Kepner Gives New Information To PBA

"Who owns a place out here on the Beach?" Danny Kepner asked the 180 attendees at the Pensacola Beach Advocates meeting on October 21. Hands went up.

"No," Kepner said. "You lease the land and if you put a building on this leasehold, it vests to the County."

This was Kepner's way of telling the leaseholders what his law firm, Shell, Fleming, Davis and Menge, has argued for them in the tax litigation lawsuit which is now going into its eighteenth month without a decision from Judge Michael Jones.

"In May of 2008 I was arguing before Judge Jones on your behalf that the taxes you are being assessed are invalid and void under Florida Law," Kepner said.

Kepner told the group that suits filed separately by Portofino, American Fidelity and the commercial interests on Pensacola Beach have been lost.

Kepner explained that the difference in the leases on Pensacola Beach and Navarre Beach is the renewal clause. If the lease has an automatic renewal, as in the Navarre Beach leases, then it is viewed as ownership. The AmFi case includes the former Dunes and Holiday Inn. One has a renewal clause and one does not. A decision has not yet been made in this case.

After the tax discussion, Rick Finch, Beach resident on the Consolidated Government subcommittee in charge of the future of the Santa Rosa Island Authority, said, "I believe consolidation is good for Escambia County and Pensacola."

He continued, "My committee

considered the issues which surround the tax litigation along with the disposition of the SRIA, and we recommended that the SRIA be left in place. Since the plan will go before the voters, a change like that might derail the entire consolidation plan."



Kepner

PBA Board member Darell McIntyre gave an update on the accomplishments of the PBA during its first year in existence, citing eight major items the PBA

has tackled.

"The genesis of this group was the tax litigation," McIntyre said. "However, there is a need for leaseholders to understand and be represented in all areas."

One area where the PBA will take a leadership role is in the master plan for Pensacola Beach.

Rob Wilson, Villa Sabine resident commented that "Pensacola Beach is a very unique entity, separate from Escambia County and Pensacola. I think it is important that we have a strong voice for planning. Kudos to the group for representing the Beach's voice as it relates to this process."

Five directors were accepted by the membership for the upcoming year. They are Jim Cox, Scott Holland, Darell McIntyre, Max Scroggin and Ray Ascherfeld.

The October 21 meeting was the annual meeting of the group. The PBA does not meet on a regular basis, but calls meeting when there are issues of importance to be discussed. For more information, go to www.pbadvocates.org.

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peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis

The Witches of Beachwick - even we witches had forgotten what we called ourselves last Halloween at the Krewe of Wrecks costume contest. Excellent trivia question from the Trivia Master!

Of course, we traded in our luxury brooms this year for compact ones because of the economy. You know it's bad when it effects the witches. Even Lila Cox is flying a hybrid these days. But what fun we had (and how cool was Richard Johnson in his "I Love Witches" t-shirt?).

Everybody loved us and enjoyed our costumes with the exception of the poker players when we stopped to parade through the Shaker. They were not quite so pleased to see us as the rest of the patrons...oh well, that game is way too serious anyway. But I bet they won't forget us!

We definitely need identification badges next year. We won the Costume Contest at the Krewe of Wrecks and without us there would not have been a contest at all! Come on people! Poor Vern Phillips had no idea what to call us. He started with Nereids and we had to "shout out" to remind him that we were the Sisters of the Beach.

Speaking of the SOB's, our Christmas Brunch is scheduled for December 6 at Flounders at 11 a.m. Mark your calendars ladies because, as always, it's gonna be a bubbly good time. In fact, we've decided to schedule the SOB brunch for the first Sunday in December every year.

That will make it a lot easier to remember. God knows, we need a lot of help in that department.

The SOB's decided to honor Chuck LeBum L'Oignon this year by participating in the American Legion Putt-Putt Tournament. It was his creation and I took my grandson Jesiah the very first year. He wore his superman pajamas that year, since they were "kinda like clothes."

Lois Jernigan (who I did not even know at the time) walked by and commented on the pj's and expressed a desire to have worn her own. So, we were ALL supposed to play in

pajamas although the weather was not very cooperative. Only Christine Bunkie Hewerdine, Jesiah and I actually wore pj's and I'm sure people wondered what that was about. So, now you know.

Anyway, Chuck was definitely chuckling (or more probably rolling around the streets of gold in total disabling belly laughter). Johnnie Bohannon decided to keep score for our team which consisted of Christine, Paulette Provost, Charlotte Spencer, Jesiah and me. We came to play and not really to win, so we weren't bothered by the fact that Johnnie just wrote down random numbers on the scorecard. However, we had no idea that she would actually turn in the scores.

So you can imagine Jeff Goudey's surprise and dilemma when nine-year-old Jesiah scored a 33 on an eighteen-hole course. I had to go tell him to cross our entire team from the board as our 'scores' were not real. He was quite relieved, but y'all know Jeff loves a mess anyway.

Although he says each year is the last he will be in charge, he always adds one more year. So, we'll see ya next year Jeff, but we are really going to practice for that hole-in-one with the \$100 prize. For real....I promise.

This week's recipe comes from my friend and SOB Chrissy Cook. This recipe was one of those printed for use with Lila Cox's fresh herbs. I love shrimp any way you cook it, but I was especially intrigued with this recipe because it's baked.

So, here you go, Chrissy - I owe you one anyway because you so graciously joined me in "shooting" Champagne at the SOB sip-off.

So, let's cook....

Herb Crusted Shrimp

¼ Cup chopped basil
¼ Cup chopped mint
¼ Cup chopped parsley
¼ Cup chopped cilantro
2 Garlic cloves, minced
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
½ Tsp. salt
¼ Tsp. coarsely ground pepper

1 ½ Lbs. large shrimp, peeled and deveined

Preheat oven to 450 degrees and coat baking pan with non-stick spray. Combine all ingredients (except shrimp) mixing well. Add shrimp and toss to coat. Arrange shrimp in single layer on baking sheet and bake until opaque and cooked through (about 6 minutes).

For an appetizer, thread shrimp onto short skewers and serve with a dipping sauce of mayonnaise mixed with chopped capers, lemon juice and grated lemon zest.

Man, that sounds good! So, enjoy, share and don't forget to join the Krewe of Wrecks!

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The last poker card will be drawn at Bamboo Willie's at 10 p.m. and the awards will follow.

Wine Talk

By David Griffin,
Beach Wines &
Liquors



A SENSE OF PLACE

One of the factors that strongly influences wine is the soil in which the grapes are grown. You could say that, in effect, wine is "liquid geography." The French used the word "terroir," which means "soil" and is part of the phrase "gout de terroir" (taste of the soil). This concept includes not only the type of soil (whether it is chalky, gravelly, sandy, etc.), but also such geographic factors as (micro) climate, altitude, sun exposure, drainage, etc. To some degree each and every one of these facets of the grapes' natural environment plays a role in shaping the personality of the wine, just as your family, home and region played a role in shaping your personality. HINT: U.S. winemakers use the term "microclimate" to refer to the immediate geographic and climatic conditions that affect the grapes.

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Wrecks Meeting Sidelines
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November 23
Wrecks Meeting Bimini Bar
November 30
Wrecks Meeting Paradise
December 7
Wrecks Mtg Bamboo Willie's
December 14
Wrecks Meeting The Break
January 4
Wrecks Meeting Flounder's
January 11
Wrecks Mtg Paddy O'Leary's
January 18
Wrecks Meeting PegLeg's
January 25
Wrecks Meeting The Islander
February 1
Wrecks Meeting Elk's Lodge

Mardi Gras on the Island

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January 9 Nereids King Cake Party, Paradise, 3 PM
January 15 Nereids Moonpie Party, Sandshaker
January 16 Krewe of Junanoo, Chili CookOff, Shaker, 1 PM
January 23 Nauga Champagne Breakfast, Dock, 10 AM
January 27 Krewe of Brew Black Tie Ball, Elk's Lodge
January 30 Nereids Mystical Ball, Elk's Lodge
January 30 Bananimals Ball, Bay Beach Inn
January 31 Beach Babe Contest & Cajun Boil, Shaker, 3 PM

February 6 Krewe of Kids Parade
February 6 Wrecks Grand Costume Ball
February 8 Queen's Dinner, Flounder's, 7 PM
February 8 King's Dinner, Elk's Lodge, 7 PM
February 13 Wrecks Champagne Breakfast
February 14 Krewe of Wrecks Parade, 2 PM
February 15 Red Beans and Rice Luncheon, Casino Beach, 11
February 16 Krewe of Coma, Sandshaker, 7 PM

More details will appear as the season nears.

Not all events are open to the public.

Some events require tickets.



BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stukey, Your Computer Pal

Q: "Should I upgrade to Windows 7?"

A: The new Windows 7 operating system was released for sale this week, replacing the Vista software. Many people are hoping that the software will be an improvement over Vista. The Vista software has been plagued by bad publicity because of its incompatibility with existing hardware and software, annoying pop-ups, and its slow performance.

Installing Windows 7 will most likely solve some of those problems, even though, under the hood, it is still Vista. Early reports tell us that it is faster and less cumbersome. The real question is "how complicated is the upgrade?"

It will not be as simple as popping in the CD. Be sure that you have plenty of time available, because the upgrade will take several hours. Optional programs, such as Windows Mail, have to be downloaded afterwards.

Windows XP users should first make sure their computer is capable of handling Windows 7. The Windows 7 upgrade does not work on computers with XP installed. Windows XP users must do a "clean" in-

stallation. In my opinion, Windows XP users should consider buying a new computer with Windows 7 already loaded.

Microsoft would actually prefer that everyone, including Vista users, do a clean installation. It could prove to be quite a project, because that involves backing up all important files and removing everything from the hard disk before starting the Windows 7 installation.

The "Windows Advisor" program will tell you if any components in your computer are not going to work with Windows 7. After the upgrade is finished, all of your applications have to be installed, so make sure you have located all of your license numbers before you start.

If your Vista software is doing the job for you already, there is no reason to rush out and buy Windows 7 right away. Give it a few weeks and see what kind of feedback we get from the early adopters.

For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 206-3156.

The Hills Are Alive With The Sounds Of Beach Singers

Young Stars Set To Perform

A trio of Pensacola Beach residents will appear in the Pensacola Junior College Lyceum Series presentation of "The Sound of Music" Nov. 13-14 and Nov. 19-21, Nov. 15 and 22, at the Ashmore Fine Arts Auditorium, Building 8, on the Pensacola campus.

Brooke Heffernan, Savannah Green and Lainey Atkins will perform as the Von Trapp sisters.

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Step Back In Time At Historic Pensacola Festival

Historic Pensacola Village will host a Fall Festival Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The village will be open free to the public. The Fall Festival will focus on Pensacola's Spanish history with living history interpretation and continuous tours of the 1805 Lavalle House, a Spanish colonial period home.

"This is a great opportunity for those who are not familiar with early Pensacola to discover a fascinating history," said Dena Bush, museum educator.

Scavenger Hunts will be available for children and local archaeologists will conduct tours at the T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum. Also, the Museum of Commerce, Museum of Industry, Julee Cottage, Manuel Barrios Cottage, T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum and the Pensacola Historical Museum will be open for self-guided tours and visitation.

Historic Pensacola Village is a house museum and museum complex in the heart of Downtown Pensacola.

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Planners, Steering Committee Begin Search For True Identity of Pensacola Beach

What is Pensacola Beach? Who is Pensacola Beach? What can Pensacola Beach become in the future? Answers to these questions were the theme of the first meeting of the thirteen member steering committee on October 27. The meeting was held with members of Ed Stone and Associates, who are the planners for the Core Area Redevelopment and Island Beautification project.

"We need to sort out what makes us special and why people would want to choose us over other places," Julian MacQueen, Beach hotelier said. "We have a niche and our success depends on the degree to which we define it, expand on it, and improve it."

EDSA principle Paul Kissinger facilitated the meeting. Kissinger said these meetings were about the Pensacola Beach area.

"This committee represents many groups in this area," he said. "As consultants we look to this group to represent a larger constituency. The Steering Committee works in an advisory capacity. The overriding goal is for you to provide input to us. We want to come up with a compromise that is best for the overall community."

The EDSA team included the following recommendations as key elements of the planning process:

1. Make the plan attractive to residents first. When the public has access to the water, everyone wins. When the quality of the life of the residents increases, then everyone wins.

2. Island beautification and character enhancement

3. Develop a strategy to engage the public, maintain the unique identity of Pensacola Beach, create aesthetic quality, increase and maintain public access to waterfront, understand the carrying capacity of Pensacola Beach.

4. Address elements of transportation which include traffic circulation, congestion and parking.

Identify the elements of a parking shortage vs. a parking re-allocation element. Explore waterside transportation opportunities.

5. Create a list of questions to gather public input.

MacQueen spoke again suggesting there is a desperate need to create a sustainable economic base for the commercial restaurants and tenants on the island.

"We need a more pedestrian friendly beach and we need to cre-

ate a year around beach," he said. "The idea of parking your car only once is a beautiful thing."

MacQueen said the beach has come a long way in the last fourteen years.

"We are different than we were even four years ago. We need to be planning for the future, for the next generation," he said.

Robert Rinke, developer, asked what consultants would be involved in the process, and Kissinger replied that there were consultants who are specialists in water transportation, music venues, architects, special event programming, civil engineers, transportation, market analysts, eco and outdoor recreation specialists.

A copy of the Tindale-Oliver

traffic study, recently completed, was provided to each member.

The Steering Committee will meet with planners three times, but can meet additionally as needed.

The members of the Steering Committee are: Jim Cox, island resident and Pensacola Beach Advocates president; Julian MacQueen, Innisfree hotels founder; John Trawick, attorney; Rose George, mainland resident and beach leaseholder; Marilyn Woodbury Hess, American Fidelity (The Holiday Inn Express and Indigo hotels); JJ Waters, island resident and CAT Country radio sales manager; Robert Rinke, island resident and developer of Portofino, Emerald Isle, Verandas, Beach Club and owns an interest in

the Boardwalk; Jeff Elbert President of the Pensacola Beach Chamber and owner of Island Style; Fred Gant, Santa Rosa Island Authority Chairman and attorney; Jim Reeves, attorney; Tom Almon, beach resident; Michael Foley; Beach resident and Surf Burger owner; and Phylesia Baldwin, Business Development Specialist with the Gulf Coast African American Chamber.

In addition to Steering Committee meetings, the planning process will include three public input sessions. The second session will be held in Escambia County, possibly at the County Commissioners boardroom. The date, time and location have yet to be announced. All meetings are open to the public.



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Florida Gator Fan Phillip Simoneaux putts past the rascally reptile on Hole 18 of the Tiki Island course during the Pensacola Beach American Legion Post's annual Putt Putt Tourney October 17. The charity event raised funds for veterans programs.

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Capt JR Hinojosa and Sean Rogan are at the helm of the Beach Chamber's Lighted Boat Parade which is set for Friday, December 11. Capt JR, who owns Blue Marlin Water Taxi, will be learning the ropes from Rogan who guided this event for years. Boaters who wish to participate should call the Pensacola Beach Chamber at 932-1500.

WOOF

The Gulf Breeze Chamber is hosting Pet Fest, Saturday, November 21 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gulf Breeze Elementary School. Space for vendors is still available. Call the Chamber at 932-7888 to get an application.

DOWN DIVA

Pandora de Balthazar has returned home to the Beach after featuring her antique linens at one of the largest antique expositions in the South. The show at Round Top, Texas has grown so large over the last forty-one years, that it attracts dealers and enthusiasts from across the country. Pandora is back just in time to finalize details for the Breakfast with Santa foster children's event which she chairs.

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The Gulf Breeze Chamber hosted a fundraiser at Hemingway's Bimini Bar October 23. The themed event, Hitchcock Goes To Vegas, had Chamber members like Vicky Rankin, right, dressed as the Hitchcock character Tippi Hedron from The Birds. Kelvin Chaplin was the stickman at the craps gaming table and kept the dice rolling.



Gulf Chamber Executive Director Meg Peltier, left, awarded Doug Jolly the Texas Hold 'Em trophy for his winning style at the Chamber fundraiser October 23 at Bimini Bar.

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Beach Chamber Seeks Advertising Agency

The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce is seeking an agency to administer their advertising funds. They finalized the details of the process at their October 21 meeting. They will send a request to all agencies in the area asking for interest and qualifications. Two top agencies will be invited to come to make a presentation to the Selection Committee. The Chamber funds are earmarked for the promotion of their off season events.

Jeff Elbert, president, noted that the Chamber will be involved in the Core Area Redevelopment Plan.

"We will collect the views of all businesses, not just the members of the Chamber," he said. "We will invite all businesses to a series of roundtable discussions to get everyone's input."

Maureen LaMar, Executive Director will lead the 2010 Election of Officers. She will select three members to serve as members of the nomi-

nating committee. Officers will be selected next month from among the current board members.

In other business Elbert announced that a specially designed water bottle which will continue the eco-friendly initiative that the Pensacola Beach Advocates started will be available for sale soon.

"We should encourage everyone on the island to reduce the number of plastic bottles which clog the landfills," Elbert said.

A first for the Chamber was the representation at the annual Fall Leadership Summit of Regional Chambers at the Hilton Sandestin Resort and the Regional Meeting of the Northwest Florida Chamber Coalition on November 12 at the Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City. LaMar will represent the Chamber at both meetings.

The Chamber Board will meet next on November 17 at the SRIA boardroom at 5 p.m.

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Planning Firm Wanted Input - They Got It

After Ed Stone and Associates and the thirteen members of the Steering Committee set the tempo of the conduct and progress of work on the Core Development and Island Beautification on Pensacola Beach, the group then hosted a public meeting the next day, Wednesday, October 28.

Paul Kissinger, EDSA principle, facilitator of the meeting, presented an overview of the steps in the planning process. These include: Consensus building, Workshops, Ongoing Concept Development, Funding, and Implementation.

Kissinger said, "We have to get as much input as possible to create a community based plan from community input. We must be creative in finding funding sources and finally, get the project built. I do not want this to be another plan which sits on a shelf."

Kissinger then presented a comprehensive list of the major areas of the planning study. They are: Toll Booth, Pensacola Beach Blvd. and water tanks, Visitor's Information Center, Core Business Area, Via de Luna and its streetscape, Beach parking areas, Amphitheatre on Beach, Gateway Entrances including the eastern entrance, and Fort Pickens Road.

In the first three days of the planning process, Kissinger and his team of consultants gathered a great deal of input.

He said, "We want to maintain the quality of why you live here and why people visit here. Here what we've heard so far."

The major ideas of what stakeholders would like addressed are:

- Landscaping and hardscape

- Parking, parking facilities
- Pedestrian access
- Traffic calming, circulation and congestion
- Transportation to Pensacola Beach via waterways, boat ramps and launches
- Ecotourism
- Outdoor recreation
- Live entertainment and accommodating it
- Engage the public in the planning process
- Pensacola Beach has a unique identity that needs to be maintained
- Improve the aesthetic quality of the Beach

Kissinger divided additional ideas by areas on the Beach. In the northern gateway to the island, the following ideas will be addressed:

- Fish sign in Gulf Breeze
- Bridge and Toll Booth need to be a gateway experience. The visual experience is important.
- Landscape quality
- Signage and wayfinding
- Water Tanks

The eastern entrance to the Beach has a very different character according to Kissinger because of travel through the Gulf Islands National Seashore to arrive on Pensacola Beach. The need for signage and creating a gateway were presented.

Ideas for Via de Luna and Fort Pickens Road were:

- Landscape characteristics and beautification
- Pedestrian walkways
- Bring interconnectivity to pedestrian areas
- Lighting for safety
- Safe access to beach
- Safe pedestrian crossing

- Connecting pedestrians access from Sound to Gulf

In addressing the Core Area, Kissinger said the plan will address:

- Casino Beach
- The Beach Ball
- Retail areas
- Restaurants
- Hotels and entertainment
- Parking
- Amphitheatre
- Pedestrian circulation
- Visitor's Center location
- Gulf Fishing Pier
- Traffic flow

As part of the planning process, data will be gathered which includes:

- Market statistics and demographics
- Who visits and what attracts people here
- The capacity of this area
- Economic and sustainability data

Numerous comments from Beach residents followed Kissinger's presentation. Traffic and parking were the major issues that surfaced in the public comments.

Harlan Butler, vice president of Innisfree Hotels, said, "I want to address the pedestrian Board-

walk extension along the Sound and then across the Gulfside. This would make us a more pedestrian friendly destination. We could provide entertainment such as street performers, mimes and have kiosks. It would be an attraction in itself."

Jerry Spiegel, who is rebuilding his home on Panferio visualized a Beach with fewer cars.

"We could have parking in Gulf Breeze and a monorail, electric cars, shuttles. Safe and environmentally sound," he said.

Ken Tonelli, a Beach resident, said he did not want a parking garage. "It would be costly and underutilized," he warned.

On the other hand, Mike Pinzone, owner of Papa's Pizza and manager of the Fishing Pier, said families tell him every day there is a need for more parking.

"We have 120 days that are very busy," he said. "So I am asking for a parking garage."

The comment by Danny Stevens struck at the heart of the matter, "In 1973 this was a family beach. What I see now is that it is a drinking destination. I would like

to see the family character come back."

Scott Holland, Pensacola Beach Advocates, brought a collection of comments gathered from the group's recent survey, which reflected the same diverse ideas made by many of the presenters.

Holland, then, made a personal observation, "I am an architect. I know you will do a great job and the SRIA did a great job in selecting you. Please don't forget to emphasize the maintenance, personnel and money that will be needed after all these improvements are made."

The public will have two more opportunities to voice their opinions concerning the redevelopment and beautification of the island. EDSA will take all of this input into consideration before submitting its final plan to the SRIA. If the SRIA signs off on the proposed plan, it will be sent to the County Commission. Commissioners will consider the raising of the bridge toll to \$2 to offset some of the costs of implementing the improvements.

The date and time of the next public meeting will be announced.



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The Lizzard's TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



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On November 1, 1921, General John A. Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921, that began the tradition of reading a summary of the history, mission, and traditions of the Corps to every command in the Corps for every year to follow on November 10 in honor of the founding of the Marine Corps. By 1925, this formal reading had become what is known today at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. In 1952, the event was formalized under Commandant General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. and written into the Marine Corps Drill Manual in 1956 so the time honored tradition would remain consistent throughout the years.

This year the United States Marine Corps will celebrate its 234th birthday. Marines, retired and active duty, their families and invited guests will honor this occasion by attending a birthday ball. The Corps is very clear on

protocol for this event. No presents needed. Just your presence required in full dress uniform or the civilian equivalent of black tie or evening gown to share in traditions held sacred by all Marines.

This will be my 19th Marine Corps Birthday Ball season that by association with my husband I've been a part of. I've attended this event as his girlfriend, fiancée, and wife. I have celebrated with other Marines' wives when our husbands were deployed overseas. Some years, The Colonel and I attended more than one ball.

I have rearranged business trips, work schedules, and doctor's appointments.

I've designed my own gowns and have spent anywhere from \$25 to \$1000 on store bought ones. I have had the audacity to wear the same gown twice, but not on the same coast or with the same squadron. I've even worn the well-loved and much shared squadron maternity evening gown because I was eight months pregnant for the 1997 ball.

I've been the designated driver on more than one occasion and have been the conduit to safe,

affordable overnight childcare. It always helps to live off base and have a neighbor with daughters old enough to drive and who are trustworthy to stay the night in your house with your kids.

I have hosted pre-ball parties and have continued to dance on way past my bedtime knowing full well that the next morning I would have to be up at o'dark-thirty with a small toddler who had slept all night and was raring to go.

Thank goodness The Kid is old enough these days to make his own breakfast. It makes a late night, or should I say early morning, much more doable.

So why the all sacrifice throughout the years and why not ever the attitude of you've been to one, you've been to them all? The Marine Corps Birthday Ball is mandatory for my husband. But for me, simply put, it's an honor and privilege, year after year, to attend this event and to be in a room with men and women who are either veterans of the battlefield or of the home front. Happy 234th Birthday, Marines.

Until next time.



Beach resident and Santa Rosa Island Authority Board member Dr. Thomas Campanella demonstrates the correct way to ride this stretched out custom beach cruiser at the Optimist's Club Bike Rodeo on Pensacola Beach October 7. Thomas' wife Debbie is a Beach School teacher and coordinates the bicycle safety event.



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"The broomstick parking area was completely full," Jeff Goudey, Running Around Wreck, said.

"And forty-four new members joined us on Monday," Melanie Waite, Keeper of the Exchequer added.

The Wrecks roamed around the ladies wearing the peaked hats at the Sabine Sandbar trying not to make any false steps among the costumed crowd, especially in front of Witch Lila Cox who was riding a pitch fork, a hybrid version of the old broomstick.

Chef Kathy Bratt Hagensick was especially popular since she brought supper of red beans and rice, salad, and French bread.

The New Orleans theme was carried over by King Tommy Grice who was dressed as a Saint from head to toe.

It was definitely a "Who Dat"

kind of party as Goudey was determined to make some serious kind of announcements. No one knows for sure if anyone heard them. He said the Thirtieth Anniversary t-shirts will go on sale at the next meeting and that special Krewe of Wrecks anniversary beads are being manufactured right now.

The final item was loud and clear, "You must be certified if you want to ride in the Krewe of Wrecks parade," Goudey said. "There will be three safety meetings, sponsored by the Association of Krewes, headed by Deb Friedman. All krewes must have a representative who will attend at least one meeting. He or she will then be certified which will allow the krewe to participate in the parade." He continued, "No certification, no riding in the parade."

That bit of sobering news didn't stop the frivolity, although krewes attending know that safety is the prime factor governing the Wrecks parade. They agreed with the news with a cheer and went on to the costume contest.

Winners were the Sandspur Witch Project of Paulette Provost, Amy DePew, Kathi Lewis, Charlotte Spencer, Nancy Kittel, Chrissy Cook, Courtney Winstead and Judy L'Oignon. Second place were the Cougar Witches Melanie Waite and Carleen Wheeler (look out all you young handsome guys); and third place went to Eco Green Witch Lila Cox.

Honorable mention went to a non-witch Margaret Cunningham who was an Alabama football fan.

Vern Phillips was the emcee of the contest and Morrie Drees and Betsy Phillips were the judges.

Don't let the most fun season of the year get away from you. Join the Krewe of Wrecks while the books are still open. Dues are \$30 per person. See page 6 of this edition to see what that amount will provide for you. Just remember there will be no more special parking for broomsticks. You can arrive at the next meeting by golf cart, boat, bicycle or automobile. Just be sure to bring your checkbook with you.



The Sandspur Witches cast a magical frivolity spell over all Krewe of Wrecks members at the kick off party at the Sabine Sandbar October 26. The witches in the front row are (L to R): Kathi Lewis, Melanie Waite and Charlotte Spencer. Hovering in the back row are (L to R): Carleen Wheeler, Judy L'Oignon, Nancy Kittel, Paulette Provost, Courtney Winstead and Amy DePew.

Harper Introduces Alternative TDC Funding Practices

Nan Harper, Beach Realtor, who is a member of the Tourist Development Council, brought the results of her research of the TDCs in Monroe and Pinellas Counties to the October 20 TDC meeting.

"These organizations shared with me how they allocate their money," she said. "Although they are dealing with greater amounts than we, they have structured formulas by which they allocate funds."

The Council Chairman Denis McKinnon tasked the TDC staff to review and compare these counties' funding methods and report to the workshop meeting scheduled for January 12 at 3:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Dave Pavlock, who is a member of the Santa Rosa Island Authority Board, spoke on the impact of the Five Flags Speedway. The Speedway is a private business and does not receive TDC funds, but Pavlock pointed out the economic impact is huge considering that the Snowball

Derby is the largest sporting event in Pensacola.

"It attracts entrants and fans from all over the country," Pavlock said. "The University of West Florida did an economic impact study on the Speedway and found that it brings 25,000 racing fans to Pensacola each December."

Pavlock noted that he had come to the TDC merely to raise awareness of the Speedway which is celebrating over fifty years of racing in Pensacola.

"I just want to raise the aware-

ness of what Five Flags Speedway does for our community," he said. "It's a family-friendly sport bringing a boost to Pensacola in the off season."

Pavlock did not ask for any financial help, but Jim Phillips representing MBT Divers did ask for some help for a reunion of the Oriskany veterans hosted October 26-29. An amount of \$5,000 was requested.

The next TDC meeting will be a council member workshop January 12 which is open to the public.



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Scher Bets and Bluffs His Way To Champions Title

Justin Scher joins the kings and queens of poker royalty after winning the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun October Player of the Month title. Scher has bluffed and bet his way to the champion's chair for three consecutive months.

"Justin Scher and Trace Lewis were in a close race," said Rick Uzdevenes, poker promoter. "It came down to the last games to determine who earned the Player of the Month title."

Weekly games are hosted at the

Sandshaker Lounge and Paddy O'Leary's Irish Pub. October 19 action started at 7 p.m. at the Shaker and a winner finally emerged well after 11 p.m. Dan Begin outlasted 17 players with Dr. Glenn Burleson claiming second place. Begin won again at the Shaker on October 26. The 18 challengers hung on for over four hours. Cassy Cady-Smith was the runner-up.

With the luck of the Irish and a solid stack of chips Todd Lentini

grabbed a win at Paddy O'Leary's on October 13. Diamond Donnie Beall finished second.

Results from Paddy's are as follows:

October 14

1. Natalie Lashier
2. Justin Scher

October 15

1. Justin Scher
2. Todd Lentini
3. Alicea T. Chellberg

October 20

1. Dorothy Mayalello
2. Jenny Doherty

October 22

1. Doug Williams
2. Terri McKamey

October 25

1. Matt Reynolds
2. Kristin Larmier

October 27

1. Richard Butler
2. Jackie Harrison
3. Kristin Larmier

From the Chip Stack

Welcome Matt Reynolds to the Beach Poker tables. Matt is a former professional poker player and undefeated at Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun. He is working as a resident at a local hospital hoping to be Doctor Reynolds soon.

A special Veteran's Day salute to our visiting player Doug Williams who was temporarily stationed here and joined our poker games. Thank you for your service.

No Poker on Wednesday nights. Please join us on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday.

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



Jenny Doherty, left, shows off the Royal Flush that she drew on the way to her second place finish behind Dorothy Mayalello, right, who was visiting the Beach from The Keys. Ladies ruled the tables on October 20 at Paddy O'Leary's.



Doug Williams with his giant stack of chips at the conclusion of the October 22 game at Paddy's .



Card sharp Justin Scher earned his third Player of the Month title for his winning play in October.

Gamers Ready For Charity Event

Dice will roll and cards will shuffle at the Gulf Isle Neighbors annual Fall Game Day charity fundraiser on November 11. Don't hesitate to get your \$20 check ready, today is the deadline.

The event will take place at the Pensacola Civic Center, 201 E. Gregory Street. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and games will start promptly at 10 a.m., with a lunch break at noon.

Bring your favorite game and your friends who like to play it. There will be door prizes and a raffle during the day. An acknowledgment of Veteran's Day will be included in the

festivities.

The charities that will receive donations this year include Alzheimer's Family Services, Pace Home for Girls, and Interfaith Ministries. Since founding the Club in 1996, over \$68,667 has been raised and donated to local charitable organizations.

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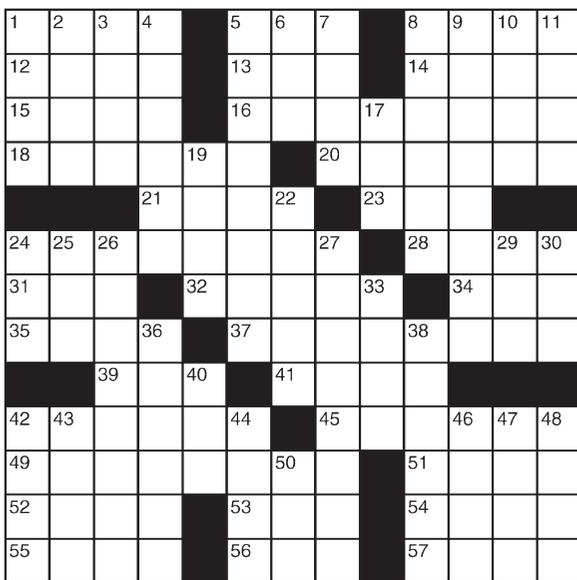
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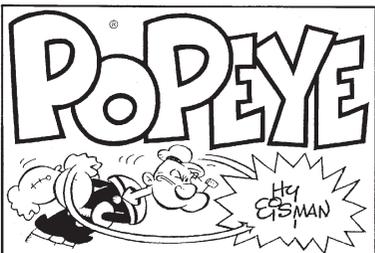
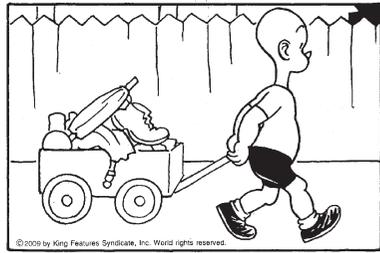
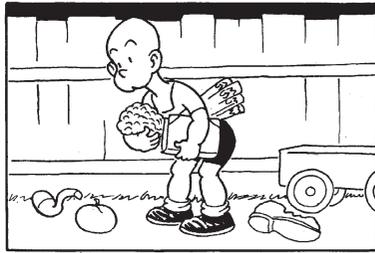
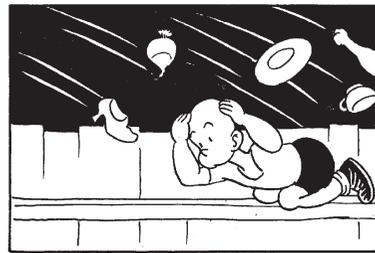
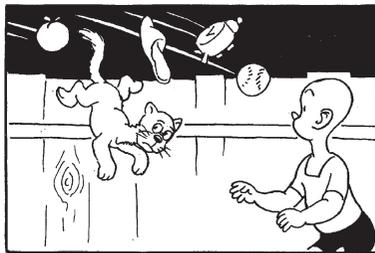
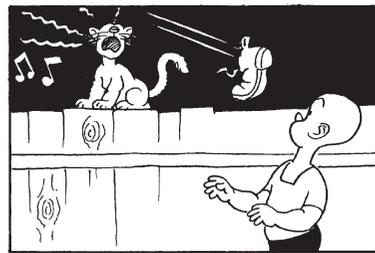
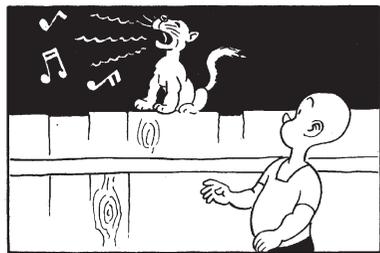
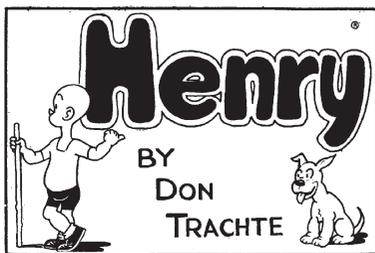
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"I get mad, but it's all over in a minute."

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Doris, who?

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that's why I had to knock!

November 11, 1918 - An armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, Veteran's Day is now observed on November 11.

The important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Mostly Nuts & Bolts

The Universal Light by Candace Segar

[This is Part VI of VI]

August was reeling from this profound announcement. Was she delusional or was this a horrific nightmare? She decided to continue with the conversation to find out more.

"It is impossible that I am your lab experiment," she said.

"And why is that?" the student asked, his curiosity piqued.

"Well, our universe is about 12 billion years old. Our Earth is four and one half billion years old. I am 35-years-old," August stated.

At that point August heard raucous laughter. She was afraid and now she was confused, but she continued, "And you are a student, and I am probably older than you."

More laughter ensued.

"Well nice try, but you and your universe are not more than four of your months old. What you think are your experiences are layers upon layers all happening simultaneously and created simultaneously by my experiment. What I didn't expect was the exponential rate at which my experiment grew. And I certainly didn't expect to interact with any of you," the student quietly said.

August was shaking at this response, but proceeded with her questions. "Have you created other universes?" she inquired.

"No, this is my first and it will be my last," he responded.

She thought about this for a few minutes and then ventured into the one question she really didn't want answered, "What are your plans for us?"

Just then there was a loud banging on the door. Charlie had raced at breakneck speed to get to August. His press credentials were laid out on the passenger seat just in case he was stopped for speeding. But luck was with him tonight, at least he thought it was.

"August, let me in, now," he pleaded. "Please, it's Charlie."

The banging continued but it was difficult for August to choose between the student and Charlie. Her natural inclination would have been to get up and answer the door. The lamp would not allow that - no, not tonight. The lamp held her hostage against her will.

Suddenly, she felt two powerful hands on her shoulders shaking

her vigorously as if her life depended on it. Her eyes were wide open, but she was still linked into the student's lab. Charlie lifted her up and placed her on her feet as if she were a rag doll. He forced her to walk, and then she snapped back into reality.

"Oh Charlie," she gasped as she grabbed him and clung to him fiercely.

"August, let's leave now. There is something bizarre about this lamp," Charlie said.

Right then August felt an emptiness in her mind and screamed. There was a click!

The End (of everything)

The author has provided an alternate ending which is available in the online version of this edition at www.myislandtimes.com. Click on News.

[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.*]

Throw A Bowl Event At PJC Promises Down And Dirty Fun

Pensacola Junior College invites the community to have some wheel fun Friday, November 13 at the third annual "Throw a Bowl for Manna" where guests get down and dirty throwing bowls at potter's wheels.

The hands-on fun runs 6 to 9 p.m. at the Anna Lamar Switzer Cen-

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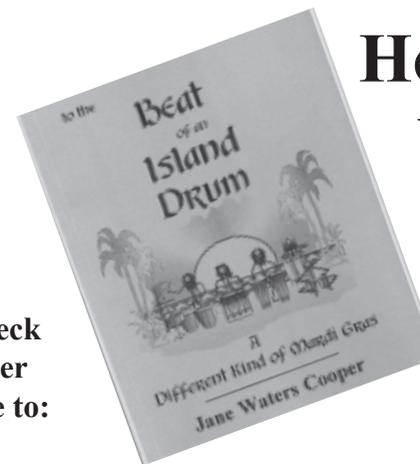


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How did it all start?

Who was there?

Learn the history of Mardi Gras on Pensacola Beach

A Cross in the Sand

By
Dr. Chuck Randle, Pastor
Pensacola Beach Community Church

On my way home from an activity the other evening, I stopped by the local grocery store to pick up a couple of items. As I was checking out I asked the young clerk when the store closed.

When she said 10 o'clock, I asked, "And tomorrow is school?"

When she said it was, I asked her when she was able to study, and she said there were study periods during the day. My response was, "You must be a very energetic person!"

I know other young people who work one and two jobs and carry a full load in college. I am deeply impressed and admire them greatly for their willingness to sacrifice sleep and leisure time in order to work so that they might afford to go to school. There's a lot to be said for that kind of dedication and

determination.

I imagine those young people are establishing patterns that will serve them well in the years ahead. They must learn to prioritize, to sacrifice the immediate for future goals, and, undoubtedly, they learn the value of work and money. I often wish I had the resources to assist them, but would probably be a hindrance to the values they learn from hard work and dedication.

So, this evening, I send my congratulations, words of appreciation and encouragement to those who will become the future leaders in our communities and perhaps beyond. They serve as role models to their peers, as well as all of us, encouraging us to work for those things we want most in life.

Carry on, young friends, and may your rewards be beyond all your highest expectations.



Cas Dunlap, center, Pensacola Beach resident and retired Circuit Court Judge was the guest speaker at the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club October luncheon. Dunlap, who is a self-published author of six books, was welcomed by Second Vice President Janet Penniman, left, and Woman's Club President Lynda Knell, right. Dunlap's works include "Southern Lights," a mystery set on Pensacola Beach.

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Friends, Family Say Farewell To Laura

Laura Spraggins Wright, a well known Beach resident for many years, passed away on October 23 at her home in downtown Pensacola Beach. Laura, 51, was a native of Ohio and was a court reporter in Pensacola.

Laura is survived by her beloved husband of less than one year, Jerry Wright; her mother Evelyn Woser Farage; two children, Sandy, who is in college and Paul, who attends Gulf Breeze High School. She is also survived by three brothers and one sister, and two stepsons Jay and Michael Wright. Her former husband Ricky Spraggins, her father and one brother predeceased her. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Laura has always been active in youth programs at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Pensacola and at Pensacola Beach Elementary School. She was a Sunday School teacher and was the administrator of the Greek

dancers who performed at the annual Greek Festival, and other celebrations.

While her children attended the Beach School, Laura actively participated as a parent. During the school's celebration of their twentieth anniversary, Laura researched and presented a written and photographic history of the school.

Jerry and Laura were members of the island Mardi Gras Krewe of Bananimals and Jerry provided the krewe with a den, the Sabine Sandbar, for their monthly meetings and parties.

The Krewe dedicated their October 31 party as a celebration of Laura's life. Services for Laura were held at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on October 28.

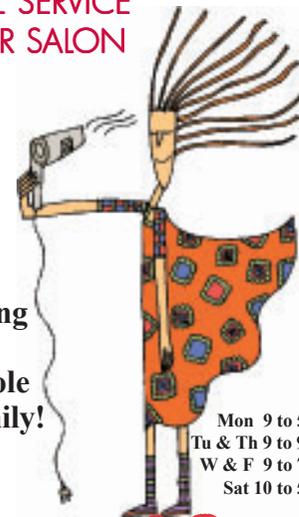
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readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick

Mike Holcomb reports massive schools of Bull Reds in the Sound and catching them and releasing them is a lot of fun, but, make sure you know the limits.

While fishing at the beach bridge some folks thought they could just keep catching them and loading them in their truck. Well, along came the MAN, Fish and Wildlife officers, and those boys ended their day in jail with their vehicle impounded and a \$500 per fish fine. They had nine oversized Reds!

People, the reason there are so many fish is because of the laws. I can remember not too long ago when the inshore system was fished out because of nets and lack of laws. Now the waters are bustin' with fish, so read the fishing laws and protect

Hikers Lace Up For Long Walks On Beach Trails

The Western Gate Chapter of the Florida Trail Association has organized two hikes on Pensacola Beach during November. Hikers can soak in the historic Fort Pickens area during a four-mile hike Saturday, November 7, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Call 850-932-5469 for details on the meeting place.

The Association has set a second hike for Friday, November 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the Dunes Trail on Pensacola Beach. This route has a three or six mile option. Hikers should meet at the public parking lot near the Portofino entrance.

Participants should wear suitable clothing, bring sunscreen, water and sturdy, comfortable shoes for hiking.

The Florida Trail begins at Fort Pickens, and continues through to Eglin Air Force Base and the Choctawhatchee River, and north through Blackwater River State Forest to the Alabama border.

For more hike details, call 850-932-5469.

our bounty.

Big Andy had a good day Flat Fishing with Hokie landing a six-plus pound Flounder around the bridge, but they did not take any pictures.

Terri McKamey has some pictures of the Reds she has been catching. Did she use hot dogs as bait? She has a new job at the Dog House.

Okay, it's time to see your shots. Anglers, send your best fishing pics to islandtimes@bellsouth.net. You might even win a coveted Island Times t-shirt.

Be sure to include your name and all the information about the fish, the place and the date you hooked it up. So get out there. Do yourself a favor and Go Fishin'; and take a Kid with you.

Nina, Pinta Set Sail For Pensacola

Visitors Can Walk Through Historic Reproductions

Throughout 2009, Pensacola has celebrated its 450th anniversary with an array of historic events. To top off the birthday year, the Pinta and the Nina, replicas of Columbus' ships, will visit Pensacola December 23 through January 3.

While at the dock on Palafox Pier in historic Downtown Pensacola, the public is invited to visit the ships for walk-aboard, self-guided tours. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for children. Children 4 and under are free. The ships are open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Nina is a historically correct replica, built completely by hand. The ship was used in the production of the film "1492." The Pinta, recently built in Brazil to accompany the Nina, is a larger version of the archetypal caravel.

International Delegates Tour Fort Pickens

An international environmental delegation toured and met with officials at the Gulf Islands National Seashore, Fort Pickens, and Blackwater State Park and Forest. The five-member group consists of managers, a game warden, a project chief, and an ecologist representing the Rangareyra District of Ice-

land, the Hai-Bar Yotvata Nature Reserve of Israel, the Maasai Mara National Reserve of Kenya, the Manaslu Conservation Area Project in Nepal, and the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority.

The group was hosted by Gulf Coast Citizen Diplomacy Council.



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