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Blues Blast Across Beach Skies



Fans by the Thousands To View Thrilling Air Show Action From Beach or Boat



Hey, hey, hey...it's Fat Albert, the most recognizable C-130 in the world. It roars through the skies above Pensacola Beach thrilling the thousands of long time and first time spectators signaling the start of the Blue Angels Air Show. The Red, White and Blues Week on Pensacola Beach kicks off today and culminates with the spectacular flight of the United States Navy's Flight Demonstration Team Blue Angels at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9. There's plenty to see and do before all eyes are turned skyward. See page 2 and get ready for take-off.

Red, White and Blues Week In The Skies And On The Shores

Thrilling, Chilling Show Cools A Hot July Day

Everyone knows what will happen in the skies on Blue Angels Air Show Day, but what about on the ground? Have you ever taken time out from swimming and sand castling long enough to visit Air Show Central on Casino Beach during the Red, White and Blues celebration? Try it. You'll like it. These amenities are available only the day of the formal air show, July 9. If you are among the early birds who flock to the beach, Boogie, Inc. will be entertaining, beginning at 8 a.m.

Boogie, Inc. has been the air show's sound link for twenty years.

"We announce all the civilian acts as they appear, including in-air cockpit communications, and we broadcast the Blue Angels Air Show. The Navy provides the narrators, we provide the sound," said David McDonald, Boogie, Inc. owner. "I get goose bumps as everyone stops whatever they are doing, and stands up with their hand over their heart to honor their country when we play the National Anthem after the show."

Boogie, Inc. has also reunited countless lost children with their parents over the years in the Air Show crowd; and has become a Pensacola Beach Air Show icon. McDonald never takes his stage or his charm away until the last blast has been heard in the sky.

There's plenty to pass the time away on Casino Beach with the opening of the Beach Chamber's Vendors Tent. You will be able to purchase ice cold water from the Krewe of Bananimals and one hundred percent of the profits go to the Santa Rosa Kids House.

Food vendors will be Re-

pici's Italian Ice, Mr. T's Hot Dogs, Firehouse Subs, VMFAT Warlord's Officers Relay for Life Team #48, R&B Mobile Vending, offering Kettle Corn and lemonade; and Beach Pops who will have their world famous organic frozen treats in a variety of wild flavors.

Island Style will also be under the tent with t-shirts, Blue Angels souvenirs and other merchandise.

The United States Navy will feature its informational display along with the Marine Corps contests at the chin up bar. Prizes will be awarded.

Baptist Hospital will also have a tent along with their Mole Patrol skin cancer screening service. Sunscreen and paper fans will be given away.

Four trolleys will begin running at 8 a.m. on Friday, July 8 and at 7 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, so take a cool, free ride and see the Beach. Restaurants will be open to welcome you to their air conditioned establishments and will be serving all day long.

As high noon approaches, it's time to get back to your viewing spot. Civilian aircraft will kick off their air show beginning with a Grumman Wigeon G-44 flown by Beach hotelier Julian MacQueen.

Others participating will be Prometheus flown by Skip Stewart, Team RV, MX2 piloted by Gary Ward, and the Stearman A75N1 flown by Roy Kinsey.

Keep your eyes peeled for the arrival of Fat Albert, the Blue Angels workhorse which opens the show with a pass along show central to thrill the crowd.

The Blue Angels will take their F/A-18 Hornets into the skies following Fat Albert.

The complete schedule for

Red, White and Blues Week follows:

◆ Wednesday, July 6 at 8 a.m. Circle and Arrival Maneuvers. This event is early, so bring the kids out to eat breakfast on the Island and enjoy watching the maneuvers.

◆ Thursday, July 7 at 3 p.m. Practice Session. This show is relatively complete and is a lot of fun. It just doesn't have the fanfare surrounding the main event.

◆ Friday, July 8 at noon. This is a preview of the coming attraction since it is a dress rehearsal. It's a bit less crowded than Saturday's performance.

◆ Saturday, July 9 at noon. The thrilling breathtaking show takes place, beginning at noon. Don't plan on sleeping through this presentation.

Remember to bring your own chairs, blankets, pillows and whatever it takes to keep your family comfortable. Don't forget sunscreen and be sure to drink plenty of water.

Bath house facilities and port-o-lets will be available. A popular amenity will be the outdoor shower and firehose water mist systems – a really cool way to chase the heat out of your body.

For everything you always wanted to know about the Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, go to www.BlueAngels.navy.mil.

If you think you are in a big crowd July 9, you are. The Blue Angels perform for more than ten million spectators during their season. Since they started air shows, the Blue Angels have performed for a total of more than 473 million fans.

Get There with No Fare

Four free trolleys will run during Air Show hours July 8-9. For Friday's dress rehearsal, the free beach transit will begin at 8 a.m. Trolleys on Saturday will run beginning at 7 a.m.

The four trolleys will continue to run until approximately

5 p.m. when the service will be scaled back to two trolleys which run until 11 p.m.

A trolley map and instructions on how to use the tracking system are located in a pull-out section on Pages 12-13 of this edition of *Island Times*.



The United States Navy's Flight Demonstration Team provides thrills to audiences worldwide and right here at home on Pensacola Beach. The mission of the Blue Angels is to enhance Navy recruiting, along with representing Navy and Marine Corps aviation in the United States and abroad. The Blue Angels Team serves as international ambassadors of good will.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



Frank and I are rabid sports fans, from the X Games to football games, we're there. Except for major league baseball. Neither of us has ever had a deep interest in baseball. But for reasons unknown we found ourselves irretrievably caught up in the web of college baseball a few years ago. We get especially excited over the regionals and the super regionals which eventually lead the teams to the College World Series, now at Omaha's grand TS Ameritrade Stadium.

This year, although they were not shown much on TV, we followed the stellar play of the University of West Florida which went on to win, a smashing success as the national Division II champions. More recently we discovered that the University of Florida might very well be in the hunt for the Division I cham-

pionships. How cool would it be to see two teams from Florida dominate the baseball tapestry?

When UF and the rest of the teams arrived in Omaha you may be sure they were adopted and embraced by the Nebraskans. Omaha is a baseball city. I don't think they ever had a major league team but they have always had a baseball team.

So, when the College World Series comes to town, it's like Mardi Gras. The stands are filled with family and friends of the teams and with thousands of Omaha's baseball hungry population. For many years, they played in the historic Rosenblatt Stadium which holds many memories, but this year, the venerable old playing field and stadium were demolished and Ameritrade moved in with its state-of-the-art everything. Even

the cotton candy and hot dogs. Everything was bigger, better, glossier than before except for one statistic. Crowds of Omahans filled the huge number of seats every night as usual and they didn't have a local team on the agenda. Finally, Florida clawed its way to the championship game against another SEC team, South Carolina, the defending national champion.

Florida had a fairly close call while playing its next to last game before the championship, against Vanderbilt. Florida led all the way until it found itself in a four-to-four tie going into the eighth inning.

Florida began changing pitchers until they found one who kept the Commodores off the finish line or shall we say home plate.

Florida came up to bat.

Coaches were sending all sorts of mysterious hand signals to them, which had no meaning for us. What did have meaning was what the team members were doing in the dugout - one of the refreshing aspects of college ball which had severely impaled us.

So, the score is still tied. Florida fans are doing the Gator Chomp, but the Gator teammates probably saved the day with their antics. First, they turned their caps around and flipped up the bills so they were on the side of their heads. They looked like a bunch of giddy ducks.

They put their sunglasses on upside down. They knew they could pull their team ahead. They just knew it. There were smiles on their faces as they, along with the rest of the batters waiting in the dugout, executed a hand cheer. It was a plain, old gesture

of magnificent youthful exuberance, so characteristic of all these teams. The magic worked and Florida beat Vanderbilt six to four and earned a chance at the national championship.

Wouldn't it be cool if Florida baseball teams won Division One and Division Two?

That didn't happen, unfortunately. The SEC did retain the title when the Gamecocks ran away with the trophy. Best two out of three games. But the Argonauts are holding fast to their championship.

How long will it be before we are in this position again? Maybe next year. Maybe not. Don't put your Argonaut and Gator t-shirts away. Perhaps some day we'll see those two teams both vying for division national football titles. Wouldn't that be cool?



Just like the college players, Cody Gavin, 9, has his sunglasses upside down on his hat while participating in the Opening Ceremonies of the Nations Baseball Teams Summer Tourney at the Gulfside Pavilion, June 29. Cody is a member of the Gulf Coast Storm team from Pace, Florida. The meetings and ceremonies were hosted on Pensacola Beach and the games were played at the Santa Rosa Sportsplex in Pace.

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Landon Westrope, right, is a member of the nine-year-old squad of the Southern Outlaws baseball team from Petal, Mississippi. The team's bat boy is his six-year-old brother Layne. The teams were attending Opening Ceremonies of the Nations Baseball Tourney at Casino Beach, June 29. Dozens of teams from seven states were vying for the championship title.

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Trivia

Lucky Lady

Pensacola Beach's Sammi Rodgers really racked up at the Florida Lottery event, Friday, July 1. Tickets, \$10. Winning new paddleboard with Lottery flamingo emblazoned on it, worth \$1600. Look on husband Newman Rodgers' face when they announced her name, priceless. Congrats!

Mr. Holland's A Doctor

Neal Holland of Pensacola Beach has recently completed the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree at Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University. Graduation ceremonies were held in Glendale, Arizona, June 3. Neal graduated from Gulf Breeze High School in 2001; and Florida State University in 2005. Neal is starting an Internal Medicine residency at the University of Florida/Shands Hospital in Gainesville, where he lives with his wife Kylie and daughter Ellie.

Neal is the son of Pensacola Beach residents Scott and Karen Holland.

Outstanding Guard

Morgan Gonzalez, who attended the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club meeting last month, represented the Junior Lifeguard program's best of the best. She is the first female to rise from the training program to become a Pensacola Beach Lifeguard. The Woman's Club makes an annual donation to support the Pensacola Beach Lifeguards. Their boss, Bob West says the absolute best part of his position is working with the phenomenal young men and women on the Beach.

Winning Ways

The McCurdy Kids are busy with summer baseball, basketball and volleyball. Maddie Grace's team and Ryland's team won the volleyball tournament in Navarre three weeks ago before the entire McCurdy clan traveled to Waveland, Mississippi for more baseball tournament action. Never a dull moment.

Putt A Round In This

Brian Williams is not breaking speed records with his over-the-top golf cart designs, but he is accumulating style points and possibly a Guinness World Record. The Beach guy is famous for his stretched out, multi-seat carts seen cruising the beach roads.

Cakes and Candles

The birthday candles glow and fireworks crackled for Beach residents who celebrated birthdays. Congrats to Captain Bill Preston, who walked his daughter Audrey down the aisle on June 12 before shifting into birthday party mode on June 22. Karen Krietzberg blew out candles on June 27. And, the Yankee Doodle Darling Karen Cook Cowen sizzled into her new year on July 3. Pandora de Balthazar loves seeing the dazzling fireworks displays on the beach to kick off her birthday week.

Visiting Soldier

Charlie Jones had a platoon of friends and family congratulating him on his way to United States Army Ranger School in Fort Benning, Georgia. Charlie, a former stand out at Gulf Breeze High School, was at the Grand Marlin with Carmen Napier, their son Jackson and Carmen's mom Renee. He commented that he had run into a number of his former classmates while on the beach.

Reeling in the Fun

Drew Holk reeled in a big birthday this year, so he and his mom Amy Martin, jetted off for a fishing vacation in the islands. The Gulf Breeze High student has been an avid fisherman all his life and can be seen on the beach with his trusty rod and reel almost daily in the summer.

At The Premier

Hollywood has come to the Beach with the recent premier of Expedition Impossible reality television series. The Southern Boys team, which includes Beach resident Jason Cronin, was the focus of a viewing party at The Grand Marlin on June 23 with a guest list that included SRIA Director Buck Lee and Realtor Fred Simmons. Local attorney Jennifer Byrom helped issue invitations. Just down the beach, Surf Burger was awash in a sea of purple as the family and friends of former Beach resident John Leo Post watched Team Gypsies race to the first place position in the first leg of the race. Marcie DeBardeleben was one of the social directors. Surf Burger owners Dave and Alice Bohannon, and the star's dad Leo Post greeted the dozens of fans to the viewing party. Tune in on Thursdays, WEAR Channel 3, at 8 p.m. to watch Pensacola Beach's reality racers.

The Liberty Bell is really fractured and so is the Trivia Master after trying to come up with a question for trivia in the last edition. To give you an idea, there are nine different versions of how the bell first got cracked, and the authors admit that probably none of them are right. After completing his first research, the Trivia Master found only two presidents were the recipients of the ringing of the bell. Later, it was revealed to the Trivia Master that there were four presidents for whom the bell tolled, all at the time of their deaths.

In answer to the question about which presidents were honored by the bell, the Trivia Master decided to accept any two of the following: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and William Henry Harrison.

Robert Dority sent the correct answer first, naming George Washington and John Adams. The runner up with the same answer was West Point graduate and retired Army Colonel Mike Cook, who also is a Purple Heart recipient.

Even the ever faithful Knights of the Roundtable seemed to absorb some of the stumbling historian mindset when they answered. Lady Kim

Schmitz sent a bevy of answers at miscellaneous times some of which were right – Adams and Jefferson. She said they both died on Fourth of July, but she didn't give a date. In her previous email she mentioned Hamilton and Ben Franklin until it dawned on her that they were not presidents. She still gets a gold star for her tenacity.

Sir Morrie Drees emailed that he was troubled by the Trivia Master's use of the word honorees. However, Sir Morrie came up with Adams, Jefferson, Washington and he was the only one who named William Henry Harrison.

And the Trivia Master announced with pride that the Duchess of the Dunes Joanne Brooks is at the top of her game. She sent her self-proclaimed "educated guess" as Washington and Jefferson.

Mike Cook added to his answer that Adams and Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. As a side note, President James Monroe also passed away on July 4, but not until five years later.

Well, so long Liberty Bell. Return to your tolling. It's Red, White and Blues Week, so try this. Did the Blue Angels ever

fly in combat? If so, when and where? You may be the first to answer and win an *Island Times* t-shirt. The Trivia Master swears there is only one answer to this question.

Rules are the same. Email your answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with trivia in the subject line. Include your name and phone number along with your answer. The deadline to answer to win a beautiful metro blue *Island Times* t-shirt is July 19. Good Luck.



See you on the Beach!

Enjoy this early edition of *Island Times* featuring the Red, White and Blues Week on Pensacola Beach. The next edition will publish on July 26.

The office will be closed July 11-14, but we can still be reached at 850-748-6878 and at islandtimes@bellsouth.net

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Beach Businesses on a Roll

Pensacola Beach is on a roll. Ask any Chamber member and that person will tell you beach activity has been awesome this spring and summer. Shelley Johnson, president, welcomed first time attendees after thanking Days Inn for hosting their June 28 meeting. She introduced Meg Peltier of Premier Island Management, Bruce Yates, Pensacola Beach Sailing Tours, and Sherry Chesser of the Navarre Press. Chrissy Cook came to represent the Beach Community Church, a new member.

In its regular business meeting, Johnson reported that the Chamber Board had reviewed seven applications from agencies. The list has now been narrowed down to three – BPM, Romjue Advertising, and Clever Ogre. The three will make presentations at a special July 6 meeting of the Chamber board.

In the committee reports, Jim Cox, president of the Pensacola Beach Advocates, said the environmental survey results are being compiled and will be ready for the next Chamber meeting.

“The survey should give our Beachkeepers committee some direction on where to concentrate their efforts,” he said.

Cox noted that he is not happy with the fact that Beach residents will not be able to give input on the Master Plan until Baskerville Donovan completed

its work.

“I have been in discussion with County Administrator Randy Oliver regarding this,” Cox said. “I believe it is important for Beach residents and businesses to give input all along the way, not after the engineering is complete.”

The Roundtable Discussion which gives businesses an opportunity to elaborate on their own activities concludes the regular meetings. The reports this month were enthusiastic over the early summer’s trend.

Christy Manderson summed up Highpointe Hotels’ report in a few words, “We are geared up for a great summer at all our hotels.”

Marta Ray, Days Inn, agreed. “We are busy. Our guests are up-beat and are having a great time.”

Courtney Lawson, Margaritaville Hotel, announced that they are hosting a big concert on July 10 to cap off Blue Angels weekend.

Chrissy Cook told members that the Church is trying to increase outreach into the community. “We have Bingo Night on the first and third Thursdays, and Trivia Nights, but not on a set schedule. Both are open to the public. She also said that the Woman’s Club is accepting new members. Their next meeting is at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall, July 21 at 11:30 a.m. Prospective members are invited

to attend.”

Terese Overlade, Paradise Bar and Grill, said, “We have poker on Monday and Wednesday, free. The music at Paradise is great. The hotel is full.”

Diane Tyson, Cook Realty, indicated the rays of hope are reaching real estate. “The buyer’s fear is subsiding,” she said. “They are looking at and buying waterfront property again. They have more confidence in their purchase now.”

Johnson closed the meeting asking her peers to support each other. “Be positive. Be good stewards of our Beach,” she said. “Encourage everyone to be kind to its inhabitants, both people and animals. Go out and make today a Beach Chamber kinda day.”

The Chamber honored Military Fishing Expedition Founder Jim Knell and Trolley Committee Chairman Dave Pavlock at the After Hours event at Crabs, June 28.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be at 8:30 a.m., July 26 at the Pensacola Beach Elementary School.

The next Business After Hours will be September 22 at Bamboo Willie’s where the Gulf Breeze Chamber and Beach Chamber attend a joint networking event.

For information on joining the Chamber, call Maureen LaMar, Executive Director at 850-932-1500.



The Beach Chamber presented outstanding dedication awards, June 28 at Crab's. (Left) SRIA Board Member Dave Pavlock accepts his award on behalf of the Trolley Committee. (Right) Jim Knell accepts his award.



Watching the awards ceremony at the Beach Chamber Business After Hours, June 28 at Crab's are (L to R): Bamboo Willie's Robert Gleim, Lila Cox, Kay Pavlock and Commissioner Wilson Robertson. SRIA Board member Dave Pavlock accepted the award on behalf of the Trolley Committee.




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peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis

I just had a birthday that would have knocked my socks off if I had been wearing any! (I wasn't. It was too hot, of course.)

Joe Lewis, our nephew, along with wife Diane and daughters Haley, Gabby and Erin came to Gulf Shores for vacation. This is where Joe's father brought the family for over twenty years, so Joe is just carrying on a family tradition. I sure love a good family tradition, don't you? So my daughter Mel, granddaughter Sissy, husband Bill and I spent the whole day visiting and enjoying our family. My grandson Jesiah was in Virginia visiting his dad, or he would have been there with us.

We played on the beach, got acquainted with Joe and Diane's friends then shared some of Joe's excellent homemade deer sausage. Diane cooked a delicious dinner of homemade Salisbury steaks with mashed potatoes, corn and garlic bread.

It was awesome but not the end of my incredible day – oh no, the girlfriends were waiting for me at Paulette Provost's perfect patio.

I called as we were leaving Gulf Shores to say I was "on the way." Hey, it's not like hanging out on the perfect patio is a chore. Trust me those ladies were enjoying themselves and each other just fine without me. Well, sorta fine anyway. After all I was the "birthday girl" and it was my day to shine.

And shine, I did. I walked in a Plain Jane in a simple white beach dress with no jewelry except my wedding band. But those wonderful women began to adorn me with each gift I opened until I was the brightest shining light on this Island. I'm not going to list any of it because there is so much I for sure will leave out something. Suffice to say I was shining from head to toe, with extraordinary beautiful jewels, diamonds sparkling, ruby's winking in their wake..... Oh no, wait.

Did I say diamonds and rubies? I'm sure y'all know that the only real jewels on that patio were those incredibly vivacious sparkly ladies always with hearts shining with love. I'm a lucky, lucky gal.

Well, lucky except when

it comes to GPS and computer generated directions, I guess. I don't know if it's me or the machines, which means it's probably me. So, answer me this – have you ever had directions that told you to make a U-turn?

I had pulled up the directions for Diane and Joe while they were visiting us here in our little piece of Paradise. Actually Diane did it since we were all meeting later to have dinner at Lambert's Café near Foley. Long story short – they forgot to take the directions so Bill and I took them.

Seven dollars later, since we crossed the toll bridge twice, we asked the lady working the toll booth for directions. Very simple directions. As we're telling Joe on the phone that we're 'almost' there, what should have been a simple right turn became an extra 40 minutes and a simple left turn. I still don't know why the computer decided to have some fun with us it just did. Really, a U-turn?

You can't talk about fun and not mention the Paradise Bar & Grill. It reminds me of the old Tiki Lounge. I know it's on the Sound instead of the Gulf and we don't really have a "Derelict's Corner." That's just because we are too old and owe too much money to be derelicts anymore. Oh, I know we can't dance in the sand as long as we once did, but we can still dance. And maybe our favorite bartenders are now the grandchildren of our friends. Plus there is no lido deck. But, other than those few things, it's almost just like the Tiki.

So a big thank you to Renee Mack, Fred Simmons and the entire staff. It's really cool to have one of the top ten bars in the entire state right here at home. Y'all have certainly earned it. Save my bar tab, I'll be back....

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1 Tbsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. almond extract/flavoring
½ Cup unsalted butter, chilled, cut up
¾ Cup half and half or whole milk
2 Eggs, lightly beaten
1 Cup fresh blueberries
Whipped Cream

Combine strawberries and ½ cup of sugar and let stand until sugar dissolves. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Whisk together flour, 3 ½ tsp. sugar, baking powder and salt. With fingers, rub in butter until mixture resembles coarse bread crumbs. With fork, stir in half-and-half and eggs until dry ingredients are moistened. Gently fold in blueberries. (Dough will be moist and sticky like the cook.)

With well floured hands, pat dough into a rough 9-inch mound on lightly greased baking pan (do not use cake pan) and sprinkle with ½ tsp. of sugar. Bake 25-30 minutes until top is rich golden brown and knife comes out clean. Cool on wire rack 10 minutes to eat warm. Cut into 8 wedges. Serve with strawberries and top with whipped cream. Mmmmm good!

Enjoy, share and be safe. God Bless America and the Blue Angels! See ya in the kitchen.....



Holly Shelton delighted fans with her June 24 performance at the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge. The former beach resident attracted a huge crowd of locals. Holly will headline the Evenings in Olde Seville free concert with Don Snowden's Big Band on August 4.

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A Cross in the Sand

By
Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison
Pensacola Beach Community Church



"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

We know these words from the "Declaration of Independence" the very document we celebrate annually on July 4th. It is something that we basically agree, but something we still work on constantly to make happen. For those who are healthy, happy and prosperous it is a wonderful statement, but for those who are not healthy, happy and prosperous it is a statement with which we struggle.

As people that are seeking to be close to our Creator we are still working to combat human rights abuses and to promote the

welfare of all people. As we live this out around the world, we are digging wells, planting crops, giving clothes, dispensing medicine, and providing education for the destitute. This is as it should be. There is a sense in which no one has special "rights," because our nation was built on respect for everyone's freedom of faith and religion.

If we do accept this statement from the "Declaration of Independence" then we have moved to an area of good will and acceptance of others around us, regardless of faith, race and any other difference. We are a nation build on our differences as well as our similarities.

May God bless us all.

Vacation Bible School Goes Wild on Beach

Pensacola Beach Community Church Vacation Bible School Director Jackie Henderson promises a wild time for those who attend the free, five day program beginning July 18.

"We have decided that since the theme is Son-Surf Beach Bash, that we will make some donations to the Wildlife Rescue Sanctuary," said Henderson. "Seems only fitting to help our birds, fish and God's other creatures."

The program is open to all children, fifth grade and younger. You do not have to be a member of the church nor a beach resident. The sessions meet from 9 a.m. until noon, July 18-22.

For more information, contact Henderson at 850-723-1569.

Beat The Heat With A Few Safety Tips

The temps and the Blue Angels will soar this weekend. Stay all day on the Beach, and follow a few helpful tips to keep your cool.

- Drink plenty of fluids that don't contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar
- Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink
- Rest often in shady areas, or remain inside in an air conditioned space
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose fitting clothing and a wide-brimmed hat
- Don't forget to protect your eyes and skin by wearing sunglasses and sunscreen(SPF 15 that protects against both UVA and UVB rays are the most effective)

If you experience any symptoms of heat related illness such as heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, dizziness, headache, nausea or

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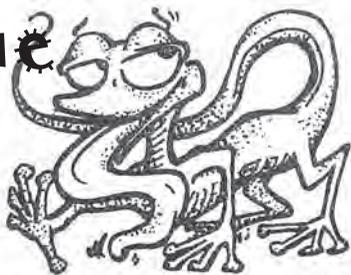



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The Lizzard's Tongue

by elizabeth hewson



In 400 A.D. St. Jerome said "never inspect the teeth of a gift horse" which later morphed into "don't look a gift horse in the mouth." As the island begins to gear up for the annual "Blues Over The Beach" air show, it just reminds me of how lucky the locals are to have access to such a wonderful demonstration of aerobatic expertise and I say to you all, "don't look a seahorse in the long snout."

Having just returned from the oldest air show in the world, the 49th International Paris Air Show, I can't help but be jealous of the crowds that will line the edge of the Gulf of Mexico and dot the sugar white sands with colorful umbrellas. It's not only

about catching a glimpse of the Blue Angels screaming overhead, but also being part of the thrill and excitement in a rather laid back atmosphere.

Of course, just for a little reality check of how great the "Blues Over The Beach" air show truly is, here are some interesting little tidbits to ponder.

193,000 people from 88 countries attended the Paris Air Show and paid about \$20 per ticket. For the thousands who will attend "Blues Over The Beach," admission is still free.

At the Paris Air Show, the male attendees wear suits. They are, however, of the three piece kind with button down oxfords and matching ties, not as in

bathing.

When the ladies walk around from static displays to static display showing off their heels, I am referring to their Jimmy Choos and Manolo Blahniks, not the back end of the foot as seen from behind in a flip flop.

Briefcases are carried in place of beach towels.

You are allowed to bring a box lunch if you promise to clean up after yourself. Which begs the question, what good is a box lunch without a cooler full of beer?

There are no Les Anjes Bleu, but you can watch the Patrouille de France aerobatics team. Okay, even in my faux French, the Blue Angels have more mach to them than the French Patrol Aerobatics Team will ever have.

Let's think about this: crowds, couture, cuisine and French Patrol versus beaches, bikinis, beer and the Blues? Did you have to ponder long? I didn't think so. So next time you find a seahorse, never mind looking at its snout, just give it one huge American kiss. After all, it is Pensacola Beach that hosts the world's best air show.

Until next time...



What's the best way to celebrate thirty-five years of marriage? For Beach residents Bill and Gwen Fontenot the anniversary party is not complete without a stop in to see their friends at Paradise Bar and Grill. The couple, who raised their sons Seth and Caleb on Pensacola Beach, were pleased to see the soundfront watering hole earn a top ten statewide designation on June 26. The secret to their happy marriage, Bill jokes, is to always agree with Gwen.



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Letters To The Editor

Swan Song ~ A Tribute
To The Pensacola Beach Swans

I'll never forget the first day I saw them, September 14, 2009. We were on the way home after a 2 week old kitten I had been hand feeding succumbed to a fever and had to be put to sleep. It was a day with no sun. We stopped to help pull a car out of the soft sand on Fort Pickens Road. There they were at the end of Little Sabine; two glorious creatures with six cygnets beside them. They literally took my breath away. Who ever heard of swans in salt water?

As they approached the road I tried to shoo them back toward the water but it seemed my approach was an invitation as they came right up to me. I realized they must have been around people all their lives, trusted them and looked to them for food. To me they were a rainbow of hope after a weekend of sadness and loss.

After that I heard reports of them stopping traffic on Bob Sikes Bridge while the youngsters crossed over a lane or appeared at Peg Leg's looking for handouts. Maybe they would stay! As time went by we saw them more and more. The eight of them would swim up to our dock and eat spinach off the water and out of our hands. I knew I shouldn't feed them as they would become too familiar with people but they were so lovely I encouraged them to be a part of our lives.

As winter came, we watched in horror as daddy (later named Brutus by the EPA guards) repeatedly chased off the babies, whose numbers dwindled to three and finally disappeared entirely. After some research it became clear that the babies were driven off so the parents could once again nest.

Much of the neighborhood was caught in the drama of the nest building which occurred in February 2010 beside the guard house on the EPA Island. We had regular updates of how many eggs were laid; who stayed on the nest; when did the mama (named Delilah) get to eat; who had Brutus chased away that day; wagers were made when the eight eggs would hatch. As time went by it was apparent to us the eggs were not fertile.

We didn't have our babies but at least we still had our beautiful pair who regally floated through our back yards and occasionally came to visit and have a bite of

spinach.

They would follow me on my kayak and watch me fish and wait to see if I brought them a bit of greenery.

Summer came and went. In early January, the EPA guards told me the pair had been trying to nest on the island again. So it was a fine day indeed when I was fishing in the lagoon behind the EPA when I noticed Brutus making an aggressive beeline toward me.

Hummm... Brutus without Delilah? Something was up. They were never apart except when they were nesting. I visually tracked back to where he had come from and sure enough, there was Delilah's head sticking up from their new nest that they built in a lot by the entry to the EPA.

News traveled quickly in the neighborhood. A new nest with the possibility of babies! The countdown began again. On April 12, there were four new arrivals.

The area residents were all as proud as if we had sat on the nests ourselves. The swan family was a constant joy; Mom and Dad would bring the babies by the guard house to show off the new arrivals; they would cautiously come out to my kayak to introduce the foursome and slowly

Days followed as we all watched the cygnets grow and become more swanlike, losing their fluff. Two pure white and two greys; getting bigger and stronger with each day. I would sit in my kayak and watch them for hours; swimming in a swimming pool off the lagoon, wading in the reeds, washing and preening in the sun. Even my kitties got to know them when they'd stop by to visit. Occasionally I heard complaints around the neighborhood about Brutus chasing people out of their yards and back into their houses, but mostly people delighted in these beautiful and graceful creatures.

I have long feared for their safety. In the back of my mind I feared that proximity to people would get them into trouble. I was always on the lookout for them from my kayak, my windows and even driving over the bridge. They were a regular but very special part of my life.

In my worst nightmares, I would not have imagined the cruel demise of the creatures that gave so many of us such pleasure. I was not there that day. I am sick at heart that I was not there to protect them from an end they did not deserve at the hands of a human.

Nothing can be said that will make up for the loss of my innocent, helpless friends and their babies. While the two gray cygnets are safe, rescued and relocated by alert citizens; the other two lost with their parents.

To quote my friend Mary Wilson, "It is a rare gift when the lines of creation become blurred- and a wild creature decides to trust humans and befriend them. But that is what Brutus and Delilah did- and we were all blessed by the trust they gave to us and the ways that they let us into their lives. And that, for me, is what makes their death unbearable. They felt safe with us- we all contributed to that by respectfully helping them whenever we could. I could stomach this if it had been a natural death- I still would be very sad- but nature has an order. But I know in my heart- that God is against all unnatural death- and this is a crime against creation."

In my mind, Pensacola Beach will never be the same.

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make their way around the EPA teaching the babies how to eat; Delilah sometimes carrying a slow cygnet on her back. She warned off crabs that came too close and the ever present Brutus, proud and preening papa, let everyone know he was the boss and don't get too close to those babies.

In a photo shoot a week after the hatching, I evidently crossed a line and when my back was turned, he snuck up behind me and gave me a nice whack on the knee just to let me know I was not to be in his space. We all knew and respected that Brutus was protecting his family and we gave him a wide berth.

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Crabs Sits Atop Best Beach Eats On Travel Channel Series

No one has to convince locals that Pensacola Beach has the best of everything, but to see world famous, well-traveled food series host Adam Richman describe his experience at Crab's We Got 'Em as "Nirvana" delighted viewers of the Travel Channel's "The Best Places I've Ever Been - Beach Eats" show.

Richman, who visited Crab's and dispatched his film crew to the Gulf front restaurant last October, is the star of the hit series Man vs. Food. He travels worldwide feasting and accepting large consumption challenges.

"Apparently, Adam Richman was filming in Mobile and drove over to our Beach," said Crab's proprietor Amy Martin. "He liked it so much he sent a film crew back. This is so great for Pensacola Beach, for our restaurants, for our entire area."

The show, which aired in June, and will show periodically throughout the summer on the Travel Channel, features their cast of stars heralding their favorite Beach eats. Andrew Zimmerman chose places in Spain and Trinidad, while Bert Kreischer tapped a Clearwater Beach, Florida beachside restaurant.

"They chose locations all over the planet," said Martin. "Costa Rica and Jamaica; and Pensacola Beach. It's great."

For those who did not get to see the first run of the episode, it is available on YouTube as Travel

Channel's "The Best Places I've Ever Been" - Beach Eats. Check the weekly listings on the Travel Channel for re-broadcasts this summer.

Viewers don't have to wait long until they hear about Pensacola Beach. About five minutes into the twenty-one minute show, Adam Richman, in his usual descriptive style says, "The best beach food I have ever eaten is on Pensacola Beach at a place called Crabs. They have honey buns, which are little biscuits, kinda sweet which you dip into honey and they have the most amazing

shrimp. And oysters that are so plump."

Richman embraced the entire beach experience when he continued, all the while Pensacola Beach scenes beautifully graced the screen.

"They brought me a pilsner glass. I wiggled my toes in the sand, popped a shrimp in my mouth and watched the sun go down over Pensacola Beach," he said. "I had a sip of beer. I mean, as close to Nirvana that I think I shall ever attain."

He closed his eyes and smiled, relishing the memory.



When is a protest fun? When you are holding hands with longtime Beach guy Herb Turner, center. Herb's wife Versilla Turner, left, and DJ Zemenick, share a laugh during the Hands Across The Sand event on Pensacola Beach at noon on June 25. The protest of offshore drilling is conducted on beaches worldwide at the same time.

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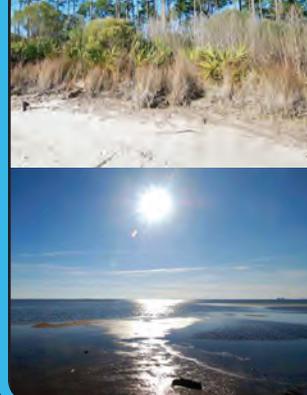
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“One hundred percent of the net proceeds are returned to the Escambia and Santa Rosa community for the youth and educational projects supported by Gulf Breeze Sertoma,” said Wil Pergande, event chairman. “There were over 200 fish weighed-in by 150 entrants, half of which were junior anglers. This is a true family event.”

Weigh Master Robert Turpin noted that an exceptional number of large Red Snapper were brought to the scales which he considered to be a record Red Snapper catch for the two day event.

The top Anglers were:
 Master Male Angler – Virgil Wyrosdick
 Master Lady Angler – Hanna Reed
 Junior Male Angler – Jackson Preston
 Junior Girl Angler – Ryleigh Maywell

The results are as follows:

Bluefish
 1. Eric Gill, 2. Chad Barden

Bonita
 1. Shane Routh, 2. Scotty McGaugh
 3. Alli Mead

Flounder
 1. Justin Herrin, 2. Eric Gill
 3. Teresa Patterson

Grouper
 1. Robert Fields, 2. Pete Della Ratta
 3. Joey Finelli

King Mackerel
 1. Caroline Ennis, 2. Steve Ennis
 3. Jennifer Wells

Redfish
 1. Ryan James, 2. Eric Gill
 3. Jamie Fuller

Red Snapper
 1. Chris Broscius, 2. Janet Dolar
 3. Gail Ferres

Sheepshead
 1. Jordan Phipps, 2. Austin Phipps
 3. Katelyn Herrin

Skipjack
 1. Scott Stillman, 2. Dianne Stollman
 3. Ryan Maxwell

Spanish Mackerel
 1. Hannah Reed, 2. Nick Henry
 3. Eric Gill

Speckled Trout
 1. Chad Barden, 2. Brosnan O'Daniel
 3. Jace Amberson

Triggerfish
 1. Virgil Wyrosdick, 2. Pete Della Ratta
 3. Sabrina Enriquez

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 - s. Island Style-Island Trader
 - t. Santa Rosa Island Authority
 - u. Tropical Waves
 - v. Pensacola Beach RV Resort
 - w. Soundside Centre
 - a. Beach Wine & Liquor
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 - c. The Fun Store
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Pink rubber boots are made for fishin' and the ladies who wear them are fishin' everywhere. Locally, the Fishin' Chix will host their annual Pink Rubber Boots fishing rodeo at Flounder's on July 21 to 24. The Fashion Show and Ladies Expo will be on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Fishing will begin at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday with the weigh-in scales opening at noon. Anglers will have until 2 p.m. to bring in their catches. The Chix will offer a family fun day on Sunday with waterslides and paddle boards. All events will be at Flounder's.

There will be seven fish categories, according to Claudia Espencheid, president and founder of the group. King Mackerel, Redfish, Spanish Mackerel, Ladyfish, Blue Fish, Speckled Trout, and Snapper (excluding Red Snapper).

"There will be a first, second and third place prize in each category," Espencheid said. "Top three winners in each category will receive a pair of Costa del Mar sunglasses."

Other prizes, all dear to the feminine heart, will be jewelry, Reactor watches, Guy Harvey Art and Jewelry, a weekend

getaway, and Botox and skin treatments from two local doctors along with an array of fishing prizes.

A trip, valued at \$4000, for six days in February 2012, to go Black Marlin and Tuna fishing at the gorgeous Cebaco Bay Sportfishing Club will be awarded to the top three overall winners. Airfare is included. The top captain will win a \$500 Reactor Gravitan watch, a \$500 cash prize and a pair of Costa del Mar sunglasses.

Innerlight is sponsoring the Junior Angler division and awarding five \$100 gift certificates.

Entry fee for members is \$150 if you have your own boat. It's \$250 if you don't. Non-members with their own boats will have an entry fee of \$200, for those without boats it will be \$300. Ladies ready to join the competition should sign up today at www.fishinchix.com.

"There ain't no trout about it," quips Espencheid. "It's a Fishing Chix Revolution. Within three years after we founded it in Pensacola, this worldwide phenomenon had 1000 members in 20 states. It is the largest

women's inshore fishing series in this country."

She continued, "The joy of fishing is no longer confined to the alpha male's bait bucket. Women represent 29 percent of the anglers in the State of Florida. I told you. It's a Fishing Revolution."

Fishin Chix supports Covenant Hospice, and has now attracted a phenomenal number of women, garnered more than 200 newspaper and magazine features, a number television shows including the Today Show and the Travel Channel.

Espencheid explained how she started this organization when she invited a few friends to come to The Fish House in Pensacola for a Top Secret Meeting. It all started with hurricanes Ivan and Erin whose aftermath devastated her.

"My agenda for this gathering was to enlist adventurous women to join me in my quest to explore my new passion, the fascinating world of fishing. How bizarre is it that I had never in any remote fashion been in touch with my inner fish."

She said anyone can get hooked on fishing, especially

hurricane frazzled desperate housewives trudging alongside equally stressed-out career women, craving a reprieve from their madness that followed the hurricane.

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Dues are \$65 per year which includes a t-shirt.

Everyone is invited to join the Fishin Chix at Flounder's. Boys and girls, men and women anglers. Everybody who enjoys a good time.

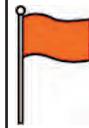
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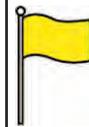
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MOLE PATROL

The sun's warm rays shine almost daily on Pensacola Beach - amps up the fun factor and the need for skin protection. Cover up or slather on sunscreen before heading outside. Volunteer physicians and medical professionals from Baptist Health Care will offer free skin cancer screenings July 8-9 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Beach's Public Safety building at Casino Beach. First come, first served, so get in line early.

BATTER UP

Beach stock broker and Church deacon Steve Speirs says the famous Beach Church Softball Team is back on the bases at Shoreline Park. Go to www.TheBeachChurch.com to see their schedule and all the other neat events the Church is hosting.

FAST AND FUN

Have you seen the latest addition to the fun things to do along

Santa Rosa Sound? Radical Rides now offers jet boat rides. The bright red, multi-passenger boat's captain zips thrill seekers around the Sound for a wet and wild experience. For those who seek a more sedate adventure there are catamarans and paddleboards for rent at Key Sailing. Both beachfront businesses boast parasailing adventures and jet skis, too.

MOVIN' UP

Darren Churchward moved from behind the bar at Crab's into a manager's position last week. He was readily greeting Beach Chamber members at the June 28 Business After Hours.

WHO'S YOUR NEIGHBOR

Beverly McCay, who is a

lifelong native to Pensacola Beach and the General Manager of the Holiday Express on Fort Pickens Road has had many different neighbors over her time on the Island. One of her very favorites is the beautiful sand dune preserve just west of her hotel's

Gulfront property. It's historic and impressive, cross and all.

TROLLEY LONGER

The free Beach Trolleys run daily from 11 to 11; and as an added bonus, they begin at 8 a.m. on July 8; and 7 a.m. on July 9 to bring you to the Air Show.



HOW SWEET IT IS - Fred Simmons, left, owner of the Paradise Bar and Grill, thanks his loyal customers for their votes during the Top Ten Florida Beach Bar contest. Renee Mack, general manager, is thrilled with the accolade which was awarded June 26 by FloridaBeachBar.com's marketing manager John Sancin. The Sarasota based company announced that Paradise Bar was the ninth best beach bar in the entire State.

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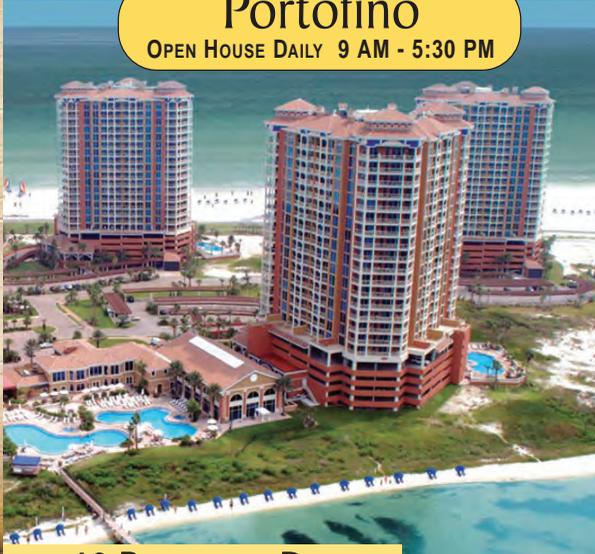
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Hey Yawl



By Frank Cooper

Elope to Cedar Key

July Fifth is a legal holiday at least in our house it is. Jane and I were married on that date sixteen years ago.

Jane and I started dating about three years after my first wife Dixie passed away. We were thinking about getting married and even worked on an invitation list. That was proving to be difficult. Jane knew everybody on the beach and I had a few friends scattered around. We didn't want to leave anyone off, but the list was getting a little out of hand. What to do? We decided the simplest thing was to elope.

I had made several trips to Cedar Key, Florida, and really like its laid back Old Florida flair. And it definitely was not "up scale," a term I can't stand anyway. So Cedar Key it was.

Jane wrote our vows which really were not vows as much as agreements. They were very sweet. We contacted a Notary Public in Cedar Key to marry us. She turned out to be a local real estate agent and just as cute as a

button. We made reservations at a waterfront town house and off we went. We eloped. Hey, this was going to be fun.

It's not a long ride to Cedar Key, about 5 hours, and we got there in time to check out the little sidewalk park on Dock Street where we planned to be married. The Notary-Real Estate lady had seen that all was well. It was perfect. We learned we had to go over to the County Seat to get a license and I wanted to find some flowers, so the next day we drove to Bronson, Florida. We found the court house and walked into the clerks office and announced to the typical court house lady that we wanted to get married. She looked up at me with a questioned eye as if to say, "why?"

The clerk was able to fix us up with the license and as we were leaving she called after us. "Pardon me folks. Come back, please. We forgot to give you the gifts from the people of Levy County."

Then, with much ceremony, she gave us our gifts. You would have liked this. First there was

sample jar of Prell Dishwashing Liquid. Then we received a sample half roll of Charmin toilet paper. Then we were given several printed ad sheets with coupons from local restaurants and department stores. I think there was a McDonald's and a Dollar Store. It's the thought that counts. Yep, I guess we had all we needed. But we rode all over that area and never did find a flower shop. I would just have to pick a few from the yard in front of our town house.

The next day was July 4 and, after breakfast at the town café we noticed a crowd gathering at the little beach in front of our building. Folks were staking out claims for the town picnic to be held that afternoon. In the middle of all this, members of the local Lions Club were planting fireworks charges in the sand to be lit by hand. It seems the local Lions Club does all the civic work in Cedar Key and you could tell, everybody knew everybody. Those Lions worked all afternoon and after a while the park was packed

with people for their July Fourth celebration.

About dusk, the Head Lion, or whatever they call him, made some announcements and then we all sang patriotic songs. I don't remember a band or anything. We just sang.

And then, the fireworks started. That Head Lion lit off charge after charge. When it seemed to be over and people started to leave. Oops! Too soon! The Head Lion had missed a whole line of charges all across the front of the beach. So off he goes again with his lighter stick. It was a home grown fireworks display put on by local people. But really, it was very good.

Next day, July 5, was to be our Wedding Day. Jane had on a pretty white dress and I had a new pair of white shorts. The Notary had on her usual office shorts and she was pretty vivacious. People walking along the sidewalk there on Dock St. saw that something was going on so a little crowd gathered. The Notary-Real Estate lady announced that she needed an official witness to the wedding. A young girl standing there asked her daddy at her side if he would serve as the witness. He bristled up and said, "Why honey, they are not even in a church."

She came right back at him and said "Daddy, God is here and we don't need a church to be with God."

Later, we learned the daddy was a Baptist minister from North

Carolina and his daughter was a student from UNC. It was a beautiful ceremony in the garden and we were, indeed, married.

Later on we went down on the dock at The Captains Table and watched the most awesome display of thunder and lightning either of us had ever seen. It never rained. It just rumbled and flashed for what seemed like an hour.

We just sat there on the deck, drinking our wine and eating grilled shrimp and thanking God, and the Baptist minister, for blessing our marriage.

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Derek Starkey, 7, will have plenty to tell about his summer when he returns to Adamston Elementary School in West Virginia next fall. He was visiting his grandparents Karl and DJ Zemenick on Pensacola Beach and joined the Hands Across the Sand event, June 25. Derek, who is a championship wrestler, braved the noontime heat with two hundred environmentally minded participants in the worldwide effort to bring awareness to preserving the pristine nature of our planet's beaches.

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Fri	7/15: Karaoke with Becky, 7:30 - 11:30
Sat	7/16: The Blenders, 7:30 - 11:30
Sun	7/17: Wildwood, 4-8
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Local Men Make Impossible Look Easy

Pensacola Beach resident Jason Cronin has trudged up sand dunes, conquering both mental and physical challenges, prior to his participation in ABC's new reality series Expedition Impossible, which premiered June 23. As a cancer survivor, Cronin has the mindset of a winner, which he took with him to meet the challenges that he and his team, The Country Boys would face in this high

adventure race. His teammates are Chad Robinson and Nicholas Coughlin. Fans and friends packed The Grand Marlin for the premier party, June 23.

In a world away from Pensacola Beach, Cronin discovered that one of his fellow competitors in the Moroccan desert contest, John Post of Team Gypsies, was raised on Pensacola Beach.

Post, whose father Leo currently lives on the Beach was thrilled to see all his neighbors



PROUD DAD - Pensacola Beach resident Leo Post, marvels at the television screen which showed the premier of ABC's Expedition Impossible, June 23. The purple clad Team Gypsies includes his son John Leo Post (right). A viewing party was hosted at Surf Burger in Post's honor. He was a Surf Burger manager while attending Gulf Breeze High School.

at the viewing party hosted at Surf Burger, June 23. "John, who loves traveling, is not an extreme athlete, he is an extremely adventurous soul," said his father. "With a trip to Morocco, John felt like he was already a winner, no matter where his team finishes."

Team Gypsies completed the inaugural leg of the race in first place and held on to their lead at the conclusion of the episode on June 30. The Country Boys finished in second place. Each week the last place team is eliminated. So, all eyes should be turned to Channel 3 at 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings to follow teams as they vie for \$150,000 and a new Ford Explorer. Catch the previous episodes online at abc.go.com/shows/expedition-impossible.

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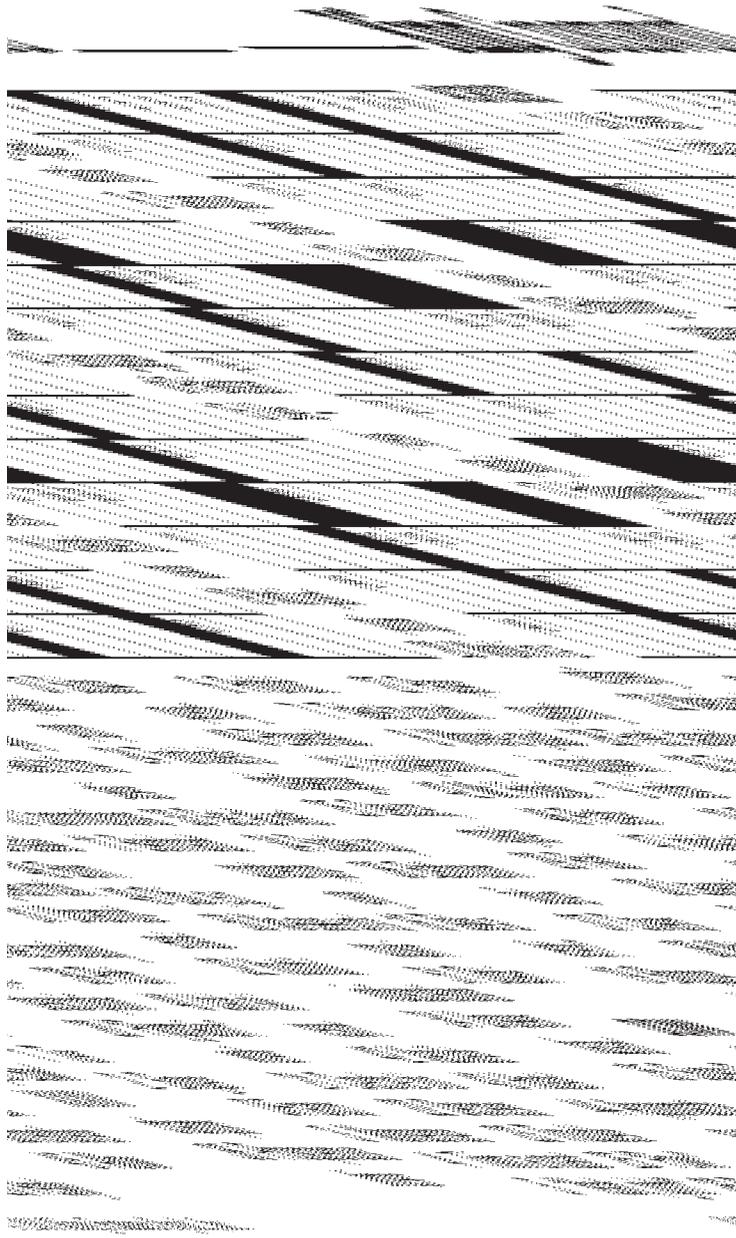
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Willie S. Snapper, a romantic rogue

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Calendar

July 6
Blues Angels Arrival 8 a.m.

July 7
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July 8
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July 9
Blue Angels Air Show. Noon.

July 9
Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. David Shaw

July 10
Nature Photography. 8:30 am. Ft. Pickens. Program Free. \$8 per car.

July 10
Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. Southern Breeze

July 11
Island Treasures. 10 a.m. Ft. Pcieksn.

July 12
Ranger Walk. Blackbird Marsh Trail. Ft. Pickens. www.nps.gov/gins

July 12
Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm. The Reunion Band

July 15-16
Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. UltraViolet

July 17
Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. Marshal Johnson

July 19
Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm. Crosstown

July 22-24
Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. Lisa Zanghi and Jim Andrews on the Saxophone

July 23
Fishin Chix at Flounder's. Weigh In. 2 pm

July 26
Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm. Not Quite Fab, Beatlesque band.

July 29-31
Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. Roper Electric

August 2
Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm. Mass Kurfuzion

August 9
Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm. The Sawmill Band

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Mostly Nuts & Bolts By Candace Segar

I just came back from my first trip to Paris, and before I forget, I must tell all *Island Times* readers to visit David Dodson at Weatherford's in Pensacola if going to Spain or to Paris, France. He made my trip go smoothly because he helped me find the perfect, lightweight raincoat, carry purse, bag and a compass from his store. It rained a lot off and on, and it was cold. The raincoat had a hood and kept me toasty. I had actually brought a lined pair of wool pants and two heavy t-shirts. I ended up wearing the t-shirts constantly.

In addition to the much needed raincoat, David had suggested purchasing a bag which zipped and could be slung over my head and shoulder. The strap consisted of four ropes which he told me no thief would be able

to cut. He was right. I do believe this little man with a grubby coat who bumped into me, thought he would pick my pockets. I looked down on him and gave him, the don't-mess-with-me look, and he scampered off.

My sister, nephew and I ventured into the famous Les Puces de Saint-Ouen flea market. There were some formidable characters, and two were screaming and yelling at each other in French. As we ventured into the older section of the flea market denoted by the ancient buildings housing the vendor's goods, the items for sale were old and much more interesting as were the people. I bought a child's purse from the 1950s that had a toiletry kit and slippers in it. It was in mint condition and included 60 years of dust. I also purchased a satin, salmon

colored jacket from the 1920s. The proprietor of the vintage clothing was absolutely beautiful both inside and out. I adored her.

The French folks were very nice to us. We managed good communications with them in spite of our limited French. I remembered to always say *Bonjour Monsieur or Madame* and smile. The smile being the key!

There is so much more I want to say, but my column would take up the entire paper; so I will end with this thought. I felt at home in Paris because it is the original, bigger version of New Orleans, where I grew up. But I was so happy to get back home because as Dorothy says in *The Wizard of Oz*, "There's no place like home."

And that is so true! *Au revoir* - oops I mean good-bye.

BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stuke Your Computer Pal

Q: What is a Digital Wallet?

A: The concept of the Digital Wallet is based on the idea that the smart cell phone can replace your wallet. The technology to use your smart phone to make purchases already exists. In some countries, cell phones can be used to make purchases from vending machines, check in to airline flights, and pay for public transportation. They key to this technology is a small computer chip that is imbedded in the circuitry of the smart phone. That chip uses wireless technology to communicate with other devices.

Apple has sold more than 100 million smart phones.

Since the release of the first iPhone application, Apple has sold more than 10 billion applications that can be downloaded into its mobile devices. In addition to making credit purchases, the availability of so much new software will allow the smart phone to handle other functions that would normally be found in the wallet. That might include electronic ID cards and store shopping cards.

Paypal, a popular on-line payment service, is now offering the wireless chips in the form of a sticker that can be attached to your smart phone. The wireless sticker allows the user to pay for items with

their Paypal account, at businesses that have a contract with Paypal.

There is also a new device called "Square" that allows vendors to take credit card payments with their smart phone (currently just the Apple and Android phones) from any location. The vendor attaches the device to their cell phone and swipes your credit card through the slot to take your payment. That's just in case you aren't ready to let go of your credit card yet.

This article was provided by The Stuke Group. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ypcals.com or 206-3156.

Ski Club Fires Up Family Float Trip

Summer sun makes gliding down the frozen slopes a fond memory for the Pensacola Ski Club members, but the fun loving group has found another way to stay cool, a trip down the river. The Club's Party Committee has set Saturday, July 23 for their Summer Float Trip.

Participants should arrive at Bob's Canoe's in Milton at 9:30 a.m. ready for a four hour float on the scenic Santa Rosa County River. Cost per person to tube is \$16; canoe \$19; kayak \$23. Well behaved dogs on leashes are al-

lowed at \$10. Bob's accepts cash and credit cards.

Coolers, which are an additional \$8, are accepted but no glass bottles are allowed on the trip.

Want to go? Email your reservation to tammydrum@yahoo.com before July 15. If you are interested in joining the Ski Club in order to be eligible for this and all their other exciting trips, visit www.pensacolskiclub.com.

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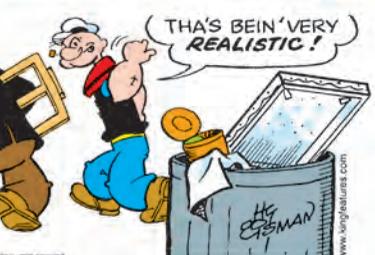
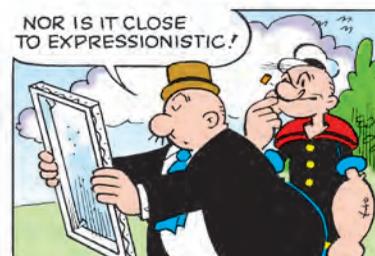
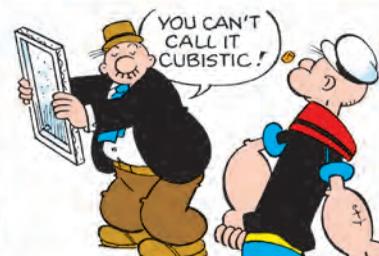
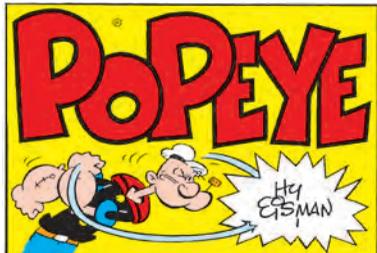
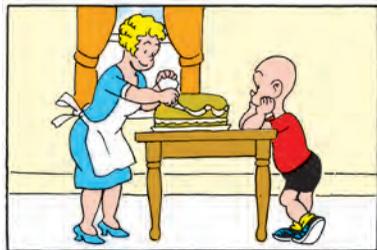
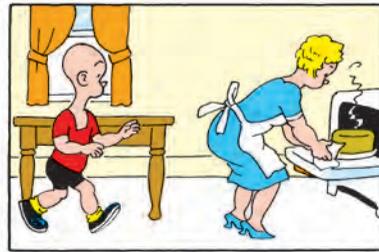
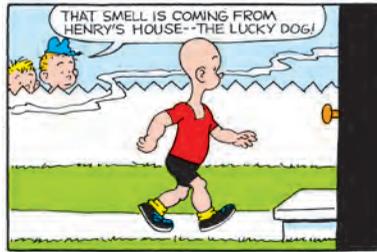
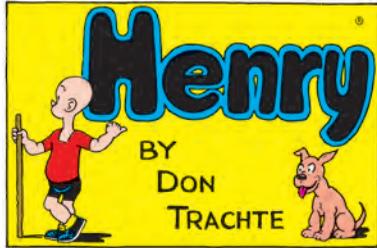
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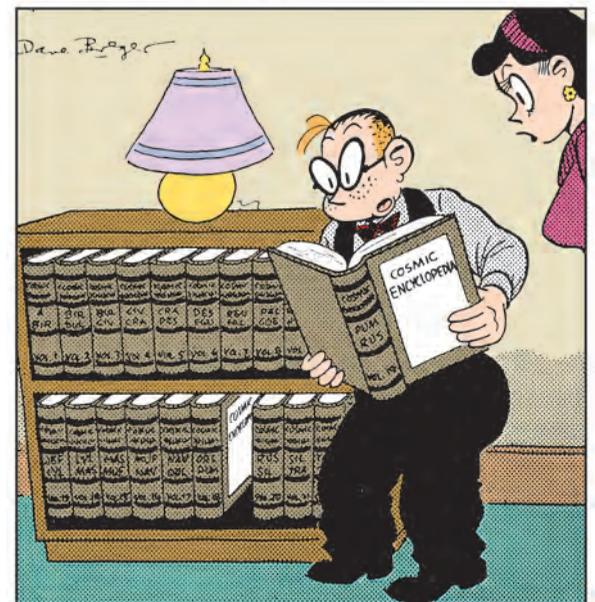


The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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Fee Simple Gets Congressman's Attention

The debate continues and the questions remain unanswered for the leaseholders on Pensacola Beach who voiced their concerns regarding taxation of leased land. The sixty leaseholders in the Beach Church Hall at the June 28 Town Hall Meeting hosted by Congressman Jeff Miller peppered him with questions about taxation and the conveyance of Fee Simple Title. The Congressman was sympathetic to the residents on Pensacola Beach, and his assistance comes in the form of proposed legislation which would remove restrictions on conveying title to the leaseholders.

"I guarantee you that if I had a lease out here, I would be jumping up and down, too," said Congressman Miller.

He reiterated, as did District Four Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson who was also in attendance, that the taxation issue at this point will have to be solved by the court system. Should the courts rule in favor of the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector, it would make sense to have a bill already making its way through Congress.

Leaseholders would be relieved of the double burden of lease fees and ad valorem taxes, if they accepted Fee Simple Title.

The draft of the Bill, which currently does not have a Senator to co-sponsor it, includes the following:

- Gives Escambia County the ability to convey title on Santa Rosa Island
- No leaseholder will be required to accept Fee Simple Title
- Escambia County may not create a financial windfall in transferring title to leaseholders
- Lands currently dedicated to conservation, preservation, public use, recreation, access and public parking, must remain as such
- Escambia County must within two years convey Navarre Beach to Santa Rosa County
- There is no requirement

to offer fee simple title, nor is there a deadline to do so

Congressman Miller noted that it is hard to estimate how long this could take before it could become law.

"Generally legislation is not fast," said Miller. "This is a sticky wicket, but it's possible it could take wing and fly pretty fast. But, I don't anticipate that."

The bill will need a co-sponsor in the Senate. According to Congressman Miller, Senator Bill Nelson's concerns have been addressed, but the Senator has yet to sign on. He plans to approach Senator Marco Rubio to request his support.

Beach residents who wish to contact the Florida Senators can call Senator Bill Nelson's office in Washington, D.C. at 202-224-5274 and Senator Marco Rubio's office at 202-224-3041.



Congressman Jeff Miller listened intently to citizens at the Town Hall Meeting.

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After Sundown



Ryan Kennedy, 12, fishing aboard the Wendy Sea, brought home the second place Red Snapper in the open division of the Bud Light King Mackerel Tournament, June 25. He weighed-in his 18.91 Red Snapper early at Flounder's Beach, and had to wait for the four dozen other boats to come in. The youngster, who also caught a King Mackerel, is a student at St. Paul's School in Mobile.

The Fish-N-Fools were the winners of the small boat division in the Bud Light King Mackerel Tournament June 25. The team of (L to R): Steve Martin, Michelle Bragg, Ski Jablonski and Joe Bragg, weighed in a 39.33 pound King Mackerel and a 13.19 pound Red Snapper.



Entering their catch in the Shallow Water Slam, June 25, at Flounder's Beach (L to R) Jay Monzingo, Kelly Eddins, and Tony Eddins show off their best fish of the day. The team earned an aggregate weight of 10.81 pounds for their Flounder, Trout, and Redfish which was good enough for fifth place among the inshore anglers. They also won the SeaTow Bonus category for the largest fish caught by a Sea Tow member. The 5.49 Redfish topped that category.



Chuck McKinney, left, shows off a Redfish with fishing partner Jim Olson handling the Trout and Flounder. The team fishing aboard the Reel Job earned third place in the Grand Slam division of the Shallow Water Slam at Flounder's Beach June 25.

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readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick



Island Times columnist Saltwater Rick appointed lady angler Terri McKamey to write Readin the Water while he recovers from surgery. If you want to talk fishing, stop by The Dock and say hi to Terri.

June was just a fantastic fishing month and I think July is going to be the same. There is definitely no shortage of Snapper in the Northwest Florida Panhandle. I know I have certainly been enjoying my share. How about you?

The passes are holding some really nice Redfish especially Pensacola Pass. Work the Pass on a good moving tide either in or out and drift live bait close to bottom. The fish will move in behind the rock piles to stay out of the current while the current delivers them their daily supply of food. So you should be right there and ready.

Just off the beaches and around any near shore structure you can find King Mackerel. Slow troll live bait on small wire leaders and you won't go wrong. They are not hard to find, just

look for the bait balls and you will find the fish.

Let's not forget Pensacola Beach Gulf Pier. Things have been hot with some really great catches. I heard they have been bringing in some Black Snapper.

You know when spring and summer have arrived because King and Cobia are the talk of the pier! Seventy-four pounds has been the record so far this year on Cobia. Not bad at all.

Good luck to the Fishin's Chix Pink Rubber Boots Anglers, July 23. Reel 'em in, ladies.

If you have a really good fishing story or just some great pics of your catch, send them to us here at Island Times. Email them as an attachment to islandtimes@bellsouth.net include the info on the catch. We will be sure to include as many as we can and give you bragging rights.

So what are you waiting for? Take to the water while the Blues take to the sky. Super great fishing going on right now and beautiful weather to enjoy. Grab a kid and go fishing!

FRESH CATCH



Barry Meredith reminds anglers that while we love saltwater fishing, fresh water fish will give you a thrill, too. He, and his fishing buddy Darrell, pulled in these two monsters. Above, Barry with a 44 pound catfish caught on the Yellow River on June 4; and a 45 pound catfish caught in the same river on June 11.



The good time crew aboard Shutter Up shows off a haul of fish after a long fishing trip May 28. Keith Overlade, left, and Jeff Skomp, were happy with this bountiful catch. Captain Jody Wells put them on the fish and the deckhand Kyle kept the bait ready for the empty hooks. Both inshore and offshore fishing has been hot this summer. Beach charter captains are ready to get you on the action, too.

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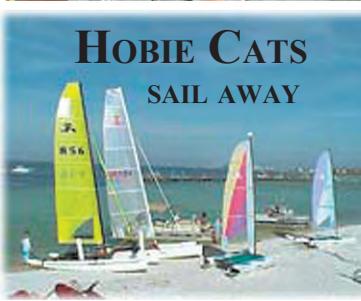
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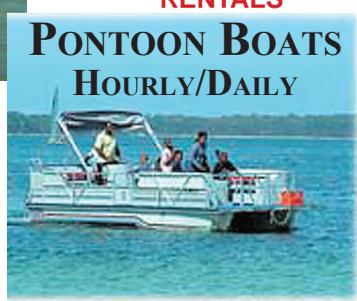


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