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High Five

Beach School Sandpipers Take Flight



Pensacola Beach Elementary School is the nurturing educational environment where these youngsters are turned into scholars, good citizens and friends. Some of the students will leave after spending their entire six years at the little elementary school on the sand, and others have been accepted into the flock of Sandpipers for just a few short months. The bonds they create follow them to middle school; the memories follow them for life. The 2012 fifth grade class members are (front row, L to R): Cordelia Zielinski, Ashley Price, Isabella Rice, Emily Wang, Chloe Huntley, Madison Therrell, Sydney Truax, Hannah May and Grace Reece. (Middle row, L to R): Annabelle Owens, Sophia Slobodian, Carlee Amberson, Katarina Denton, Madison Clay, Wren Deputy, Allyson Self, Skyler Williams, Allison Seeker, Katie Hamrick, Joshua Thompson and Teacher Margie Pitts. (Back row, L to R): Harrison O'Daniel, Patrick Cronin, Curtis Blackwood, Cayson McCurdy and Ethan Roberts. Not in photo: Courtney German. For more on this story, turn to page 2.

Beach School Sandpipers Soar To Next Level

The classroom lessons for the twenty-six graduating fifth grade students at the Pensacola Beach Elementary School are much the same as the rest of the nation. They focus on exceeding academic standards in reading, writing, science and math. These will be the building blocks for their continued success as they migrate to middle school, but those are not the most important lessons they learned. According to the ten and eleven-year-olds, friendship, kindness, honor, respect and being true to oneself are the most important things they learned this year at the little school on the sand. Lofty lessons for such young people, but ones which will guide them through life.

Teaching those lessons to a classroom full of energetic youngsters is the affable Margie Pitts, who celebrated her tenth year at the Beach School.

"It's so important to listen to the children," said Pitts. "You have to be flexible. We are a family here."

Just like any family, the Beach School Sandpipers, are a close knit group. Half of this class has been together since kindergarten, but welcomed each new student with open arms. After all, they feel they must set an example for the younger students.

Joshua Thompson commented, "The other kids look up to you when you are a fifth grader."

So, this group shared a few hints for success with the underclassmen.

"Listen to Mrs. Pitts," said Carlee Amberson, who has attended the Beach School since kindergarten. Her advice, coupled with a few other comments about working hard and completing homework assignments, were typical. Her classmates agreed that above all, the rising fourth graders need to remember to say, "Yes, Ma'am."

The students excel in academics, earning high scores on standardized tests. They compete in art, speech and science fair contests. Beach School students are exposed to a myriad of extra-curricular activities from sports to field trips. They traveled to the nearby Naval Air Station to tour the museum, see the Blue Angels and take in an IMAX film. One of the many field trips the fifth graders schedule is to a Marine Science lab in Navarre. They host a visiting class of fifth graders from Bryneville Elementary in North Escambia County during their beachside Water Safety Day. But, the end of year trip to New Orleans is a day they look forward to, and creates a memory of a lifetime.

Ninety percent of the students will move on to Gulf Breeze Middle School where they are looking forward to meeting new people and changing classrooms for each subject. Madison Clay wants to play the trumpet in the school band. But, don't look for her on stage as an adult, she has aspirations of becoming a Marine Biologist specializing in sharks.

Her love of animals is shared by five of her peers who want to be veterinarians, zoologists and scientists when they grow up.

Sophie Slobodian, 11, wants to carry on a family tradition. "I am thinking about being a doctor by following in my dad's footsteps as a physician," Sophie said.

Patrick Cronin aims to follow a career path as an FBI agent. "It's because I like to investigate stuff," he notes.

The bright group of students chose career paths in architectural design, teaching, photography, art and fashion design. Chloe Huntley is ready to take the stage as an actress filming in far away places like China and Africa.

And, Ethan Roberts is making a bold statement for his future. "I will be an NFL wide receiver," he said. "I grew up

playing football and I like football. I will bring the Saints to another Super Bowl win."

Students will tour and attend an Orientation Day at Gulf Breeze Middle School, May 30. For some it will be like another world, a few have brothers and sisters there to show them the way.

"We get them ready for middle school academically," said Pitts. "The Beach School students always seem to fair well at the next level, but it is a huge change considering the size of our school."

The Beach School prepares the students for success. Notably, nine out of the 57 inductees to the 2012 Gulf Breeze Middle School National Junior Honors Society were Beach School grads.

To cap off their final year at the Beach School, a Promotion Ceremony and Party will be hosted in their honor, Tuesday, June 5 at 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption's Hunt Hall. The Student of the Year Madison Clay will be recognized. She has been chosen by the faculty and staff for her outstanding citizenship and willingness to do the

right thing. Carlee Amberson is the Beach's School Shining Star, which is awarded for consistently above average academic standards coupled extra-curricular achievements.

So, as the Sandpipers leave the nest, they aim high. Soaring on to the next level, but never forgetting the friends and lessons they learned at the little school on the sand.



Super Sandpipers - Madison Clay, left, and Carlee Amberson, will be recognized for their achievements during the Pensacola Beach Elementary School Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony, June 5, at Hunt Hall.

Attorneys Announce BP Oil Spill Settlement Funds Available Soon To Leaseholders, Coastal Residents

Pensacola Beach leaseholders may be eligible to receive funds from the BP Oil Spill settlement because of the loss of use and enjoyment of their property after the Deepwater Horizon disaster according to Attorney Brian Barr. The news came during an update provided to residents Saturday, May 19 by Levin, Papantonio Law Firm.

Levin, Papantonio Attorney Mark Proctor gave a history of the litigation and agreed that the claims process up to this point has been confusing and frustrating. He announced that the settlement will help most, but others should seek professional representation.

"This settlement, which is

using a strict formula approach will settle most of the claims," said Proctor. "It is being administered by the court and is more claimant friendly."

Barr, who is a member of an elite Executive Committee of attorneys litigating on behalf of oil spill victims, said that all Pensacola Beach addresses are included in the "A" zone which means there is no need to prove causation. Certain locations in Gulf Breeze and Pensacola are also in Zone A. Residents who file a claim may be eligible to recover. The amount of compensation is tied to the just value of home and lot. Claimants will also be compensated for an unknown future impact.

Tim Day, Escambia Coun-

ty Coastal Zone Manager, said there are still matts of product in the passes.

"It is really too early to assess the full impact of this oil spill," said Day. "Scientists are still working on data. However, all the testing we have done on seafood, nothing points to any health dangers. It is safe."

Individuals, business owners, charter boats who participated in the Vessels of Opportunity program and those who sold property are among the categories who may be eligible.

Those who wish to file a claim may seek further information and forms online after June 4 at the claims website www.deepwaterhorizonsettlements.com.

Hurricane Resistant Wooly Boogers Host Event

The Wooly Boogers, an island tribe of longstanding Pensacola Beach fame, have set their Keep the Hurricanes Away Bawl for Saturday, June 16, at Paradise Bar beginning at 3 p.m. and ending, whenever.

Queen Shugah Christine Bunkie Hewardine issued the royal edict saying, "Anyone who has sand in their shoes and hates hurricanes may attend. Of course, I will expect to see certified, shoulda been and wanna be

Wooly Boogers."

There is no charge to attend but guests should bring a small good luck charm to give to Queen Shugah. She will be chasing storms from our sandy shores.

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Forever...Barefoot on the Beach

As a tribute to Jane Waters who passed away January 10, Island Times will continue to run some of Jane's favorite columns for your enjoyment

The Islander Newspaper – April 19, 1985

If you think you've read this column somewhere before, you have. It appeared in the August 14 issue of *The Islander* at a time when Supt. Charlie Stokes said he could arrange for Beach middle and high school students to attend Gulf Breeze schools. This concept is now clearly in danger of being zapped with the announcement of Supt. Mike Holloway that Santa Rosa County wants all \$750,000 paid in school taxes by Islanders, to accept these students. As an alternative suggestion, why not allow the parents of Beach children choose the school their children will attend on the mainland? Does it have to be Clubbs? Or Pensacola High? Why not Workman? Or Washington? Granted there are only a few kids on the Beach, but the \$750,000 tax money should

carry some weight. If there is no opportunity for them to go to the Gulf Breeze schools, and if there is no possibility for them to have their own Island school facility, at least let them choose their school in the Mainland. Why not? After all, they are certainly not governed by any school district boundary. Read on...

Kids are kids. No matter where they live they should be entitled to attend school within some reasonable distance of their homes. Residents of Pensacola Beach, although they pay their share of school taxes, have been the step-children of the Escambia County education system for years. It was a monumental struggle to get the little elementary school established on the Beach. And, although we call it the Pensacola Beach Elementary School, in reality it is an exten-

sion officially of the O.J. Semmes Elementary School. Have you ever tried to find a listing for a Pensacola Beach Elementary School in the phone book?

The first Beach School began in Harry Gowens' A-frame house. Subsequently, it was moved to its present location on Via de Luna, where classes from kindergarten through sixth grade are conducted. The school is unique in modern times with two classes to each teacher, and special instructors who come to teach music, art and physical education. The children who go to the school, set in the sand beach, love it. When they leave to go to middle schools, they have an exceptional background in basic knowledge.

But here, the problem begins. Our kids start the seventh grade thirteen miles away in Pensacola in a middle school which begins at the sixth grade. According to Diane Roberts, the Beach children are placed in a compromising situation among students who have their patterns set a year earlier. They have "learned the ropes" in an ever-changing situation.

The designated middle school itself needs upgrading. So, what do Beach parents do? They opt to send their children to private schools in town, or they

move away.

Then, when the remaining parents petition the school board to add grades to the Beach School, they say it is not feasible because there are not enough youngsters to warrant the addition. True. They have moved away to get into a better school program. The circle grows vicious.

Finally, Beach high schoolers are bussed to Pensacola High School unless they again decide on and can afford a private high school. While it is an educational institution with a good reputation for turning out fine students, Pensacola High School is a long way from "home" for these teenagers. Consider the permanent population of approximately 2,500 people on the Beach. Consider how many people would want to reside here if the school situation was different. Consider the construction of residential condominiums like Tristan Towers. Will more children be year round residents of Pensacola Beach? Throughout this country, there are hundreds of small towns and villages with a complete public school system. Many have a population of a thousand or less. In many cases, the school is the focal point of social and athletic activity in the town.

Recently, we heard that it is possible that the Escambia County School Board would pay

the Santa Rosa school Board so Beach students could attend Gulf Breeze Middle and High Schools. If this is finalized, at least the long trip to the mainland would be gone.

Still, Pensacola Beach is changing. It is growing into a community of civic minded citizens. School should be part of this growth plan. Someday, the back-to-school issue of *The Islander* could feature kindergartners through seniors in high school, attending classes within a few minutes of their homes. It is a dream we would all like to see come true.

[Editor's Note: *Escambia County closed the Beach School June 30, 2002, and a group of parents committed immediately to re-opening it as a Charter School. It is run by a Board of Directors, financed by the State and the community's monetary contributions. Although almost half of the Beach's ad valorem taxes are allocated to the Escambia County school district, none of that money comes back to the Beach Elementary School. The standardized test results are higher than all Escambia County schools. The school has won numerous national awards and is ranked among the state's best performing schools.*]

Pensacola Beach Advocates Want Master Plan Input

Citizens put the brakes on the ideas of a vehicular overpass or a pedestrian walkover being constructed at the main intersection on Pensacola Beach, but those were not the only ideas contained in the Pensacola Beach Master Plan. The Santa Rosa Island Authority, at the request of the Escambia County Commissioners, submitted a list of additional projects which included improvements to the toll facility, a pedestrian boardwalk encircling the core area, improvement projects to areas along Ft. Pickens Road and Via de Luna.

The Master Plan was developed over two years by Ft. Lauderdale based EDSA. The SRIA appointed a steering committee to comment during the planning phases, and the SRIA board conceptually approved a vehicular overpass as the preferable way to meet the Master Plan's goal to create a pedestrian friendly beach-to-bay experience.

Pensacola Beach Advocates would like to know what you think about these projects. They have authored a survey which asks for priorities and comments. The survey is available online at www.pbadvocates.org and takes just five minutes to complete.

"I think we can say the County is interested in moving forward with portions of the plan

on a pay-as-we-go basis, and both Grover Robinson and the County Engineering staff have expressed interest in a survey like this," said Jim Cox, PBA president. "We need people to take the survey to help set priorities."

Cox further commented that there are many funding sources for these projects and that no increase in the toll is proposed at this time.

The survey is open to anyone who is interested in Pensacola Beach to include residents, leaseholders, business owners, employees and day visitors.

The survey is divided into topics based on the project's location on the beach. Responses will be accepted until June 10. The results will be compiled and made available online at the Pensacola Beach Advocates website.

"It's our goal to receive a large number of responses from a variety of interested parties," said Cox. "After the results are compiled and reviewed by my board, they will be shared with the Santa Rosa Island Authority Board, County Commissioners and the County's engineering department.

The survey is available at www.pbadvocates.org. The site also has Beach tax information and a PBA membership application.

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PEOPLE

BEACH MAYOR

Pensacola Beach's Mayor Bob Merriman decreed that his constituents should prepare for yet another year of partying. He celebrated his birthday, May 19 at the Sandshaker, where the vote was unanimous in favor of his decree. The mayor discusses important issues in his beachside office with his bikini clad council members.

A PERFECT SCORE

Congrats to entertainer Holly Shelton who earned a straight A's this term in pursuit of her Master's Degree in Social Work. She had her nose in the books when she was not up on stage; and it paid off.

HIGH SEAS TRAVELERS

Alida Newton has conquered another continent. Newton, who lived all over the world, but calls Gulf Breeze home, cruised with friends for ten days and was most excited about Moscow on her itinerary. Perhaps she drank a vodka martini. Beach residents Carl and DJ Zemenick went shipboard for their latest vacation. DJ, an avid photographer, has pictures of her entire trip.

DANCIN' JIM

Jim Elbert has returned to his Panferio Drive home after hip surgery. It won't be long until he's ready to dance the night away

with his wife Bonnie. Dad should be ready to celebrate Father's Day said son Jeff.

FIRST PLACE SAILORS

Maria Weisnicht was a happy crew member aboard the Reach Around which took first place in the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club's SeaBuoy Race May 12. The skipper is Jeff Hunt. Will they win the Memorial Day Regatta on Saturday? Stay tuned.

AT THE DUNES

Chad and Laken Harvey are beach kids who were temporarily relocated to Pensacola. They are very grateful that their parents, Diana and Casey announced that Santa Rosa Dunes will be their new home. Back to the Beach!

A REAL COOL JOB

Ashley Chisholm's daughter Bailey celebrated her birthday last week. She is the cool teenager who serves sno-cones at the stand near the Gulf Fishing Pier. According to mom, she digs the paycheck and tips!

NEWLY WED NEWS

Former Beach resident Delores Wernet, says son David, 27, is a newlywed living in Baton Rouge. He is in campus ministry and wife Kayla works as a graphic designer for the Baton Rouge newspaper. Parents Delores and Lock live in Destin.

Trivia

The Trivia Master is puffed up sitting on the stage strumming a victory tune after last edition's question separated the Master from the guessers. There is much ado about the wildly successful Tuesday night Bands on the Beach concerts, so the Master asked if anyone remembered the former name and year that the Santa Rosa Island Authority established the program? No one, not a soul. Some were close. Some were creative.

The venerable commander of the Knights of the Trivia Roundtable sent an answer that the Master could not substantiate so will give Sir Morrie Drees the nod for his wealth of memories. Sir submitted "The first Blues on the Beach was started in the early 90s by Charlie Stough and a local group called the First City Blues." Well, Sir, perhaps.

The question which asked about the SRIA's Tuesday night concerts, has a simple answer. Blues on the Beach was name of the series in 1996. It was created and produced by Dee Lucas who was the SRIA Events and Tourism Director. In 1997 a band called the In Tunes played the second season kick off concert.

SRIA staffer Robbie Marie Lofty, who was awarded a Shining Star Award by the Pensacola Chamber, will not get a star from

the Trivia Master this time. She said the SRIA's ad agency sent the oldest ad for Blues on the Beach that they had in their archives, from 2002. That was their best guess. To her credit, she may have still been in elementary school when the first Blues on the Beach concerts took the stage.

The Authority decided that a wider variety of music would create a smash hit and it did. So Bands on the Beach was the new name and a steady stream of rock, country, blues and people grace the island on Tuesday nights.

Big Bob Dority was vying for a place in the Trivia Hall of Fame. His un-famous answer of Blues on the Beach but with no guess at the year, left him humming a sad tune. Retired U.S. Army Colonel Mike Cook marched onto the scene with what

he termed as a wild guess. He knew it was Blues on the Beach, but thought it started in 1995. Wild Mike's answer was just off the mark.

The Master loves history and applauds the Gulf Islands gang for their newly opened Museum at Fort Pickens. The civil war era fort hosts all kinds of interpretive programs from cannon balls to seashells, so the park's staff really knows some trivia. According to the rangers, where does the white sand at Gulf Islands National Seashore on Santa Rosa Island come from? If you are a geologist or a sand sculptor, sweep the grains off your hands and email your answer to islandtimes@bell-south.net. The Master expects to see Trivia in the subject line along with your name and phone number. Deadline is Tuesday, June 5.

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Board Hires Ad Agency, Leaves Admin Post Vacant

Is it time for a change in the structure and staff of the Island Authority or should the Board leave well enough alone? The complex issue was discussed at a Special Santa Rosa Island Authority Board Meeting, May 23, and will stay on the Full Board agenda into next month.

In the meantime, the SRIA Director of Administration position remains vacant with dozens of applicants waiting to fill it.

SRIA Board Chairman Dave Pavlock said after careful review of each department, and considering that the SRIA executive director is running for elected office in Santa Rosa County, he would like to see a Director of Administration hired.

"We need to be prepared to lose Buck," he said. "I think it

is critical to fill that Director of Administration position."

Board members Fred Gant and Ed Guernsey agreed, but Tammy Bohannon thinks this is an opportunity to review.

"I would like to see the SRIA modernize the model in what roles and capacities staff serves," she said.

Board member Vernon Prather believes that the budget process should be completed prior to filling the vacancy.

"I think this bears some more vetting. We can review our needs in light of what our budget shows, as well," he commented.

In other business, the Board selected E.W. Bullock Associates as their ad agency and approved a task order which gives Baskerville Donovan engineers

a green light to prepare a report about the feasibility of creating a public parking area located in the Beach's residential area.

Engineer Mike Langston noted that the report will be a detailed evaluation of what could be placed on the parcel between Avenida 13 and 14.

Historically the residents have been resistant to the idea of locating a public parking lot near their homes citing noise and disruptive behavior as drawbacks.

"The solution may not always be in the best interest of the residents who live there, but it is in the best interest of increasing the parking," said Langston.

The SRIA board meets on Wednesday, June 13 at 5 p.m. at 1 Via de Luna. The meetings are open to the public.

Beach Stakeholders Invited To SRIA Budget Workshop

Public Input Encouraged at June 4 Meeting

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Board has set aside Monday, June 4 at 5 p.m. for a special Budget Workshop, open to the public in their boardroom at #1 Via de Luna.

"We are the stewards of this money, but it is generated by the leaseholders on this island," said Vernon Prather. "I think it is important that rather than discussing our budget after a long board meeting agenda, that we dedicate a separate time to this budget. I would like to have the leaseholders here to comment."

The SRIA budget which has grown to nearly \$7 million must be approved by the Escambia County Board of Commissioners in July.

Beach resident Jim Cox referred to Escambia County's budget shortfall caused by an unexpected state imposed Medicaid bill when he urged the Board to protect the island's reserve funds.

"The County is looking for \$2.3 million to balance their budget," said Cox. "Excess funds should be identified by this board and addressed."

The SRIA budget traditionally contains funds reserved for use to operate and rebuild after hurricanes.

A draft budget is available at www.sria-fla.com. The SRIA Board will complete their budget and vote on its final draft on June 27.

Committees Approve Added Recreation, Green Parking

Pensacola Beach residents and visitors will have additional attractions to enjoy this summer after the Santa Rosa Island Authority Development and Leasing Committee approved requests for recreation based businesses at their May 23 meeting.

Coastal Paddle Company which offers paddleboard rentals intends to operate at the Sound-side Center and Balls of Fun, will set up their operations at Cast-aways as early as this weekend.

"It's a shallow pool with giant clear ball for a person to get

in," explained SRIA Executive Director Buck Lee. "One more thing for people to do."

The Operations Committee approved the plan for four parking places to be designated for electric powered vehicles only in the Casino Beach parking lot.

"This is a move toward being green," said SRIA Board Chairman Dave Pavlock. "It a way to say thank you for driving electric vehicles."

The Administrative Committee received a revenue summary from Dottie Ford, SRIA Director

of Finance for March 2012.

"This looks good," said Board member Ed Guernsey. "We are \$345,000 above budget and \$156,881 above the prior year."

The Committee voted unanimously to support the Gulf Breeze High School Baseball Boosters summer tourney with a \$2,500 donation. Teams who travel to the event are encouraged to stay on the beach. The SRIA will send each player a visitor's guide.

These items will appear on the Full Board meeting's consent agenda, Wednesday, June 13.

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by Kathi Lewis

"Kudos" to Joe Lewis & Co. for the exciting Bonfire Jam! It was a great line-up of country entertainers. Apparently even Mother Nature approved because she certainly showed up in all her glory beginning with a light, gentle rain and ending (the concert) with an unrivaled light show complete with surround sound and drenching tropical rain. Oh well, that's life in Paradise. It would certainly have been nice to finish the concert, but even so it made an unforgettable memory because the performers that we were able to enjoy played their hearts out..... and spoke so lovingly and highly of our magnificent beach.

I received a couple of tickets as a gift from my friend. So, my daughter Mel Rowe and I shared an extraordinary Mother's Day gift together; another unforgettable memory.

We both loved being allowed to come and go while leaving our chairs and belongings. Mel and I had time to stroll over to Castaways and admire the beautiful soundside beach and Tiki Hut. (This end of the Boardwalk was for too long a tremendous eyecore and completely blocked that gift of God and Nature.) So "kudos" also to Castaways for the best improved location on the island!

Did I mention that Mel and I crossed the sidewalk in front in the seawall when we left the concert? We originally set our chairs in the sand east of the lighting/sound equipment so we naturally went straight to the sidewalk looking for the exit. A nice security guard pointed the way while reminding us to return via the entrance. Absolutely no problems so far and our Mother's Day adventure had be-

gun! So, hang in here with me dear readers (if I have any left) and I'll try to make short story even shorter.

We followed all instructions and returned through the entrance showing our GA wristbands. We crossed the sidewalk and returned to our seats. Deciding we needed refreshments, I again walked across the sidewalk. I passed the fenced "Reserved Seating" area where a security guard was posted at the entrance/exit. I passed the VIP tents surrounded by fencing and the same type of security. I heard someone calling, "Ma'am?" when I realized he was talking to me. As I stopped, he told me I was not allowed to be in that area, even on the sidewalk and I needed to walk all the way back across and return via the sand. Seriously? Oh yeah.

And I'm certainly at a loss as to why, what or to whom they actually considered me a threat. Maybe they expected me to jump the 3 foot high fence to crash Reserved Seating? Maybe do a pole vault over into the VIP tents? Rush the stage? I still don't know.

Having found some friends, Mel and I moved our chairs (through the sand) to the west where we sat within 20 feet of stairs leading to the forbidden sidewalk.

This snafu is certainly no reflection on the Bonfire Jam Promoter or anyone else involved, nor is it meant to be. It was indeed a fabulous concert and I look forward to having more! Everything about Bonfire Jam was fun, exciting and enjoyable.

My visit to Mexico Beach, for Cinco de Mayo, the Look-out Lounge, Mercedes Turtles and Lynn Cieutat's Cottage by the

Sea are more prime examples of unforgettable memories. Sharon Mattair is generously sharing this week's recipe which she served in Mexico Beach, even after a narrow and potentially fatal encounter with a shark that left a six inch gash on her leg. Well, maybe not quite a gash, more like a scratch but there was a definite mark or line. Sharon hasn't had time to write this down for me so all errors and mistakes are strictly mine. A nice thing about this recipe is its versatility; easily changing sausage to ham or your choice of meat and vegetables and cheeses.

So, let's cook.....

Sausage & Cheese Rolls

1 package frozen yeast rolls
2 lbs. ground sausage, browned
4 cups cheddar cheese, grated

Remove frozen rolls and place in a large bowl together. Follow package instructions for thawing, covering and letting rolls rise. Turn onto floured work surface and roll dough into an approximate 12" x 16" rectangle. Top dough with ground sausage, then grated cheese. Roll up completely beginning with shortest side. Let roll set in refrigerator until firm, then slice into 1-inch rolls, placing on a lightly greased baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees until rolls are lightly browned. (You can make this ahead of time and freeze. Let thaw almost completely before slicing and baking).

Enjoy and share. On Memorial Day remember and be grateful for all those who gave their lives in service to our great Country

See ya in the kitchen.....



Nancy Kittel, Mike and Susi Mardis welcomed Kathi Lewis and Melanie Rowe to the concert.



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A Glimpse of Heaven

By Father Paul Lambert
St. Ann's Catholic Parish

Graduations, sign ups for summer camps, waiting in traffic trying to get onto or off the beach; yep, summer is almost here. It is about time to plan on how you are going to spend your summer. For some, summer is a time that business ramps up and one's hours of work begin to increase, for others it is a time for things to slow down.

My challenge, regardless of your situation, is to truly soak up the Son this summer. I use the word "Son" on purpose referring to spending some time with the Lord this summer. I truly believe that there is no vacation from vocation; that we are called to spend time with God all year long. We have a tendency, as a culture, to take the summer off when it comes to our prayer life and church life. We have this completely erroneous lie that lurks in our minds that in order to relax during the summer

we need to limit our responsibilities as much as possible.

I want you to have a summer to remember, I want this summer to be the best you have ever had. I challenge you to take Jesus with you on vacation, whether you are staying local or vacationing elsewhere. If we believe that we can do nothing without God, then the same must be of rest.

If we really want to get the most out of our vacation, our summer time, then we need to allow ourselves to be guided by God in our fun. I truly believe that if you have daily prayer during this summer, asking God to bless your rest, your fun, and your time, you will not be disappointed.

Taking Jesus with you on vacation may not give you a person to play paddle ball with or apply some needed sun block, but what he gives is greater than any other gift. Jesus gives us peace.



Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, presented a beautiful opportunity for five young parishioners to receive their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. Monsignor Luke Hunt, as well as Parochial Vicar Father Paul Lambert were on hand to celebrate the Children's Mass and welcome Brennan Nickelsen, Nora Elliott, Kate Allen, Bella Leidner and Cyrus Amjad into the light of receiving Sacrament of Holy Communion for their very first time. Readings were presented by members of the Sunday School classes. Music was provided by Our Lady's Choir and the talented Mateer sisters, Macy and Maddie, daughters of parishioners Craig and Lesley Mateer. A reception was held in Our Lady's Hunt Hall.

Photo and report by Mary Ann Claus, church communications director

Woman's Club Members Generous With Funds

The longest tenured social organization on Pensacola Beach, the Woman's Club continues their tradition of charitable giving. At their meeting, May 17 at the Pensacola Beach Community Church Fellowship Hall, they got to the serious business of announcing the recipient list. Receiving funds are: Pensacola Beach Elementary School, Pensacola Beach United Church of Christ, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Pensacola Beach Junior Lifeguard Program, Manna Food Bank, The Salvation Army, and Favor House.

During this membership year, the club donated money to support the Pensacola Beach Advocates' Recyclemania and provided significant revenue to the Military Appreciation Fishing Trip on Pensacola Beach. They also made donations to Gulf Breeze Tree of Lights and Caring and Sharing of Northwest Florida.

In all, the Pensacola Beach

Woman's Club made donations totalling \$7,000. The Club hosts fundraiser, their annual Game and Card party, which includes raffles and a silent auction. The proceeds fund this giving program.

While celebrating the joy of giving, the Woman's Club wished

seven members happy birthday. Florence Calonder, Kathy Christoff, Bobbi Cunningham, Ann Hopkins, Gayle Crume, Mary Jo Tibbits and Cindy Curran are the May birthday girls.



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The Club meets monthly but does not conduct business during the summer. For more about the

Club, email beachbunny808@hotmail.com.

Memorial Day Events Set At Historic Fort

Gulf Islands National Seashore will host a special event in honor of Memorial Day at historic Fort Pickens on May 28. The event features a living history encampment by Company C, 3rd U.S. Infantry (1860-1865) from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Uniformed reenactors will conduct period "Colors" and "Retreat" ceremonies at 9:30 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. Company drill demonstrations will be conducted at 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Ranger led tours of Fort Pickens are at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. At 3 p.m., a special moment of silence will be observed as an act of respect and remembrance to the brave men and women who have given their lives for their country.

The program is free, but there is an \$8 entrance fee to the Fort Pickens Area. For more details, go to www.nps.gov/guis.



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Atkinson Earns Top Spot At Texas Hold 'Em During April

Winning is the name of the game, and Tex Atkinson is the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun name-sake and winningest player in April. Poker for fun has its perks. Promoter Rick Uzdevenes presented Tex with a vintage bottle of Scotch for his outstanding play.

Results from Paddy O'Leary's games include first time winner Josh Rogers making his way to the top spot on May 3. He finished ahead of Larry Paz. Bryan Wilson outlasted Ted Gorder for the win on May 10 and finished ahead of Toots Humphrey on May 17.

Tommy Grice graced the winner's circle after strong play at the Sandshaker. He finished in first place ahead of Sara Mandel on May 14 and as a runner up to James Taylor on May 7.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun games are open to anyone with a basic knowledge of the game.

"It's great to have new people join us, even if it is just for one night," said Rick Uzdevenes. "Tourists are welcome to pull a chair up to the felt."

For more information contact Uzdevenes at 850-324-2667.



The hostesses of the Pensacola Beach Martini Party (L to R) Sherry McReynolds, Helen Yates and Doris Hernandez shake things up at Santa Rosa Towers on May 16. It's a girls-only party until the last hour when they allowed the men to attend. Check out the cocktail glasses!



by Tex Atkinson

I flew missions from an aircraft carrier during the Korean War. Many of those missions were close air support so I felt a kinship with those who fought in the trenches below. We often exchanged a wave and we each respected what the other was doing. Many of us saw our buddies die; those who fought in the trenches and those who fought from the air.

And some of us who lived came close enough to death to at least sense some of the emotions involved. I have never spoken with anyone who was in combat for an extended period of time who thought of himself as a hero. On the contrary, if you ask one who was there such a question, they answer with a blank stare, and you sense that they are wondering if you are still working with a full deck. Or they might answer quietly, "We left the he-

Remembering Heroes During Memorial Day

roes over there."

I remember a particular mission that was scheduled during my time in Korea. It had all the earmarks of being a tough one. We were briefed. We had started our engines and I was in my AD aft on the flight deck waiting for the fighters to be launched, when suddenly, I knew without a doubt that if I took off I would not be coming back.

I had never known such an overpowering feeling or anything like it in my entire lifetime. I remember thinking, "Okay, Atkinson, you can shut down the engine, walk up to the bridge, lay your wings on the table, and live with the consequences for the rest of your life. Or you can get this airplane in the air and see what happens."

I cannot honestly remember if I ever thought about my previous anxiety during the remainder of that entire flight, but I am certain that I never had that experience again.

I would guess that beneath many of the white crosses lie the remains of a soldier, who, when alive, could tell us a similar story.

Those who fight our wars experience at least some of what I have described and much, much more. They were and they are human beings - with all of our faults.

But overriding all is the one fact I told you in the beginning. Nearly all of them came to recognize - that there are times in your life when the task before you is much more important than yourself.

I leave you with words selected by the Korean Memorial Committee, "They died and they took the remainder of their lifetime with them. They longed to hold a loved one just one more time; for long quiet talks with those who were most important in their lives. And no doubt in that last moment there was before their eyes a special and beautiful face, smiling in anticipation of all their tomorrows together which now would never be. Because of their sacrifice millions live in freedom. And to them this memorial is most respectfully dedicated."

Today I add these words, and to them this Memorial Day is most respectfully dedicated. And to them our heartfelt thanks.

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Tex Atkinson, pilot, author and wily poker player is a contributing columnist to Island Times. The longtime Beach resident was honored during the Military Fishing Expedition awards ceremony, May 8, along with Ron Christian and Bob Kennedy.



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	9pm	Clinch 46	6pm	Ba'Nana Republic
	June 3 1pm	Mike Jenks Band	June 18 7pm	Tim Spencer
	6pm	Wildwood	June 19 7pm	Tomato & Dennis Gossman
	June 4 7pm	Rez Duo	June 20 8pm	Jeff Ivanoff
	June 5 7pm	Shawna P. & Adam Tyler Brown	June 21 8pm	Mainstream
	June 6 8pm	Tim Spencer	June 22 3pm	Joan Hart & Tyler Mac
	June 7 8pm	Sonic Mole Chasers	9pm	The Rez
	June 8 3pm	Paul Killough	June 23 2pm	Shawna P. & Adam Tyler Brown
	9pm	Cabo Rock	9pm	The Rez
	June 9 1pm	Sonic Mole Chasers	June 24 1pm	The Rowdies
	5pm	Summer Bikini Contest	6pm	Whiskey Dolls
	9pm	Cabo Rock	June 25 7pm	Rez Duo
June 10 1pm	The Rowdies	June 26 7pm	Shawna P. & Adam Tyler Brown	
6pm	Flip Flop Boys	June 27 8pm	99's	
June 11 7pm	Let's Party!	June 28 8pm	Avenida 16	
June 12 7pm	Milele Roots	June 29 3pm	Mike Jenks	
June 13 8pm	Milele Roots	9pm	Shawna P. & Earthfunk Tribe	
June 14 8pm	Milele Roots	June 30 2pm	The Rowdies	
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READY TO TRI - Teenagers preparing for the Pensacola Beach Triathlon May 19 line up at the starting gate for the swim on Flounder's Beach. They were a swift trio. Earning the top three spots in their age group are (L to R): First place, Brooke McSheehy, 18, third place Caitlin Mims, 15 and second place finisher Skyler McSheehy, 16 from Fort Walton Beach.

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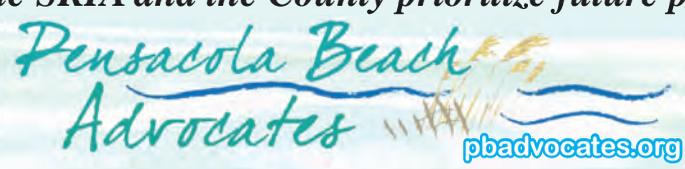
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survey is online at **www.pbadvocates.org**

The School Bell Rings



PASSING THE CAT

Beach School Principal Jeff Castleberry reported that one hundred percent of his students who participated in the FCAT writing test met the passing mark. Additional scores in reading, math and science will be available next week. The Beach School traditionally scores higher than their peers in Escambia County.

VOLUNTEER CHEERS

A Volunteer Appreciation celebration was hosted at the Beach School May 17. Jill Johnson was honored as the Parent Volunteer of the Year and Laurie Gill was named the Community Volunteer of the Year.

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DONATIONS

Pensacola Beach Optimist Club donated \$2000 to the School from the proceeds of the Kentucky Derby fundraiser.

They also donated \$200 to the Helen Cotton Media Center as a tribute to the staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.

HONORS SOCIALITES

Pensacola Beach Elementary School alums have been recognized at the middle and high school levels of National Honors Society. Gulf Breeze High Chapter of the National Honors Society Induction Ceremony was May 2. Oceane Ziegler, Eric Post, Sage Baird, Kendall Hoover, PJ Dunne, Jack Ettelson, Adam Foley, Marina Johnson, Harley Taylor and Madison Penico were inducted.

The National Junior Honors Society at Gulf Breeze Middle inducted 57 students and nine were Beach School grads. The honorees were Maddie Grace McCurdy, Riley Thompson, Shelby Dunne, Mary Elliot, Kylie Finkbone, Daniel Green, Patrick Hodges, Benton Byrd and Reddon McLaurine.



Gulf Breeze Middle School National Junior Honors Society Inductees from the Beach School are (L to R): Maddie Grace McCurdy, Riley Thompson, Shelby Dunne, Mary Elliot, Kylie Finkbone, their Principal Richard Cobb, Daniel Green, Patrick Hodges, Benton Byrd and Reddon McLaurine.

Lauren Pinkston participated in the Sunshine Our Little Miss Scholarship Competition Preliminary, April 21 at the Gulf Breeze Recreation Center. She amassed a number of first places finishes which qualified her to compete at a regional level this month.
Lauren earned a big trophy and glittery crown for being the Overall Official Winner in her age group. She also brought home a trophy for Most Photogenic. She was awarded medals for prettiest eyes, hair and smile, Best Party Wear and Best Model.
Lauren is the daughter of Dr. Tracey Pinkston of Pensacola Beach and granddaughter of Bettie Lee and Dave Sundstrom.



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KOWABUNGA DUDE

Want to top off the first day of the week with a tasty treat? If you buy one Surf Burger on Monday night, you get one burger free. The deal starts at 5 p.m. and goes all night. The Surf Burger gang and Innerlight are offering a Surfing Movie Night every Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the soundside restaurant. Bring the family.

NOT SCOOBY DOO

Most of the world sees Shaggy's on Pensacola Beach and thinks about Scooby Doo's sidekick. Not so. The name belongs to a Mississippi Gulf Coast beach character who had saltwater running through his veins and sand in his shoes. Find Ron Ladner in his new waterfront restaurant or the sidebar and ask him to tell you the story.

SAVING LIVES

Baptist LifeFlight celebrated the 35th anniversary of its first patient flight. In geographical areas such as ours, rapid transport can mean the difference between life and death. The helicopter is staffed with a critical care nurse and a specially trained paramedic to begin the advanced care as soon as they arrive to the scene. So, if you see Mike Wood at the Beach poker table give him a hug. He is one of the LifeFlight heroes who saves lives.

TROLLEY TIMES

It's jam packed with route information, tracking options and a few quirky stories. Pick up your copy of the once-per-summer Trolley Times at your favorite beach location.

BBB AWARDS

The Better Business Bureau awarded Premier Island Management a Torch Award for Marketplaces Ethics at their luncheon May 17 at New World Landing. Rob Babcock accepted the award on behalf of his team. BBB volunteer and beach resident Jim Cox earned the President's Award.

SALAD FOR STARS

When the BonFireJam promoters called Flounder's in a panic, Lewis Irby in his usual laid back style made sure that Country music star Sunny Sweeney had a Caesar salad prior to taking the stage. Quick and much to the star's liking.

Florida's decades-long surfing history will be showcased during the newest exhibition at the Pensacola Museum of Art (PMA) which runs through Saturday, September 1.

More than 25 professional surf photographers contributed to this chronological presentation of historical and contemporary photographs, vintage surfboards and surf memorabilia from across the state. Scholars from four universities have woven surfing's larger themes – nature, religion, environmental activism, music

and maritime history – into the specifics of Florida's surfing history.

The exhibition will include one gallery dedicated to local and regional surfboards and memorabilia. Those interested in loaning vintage boards or surf memorabilia are asked to contact Fred Esposito at Espocreative@gmail.com.

Surfing films compiled from vintage clips will be shown during the summer-long exhibition.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the PMA will host "The

Beach Ball," a beach-themed, outdoor street party at the Museum, Friday, June 8 from 5- 7:30 p.m. in lieu of the Museum's usual monthly Culture Club event. "The Beach Ball" will include tropical food and drinks from local restaurants, live music and admission to the surf exhibition. The public is invited. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online or at the Museum.

The Pensacola Museum of Art is located at 407 South Jefferson St., Pensacola. For more information call 850-432-6247.

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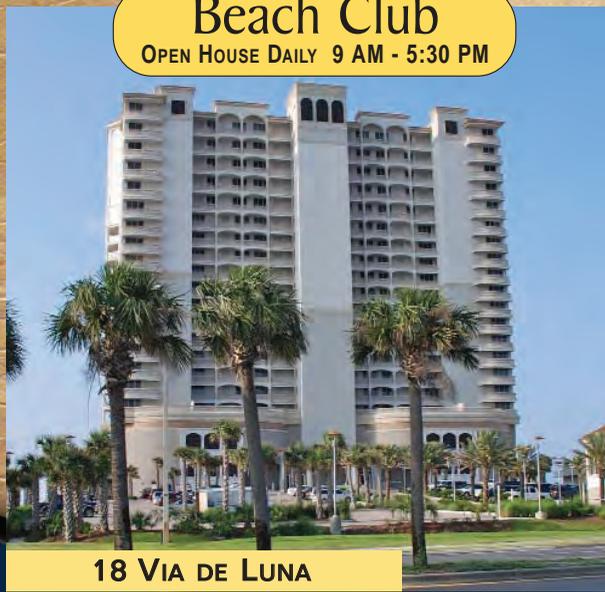
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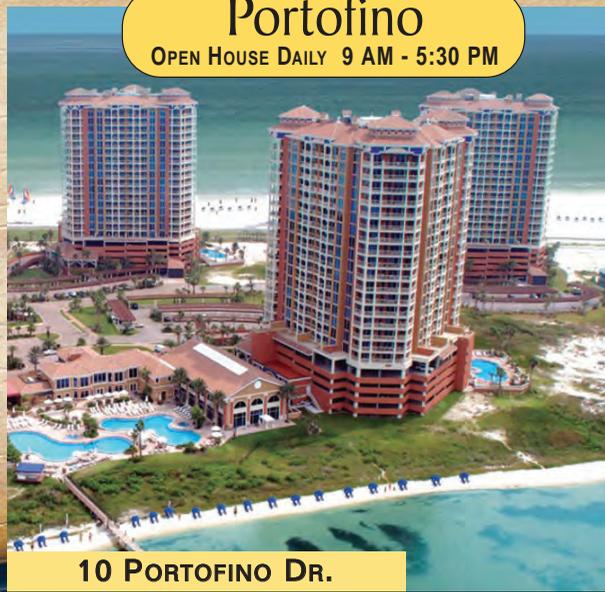
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Mostly NUTS

By Candace Segar



I am a very lucky woman because I have more than one "Segar" man in my life. My husband Ralph's oldest brother, Gene is an avid reader, researcher and student of life much like me. Several months ago I received emails from Gene regarding a nuclear element called Thorium. I had never heard of it. The concept where it was being used in place of uranium as an energy source piqued my interest, but due to an intense work schedule at the time, I simply dropped the issue.

Well fortunately for me, Gene pursued this topic. Recently he sent me a note that a new book entitled, "Super Fuel - Thorium the Green Energy Source for the Future," by Richard Martin had been released. I immediately purchased a copy and began to read about this element. Here is a glimpse into the wonderful world of Thorium!

Before I begin, I must first clear up a large misconception that many folks have about renewable energy. Solar and wind generation is grossly misunderstood creating an illusion that these two energy forms can be and will be a panacea for all our future power needs. It is neither a practical consideration nor solution to our growing need for energy. Nuclear power provides the power grids with 20 percent of our required energy needs. Presently our boiling water and pressurized water reactors use uranium as our base fuel for these reactors. Nuclear power can do more.

Enter Thorium! This element is four times as abundant as uranium in the United States. It is found naturally in the soil. So the next time you are digging in your garden, you are probably holding a small amount of Thorium in your hand. The half-life of Thorium or the time it takes for half of the atoms of Thorium to disintegrate is approximately 14 billion years as compared to uranium at 4 billion years.

This long half life lowers the radioactivity level and lessens the exposure problems from radiation. It cannot be used in a standard nuclear plant. It is not able to sustain a nuclear chain reaction on its own like uranium. But it can be used in conjunction with a small amount of uranium.

A new type of reactor would be needed called a liquid fluoride

thorium reactor abbreviated as LFTR. One of the best gains for the public with this type of breeder reactor is that they produce as much fuel as they consume. In addition, this reactor could start using up leftover highly enriched fissile material from dismantled warheads and spent fuel from other nuclear plants. There would no longer be a need for underground storage of nuclear wastes.

The reactor core contains a frozen salt plug. If a problem occurs, the plug melts, the fuel drains into a shielded container that can handle the residual heat making a meltdown physically impossible.

We could power the entire United States with Thorium for thousands of years until we come up with a better alternative. India and China are jumping on this technology.

And what as a nation are we doing? Pretty much business as usual which equates to little or nothing is being done. It is sad to me that our nation isn't leading this effort.

I think one of the best things we could do as we the people of this great nation is to insist that all people running for office must pass a science test to see if they are truly knowledgeable and qualified to lead our country. Then maybe, Thorium and LFTRs would be topics on the agenda!



Greeting guests at Tammy Bohannon's office at Harbourtown's Business After Hours and Open House May 17 were Louis Bohannon and his granddaughter Jocelyn Reeves. Jocelyn is a third grader at the Beach School. Louis, a long time beach resident, volunteers tirelessly at community events, most recently the Military Fishing Expedition fish fry on the Beach.

BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stukey
Your Computer Pal

Q: "What is Apple's SIRI product?"

SIRI is an artificial intelligence software product that is installed on the Apple iPhone 4S.

Using a technique called language parsing, the program "understands" what you say and talks to you. SIRI responds to your commands, allowing you to do many things, including making phone calls, making dinner reservations, buying tickets, scheduling meetings, sending messages, and doing research.

If you ask where to find sushi, SIRI will return a list of Japanese restaurants that are nearby. If you ask it to tell you the diameter of the earth, it will

get that information for you. The program searches through its on-line data bases to find answers to your questions. If the information is not contained in those data bases, the SIRI program will tell you that it doesn't know the answer. If you keep asking the same question, SIRI might remind you that you are repeating yourself.

It sometimes seems that you are having a conversation with SIRI, because it will respond to your comments. If you say "I love you," SIRI might respond "That's nice. Can we get back to work now?" or "I'll bet you say that to all your Apple products."

The program evolved from a research project sponsored by the

US military in 2003. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) worked with SIRI International to complete the research. SIRI then created a separate company which released the first version of the SIRI app for the Apple iPhone in 2010. Soon afterwards, Apple bought the newly created company and began to develop a more sophisticated version of the program. It now can understand English, German, Japanese, and French.

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

Venus Puts On A Matinee in June One Show Only, So Don't Miss It

There will be two ways to observe a very rare celestial event on Tuesday, June 5. As Venus transits in front of the sun beginning at 4:30 p.m. the Escambia Amateur Astronomers Association volunteers will have telescopes set up at the Gulfside Pavilion on Pensacola Beach and also at Pensacola State College.

"This rare event will not occur again in our lifetimes," said Dewey Barker, Star Gaze and Events Coordinator. "It will be 127 years before the alignments of Earth and Venus again cause Venus to appear to move across the visible disk of

the sun."

Venus will appear to touch the Sun's disk about 5:10 p.m. and take about ten minutes to move completely onto the Sun. It will be almost half way across the Sun by local sunset, about 7:30 p.m.

"Always use care when attempting to view something involving the sun," warns Barker. "There will be a number of websites streaming the event live, which of course, will be safe to view."

For more information, about the Astronomers, log onto www.eaaa.net.



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- 5 Bit of derring-do
- 9 Wager
- 12 Top-notch
- 13 Jason's ship
- 14 "Go, team!"
- 15 Fictional girl detective
- 17 Work with
- 18 Plumed military hats
- 19 Host
- 21 Type measure
- 22 Donny's sister
- 24 Brazen
- 27 Highland hat
- 28 Skirt feature, maybe
- 31 Shock and —
- 32 Catcher's place?
- 33 A billion years
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- 51 Chaps
- 52 Tittle
- 53 Money
- 54 Cauldron
- 55 Vacationing
- 56 Art Deco pioneer
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- 2 Ark captain
- 3 Faris or Paquin
- 4 Ate like a bird
- 5 Crazes
- 6 Blunder
- 7 Time of your life?
- 8 Pisa landmark
- 9 Martial-arts film star
- 10 Facility
- 11 Quaker's pronoun
- 16 Thither
- 20 Wrong (Pref.)
- 22 City head
- 23 Iowa city
- 24 Awful
- 25 Have debts
- 26 "Shampoo" Oscar winner
- 27 Genealogy chart
- 29 Charged bit
- 30 Stick with a kick
- 35 Two, in Tijuana
- 37 Strong-arm
- 39 TV, radio, etc.
- 40 Triangular sail
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Calendar

- May 25 Star Gaze, Casino Beach. No Charge.
- May 26 Star Gaze, Casino Beach. No Charge.
- May 28 Memorial Day events at Ft. Pickens begin 9:30 am. All Day.
- May 29 Bands on the Beach. 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- June 1 First Friday, Boardwalk. 5:30 to 7:30.
- June 2 Fishing Chix Tourney. Weigh In Noon-2p.m. Awards party follows. Flounder's.
- June 2 DeLuna Landing at Boardwalk, 3 pm
- June 2 Island Fights. MMA. Hilton. Ticket required.
- June 2 National Trails Day, Ft. Pickens. 7 pm
- June 5 Bands on the Beach. 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- June 9 Stand Up Paddleboard Clinic. Innerlight, 9 am and 11 am
- June 12 Bands on the Beach. 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- June 13 Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting. 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna. Open to the Public.
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 16 Woolly Booger Keep The Hurricanes Away Bawl, Paradise, 3-6 p.m. Open. No Charge. Bring good luck charm.
- June 17 Father's Day
- June 19 Bands on the Beach. 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- June 22 Star Gaze, Casino Beach. No Charge.
- June 23-24 King Mackerel Weigh In. Flounder's Beach.
- June 26 Bands on the Beach. 7-9. Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- June 27 Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting. 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna. Open to the Public.
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A heads-up alert to all free-spirited Ewes and Rams: Be wary of a deal that could result in compromising your independence. Check every detail before making a commitment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New facts emerge that help put an irksome workplace situation in perspective. Meanwhile, pay more attention to a family member who needs your wisdom and strength.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A slight setback in plans is nothing to worry about. Use this delay to deal with a number of matters you might have ignored for too long. Expect news from someone in your past.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're entering a period of stability. Use it to straighten out any outstanding problems related to a very personal situation. Also, pay closer attention to financial matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being a social Lion, you might well benefit from staying out of the spotlight for a while. You need time to reflect on some upcoming decisions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A difficult family situation improves, thanks to your timely intervention. You can now start to focus more of your attention on preparing for a possible career change.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An on-the-job change

works to your benefit by offering new opportunities. It's up to you to check them out. Meanwhile, a stalled romantic situation starts up again.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That flare-up of Scorpian temperament cools down, leaving you more receptive to suggestions about changes that might need to be made in your personal life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unusual period of indecisiveness is a mite frustrating. But things soon clear up, allowing the sage Sagittarian to make those wise pronouncements again.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might feel that you know best, but it's not a good idea at this time to try to force your opinions on others. Best advice: Inspire change by example, not by intimidation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some setbacks could affect your plans to fortify your financial situation. But things start moving again by early next week. Meanwhile, enjoy your resurgent social life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Show that often-hidden steely spine of yours as you once again stand up to an emotional bully. You've got the strength to do it, especially as friends rally to your side.

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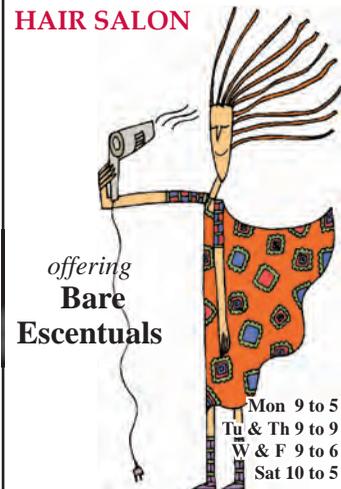
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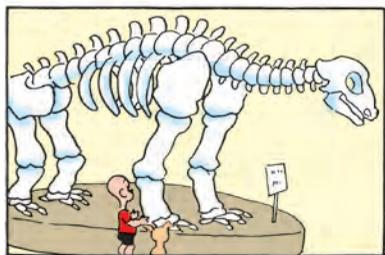
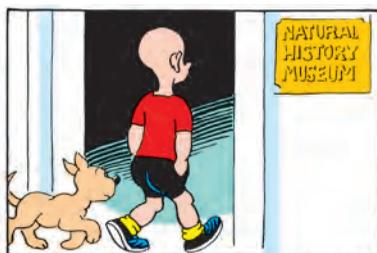
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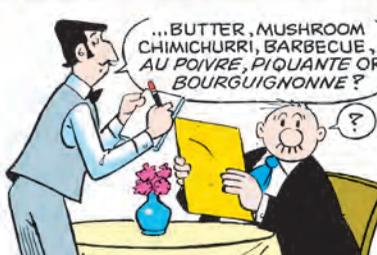
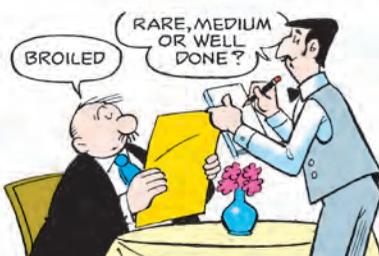
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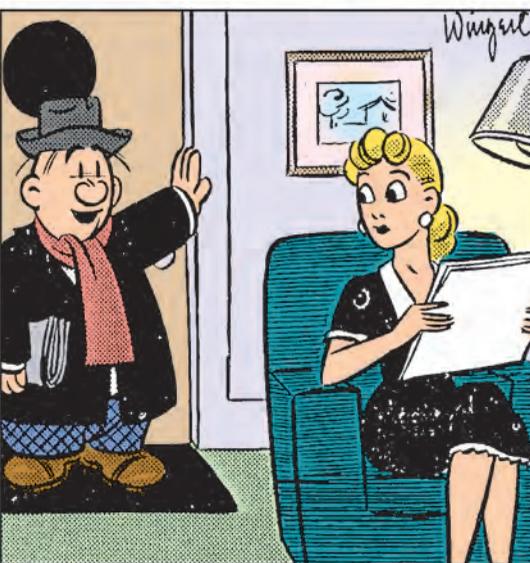
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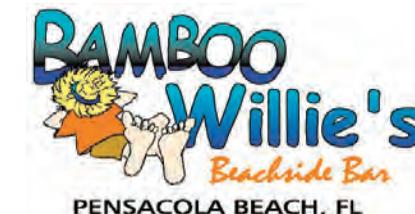
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fans. The early session is for accomplished athletes, who wish to improve their stroke technique. The second session begins at 11 a.m and geared to beginning and intermediate paddleboarders who want to learn the basics.

The event is open to those 8-years-old and up, who are proficient swimmers. There are a limited number of boards available for use, so bring your own board if you have one.

After the clinic is complete, there will be relay races with prizes. No one goes home empty handed. There will be swag bags for each participant.

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Fishing collides with fashion at the sixth annual Fishin' Chix Pink Rubber Boots Ladies Fishing Rodeo, May 31 - June 2 at Flounder's on Pensacola Beach. The events begins with a Thursday night Captains Meeting. Anglers will fish on Saturday, June 2 from 6:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The awards party will commence at Flounder's immediately following the weigh-in.

The event is open to women only, and the appropriate attire of pink boots is strongly encouraged.

Seasoned anglers who have their own boat can enter for \$215. If you don't have a vessel, captain or equipment do not despair, the Fishin Chix can supply you with everything you need to get out on the water for an entry fee of \$322. Registration can be completed online at www.fishinchix.clubexpress.com.

Captain Hallie Burnett is the Chix-in-Charge of the event and can be reached at 850-501-1279 or by email at hallie@fishinchix.com.

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Of all the sea turtle species, the smallest and most rare is the Kemp's Ridley. It is Critically Endangered, meaning it faces an extreme risk of becoming extinct. At adulthood they weigh between 85 - 100 pounds; have a heart-shaped shell (called a carapace) which grows to approximately 2 - 2 1/2 feet in length; and they reach sexual maturity in about ten years, about half that of larger species.

In the last fifteen years or so, a few of these rare sea turtles have begun to nest in the Pensacola Beach area. Unlike loggerhead and green sea turtles, Kemp's Ridelys come ashore to nest (and hatch) during the day. Weighing less than half that of larger sea turtle species, their tracks leave a shallow impression in the sand and will disappear quickly on a windy day, making it even more difficult to spot where they've come ashore. Unfortunately, they seem to prefer windy days for nesting. Perhaps their inclination to come ashore during windy conditions is a type of survival mechanism which helps camouflage their nests from predators, but it makes it more difficult for patrollers who try so hard to save them.

Prior to the 1950's, Kemp's Ridelys were plentiful in the Gulf of Mexico. Though some people had claimed to have witnessed thousands of these small sea turtles come ashore all at one time for a mass nesting, called an arribada, no one had actually documented such an event. In 1947, a young pilot who wanted to witness an arribada persevered until he finally got lucky. After 24 straight days of flying, he was excited to see a mass nesting of Kemp's Ridelys in progress at Rancho Nueva, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and was able to land his plane on the beach to film it.

Several years later, in the summer of 1961, the film the pilot had taken finally worked its way into the hands of a marine biologist who presented it at a meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. The audience was stunned. Unfortunately, the phenomenon of the arribada and its site became public knowledge and soon nearly every nest was falling victim to poachers. The eggs, considered a delicacy, were sold in markets and shrewd marketers even claimed

they held aphrodisiac powers, though such claims were baseless. Between poachers, other predators, and the drowning of both adult and juvenile sea turtles in shrimp trawler nets (in the days before Turtle Excluder Devices were invented), the population of Kemp's Ridelys quickly plummeted.

From the time of the film to the mid-60's, the population of the arribada dropped from an estimated 40,000 Kemp's Ridley females to approximately 2,000 females. By the 1980's, there were only 300 nesting females coming ashore.

Though frightening that Kemp's Ridelys came so close to extinction, their future is now somewhat brighter. The United States and Mexico had begun working together in 1977 on a recovery plan for the critically endangered Kemp's Ridley. The first step was to protect the primary nesting site at Rancho Nuevo; the second was the introduction of devices which prevented drowning deaths of sea turtles in shrimp trawling nets; and, lastly, a bold "headstart" program that was initiated in an attempt to establish a new nesting population by "imprinting" hatchlings on a section of Gulf Islands National Seashore in South Padre Island, Texas.

The crucial process which results in a sea turtle returning to its natal beach to nest is the magnetic imprinting which takes place during the march from their nest to the sea as a hatchling. Scientists believe the tiny pieces of magnetite within a sea turtle's brain somehow provides them with magnetic bearings, an internal GPS system, if you will.

How we came to have Kemp's Ridley nests in our area in recent years is still a mystery, and scientists continue their study, but the rest of us surmise the small sea turtles, like us, knew their heart-home when they found it.

You can Google 1947 Kemp's Ridley sea turtle nesting, and watch a portion of the first documented arribada; or, Saving the Kemp's Ridley - Texas Parks, to learn more about their comeback from extinction.

Until next time, Lights Out!
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readin' the water

Saltwater Rick appointed lady angler Terri McKamey to write his column this week.

It's almost June and just like the weather the fishing action is getting hot, hot and hotter!

In just a few short days, June 1 to be exact, Snapper season opens. We have forty days to fish this year and they are already plentiful. I've already heard of 25 and 35 pounders that had to be released. Be patient guys, not much longer now.

The Amberjack and Triggerfish are plentiful, too.

In the late afternoon it's Spanish Mackerel everywhere. Both Spanish and King Mackerel can be found on Pensacola Beach, Fort Pickens and Navarre piers as well as in the surf. Bluefish and the occasional Flounder are biting, too.

I tend to be a morning person and that means Pompano, Whiting, Redfish and Jacks

surf fishing; or Speckled Trout, Flounder and Redfish on the grass flats.

I've been practicing with my new bait net (Thanks, Rick!). I'm getting the feel of it, and let me tell you the bait fish are plentiful. They are everywhere and getting better as is the fishing. What a great summer this is going to be!

As of May 18, Derrick Wall was still in the lead in the Pensacola Beach Pier Tourney. Looks like he is going to walk away with 5,000 dollars this year for his 57 pound Cobia.

Nothing gives you bragging rights like a picture guys, so keep them coming and we'll post as many as we can.

So what are you sitting there for? Great weather and great fishing on the Gulf. Grab a kid and get fishing!



Retired USMC Major Jim Knell, right, always brings roars of laughter from the participants of the Military Fishing Expedition when he announces the Smallest Fish Award. The winner, whether earned or not, always goes to the highest ranking angler. This year Command Master Chief Jimmy Carter, left, willingly plays along with the spoof, May 8 at the Elk's Lodge.



Representing the United States Navy Todd Lied caught the most fish on the Military Fishing Expedition, May 8. He accepted a trophy and goodie bag full of prizes. The event was founded and organized by Jim Knell and is sponsored by the Beach Chamber.



Michael and Jason Haynes brought two Redfish early to the Slots and Spots Tournament at Flounder's May 15. The fish which are scored by length and number of spots earned the anglers 68 points.

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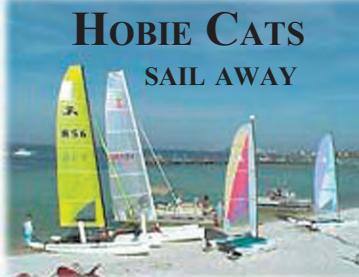
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