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Splash Clash



Nereids Declare Wild, Wet and Wacky War

The elegant ladies who make up the Mystic Krewe of Nereids are famous for their glittering costumes and gala parties during the Mardi Gras season, but on August 21 they will gather their troops and march into battle at the Splash Party at Paradise Bar and Grill's soundfront beach. The main event at the Splash Party is the Water Gun Slinger Showdown. The girlie garrison, who have declared Water Gun War on the rest of the beach, are (seated, L to R): Peggy Henshall, Paulette Provost, Daisy Long, Charlotte Spencer, Deb Friedman and Kathi Lewis. Queen Doris XVIII Courtney Winstead is front and center. For more on the Splash Party, see page 2.

In Times of Peace, Prepare for War ~ Water Gun Battles To Break Out At Splash Party

Ladies, woman your water guns! We are at war. The shooting begins at 1500 on 21 August 2010 at Battleground Paradise. Wet and wild uniform required.

Objective: To soak the enemy into submission.

If you are not a member of the Mystic Krewe of Nereids, prepare to fight against them at their annual Splash Party. Any weapon which uses water as ammunition will be allowed.

The arrival of Courtney and Jim Winstead, Queen Doris XVIII and King Nerus by boat will signal the beginning of the water war games at 3 p.m.

These will include:

Flip Flop Toss – See who can toss the gold glittering flips flops into the target

Mermaid Pond – Mardi Gras ducks will be floating in the Mermaid pool. Try your luck at guessing which ones will have lucky numbers

Card Me – No need to be 21. See if you can outdraw one of the Nereids in a head-to-head card game.

Water Gun Slinging Show-down – All Mardi Gras Krewes present will face off in the biggest, wettest, battle of all time. Judges will declare a winner by determining which krewe makes the other turn tail and run for their towels.

There will be a small entry fee for the games with the proceeds going to a local charity.

After the battles are over the victors and the losers will enjoy the spoils. Then they can enter the Mermaid and Merman Costume Contest. Get on your best Neptune and Ariel costumes. *Island Times* will sponsor the awards for the contest which begins at 4 p.m. Contestants can sign up beginning at 3:45 p.m.

The Nereids will be selling raffle tickets at six for \$5 or \$1 each. Prizes are merchandise provided by

Beach businesses.

“Mer-mentos” of the big Splash Party will be custom designed ball caps, visor and pony tail caps.

Boogie, Inc. will be at their best entertaining the crowds. Dance and listen.

Paradise Bar and Grill will offer a full menu of snacks and meals. The beachfront bar and the tiki bar will be open. Call Paradise Inn for room reservations.

Commanding Generals for this skirmish and all the skirmishes yet to come will be Sharon Mattair and Elaine Mitchell.

Colonels on the staff are Paulette Provost, Deb Friedman, Charlotte Spencer and Kathi Lewis.

Kathi issued a command to all local water warriors. “You had better show up and have a good time. We will not host another party until after Twelfth Night 2011.”

Splash Party wars have a long and noble history among the magi-

cal webs the Nereids weave. Bonnie McDonald provided the low down on the Splash Party. At least, she tried.

It seems to be somewhat sketchy due to a chaotic happenazee which hangs over every party.

May-be it started in 1994 and was held

at the old Banana Bobs. It all started innocently enough with a few water pistols but escalated in 1996 when Glenda McCleary arrived with the Pensacola Beach Fire Department which was instructed to douse the revelers.

In 1997 and 1998 the Krewe convinced Kirk Newkirk that they could take his pontoon boats from Key Sailing, out on the water, wage a water pistol war and return them in good shape.

The years 1999 to 2009 the war was waged at Sharon Mattair’s pool at her home. The party turned into a two day event because everyone was having so much fun they didn’t

want to go home. This year, Sharon hosted a Lagoon Party for Nereids.

But, first things first. On August

21, for the first time, the Nereids will take on the world, firing their water filled pistols at anything that moves. The ladies in the Krewe of Junkanoo

one year discovered a warrior tactic which quickly subdued the enemy. They filled their water guns with tequila. The maneuver has since been banned.

Other highlights of the past Splash Parties include one that Bonnie thinks was at Bobby D’s when he had several kiddie pools filled with water on his deck. Either that or Bobby was training for the Olympics, according to Bonnie.

Now, this mighty war has reached the public battlefield. Who will win? Will there be a last dry woman standing? Who will capture all the awards -- the Nereids or the World?



Cajun Stitchery has created a custom mer-mento for Splash Partiers to purchase.

Appraiser To Document Loss For BP Claims Governor's Order Provides No Tax Relief

Pensacola Beach leaseholders will find out by the end of this year whether the oil spill has impacted their property value's assessment negatively. Escambia County Property Appraiser Chris Jones will follow an executive order issued by Governor Charlie Crist and provide a mid-term assessment of the parcels in Escambia County that have been impacted.

In a letter dated June 2, Jones requested that the Governor give those impacted by the oil spill some tax relief just as the State had done after the 2004 hurricane season. Jones wrote that commercial properties were bought and sold based primarily on their ability to produce income and if the oil impacted that ability, it would impact their value. He added that residential property owners, some of which were al-

ready impacted by insurance and hurricanes, would be further injured by the spill.

The Governor's Executive Order tasks the property appraiser to make an interim assessment so that owners can take the document to BP to file a claim if needed. The assessment does not offer any tax relief and will not change your tax bill according to Jones.

The Property Appraiser has created a team to study the data which will be gathered through Labor Day.

“We have 170,000 parcels of property in Escambia County,” said Jones. “We will try to find measurable data and make a mass appraisal which will take at least thirty days, if not longer.”

The data being gathered by the team for review includes real estate sales figures, listing data, income

to rental accommodations such as hotel, motel and condos, state sales tax, tourist development tax and toll revenues at the Bob Sikes Bridge.

“It is our goal to meet the spirit of the Executive Order 10-169,” said Jones. “This is by no means a magic bullet. It will result in one more piece of documentation that an owner can present to bolster his claim.”

Pensacola Beach leaseholders have been contesting the taxes assessed on their improvements to their leaseholds in court. Currently, the residential leaseholders litigation is on appeal in the First District Court of Appeals in Tallahassee. A hearing date has not yet been set.

For further information regarding the interim assessment, the Property Appraiser can be reached at 850-434-2735.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



~Bits and Pieces~

MOCKINGBIRD

Harper Lee's famous novel, "To Kill A Mockingbird," is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this summer. I read it for the second time and it scared the wits out of me, here and there, just as it did when I read it so many years ago. It is filled with conflicts and views through the eyes of residents of a small Alabama town. Small World Department: Harper Lee, who is well known for her reclusiveness used to come to Pensacola to keep appointments with her podiatrist, who was a friend of mine.

SHOW US THE MONEY

Escambia County recently received a stipend from the State of \$700,000 to be spent on advertising. Officials in downtown Pensacola are doing that all right. They have openly announced that they are advertising to lure tourists to the city to visit the Naval Air Museum, the Historic District, and art galleries, etc. It sounds like they are trying to wean the tourist population away from the beaches. My opinion: That will never happen. Most of the visitors say they come here for the beaches. Wasn't that money supposed to help the

Beach survive?

HURRICANE FIZZLED

Congratulations to Queen Shugah and her faithful followers, the masters of VooDoo, the indomitable Wooly Boogers. Whoever heard of a hurricane that came into the Gulf, weakened and went simpering away? Shugah and her pals told the season's first storm to get lost somewhere else and they told Bonnie, we've had enough already. Impplode she did. Colin stayed in the Atlantic Ocean. Go on over to Paradise and check out the storm shrine. Leave an offering at the altar and keep blowing to the south to keep any new storms from planning an attack.

BALLOT BOX MOVES

For many years prior to Hurricane Ivan, Islanders registered to vote in Precinct 94 lined up at Pensacola Beach Community Church to cast their ballots. The storm wiped out the Fellowship Hall, so the entire operation was moved to the boardroom at the Santa Rosa Island Authority. The Supervisor of Elections office announced that the beach polling place has once again returned the Beach Church. See you on August 24 at the polls.

WHO DAT

I have in my possession a copy of Drew Brees' book, "Coming Back Stronger." It's no coffee

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table decoration. So far it's the story of his own smashmouth reaction to bumps in the road, known in football parlance as loosing NFL games. Brees tells how every major hit makes him stronger and I am sure it will have a happy ending since the Saints are unbelievably and miraculously the world's champions. Thousands of Northwest Florida fans showed up for the Brees book signing and a look at the traveling museum, thrills all around. Geaux Saints.

FREE STUFF

Some of the best things in life are free - parks and picnics. The National Park Service is waiving the \$8 entrance fee to Fort Pickens this weekend, August 14-15. The historic fort offers ranger led programs and tours, also at no charge. The island's Catholic Church is hosting a free picnic lunch on August 15 complete with ice cold watermelon and two waterslides for the kids. The action begins at 11 a.m. at the corner of Via de

Luna and Avenida 18.

DA BEACH

Don't forget to eat, drink, shop and be merry. Where? Right here on oil free (at the moment)

WHAT'S UP

Tuesday, August 10

Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. "On The Beach Band" 7 to 9 p.m. Free.

Friday, August 13

Sounds of Summer, Quietwater Amphitheater, 6 to 8 p.m. "On The Beach Band" Free.

Star Gaze, Casino Beach, 8 p.m. Escambia Amateur Astronomers Association. Free.

Saturday, August 14

Race for the Roses. All Female Regatta. Pensacola Beach Yacht Club hosts. View from Soundfront locations. Free.

Evening of Comedy. Benefits Hospice. Hilton Pensacola Beach. Ticket required.

Sounds of Summer, Quietwater Amphitheater, 6 to 8 p.m. "On

Pensacola Beach. We hope it stays that way. Actually, we hope it stays the way it's always been. We can make that happen. We will be Coming Back Stronger.

The Beach Band" Free.

Sunday, August 15

Back To School Picnic. Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission. 11 to 2 p.m. Food, Fun. Free.

COLORS. Celebration of Life on the Republic of Sandspurs. 5 p.m. Lillo's. No cover charge. Dutch treat.

Sounds of Summer, Quietwater Amphitheater, 6 to 8 p.m. "On The Beach Band" Free.

Tuesday, August 17

Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. Beulah Land South Band. 7 to 9 p.m. Free.

Friday, August 20

Sounds of Summer, Quietwater Amphitheater, 6 to 8 p.m. The Smart Brothers Band. Free.

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Trivia?

When the Queen of Wrong Answers risks ruining her reputation by sending the correct answer to a question, the Trivia Master knows he asked an easy question. To add insult to injury, everyone, that's EVERYONE who submitted an answer was correct. The question was "who produced a book of photos and essays about the Island?" The answer is Michael O'Donovan. The book is "The Island."

The winner was Kim Schmitz, who is G. Cole's girlfriend. She does have other qualities to recommend her. She works at the Gulf Breeze School cafeteria and was one of the chefs at the Jazzy Jellyfish Café. That was the phenomenally successful café operated by the third graders. Congrats, Kim. Wear your shirt while you're out cruising in the gold golf cart.

Answers came thick and fast after Kim. Beach readers obviously

loved the book and respected its author. First, two ineligible players Sir Morrie of the Roundtable and Madame Sandi of IT Circulation sent correct answers, followed by Nettie McCulley who has the book on her coffee table right now, and she sent many copies as gifts. Jeanette Baron, who always adds a little history to her answer wrote, "Michael O'Donovan published the beautiful book, 'The Island.' Happy to say we have the book in our library. I think he was our elected member of the Island Authority when he published the book. Hope I'm not a day late and a dollar short, again." Sorry, Jeanette.

Here are a few more correct responders: Dr. Fran Albert, Tommy Grice, who also sent his love along with his answer, interior designer Perrie Renfroe, Donna Ball, and Betsy O'Brien. And along comes

Lynn Cieutat with an immediate response message; just wasn't quite immediate enough.

It's better to stay in the air conditioning and read in the middle of an August Dog Day. So, we'll stay with books one more time. Readers are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Harper Lee's "To Kill A Mockingbird" this summer. The Trivia Master would like to know the name of the actor who played the leading role when the book was made into a movie.

Hurry on this one. It's the last easy question of the book series. Own your very own special *Island Times* t-shirt by being the first to email the correct answer.

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. Deadline is August 17.

PEOPLE

ON THE ISLAND

Kathy Kraemer was on the Beach visiting Mary and Andy Bessone last week. She traveled from Kansas City, Missouri and stopped at all the hot spots on the Island.

WELCOME ABOARD

The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club has accepted the following members from Gulf Breeze: Joan Escuriex, Margaret Biggs, Becky Dupuis, and Bob and Lynn Elmore. Also coming onboard this month were John Decker from Pensacola Beach, Donna and Phil Gambrell, Milton, and Marshall Picow and Susan Embretson from Atlanta. The next General Membership meeting of the Yacht Club will be Thursday, August 12 at 7 p.m.

WEEK LONG FEST

Hardworking Island Style owner Mario Roberts kicks up his heels during his birthday week. The partying begins days before and lasts days after his July 28 birthday. He and his guests make the entire length of Santa Rosa Island their playground in what has been formerly named as MarioFest.

LIZZARD'S HERE

Island Times columnist, E. K. Hewson (The Lizard's Tongue) spent last week with parents Frank and Jane Cooper, and sisters Candy Segar and Shelley Johnson; and nephew Jeremy. She returned on Thursday to be with her husband The Colonel and Harry the Kid in Tall Timbers, Maryland.

STUMPED

Ken Jones, who is fondly known as Stump, has been frequenting his old stomping grounds on the Beach. The former Pensacola Beach Rookie Beach Bum of the Year and Wooly Booger has made a number of extended trips from his home in Georgia to assist his brother-in-law in a construction project.

ELLA'S REPORT

Vivacious Ella Hess has retired but never slowed down. She sends a hello to her friends on the Beach and reports that she saw David Alan Coe in concert in Iowa City,

the Broadway production of Jersey Boys in Des Moines, hosted Jackie and Bob Hess, and got a good report from her doctor. She is currently in California visiting family and will be back in Iowa on August 19. Ella was a columnist for *The Islander* Newspaper, Beach business owner and a top notch local Realtor. She is a member of the Krewe of Nereids.

HOW GRAND

Bob and Wendy Brandon have an amazing report. With the exception of three college bound grandchildren, all the rest are living within five miles of them. Here's the line up. Daughter Barbara Stahl is living on the beach with her husband Mike, a Navy Captain. Their three oldest children Kelly, 23, just graduated with her Masters from Virginia Tech, Kaycee, 21, is a student at Mary Washington in Va., and Kurt, 19, is a LaCrosse player at Virginia Tech. Her two little ones, Cassidy, 12, is a seventh grader at Gulf Breeze Middle School (where her uncle Mike Brandon is the Assistant Principal) and Katelyn, 10, will be a fifth grader at the Pensacola Beach School. Daughter Kaycee who works at The Dock, has Alex 13, and Brandon 10. Son Mike Brandon and his wife Katie are Jacob and Mary's parents. All this and Wendy still has time to volunteer with the Gulf Breeze Hospital Auxiliary like she has for the last 12 years.

WHO DAT DILLON

Dillon Donahue is living a sportsman's dream. He had a friend invite him to get an insider's view of the New Orleans Saints Training Camp where he got to see just how the Super Bowl Champs train. Word from his mom, Diane, is that he even got to try on a Super Bowl ring.

SHOW ME STATE

Steve Picker, who is the Executive Director of the Jefferson City, Missouri Convention and Visitor's Bureau, is ready to be a Beach Bum. He and his sister have a few rental condos on Pensacola Beach, but Steve wants to move here permanently. Until then he travels back to Missouri looking forward to his December Beach vacation.

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Nation's Brightest Stars Shine on Pensacola Beach

Hotel Vouchers, Big Names To Lure Concert Lovers Back To The Island

The winners in the oil spill disaster will be the tourists who decide to come to Pensacola Beach in the near and far future.

The reason for this phenomenon is that Pensacola Beach is setting itself up as the mecca for holding concerts featuring nationally known entertainers on a regular basis.

Plans for the concerts moved forward at the August 2 meeting of the Escambia County Tourist Development Council which is in charge of allocating the \$1.37 million which came to the County from BP.

Unlike the first \$1.4 million the County received from BP there are no strings attached to the second amount. The first sum was restricted to advertising, but this money can be used for hotel room vouchers and presenting concerts.

"The money must be spent by September 15," Denis McKinnon, TDC chairman said. "BP likes the idea of hotel vouchers and national acts for beach concerts to entice visitors back to the Beach."

Under the hotel voucher program, the guests would pay the regular price for the room, and then get a voucher which would provide a rebate. The TDC ap-

proved the idea, but will leave the working out of details to the local hoteliers, McKinnon and the Pensacola, Perdido Key and Pensacola Beach Chambers of Commerce.

The program is designed to "put heads in beds" in the area hotels. The impact of tourists who fill the hotels is well studied and multiplies to other businesses on the Beach.

Commissioner Grover Robinson who is a member of the TDC made a motion to dedicate \$700,000 to funding the voucher program which passed unanimously.

Robert Rinke, Levin Rinke Resort Realty, said one million dollars would be spent on concerts. All costs would be disclosed to the public.

"I have personally paid to hold the Beach Boys, hoping for a September appearance," he said.

He explained in detail how the process works. He said he met with Steven Gudis of The Production Department, who in turn contacted ICM Talent – the Beach Boys agent. He made a deposit of \$1,000 from his own bank account to confirm the date of September 18. The date was placed on hold.

An offer was then made on

behalf of Rinke by Gudis to the band's agent and forwarded to the Beach Boy's management company, Tuesday, August 3. The management company has received the offer and is reviewing it. The acceptance, rejection or counter offer could come back any day this week.

"I am working on behalf of Robert Rinke in explaining the need for these concerts to nationally recognized performers who are being asked to perform for free or to just cover their costs," Gudis said.

Rinke says his ultimate goal is to provide a quintessential beach experience.

"Our ultimate goal would be for people to come with their beach chairs to sit with their feet in the sand at sunset with an island breeze blowing while they listen to their favorite band," Rinke said.

Other possible acts representing a wide variety in entertainment may include Peter Frampton, Chicago, Earth, Wind and Fire, REO Speedwagon, New Kids on the Block, Joan Baez and The Steve Miller Band.

"Nationally known artists of the caliber of Peter Frampton have already said they would like

to come to the Gulf Coast to help show support," Rinke said. "This is going to make a powerful impact on our area."

The stage would be located just west of the Fishing Pier on the Margaritaville Beach Hotel property. Casino Beach would not be impacted and will always be available to the public.

Marilyn Hess, CEO of Little Sabine, Inc. who is donating the use of her land, said, "The concerts must be free to those paying for accommodations, and any profits would be donated to a special fund for Beach clean up, wildlife issues and environmental issues."

All hotel guests will receive tickets to the concerts and some will be made available to the public.

It will take several agencies to make all this happen, according to Rinke. Rinke asked the TDC to allocate \$300,000 to the proposal and the Pensacola Convention and Visitor's Bureau has \$200,000 in contingency money. Rinke offered to match that \$500,000 with money from the Island Beautification Fund which Portofino has given to the SRIA for beautifying the island.

"I feel this is a more urgent need," said Rinke.

That proposal is not yet final since the Island Authority must authorize the expenditure of the funds. The item will appear on the August 11 agenda of the SRIA.

The open air stage which would include a giant digital screen would cost from \$500,000 to \$600,000, according to Rinke. The cost to lease would be \$175,000 for one hundred days. Plans for marketing the proposals will come soon, and will feature the vouchers and concerts.

A motion was made and passed to allocate \$300,000 to the beach concerts, \$100,000 to Perdido Key to advertise their fall events, \$249,000 to advertise the vouchers and concerts in a mixture of television, radio and internet based marketing.

At the close of the meeting, McKinnon announced that he would be forming a long range ad hoc planning committee composed of Council members and non-members to look to the future. Their meetings will be in the Sunshine and will be open to the public.

Chamber Discusses Highs and Lows

The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce discussed highs and lows at its monthly meeting on July 27.

Among the high points was the Blue Angels Air Show success which was due in part to Executive Director Maureen LaMar who met all the emergencies as they came up.

"Thanks for overcoming all the obstacles that just kept coming," Jeff Elbert, Chamber president told LaMar.

Marta Ray, sales director of the Days Inn gave a report that was half high and half low. She said, "We're keeping busy, but we have had to cut room rates to remain busy."

A report among the highs was Robert Gleim's summary of the upcoming Labor Day weekend Jamaican Fest at Bamboo Willie's.

"There will be a lot more on this later, but everything is on schedule for the Bathtub races and we are having a headline reggae band from Ohio," he said.

A new business has opened where the Florida Pizza Kitchen was located in front of Paddy O'Leary's. Beach Pops are frozen organic concoctions made of fruits and spices. The business, owned by Lynn Foster, recently joined the Chamber.

Sandi Johnson, who represents Pensacola Beach Optimist Club at

the Chamber said the annual First Responders Appreciation Dinner will be August 31. Honored guests are lifeguards, deputies, firefighters and park rangers.

Rick Cantin, in his treasurer's report, was among the highs reflecting a net income of \$2900 over last year and \$6,599 above the budget projections.

The next General Membership meeting will be Tuesday, August 31, 8:30 a.m. at the Days Inn. Business After Hours will be the same day at 5:30 p.m. at Springhill Suites.

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by Kathi Lewis



This has, without a doubt been the strangest summer of my life in Paradise. The lack of visitors to our Island has caused a tremendous increase in the speed of my social life. Islanders are supposed to relax and rest in the summer, but these days my calendar seems to book itself constantly. Where did all the blank spaces go?

I thought I would get a lot of things done around my house while grandson Jesiah was visiting his Dad Jason Fitzgerald in Virginia and North Carolina for six weeks. Turns out, he's not the problem. He's home already and not a single thing has been accomplished on my list. I spent most of my time wondering where the rest of the time went.

I can vaguely recall spring and something about some oil somewhere; then suddenly I'm in the heart of the Sandspur Republic in the full heat of summer. Next thing I know there's a couple of "girl's trips" planned and executed already. Bill and I actually took a short trip together somewhere during that time frame. Then came the

4th of July and fireworks and oh yeah, mailing some "boxes of love" overseas now and again.

There was also a visit from my sister Gail and husband Rod from Georgia.

Then grandsons Ash and Max Harris came for their first sleep-over ever. Those boys were so sweet and we had so much fun, then Mom and Dad (Sara and Rob Harris) came and took them home. I got stuck in traffic (the same day) after the Blue Angels practice and was late for a doctor's appointment. I think I got home just in time to get things ready for the next day's guests to watch the Blue Angels dress rehearsal. Those guests left in time for me to get ready for the next day's guests to watch the Blue Angels perform their breath-taking show!

After that Christine Hewerdine and I went away on another "girl's trip" to Biloxi and I got home in time to host my granddaughter Sissy for an overnight stay. And yes, both were a lot of fun!

The next thing I knew, I was in daughter Mel's car headed to

Jacksonville to pick up Jesiah and got home in time for my sister Brenda and husband Wayne Dawson who arrived from Georgia the very next day.

Somewhere in between all that I managed to schedule, book and attend COLORS each month on the 15th (next one is August 15 at Lillo's Tuscan Grille). Then there's this "job thing" that Shelley insists we write every other week (at least I'm sitting down).

My Mardi Gras krewe, the Mystic Krewe of Nereids, has been making plans all year. The first commitment is the mandatory attendance at the Mystic Lagoon where we will welcome our most recent "Love Ladies" into the krewe. Yeah, it's a tough job but somebody's gotta do it.

Now we're finalizing plans for the Splash Party where we hope to bring business, fun, money and even some relief to the entire Island. Let me just say that has not been a small task. And why do we do it? Because just like Jane Cooper said, "That's what we do!" And y'all know I always believe Miss Jane.....

Somewhere in there was that whole Wooly Booger thing and I must commend our Duece Queen ShelleyBean – she has done an absolutely spectacular job! She's going to be a tough act to follow.....

Oh yeah, after the Mystic Lagoon but before the Splash Party I'll be making a trip to Georgia. Brenda and I have decided it's time to throw

a surprise birthday party for our sister Gail. She hit the big 60 last year and according to our memory Gail has never had a birthday party. Well, it's about time. Where does the time go?

Liz Waters Hewson was in town briefly and I really, really needed to visit with her. She's the contributor of this week's recipe (which I received at last year's Wine & Art Weekend. Oh yeah, that's coming up on October 2-3). Since Liz provided the recipe, maybe I'll have time to lift a glass to toast her. In the meantime let's cook.....

Herbed Oysters

1 dozen freshly shucked raw oysters

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Italian bread crumbs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shredded Parmesan cheese
1 tbsp. fresh chopped oregano
1 tbsp. fresh finely ground (use a mortar & pestle) bay leaves
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt & pepper

Turn oven on broil. Place shucked oysters on the half shell on a baking sheet. Mix together bread crumbs, cheese, herbs and spices. Place a dollop of the mixture on each oyster. Put under the broiler until crumbs get crusty and cheese gets melty. Serve and eat immediately.

Enjoy, share and spend some time on the beach before it's gone (time, not the beach)! See ya in the kitchen

Ski Club Brings Cool Expo To Town

Beach resident Ilona Borish loves the white sands of Pensacola Beach, but can be found swooshing through the powdery snow in Colorado with the Pensacola Ski Club members during the winter.

"We want you to think cool thoughts, so we are hosting our annual Snow Ski Expo, Thursday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. at New World Landing," said Borish, the Club's vice-president in charge of trips. "Founded in 1974, the Ski Club hosts between seven and ten ski trips per year. We usually include one international destination."

The Expo includes ski trip information booths. Next year's destinations are Snowmass, Key-stone, Steamboat Springs, Copper Mountain and Breckenridge in Colorado; coupled with Aosta, Italy, Egypt, and a wine tasting in California.

The Club isn't just about skiing. They host several non-skiing outings, happy hours, family events and socials.

Participants may get lucky enough to win one of the fantastic door prizes or raffles. Food and beverages will be available.

Admission to the Expo is free to current members and \$10 to non-members. Those who join the Ski Club at the Expo will receive a \$10 discount on their membership fee.

New World Landing is located at 600 South Palafox Street in Pensacola. There is plenty of free parking so bring your friends.

Leading the Club down the slopes and at the monthly meetings are officers: Susan Naile, President, Janice Bond, Vice-President, Ilona Borish, Vice-President/Trips, Beverly Gay, Secretary, Paul Belt, Treasurer, Cindy Urmos-Clements, Assistant Treasurer and Al Maddux, Past President.

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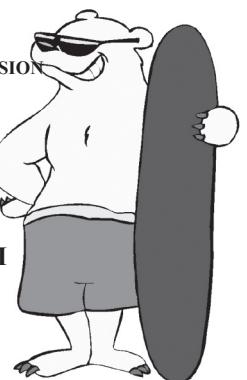
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Island Authority Parks Parking Lot

The construction of a parking lot on Ft. Pickens Road adjacent to the Sans Souci is parked for awhile as the Santa Rosa Island Authority Board has asked staff, Mike Langston of Baskerville-Donovan and Steve Homewood, president of the LaFitte Cove Homeowners Association to meet and bring more information to the Board before making a decision on the project. They reached the decision at their July 28 meeting.

The major red flag flying on this project is the proposed area is in preservation. Secondly, the price has gone up from \$25,000 to \$45,000.

"There are no members of this Board who would want to impact the dunes, so we would never want to encroach on a sensitive area with a parking lot," Board member Dave Pavlock said.

"I am encouraged by the Board looking at different solutions on the parking situation," Board member Vernon Prather said. "I would like to continue to study this, review it, and get more information with cost estimates."

Homewood had offered an alternative plan which would eliminate the danger that currently exists and would cost less to build.

Langston reminded the Board that at their direction the parking lot is already out for bid with the bid opening set for August 11. The Board will review and discuss the matter at their Full Board meeting on August 11.

During the committee meet-

ing which followed the parking lot discussion, Dottie Ford, Finance Director announced that May had been a very good month.

"We were up \$62,000 which means we are still up for the year and expenses are down," she said.

Requests came from Margaritaville management to the Development and Leasing Committee. Approval was granted for them to have a food trailer to service the two pool bars, and Landshark Landing until their café opens in the Spring of 2011. They also received approval for an office trailer on the property during construction from the Architectural and Environmental Committee.

However, their contractor who provides beach chair rental concessions ran into opposition concerning a request to use a four-wheeler to transport equipment to the Beachside location. Margaritaville officials have provided their rental company with storage inside the hotel rather than the customary boxes located on the beach.

Joe McCay, general manager of the new hotel said they did not have a problem with placing a storage box on the beach.

"We do not want to impact the area, but we do not think building a ramp, as suggested by a committee member, is something we want to do."

Although he said there was no problem with the box, the item is held in committee.

The first budget workshop followed the Committee Meet-

ings. The next two will be on August 11 and 25. Ford said June collections will be down by 18%. However, she said they could work around the possibility that they would not raise the lease fees to meet the CPI this year.

Jim Cox, president of the Pensacola Beach Advocates, delivered a letter expressing concern about raising the residential lease fees this year.

He has also examined a scenario of the Escambia County tax assessments on improvement and on the land of leaseholders. It revealed that only one percent of the County's population resides on Pensacola Beach but would be paying 9.3 percent of the total County taxes.

"Total revenue going to the County from island residents would be \$11 million for improvements only. Factor in another \$1,350, 690 in MSBUs and add lease fees. It's a burden," he said.

"The Beach has been beat up bad, both commercial and residential," added Robert Rinke, Levin and Rinke Resort Realty. "Nobody thought we would be taxed on improvements and now we are. Coupled with insurance, there's only so much we can take."

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Full Board will meet Wednesday, August 11 at 5 p.m. at the Authority office. All meetings including the Budget Workshops are open to the public.

Sheriff's Office In Hot Pursuit Of Business Support

Sena Maddison, Public Affairs Coordinator for the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, made a presentation to the Beach Chamber of Commerce, seeking their help in the Sheriff's sponsored 5K run, In Hot Pursuit, which will be on November 6 on Pensacola Beach.

"We are currently seeking sponsors who are interested in joining us in supporting the Florida Sheriff's Association Youth Ranches," she said. "This

is an organization dedicated to the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the production of strong, lawful and productive citizens for our community."

As a race sponsor the business would have its logo on the t-shirts and at the website.

"We expect a minimum of 300 runners," she said. "We want to keep the runners on the beach all day long. If a business would like to offer a discount, these will be placed on a list inside the

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For more information or to make a donation to the race, Maddison's office number is 850-436-9277.

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Shopping for Back To School clothes and supplies on August 13-15 earns you a little tax break. The State of Florida will forgo collecting sales tax for three days, so students can get ready to return to school. Items included in the exemption are books, clothing less than \$50 in price, school supplies less than \$10 in price, footwear and certain accessories. For more details, visit www.myflorida.com/dor.

FIRST DAY

Pensacola Beach Elementary School will open its doors for classes on August 23. Gulf Breeze

Middle and High Schools open the same day. Please remember to slow down in school zones. Beach deputies and Gulf Breeze police will be there to remind you.

LEARN THE ROPES

Gulf Breeze Middle School is holding its Orientation on Friday, August 20 prior to the first day of school which is set for Monday, August 23 at 7:30 a.m.

Sixth graders and students new to the school may drop in between 8 and 10 a.m. to pick up their class schedules, find their classrooms, meet the teachers, find out their bus numbers and routes, and buy gym uniforms which are

\$20 for shirt and shorts.

Returning eighth graders should pick up their schedules between 11 a.m. and noon on August 20.

Returning seventh graders should arrive between noon and 1 p.m. with proof of their TDAP immunization to pick up their schedules.

BACK TO SCHOOL FUN

Sizzling hot dogs and hamburgers coupled with ice cold watermelon and lemonade make up the menu for Our Lady of the Assumption's Back To School picnic, Sunday, August 15 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be two waterslides and plenty of room to splash for kids of all ages. The entire community is invited to this party. There is no charge.

GO SEE MR C

Most parents, teachers and students love the carefree days of summer vacation. No classroom schedule and no homework. Beach School Principal Jeff Castleberry can't stand it. He says it's too quiet and he is eagerly awaiting the return of his 144 students.



Letters to the Editor

The PBA Board feels that with residential leaseholders being asked to pay ad-valorem taxes in addition to lease fees and MSBU fees, not to mention coping with the effects of the oil spill, now is simply not the time for the SRIA to increase residential lease fees.

All residential leaseholders are encouraged to attend the Budget Workshop on August 11 and let the SRIA hear your views on the proposed lease fee increase. If you cannot attend, but want to contact the SRIA members, here's their e-mail addresses:

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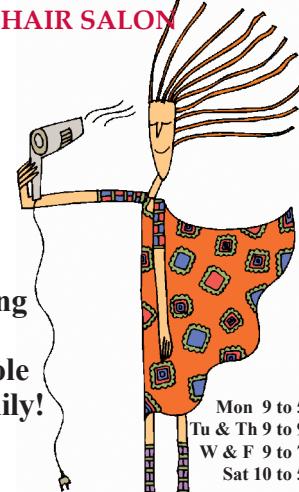
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School Gets New Storage Rooms, Picnic Tables

Pensacola Beach Elementary School students will have more outdoor dining tables and teachers will have additional storage space in the Computer Lab, first grade and kindergarten, after the Board authorized Principal Jeff Castleberry to get two bids for the projects at their July 26 meeting.

"After the hurricane, the front classrooms were rebuilt with large walk-in storage space," Castleberry said. "These other classrooms really need to have the same storage areas."

During good weather, Beach kids enjoy eating outside on picnic tables since they do not have a cafeteria.

"There is not enough room for the entire student body to sit at a table during lunch," said Margie

Pitts, fifth grade teacher.

She did point out that the fifth graders, who are the upperclassmen at the school, did enjoy their privilege of eating in the gazebo.

The Board approved the purchase of six new tables which added to the existing tables would accommodate the entire student body on the dining deck.

Todd McCurdy, president, said the finances at the School were in good shape and were ahead of budget. Although the Board intends to factor in the expected five percent cut from the State, the most recent update shows the per student funding cut will not be made by the State.

During the Principal's Report, Castleberry said a school is often judged by its FCAT scores.

"Our scores were really good," he said. "We are truly a community school and we appreciate all the civic organizations which support us. We hope that we, in turn, represent the community well."

Susan McLeod, fourth grade teacher, resigned saying she wanted to spend more time with her family. The Board approved Tara Turk to teach fourth grade. She has been a teaching assistant at the School, a co-teacher in third grade and finished last year teaching the first grade while Kelli Gunter was on maternity leave.

Important dates for the school are August 13 which is the closing date for the official application process, August 23 when the students return to school and August 30 when

the School Board holds its next meeting. The Board also approved a Welcome Back To School Luncheon to be hosted at a Beach restaurant

for the Beach School teachers.

All meetings are open to the public, and begin at 6 p.m. at the school.

Bands On The Beach Artists Rock The Island

Successful Concert Series Showcases Local Talent

As the summer continues on Pensacola Beach, so does the free music. The popular outdoor concert series Bands on the Beach rocks on from 7-9 p.m. each Tuesday evening at the Gulfside Pavilion, and the Sounds of Summer weekend concert series keeps the music going from 6-8 p.m. most Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at the Quietwater Amphitheater on Portofino Boardwalk. The free concerts are provided by the Santa Rosa Island Authority.

Bring your beach chair and dancing shoes to enjoy these Bands on the Beach entertainers:

Jeff Tucker and On the Beach travel to the Gulf Coast performing a variety of music including rock, pop and country, and will make a stop in Pensacola Beach on August 10. With over a 14-year history, the group has experience playing a variety of venues including community concerts, special events and major music festivals. The band

will showcase their ability to appeal to different generations and varied musical tastes.

The Beulah Land South Band will play Southern Rock cover songs from Lynyrd Skynyrd, ZZ Top, Blackfoot and others on August 17. Collectively, the bands four members bring a wide variety of style and talent to the stage.

They have created a unique sound that they call "Swamp Water Mu-

sic." The band's most recent venue was opening for Joe Diffie at the 2010 BeulahFest. Having a strong community sense they have also played for many benefits around this area.

Petty Cash will make their Bands on the Beach debut on August 24. Formed in 2007, they have more than 20 years of experience playing music and entertaining audiences. Their playlist crosses over many eras and styles of music, from 3 Doors Down to David Allen Coe and even Pink Floyd and Jimmy Buffett. You can be sure that all music you hear will be upbeat.

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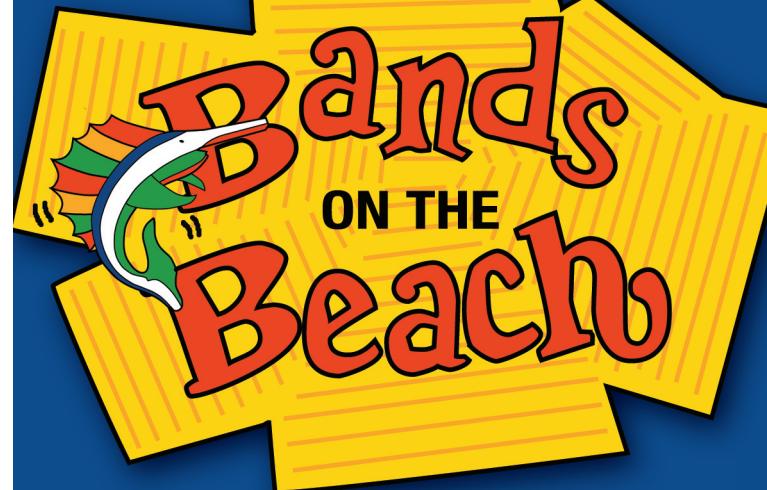
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Ahoy, Beach Pirates Look For Salty Dogs

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There is a \$30 charge per team to enter the Bath Tub Races. All of the proceeds go to benefit the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The Beach Pirates will welcome all salty dogs, nautical newcomers and little swabbies to the group. Eye patches, peg legs, gold hoop ear rings and Johnny Depp look-alikes are encouraged.

Since this group has no rules and no dues, it is not necessary to sign up in advance, you may just float up and join on September 5. If you would like your name added to the scroll of Pirates, then email islandtimes@bellsouth.net to sign up.

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VROOM,VROOM

Car buffs and Corvette lovers will be racing to the Beach for the Miracle Strip Corvette Club's Life's a Vette on the Beach Show, September 18 at Casino Beach. Beach resident Rick Gordon coordinates the show and he also is in charge of gathering prizes to include in their

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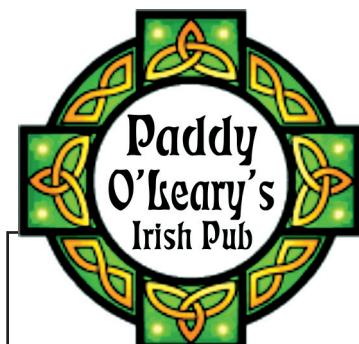
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Look for some great "Tri Tips" coming up in future additions. Can't wait to see you out there!

Good News Department

On Monday, we were notified that our grant idea to fight youth obesity by introducing the sport of triathlon to children was chosen to compete in Pepsi's Good for the Gulf grant competition.

With this grant money, MPI will be able to launch a local awareness campaign, host three youth triathlon races, conduct educational training sessions and start a youth triathlon club to encourage healthy living while also growing the sport of triathlon.

You can help by voting for us. Voting will continue until August 31. Winners will be announced on September 22.

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Beach's Bananimals Host Drive To Corral New Krewe Members Castaways Gets Tapped For Grand Ball

The brave soul who serves as the Supervisor of Elections for the Krewe of Bananimals has certified Rob Jackson as the Top Dog of the Krewe. The announcement was made at the August 1 meeting at Castaways where thirty Bananimals raised their drinks in approval. Assisting Rob this year will be Treasurer Mary Jo Tibbits, Secretary Bruce Yoder and Vice-president Kurt Kildow.

The group settled down to business which included setting the Bananimals Grand Costume Ball for Saturday, February 19 at Castaways. They will be working on their floats, creating a Facebook page and designing a krewe costume during the off season.

"This krewe is all about the fun," said Top Dog Rob. "We will be known for our Grand Ball, generous float riders and our dedication to charities."

The Krewe confirmed that Santa Rosa Kids House will remain

as their number one charity and they will add a few others this year.

To support all these goals, the Krewe has opened their membership to new members. The Membership Drive will continue through November 1.

"We have about 80 registered Bananimals," said Mary Jo Tibbits. "We can accept new members immediately. We are hoping for some young members to join the young-at-heart members."

The next meeting of the Bananimals is their annual Shrimp Boil, Sunday, September 12 at 3 p.m. at the Sabine Sandbar. Standing committees will be formed for Parties, Mardi Gras, Halloween, Float Decorating, Fundraising, Christmas and Easter.

The cost to join is \$50 per year. The Krewe meets year round. A check made payable to the Krewe of Bananimals can be mailed to 1309 Autumn Breeze Circle, Gulf Breeze, FL 32563.



Queen of Bananimals Carlette Howell, left, and the gal who takes care of all the krewe money, Treasurer Mary Jo Tibbits, approved of the serious business that the Krewe conducted during their August 1 meeting. They scheduled parties, reaffirmed their commitment to having fun and supporting local charities. The Krewe is ready to expand inviting prospective members to sign up and become part of the herd.



BigFoot Appears on Santa Rosa Island - Where is he?

BigFoot is stalking about the island again. Walking across large expanses of white sand with a lone palm tree to shade him. Is he secretly training for the triathlon? Is he looking for freshwater to drink?

Where is BigFoot this time? Be the first to email Island Times with the correct answer and you will win a custom collectible BigFoot t-shirt! Send your answer to: islandtimes@bellsouth.net include your name and phone number. Good luck!

BYTES AND BITS

Q: "Can my laptop power cord be used on my friend's laptop?"

A: Proceed with caution if you are going to loan or borrow a power cord for a laptop computer. Many laptops have been damaged when the wrong power cord was used. I recently repaired an HP laptop computer that had been using a Dell computer's cord. It was a close fit, but was overpowering the computer's motherboard.

The problem lies in the power requirements for the computer. Each computer has a label under-

neath it, indicating the correct power rating. For example, the input power rating might be 18.5V and 3.5A. If you look at power cord, the black rectangular "brick" in the middle of the power cord will show the same power rating. The black box reduces power from the wall outlet down to the level needed by the computer.

The silver plug on the tip of the power cord varies in size, depending on the brand and power rating of the computer. So, in many cases it won't even fit into another

By Joe Stukey
Your Computer Pal

computer. But, if it does fit, and the output power isn't a good match for the computer, the computer's motherboard may be damaged. The computer might fail immediately, or it can deteriorate over time.

If buying a spare or replacement cord, try to get an original (with brand name for your computer). If that is not available, just make sure the output power rating is an exact match for your computer.

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"This important charity event raises funds to provide care and

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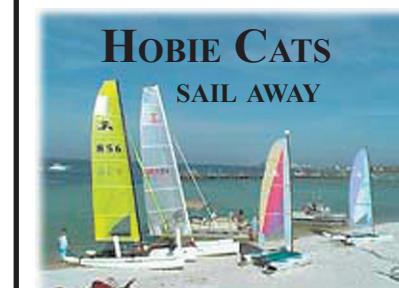
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I recently purchased Season One of the 1962 television series, "The Virginian." I was nine-years-old when the show made its debut, and I was fascinated with stories of the Wild West. The setting for the series focused on a large ranch in Wyoming owned by Judge Garth played by the famous Lee J. Cobb and run by the foreman and title character - The Virginian - who was played by James Drury.

What set this television western apart from the other westerns was its 90 minute color format. Imagine the work the writers had to do for this show. It stayed on the air until 1972 a testament to the remarkable writing and acting.

Each week presented a new saga supported by an excellent cast and crew, but enhanced by famous stars. These included such notables as Betty Davis, Joan Crawford, Harrison Ford, George C. Scott and Robert Redford to name a few. The other interesting aspect concerning the actors was the group of actors who had small parts and later became famous in their own right. Those included many of the Star Trek cast: Beam

me up Scotty/Scotty Montgomery - James Doohan, Bones/Dr. Leonard McCoy - DeForest Kelley and Captain James Tiberius Kirk - William Shatner all had small parts in "The Virginian."

I realize that as a nine-year-old I was quite fortunate in growing up with this series. There were moral issues that were tackled. I know now that this had a tremendous impact on my life. It established definitive boundaries between right and wrong; yet, just because a law was in place, it didn't necessarily mean it was a just law.

There were episodes that introduced historical and social information and were woven into the show. A couple of episodes showed a run on banks in 1897. It made me realize that as progressive as we think we are in the 21st Century, we just keep repeating the same mistakes. I didn't catch it at the age of nine, but I certainly understand it now at the age of 56.

So head on out little doggies and rent or buy "The Virginian" for good wholesome entertainment.



Big sister Cailyn Cooke pretends she is an alligator while little sister Kennady gets to ride on her back. They were playing in the shallow clear water behind their Grandmother Pandora de Balthazar's home on Little Sabine Bay last week.

Scher Claims Player of the Month Grice Shakes Up Monday Night Play

July was Justin Scher's month at the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun weekly tourneys on Pensacola Beach. He displayed his patented come from behind style during his win on July 25 when he outlasted Pete Falgout at Paddy O'Leary's. He reappeared in the winner circle after a hard fought battle with Phil Tracy on July 29.

Lady Luck sat down at the tables at Paddy's next to Sara Mandel on the first day of August. She claimed her first Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun win over veteran player

Ted Gorder.

Monday night action takes place at the historic Sandshaker Lounge where Hank Misiak was the champion on July 26. Tommy Grice settled for the runner's up crown.

Grice did not play second fiddle for long. He made a charge for all the chips on August 2 leaving Billie Urquhart in second place.

"This is Grice's second win in three weeks," commented Rick Uzdevenes. "He is marching into the winner's circle on a regular basis."

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun games are open to anyone 21-years-

old who has a basic knowledge of the game. Games begin at 7 p.m. at Paddy's on Thursday and Sunday and at the Shaker on Monday night.

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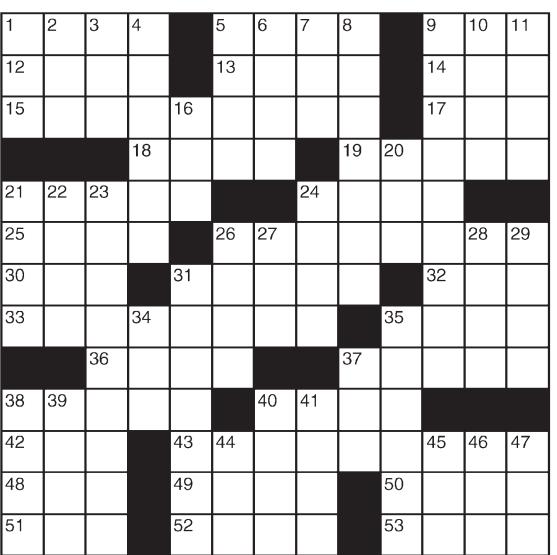
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- 5 Great Lakes fish
- 9 Dubya's brother
- 12 Chills and fever
- 13 Leak slowly
- 14 Eggs
- 15 Mischiefous sprite
- 17 Stein or Stiller
- 18 Go up
- 19 Express appreciation
- 21 Tag
- 24 A Baldwin brother
- 25 Lotion additive
- 26 Fixed firmly
- 30 Young lion
- 31 One over par
- 32 Rage
- 33 Inscribe, as in heraldry
- 35 Soccer score
- 36 "Dear —"
- 37 Feel
- 38 Equine
- 40 Ethereal
- 42 Wapiti
- 43 Sympathy-evoking journalist
- 48 Retainer
- 49 Attention getter



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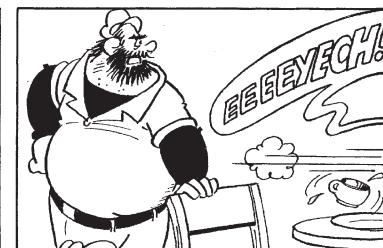
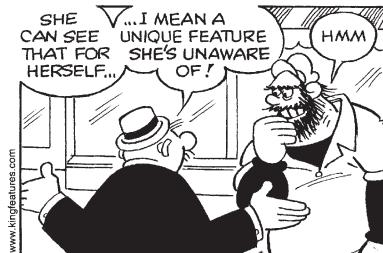
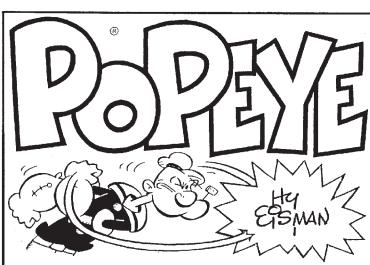
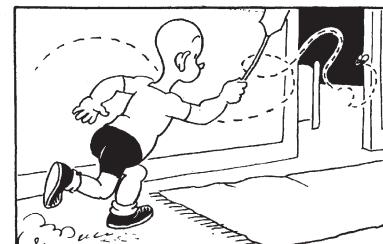
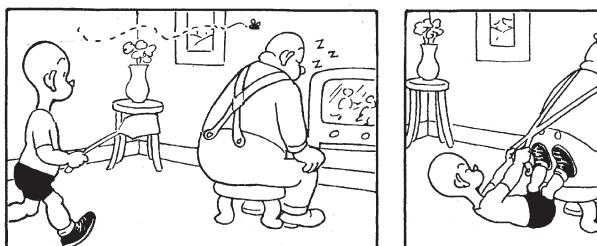
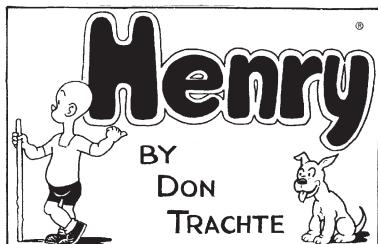
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The Lizzard's TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



To tell or not to tell? That is the question. And an embarrassing one at that.

You see gone are the days that having my undergarments exposed in public are funny at the very least and sexy at the very best. Unfortunately, no longer am I that flirtatious Second Lieutenant's girlfriend who no matter how close to my heart I kept Victoria's secret, my favorite and only pair somehow wound up blowing in the wind on the flag pole in front of a governmental building on the Island during Mardi Gras.

I have actually come to a time in my life that I am supposed to be the distinguished Colonel's wife. One whose slip is never longer than her hemline and whose bra straps know their place no matter the

cut of the sleeve for fear of being banished to the back of the lingerie drawer until the elastic gets dry rot. Sad, but true.

I have even been known to find the nearest trash receptacle to dispose of an unruly undergarment. I've always believed 'tis better to go bare than to have straps and waistbands out there for the world to see. I don't want to see yours and I have no intention of showing off mine.

That is until I was enjoying a nice lunch with family and friends at a restaurant on the Island. Names have purposely been removed to protect the innocent and the offended. It is too late for the embarrassed -- that would be me. Somehow while being seated the back zipper in my cute little white skirt

headed south and went completely unnoticed while we ordered drinks and food. That is until the table of 12 men, much older than I, arrived.

The next thing I know, a waitress, but not my waitress, carrying a pitcher of ice tea is kneeling by my side. You can only imagine my initial confusion since my glass was completely full until she just blurted out, "Ma'am your skirt is completely unzipped in the back and..."

Well to be perfectly honest, I don't recall what she said after the "and" because all the blood had rushed from my brain to my cheeks. The ones on my face, that is. It took me a minute or two to regain my composure trying to figure out if these men were truly being gentlemen or were they just

completely offended that a partially covered moon was rising at high noon. Yet just in the nick of time, I found my inner-Sister of the Beach. Zipped and covered, I turned to the group, my face still with that nice glow of total embarrassment, and commented that it's always a nice view on Pensacola Beach and the next time they better have out their dollar bills.

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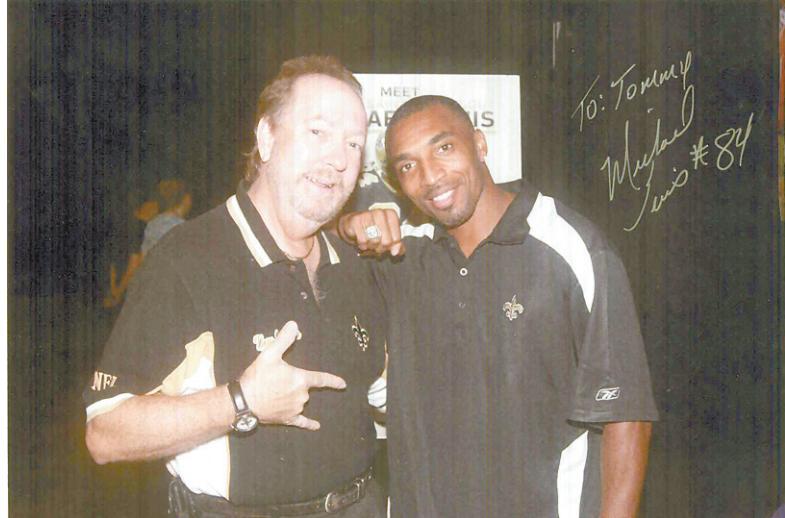
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Pensacola Beach Songwriters To Star in Studio Amped Episode

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A "special edition" of Studio-

Amped featuring the songwriters from the Pensacola Beach Songwriters' Festival will be filmed on October 1. Songwriters will be performing "live" at the Amos Performance Studio on the campus of Pensacola State College and the show will be aired at a future date on WSRE Public Television. The public is invited to be a part of the studio audience and admission is free.



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readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick

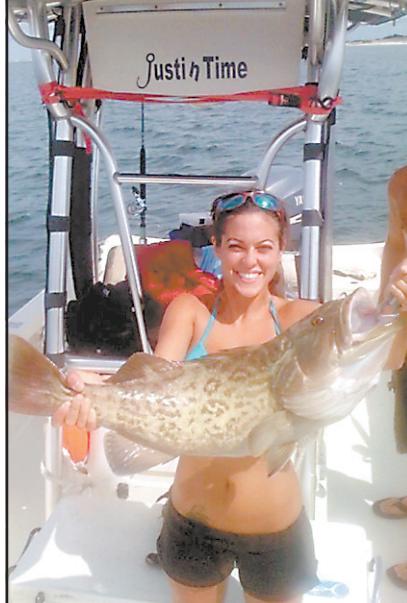


The warm Gulf waters are slap full of action. The Tarpon are within reach of the shoreline and Kings and Spanish are ripping through the baitfish. Blacktip Sharks are feeding off the bottom and, man, do they eat good.

Top fisherman Alex Gonzales submitted a great pic of a Grouper she landed in the Bay while fishing with friends aboard the Just'in Time.

Pompano Toe Agricola sent one in of a Redfish he spent the better part of an hour fightin' off Deer Point in the early morning hours.

The temps are hot and so is the fishing! It's a great time to do a little wading for Specks, too. Some mighty tasty blue crabs are running around the shallows. So do yourself a favor and Go Fishin'! And take a Kid.



Super Angler Alex Gonzales snagged this grouper while fishing aboard the **Justin Time** in Escambia Bay on July 28. When Alex is not fishing she tends bar at the Sandshaker Lounge. Order a bushwacker and ask for some fishing tips.



Pompano Toe, from the Saltwater Blues Band shows off a nice Redfish caught in Santa Rosa Sound August 2.

Northwest Florida Rivers Host Trail Association Events

The Florida Trail Association members slip off their hiking shoes and grab a paddle for the month of August. Their schedule is as follows:

- Friday, August 13 to Sunday, August 15, will be a weekend of hiking, bicycling, swimming, and camping at Falling Waters State Park in Chipley, Florida. For details and to sign up call trip leader

Trudy Walton at 850-434-8861.

- Saturday, August 14 a canoe and kayak trip launches at 9 a.m. on the Yellow River from Milligan to Gin Hole Landing in Okaloosa County. There is no charge. For additional information contact trip leader Paul Mayo at 850-682-6098.
- Cheryl Gardner will lead a canoe and kayak trip on Sunday, August 22 at 9 a.m. on the Black-

water River from Kennedy Bridge to Peaden Bridge. There is no charge. For details, contact Cheryl Gardner at 850-484-9111.

The Association hosts their monthly chapter meeting on Thursday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church. For more information, contact George Brinkman at 850-932-0125 or visit <http://westgate.floridatrail.org>.



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