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HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY



THE RETIRING REVEREND - Pensacola Beach Community Church Pastor Dr. Chuck Randle is retiring after ministering to the Beach through devastating hurricanes and countless celebrations. His daughter Lynas Lajter watched as her dear dad shared his warm spirit and kindness with his congregation and the entire Beach community for fourteen years. It is for his dedication to the Church family that we name The Reverend Chuck Randle as the 2010 *Island Times* Father of the Year. The story is on Page 2.

Chuck Randle, Father of the Year, Casts Loving Glow on Island People

The congregation at the Beach Church is reluctantly letting its retiring pastor go. And it is with a great deal of heartfelt and loving pride that *Island Times* names Dr. Chuck Randle its Father of the Year.

As a sophomore at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois, Chuck experienced two life-changing events which set the course he would follow for the rest of his days. He married his wife Helen and he had received his license to preach while finishing his college education.

In 1964, he was called as the pastor of the First Congregational Church in Dundee, Illinois where he served for 30 years and retired for the first time in 1994. He had received his doctorate in 1988, but no one ever calls him Dr. Randle. They call him Chuck.

He then trained for and got the job as interim pastor at the Pensacola Beach Community Church. When he arrived to take over the reigns one year after Hurricane Opal, he took a look at the uprooted palms, streets still filled with sand, demolished buildings, damaged houses, and realized there were more than a few broken hearts among his parishioners.

He turned to Helen and said, "What have we gotten ourselves into now?"

Since he was the interim pastor, he was supposed to stay with the church a year or so and move on.

But, there was just so much to do. The Conference Ministers of Florida said, "I should feel free to

continue my ministry here as long as I was satisfied and happy; and as long as the church had the same feeling," said Chuck.

Still there was much to do. However, things were proceeding well until 2004 when Ivan rendered the church useless. While it and the entire Beach were under repair, Chuck led his flock to the First Presbyterian Church in Gulf Breeze, and to Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission. The Hilton Inn opened their doors and their hearts for the Beach services.

Chuck says, "We can't praise enough what these churches and the hotel did for us."

The church was finally rebuilt and then there was the matter of the fellowship hall which had been on hold. Chuck stayed with that project until it was completed in August 2009. It was only after that when he got up the courage to tell his people that after serving 14 years as their pastor, he would retire at the end of June 2010. That news went over like a lead balloon although the selection committee is searching for a new pastor who would become the fourth ever succeeding the Reverend Thaine Ford, Dr. Jack Forest, and now, Chuck.

What kind of man is Chuck? He's just the best ever, according to his daughter Lynas, who lives in Navarre with her husband, Gary.

She said her life and those of her brothers were never affected by their dad's profession.

"We grew up in a very nurturing and supportive household,"

Lynas said. "We can say there was never one day that we didn't know we were loved. Our faith that God is alive and active was as natural as breathing. All we had to do was watch our parents."

Chuck and Helen were the parents of three children, Lynas; Doug, who lives in Navarre, Ohio; and Marcus, who was killed in an accident when he was 18-years-old.

Lynas remembers when people used to come knock on the door of their red brick house and ask for food. Chuck would send them to a nearby diner and assured them they would get a free meal. The owner of the diner would feed them and give them a few dollars to help them out. And, Chuck would reimburse his friend at the diner out of his own pocket.

Chuck's involvement with family and friends, and strangers has carried over in his ministry on Pensacola Beach. When their grandson, Joe, was born they were immediately active in his life. They joked about him having four parents, according to Lynas.

When Joe and his wife Jaime became the parents of Marcus, 8, and Madison, 5, the joke continues that these children have six parents. Papa and Lovey, as the kids call Chuck and Helen, are very close to their great grandchildren, and they see them everyday.

Chuck also sees to his church children, the little ones who come to the altar every Sunday and carry on a conversation with the pastor.

"They probably don't remember anything I've told them," Chuck said. "But I know they will remember the old man in the Church who gave them a cookie."

Many of those children are grown now attending high school and college.

Chuck, in his humble way, says

he is always so pleased when they give him a hug, high five, or just a bright smile.

We asked Chuck what he would like his congregation to remember about him. What did he consider his legacy to the people in the Beach Church and the community?

Chuck said he found that question very difficult. Here is a man



Reverend Chuck Randle baptized Megan Marie Goodwin, along with her very young sisters Kacee Grace and Kayla Ann Barfield at the Beach Church Sunday, May 30.

who holds a Doctorate of Divinity, whose hobbies are reading, crossword puzzles, and computers. Here is a pastor, who has ministered to a church with 1000 members, and says he doesn't know how to answer that simple question. We interpreted that as meaning, "I don't really want to talk about myself."

But he did answer, in keeping with his general philosophy never to let a task go unfinished. He said, "It has been a real pleasure for me to serve as the pastor of the Beach Community Church. Helen and I arrived right after Erin and Opal, and we were here when Ivan and Dennis did such destruction. We have experienced the devastation that hurricanes bring, along with the disruption of family and community life. I trust I have been helpful in supporting an environment that does not let such disasters destroy our determination to have a lively community where we can achieve economic goals and enjoy such a beautiful place."

He cared. He really cared for all of us. He helped tremendously as he walked humbly around the Beach in good times and bad.

Chuck witnessed things in his own church which most pastors would not, in their wildest dreams, anticipate or likely tolerate.

When Les Cieutat passed away unexpectedly after suffering a heart attack, his mourners came to eulogize him, wearing bright red Woolly Booger t-shirts.

The candle bearers, music, speeches, were all geared to the philosophy of the Beach's famous Society of Woolly Boogers. Chuck, everybody's pastor, did not blink an eye.

But, on the other hand when Gibby Fail's friends came to the church to bid him goodbye, Chuck commented in disbelief, "I've never seen anything like this."

Gibby's tribe of friends wore long Elizabethan style coats like the one so often worn by their eccentric long haired friend. The preacher, a lady from Atlanta, wore a large hat, as did all the other ladies in waiting. The mood was full of laughter, and joy, as they described a life well-lived. Chuck's church had reached an all time high in sending away a beloved Beach person.

Chuck's favorite song is "It's A Wonderful World." Part of the lyrics said it all for Chuck.

"I see friends shaking hands and saying 'how do you do?' What they are really saying is 'I love you.'"

You helped make this Beach a wonderful world, Chuck, so hang up your vestments and have fun. You deserve it.

*A reception honoring
Pastor Chuck Randle
will be hosted at
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Community Church
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at 11 a.m.
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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



Sunrise. Sunset. The six months of hurricane free time for the Gulf Coast has come and gone. Now, with the massive oil spill lurking in our minds, we must still face our familiar scary monsters, the hurricanes which sneak into our beautiful Gulf water to wreak their havoc. You have already been bombarded with how to handle a hurricane, so why am I adding to it? Just for fun.

For openers, those little scientists who sit in the Colorado mountains staring at their data, gauges, photos, maps and all sorts of heavy duty procedures, have released their predictions. As usual, they have pointed out that this year will be overkill for major named storms, and a bunch of lesser blows.

Our government which pretends to be the parents of these storms has already selected names for them through the year 2014. They used to spawn all girls in the Atlantic basin, but since 1979, they have welcomed some boys, and now the male names are every other storm. Do you remember Ivan? His name has been banished in shame,

never to appear on the list again. I am happy to tell you that of the 126 names chosen from 2009 through 2014, Jane is not among them. Nor will it ever be there. Because when they run out of their first 21 names they go to the Greek alphabet for names starting with Alpha, Beta, Gamma and so forth through the sorority and fraternity lists. Is it occurring to you as you read this that the geeks at the National Hurricane Center might have something better to do than name the storms that haven't yet happened?

Although the names were originally from the National Hurricane Center, they now have their own agency. They are maintained and updated by an international committee of the World Meteorological Organization. No wonder we can't get any service when we apply for FEMA grants. The Hurricane honchos are busy updating and maintaining their list of names. Not only that, but those geeks don't have much imagination.

They rotate the lists every six years, so the 2009 list will be repeated in 2015.

Although I am not your poster girl for hurricane preparedness, I want to insert what we do when faced with one of these storms with the carefully calculated name.

First, we close the shutters, bring all the moveables inside, and throw everything out of the refrigerators. We pack our clothes, water, peanut butter and crackers, jewelry and leave. In spite of all these precautions, when we came home after Opal and Ivan (nice names) our house was completely trashed.

If I know my readers (and I do know some of you) you are anxiously awaiting the list of names of the storms for 2010. Here they are: Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle, Erin, Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Igor, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Matthew, Nicole, Otto, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tomas, Virginia, and Walter. If their dire prediction of a large number of named storms does not materialize, they will tuck the remaining names away, and update and maintain them for a

future year. And if they still need more names, they can run over to the Phi Delt House and get a copy of the Greek alphabet.

The Woolly Boogers are stacking their voodooism to avoid the need for many names. Their dark magic is coming from everywhere - even as far away as Chuck Steele and Lynn Cieutat in Mexico Beach. The Woolies have set up their altar at Paradise. They expect the sensational charms to be strong enough to turn the Gulf hurricanes around and blow them away somewhere that is

not Pensacola Beach.

Queen Shugah, her royal sweetness, issued a powerful edict last week at the Bawl. "The forecasters who don't live anywhere near the Beach said the Hurricane Factory is going to be very busy churning out storms. I called the Hurricane Factory and cancelled any Pensacola Beach orders for storms. Don't send them here. I will send them back - COD, FOB, SWAK. Yes, sealed with a kiss."

The Queen has spoken. Long live the Queen.

Commissioner Hosts Beach Meeting

Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV, will host a Pensacola Beach Town Hall meeting, Tuesday, June 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the SRIA boardroom.

Robinson will give an update on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and the clean up effort. He will ad-

dress citizen concerns in a question and answer session immediately after his presentation.

This meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. For information, contact Robinson's office at 850-595-4940.

Important Phone Numbers & Websites

The following phone numbers & websites are sources of oil spill information.

Citizen Information	850-471-6600
FL Oil Spill Information	888-337-3569
BP Claims	800-440-0858
BP Outreach	850-912-8640
Oiled shorelines	866-448-5816
	877-272-8335
Oiled wildlife	866-557-1401
Boom problem	866-448-5816
	800-320-0519
Beach Field Office	850-934-6500

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www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/

Officials warn - leave tar balls and oiled debris for the clean up teams. Do not touch oiled wildlife. Call to report.

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What does Jimmy Buffet do for recreation when he is not making music or having hotels named after him? A lot of his Gulf Coast neighbors who are welcoming him back to his homeland, answered "flying" which was correct. The first to email the correct answer was Charlie Brooks, who is the husband of the famous Queen of Wrong Answers, Joanne. He hit the bullseye on his first try.

His wife answered "write" which was wrong and she added, "at least, I am not the Queen of Wrong Husbands."

A number of correct answers with embellishments flew in after the winner's email arrived. Dorothy Mauriello of Big Pine Key and Pensacola Beach said Jimmy flies a seaplane. Dr. Steve Claus said he is a private pilot and flies his own seaplane. Jimmy Buffet has a boat plane he flies, said Angeli McMillan. Pam Murphey rang in with logging hours in his airplanes.

Brother Jimmy likes to fly his own plane, a Grumman Albatross, according to Chuck Steele of Mexico Beach. Dr. Barry Callahan, a full time beach resident, gave the fun scoop, "JB is an avid pilot. He is a licensed single engine and has multi-engine land and sea ratings."

And, Roundtable Countess Kim LoBue asked, "Is it flying?"

Yes, and the Trivia Master thanks all of you for the scuttle on the famous Parrothead.

Jacqui and Kim Travis sent a wrong answer and a right answer in their reply, "I am going to submit that Jimmy likes to fly and write

funny novels. In fact he has a cameo appearance in the movie based on Michael Crichton's novel, Congo, as the pilot of the first plane in which the group flies to Africa."

Do you want to hear more about Buffet?

Well, here are a few more thoughts: Jimmy is a novelist, according to Mike Cook. Jimmy likes to sail according to Greg Christoff and Sir Morrie Drees of the Roundtable. Jimmy Buffet fishes, says Melanie Waite who adds that he also writes novels.

These answers are all thoughtful, but not what the Trivia Master was seeking. You will see Prince Charles, Royal Consort to the Queen of Wrong Answers, wearing his *Island Times* t-shirt while he drives their vintage Mercedes convertible down Beach streets.

Whether or not you own a Mercedes, you should have an *Island Times* t-shirt. Hurry and answer this one: Who are the only two father and son combinations to serve as presidents of the United States? Full names of all four men, please. Happy Father's Day.

The rules are the same. Email your answer with "trivia" in the subject line to islandtimes@bellsouth.net. Be sure to include your name and phone number with your answer. The deadline to respond is Tuesday, June 22.

BOOKMOBILE

Tuesday, June 22
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Casino Beach



SUMMER BREAK

Beach resident Eleni Weisnicht has finished her sophomore year at the University of Colorado in Boulder where she is studying Chemical and Biological Engineering. She is spending the summer at home on the Beach and working as an intern for Plasmine Technology, a Pensacola based company that supplies specialty chemicals to the paper industry. Her brother, Brian is working in Orlando at Universal Studios; and George, who just graduated from Gulf Breeze High, is employed on the Beach at Paradise.

IN THE SWIM

Beach School Board member Reed Dunne jetted over to Atlanta to compete in the Master's National Swimming Competition. He splashed his way to three top 10 finishes. Better than his stellar performance was reconnecting with his swimming friends from all over the nation.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Melanie Waite chaperoned her granddaughter Cayle Session's class field trip to New York City. They visited Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, Central Park, Rockefeller Center, West Side Story, Ground Zero, Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and the Hearst Building, where they toured the Good Housekeeping and Seventeen offices. Former Beach resident Layla Knell even got in on the action. She has finished her internship at The Rachel Ray Show and has a new job with Elizabeth Arden.

HERE'S COMES THE PREZ

Brianna Paulus, a rising senior at Gulf Breeze High School, has been named Florida District 1 president for the Future Business Leaders of America Club for the 2010-11 school year. Her proud mom Karen also reports that Brianna and her dad Gordon are a force to be reckoned with on the tennis courts. The com-

peted in a Cattails Mixed Doubles tourney and earned second place.

BACK FOR THE BALL

Ella Hess had a great week. The reigning Queen of Coma, returned from Iowa in time to attend the All Krewe Ball on June 9. The very next day her daughter Beka and two grandsons flew in to spend some time with her.

SPACE NEEDLE, BEWARE

The Space Needle had better look out according to Jacqui Travis. She and her husband, Kim (remember the Beach Postman) will be going to Washington State to visit their son, Dustin and his wife this fall. Dustin will be coming home after a year's tour of duty in Iraq.

BARTEE COUTURE

Dave Bartee was modeling the latest in Beach couture last weekend. Ask him how to earn a special eco-tar-ball-t-shirt. It will be the must-have wardrobe staple for the summer on the Beach.

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County Opens Beach Field Office

In an effort to assist and monitor oil spill clean up, Escambia County established a field office on Pensacola Beach June 7. The office is located at 5 Via de Luna, upstairs from the Florida Pizza Kitchen in the Soundside Market.

Baskerville-Donovan, Inc., who provides engineering services to the Santa Rosa Island Authority and Escambia County, is staffing the office which is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

"This allows us to be close to the potential impact areas," said Sonia Daniel, Escambia County Public Information Officer. "The Beach residents can assist by being another set of eyes and ears in monitoring and reporting any areas which are impacted."

Personnel will be dispatched from this office to travel along the shoreline, reporting areas of concern, and monitoring the results of the clean-up on foot and in

motorized all-terrain vehicles. The Escambia County Field Office will work in conjunction with the Santa Rosa Island Authority staff during the oil spill crisis.

"We will generate three reports daily to send to the Emergency Operations Center and the SRIA," said Mike Langston, Baskerville-Donovan engineer. "We also have literature available for the public, if they would like to stop by the Field Office."

Various options for maintaining the pristine nature of Santa Rosa Island are being explored.

"Specialized sand rake cleaning equipment was tested along the barrier island last week," said Matt Mooneyham, SRIA Director of Environmental and Developmental Services. "The SRIA already owns two different types of sand rakes; one of which performed better in the test than the other. These rakes are a more effective way to clean the sand

than the human clean up crews."

BP already approved the purchase of ten sand rakes for beach clean up at Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Residents may contact the Field Office by calling 850-934-6500.

Hands Across The Sand Hosts Beach Event

Hands Across The Sand will host a gathering at noon, Saturday, June 26 at Casino Beach near the Gulf Pier for participants to join hands in a peaceful protest of offshore drilling. Events will take place at Navarre Beach and Perdido Key at the same time.

For information, contact Chasidy Hobbs at 850-429-8422.

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Happy Father's Day

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peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis



It was perfect weather for the Woolly Booger Social Club to host their "Keep the Hurricanes Away this Season Bawl." And Queen Shugah Shelley Johnson is indeed our "Raining" Queen. It stormed heavily the night she was crowned. In fact, I believe we actually had a tropical depression for that ceremony. But a little rain doesn't scare our Queen. Oh no, as she pointed out her maiden name is "Waters" and her astrological sign is a fish! So, it didn't matter that we were soaked to the bone, standing in two inches of water and screaming as loud as we could just to talk to the person in the next seat. The Altar was covered in native hoo-doo voodoo, lucky charms and whatever thing of value you possessed in an attempt to appease the Hurricane Gods and Mother Nature. And Queen Shugah was very busy with her ceremonial presentations and warding-off the evil of those most dreaded storms.

There was not a soul present who dared refuse any request made by our Queen, even those who had no idea what was actually taking place enjoyed participating. I be-

lieve there were even a few visitors from Louisiana who may soon start a Woolly Booger Chapter in their area. Not a bad idea actually....

So we all blew across the sacred candle and stuck pins in the extremely clever dolls created by Nasty John Thomas and Denise Shelby. The dolls had all the names of the past hurricanes written on the appropriate doll (boy names on the boy doll and girl names on the girl doll). Very powerful gris-gris!

My husband Bill and I contributed a vintage business card from the original Bobby D's Beach Bar that had been presented to Bill at his fiftieth birthday party. It was a bar tab given to him by the late Andrea Brunt; that was 10 years ago and it still had a balance of \$4 remaining! For extra voodoo I wore my Tiki Lounge t-shirt which was given to me by Fred Bates.

Lynn Cieutat sent a very special gift – the urn with the ashes of His High Wooliness, Les Cieutat. Talk about some powerful gris-gris. Lynn said everything was properly sealed but should anything happen to the urn it was exactly where Les

would want to be – right there in the middle of all his SOB's and Woolly Boogers. We took extra special care with this most precious gift and Les now proudly (and temporarily) overlooks the entire bar at Paradise. It's the best seat in the house. Don't forget to pay your respects.

Even though Queen Shugah is not responsible for the mistakes and disasters caused by man, she did bring a pair of "oil beads" that were passed through every single hand. I know I said a prayer when they came through mine; I hope everyone else did the same. It sure can't hurt and Queen Shugah is doing her best to keep our spirits up. She told me someone even suggested we have a "Tar Bawl." That's funny y'all.

And contrary to all rumors and newspaper articles across the entire Country, right now our beach is as beautiful as it has ever been! Who knows how long that will last or how much worse it will get. What I do know is that I would still rather live here than any where else in the world. For those of you who live elsewhere, but love visiting our beach now is not the time to turn your back on us. We need you now more than ever. You also have a wonderful opportunity to teach your children what is really important in life. While we all love vacations

and work hard to save the money for them, it's not always about you. Sometimes it's about what you can do for someone else.

What I like to do for the special people in my life is cook something good. This week's recipe is being shared by Anne Marie Provost. She made these cookies for Easter Sunday and they are fabulous! So, let's cook.....

Peanut Butter Cookies

1 Cup creamy or crunchy peanut butter
½ Cup sugar
½ Cup dark brown sugar
½ Cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 large Egg, beaten
1 tsp. Vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350. Combine all ingredients (in order listed) in a large bowl. Divide dough into 24 portions (about 1 heaping tablespoon). Roll each piece into a ball and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Use a fork to press dough in 2 directions forming a crosshatch pattern. Bake cookies until puffed and lightly golden, 10-12 minutes, rotating halfway through cooking. Let cool on sheets. Store in airtight container up to 3 days (but they probably won't last that long).

Enjoy, share and have a safe and Happy Father's Day on the beach! See ya in the kitchen...

Jack Donald Forest



May 10, 1927 – June 2, 2010

Pastor Jack was born in Oklahoma, raised in Omaha, Nebraska, graduated with two degrees from Chicago Theological Seminary and received his Doctor of Ministry in 1983 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Jack joined the military in 1944 (World War II), then reserves and Korean War and honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps. (13 years)

Jack is survived by his wife of 30 years, Carol, and children, Eleanor, Aimee, Jack, David, Julie, Terrie, Debbie and Christopher and 21 grandchildren.

Jack proudly served the Pensacola Beach U.C.C. Church as pastor from 1984 – 1994 where he retired. He served as Charter Volunteer Chaplain of the Gulf Breeze Hospital until his recent illness, also as Board Member of the Pensacola Beach Volunteer Fire Department and Chaplain. He became known as the Pastor of the Beach until his retirement.

He enjoyed memberships in the Shriner's, Optimist's, Eagles and Odd Fellows in St. Louis and VFW, American Legion, Elks, Masons, and Scottish Rite 330 in the Pensacola area.

He wrote and sang songs and entertained with his guitar at many nursing homes. His favorite hobbies were flying and teaching student pilots; along with fishing on the beach.

Private burial was held at Barrancas National Cemetery. A Memorial Service was hosted June 13 at the Pensacola Beach Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jack's memory to the Pensacola Beach Church Building Fund. He loved his church friends.

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Christine Bunkie Hewerdine, who wore her Tiki Lounge t-shirt, placed a Moroccan Water Carrier doll at Queen Shugah's Woolly Booger Altar on June 5 at Paradise. Mother Nature attended the Woolly Booger Social Club's Keep the Hurricanes Away Bawl bringing a deluge of rain. It did not dampen the spirits of the island tribe who continued to toast the Queen and place gris gris at the altar.



Oil Spill Not The Only Challenge

The oil spill is not the only problem facing the Santa Rosa Island Authority. Much of their June 9 Full Board meeting was devoted to a discussion of the problems that have escalated on Ariola Drive as owners continue to rent large houses for wedding parties. The parties generate noise problems which carry on late into the night, parking hassles, and trash littering the area for several days.

Ray Ascherfeld, who lives near the party house, brought photos showing the state of the party held just last weekend.

"The party started on Thursday and continued through Saturday," he said. "The caterers rented one house and the wedding party rented another. They brought booze and food from Louisiana and did not spend a dime on Pensacola Beach other than their rental fee."

The Island Authority established a ruling that renters have to fill out a permit application to alleviate the problems.

"As you can see," Ascherfeld commented, "filling out the permit is of no consequence to the owner or agent. It is getting worse, worse and worse."

After a lengthy discussion, the

Board will continue to look into the matter at the next meeting considering parking restrictions and compliance penalties.

Vernon Prather said, "The permitting process is not working. We need additional measures and I would like this continued so we can discuss compliance in parking and behavior consistent with a residential lease."

Buck Lee, Executive Director, explained the part the Authority is playing in cleaning up the oil blobs which have reached the beach.

"I don't think we will see the goop you have seen in Louisiana," he said. "Some sheen, some mousse, and some tar balls; I think it will be an inconvenience, but we can beat it."

Lee also noted that the workers sent here by BP to clean up don't seem to work steadily.

"My staff works very hard to keep the beach beautiful. These people have to take a lot of breaks," Lee said.

Lee suggested logging onto VisitPensacolaBeach.com to see what the Beach looks like in real time from beachcam images.

Jim Cox, president of the Pensacola Beach Advocates, announced

that his organization will purchase magnets and they would like the SRIA to partner by taking over the expense of mailing them to leaseholders.

These magnets, which have the sheriff's department phone number, are part of the Neighborhood Watch effort.

Lt. Rodney Eddins, Escambia County Deputy in charge of the Beach substation, approved the idea. However, the SRIA Board Chairperson Tammy Bohannon objected to the magnet design and possible use.

Vernon Prather moved to allocate \$500 for postage to target certain areas of the Beach. It passed four to one with Bohannon opposed.

The Board reviewed the following items:

- Voted to continue to review the possible creation of a public parking lot near the Sans Souci on Ft. Pickens Road

- Margaritaville Beach Hotel will be open July 1

- The bank is looking for a buyer of The Palace property since the foreclosure has been completed

- The Little Sabine Lagoon Restoration Project will be operational by the third week of June

□ On Saturday, June 5 County Administrator Larry Newsom saw first hand the flooding on Via de Luna. He asked Engineer Mike Langston to take some action immediately and they are working on a solution so the road will stay open during thunderstorms.

Maureen Lamar, Executive Director of the Beach Chamber reported that the Visitor's Center had 314 calls related to the oil spill. People still want to come here and they are calling to get updates, according to LaMar.

Blue Angels weekend is hold-

ing up as usual and all the hotels report no vacancy for the three day celebration. If they get a cancellation, they have a waiting list which takes the opening.

LaMar reported that the number of visitors in the Center dropped by about 500 during May. Most guests came from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Missouri and Georgia. Foreign countries represented were Canada, Germany and England.

The next SRIA meeting will be the committees on Wednesday, June 23 at 5 p.m. at the Authority office. All meetings are open to the public.



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With an eclectic mix of high-energy dance beats from the 60s and 70s, R&B, British invasion hits and Motown, their lively playlist is sure to get everyone out of their seats. Sing along to your favorite songs such as "Mustang Sally," "Pretty Woman" and "I'm a Believer." Band members include Bill Harrell, Charlyne Kilpatrick, Ken Wallace, Ed Nickinson, Ross Orenstein, Dave White and Larry Northup.

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Sandpipers Elect Officers To Lead Club Next Year

Sixteen Pensacola Beach Junior Optimist Club members voted in a new slate of officers at their final meeting of the year, May 27. Abby Jacobs will serve as 2010-

2011 president with Grace Reece as vice-president, Meredith McCurdy, treasurer and Blair Amberson as secretary.

During her last report as treasurer, Maddie Grace McCurdy said, "Our treasury is growing. We deposited \$120 in our newly opened account at Bank of the South."

The Club sold pickles during the Beach School Water Day on June 8 as a fundraiser.

The Beach School Chapter was chartered as the Sandpiper Club under the umbrella of the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club. The youngsters were treated to refreshments provided by Pensacola Beach Optimist Club President Louise Greenley and member Bev Dufrechou before adjourning for the summer.

The next meeting will be set after the 2010-2011 school year commences on August 23.

Salty Kids Prepare For Beach Yacht Club Junior Sailing Camp

Hoist the sail, kids. The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club Junior Sailing Camp is set for August 2-6. Camp includes lessons in the basic principles of sailing for beginners then progresses through the intermediate



The Pensacola Beach Junior Optimist Club's final meeting on May 27 included the election of a slate of officers to lead the new club into its second year of operation. Officers who will serve beginning in August are (L to R): Blair Amberson, secretary; Meredith McCurdy, treasurer; Abby Jacobs, president and Grace Reece, vice-president.

Photo by Island Times Junior Photographer Amelia Jacobs, who is four-years-old.

skills. Students will be introduced to the Sunfish and Hobie Catamaran.

Students must be at least 7-years-old on the first day of camp and be able to swim in open water. Camp starts promptly at 9:30

a.m. and students must be picked up no later than 3:30 p.m.

For more information and registration forms, call Anne Geisel, 850-982-3667 or go to www.pensacolabeach-yc.org.

First Graders Score High

Pensacola Beach Elementary School first graders in Tara Turk's class who posted all A's during the final grading period are:

Hannah Buchalter
Taylor Faref
Lauren Feltenberger
Kai Hoffert
Max Mateer
Ryland McCurdy
Jenna Merritt
Mia Montgomery
James Parks
P.J. Porterfield
Gabby Rice
Lauren Thompson
John Turk

The following first grade students earned a place on the A/B honor roll:

Macy Claire Cronin
Jack Dolister
Joey Merritt
Jocelyn Reeves
Briley Shaw
Aaron Vann
Bridgett Wolfe

The second through fifth grade honor names will appear in the next edition of *Island Times*.

Church Creates Waterworks Park for Weeklong Camp

Pensacola Beach Community Church will transform itself into Waterworks Park for the annual Vacation Bible School, July 12 through 16. There is no charge to participate and the five days of fun are open to any child preschool through fifth grade.

"We have a great line up of fun and fellowship for the kids," said Deacon Gordon Paulus. "We welcome everyone to join us."

The Vacation Bible School hours are 9 a.m. until noon at the Beach Church which is located at the corner of Avenida 18 and Via de Luna.

Register by calling the Beach Church office at 850-932-6628 before July 5.

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Fiesta Ball

Beach Mardi Gras krewe unpacked their gaudy costumes for an off season summer celebration in Pensacola. In a time honored tradition DeLuna bestows a medallion upon the reigning Kings and Queens of the Mardi Gras krewe at the Fiesta of Five Flags All Krewe Ball. The Beach Mardi Gras royal couples were among the forty presented at the glittering gala held in Pensacola on June 9. Joining the fun were: Bob Cowen and Carlette Howell, Krewe of Bananimals; Ted Pence and Ella Hess, Krewe of Coma; Leigh and Mike Weaver, Krewe of Junkanoo; Lloyd Hess and Shelley Johnson, Krewe of Wrecks; Gerry O'Mahony and Rita Finkbone, Krewe of St. Patrick; Beverly Sarasua, escorted by Jim Kittel, Krewe of Brew; and Jim and Courtney Winstead, Mystic Krewe of Nereids.

"The King of Coma also has a time honored tradition of wearing shorts and flips flops under his royal cape," said King Ted Pence, before he escorted his queen, Ella Hess across the stage amid the

cheering crowd. "I am honored to carry it on."

The All Krewe Ball is part of the Fiesta of Five Flags celebration.

Generous Junkanoos

The generous spirit of the Beach Mardi Gras krewe flows well after the beads and tiaras are tucked away for the year. The Krewe of Junkanoo presented Fred Cornett, Administrator of the Good Samaritan Clinic in Gulf Breeze, with a \$2,500 donation last week. The donation was from the proceeds of their Mardi Gras calendar sales.

Wet And Wild

The Bananimals will be selling ice cold bottled water at the

Blue Angels Air Show, July 8-10. The herd of partiers supports the Santa Rosa Kids House among other charities with their fundraising efforts.

If you would like to donate time, water or cash to this program, please call Mary Jo Tibbits, krewe treasurer at 850-916-0599.

The Krewe of Wrecks will host their first meeting October 25. Their parade is set for Sunday, March 6, 2011.

Her Royal Highness Queen Paige Woodbury, left, and Dr. Dennis Peters, DeLuna LXI, center, great Krewe of Wrecks Captain Lloyd Hess during the All Krewe Ball at Sanders Beach June 9.

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Artists Bring Sand To Life At Annual Contest

Artists carefully coaxed grains of sand into place amid wind, waves and thousands of spectators during the 2010 Beach Community Bank Fiesta Sand Sculpture Contest, June 6 on Pensacola Beach. Entrants began at 8 a.m. with a twenty foot area of beach sand, but by 2 p.m. everything from sandy sea monsters to oil spill politicians had been crafted at Casino Beach.

The winners are as follows:

Youth

1. Nikolas and Victoria Bindi – Pyramids and Sphinx
2. Lynn Arthur – Sea Turtle Sandy
3. Andrew Townsend – Mr. Krabs 1st love

Teen

1. Chase Louviere – The Grotto
2. Kris Kessler – Summer Time Sphinx
3. Lauren Lautensiager, Sarah Townshend, and Christopher Hodge – Disaster

Adult

1. Kathy and David Bosso – Spill Baby Spill
2. Liz Arthur – Fire breathing dragon
3. Angela and Bobby Bonner

Open

1. Chuck and Tammy Kunze – Close encounter
2. Nikolay Protsuk – New life of the dead shoe
3. Barry Shuck – Dedication to Kaylin Shuck – struck by a motorcycle April 17 on Pensacola Beach

4. Jeff Darby – Honor and Protect
Corporate Cup winner was All Good Productions whose team members were Kasara Goodall, Chris Morse, Letina Levi. Their creation was called “Islander.”

The annual contest is part of the Fiesta of Five Flags celebration.



Chase Louviere, 14, a native of Louisiana who now lives in Merritt Island, Florida, worked diligently on his sea monster guarding her eggs which earned first place in the teen division of the Fiesta Sand Sculpture Contest on June 6 at Pensacola Beach. He named his creation “The Grotto.”

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DON'T SPILL

Joyce Brown at Native Café is against spills – not in her Via de Luna restaurant, those are easy to mop up – in the Gulf. She has “No Drill, No Spill” t-shirts for sale at the café with \$5 from each sale being donated to the animal rescue organizations to clean up oiled wildlife.

YOUR VOICE

Pensacola Beach Advocates have a number of committees available for members to join. One of the most active is the governmental affairs which has recently completed a series of meetings with commissioners, local attorneys and elected officials to discuss the tax lawsuits and fee simple title for leaseholders on Pensacola Beach. If you wish to join this group, go to their website, www.pbeachadvocates.org. Both businesses and residents can join.

FIVE O'CLOCK

Margaritaville Beach Hotel has Pensacola Beach residents and businesses humming Buffet tunes.

Jimmy Buffet was on the beach last week along with Governor Crist spreading some optimistic words about the Beach. Even better are the words penned by Jim "Moose" Brown who wrote the lyrics to Buffet's famous "It's Five O'clock Somewhere." He will be performing at the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival this fall. Stay tuned to IT for future details.

BREWSKIS TOAST DAD

Sip some suds with the Krewe of Brewe. They are hosting a Father's Day Party at the Sandshaker Lounge, Sunday, June 20 at 3:30 p.m. Bring your dad, and mom, to this cookout – it's the perfectly cool way to say Happy Day to Dad.

TROUBADOR REUNION

Grand Marlin owner Cindy Lumpkin headed to Atlanta with her husband Walt to see James Taylor and Carole King in concert in the round at The Arena at Gwinnett. According to Walt it was one of the best shows ever. They should have invited them back to the Beach to

play at the North Drop bar.

MORNING JOE

Amy Martin announced that Pensacola's own Joe Scarborough broadcast his June 11 show from Pensacola Beach. In an effort to

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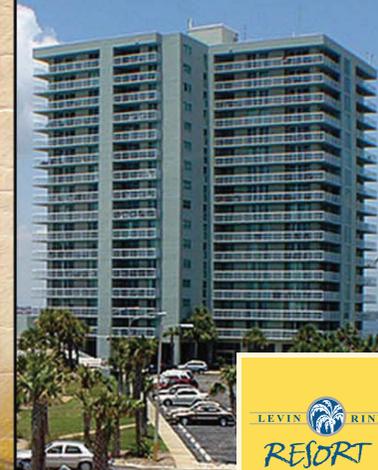
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The Lizzard's TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



There is no one more qualified to write a Father's Day column, than a child. So I turn over the Tongue this week to The Kid. Until next time...Happy Father's Day.

by Harry J. Hewson, IV

I admire my dad. He is a smart, funny, happy, hard-working, caring, Marine and father. He helps out around the house when he is home.

Dad is a United States Marine Corps Colonel. He is also the H-1 program manager. He works at Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

He has a job where he has to travel a lot. He does not get much time to stay at home.

When Dad is home, he likes to relax. His way of relaxing is surfing the web for surfing, sailing, or bathroom stuff. His big project is redoing the master bathroom. We had a leak last spring and Dad reconstructed the bathroom. It now has Mexican tiles, a mahogany wood sink top which he made, two hand-painted Mexican sinks, and a toilet that "can flush a bucket of golf balls."

Dad is surrounded by many

things every day. For example, he is surrounded by a desk, four walls, a chair, a shelf, a door, and a white-board cabinet by day; and by night, a loving wife and a bed.

My dad likes to do many things. He likes to read *The Washington Post*, drink black coffee, sail, listen to NPR, and do *The New York Times* Sunday edition crossword puzzle in pen.

Some of my dad's physical traits are having grayish hair, peanut butter colored skin, a deep voice, strong muscles, and lots of chest hair.

Overall, my dad is a lovable, sweet person.



Cooper and Katie were traveling in their Island Time custom wagon at the Casino Beach when it caught the eye of the Island Times photographer. Their parents, Holly and Derick Games of Gulf Breeze, created the cool ride specifically for Beach outings.

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ISLAND STYLE SEND OFF

Santa Rosa Island Authority staffer Jane Malin has retired, so her co-workers hosted a Happy Retirement Party, May 27. Malin, who worked in the finance department at the Authority for sixteen years, was thrilled with the tropical party favors. She will be busy - she shared her long list of retirement activities with her friends.



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Fee free weekends later this year include September 25 (Public Lands Day), and November 11 (Veterans Day).

Gulf Islands National Seashore Acting Superintendent Nina Kelson states, "We welcome visitors to take advantage of these opportunities to connect with all the recreational and educational opportunities the park has to offer."

In addition to the daily activities, the Fort Pickens Campground is open and all sites are \$20 per night with water, electricity, grills/fire rings, and picnic tables. Reservations can be made through October 31 by calling Reserve America at 877-444-6777 or visiting their website at www.recreation.gov.

For a full description of the facilities and programs currently available, visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/guis or contact the Naval Live Oaks Visitor Center at 850-934-2600.

BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stukey
Your Computer Pal

Q: "What is Apple's iPad?"

A: Using the touch screen on Apple's newest product, you can browse the internet, use applications, listen to music, watch movies and play games. It is not a phone, so it won't be able to make calls.

The iPad can be had in six different models, offering three disk capacities and two wireless options. It can have either WiFi or 3G wireless capability. The iPad does not have any ports for wired internet connectivity. The 3G model contains a GPS, while both models have a digital compass. The iPad was released with three options for internal storage size: a 16, 32, or 64 GB disk drive. There is no option to expand the storage. A 16GB unit with WiFi sells for \$499, while a unit with 64 GB and 3G wireless sells for \$829.

iPad's battery can provide up to 10 hours of video, 140 hours of audio playback, or remain charged for one month on standby. The battery loses capacity over time

and is not designed to be replaced by the owner. As in the battery-replacement program for the iPod and the original iPhone, Apple will replace an iPad that does not hold an electrical charge. The replacement will be a refurbished iPad, for which you will pay \$99.

The iPad is designed to be controlled by bare fingers. Regular gloves or a stylus that prevents electrical conductivity cannot be used, although there are special gloves and a stylus designed for the iPad. The display responds to two other sensors: an ambient light sensor to control screen brightness

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Every year in February, the International UFO Congress hosts a wonderful week long event, and this year's speakers were exceptional. I ordered and received all 28 DVDs with all the varied speakers with topics ranging from mind control to abductees. One of the most interesting statistics that was mentioned was the high percentage of pilots in the world who have reported a sighting of a UFO (approximately 70%). On that note I venture into the world of my dad, Royce Waters.

He was a Captain in the Army Air Corps (Air Force) and flew a P51 Mustang during World War II. He had a curiosity about everything including watching the night sky. One Christmas I received a telescope as a gift. My Dad and I went outside and set up the telescope in the front yard focusing on the moon. I think it was that night when I asked him about his beliefs. I was about 9 years old at the time. "Do you think there is a God up there?"

His response was he believed

as the Native American Indians did; he believed in nature. That was it, nothing more, but his appetite for knowledge knew no bounds.

My Dad loved the television series "The Twilight Zone." He and I watched them together on Saturday nights. Sometimes I would lie on his chest, and he would hold me tightly when the show got really scary. Imagine as a 5 year-old, I was watching "The Twilight Zone," so it also makes sense why my dad had to explain some of the episodes to me.

With all his talents and abilities he was still a fragile human being who had succumbed to alcoholism. He finally succeeded in defeating his addiction toward the end of his life. And sometimes I wonder how much he would have enjoyed all the DVDs I watch alone from the UFO Congress. But rest assured he left me two legacies - this unquenchable thirst for knowledge and of course a passion for "The Twilight Zone."



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Poker Commissioners Declare Tie For Title Scher and Weatherford Share Honor

For the first time in Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun history on Pensacola Beach, the poker commissioners have declared a tie in the Player of the Month race.

"There will be no play-off or high card draw to determine the winner," said Waldo Defindorf, Beach poker commissioner. "We have two fine players who have earned the honors."

So, Justin Scher accepted the Player of the Month title and will share it with Eric Weatherford. The poker players each earned two first place finishes matched with two second places during tourney play in May.

Poker hopefuls packed into the Sandshaker Lounge on the last day of May to challenge top players for a chance at the title. The doctor was making house calls at the Shaker. Dr. Glenn Burleson made a late charge at the chips to claim the win over top notch player Justin Scher. Poker diva Billie Urquhart was third.

Scher made his way back to the top spot during action at the Sandshaker on June 7. In a showdown that lasted over forty minutes, Steve Dodson battled Scher, but could not hold on to his chips.

Some may argue that it is ill-advised to play against a wily, old dude who bears the same name as the game, and they would be correct. At Paddy O'Leary's on June 3 beach pioneer Tex Atkinson systematically made his way through the challengers at the final table before taking all the chips. His grandson, Michael David Atkinson was part of the action, but could not keep up with Tex. It was officially family night at Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun, since the Lentini family was in town. Bob Lentini was the runner up at the tourney. His son Todd is a regular at the Beach poker tables.

Lady luck made her presence known on June 5 at Paddy's. She made the cards fall just right for Billie Urquhart who outlasted Phil Tracy in the final.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun games are open to anyone 21 years or older with a basic knowledge of the game. Locals and visitors are welcome to play the hottest game on the beach. For more information, call the poker hotline at 850-324-2667.

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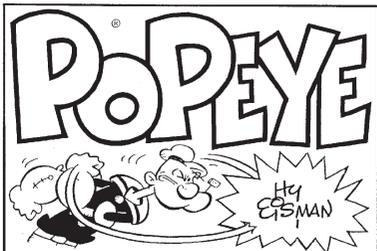
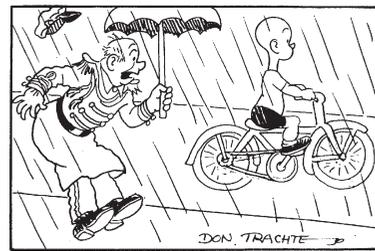
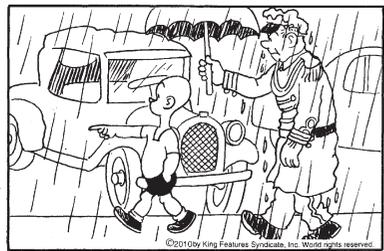
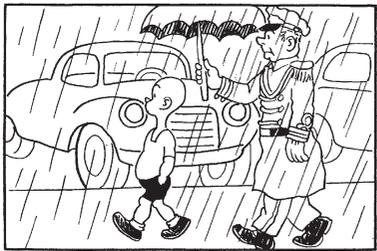
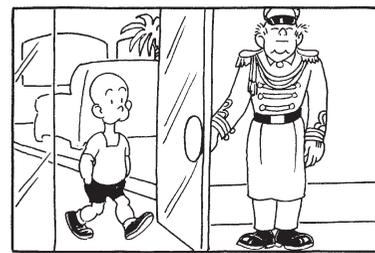
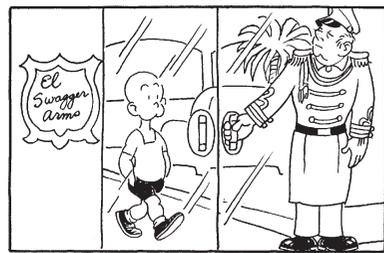
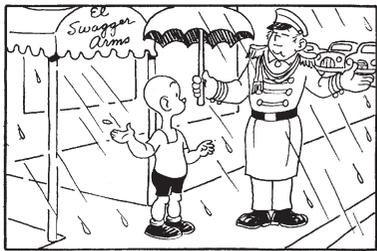
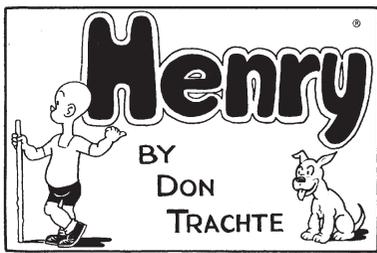
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It's hard for me to write about the fishing in these troubled times with our life's blood in such danger of becoming a thing of the past.

Reports of King Mac's in the Gulf are coming in right now from area fisherpersons like Ted Gordor and Justin Scher. These guys paddle little plastic canoes, or whatever they call them, out into the surf and go at fish bigger than their whole rig. I have to take my wig off to these brave souls. I know what's out there and man you've got to have some nerve to Shark fish from a plastic bobber.

Specks and Redfish are still filling the tables and a few nice Flatfish have been caught in the Sound.

I still have not seen a Spanish around the Bob Sikes Bridge. Maybe they know something we don't. Remember to send your pics to the *Island Times*, check a copy for the info and best of luck to everyone.

As of press time, the Shallow

Water Inshore Slam is still set for June 26. Weigh-in will be at Flounder's. Big cash prizes to the boat that weighs in the heaviest three fish total - one Redfish, Flounder and Speckled Trout. Of course, there are prizes in each of those categories individually, with separate divisions for Lady Anglers and Junior Anglers.

Scales open at Flounder's Beach at 2 p.m. and close at 8 p.m. with the awards following the last weigh in.

This tourney is fun to fish and see all your friends' fish at the weigh-in. The always popular Pensacola King Mackerel and Cobia Tourney, which is the offshore competition, has been cancelled due to the oil spill. Come out and support the fishin' folks at Flounder's. More info can be found at www.PensacolaKingMack.com.

Say a prayer for the waterways and the wildlife and do yourself a favor and go fishin!

Rare Kemps Ridley Sea Turtle Arrives On Pensacola Beach

It's turtle nesting season on Pensacola Beach. Reports from Melanie Waite and DJ Zemenick, who volunteer to patrol the beach and alert officials when the turtles come ashore to nest, are starting to roll in. The first nesting turtle, a rare Kemps Ridley, arrived on the Island June 4.

"A Kemps nested at Fort Pickens around 12:30 or so today," said Waite. "Between oil surveyors, clean up crews, all-terrain vehicles, helicopters, news people and the most visitors yet this year, she chose a location near the three ponds. She did fine and re-entered the Gulf A-OK."

The second nest, discovered on June 7 was created by a Log-

gerhead turtle.

Female turtles return every three to four years to the same stretch of beach where they were born to create a nest for their eggs.

The sea turtle nesting season continues through October 31. Residents are reminded to turn off unneeded lights and use turtle friendly bulbs and fixtures. Artificial light may disorient nesting turtles or may deter them altogether. Gulf bound hatchlings are easily disoriented by man made lighting.

If you see any sea turtles crawling onto the beach or locate an unmarked nest, please alert the Gulf Islands National Seashore at 850-916-3010.

Area Anglers Score Big In Pomp Tourney

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3. Mike Crowder - 4.73
4. Gerald Thomas - 4.72
5. Chris Neal - 4.71
6. Tony Pham - 4.69
7. Omar Breiz - 4.54
8. Mike Bondo - 4.46
9. Loy Morgan - 4.36
10. Ben Claud - 4.11

Lady Angler Theresa Horton won in her category with a 4.35

pound fish. Junior Angler Devin Lowell took the top prize with a 4.06 Pompano. Danny Smith pulled a 4.31 Pompano to win the Pier Angler division.

The Inshore Slam is open now through August 31 to anglers fishing for Redfish, Specs and Flounder. For more information and to register, go to www.gbttackle.com. Entry fee is \$20.

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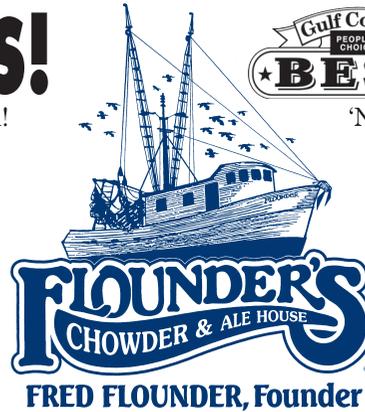
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