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Sip and Swirl At Art and Wine Festival



Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce will transform Portofino Boardwalk into an artist's colony and wine lover's paradise Sunday, October 13 beginning at 11 a.m. Beach Chamber President Nicole Stacey, above, has been working with the Art and Wine Festival Committee for months to present this event. Sixty different wines will be served during the tasting hours of noon to 3 p.m. Eight chefs from Pensacola and Pensacola Beach will be offering dishes to pair with the wines. Two dozen artists will be creating and selling their work. Tunes by Continuum will float across the venue. Wristbands for the wine tasting are on sale at the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center prior to the festival and will be available at the event. For more cork popping details, turn to page 2.

Art and Wine Festival Adds Gulf Coast Chefs To Afternoon Event

Art aficionados and wine connoisseurs will mingle with casual sippers and shoppers during the Pensacola Beach Chamber's Art and Wine Festival, Sunday, October 13 beginning at 11 a.m. on the Portofino Boardwalk. The sixth annual event will feature a wine tasting from noon until 3 p.m. with 60 wines being presented. Two dozen art vendors, live music and the area's most talented chefs round out the festival program.

"We want our guests to discover the art of food and wine as presented by the Gulf Coast's finest chefs," said Beach Chamber Board Member Nathan Holler, who is the festival committee co-chairman. "Exploring the food, art and wine culminates in a party."

The party begins at 11 a.m. with local artists showing and selling their wares. Among them are Mary Inabit and Cliff Taylor. Pensacola Beach's Taylor is a woodcraft artisan who reshapes and reworks wood into usable keepsakes. While volunteering at the Pensacola Fishing Ro-

deo weigh-in at Flounder's this summer, Taylor displayed a few of his latest projects. He takes forgotten or discarded wood items and brings them back to the rich and warm tones that nature intended.

Mary Inabit, who is an Audubon Society volunteer dedicated to protecting the tern and skimmers on Pensacola Beach, will be showcasing her photography and paintings. Artist Paul Neese encapsulates the festival spirit with his art paintings of wine items. The vendors who comprise the Artist Village will offer everything from the eclectic to wearable creations. Jewelry makers and an abstract artist working in acrylic will be next to candle makers and photographers. The Artist Village is open until 4 p.m. with no entry fee.

The Wine Tastings and food pairings begin at noon and wristbands may be purchased at the event for \$35 per person. Bearers will be entitled to participate in the wine and food tastings.

"Wristbands are for sale prior to the event at a discounted

price at the Beach Visitor's Center," Chamber President Nicole Stacey announced. "Two for \$50 or one for \$30, which allows the wearer to experience our wine tasting and food pairings."

Sixty wines will be presented from noon until 3 p.m. Guests will be treated to wine from the aromatic Viognier grape to an Unoaked style Chardonnay.

A dream team of local chefs has been assembled to create food pairings each complementing a featured wine. John Smith of Hemingway's, Dan Dunn of H2O, Kurtis Krum at The Wine Bar will be joined by Steve Lillo of Lillo's Tuscan Grille, Dennis Moore of Flounder's and Jere Doyle from Crab's on the Beach. Kiley Bolster of Magnolias and Pensacola Celebrity Chef Gus Silivos will also appear.

The band Continuum will play in the Amphitheatre stage sponsored by the Quietwater Merchants Association and Bamboo Willie's.

For a complete list of wines and artists, log onto www.pensacolabeachchamber.com.



The distinctive sound of the band Continuum will entertain Art and Wine festival guests. Band members are: Caleb Schossow, Cajon drum, Lead Singer Anthony O'Shae, Guitar and Vocals Hope Given and Violinist Jessica Heit.

Celebrate The Music In Your Heart At Songwriters Festival

Each October, Pensacola Beach plays host to some of the World's most talented songwriters – creating a musical and creative atmosphere unlike any other. This year is no different, 100 songwriters are scheduled to participate in the 2013 Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival, October 1-6. Catch the songwriters on stage at Bamboo Willie's, Cactus Flower, The Grand Marlin, Hemingway's, Lillo's Tuscan Grille, Paddy O'Leary's, Paradise Bar and Grill, Pelican Lounge, Pensacola Beach RV Resort, Red Fish Blue Fish, Sabine Sandbar, Sandshaker Lounge, Shaggy's, and The Wine Bar.

Although most of the venues are free to festival-goers, a

few scheduled events require a cover charge, mainly the "listening room" performances. New this year, a week-long "all access pass" for all listening room venues is available for \$50.

Talented songwriters who have written with and for the likes of Willie Nelson, Garth Brooks, Phillip Phillips, Stevie Nicks, John Waite, Toby Keith, Alan Jackson, George Strait, Jimmy Buffet, Ray Charles and more will be performing, storytelling, and giving fans a firsthand account of what it takes to "make it" in today's music industry.

In addition to performances scheduled throughout the week, festival-goers will have opportunities to meet-and-greet, partici-

pate in workshops, attend smaller intimate "listening room" performances, and rub shoulders with some of the world's most influential musical talents.

Former Pensacola Beach resident Pearl Clarkin will help kick off the festival with a performance at Paradise Bar and Grill, October 1. The Future Stars showcase begins at 6 p.m. with Brittnay Cole followed by Ashley Dawn and Sophie Vilyly at 7 p.m. Jourdan Pace and Clarkin will play at 8 p.m. with Mindy Braash, Courtney Yovich and Genesis Greene closing out the night.

Sure to be a hit are the Songwriters Showcase Sunset Cruises. Sailing on the Portofino I, Friday and Saturday night, Oc-

tober 4-5, guests can enjoy the beauty of the sunset on the water while meeting some of the songwriters. Cruise tickets are \$35 a person, \$60 a couple.

Television audiences loved her on The Voice, Shawna P will appear with Adam Tyler Brown on the Sandshaker Stage, Thursday, October 3 at 10 p.m.

The Grand Marlin Listening Room, creates intimacy Friday, October 4 at 10 p.m. Fans will be up close and entertained by Jerry Salley, Jim McBride and Mike Loudermilk. This is a not-to-miss performance.

Not all the events are for adults. Beach kids get a chance to hobnob with the celebrities during the Songwriter's Putt Putt at Tiki Island.

"Pensacola Beach Elementary School students will play the course paired with visiting songwriters," said Reneda Cross, festival founder and organizer. "It's a great time for both kids and adults."

In conjunction with the festival, a special edition of WSRE's Studio Amped will be recorded live Tuesday, October 1. This PBS show is recorded at the Jean and Paul Amos Performance Studio on the campus of Pensacola State College. Admission is free and the public is invited to be part of the studio audience. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the concert starts at 7 p.m.

For schedules go to www.pensacolabeachsongwritersfestival.com.

MultiSport Athletes Hit The Beach

Santa Rosa Island Triathlon Race Director Charles Gheen has accepted race entries from 1200 athletes who will compete in the SRI Tri, Saturday, October 5. The starter's gun sounds at 7 a.m. to launch the first leg, a 600 yard swim in the Gulf of Mexico, south of the Gulfside Pavilion. The Casino Beach parking lot serves as the transition area

for cyclists who will begin an 18-mile journey east down Via de Luna to the turn around in the National Seashore. After returning to the Casino Beach, athletes will begin a 3.1 mile run east through the beach residential area and back to the finish line near the Gulfside Pavilion.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to cheer for the ath-

letes along the route. Look for the Santa Rosa Island Authority Team of Andrew Edwards (swim), Paolo Ghio (bike) and Courtney Fell (run) on the course.

Racers should be clear of the course at 10 a.m. and drivers are asked to use extreme caution until that time. For more information, www.sritri.org.

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Forever...Barefoot on the Beach

As a tribute to Jane Waters who passed away January 10, 2012 Island Times will continue to run some of Jane's favorite columns for your enjoyment

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The pale waters of Santa Rosa Sound gently brush the small sand beach in front of Surf and Sail Boardsailing. Every day, all sizes and descriptions of tanned folks lead their colorful boardsailing craft to the water and climb aboard to pit their skills and strength against the soft winds that blow across the Sound. Boardsailors are now a familiar part of Pensacola Beach's daytime scene. It has not always been so. In fact, Pam Jordan Dirschka started the business by herself about six years ago. At that time, the water sport, well known in many areas, was just gaining popularity in local

waters.

During those first years, Pam worked long and hard to establish boardsailing on Pensacola Beach. She taught classes, started day camps, gave individual lessons, and built up an inventory of boards and related merchandise. She conducted numerous competitions culminating in the hosting of the Mistral National Championships several years ago and again this fall. It is to Pam's credit that she alone has been successful in sponsoring an event that will attract approximately a thousand people to the beach during the last days of October and the first days of November.

When Pam started Surf and

Sail, the summers went pretty well, but the winter months were devastating. She never gave up. She ran her business by day and worked as a waitress at Flounder's by night. She survived and so did her business. When the days grew warm in spring, she set aside her waitress chores, and devoted all her time to boardsailing. She stayed on top of the boardsailing business by competing in as many events as she could and by attending national conventions. At one convention, she made up her own package and speech and delivered it to the selection committee for the Mistral Nationals. She landed the championships. All by herself.

Pam has been active in civic and church affairs, and serves

the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce as secretary. She not only holds the office in name, but actively fulfills all the duties the job requires. She has used her time, her computer, her creativity, and diligence to upgrade the Beach Chamber.

She has tackled problems in the business community and has solved them. Take the sign ordinance, for instance.

Early this year, the Santa Rosa Island Authority was about to approve a sign ordinance so strict that many businesses would suffer. No one did anything to stop the vote until Pam took over. She formed a sign ordinance committee within the Beach Chamber. The members

worked countless hours and met over and over again until they developed a far less stringent plan which the SRIA eventually accepted.

Pam is loyal, forthright, and full of energy. Hard work has been her constant companion for the past few years. I have never felt the community understood the magnitude of her accomplishments in furthering business and bringing tourists to Pensacola Beach. She deserves far more credit than she has ever received.

Recently, Pam sold Surf and Sail to Mike Mead who swore on a stack of surfboards that he would carry on the business in the energetic tradition established by Pam.

So, she is sort of retired for the moment. Oh, we will see her conducting the Mistral Nationals. She will continue as secretary of the Beach Chamber. And she is the process of organizing a new business which will feature vacation packages on Pensacola Beach.

Beyond all that, Pam's newest occupation is sure to bring her to the pinnacle of her career. She and Paul have just found that they will be parents. Do not be surprised next summer if you see a talented boardsailor with a tiny person on her back, sailing through the pale waters of Santa Rosa Sound.

Runners Ramp Up Charitable Giving

Capt'n Fun Runners have outpaced another benchmark for generosity. The Bushwacker 5K earned enough funds so that a \$10,000 donation can be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida.

The Club will also make a \$1000 donation to the University of West Florida Cross Country program.

"We have finally closed the books on the run, got all the bills paid," said Beach runner Glenn

Windham. "This year's run was one of our better ones financially, thanks to all the volunteers and Capt'n Fun Runners making it happen."

The formal check presentation ceremony is set for Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Capt'n Fun.

"This is a significant milestone in our meager history," said Windham. "After we ring this one up, we are now over the \$200,000 mark for donations to charity."

Katey Forrer Celebrates Ninety Years Young

Fritz Forrer, left, sings to his wife Katy on her ninetieth birthday at Seville Quarter during Jazz Night. The couple performed a duet, him in his native Dutch and Katy in English. The popular Forrers are active members of the Pensacola Beach Optimists Club.



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NAUGA WEDDING

Did Mel Young know what he was getting into when he took pretty Loren Littleton as his wife last month? Loren is a Nauga Queen. Any gal who can rule over the wildest krewe on the Beach, has some special traits. She also is part of a royal family of Nauga Queens. The wedding officiant was Becky Elbert Collins, the current Nauga Queen. Loren's witnesses included Danah and Gwen Gibson, the original Nauga Queens. On their honeymoon, they visited the scenic state park in Manatee Springs, only to run into another Nauga queen who was vacationing there. Mel was unshaken by Loren's krewe-coincidence. He will make a fine royal consort for his new queen.

AHOY WRIGHT

The Sidewalk Social Director Gena Raymon threw her high heels aside for topsiders when

she issued a dockside edict for Jerry Wright's friends to wish him Happy Birthday aboard the Reel Eazy, Sept. 29. Captain Buddy Rogers was at the helm and Peg-Leg's marina was the port of call. **WHERE'S PANDORA?**

Has anyone seen Pandora de Balthazar? No worries. We know why. She is in Round Top, Texas and travels to High Point Market presenting her line of antique linens during October.

BEACH LIZARDS

Ernie and Mary Freeland are back on the beach. They travel from Munford, Tennessee each year to visit their niece Diana Harvey. They have made the scene at beach restaurants, athletic events and lounged around like lizards.

WOOLY WELCOME

Welcome back to Paradise OK Clan of Woolys. They are honorary Wooly Boogers.

~ Sympathies ~ Jim Hill 1945-2013

Jim Hill passed away September 19 after a short but difficult illness. Islanders will recall the hearty laughter and big grin of their 2012 Krewe of Wrecks Captain.



Hill was a career corporate pilot who flew for Waffle House and Epps

Aviation. After retiring to Pensacola, he was active in the Elks Lodge, the Eagles Club and the American Legion, as well as the Krewe of Wrecks.

Jim is survived by his wife Christine; his brother, Louis; and sons, Adam (Tanya) and James; grandsons, Morgan and Ian.

Always determined to do it his way until the end...the Bull will be missed.

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Trivia

The Trivia Master raises a toast to Robin Elizabeth Taylor for her tricky trivia question. She skunked the Knights of the Roundtable, the regular trivia talents and the know-it-alls who pop on and off the radar. Seems Robin was at Kim and Keith Howell's bayfront house and spotted the familiar aquatic metal sculptures which had been repurposed into yard art. She recognized them as the backrest of the bar stools from a popular beach bar.



Bar stool from the former Sunset Bar and Grill

The Trivia Master was seeking the name of the bar from which the bar stools came. The lively creatures were part of the seating at the Sunset Bar and Grill. Robin took photos and sent them in, thinking that someone, somewhere, would remember.

The Trivia Master received guesses from as far away as Arkansas when Bob Seitz thought it was The Dunes. Angeli McMillan said she had many good times at The Dunes with April Hargrove.

Apparently, true. But not the right answer.

Big Bob Dority sent HoJo's as his answer. The Beach's Most Famous Life-guard Dave Greenwood said, "HoJo's which then became the Beachside Resort." Good hotel history, but not the bar's name. The bar at HoJo's was the Rum Keg, just in case you were wondering.

"Five Flags," said Sir Morrie Drees and Wild Walt from Jersey guessed The Tiki prior to

its demise. Robin gets a t-shirt. The Trivia Master likes her style.

The Beach will be inundated with singer-songwriters during the first week of October courtesy of the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival organizers Reneda Cross and Jim Pasquale. What famous singer-songwriter met his future wife when he was working as a nightclub bouncer--and threw her out for fighting?

If you are the first to answer this romantic question correctly, you could have an Island Times t-shirt of your very own. Send your answer with trivia in the subject line to islandtimes@bellsouth.net. Please include your name and phone number with your answer.

Deadline to answer is October 8. Good luck.

Advertisement for Blue Sky Gift Shoppe featuring gifts for gators and dawgs, tigers, cats, and noles. Includes address: 3479 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, 850-932-7100, Tiger Plaza Next to Sonic.

Large advertisement for Paradise Bar & Grill featuring the Music Songwriters Festival (Oct 1-6), Trivia Fun (Wed 7 PM), POKER (Texas Hold 'Em), FOOD (Fred Burger, Renee's Famous Shrimp Salad), and INN (Play & Stay Rates). Includes address: 21 Via de Luna, Pensacola Beach, 850-916-5087.

SRIA Only Has Eyes For Blues, Civilian Air Show Cancelled

The Santa Rosa Island Authority cooled its jets and voted against hosting a civilian-only November Air Show at their special Full Board meeting September 25. The proposed two-day Pensacola Beach Air Show was to have civilian pilots at a cost of \$117,000.

Board Member Ed Guernsey said, "After this summer's civilian only air show, we know that is not the same draw as the Blue Angels. I think it is too much money if we do not have the Blue Angels."

Board Member Fred Gant disagreed noting that hosting a November Air Show event on Pensacola Beach could set a standard for the Blue Angels to perform at that show when they are returned to flight status. He also felt it would be a tribute to the veterans in the community since it is Veterans Day Weekend.

SRIA staff has submitted an application to reserve the air space above Pensacola Beach for an air show, and will leave that request in place on the off chance that the Blue Angels can perform.

The Board voted 4 to 1 to move forward with an Air Show only if the Blue Angels can fly in it. Gant was opposed. Tammy Bohannon was absent.

The Full Board gave staff the green light to contract with Roger Ball for use of a storage building

in Gulf Breeze. The lease is pending legal sign off.

Board Chairman Thomas Campanella orchestrated a discussion regarding the newly formed Visit Pensacola, Inc. which has been conceptually approved by the County Commission to take over tourism promotion for Escambia County.

SRIA Executive Director Buck Lee attended the County Commission's September 24 meeting and reported that the composition of the proposed Visit Pensacola, Inc. nine member board does not designate a delegate from Pensacola Beach. Visit Pensacola, Inc. will be refining transition, organizational details and bylaws for the County Commission's approval prior to December 5.

The SRIA Board voted unanimously to send a letter to each County Commissioner and Visit Pensacola, Inc. requesting that the SRIA have an appointee on the nine member board to represent Pensacola Beach.

Lee announced that he is petitioning the Northwest Florida Legislative Delegation to raise the monthly stipend allocated to each SRIA board member. The Escambia County Commissioners supported this request since the \$400 monthly stipend has not changed since 1984.

During the Committee meet-

ings which preceded the Full Board, the Architectural and Environmental Committee voted unanimously to request a zoning change for Morgan Park. The previous zoning of retail-recreation will be changed to Preservation which protects the sensitive environmental nature of the park. Escambia County's construction of an access road necessitated an encroachment into the park. This created public concern and precipitated the zoning request.

Morgan Park was established by the Morgan Park Foundation dedicated to showcasing native plants while providing an educational experience.

The Administrative Committee accepted Finance Director Dottie Ford's report that July's lease fee collections were slightly less than the previous year. The shortfall was likely due to inclement weather and a lackluster air show crowd. The collections totalled \$2,008,115.

The Administrative Committee received preliminary information and estimates on replacing the soon-to-be-dismantled poles used for hanging banners across Pensacola Beach Blvd. with an LED sign similar to the one located near the traffic light. SRIA Public Safety Director Bob West told the Committee that would cost between \$45,000

and \$60,000. Committee Member Dave Pavlock sent West back to the drawing board to seek a more elaborate, state-of-the-art color electronic sign to better serve the anticipated future needs of the Beach. This item will remain in Committee for further research.

The idea of a Hot Rod Show is parked, but the Labor Day Weekend Concert hosted by Cadillac Banks was unanimously approved for August 20, 2014. Gulf Coast Summerfest was deemed a success and according to the promoter is expected to attract 10,000 concert-goers next year.

"The goal is to make this the number one beachfront R&B music festival in the country," said Banks.

Director of Administration, Robbie Schrock presented the Committee with a revised set of standards grant applicants must

meet to qualify for SRIA monies. The SRIA has granted \$63,500 under this new program in addition to the \$317,350 it allocated in annual support to the SRI Triathlon, Chamber Fireworks, Beach Mardi Gras, Beach Air Show, Bands on the Beach, Mother's Day Concert, Pensacola Sports Association, Fiesta of Five Flags and United Way.

The new standard caps the grant at \$2,500. The Committee would like it amended so that an affirmative vote from five SRIA board members could increase the amount. This amendment will be made and brought back to the October Committee meeting.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Full Board will meet Wednesday, October 9 at 5 p.m. at #1 Via de Luna. The meetings are open to the public. Agendas are available at www.sria-fla.com.

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by
Kathi
Lewis



Happy thirteenth birthday to my grandson, Jesiah Fitzgerald. We celebrated his first teenage day with a lot of family fun; playing games, opening presents and dinner in America. The Grand Finale for birthdays in the Lewis house is firing the confetti guns off the top deck. I make sure we have several "loads" each and if the wind is just right, you can watch it go up and wear it at the same time. I'm sure the neighbors just love it.

Happy Birthday to Lynn Cieutat! (Well, I know the number of course, but I'm not telling.) She is Jesiah's Birthday Sister. In the birth date pool started by the SOB's, Lynn picked her own birth date and won the pool. We were celebrating Lynn's birthday at the Sun Ray on the "old" Boardwalk. Mother-to-be Mel was having labor pains when she joined us to celebrate Lynn's birthday. Sure enough, I had my first grandchild by 10 p.m.

Their birth (days) were on a Friday that year, and Mom and baby were released from the hospital on Sunday morning. She's going to kill me for writing this, but they headed straight to Bobby D's. And "no" she didn't drink any alcohol she just wanted to see people and show off that precious baby boy. They stayed outside on the deck and it was perfectly gorgeous weather. Bobby D's was located in the heart (or rather, was the heart) of the Sandspur Republic back in those days of old.

I really thought Bobby should have given Jesiah some sort of award or something. He was not even 48 hours old. I'm pretty sure he wins for the "Youngest Ever." They were really only there for about an hour at the most and you know that was my finest hour!

Back to the present, my last trip to Biloxi was definitely not my finest hour. It was our Annual Birthday Trip to Biloxi to celebrate Elaine Mitchell's birthday. Elaine, Cherie Neal-Munoz and I met Lois Jones and Sheila Courtney at the casino. It was a longer trip than usual to Biloxi. Elaine battled traffic jams, heavy rains, several wrecks, road construction and (it seemed like) all the Law Enforcement in the tri-state area. With Elaine driving and me navigating we make one heck of a good road trip team.

So, you might think check-in would go smoothly once we finally got there. Well, it did for me; and Lois had already checked in, but the room Elaine had booked (with a connecting door to Lois' room) was not ready until 11 p.m. They said the carpet was being cleaned along with other things. We were beginning to think it might be some sort of crime scene.

At least Lady Luck was on my side that day but she turned on me like a worm the next. Or maybe she just moved on to someone else. How many people do you think Lady Luck can cover in one casino? Does anyone have any idea how big or powerful she really is?

Maybe Lady Luck decided she was more needed by Jeff Goudey since he and Paulette Provost had been in the same Casino for a couple of days with a couple more to go when they found out we were on the way. They were celebrating Jeff's Birthday. Happy Birthday Jeff! (Sure are lots of birthdays in September, huh?)

I was playing a slot machine, or it was playing me when my cell phone rang. I thought it was my alarm to meet the others or one of them calling me. Before I could answer my new cell phone, the caller was already sent to voice mail. (There's a lot of sliding involved with this phone and we're still getting to know each other.) The message was from Maria at the Bank of the South (my bank) telling me they had a little dog running around the parking lot and Judy Lenderman thought it was our dog Peanut. By the time I got in touch with the Bank, my husband Bill had returned for Peanut. She had gone underneath a car when they tried to catch her, scared to death I'm sure. I knew what had happened - Bill had gone to the ATM machine and didn't notice Peanut leaving the car. To his credit, he noticed she was missing by the time he passed the Cop Shop. And I gotta say that Bank of the South has a special type of personal customer service you won't find at many banks.

It's just one of the many reasons they've remained our "Bankery" for nearly 30 years. Bill calls it the "Bankery" because you can also buy a deli-

cious loaf of home-made bread from Judy on certain days of the week. (Not telling you the days - you'll have to find out for yourself and get on the list.) Another special service not offered at any Bank elsewhere. Anyway, I think poor Peanut will be a bit more careful when travelling with Bill.

I hope y'all enjoyed the Taste of the Beach as much as I did. It is growing and getting better each year. I loved Mermaid Parade and so did the crowd. It was a great joy and an honor to be on the stage as a judge for the finals in the "How Sweet IT Is" dessert contest. I was certainly in great company, seated next to Celebrity Chef Andrew Zimmern of Bizarre Foods on the Travel Channel along with Chefs Blake Rushing and Sam Trahan. I think I shocked Andrew Zimmern when I said he probably liked his bacon raw! He immediately protested the raw bacon. Well, he does eat some pretty strange things.

This week's recipe is a sure-fire easy hit for a Football Party. You can prepare them ahead and bake whenever you're ready. I like to think of it as an International Pizza and I hope you like it as much as I do. So, let's cook.

Chili Taco Pizza

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 1 - 15 oz. Can Chili w/o beans (Bryan's or Wolf Brand are the best)
- ½ Cup tomato sauce
- 2 - 12" pre-baked pizza crusts
- 2 Cups Mexican 4-Cheese, shredded
- 1 - 10 oz. Can Rotel diced tomatoes with green chiles, drained
- 1 Cup shredded lettuce

Brown ground beef and add taco seasoning (using less water). Place pre-baked pizza crust on pans. Combine canned chili and tomato sauce then spread on pizza crust. Layer the ground beef, then the drained Rotel tomatoes and top with the Mexican cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes until lightly browned and cheese is melted. (Will need to bake longer if pre-made and refrigerated.) Top with the shredded lettuce to serve. Get creative and throw whatever you want on this pizza - sour cream, black olives, jalapenos, or onions. It's a fun recipe with many choices.

Enjoy, share and don't forget to Thank a Veteran!

See ya in the kitchen.....

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The Lizzard's Tongue...

BY ELIZABETH K. HEWSON

Recently, Panera Bread founder and CEO Ron Shaich decided to only allot himself \$4.50 per day to purchase food. According to this multi-millionaire, this is the average amount a person receives if part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), better known as food stamps. Currently, 48 million Americans take part in SNAP. That's 15 percent of our population. I watched Shaich's interview on CNN and followed his blog via LinkedIn. Shaich lived on chick pea stew and got in a fight with his wife over using too much pasta. He's was constantly worried his food supply would not last. He also realized his diet was filled with too many carbs and not enough fresh fruits and vegetables.

I once put myself on a 99 cents per day food budget. I was 10 and swam for Green Wave Aquatic Club in New Orleans. We competed for nine days in Florida with our final day spent playing in DisneyWorld. The team provided cereal, milk and peaches for breakfast every day. Lunch consisted of PB&J sandwiches, apples and chips. We ate dinner at a Bonanza Steak House almost every night where the child's meal including tax was only 99 cents. I made it nine days and had a whopping \$91.09 to spend in DisneyWorld. I really haven't budgeted since.

So, I have decided to challenge myself to see if I could feed myself for \$4.50 per day. Please keep in mind that I am not making a political statement here, but a humanitarian one. I do not think any person in this country, for whatever reason, should go hungry. It's just one of those things that bothers me. The Colonel and Kid are not taking part. The Colonel predicts by day four, he will be my "Sugar, Wine, and Raw Oyster Daddy." The Kid's daily lunch costs more than \$4.50 as I fill his lunch bag with a sandwich made from organic ingredients, organic fruit, pretzels, an energy bar and bottled water.

I am making the following assumptions. (1) I have to purchase my food at a store that could be accessible from lower income neighborhoods. (2) I don't have access to coupons because I can't afford to subscribe to a newspaper

nor do I have a computer printer. (3) I have a working stove, refrigerator/freezer, and running water.

I write my list and divide it into three categories: Must Have, Possible, and Luxury. Keep in mind, I haven't checked the prices in a grocery store since I put together a Budgeting for Baby program for young military wives in 1997. I am definitely out of touch with super market reality.

While at the grocery, I chat with a friend of mine who is a cashier. She gives me some good advice after looking over my list and sends me to check the coupons at the front door to see if there is anything on sale. Her words to steer clear of the pasta and macaroni aisle resonate with me. I remember Ron Shaich worried about running out of his rationed spaghetti.

I am so consumed with staying within my \$31.50 budget that I run smack into a woman. I apologize and explain to her about my experiment. My stress level is starting to rise as very little is getting crossed off my list and my money is dwindling. I ask two separate store employees if there is tax on food. I know there isn't, but I am in every penny counts mode and nothing seems to be registering in my brain. I am starting to panic. It's not a good feeling. I can't imagine shopping like this on a weekly basis.

I price check every item on my list before I put one thing in my basket. I am no longer brand loyal. Organic is only something I know how to spell. I feel the caffeine headache already starting.

In the end, I spend \$31.37 and here is what I come home with: one whole chicken, slow cook oatmeal; brown rice; dry black beans; dry lentils; corn tortillas; one dozen eggs, 1 bag of each frozen broccoli, green beans, mixed veggies, spinach, canned tuna (on sale), canned diced tomatoes, canned salsa, two bananas, five apples, peach yogurt, canola oil, shredded cheese (on sale), bag of carrots, and one lime.

What I now know. I can't afford any spices, but if I were to continue this experiment beyond one week, I could purchase salt (44 cents) possibly the next week because the slow cook oatmeal (\$2.48) makes 30 servings. I am only able to purchase the five apples because I am confident enough in my math and my self-esteem to inquire about the packaging. Loose apples on average

are \$1.27 per pound and I might be able to purchase two. A bag of apples, appears to be a better deal, but when I do the math, they are actually more than \$1.30 per pound and I can't break open the bag, nor can I afford three pounds. I do notice there are some apples

that are 97 cents per pound and are loose, but semi-packaged. The produce manager allows me to purchase only one pound, but I cannot use the fancy open sack they come in. I must write down the code and put them in a regular plastic bag to take to the cashier.

In the next installment of the Lizzard's Tongue, I will reveal how I fared for the week. Was I truly able to exist on \$4.50 per day? How nutritionally sound was my diet? What did I miss most from my normal food supplies? Until next time...



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The Island Times How Sweet IT Is Dessert Contest was September 14 during Taste of the Beach. Specialty Dessert Winner Chef Dennis Moore of Flounder's, center, with judges (L to R): Blake Rushing, Sam Trahan, Andrew Zimmern and Kathi Lewis.

House Dessert Winner Chef Steve Lillo of Lillo's Tuscan Grille, center, at the Island Times How Sweet IT Is Dessert Contest was September 14 during Taste of the Beach. Judges were (L to R): Blake Rushing, Sam Trahan, Andrew Zimmern and Kathi Lewis.



Pensacola State College Advanced Culinary Arts student Kelly McCowan tries to stifle her laughter as she chats with Celebrity Chef Andrew Zimmern after his appearance at the Beach Chamber's Taste of the Beach, Saturday, September 14 at Casino Beach. Zimmern kept the thousands of guests entertained and laughing as he dished up advice about cooking and life in general.



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munities of Munson, Allentown and Jay.

"This tour was designed to bring people into Santa Rosa County during a slower time of the year," said fifth-year tour coordinator Karen Harrell. "Over the past decade the tour has become a beloved part of the Fall season for locals and visitors

alike who have discovered how many great treasures this county has to offer."

Most of the events are free or low-cost and are tied to a charity. Area accommodations offer special rates and deals from beach rentals to RV parks, hotels and wooded cabins.

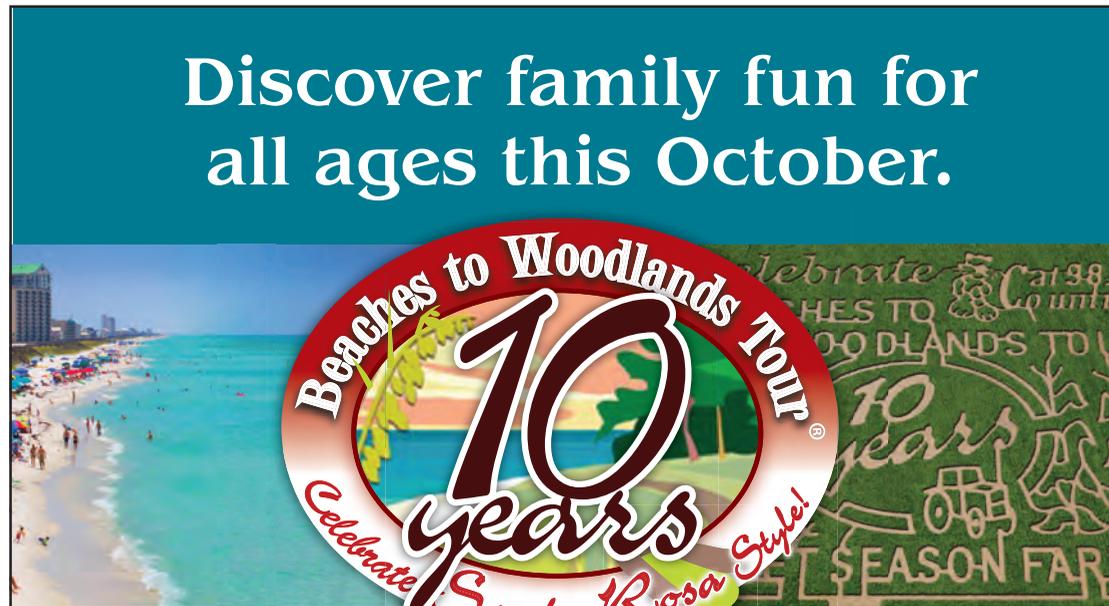
"After the 100 days of sum-

mer (high season) are over, rates drop and so do the crowds and it can be the perfect time to get away whether you live 100 miles away or just 10," Harrell said. "We all need a change of scenery from time to time."

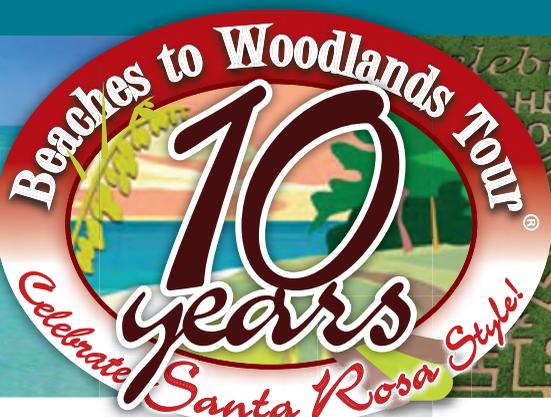
The month-long tour has many staple events return, including the Jay Peanut Festival (Oct. 5-6), Munson Community Heritage Festival (Oct. 12-13), St. Rose of Lima Fall Festival (Oct.

11-13), West Florida Railroad Museum's "Depot Days" (Oct. 4-5) and the Monarch Butterfly Festival (Oct. 5-6.) S.S. Dixon returns with its popular Haystackular (Oct. 18-Nov. 10) and Holland Farms will again offer its Pumpkin Patch and Hay Rides (Sept. 28-Nov. 2.)

A full listing of events and details are at www.thebeachestowoodlandstour.com or for more information 850-939-8666.



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Sept. 28 - Nov. 3

- Clear Creek Farm Tour
- Sweet Season Farms Corn Maze
- Holland Farms Pumpkin Patch
- Fall Foliage Zipline Tours – Adventures Unlimited

Sept. 28 - 29, & Oct. 4 - 5

- "PCT's Salute to the Troops" at the Imogene Theater

Oct. 1 - 31

- Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Zipline Fundraiser

Oct. 4 - 5

- Depot Days - West Florida Railroad Museum
- Monarch Madness Butterfly Festival

Oct. 5

- Coastal Encounters at Navarre Beach Marine Science Station: Snorkeling Demonstrations & Sea Turtle Station
- Inaugural Oktoberfest at Juanas
- Riverwalk 5k Run
- Sand Dollar Saturday & Local Marketplace

Oct. 5 - 6

- Jay Peanut Festival

Oct. 5 & 19

- Cambridge Farms Eco Tours

Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26

- Free Kid's Fishing Navarre Beach Pier
- Florida Trail Hikes
- Gulf Islands National Seashore Visitor Center
- Santa Rosa Historical Museum
- Secrets of Santa Rosa County Archeology and History Lecture Series
- Volksmarch Walks
- Holley Hill Pottery /Gulf Coast Kiln Walk Project

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- Free Saltwater Fishing Avalon Landing RV Park

Oct. 11 - 12

- Friends of the Milton Library Sale

Oct. 11 - 13

- St. Rose of Lima Fall Festival

Oct. 12

- Ladies Night at Alyssa's Antiques
- Free Kid's Fishing Pole Giveaway – Navarre Beach Pier

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- Munson Community Heritage Festival

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By Joe Stukey,
Your Computer Pal

Q: "How long will Windows XP be supported?"

A: The latest news says that Microsoft will discontinue all support for Windows XP on April 8, 2014. There may be some question about whether or not that will happen. The problem that Microsoft is facing is this --- Windows XP is still a very popular version of the Microsoft Windows operating system. It is still used in more than 30 percent of all Windows computers, despite the release of newer operating systems. They do not want to risk having customers switch to another vendor's software. Also, many businesses still depend on Windows XP because their proprietary business software will not work well with Windows 7 or Windows 8.

Now is the time to make sure that you have the latest the newest version of Windows XP.

You should upgrade to the latest version (Service Pack 3) so that you can continue to be protected by the security updates that are currently available. To do that, open Internet Explorer, go to the "Tools" tab, and select "Windows Updates".

After Microsoft stops supporting Windows XP, it will soon become difficult to purchase new products, such as printers and webcams, that will work with your computer. The manufacturers will eliminate XP as an option for using their products. They will benefit by reducing their development costs by not

programming their products for use with the old software. Also, the computer manufacturers will eventually drop the downloadable software drivers for XP from their websites.

Your installed Windows XP should continue to work well, even without direct support from Microsoft. All Windows XP software was removed from the store shelves when Vista was released, so it can no longer be purchased. But, you own a permanent license to use the software on one computer. If you ever

have to re-install it, you must already own a Windows XP CD and license number. When that computer is put in the trash, your license expires.

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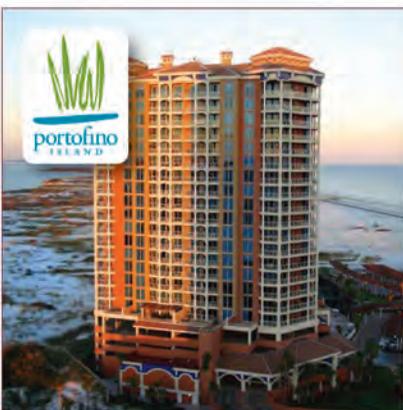
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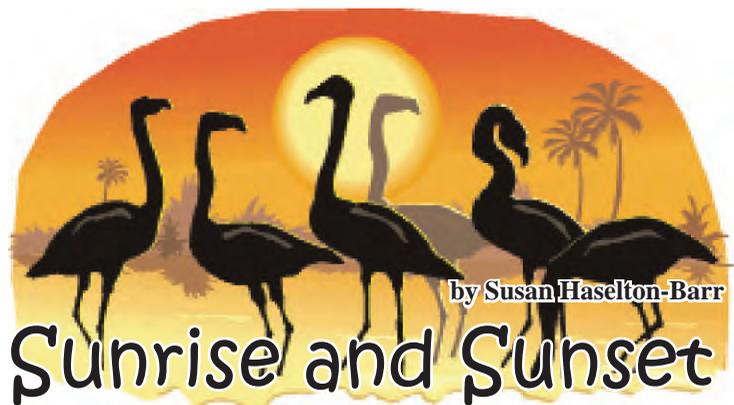


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by Susan Haselton-Barr

Jambo (Hello) Everybody! Do you "believe" in the Tooth Fairy? I guarantee your small children do. My eldest grandchild lost her tooth a few weeks ago. I happened to be visiting her at the time it fell out. Subsequently, the huddle began with my daughter, son-in-law and me. We were not prepared. Tooth box or just put the tooth under the pillow?

A true grand-parental crisis until the subject of money arose. How much is a tooth worth in 2013? Children around the country are paid from \$3.30 up to \$4.10. What happened to the quarter?

Maybe it is time for us to "believe" again. We smile and entertain the notion that anything can happen and is possible. Believing creates greater purpose, happiness, wellness and of course, less stress. Reducing stress will greatly enhance our skin.

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intently or with focus without being or getting anxious or stressful over it. Please note the word "intently" equals the thought process: I truly intend to do it or I have decided to it.

How can you work without working hard? How can you get anything done without working hard and without effort?

Our world is extremely fast paced and there just never seems to be enough time. It is how women mentally address our tasks that determines our stress level. Working hard does not mean working in stress or feeling stressed and anxious.

In order to get things done, we must put effort-action into our projects. But that effort-action does not have to feel like anxious or stressed effort. So what would the Tooth Fairy do?

I am sure she would love herself and her skin a little more. Women arise! Let's empower ourselves to get back to stress free living and have a truly glowing, healthy skin. Let's BELIEVE in the Tooth Fairy again!

Quaharini (until we meet again) Safarisu



These crabs are not part of the culinary experience at Taste of the Beach. They are somewhat trained athletes. The World Famous Crab Wrangler Seadog shows off Leggs, a scampering scrambling hermit crab. Crab races were hosted Sunday, September 15 courtesy of Crab's on the Beach. Kids of all ages were invited to be part of the zany action, emceed by the always entertaining Seadog.

Pensacola Beach Woman's Clubbers kept the Hospitality Tent running smoothly during the September 14 Taste of the Beach. (L to R) Joanne Brooks, Patty Lou Kattner, Melba Argentine and Mary Ann Claus worked the opening shift at the festival supplying information and selling raffle tickets.



Karen Cook Cowen served as the Beach Chamber's official chauffeur for Andrew Zimmern and his assistant Asher Miller. She shuttled them from the Hilton to the Gulfside Pavilion, September 14 during Taste of the Beach.



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Calendar

OCTOBER

1: Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival begins. Thru Oct. 6

1: Bands on the Beach. Casino, 7-9 pm. Southern Soul. www.visitpensacolabeach.com

5: Santa Rosa Island Triathlon. www.sritri.com

6: Bananimals Meeting, 3 pm, Sabine Sandbar. Prospective Members welcome

8: Bands on the Beach. Casino, 7-9 pm. Westside Players, www.visitpensacolabeach.com

9: Splash of Color Art Show. 4-7pm. Springhill Suites.

9: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com

11: Free Star Gaze. Gulfside Pavilion. Dusk. Also on Oct. 12.

13: Art and Wine Festival, 11-4 p.m. Boardwalk. www.pensacolabeachchamber.com

15: Bands on the Beach. Casino, 7-9 pm. Holly Shelton. www.visitpensacolabeach.com

19: American Legion Putt Putt Outing, 10 a.m. Tiki Island Golf and Games

19: Celebration 4444 Education Texas Hold 'Em Tourney. The Dock. Proceeds to Beach School Music Department. 1 PM

21: Pensacola Beach Advocates, Annual Meeting. 5:30 p.m. Pensacola Beach Community Church.

22: Bands on the Beach. Casino, 7-9 pm. Loaded Goat.

23: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com

25: Glow Run. Casino Beach. www.active.com

28: Krewe of Wrecks 6 p.m. Sabine Sandbar.

31: Bananimals Halloween Party. Sabine Sandbar, 6-10. Open to all. Costume Contest.

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Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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King Crossword

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- 1 Big bash
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- 13 Exotic berry
- 14 Compass dir.
- 15 Withdrawing from office
- 17 "Cool" amount of cash
- 18 Ranking
- 19 Part of Hispaniola
- 21 Morning hour on a sundial
- 22 "Psycho" setting
- 24 Hospital furnishings
- 27 Space
- 28 Organization
- 31 Anger
- 32 Sailor's assent
- 33 "I" strain?
- 34 Tournament component
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- 52 Author Hunter
- 53 Pronto, in the ER
- 54 Family
- 55 Look for
- 56 Highland hats
- 6 Here (Fr.)
- 7 Has the skill set
- 8 Square dance group
- 9 Cecil B. and Agnes
- 10 One
- 11 Sandwich shop
- 16 Formal wear
- 20 NRC predecessor
- 22 Perhaps
- 23 Oil cartel
- 24 Humongous
- 25 Geological time
- 26 Wicker-covered bottle
- 27 Group of hoods
- 29 "Yecch!"
- 30 Lad
- 35 Big Aussie bird
- 37 Not quite
- 39 South American range
- 40 Intention
- 41 Hit on the head
- 42 Oppositionist
- 43 Kitchen fixture
- 44 Greek vowel
- 45 Composer Khachaturian
- 46 Profits
- 49 Previous night
- 50 West of Hollywood

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your horoscope for next week

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries charm helps persuade others to listen to your proposal. But it's still a long way from acceptance, unless you can stand up to the tough questions that are set to follow.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Plan to share a weekend getaway from all the pressures of your hectic workaday world with a very special someone. You could be pleasantly surprised at what develops.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your keen insight once again helps you handle a challenging situation with a clearer perception of what it's really all about. What you learn helps you make a difficult decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you want to steer clear of getting involved in a new family dispute, say so. Your stand might cause hurt feelings for some, but overall, you'll be respected for your honesty.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Expect recognition for your efforts in getting a project into operation. Besides the more practical rewards, your Lion's heart will be warmed by the admiration of your colleagues.

VIRGO (August 23 to Sep-

tember 22) Set aside time to rid yourself of clutter that might well be drawing down your creative energies. Consider asking someone to help you decide what stays and what goes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A colleague could make a request that might place you in an awkward position with co-workers. Best advice: Share your concerns with an associate you can trust.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your energy levels are way up, allowing you to take on the added challenge of a task you've been hoping to secure. Expect this move to lead to an important opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your continuing sense of confidence in what you've set out to do gives encouragement to others. Expect to see more people asking to add their efforts to yours.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might think it would be best to reject a suggestion others insist would be unworkable. But you might be surprised by what you find if you give it a chance.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Changing a decision



might disappoint some people, but the important thing is that you be honest with yourself. Don't go ahead with anything you have doubts about.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There could be some fallout from an emotional confrontation that you really should deal with before moving on. Best to start fresh with a clean, clear slate.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your honesty not only helps you make decisions for yourself, but also helps others find the right choices for themselves.

Splash of Color Show Features Local Artists

Jump into this art show with both feet. Springhill Suites on Pensacola Beach is hosting "A Splash of Color" Wednesday, October 9 from 4 to 7 p.m.

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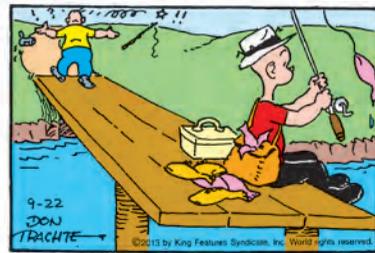
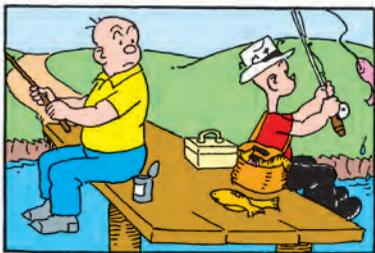
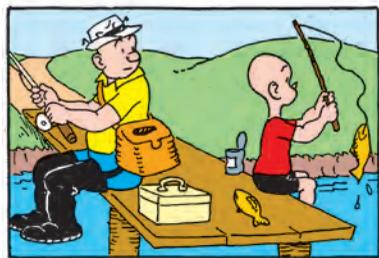
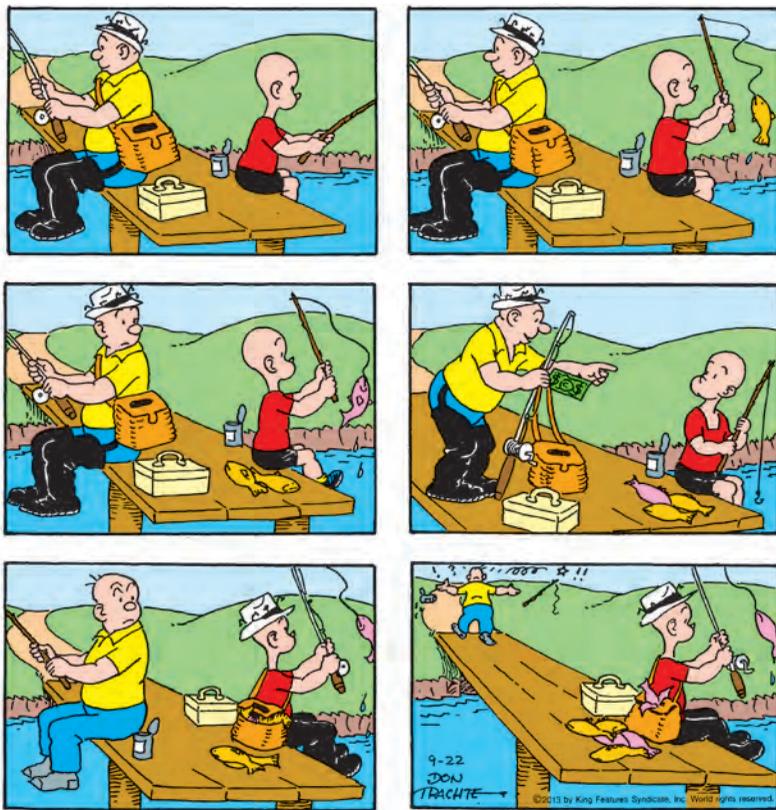
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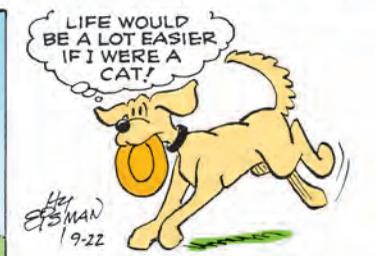
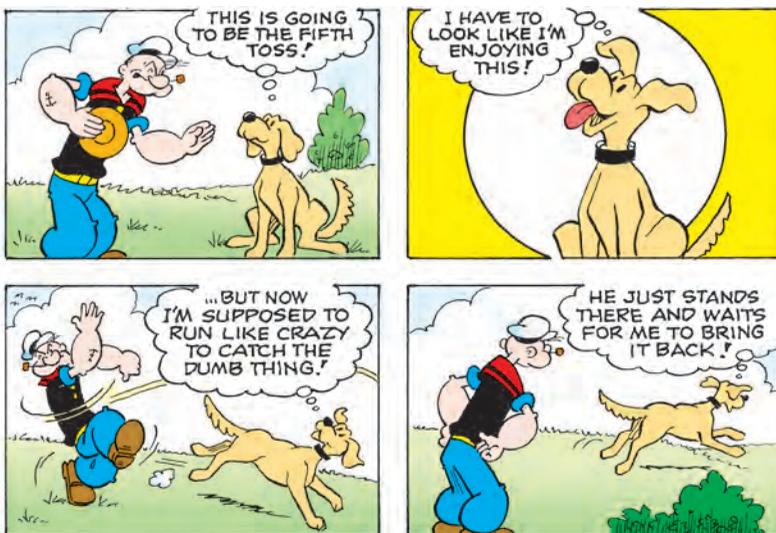
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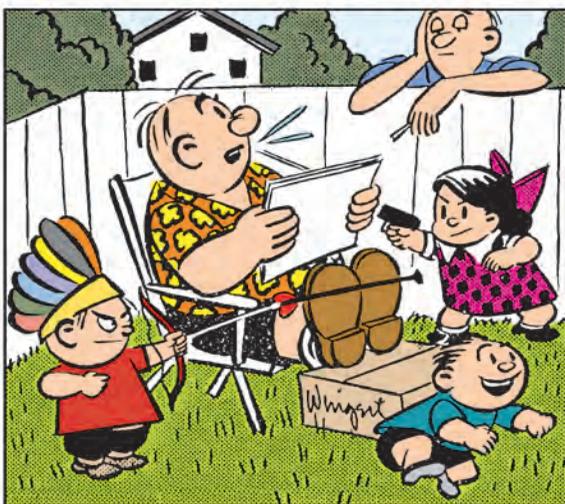


Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

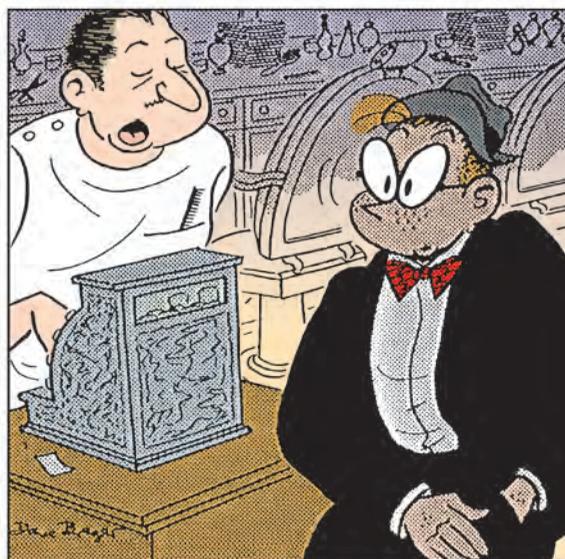


HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"Sure they drive me crazy, but what doesn't these days?"

MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



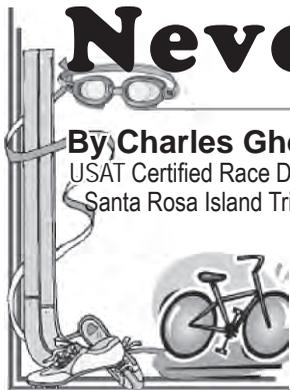
"That'll be \$1.50 for the haircut and \$2.00 for my analysis of world events . . ."

LAFF-A-DAY



"Was it merely a bad day at the office... or have you stopped and looked in the garage?"

Never Hurts To Tri



By Charles Gheen
USAT Certified Race Director
Santa Rosa Island Triathlon

Dress Rehearsal

I try to explain to people who have never participated in a triathlon that the sport is amazingly, incredibly addictive. I always say that once you finish one, just one, we (the sport) "have" you. This was very evident last Saturday morning on Pensacola Beach.

Every year TriGulfCoast (TGC), the triathlon club of Northwest Florida, puts on an event called the Members Only Triathlon (MOT). This is conducted on the Santa Rosa Island Triathlon (SRITRI) course and is, essentially, a "dress rehearsal" for the actual event on October 5. It follows summer-long training sessions that TGC puts on as part of the Mere Mortals program.

The MOT was held last Saturday and, in the words of professional basketball player Allen Iverson, "it's just practice." Right? Well, no, not really. This one was a little more serious. Nearly 130 participants racked their bikes, the course was carefully marked and the aid stations were manned and set. It had the feel of a serious race.

The Gulf of Mexico was a little rough, there was sporadic seaweed and there were some jellyfish floating around menacingly. Although some people were chatting amiably and even joking, most of those assembled seemed serious. You have to understand that many of these triathletes are "first-timers" or "newbies" meaning the SRI TRI will be their first race. They're nervous, they have doubts and they question if they've done enough to prepare. For several who never believed

they could succeed at triathlon, this might be the best summer they've ever had.

The command was given to "go" and they advanced into the blue-green water. Some ran, some jogged carefully and some strolled in feeling their way and getting their water legs under them. One-by-one they arrived at a depth where they could start stroking and soon 132 people were swimming toward the first buoy which looked to be about 175 yards offshore. The athletes stretched out although several were swimming side-by-side. They reached the final turn buoy and headed toward the beach. Those of us standing on the shore were yelling encouragement and telling them how great they looked. Some staggered out of the water for the long jog to Transition.

Then they were out on their bicycles, a variety of machines, some like the bikes you had when you were a kid and some were very expensive and professional-looking. The temperatures were starting to rise as was the humidity and the sun shone brightly. Soon the leaders came charging back after fighting a headwind for the 9 miles out and then blasting back as fast as they could for 9 miles. The experienced, proficient triathletes in the front quickly racked their bikes and were out on the run in a flash. The other bikes continued to stream in.

The first runner was done with the event before the last cyclist racked his bike. We celebrated and then settled in to wait for everyone in the field to finish. All were elated to complete the course, but some more than others. One person leaped as he crossed the line - that's right, LEAPED. Finally, the last two athletes came in and they were sprinting as they finished and there were smiles all around. Meanwhile, I was thinking "we

got them."

No, it was not an Ironman (140.6 miles), Half-ironman (70.3) or even an Olympic distance triathlon, but it validated what the first-timers have concentrated on all summer. This will be the first of many for most of them and I doubt they will forget their first "dress rehearsal."

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Turtle Trax

BY DJ ZEMENICK

Though there are a few nests left to hatch, the 2013 sea turtle patrols have now ceased. It was a challenging year for patrollers due to weather conditions, but we are grateful there were no major storms which could have resulted in the loss of multiple nests as has happened in the past.

One of the more difficult tasks for us this year was trying to predict when hatches might occur. Heavy rain throughout much of the summer cooled the sand, resulting in longer incubation times than the average 60 days, especially for nests laid in the first half of our season. Gradually the rain compacted sand into a thick crusty layer over many nests, making it a tedious process for hatchlings to break their way to the surface. It also muffled sounds of activity in the nests and made it more difficult for us to hear how close they were to emerging.

As sea turtle hatchlings dig their way out of a nest, sand trickles down from the top layer of baby turtles to those at the bottom of the clutch. Tap, tap, tap... they push the sand beneath them as they slowly rise to the top in an elevator effect. In soft sand, a depression forms immediately above the area where they will emerge which alerts us that the hatchlings are ready for a final push to freedom and make their march to the sea. With a layer of compacted sand above them, there may be no signal that there is a mass hatch impending.

I have witnessed a surprise

State Sets Fee Free Fish Day

In an effort to introduce newcomers to the activity, Florida residents and visitors can salt-water fish Saturday, October 12 without obtaining a recreational fishing license.

Florida currently offers the public four license-free fishing days per year, where the requirement to have a recreational fishing license is waived for residents and visitors. An annual license for residents can be purchased at 1-888-FISH-Florida or at License.MyFWC.com. All fishing license fees are used to support Florida fish and wildlife conservation.

“soup can” collapse on two occasions. The first time I was sitting at a nest at 75 days incubation – another rainy season -- fearing it was lost since it was two weeks overdue and there had been no sounds of activity. As a slow steady rain set in, I glanced up at the sky for just a moment to see if there was a break ahead and when I looked back down there was a perfectly round collapse the size and depth of a soup can, with a tiny head, beaked nose and two small eyes peering up at me. The small scout, scoping out a brief sojourn through my world, rested briefly, then led the charge.

The last hatch I attended recently was very special. I had screened a nest near Park East at twilight and came back to check on it after dark since it was inactive at screening. I saw the first hatchling appear and since I was alone, I walked over to a group of young people to see if they would like to assist. It was seven great kids from Gulf Breeze High School and once they were assured I was only sea turtle crazy, they wholeheartedly

embraced the experience. I want to recognize some very special young people from Gulf Breeze High School for a job well done: Langley Head, Emily Lively, Kaya Dunn, Nick Dugger, Megan Cronin, Matt Hawthorne and Benji Diaz!

It is a gift in itself when patrollers get to witness the face of someone seeing dozens of hatchlings for the first time, spilling out of a nest and racing toward the reflection of moonlight on the water. The miracle of nature is not lost on observers. It can have a great impact. The young people who helped that night were troupers as they chaperoned baby turtles into the Gulf, calling out encouragement and amazed as the each one was swept away by a foamy surf into its new world. Perhaps in twenty years time or more some of them may bring their own children to the beach one night and share the story of how they once made a difference for a nest of threatened loggerheads as they traded the confines of their sandy nest for the freedom of the sea.

Nest Update: for Pensacola Beach & Gulf Islands National Seashore as of September 10:

Perdido Key - GINS	16	Pensacola Beach	20
Ft. Pickens - GINS	14	Santa Rosa - GINS	14

HATCHLING COUNT: 3636

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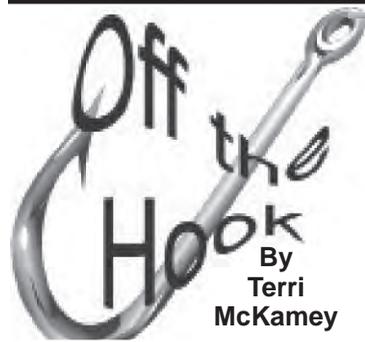
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So many of you have been calling and texting your reports, and I agree, the fishing has been amazing. Most of you are really into gigging Flounder right now and it's just going to keep getting better. The Flounder bite is improving daily as more are showing up each day. Right now the Gulf is producing more Flounder but they will begin to move into the Sound soon.

Plenty of you are doing some crabbing, too. My friend Joyce Appel and her husband Ed always head out around this time of year to put their traps out for big blue crabs. Good luck guys!

On the Piers right now, not much change since last week. The King bite is slow most days with a few Spanish caught in the morning and then maybe another round in the afternoon. Pompano, Whiting and Reds are being caught in the surf. Live sand fleas and live shrimp are the top baits in the surf for the Redfish, Pompano, or Whiting. There is also plenty of Ladyfish, Bluefish and small

Jacks to be had if you are just looking for some fun.

Inshore water clarity has improved somewhat over last week. This, along with the large schools of Glass Minnows everywhere, is presenting numerous opportunities to stretch your line. Ladyfish, Bluefish, Spanish, and Jacks are tearing up these schools and will hit just about anything presented in front of them. The Trout and Redfish bite is on fire as well. Most are being caught on live Shrimp and Finger Mullet.

Black Snapper are thick around bridges, deep docks, and rock piles. Small live shrimp and small Pinfish are the top live baits for the Snapper. The most productive presentation has been to drag

a few Tiger Minnows or Finger Mullet around deeper docks and bridge pilings when you fish those areas.

By the time this gets to the stands, the second Snapper season of the year will be open. State waters will be open October 1 through October 21; and federal waters will be open October 1-14. Limit is still two per day, so get ready!

It's the perfect time of year to head out for some fishing. Plenty of variety in the fish, good weather (for the most part and as I've said before, the fish don't mind the rain at all) and good fun.

What on Earth could you be waiting for? Grab a kid and get fishing!

Andro Aces Optimist Dinghy Course

Austin Ando from Mount Pleasant, SC representing Hobcaw Yacht Club-Prime took the US Optimist Dinghy Association Southeast Championship by storm. Ando scored 11 points to win the September 22 event. In his gracious acceptance speech, he thanked his parents, his coach- Spencer, Alex the lion, and the race committee for a good job and for a "little bowl of sunshine" on the course.



Ando's next sailing stop is the USODA Atlantic Coast Regional Championship. "I liked sailing in Pensacola," Ando said. "The competition was great."

Ian Moran from Rocky River Ohio was second. Third was Sebastian Clark from Key Biscayne Yacht Club. Results are posted at www.pensacolayachtclub.org.

Get A Chip and A Chair

Poker fever is sweeping across the Beach. Rick Uzdevenes advises the best way to cure it is to play Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun six days per week. Everyone is welcome at the felt, but watch out for a few of the regulars like Tex Atkinson. Anyone whose name is the same as the game, could be a ringer.

"Tex racked up back-to-back wins last week," said Uzdevenes. "He's on a hot streak."

The results are as follows:
Sandshaker Lounge
 9/9: George Belitsos, winner;
 Mary Kay Wood, runner-up
 9/16: Todd Lentini, winner;
 Justin Scher, runner-up
 9/23: Tex Atkinson, winner;

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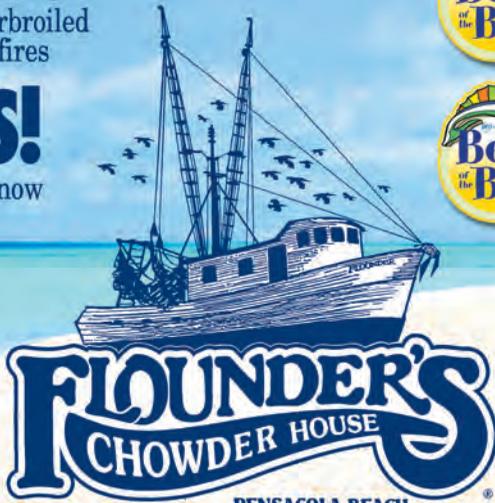
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