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Beach School Ghouls Amp Up Fall Festival Fright Factor



Monsters University move over, the Beach School Ghouls are on campus. They may look like they just stepped out of a nursery rhyme or the Bibbity Bobbity Boo princess salon, but they have a frightfully fun evening just ahead. The Pensacola Beach Elementary School's Fall Festival is set for Friday, October 25. The Ghouls are (L to R): Hannah Buchalter, Suri Amjad, Bella Ciolino, Lily Montgomery, Ella Kauffman, Mia Montgomery, Ella Montgomery and Zoey Amjad. The scary start is 5 p.m. The Parent Teacher Association turns the school's campus into a carnival atmosphere with games, food and contests. Music, performances and an 84-foot long obstacle course will greet guests. The party is for all ages and the community is invited to attend. There is no entrance charge. Dare to get more details on Page 2.

Walk, Bounce, Float or Fly To Beach School Fall Festival

You can bounce, throw, leap and jump, but at this event, it's all about The Walk. The Pensacola Beach Elementary School PTA produces a midway of games, food and over-the-top activities for the October 25 Fall Festival, but the kids unanimously agree that the old-fashioned Cake Walk is their favorite.

Beach School fifth grader Mia Montgomery is a veteran at the Fall Festival. She has her eye on a chocolate confection.

"My favorite game is the Cake Walk," said Montgomery without hesitation. "I want to win a chocolate cake." She has two sisters, Lily and Ella, who can help devour the cake.

Deb Buchalter, PTA president, announced at the October 1 meeting that decorations would start to go up October 22 and from that point forward the group's largest fundraiser would begin to take shape.

"I envision a giant tree with leaves created by the students, pumpkins, a scary archway complete with a giant spider," said Buchalter. "I love Halloween. It's such a fun time."

The PTA goal is to raise \$10,000 during the three hour event, which is hosted at the School's campus from 5 to 8 p.m. The Parent Teacher Association supports technology upgrades and purchases for the

Beach School classrooms with the funds raised. The Beach School is a nationally acclaimed Blue Ribbon School. As a charter school, it does not receive funding from Escambia County. The School is funded by the State of Florida and through private donations.

"This is our biggest fundraiser, so we hope everyone will join us," Buchalter commented. "We are hoping to host a Casino Night at a later date."

The Fall Festival is open to the public. Costumes are welcome and there is a Kid's Costume Contest with great prizes. Football Throw, Haunted House, Candy Guess and Ring Toss will

be among the dozens of games. At the south end of the campus look for the inflatable Fun House Jumper, a huge slide and an 84 foot long obstacle course.

Kids can work up an appetite, and the Festival planning committee is ready. Karen McCurdy, chairman of Festival Foods, previewed the menu with kid friendly burgers, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn and candied apples. Homemade baked items are awarded at the Cake Walk. She expects a few more dinner items to be added by festival time.

All games and food are purchased using a Festival Ticket system. The tickets can be pur-

chased at the Ticket-Will Call booth manned by the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club.

"Steve Feltenberger has volunteered to provide music," said Buchalter. "He's a Beach School dad as well as a musician in Whiskey Down, a local band."

Great music, and a live performance by the Beach's famous dance troupe, Dancingly Yours, is on the entertainment schedule. Monette Hodges is choreographing a special set of routines just for the Fall Festival.

If you want to get a souvenir of the festival, school t-shirts and a new tumbler will be for sale under the PTA's tent. You may also make a donation or join the PTA for \$10. That's not all.

Parent volunteers busied themselves gathering prizes for raffles. Tickets are \$1 and \$5 for two different levels of prize drawings.

"We have wonderful raffle prizes and of course, the Silent Auction, is always a big hit," Buchalter commented.

The Silent Auction Tent will be located at the northern corner of the festival site. Room moms have established themes and will prepare abundant Silent Auction baskets on which to bid. Kindergarten's theme is Beach Basket which Melissa Pennington will organize. Jessica Hoeft will coordinate first grade's Spa Theme. Meghan Farej's second grade class basket is Arts and Entertainment. Third and fourth grade have moved outside with Brandi Jones presenting a fishing themed Silent Auction basket and Aviel Dadisman working on a camping theme. Fifth grade is swinging for the fences with a Blue Wahoos basket coordinated by Melissa Montgomery.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun Promoter Rick Uzdevenes will present the proceeds from the Celebration 4444 Education Poker Tourney to Mary Holway, Director of the School's Music Department. Silent Auction winners will be announced at 8 p.m. which is festival closing time.

For more information or to make a donation, go to www.pbcs.org.

Taxes, Titles, Environmental Discussion Tops PBA Agenda Advocates Annual Meeting Set For October 21

Pensacola Beach Advocates, a citizens group comprised of Beach residents and leaseholders, will host their annual meeting Monday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Community Church Fellowship Hall. All members and prospective members are welcome to attend the annual meeting. The first order of business will be nominations and election of new directors. There are two seats open. Members in good standing are eligible to serve.

The Advocates Board of Directors elected Terry Preston

to serve as president.

The program includes Shell, Fleming, Davis and Menge Attorney Danny Kepner who represents the leaseholders in the tax litigation lawsuit. He will give updates on the tax litigation and discuss fee simple title.

"We hope to dispel any misinformation about Fee Simple title," said Jim Cox, former PBA president. "Of course, we have been waiting almost a year for the Florida Supreme Court to rule on the taxation case."

Agenda items include a discussion of RESTORE funds

which will be available to Escambia County as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill settlement. Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson, and his Santa Rosa Island Authority appointee Tammy Bohannon, will make this presentation. Richard Papantonio, executive director of the Greater Pensacola Community Organization, will speak about flood insurance rates, as well.

The Pensacola Beach Advocates currently has 392 members all of which are leaseholders, residents or those with a business interest in Pensacola Beach.

The Board is seeking a vote on a bylaw change opening their membership to anyone who has an interest in Pensacola Beach.

The PBA's environmental committee, Beachkeepers, is chaired by JJ Waters. Beachkeepers' membership is open to any PBA member at no charge.

As the Advocates look forward to 2014, they encourage all who are interested in joining to attend the Annual Meeting. Prospective members may pay dues and returning members can renew. Annual dues are \$30.

For more information, visit www.pbadvocates.org.

Wheeler To Lead Beach Optimist Club

Two dozen Beach Optimist Club members attended the annual Awards Banquet and Installation Ceremony, Friday, October 4 at Crab's on the Beach. After a sumptuous meal, Isabel Fuller, outgoing president, passed the gavel to Carleen Wheeler, who will lead the group for the next twelve months. Wheeler's board in-

cludes Vice-President Jane McGrath, Treasurer Dave Sundstrom and Secretary Chuck Randle.

Louise Greenley, who was one of the founding members of the Pensacola Beach chapter, installed the officers. Debbie Campanella, outgoing vice president, presented Isabel Fuller with the Optimist of the

Year Award for her willingness to meet each challenge with a cheerful countenance.

Wheeler, who organizes the Optimist Club's major fundraiser, the Kentucky Derby Run for the Roses Party in May, is an official Kentucky Colonel. She currently lives in Pensacola although she hopes to re-

build on her beach lot one day. Wheeler is an active member of the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club, Our Lady Catholic Church, Krewe of Wrecks Board, Marionette's Mardi Gras krewe, Elk's Lodge and Gulf Breeze Hospital Auxiliary.

"I am honored to be part of this Club, and look forward to the year ahead with you, my friends," said Wheeler.

The Pensacola Beach Optimists also host a "Say No To Drugs" Poster Contest, an Oratorical Contest, First Responders Appreciation Dinner and Chili Cookoff, Bike Safety Rodeo and a Thanksgiving dinner for the needy. They sponsor the Junior Optimist Club chapter at Pensacola Beach Elementary School. The

group is active in assisting with volunteers in support of Beach events and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

For more information about the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club, contact Chuck Randle at 850-934-0623.



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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

The Islander Newspaper – October 28, 1980

Sweet Sixteen lives. It goes on and on, always in the same tradition like Christmas or the Tooth Fairy or Volkswagen beetles. Kissed or unknissed, ugly or gorgeous, happy or sad, smart or dumb, "Sweet Sixteen" is a cherished event! Even in the freedom of today's lifestyles, sweet sixteen never becomes sweet thirteen or would you believe sweet ten? The sixteen syndrome, the landmark, the turning point, the fork in the road...whatever it stands for, remains eternally the same, a flawless moment suspended in time which can never be repeated. (Perhaps, it is because it is almost the last time a girl will admit how old she is.)

My youngest daughter...I could call her "my baby," but that would be cause from matricide on Ariola Drive...arrived at sixteen last week with about the same amount of fanfare Princess Caroline received at her wedding.

As a beginning, everyone seemed to know that Liz was sixteen on October 16. Everywhere...in Nero's, on the Bay Bridge, at PJC at a football game, on the telephone, people were congratulating her as if she had just been elected sheriff of Escambia County. I decided she

had hired an airplane and hung out a sign, "Liz Waters is sixteen today." Somehow, she managed to get the message to about ten thousand people without running an ad in *The Islander*.

What does the mother of a "sweet sixteen" do? Everything. "What do you want for your birthday?" I asked innocently. Liz did not even mention gifts that she knew were outside the realm of possibility. "I think I would like to have a little costume party," she said.

Not too bad. Not bad at all. A costume party.

"By the way Mom, get me about fifty invitations." Trying to compare her idea of small and my idea of small, I nevertheless, brought her the invitations, which she filled out in a jiffy and dispensed to her friends...three of whom regretted. The others could hardly wait for the party, and several even agreed to bring visiting cousins, other friends and an older brother who had his driver's license. I wanted to go hide under the bed until "sweet sixteen" faded, but I knew I didn't have time. I astonished myself by agreeing to all the conditions that were thrust upon me. Like "we are a having a costume party with a Halloween theme." I drove to Cantonment to purchase two

bales of hay and to an outdoor market to find the Great Pumpkin. I polished the floors, vacuumed the rugs, dusted the furniture, and hauled enough hot dogs and buns out of the store to begin my own restaurant.

I installed blue bulbs and yellow bulbs in strategic fixtures, hung lanterns, paper spiders, plastic skeletons, and string webs around the house. (All this after I had broomed down every spider web and every spider in the place just the day before!)

The party began at six o'clock. The guests began arriving at four. I put on a mask to hide the circle under my eyes and the fact I did not have time to put on make-up. The crowd thought I was hilarious...look at Liz's mom...ho-ho! All I kept thinking about was escape... and the opportunity came. I had forgotten the film. After turning the corner six blocks away from the house, I could no longer hear the stereo which had been blasting for over three straight hours. The lack of vibes got me. I thought I had passed out. I pinched myself and I screamed so I drove on to get the film.

Bravely, I returned to my house, elbowed my way through the monsters, and gave the film to Sweet Sixteen. Then, I ran

downstairs, trying to escape the din, only to find someone playing the piano and three somebodies throwing darts. The downstairs bedroom was full of girls, combing their hair, looking for bobby pins, putting on cowboy hats and tying their tennis shoes.

So, I went outside and sat on a bale of hay and tried to strike up a conversation with the scarecrow.

The party ended at 11 and the last guests left shortly after midnight. I shut my eyes, slid across the living room on a hot dog bun and collapsed in my bed. I fell asleep and had a nightmare about a six foot tall cupcake that threw me in a lake full of punch, where I kept trying to swim away from every rock group in the world. I awakened in fear. I

put my head under the pillows. I could not go out and face that "morning after."

"Hi Mom," Liz called. "Great party."

I crept stealthily to my door and opened it. The living room glistened...probably Liz had thrown the whole works on the kitchen floor. No so. She had cleaned the house. It was quiet and cheerful and she was making a cup of coffee for me.

So, listen, kid. It's all downhill now. You're on your way to becoming an old lady.

Maybe, you'll even have a sweet sixteen of your own someday...and perhaps you will be fortunate enough to learn something I have known for sixteen years...some of us moms have all the luck!



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Oct 28	Sabine Sandbar	Jan 6	Hemingway's
Nov 4	Sandshaker	Jan 13	Flounder's
Nov 11	Crab's on the Beach	Jan 20	Shaggy's
Nov 18	Islander Lounge	Jan 27	The Break
Nov 25	Paddy O'Leary's	Feb 3	Cactus Flower
Dec 2	Riptides	Feb 10	TBA
Dec 9	PegLeg Pete's	Feb 17	Elk's Lodge
Dec 16	Paradise Bar		

Mardi Gras on the Island Events

- February 22 Kids and Kritters Parade, 2 PM, Across from Sidelines
- February 22 Krewe of Wrecks Grand Costume Ball, Elk's
- February 24 Queen's Dinner, Flounder's
- February 24 King's Supper, Elk's
- March 1 Champagne Breakfast, Crab's
- March 2 Krewe of Wrecks Parade, 2 PM
- March 3 Red Beans and Rice Lunch, 11 AM
- March 4 Krewe of Coma, Sandshaker, 6 PM
- March 4 Shoe Box Float Contest, Paradise, 8 PM

for more good times, log on to
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DGs DO GOOD

Pensacola Beach resident Mary Claus announced that Greeks invaded the Island September 25. Delta Gamma Fraternity Alumnae President Louise Videau brought alums to Hemingway's for an evening social. Joining Videau and Claus were Kathy Middleton, Mary Pat Forge, Gayle Crume, Diane Thompson, Eleanor Hoen, Katie Andress, Stephanie Cannon and Sarah Hand. A special toast was raised to Sister and Gulf Breeze High teacher Diane Folse, who was unable to attend. Locally, the group supports a variety of charitable causes including Prevention of Blindness and Education for the Blind.

FROM THE DESERT

Claire Marcey trekked across the white sands of Pensacola Beach renewing friendships and enjoying the Taste of the Beach festival in September. Although Claire hangs her hat in Arizona, she still claims Pensacola Beach as her home. She sends a big hello and blessing to all her beach friends.

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Amy Depew found an old friend in a Garden and Gun magazine feature. David Norman has opened a new restaurant, and was featured in the upscale mag. David's parents are Fran and the late George Norman. Readers will recall that George wrote the cooking column in The Islander

Newspaper. The apple does not fall far from the tree.

BRIDGE THE GAP

Former Beach resident Sandi Johnson was amazed to see her card playing buddies Mary Ann Abrams and Michelle Crane all the way down in St. Petersburg, Florida at the Bridge Club 499 tourney. No report on whether they won, but they all had a good time.

FLY WITH GABBY

One of the Beach's favorite flight attendants is soaring across another milestone. Gabby Barrett has logged 36 years with Delta Airlines. Her October 5 anniversary wish? To be able to fly another 36 years.

FINE AT 50

The Knights of the Trivia Roundtable, the kids who eat lunch at the Gulf Breeze Schools, the running community, the Beach family and the Island Times staff wish Kim Schmitz a happy fiftieth birthday. Kim says don't look for her at the Glow Run. No running sneakers for Lady Kim on October 25. She is wearing her party pumps all day long.

FUR BABIES

Danah Gibson has friends over many species. The founder and first Queen of the Nauga Nation has a soft spot in her heart for fur babies. So much so she has been tapped to volunteer at the Barktoberfest Adoption Pen, October 26 in Seville Square. Stop by and see Danah's friends.

Trivia

Tim Pike is the trivia guru at the Holiday Inn Express on Fort Pickens Road. He knows a little about a lot of things, including country music. Although he bemoaned the fact that Garth Brooks has not produced many new hits recently, he knew that the famous country music star was the answer to the question about a bar-bouncing wife meeting star-crossed night. The story is that Sandy Mahl got in a little altercation with another gal over a guy. She was put out of the nightclub by the young college student/bouncer Garth Brooks, who later started dating her. Sounds like the making of a good country song. So, an Island Times t-shirt will go to country music fan Tim Pike.

Shirtless Kathy Christoff and her new friend named "Google," were not quick enough to beat Trivia Tim. Maybe next time KC.

Another shirtless gal, Lupie Rael, contacted the TM with a not so trivial coincidence. Lupie owns a set of bar stools which were the topic of a previous trivia question. Lupie did not know the origin of the aquatic metal sculptured bar seats, but hoped that ownership would garner her a t-shirt. The cheeky TM likes

the note, but won't give up the shirt. Unless you knew that the bar stools had been for Sunset Bar and Grill drinkers, you shall remain shirtless. Stay tuned Lupie. Perhaps you will know the answer to this one.

The Trivia Master has been languishing in a historic area of downtown Pensacola Beach; paging through mostly incomplete records in dusty tomes. Researching the commercial heritage of brick and mortar with a colorful Island history. An Irishman, a helicopter pilot, shopkeepers, rock legends and winos have been part of the story. So, the TM poses this challenge for the knowing and seeking: Name the two current businesses in the location which once housed Bill's Island Surf

Shop, Sal's T-Shirts, the Foul Deck and Robbie's Yum Yum Tree. Remember, you must name both businesses, because if you do, you could possibly be the proud owner of an Island Times t-shirt. A prize that is not available for purchase, not even on eBay.

Send your answer with Trivia in the subject line to islandtimes@bellsouth.net. Include your name and phone number with your answer. Deadline to answer is Tuesday, October 22. Good luck.

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Authority Board Approves Greener Island

The Santa Rosa Island Authority moved one step closer to forever protecting Morgan Park by voting at their October 9 Full Board meeting to begin the rezoning process. The Park, located on Santa Rosa Sound, was created to showcase native plants in an eco-educational setting. The proposed change from Recreation-Retail to Conservation would protect the park from development. The proposed Soundside access road from Quietwater to the Bob Sikes Fishing Bridge will encroach on the Park approximately three feet. A Quasi-Judicial hearing to address the rezoning is set for November 6 at the SRIA office.

The green theme continued as Board members reviewed and voted to allow sable palms to be planted on SRIA property. The Island Authority owns two parks and 12 residential lots on Via de Luna which are slated to receive plantings as part of the Via de Luna landscaping project. Leaseholders bordering the

north side of the street are being contacted for permission to allow the landscape contractor to plant anywhere from five to ten sable palms on their leasehold. The sable palms cannot be installed in the right-of-way because their future height would interfere with power lines. The pindo palms will be planted in the right-of-way.

The request letter was written by Portofino Developer Robert Rinke, who has championed the Via de Luna landscape plan for years. The Island Beautification Fund, which has dedicated excess lease fees paid by Portofino leaseholders, is funding the project.

The leaseholders will not be charged for the palms, nor will they be responsible for watering or maintaining the plants. The contractor, Wallace Company, is guaranteeing the vitality of the palms for the first year. After installation, Wallace is obligated to water the palms. According to the letter, the palms will survive and adapt without additional watering

after the first year.

“The project will be complete in November and will encompass more than 1500 sable palms and 600 pindo palms along with grasses, ground cover and flowering plants,” wrote Rinke. “The total cost of the project is \$575,000 and is meant to give leaseholders a landscaping buffer and create an island theme for those traveling on Via de Luna.”

Just like each leaseholder on the north side of Via de Luna, the SRIA must contact The Wallace Company with their approval. The board voted approval with one dissenting vote from Board Chairman Thomas Campanella, who did not like the planting patterns.

Additionally, the Board is researching the development of a Senior Park to engage snowbirds and active retirees to add to the amenities on the Island.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Committees will meet Wednesday, October 23 at 5 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.



The Santa Rosa Island Authority Board unanimously approved the commendation presented to Director of Public Safety Bob West, center, for his accomplishments during his decade of service to the Island. The presentation came during their October 9 Full Board meeting. Surrounding West (L to R) are: former Senior Lifeguard Andrew Edwards who now is the SRIA Events and HR Director, Senior Lifeguard Alex Johnson and Water Safety Supervisor Dave Greenwood.

Beach Commissioner Hosts Town Hall Meeting

Escambia County District Four Commissioner Grover Robinson will host a Town Hall Meeting, Monday, October 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Island Authority boardroom.

Robinson, who has served as the Beach's commissioner since 2006, will give an update on the

RESTORE funds and projects. The fund is designated to restoring the Gulf Coast's ecosystem and economy after the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

Robinson will also make a RESTORE presentation at the Pensacola Beach Advocates October 21 Annual Meeting.

As in the past, the Commissioner would like to hear from his constituents at this meeting on any topics of concern. He can also be reached at his office grobins@co.escambia.fl.us or by phone at 850-595-4940.

The meeting is open to the public.

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Lewis



October 14 was Columbus Day. Way back in elementary school, I never could understand how Christopher Columbus could discover a place where people already lived. I'm sure the Native Americans agree with me. And while I never got a teacher to agree to my way of thinking, neither did any teacher ever convince me I was wrong.

Even as a working adult, though I enjoyed the fact that it is a holiday, I have never actually celebrated Mr. Columbus or "his" day. I am glad that I am an American and very Blessed to live in this great Country.

Bill and I are taking a little holiday ourselves. It's just a short trip to Georgia to visit my sisters. I've been missing them a lot and my oldest sister Brenda Dawson was diagnosed nearly two years ago with early onset Dementia. She has come to visit me nearly every summer (and some years more than once) in the 30-something years I've lived here and is no longer capable of making the long trip. I can't imagine that if the place where you have lived your entire life becomes suddenly unfamiliar and scary, how you could possibly take the chance in a less familiar place. And so from now on I will be going to visit her as much as I can. It's a strange and scary illness because no one has a cure or even a temporary fix. No matter how long I live it continues to amaze me how far our world has travelled in science and medicine but how few real cures have been found for our major diseases. Since I'm not skilled in either area, all I can do is continue to pray and hope someone finds some answers to all the questions. At least, I'm good at that.

I am also beginning to get a reputation as being a good "Judge" – of food anyway. I gotta say that is one heck of a nice job. I was asked to be a judge for this year's Seafood Festival in Pensacola. Most of y'all know that I have been a judge for the *Island Times* sponsored "How Sweet IT Is Dessert Contest" at the Taste of the Beach for the last couple of years. That is certainly one "sweet" job, but thankfully we had more judges this year.

That meant I only tasted 6 or so desserts in two categories as opposed to the first year

when I judged what seemed like a never-ending flood of dessert. Oh I'm not complaining because it's all delicious. But I judged twenty-three (yes 23) dishes at the Seafood Festival. That is a lot of food even with small bites. I was so totally stuffed when it was over, I waddled around with Nicole Stacey and a couple of other judges handing out the different colored ribbons. I mean really, waddled, like a duck, a very large duck with very short legs. But, I would do it again in a heartbeat.

Something else that always bothered me has to do with the Pledge of Allegiance. Every morning in school we put our hand over our heart and recited the Pledge of Allegiance while facing the American Flag. I don't have a problem with our flag or the Pledge of Allegiance itself. I have always been patriotic and believe everyone should Pledge Allegiance in every school in every city in our Nation until you are no longer in any school at all. I love it and it still warms my heart to say it today. For me the problem is not so much the words that say, "One Nation, indivisible" but that our forefathers saw fit to create political parties which immediately causes division of the people. I never had a teacher that could adequately explain that one either. So, in protest I have joined a brand new Party which is private thus far. I hold the Honored Rank of the Highest Mermaid of the Mermaid Brigade. Now that's a good "party" and while I won't give away any political secrets, let's just say that parties in general consume a large portion of this Party.

Happy Birthday to granddaughter Quincy Rowe (aka my SissyGirl) who turns 8 October 18. Pappy and I will miss her party because we will be enjoying the second half of our Twenty-Fifth Anniversary gift... a trip to Biloxi to see two shows.

I'll also be missing the American Legion's Putt Putt Tournament for the first time since the late Chuck LeBum L'Oignon founded the fundraising event. That means I have no chance to win the big, beautiful raffle basket donated each year by Lois Jernigan. That's one tradition Lois refuses to give up and I'm sure the American Legion is

grateful for the money she raises. I will, however continue to sponsor my "Queen Shugah" sign. Mark your calendar for October 19 and go play some Putt Putt.

It's time to get your Halloween gear together for the Krewe of Wrecks Halloween Party and first meeting of the year. I hope we have as many entries as last year. Once again I challenge all the Krewes to join the Wrecks in order to ensure the continuance of the Mardi Gras Parade.

If you're not in a krewe already, this is the place to start for sure. You'll learn the history of Mardi Gras on the Island and the work it takes to make Mardi Gras such a special and thriving season for our community. Even if you're in another krewe, a \$30 membership in the Wrecks is a small price to pay for everything they offer. You are not under any obligation to do more. Of course, more is always welcome.

Kids love holidays, they really love Halloween. And a lot of them enjoy helping in the kitchen. My SissyGirl does and she's getting very good at it. Soon enough, I'll just sit on the couch and wait for her to bring me our favorite dinner – Pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. You can't start teaching them early enough. So, this week's recipe is for the little ones in your life. It's simple, easy and delicious. The scent will always remind them of cool fall days, Halloween, the Fair and special time spent with you in the kitchen!

So, let's cook.....

Easy Caramel Apples 3 – 4 juicy Apples (your favorite type)

1 large bag caramel candy

Slice apples in half and core. Let the children unwrap all the caramels while you're slicing apples. Place apple halves on large cupcake pan (keeps apples from rolling over). The kids can put 2 caramel candies on top of each apple. Help them place apples in 350 degree preheated oven. Cook just enough for caramel to melt without cooking the apples (5 minutes approximately) Cool slightly, slice if desired. Yummy way to eat caramel apples and kids love anything they help make.

Enjoy, share and join the Krewe of Wrecks.

See ya in the kitchen.....

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A Cross in the Sand

By
Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison
Pensacola Beach Community Church



I recall hearing of a famous Mexican bank robber around the turn of the 20th century named Jorge Rodriguez. It was his practice to slip over the border and raid a bank in Texas, then flee back into his native land. This became such a problem that the Texas Rangers assigned a whole posse to try to capture this bandit.

One morning a Texas Ranger saw Jorge making his way into this country. He witnessed him robbing a bank and then stealthily followed him back over into Mexico to his hometown. As Jorge was relaxing in a cantina, the Texas Ranger slipped in, got the drop on him, and put his big .45 to his ear. Then he said to him loudly, "I know who you are, Jorge Rodriguez, and I know what you have been doing. Unless you give me back all the money you have taken from those Texas banks, I am going to blow your brains out."

However, unfortunately, Jorge did not know a word of English and the Texas Ranger did not know Spanish, so there they were, two adults at a total impasse communicating.

About that time, a little Mexican came up and said, "I know both languages, I'll translate for you," and proceeded to put the Ranger's proposal into language that Jorge could understand.

He answered nervously, "Tell the big Texas Ranger that I want to live, that I haven't spent a single cent of that money. If he will go to the town, will face north, and count down seven stones, there will be a loose one. Pull it out and behind it he will find all the money I have taken. There are millions of dollars there untouched."

With that, the little translator got a wry look on his face and turned to the Ranger and said, "Jorge Rodriguez is a brave man. He says he is ready to die."

You see, "what you don't

know can hurt you." Ask Jorge Rodriguez! Had he only learned a little English! Or the Texas Ranger — had he only learned a little Spanish. It was the one who did know that came out ahead.

I think it is important that we all come to terms with the fact that this is the way life works. There always has been and always will be a high premium placed on the competence that comes from knowing. It follows, therefore, that you cannot know too much about your chosen area of work or about the other realms of knowledge that impinge upon your existence. There is really no substitute for competence. No matter how intensely you may desire to do something or how much physical vitality you may possess, if you do not know the facts and therefore how to do a certain thing, you will be frustrated. Please take the time and get to know a little bit more about Jesus himself and our God.

Swing Into Putt Putt Outing

Golfers of all ages will hit the links for the fourteenth annual Pensacola Beach American Legion Post 379 Putt Putt Outing, Saturday, October 19 at Tiki Island Golf and Games.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. and golf teams take to the course at 11 a.m. You may sign up a foursome or can be added to a team during registration. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of play.

"The American Legion Post hosts this event to support our charitable giving programs," said Jeff Goudey, event organizer. "Among those are Pensacola Beach Elementary School, veterans housed in local nursing homes, children and youth programs, Boy's State, Gulf Breeze High School's Junior ROTC program to name a few."

The event can host as many teams as wish to sign up.

One lucky person will leave with a giant gift basket. Tickets will be for sale beginning at 10 a.m. A fifty-fifty drawing will also take place prior to the Awards Ceremony.

The entry fee is \$10 per person at the event. Checks made payable to American Legion Post 379 can be mailed to P.O. Box 1163, Gulf Breeze, Florida, 32562. For more information, contact Goudey at 850-291-6957.

Church Hosts Trunk or Treat

Goblins will gather and super heroes assemble at the Beach Church, Sunday, October 27 from 2-4 p.m. for the annual Trunk or Treat celebration. The festival includes games, Tim Reno and his Exotic Animals, face painting and a Cookie Walk. Monette Hodges' Dancingly Yours dance troupe will perform. Look for Tiny Tim, the white pony, all decked out in his fall colors, gently carrying small tykes around the church grounds.

The event is open to the public. The Church is located at Avenida 18 and Via de Luna.

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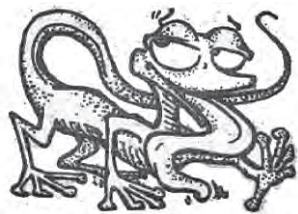
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The Lizzard's Tongue...

BY ELIZABETH K. HEWSON

Last week I challenged myself to eat nutritiously remaining within a budget of \$31.50, the average amount of assistance a single person would receive from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Could I do it? Yes. Did I do it? Kind of. Sort of. Oh, who am I kidding, I failed miserably.

First off, I find an additional 33 cents in various parking lots and on the beach throughout the week. I add that to my 38 cents of change and promptly spend it. That was only the beginning of my good fortune. It appears that if I want my husband, The Colonel, to take me out all I have to do is say that I am trying to reign in my spending on food. Three out of the seven days last week, he attempted to take me out to dinner.

Day 1: I am President Herbert Hoover in my kitchen. I have some part of a chicken in every pot, pan and crockpot. I am steaming brown rice and soaking black beans. I have cordoned off a space in the refrigerator as mine and commandeered most of the plastic storage containers. I am feeling quite strong after a healthy breakfast of slow cooked oats and a banana. My neighbor from Cullman, AL is visiting. Veronica is a nutritionist and a counselor. She looks over my menus, notes my planned caloric intake and my ratio of carbs to proteins to fats. I am good to go. By afternoon, the caffeine withdrawals hit. I wish I had salt.

Day 2: My friends inform me of where I can get a free cup of coffee. I am in need of salt and have found a dime. I think my luck is changing. I can't afford salt at the grocery that offers free coffee. I am three cents short. I walk to the other store and purchase my salt while trying to pry that imaginary drill press off my skull. I am well fed, but must look miserable. The Colonel offers to take me to happy hour -- two for one Margaritas. He uses the rationale that he only wants one margarita, so I might as well come along and drink the "free" second one. I go and hope that the tequila might temper the headache. It doesn't.

Day 3: I wake up feeling great. Caffeine cravings are gone and I discover I have a mint plant. I start making mint tea every morning to go with my breakfast. I realize I have 30 servings of slow cook oats and start to experiment on ways to cook oats. I end up tossing a cup of raw oats with a teaspoon of canola oil and

a smidgen of salt, then baking at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Oh so good and has almost an almond flavor to it. This makes me happy because I recently found out I was allergic to almonds and now have an inexpensive substitute. I make green bean "oatmondine" as part of my dinner.

Day 4: Not sure what Tropical Storm Karen is going to do and I get a little panicky. I have to be able to cook and even more important, I need refrigeration for my cooked food and chicken broth. I have a banana, a few apples, one can of tuna and tortillas to live on if I have to evacuate or lose power. The house is secure. The sweat is pouring down my back. The Colonel pulls out our bikes and puts an ice cold beer in my hand. Really? I go pre-hurricane haywire and even turn into a Songwriters Festival floozy. I accept beers from my husband, my friends and even my brother-in-law. Each with a different rationale as to why I can. All are gratuitous, but I barter with my husband. Now I completely understand how these young ladies end up with more than one mouth to feed. My husband also shares a slice of pizza and a Greek salad with me. I've already eaten dinner -- this is now just social, mindless calories.

Day 5: I get a text message from Amy Cheshire Depew: Sidelines. Miami. Come down. The Colonel comes with me. I am into him for another beer and three hot wings, one sliver of celery, four loaded nachos. Plus I help myself to too many plain chips from Amy. I notice that even though they are quite delicious, it's neither the chips or the wings that I really want. It's the fresh tomatoes, lettuce and celery. I have frozen broccoli with my dinner. I hate frozen broccoli.

Day 6: I wake up riddled with guilt. I am two days from finishing out my week. I can't pay back the beers, but I can pay back the food out of my stash. I have a little spare change left and strike a deal with my family, I will make black bean and lentil chili if they will sell me 27 cents worth of spices. I need a little cumin, garlic and chili powders. Today, I feed my husband breakfast (spinach and cheese omelet with tomatillo salsa and 1/2 an apple) and my entire family lunch, chili and homemade tortilla chips topped with cheese. The Kid also snacks on a bowl of chicken and black bean vegetable soup.

Day 7: With my experiment coming to an end, I share the last of my eggs and cheese with The Kid at breakfast. He fills in with

bacon and fresh fruit. For lunch, The Colonel and I share the can of tuna and the last two servings of one of my many soup concoctions that I made throughout the week. By dinner time, I look at my remaining supplies. The obvious -- oats, salt, oil -- along with one serving of soup and yogurt, 1/2

bag of black beans, one carrot and two servings of frozen broccoli.

I learned a lot about myself and maybe even took a tiny baby step in the shoes of fellow Americans from senior citizens to newly divorced moms to the unemployed to the lazy who depend on SNAP. I don't know how they do it. Food

is a lot more than just nutrition on a plate. For me, it represents a time to gather with family and friends to nurture one another both physically and emotionally. I am just so grateful for all the I have been blessed with including the inheritance of my mom's soup making gene. Until next time...



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Wrecks Rev Up For October Party

The party began more than thirty years ago and it never ended. Krewe of Wrecks monarchs Captain Jim Knell and First Mate Bonnie McDonald have issued an edict that the celebration will continue with the first meeting Monday, October 28 at 6 p.m. at the Sabine Sandbar.

Following the usual custom, the party will be Halloween themed. Wear your costume, enter the contest, and you may win a great prize.

Other entertainment in addition to the Costume Contest will be paying your \$30 dues and picking up your membership card. Members can volunteer for committees from decorating to float driving. You will also solemnly swear that you will be physically and mentally able to last through Mardi Gras Day, March 4.

Members will attend parties every Monday night and will sign up for the sparkling special events such as the Champagne Breakfast

and the famous Krewe of Wrecks parade.

Membership is open to newcomers now. Just show up at the Sabine Sandbar on October 28, pay your dues, and you are in.

Owning that card will be your ticket to go on the Island's most exciting ride with the Island's most fun loving fellow passengers. All aboard.

For more information, contact Sec-Wreck Melanie Waite at melanie@waite.cc.

Beach Hosts Parade To Salute Veterans

Get your red, white and blue ready. The Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge Veteran's Day Parade is set to roll Monday, November 11 at 2 p.m. west down Via de Luna from Avenida 10 to the Gulfside Pavilion.

Groups and krewe who would like to participate can pick up an entry form at the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center or go online to www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com. Completed forms should be returned to the Visitor's Center by Wednesday, November 6 at 5 p.m.

"The Beach's parade is to sa-

lute our veterans, of all branches of service in all eras. A tribute that should be fitting of their sacrifice for our nation," said Goudey. "We want to put together a parade with that in mind."

There is no charge to participate in the Veterans Day Parade but there are a few rules which must be met. Groups who are walking or marching must be able to keep pace with the parade since it does not stop until it disbands. Mardi Gras krewe and clubs are encouraged join the parade, but floats must have an All American theme, decorations and throws

must be red, white and blue. Candy is prohibited.

Parade entrants should check in by noon. The parade line up will be along Avenida 10 near the Springhill Suites. The parade begins precisely at 2 p.m.

After the parade, spectators and participants are invited to the Veterans Day ceremonies at the Gulfside Pavilion. The program includes patriotic songs, speeches and the Empty Chair Ceremony to remember POWs and MIAs.

For more information, contact Parade Chairman Jeff Goudey at 850-291-6957.



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Rubardt Kicks Off Woman's Club Year On A Good Note

By **Bettie Lee Sundstrom**

The Pensacola Beach Woman's Club started their new year, September 19 with President Mary Claus at the helm. Dr. Peter Rubardt, Pensacola Symphony Orchestra Director, presented a concert overview to the Club. Rubardt included information about composers and played selections from their music on his computer, so Clubbers could gain a greater understanding of the work. He was very knowledgeable as well as being very entertaining.

The PBWC officers are as follows: Mary Claus, President; First Vice President, Melba Ar-

gentine; Second Vice President, Ginger Pasek; Secretary, Cheryl Collier; Treasurer, Kim Harvell and Assistant Treasurer, Kathy Christoff.

The next meeting is Thursday, October 17 at Pensacola Beach Community Church Fellowship Hall, 11 a.m., and will be catered by Lillo's Tuscan Grille. Prospective members are welcome to attend. Reservations are requested and the dress is Halloween costume.

Reservations can be made by emailing reservepbwc@gmail.com. The cost is \$13. For further information, call Kathy Christoff at 850-932-9777.

Cafeteria Staff Focuses On Hunger Initiative And Nutrition

Ever try to fill up a ravenous teenager? Pensacola Beach resident Kim Schmitz does that daily. She's the Gulf Breeze High School Cafeteria manager. While most students in Gulf Breeze are well fed, childhood hunger is rampant. In an effort to raise awareness about the 16 million youth who face childhood hunger, her staff participated locally in No Kid Go Hungry events in September. It was part of the national campaign supported by Sodexo, who has Santa Rosa County's food service contract.

"In addition to No Kid Go Hungry, we are recognizing Beach And Breezers Combine Relay For Life Fundraising

The Gulf Breeze and Pensacola Beach Relay for Life unites the local effort into one exciting event on April 24 and 25 at Gulf Breeze High School.

Thirteen teams have already signed up. Conner's Crusaders, whose leader Shannon Berry is always raising funds, hosted a Drum Concert last month. Teams have bake sales, raffles and raise money in a myriad of ways.

The Relay Committee, who met at Pensacola Beach's Hemingway's Island Grill September 22, is actively seeking additional teams and volunteers.

To sign up, please contact Event Chairwomen Kim Lyster at 850-565-0022 or Terry Preston at 850-565-4225.

National School Lunch Week through October 18," said Schmitz. "Refocusing on providing healthier choices for school lunches is one of our goals."

If you would like to support No Kid Go Hungry, go online to www.nokidhungry.org.



Shannon Berry, left, never stops raising funds to beat cancer. Eleven-year-old Drummer Nolan Costa, center and Shannon's husband Kegan joined her at a Relay for Life fundraiser last month. The Drum Concert earned \$750. Berry's goal is to earn \$12,000 prior to the Pensacola Beach-Gulf Breeze Combined Relay for Life, April 25 at Gulf Breeze High School.



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BYTES & BITS

By Joe Stukey,
Your Computer Pal

Q: "When Will Windows 8 Be Updated?"

A: As soon as Microsoft released its Windows 8 software last year, replacing Windows 7, the company had to begin working on improvements. Those improvements are in the next release of Window 8, now known as Windows 8.1, which is scheduled to be released around October 18.

Windows 8 has certainly not received great reviews since its release last year. Some users were hoping that the upcoming Windows 8 update would return some of the look and feel of Windows 7 and Windows XP, but that is not likely to happen. Windows 7 was a very stable and easy-to-use version of Microsoft's flagship operating system.

The look of the new Windows 8.1 software is still quite different, at least on the initial screens, from Windows 7. The Start icon was replaced by a series of rectangular icons that represent the programs and features of the system. The appearance and function of those icons mirrored the look of the icons found in "Metro", which is the Microsoft software found in some mobile devices.

The focus seems to be on enhancing the user's web experience and on social interaction. However, not all users have that as a priority and would like to return to the old standard that has served them so well for doing traditional computer tasks. Those users are not interested in using most of the functions represented by the block of rectangular icons.

Windows 8.1 will be available for sale in two versions.

Users can choose from a standard version for around \$120 or a professional version for around \$200. The Windows 8.1 update will be available free of charge for existing Windows 8 users. It should be available as an automatic update through Windows Update in the main Control Panel.

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If you want to swim like a dolphin and have the energy of a teenager, try a serving of Steve Lillo's pasta. He fuels the Gulf Breeze High School varsity swimmers prior to big meets with his pasta made from family recipes. Although his son Michael is now in college, Lillo is still donating the energy boosting meal for the kids. Go team!

GET A LIFT

Beach living almost always equates to an elevated home to avoid storm surge. That also means lugging groceries up a flight of stairs. Get a lift from Janet Simonson. She's the owner of Legacy Lifts and has a solution to make Beach living a little easier.

GROVER RUNS

Grover Robinson, IV, has served as the Beach's Commissioner since 2006. He is running for re-election.

"We have accomplished much since 2006 including reducing county taxes, improving county infrastructure, fighting for restoration from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and building a better economic future for the county and its citizens," said Robinson. "However, I am most excited that another term will allow me to not only continue these actions but also to serve in a statewide capacity as the President of the Florida Association of Counties. This office will provide me an opportunity to position

Escambia County as a leadership community in Tallahassee and Washington, DC."

PARADING AROUND

Applications are available for the Elk's Veterans Day Parade (November 11) and the Beach Chamber's Surfing Santa Beach Parade (December 8). Pick them up in person at the Visitor's Center or online at www.pensacola-beachchamber.com

GET THE BEAT

Bands on the Beach's final

concert will be Tuesday, October 29 from 7-9 p.m. The popular series is coordinated and sponsored by the Santa Rosa Island Authority and funded through lease fees. Thanks to the SRIA and the Beach businesses and residents for providing this entertainment opportunity to all.

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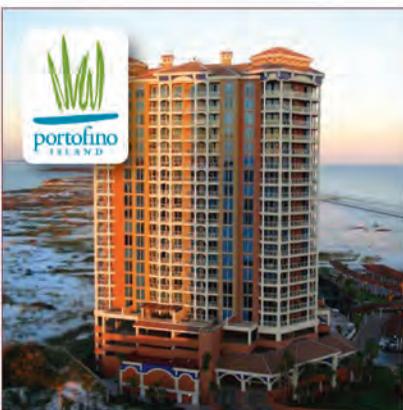
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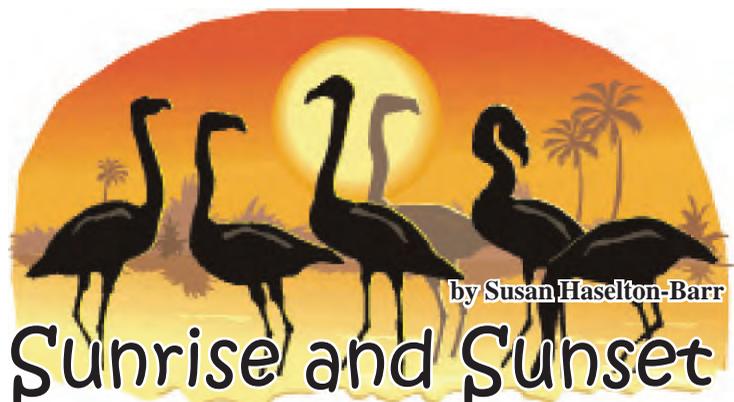


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by Susan Haselton-Barr

Sunrise and Sunset

Jambo (Hello) Everybody! As I always say, every problem we encounter in life is just a “wrinkle.” However, a hurricane truly is a problem. Thank you to all of our Island Royalty. The Queen Shugah with her awesome MOJO ordered Tropical Storm Karen to run away in fear.

Freedom is the most valuable thing we possess. With Karen potentially hurtling down upon us our freedom to do as we pleased was compromised.

Everyone has his or her Hurricane Box packed. Right? Contents of that box should include your facial skin care products, sunscreen and important documents, among other things.

Just like a Hurricane Box, a Safe Deposit Box is an important part of our way of life. Do you know what to keep in your Safe Deposit Box? (Your most valued documents don't belong stashed in your sock drawer.)

What to keep in a Safe-Deposit Box: Insurance policies; birth, marriage, and death certificates, adoption papers, divorce decrees, deeds, titles, mortgage papers and lease contracts, Military records, citizenship papers, stock and bond certificates, a videotape or DVD inventory of your home and all its contents. Also add items that have senti-

mental value or would be difficult and costly to replace. I have my adult children's baby teeth and cards that profess their love for their Mum. Must admit I bring these “lovies” out occasionally to remind them.

What not to keep in a Safe Deposit Box: Originals of wills, trusts, and power-of-attorney documents; Medical care directives; and funeral or burial instructions. These items should be kept near your hurricane box in a fireproof/waterproof safe. Make sure your attorney, your close relatives or friends have copies of these documents.

Quick Tip: Keep a separate list of the items in your safe deposit box and make a habit of checking the box at least once a year. Safarisu suggests this to the readers so you won't forget where you hid the key. (Yes, I spent two weeks searching the house for those dang keys. You guessed it. They were hidden in a sock in my sock drawer.) Let's toast the “wrinkles” in our life. But, we still have our Freedom.

Quaharini (until we meet again), Safarisu

Brewskis Host Home For Heroes

The Krewe of Brews of Pensacola Beach is hosting a fund raiser for building Homes for Heroes to benefit local wounded veteran Tech Sergeant Joseph Deslauriers and his family at the Sandshaker Lounge, Sunday, October 20 from 3-8 p.m.

The very popular Lektric Mullet will be on stage. Arrive early to get a plate of food, jello shots and purchase some raffle tickets.

Donations may also be made by contacting Pam Templeton at 850-723-4053 or Jane Lawson at 850-982-1302.



Veteran singer-songwriter CJ Watson, left, with teenage sensations Genesis Green and Courtney Yovich entertained with their performance at Paradise, October 4 during the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival.



Matt Bednarsky, right, strummed and sang his way into the hearts of music fans at Paradise, October 4 during the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival. He was joined on stage by (L to R) Bruce Miller, Donna Britton and Dani Carroll who are crowd favorites.

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Calendar

OCTOBER

- 15: Holly Shelton stars in Bands on the Beach. 7-9 Gulfside Pavilion
- 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
- 20: Krewe of Brewe Homes for Heroes fundraiser. Shaker, 3 p.m.
- 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: Fall Festival Pensacola Beach Elementary School. 5-8 pm
- 25: Glow Run. Casino Beach. www.active.com
- 26: Barktoberfest, Pensacola Seville Square. 10-5
- 27: Trunk or Treat, Beach Church. 2-4 pm.
- 28: Krewe of Wrecks 6 p.m. Sabine Sandbar.
- 28: Town Hall Meeting, SRIA, 6-8 pm
- 29: Bands on the Beach. Casino, 7-9 pm. Loaded Goat.
- 31: Spooktacular Costume Fest. Boardwalk. 4:30 -7:30. Ballet Pensacola, trick or treating, costume contest. Open to all.
- 31: Bananimals Halloween Party. Sabine Sandbar, 6-10. Open to all. Costume Contest.

- 3: Daylight Savings Time ends
- 6: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com
- 11: Veterans Day Parade, 2 p.m. Via de Luna to Gulfside Pavilion
- 16: Evening of Song. Beach Church. \$25 ticket
- 20: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com
- 28: Happy Thanksgiving
- 28: Turkey Trot 5K, 8:30 am. www.pensacolabeachturkeytrot.com
- 30: Jingle Bell Run, 5K
- DECEMBER
- 6: Beach Chamber Lighted Boat Parade. Beach Marina to Boardwalk
- 8: Surfing Santa Beach Parade, 2 p.m. Via de Luna to Gulfside Pavilion
- 10: Joy for the Beach. Our Lady Catholic Church. All are welcome.
- 11: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com
- 14: Gulf Breeze Christmas Parade, 10 a.m. Shoreline Dr to GB Baptist Church.
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A colleague might offer to open a door for you professionally. But before you walk through it, be sure this "favor" isn't attached to an obligation you might find difficult to discharge.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creativity, your persistence and your reliability could lead to a major career shift. Be sure to use that other Taurean trait, your practicality, when discussing what the job offers.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation might require some adjustments you might not have been prepared to make. However, flexibility in this matter could be the best course to follow at this time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in a period of fluctuating moods, which is not unusual for the Moon Child. Your emotions stabilize by the 25th. Meanwhile, try to hold off making major decisions until then.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That keen sense of perception helps you hunt down those minute details that others overlook. And, of course, your Leonine ego will accept the expected praise with good grace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to be confrontational when raising a work-related issue. Better to make a request than a demand. And, of course, be prepared to

back up your case with facts.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ego might be hurt when a colleague turns down your offer to help. But accept it as a rejection of your offer, not of you. A friend from the past could re-emerge by week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A flow of positive energy turns a work project you didn't want to do into something you actually love doing. Now, take that attitude into your social, intimate life -- and enjoy what follows.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Working hard to meet your professional goals is fine. But don't neglect your private life, especially where it concerns your more cherished relationships.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) "Patience" remains the key word in dealing with an emotionally sensitive situation involving a close friend or family member. Help comes your way by week's end.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With new information coming in, it's a good time to rethink some of your goals without taking suggestions from others, no matter how well-meaning they might be.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Making progress on your project is relatively easy in the early part of the week. A problem could arise midweek. But all goes swimmingly once it's resolved.

Ballet At Boardwalk For Halloween Treat

A Spooktacular Halloween Costume Fest will take over Portofino Boardwalk on Thursday, October 31 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Kids will love Trick-or-Treating at the participating Portofino Boardwalk Shops. Games with prizes will be set up along the boardwalk, as well as free Face Painting Stations at Bamboo Willie's, Cactus Flower Cafe and

Islander's Land and Water.

A hauntingly dramatic dance troupe from Ballet Pensacola will present a Dracula performance in the Amphitheatre at 6 p.m. with an encore performance set for 7 p.m.

There is no charge and the event is open to the public. It is sponsored by the Quietwater Merchants Association.



Tropical Storm Karen brought sunshine and national media to Pensacola Beach. Blake Mathews, Meteorologist at WJXT in Jacksonville, left, and WJXT Reporter Chris Parenteau, were at Casino Beach broadcasting to their east coast audience. Much ado over nothing, Karen fizzled out before reaching the Gulf Coast. Photo by ekh



Weather Channel Celebrity Jim Cantore could run for Mayor of Pensacola Beach. Everyone knows him. Jersey Girl Gwen Foster got to meet the famous Cantore during his recent visit ahead of Tropical Storm Karen. He arrived on the Beach, October 2, but the storm made very little impact other than bringing the national weather spotlight to Pensacola Beach.

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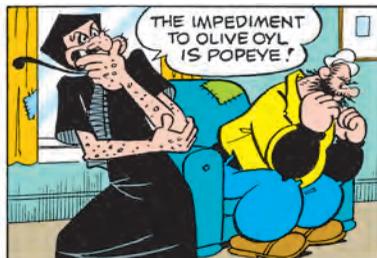
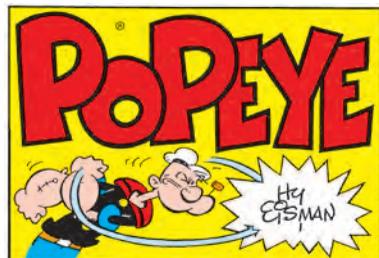
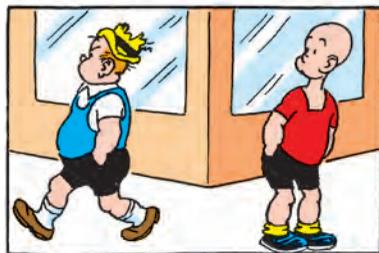
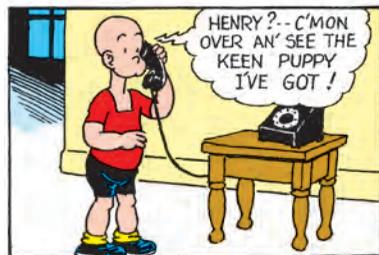
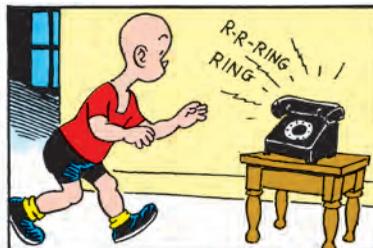
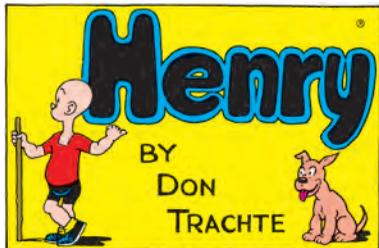
Friday, October 25:
Fall Festival, Pensacola Beach Elementary School, 5-8 p.m. www.pbess.org
Glow Run, Gulfside Pavilion, www.active.com
Post Glow Run Party, Sandshaker. 9 p.m.
Island of Fear Haunted House, Castaways. Adults. Continues 10/26, 10/31, 11/1, 11/2

Saturday October 26
Island of Fear Haunted House, Castaways. Adults.
Halloween Bash, Sandshaker. 9 p.m. Costume Contest at Midnight.

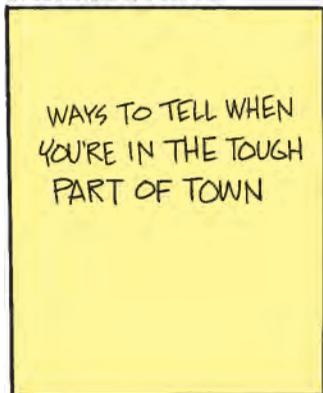
Sunday, October 27
Trunk or Treat, Pensacola Beach Community Church. 2-4 p.m. Treats, games, food. Reptile show. www.thebeachchurch.com

Monday, October 28
Krewe of Wrecks meeting and Costume Contest. Sabine Sandbar, 6 p.m. www.pensacolabeachmardigras.com

Thursday, October 31
Spooktacular Costume Festival, Portofino Boardwalk, 4:30 - 7:30.
Pensacola Ballet to perform. www.pensacolabeachboardwalk.com
Krewe of Bananimals Halloween Party, Costume Contest. Sabine Sandbar, 6 p.m. www.sabinesandbar.com
Paradise Halloween Spook-Party. Costume Contest. Drink specials. Starts 6 p.m.
Halloween Encore, Sandshaker. 8 p.m. The New World Beatniks on stage.
Island of Fear Costume Contest & Haunted House, Castaways. Also Nov 1-2.
Friday, Nov 1... Flounder's Elektrik Fantasy Masquerade Party, 8 p.m. www.elektrikevents.com



Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

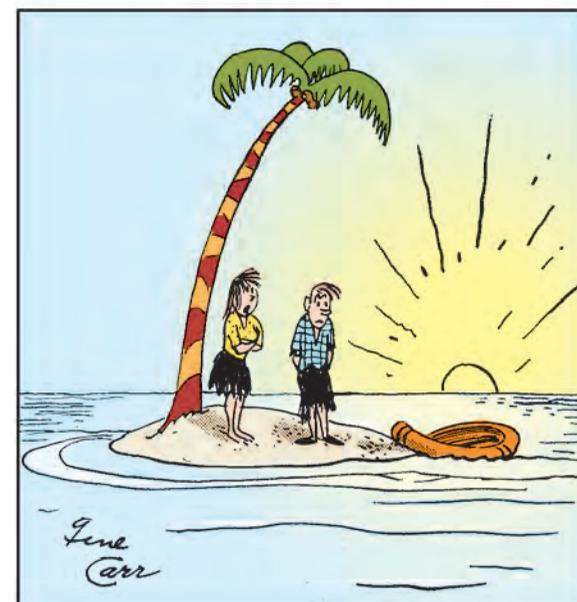
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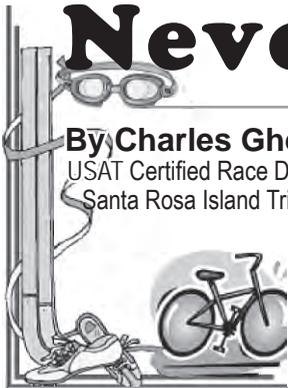
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Never Hurts To Tri



By Charles Gheen
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we could ensure the athletes would have a great experience. Then 97L started to gain some momentum.

We have been through this many times before and we know the weather in the Gulf of Mexico can turn on a dime, stop, strengthen or dissipate. But, in the back of our minds, we remember other systems that came our way with evil intent. I still think about Ivan...and Dennis and Rita and even throw in Opal and Erin and other named storms. So, we continued to prepare, but in the back of our minds, we felt anxiety and cold trepidation.

97L did form up and became Tropical Storm Karen. As quickly as that happened, wind gained speed to 65 mph. A "hurricane hunter" was flown into it and top wind speeds of 90 mph were documented. Now all indications were that it was coming toward our immediate area on Saturday morning or at least by the afternoon.

On Thursday at mid-morning, we met with government officials, safety management, law enforcement and emergency personnel and they all recommended cancelling the event. Taking into account the 1200 triathletes coming from 26 states, we agreed and set about to inform everyone and to undo all our planning and work. It was a real punch in the gut, a body blow to all of us.

We received lots of words of encouragement and understanding. For those, we are very ap-

preciative. We have also received severe and extreme criticisms and complaints. Our character has been questioned as have our motives. The internet being what it is, we have been lambasted in many corners.

I have been involved in producing events for 25 years in the Northwest Florida community. We have put on concerts, festivals, races, tournaments, fund-raising banquets and "extravaganzas", and a myriad of other events. We have had our tremendous supporters and our extreme critics. To the latter I present the words of Theodore Roosevelt:

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

A Punch In The Gut

For four days I had this sense of dread. I had watched the weather forecasts and friends had forwarded me "spaghetti" models depicting hazardous tropical conditions in the Caribbean and in the Gulf of Mexico. Other friends had called, texted or emailed to commiserate. Registered athletes were starting to communicate with me as well. Most were along the lines of "I wouldn't want to be in your position right now, but what are you going to do?" There was a tropical disturbance called "97L" southeast of the Yucatan Peninsula that looked like a problem, maybe a big problem.

The Santa Rosa Island Triathlon, which I had been working on for a year (since the conclusion of 2012s very successful event), was scheduled for the weekend. The permits were all in place, insurance policies were set and all event fees had been paid. We had received all the goods, premiums and "stuff" from our vendors right on time. The service providers, heavy equipment, food, law enforcement, refreshments, ambulances, EMT crews, water craft, safety personnel and nearly 300 volunteers were all scheduled in the detailed plan and everything seemed in place. Sound systems, music, hotel conference space and massage therapists were all ready to go.

This was to be the 18th annual event and all indications were that it would be our best. We had enjoyed five years of perfect weather with favorable winds and a calm, warm Gulf of Mexico and we expected those same conditions. Thousands of extra dollars had been spent enhancing the race and we were doing everything



Beach resident Sky Haynes posted one of the fastest Junior Varsity times for Gulf Breeze High School at the October 8 Cross Country meet in Pace. The fleet footed freshman and his mom, Joanne, are just counting down the days until their favorite service member returns from Afghanistan.
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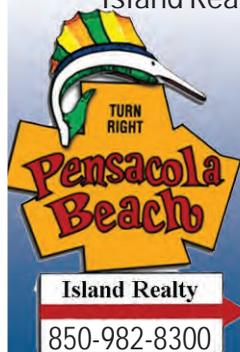


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Turtle Trax

BY DJ ZEMENICK

Our 2013 sea turtle season ended dramatically this year. I had driven to Tennessee for a few days to be with my mother who was facing surgery and I was focused on getting her home and back on her feet. It was a shock to realize, on the very day I brought her home from the hospital, that a storm was brewing which had Pensacola Beach in its crosshairs. It's difficult to know what to do in cases such as this: stay with mother or get someone to check in on her and head home to prepare the house for a possible hurricane.

At about the same time, in addition to the impending storm, our access to most of the remaining nests was impacted by the government shutdown. Certain areas of the National Seashore which we patrol were gated and locked. Only the nests on Pensacola Beach and the Santa Rosa area were accessible, but most of the remaining nests were not. Government workers (biologist and bio-techs) in charge of the Sea Turtle Monitoring Program were furloughed along with other "non-essential" staff; even their phones were turned off. You can imagine what a terrible position it was for those dedicated to safeguarding tiny hatchlings.

The night before I returned home, I was relieved to hear that the last nest on Pensacola Beach, which was that of a green sea turtle, had hatched while two of our volunteer patrollers were present. The hatch rate has not been as good for our handful of green sea turtles nests as it has been for our loggerheads this year. Green hatches have hovered around 50 percent, so each endangered green hatchling we are able to save is precious.

Generally after a nest hatches it is screened for three successive nights in case stragglers emerge. With no access to the screens we

needed and no access to check those farthest from us, the last nests remained unscreened and unattended. But, knowing the Park employees had their hands tied, volunteers quietly stepped up to monitor the nests in the areas where we could: Pensacola Beach, Santa Rosa area of Gulf Islands National Seashore, and one small public area at Perdido Key.

On my first night back on the island, I went out to the green nest site and listened for sounds of stragglers. The surf and wind noise was very loud and I could hear nothing. I decided to listen one more time the next night around sunset, which was the third night after the initial hatch. I was surprised to hear strong scratching sounds. With the wind and surf still howling and pounding, I knew at least one hatchling had to be near the surface in order for me to hear it so well.

It took a couple of hours and a bit of patience, but it was one more tiny miracle of nature this season as seven vigorous green sea turtle hatchlings made their way up and across the sand into the Gulf of Mexico. It seems a bit embarrassing to admit it makes me cry, but to see something so small prevail against incredible

odds seems like a metaphor of our own struggles in life. Sometimes you want to give up, but you find the energy for one last push toward your goal and suddenly you attain it. There is no better feeling than to overcome our obstacles and succeed.

I have good news and bad news my readers. I'm sad to say that we will not be able to share the updated hatchlings numbers with you until the government shut-down comes to an end. There is no access to the reported stats. You can be assured, however, that the final numbers will be shared with you as soon as possible through the *Island Times*. The good news is that the green sea turtle nest was able to be assessed the night after my seven hatchlings emerged. The assessment was important since this nest, PB 8021, was "in situ" (a natural nest, not relocated), so we did not know how many eggs it contained until the process was completed. It held 162 eggs in total – and a surprise of 10 green hatchlings ready to be rescued... one last miracle on Pensacola Beach!

For 2013, Turtle Trax bids you farewell.

Lights out!

Nest Update: for Pensacola Beach & Gulf Islands National Seashore as of October 1:

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Pretty and Pink - Members of the Krewe du Ya Yas supported the Bras Across The Bridge fundraiser, September 28. After registering at The Grand Marlin (L to R): Rebecca Fields, Marilyn Huber, Jeri Cox and Bernadette Broadwater wait to ascend the Bob Sikes Bridge. Proceeds provide mammograms for those who cannot afford them.



Brady Johnson competes in his first ever Crossfit event, September 28 during the Brawl on the Beach at Casino Beach. Johnson of Cairo, Georgia, leaps onto the box, after jumping rope and lifting weights. The contest featured both individual and team events.



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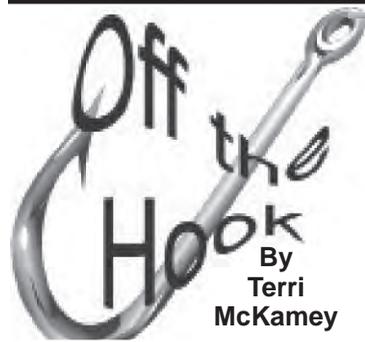
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The Red Snapper season - short, but sweet. Sailfish, Blackfin Tuna and Wahoo are in full swing right now. Did I forget to mention Grouper and Amber-

jack, too? Remember to check the licensing rules, season and bag limits.

I hear that local fishermen are really tearing them up with this dip in temperature that we are having.

I think the best bite right now is the Redfish. Both along the beach and in the Pass. During October they like to school up and down the beaches. You also have Blue fish, Spanish and King Mackerel, and Black Snapper.

Skipjack and the Flounder gigging has just been fantastic. My favorite, though, is that big Bull Redfish. There is nothing as fun as that reel going off and the fight to land that baby. These cooler temperatures make everything so much more enjoyable

too, no matter where you choose to fish.

The night bite at a few of the bridges has been outstanding for White Trout and Redfish. They are landing a shark or two.

The Trout are so plentiful, it is perfect for kids and family outings. Most of the fish are 1 to 1.5 pounds, but they are starting to get a little bigger as fall approaches and the kids just love how easy it is to get one to bite their hook.

I don't care whether you fish the beach or the pier or go out on the boat, right now the fishing is great. The weather is so perfect, there is no excuse for you to not be out there wetting a line. So grab a kid and get fishing. That's where I am heading right now. See you out there.

Sailors Race In Paradise Regatta

Who's ready to raise their sails and race for Special Olympics? Special Olympics will host their first Pensacola Paradise Regatta at Quietwater Beach Saturday, November 2. The sailboat race kicks off at 10 a.m. and will be followed by food, drinks and a silent auction at Pensacola Beach Yacht Club. The race will include Hobie 16 and Open Catamaran class. This event will help

raise funds for our local Special Olympics sailing team which holds their bi-weekly practices at Quietwater Beach and will be competing in a Hobie 16 class division in this race. Come out and support our athletes.

The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, along with members from Navy Yacht Club and Pensacola Yacht Club, are conducting the races as well as providing their

expertise and guidance. The entry fee is \$30. Register online by going to <http://pensacolabeach-yc.org/Racing/EntryForms.aspx> or by contacting Fred Woods at 850.450.9746 or Fredrich.woods@xerox.com.

Sponsorships are still available and can be arranged by contacting Jessica Barrale at jessicabarrale@specialolympicscambia.org.

Wheelmen Host McConnell Ride

More than 400 cyclists from around the region are expected to participate in the West Florida Wheelmen Cycling Club's Annual Fenner McConnell Matt Wantz Blackwater Heritage Century Ride in Milton, Saturday, October 19 at 8 a.m.

The ride routes will start from the Blackwater Heritage Trail and are broken down into four distances of 18, 40, 62 and

100 miles.

Registration fee is \$50 (t-shirts are only guaranteed for the first 400 riders). Participants can register online at www.active.com or contact Big Brothers Big

Sisters of Northwest Florida at 850-433-5437 for additional registration information. Proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida and the Blackwater Heritage Trail Inc.

Compete In Sand Or At Sea

Margaritaville Beach Hotel Sand 5K and SUP Race will splash and dash Saturday, October 26 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Fort Pickens Road hotel. Run, paddle or both. This Pensacola Beach sand race will test your legs and stamina along the challenging beach course. Further test your endurance by hitting Little Sabine for a 3 or 1 mile SUP Race. The Sand 5K begins at 8 a.m. and the paddle board races follow at noon and 1 p.m. Sign up at www.margaritavillehotel.com or imathlete.com.



Pensacola Beach resident Reilly Thompson is at the starting line of the September 28 T.R. Miller Cross Country Invitational in Brewton, Alabama. Reilly is part of the Gulf Breeze High School Dolphins Cross Country team which will compete October 15 and October 17 against area schools at the Cross Country course in Pace. Photo by ekh

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