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Glad Grads

Beach School Hosts Promotion Ceremonies To Honor Fifth Grade Class



Pensacola Beach Elementary School Fifth Grade teacher Tara Turk says they are ready. Her students have worked diligently all year and have completed the standardized testing. All that is left is a little bit of pomp and circumstance to officially send them off. The end of year party and promotion ceremony is Tuesday, May 27. Tara Turk (front, left) watches her Sandpipers leave the nest. Members of the 2014 Fifth Grade Class are (front row, L to R): Libbie Frierdich, Micha Clark, Jocelyn Reeves, Taylor Farej, Mia Montgomery, Ryan Jenkins and Ryland McCurdy. Second row (L to R): Toby Ostheimer, Macy Claire Cronin, Kayla Dickson, Audrey Gordon, Lauren Feltenberger and Lucas Hildebrand. Third row (L to R): Kai Hoffert, Azzi Parries, Jackie Molyneaux, Lauren Kent, Jude Hunter and Max Mateer. Fourth row (L to R): Hannah Buchalter, Alana DePascalis, Lauren Thompson, Jenny Molyneaux and John Turk. At the top is McKaylie Uhl. Absent on picture day, Elise Gehr-Kersch. Want to learn more about what makes fifth grade so fun? Turn to page 2.

Excitement Runs High For Beach School Grads

Exciting. Intense. Bittersweet. Those were some of the words used by Pensacola Beach Elementary fifth graders to describe the last days of fifth grade which include an adventure field trip, promotion ceremony and awards party. The emotions run high when the more than two dozen youngsters reflect on their years at the Beach School and anticipate what their futures hold.

Many of the students have spent their entire elementary school careers at the Beach School. Six years to cement friendships and soak up life lessons. The rigors of the academic subjects and FCAT testing were quickly dismissed by Micah Clark who said they were well prepared by their teachers. Numerous fifth graders have siblings who are currently enrolled or have graduated. Only one fifth grade student, Jocelyn Reeves, has the distinction of being a second generation Sandpiper.

"My mom and my Aunt Elizabeth went to school here," said Jocelyn with a smile.

Looking back over their years at the school that sits in the sand, the classmates had a variety of ideas about the single most important thing that they learned. By far the most prevalent answer was teamwork.

Ryan Jenkins, who sees himself in a career as an electrical engineer, said, "Not reading, math or any subject, but how to work as a team." He continued, "The best thing about the Beach School was learning with a view of the ocean; it's not like any school I've been to or any school I will go to."

Their teacher Tara Turk tried to instill high standards in her young charges. "I hoped they learned to always do their best" she commented.

The unique location only adds to the charm of the school, which has one classroom per

grade. In addition to the trips to the beach, students complimented the teachers, the relaxed atmosphere and their fellow students.

John Turk said, "It's a fun place to be, with great people and a lot of cool stuff to learn."

Alana DePascalis' favorite memory of her fifth grade year was "laughing and hanging out with my old and new friends."

Unlike many small schools, the Beach School Sandpipers accept newcomers into their flock with ease. This class included four new students, two of which were from foreign countries.

In her first year at the Beach School, Audrey Gordon appreciated the relaxed and nice atmosphere and the fact that the school is directly on the beach. The aspiring chemical engineer cited Astronomy Night as her favorite memory of her fifth grade year.

Kai Hoffert's most cherished memory is when Principal Jeff Castleberry announced that she had been named the Pensacola Beach Elementary School's Student of the Year. With a very sweet demeanor, Kai said she earned the distinction by "being good." The award is given to the student who meets high standards in academics and citizenship.

Kai will be recognized at the Promotion and Awards Ceremony along with the winner of the Pensacola Beach American Legion's Patriotism Award. Retired Marine Corps Major and Beach Legion Post Commander Tom Fitzgerald said, "We will honor one boy and one girl for their citizenship and patriotism. They receive a certificate and a \$50 check."

The entire class will entertain the attendees with an instrumental and choral performance in addition to the ceremonies. Max Mateer commented that they will sing the school song.

The song was written by his older sister, who also attended the Beach School.

Their strong academics lead the fifth graders to aspire to careers in medicine, engineering and marine biology. Ryland McCurdy wants to be a Beach Lifeguard and Lauren Kent is pointed toward architecture. "I learned

about how to draw functional blueprints in the gifted program I attended," said Lauren.

Each fifth grade class has their own personality admitted their teacher. This class was very talkative and wanted to discuss a wide range of topics. They were capable of expressing themselves. Turk felt this would serve

them well throughout their lives. Above all she hoped she instilled lessons of working hard, helping others, seeking excellence and retaining the youthful zest in all they do.

Turk summed it up like this, "I hope they continue to have that spark of curiosity about the world."

Each Pensacola Beach School Fifth Grader left a little bit of advice for the rising class. Here are their thoughts...

- Enjoy your last year because it goes by faster than you think. ~Hannah Buchalter
- Don't worry, fifth grade is a piece of cake. ~Macy Claire Cronin
- Make school as fun as it can be. ~Alana DePascalis
- Save the environment and save the insint animals. ~Taylor Farej
- Always pay attention and listen very carefully. ~Lauren Feltenberger
- Never ask Mrs. Turk a "what if." ~Libbie Frierdich
- Don't start problems. The past is in the past. ~Audrey Gordon
- Don't interrupt the teacher and be quiet. ~Kai Hoffert
- Don't be worried. ~Lucas Hildebrand
- Relax...to an extent. ~Jude Hunter
- Don't worry about all those myths and rumors that don't exist. Look forward to learning, the new people that come, and all the GREAT field trips! ~Ryan Jenkins
- Make the most out of 5th grade because it will be your last year of elementary school. ~Lauren Kent
- Do your best and always listen to the teachers. ~Max Mateer
- Don't argue. Be nice. Don't ask to go to the beach. Also, don't mess with her coffee. ~Ryland McCurdy
- Charish your last year of PBES and don't say crap infront of Ms. Pitts. ~Jackie Molyneaux
- Enjoy elementary while you have it. ~Jenny Molyneaux
- Do not ask "what if" questions. ~Mia Montgomery
- Always do your homework on time, and stay organized! ~Jocelyn Reeves
- Don't ask "what if" questions! ~Lauren Thompson
- Follow the rules, eat your fruits and vegetables, stay cool. ~John Turk
- Work hard and play hard. Do your best. Be kind. Have fun. ~Teacher Tara Turk

Uszok Wins Elk's Lodge Essay Contest

Pensacola Beach resident Zofia Uszok was awarded first place in the Florida Elks Association Americanism Essay Contest for her submission of "What Does Veterans Day Mean to Me?" She was presented a \$1500 check from the State Lodge and a \$200 award from Pensacola Beach Lodge #497, Friday, May 16. The Americanism Essay Contest is a national effort by the Elks Association, geared to help promote patriotism among today's youth.

This year's theme "What Does Veterans Day Mean to Me?" was aimed at bringing a greater appreciation of our Veterans and heritage, and instilling our youth with heartfelt feelings of patriotism, according to

Lodge representatives.

Zofia, who is in eighth grade at Gulf Breeze Middle School,

will read her winning essay at the Florida Elks Association State Convention in Orlando.



Pensacola Beach Elks Jim White, left, and Beryle Farmer, right, award Zofia Uszok, center, a certificate and a \$1700 prize May 16 at Gulf Breeze Middle School.

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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 –
June 6, 1986

Little girl sitting on the beach, tell me how far your bikini must reach. Here it is, the 1986 swim suit season! In my last "high fashion" column, I warned all of you that no designer has yet come up with a big, baggy swimsuit.

On the contrary, what I see this summer looks like the best bikini buys are about \$100 per ounce. This year's swim wear lets it all hang out, and you may find there is too much hanging out. What do you do? Well, there's the Bloomingdale Diet - - the one where all the department store employees

took off hundreds of composite pounds - - there's Pritikin and Solomon - - Scarsdale, the Air Force diet, grapefruit pills, no fat, low fat, and high fat - - on and on. None of these diets include Bushwackers, Fried Mullet, Red Beans and Rice or potato chips. Beer is the worst four letter word ever known to

dieters. In my opinion, the only way to go for a person on a diet is hiding from the world. While your friends are all sitting around Dirty Joe's, Café Porte Bleue, Flounder's or Stanley and Andrea's carport, you are in mourning...grieving over the loss of your regular way of beach life. You must set aside eating, drinking and socializing for the duration of time it takes to get to bikini size.

clicked. He modified the cave man diet somewhat, exchanging lean meat and fish for snakes and grasshoppers. He added whole wheat pita bread (boy, the cave men would have clubbed their mothers for a piece of pita bread), potatoes and rice.

He kicked out eggs, butter, oils, simple sugars and trips to his favorite pub. Although he did not stick rigidly to the consumption of grasshoppers and snakes, he did lose weight in a relatively short time. He claims he noticed a marked increase in his energy and well being. When last seen he was wearing leopard skin swim trunks (mainly because no dinosaur skins were immediately available). The "cave man" diet is very simple. Cut out everything that tastes good. No doubt, you will soon be a size five just as you have always imagined you might be. Beware of side effects such as throwing away all combs and brushes, divorce on the grounds that no one should be dragged by the hair of the head, and going into cardiac arrest every time a poor, innocent grasshopper sits down on your windowsill. This is the price you must pay in addition to the \$100 per ounce for your 1986 swim suit.

Summer Camps Get Kids Back To Nature

Junior Ranger

The popular Junior Ranger Camps located at Gulf Islands National Seashore for children ages 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11 explores the biology and history of Gulf Islands National Seashore. Camp for 6 to 8-year-olds is set for 9-11 a.m. Monday June 30, July 28 and August 4. Please go online to www.nps.gov/guis for other age groups. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Ranger Beckie Mims at 850-934-2631.

The program is free, but there is an \$8 entrance fee to the Fort Pickens Area.

Surf Camp

Join Billabong and Innerlight this summer for Surf Camp! Whether you've never set foot on a board, or just want to sharpen your skills, Surf Camp is a fun

and unique experience. You'll walk away with a surf adventure you won't forget. Camp is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, weekly. The camp is hosted Gulfside, just west of Portofino. Camp is open to strong swimmers who are 8 years or older. Adults are welcome.

Expect quality instruction from top-notch surf schools selected by Quiksilver and Roxy. Learn Surfing etiquette, culture, training and techniques along with Ocean science such as info on waves, tides and marine biology.

The organizers said no worries if the surf is flat there will be other fun games and activities for the participants. Each camper will get a Surf Camp T-shirt, stickers, lip balm and more. Cost is \$150.

For more information on what to bring and registration,

Innerlightsurf.com, email: surf-camp@innerlightsurf.com or call 850-549-4011.

Junior Sailing Camp

Pensacola Beach Yacht Club gets the younger set out on the water at the Junior Sailing Camp, August 4-8. The Sailing Basics camp includes lessons in the basic principles of sailing for beginners then progresses through the intermediate skills.

Students will be introduced to the Sunfish and Hobie Catamaran and learn in the boat that suits his or her physical size, age and skill level. Students must be at least 7 years old and be able to swim in open water.

Registration forms are at Pensacolabeach-yc.org. Cost is \$200 per session, includes training materials.

For information, call Cindy McBride 850-572-3049.

2013-2014 Student of the Year



Kai Hoffert, 10, is the Student of the Year at Pensacola Beach Elementary School. The fifth grader has been a Beach School student since kindergarten. Hoffert said the best thing about attending the Beach School is getting to see all her friends and teachers each day. That positive attitude is one of the attributes which was recognized in making this award. Hoffert is aiming for the heavens when she envisions her career. She wants to make robots for Mars.

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Trivia

IB BOUND

Congratulations to Cameron Hunter of Villa Sabine. The freshman at Gulf Breeze High School has been selected to join the International Baccalaureate program at Pensacola High School. After high school she hopes to attend the University of Edinburgh where her grandfather lectures.

BEACH WATCHER

Third generation beach guy Joey Whibbs has been conducting beach surveys since 2010 Deep-water Horizon oil spill. He works for the state as an Environmental Specialist for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. He was the surveyor who discovered the huge mat in February at Ft. Pickens and continues to document the tar balls which wash up on the sand. The avid surfer is responsible for a large swath of sand, encompassing a multi-county area of beaches.

SLOW DOWN

Beach School Board President Todd McCurdy is looking forward to summer to slow down. The construction at the school should begin about June 10; and his kids' sports schedule eases up. Last weekend the McCurdy clan had games in Auburn, New Orleans and Destin. Maddie Grace plays basketball and volleyball which includes traveling volleyball and sand volleyball teams. Cayson and Ryland are on different baseball teams which travel, sometimes in opposite directions.

KREWE DOINGS

The Krewe of Bananimals welcomed Daniel and Katie Johnson, a father-daughter duo as their newest members. The Krewe is gearing up for their Luau and Shrimp Boil at the Sandbar, June 8. They sell ice cold bottled water at the Pensacola Beach Air Show to benefit the Santa Rosa Kids House. Stop in and see 'em.

SNOW LOVE

Pensacola Ski Club is taking full credit for the romance that blossomed between Ric Adams and Dorothy Knight who tied the knot on May 3. Adams is a reverse Snowbird. He teaches skiing at Whitefish in the winter and sailing here in the summer. The newlyweds met at the Pensacola Ski Club Spring party last year. Information about the Club,

which was founded in 1974, is online at PensacolaSkiClub.com. You might fall in love, too.

GET THE BEAT

Felicia Fisher reported that Nate Smith and his True Blue Band took the May 6 Bands on the Beach audience by surprise when they invited a petite musician up to jam with them. Seems the four-year-old was ready to show off her skills and was thrilled beyond belief when the professionals put her in the limelight.

BEACH BRIDE

Wedding bells chimed on the sands of Pensacola Beach May 10 when Stan Arbaczauskas took Kelly Dunn to be his wife. The couple, who will reside on Pensacola Beach until the end of the summer, were joined by their children Dalton Will, 8, Hollyn Will, 8 and Kate and Peter Arbaczauskas, 6 and 11, respectively.

GO JON

Longtime Beach residents Bonnie and Jim Elbert's grandson Jonathan Dorf will be a Methodist University Monarch in the fall. The private college in Fayetteville, North Carolina signed Dorf to an athletic scholarship. Dorf was recently named the MVP LaCrosse defenseman at Gulf Breeze High.

TOASTING TEX

Family and friends gathered to toast Tex Atkinson's May 11 birthday. Only 86-years-young, Tex is the multi-talented pilot, author and beach pioneer who specializes in ruling the felt at the-Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun games. He's been known to show up at the poker tables in Biloxi, too.

HOMETOWN WINNER

Former Beach School student Slater Trout has been a leader in the paddleboarding sport. The professional racer recently represented the United States at the Stand Up Paddle Racing World Championships in Nicaragua May 3-11 earning a bronze medal in Technical Sprint and a silver relay medal. Slater's former teacher Margie Pitts is a big fan and follows his career, as do his beach neighbors. Surf Burger's Alice Bohannon was on Pensacola Beach with one eye on the Innerlight Surf Contest and one on a live feed from the World Championships.

The Trivia Master did not demand accuracy. He did not request that you get it on the nose. He only wanted to know who could get closest to the number of trolleys who stepped aboard the island's seasonal transportation system. 53,247...That was the number of people who took a free ride aboard Pensacola Beach's trolleys last season as reported by Paolo Ghio, the Santa Rosa Island Authority's Director of Environmental and Developmental Services.

Big Bob Dority is the winner. He was close enough. Close only counts for horse shoes, hand grenades and trolley rider estimates. Look for Big Bob in his white truck or white golf cart wearing his new *Island Times* shirt.

So, the Trivia Master is thinking about the island tribe of Wooly Boogers and their royal family. Time was when Her Royal Sweetness, Queen Shugah, the Benevolent and Adorable Titular Ruler of the Great Sandspur Republic had a King and sometimes a Royal Consort. Of late, not all Queens have had a Royal Consort and there have been no Wooly Booger Kings crowned in recent history.

The Royal Consort holds the temporary title of Sir Dude, The Royal and Loyal High Duke of the Sugar Bowl. The Consort has a list of tasks including the delivery of the Queen to her royal events, the guardian of the talismans and gris gris, and to keep the Queen up in a way to which she has become accustomed. No easy task but the bearded and beer drinking were up to the charge.

So Wooly Boogers, dust off your brain cells. Make a with-

drawal from your memory bank. Can you name the very first Sir Dude?

Send your answer with your name and phone number to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with Trivia in the subject line. If you are the first correct answer, you will win a special *Island Times* trivia t-shirt. (Not available in any retail location or online.) Let's see your Wooly answers!

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“The camp is a free summer day camp supporting children of low income and disadvantaged families within the greater Pensacola area,” said Director Allison Sanchez. “Last year we had over 280 campers ranging in ages from 6 to 11.”

Sanchez is the reigning Queen of the Krewe of Nauga, so she is hoping that Mardi Gras krewes, Beach residents and businesses will help the Bananimals collect some much needed supplies.

“Last year the Bananimals really did a good job, but we need to do more,” said Karen Cook, krewe founder. “This stuff is so much fun to buy and makes such a difference for these children attending camp. Let’s make this a beach-wide effort.”

During a typical day, the children participate in craft activities, guided nature walks, swimming, games and music. Guest speakers provide talks and demonstrations with child interaction on topics such as environmental stewardship, natural resources and the protection and under-

standing of wildlife and plants.

In order to continue to serve these children, Camp Happy Sands has a wish list. Donations of the requested items can be delivered by Friday, June 6 to Resort Quest, 731 Pensacola Beach Blvd. or the Beach Visitors Center. In order of priority:

- New Beach Towels
- Gas Cards (Wal-mart/ Sams)
- Lowe’s gift cards (for replacing boards on the boardwalk)
- Flip flops: Girls Small thru large; Boys Small thru large
- Bathing Suits: Girls -5T-12, *especially size 10; Boys-5T-12,*especially sizes 6-10
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- Children’s nature or animal books (for the kids to read while riding in the vans)
- Large boxed gold fish crackers
- Cloth Grocery Bags
- Foam Crafting Sheets
- Foam sea life stickers
- Water Nets (small)
- Medium boogie boards
- Hula hoops
- Medium storage totes

For details, 850-449-0731.



Rob Flores of Las Vegas competes in the Pro Am Ski division of the Pro Watercross event May 10 at Casino Beach. Athletes competed for two days during the first stop on a tour which continued on to Panama City Beach. Flores earned third place.



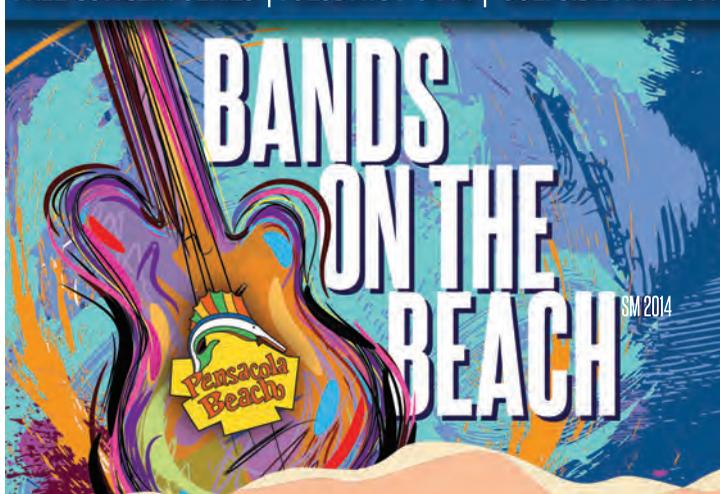
Pro Watercross Tour made its first stop May 10 at Casino Beach. The Santa Rosa Island Authority was a sponsor of the event. Jared Moore faced the churned up Gulf during the Pro Am Run-about race. He finished fifth.

Book Club Meets

The Gulf Breeze Book Club will meet at the Pensacola Beach Elk’s Lodge, Monday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. This month’s discussion will center around the novel, The Lost City of Z by David Grann.

Guests are always welcome to attend the meetings. Please contact Donna Jones at 850-932-8620 or donnaljones@hotmail.com for more details.

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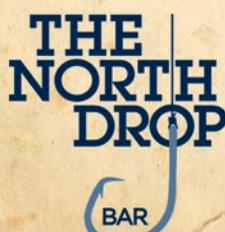
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What a Blessing it is to finally have some glorious sunshine! Thank You God. I love rain and I love a nice, windy, raging storm even more, especially with that heavenly fireworks display.

I sincerely hope everyone affected by flooding will soon have what you need to get some sense of order and normalcy back in your lives. Most of us on the Island know exactly how you feel.

Somehow I've been lucky enough to manage the miracle of holding on to my fabulous rain hat (and finding it). It's not pretty, but it is very effective with a nice wide brim that keeps the rain off my glasses so I can see. Another great feature is that you can twist-fold the hat (just like the twist-fold sun visors/protectors people use in their windshields) then put it in the nifty case that came with it. That keeps the wet hat from dripping all over a store or Old Blue. It also has a slide string to secure it tightly which comes in handy when the wind is blowing hard enough to turn umbrellas inside out.

Bill and I escaped to Biloxi for a combined celebration of his birthday and Mother's Day. We were lucky to score free rooms for all three nights which was a very pleasant surprise. We have never been offered freebies for Friday and Saturday nights (those are usually reserved for High Rollers and we are low rollers). So we had free money to gamble, free food to eat and not only free, but very nice rooms to stay in. The big bonus was The Doobie Brothers were performing on Saturday night. And I had two free tickets. Unfortunately by the time I booked our reservations, the concert was "Sold Out."

When I mentioned it was Bill's birthday, the gentleman at the door generously allowed us to go in and stand in the back. The Doobie Brothers can still rock the house.

Lady Luck finally smiled on me with perfect timing on Mother's Day. I didn't hit a big jackpot or any real major money. But I did win enough to cash it out and enjoy one more casino before heading home. I had some free money to play there and if I'm in Biloxi, I hate leaving free money "on the table."

The lovely Lady smiled again and I cashed out a nice enough bit of pocket change to know it was time to leave. I know better than to get greedy. I did make a detour by the casino's bakery and bought some very pretty and delicious goodies to snack on during our ride.

I guess that's about when my luck ran out. I had a Krewe of Nereids meeting scheduled shortly after returning home. Becky Shearman was sweet and offered to drive Paulette Provost and me since it was in Gulf Breeze at the home of Lila and Jim Cox.

I was actually dressed and ready before time (I know y'all don't believe it, but it is true) when someone knocked on the front door. Unable to imagine who it could be and not seeing a car outside, I was surprised to see my neighbors standing there. Mainly because she was holding her head, there was blood on her clothes and she asked for help. Poor Darlin' - she was going up her stairs after getting the mail when she tripped and fell backwards landing and hitting her head on the decorative stone pavers. She had her cell phone, but couldn't see the screen in the sun. Unable to leave her husband alone (he suffers from advanced dementia), this injured Steel Magnolia got up those stairs. Then she got back down those stairs with her husband, down the street, into my driveway, then up my stairs. I call her a "Steel Magnolia" even though she's originally from across the Big Pond. It's like being an SOB - no matter if you live on the beach or not - if you have it in your heart already, then you've earned the title. And this woman certainly earned it.

Thankfully my daughter Mel was here. She helped doing all we asked of her. Very soon my neighbor's daughter arrived to take her to the hospital. (By this time Becky had come by and I'd explained what was going on and told her to extend my regrets to Lila and the fins.)

Once the emergency was over, I lamented that the one time I'm actually ready before time and I'm missing the meeting. Mel offered to drive me over to Lila's and I decided to accept. Maybe I should have stayed home. When I arrived everyone

was out back by the pool on the nice patio. I barely had time to say hello before I missed a step down and fell.....forward....not backward. I managed to slow the fall with one knee, one elbow and finally stopping on one cheek on the concrete. At least I managed to turn my head so I didn't hit face front. I just couldn't believe it. I was much luckier than my neighbor though, I only ended up with a beautifully colored eye. So I'm not complaining, just sayin'.....really?

I hope everyone takes the opportunity to remember our Veterans and active duty military and their sacrifices. I am grateful to you who have so faithfully served my Country, you who serve now and you who will serve in the future. Thank you. I am grateful to those Veterans whose memories are celebrated this Memorial Day and thankful they are safe in the loving arms of God where they have peace and all pain and sorrow is gone. Thank you.

I hope everyone enjoys this week's recipe. Although I still and most likely always will prefer my green tomato's fried in oil, this is a pretty good substitute. It will definitely be better when it gets too hot to fry unless you plan to use the sidewalk. Right now: C'mon down. The weather's perfect. Let's cook....

Fried Green Tomato Casserole

6 or 7 medium green tomatoes, sliced 1/4 inch thickness
Salt and Pepper to taste
1 1/2 Cups Ritz cracker crumbs, divided
1 1/4 Cups Sharp Cheddar cheese, grated and divided
8 Tbsp. butter, divided

Layer half the tomatoes in a shallow greased baking dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Layer 3/4 cup cracker crumbs and half the cheese on top of tomatoes. Dot with 4 tablespoons of the butter in small pieces. Layer remaining tomatoes, add salt and pepper and cover with remaining cheese. Top with remaining cracker crumbs and 4 tbsp. butter in small pieces. Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 10 minutes or until brown.

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 Flounder's Beach www.gbumc.org
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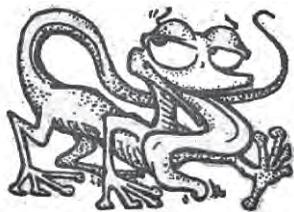
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The Lizzard's Tongue...

BY ELIZABETH K. HEWSON

Most mornings my friend, Bob Dority, posts to Facebook a gorgeous picture of the sunrise on Pensacola Beach. I am grateful that he does because I am usually out running or walking my dog, Pete, and the picture I actually see is very different from the one he posts.

I am unfortunate enough to get the visual reminder of those who have enjoyed their long weekend stay, especially if it's been for some kind of celebration beyond just a simple family vacation. The trash cans in front of these rental houses are overflowing, while even more trash bags are stacked on the ground making for a precarious base for additional refuse that is neither bag nor can worthy. Since normal trash pickup is not until Friday, and considering the weather we have on the Beach, from wind and rain to temperatures ranging in the mid-80s, you can only imagine where the trash ends up or how quickly it starts to smell when this scenario begins on a Monday.

Now most rental agents are very good about rectifying the situation once they are called. But I have to ask, why do they have to be notified? Shouldn't they be on top of cleaning up their tenants' mess immediately? They must have a contract that states when the renters are



checking in and when they are checking out. There should be no proverbial elephant in the room on this one. If party supply rental company can show up first thing Monday morning and remove all the chairs and tables from the front lawn, why can't the leasing agent do the same with the trash? It's just the cost of running a business and the appropriate measure to take since some these houses are in a residential neighborhood. Yes, there are still some of us who call Pensacola Beach home every day, every night.

Also what's the story behind the dumpsters located by Cowley Park between the tennis courts and the elementary school? Thousands upon thousands of dollars have been spent to beautify Via de Luna, and yet

no one seems to be responsible or accountable for the trash that is accumulating at this site. The other day, the wind was blowing just right and the stench was that of the Pensacola dump. Pete

was in scent heaven. I was trying not to gag. A family picked up their strolling pace and the little kids were squealing with their noses pinched, "P.U. It stinks mommy!" Out of the mouths of babes comes the truth.

Yes, we have a refuse problem and I believe we are all responsible. The rental agencies need to pick up after their tenants immediately and not allow overflowing cans to sit curbside

for any amount of time unless they are being emptied that day. Everyone, locals included, needs to stop using the Cowley Park dumpsters unless they have permission to do so, especially if they are overflowing. Yes, I believe when there are beds and household appliances left in a

pile by the dumpsters, it's probably a local and not a tourist, but I could be wrong. In case I am correct, remember ECUA is just a phone call away. Since these dumpsters are on Santa Rosa Island Authority property, they need to be more proactive as well. All the palm trees in the

world cannot hide the disgusting mess or mask the putrid smell at these dumpsters.

We need action and people to start cleaning up now or soon we will be living and vacationing on Trashacola Beach. And that my friends, will really stink.

Until next time...

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Dumpster site near Cowley Park had become an eyesore and assault on the senses. The Santa Rosa Island Authority dispatched a clean up crew after they were notified of the problem.



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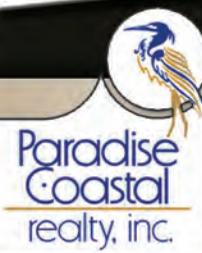
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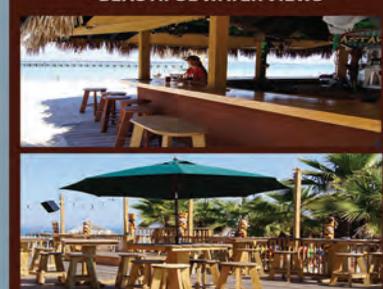
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Showing off her moves, Hannah Waltman earned second place, Groms, at the Second Annual Yancy Spencer III Memorial Surf Contest, May 10 at Casino Beach.



Nat Harding checks out the waves May 10 during the Second Annual Yancy Spencer III Memorial Surf Contest. Harding was awarded sixth place in the Groms division.



Women's Longboard Division Winner Juliana Costa at the Second Annual Yancy Spencer III Memorial Surf Contest, May 10 at Casino Beach.



Connor Bryan exits the Gulf after the horn sounded to end the Groms 14 and under age division at the Second Annual Yancy Spencer III Memorial Surf Contest, May 10 at Casino Beach. Bryan took home third place.



Haley Bohannon pilots her longboard at the Yancy Spencer III Memorial Surf Contest. Bohannon is an accomplished surfer.



Heading out for another set at the Second Annual Yancy Spencer III Memorial Surf Contest, May 10 at Casino Beach - Abby Remke competed in the Groms and the Women's Longboard contest.



Suzanne Gibson catches a wave during the Second Annual Yancy Spencer III Memorial Surf Contest. Gibson earned third place in the Women's Longboard division.



Anna Romero on her longboard at the Second Annual Yancy Spencer III Memorial Surf Contest, May 10 at Casino Beach. She took home fifth place.



Jackson Devault in the Groms division at the Yancy Spencer Surf Contest, May 10.



Eric Burnett nailed this fat Speck right on the rocks on the fishing bridge near The Grand Marlin. It gave him a bit of a fight and he eventually had to go to the water's edge to haul in the 25 inch fish. When Eric's not catching his dinner, he's cooking dinner for the patrons at Hemingway's. Photo by Saltwater Rick Uzdevenes

Sunrise and Sunset with Safari-Su

By Susan Haselton-Barr



Jambo (hello) everybody. Be like a postage stamp and stick with it until it gets there.

It was very late and very dark as Mother Nature unleashed her wrath on our community. The wind was so strong and you could smell the rain in the air. Suddenly there was an enormous

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ear-splitting clap of thunder, followed by streaks of lightning that divided the black sky in two. Usually this is accompanied with a few minutes of peace. During those few minutes one is able to collect herself and prepare for the next assault to the senses. However, in our case there was no rest. The claps of thunder followed an on-slot of lighting continued for the entire night. I have a two-story house with a traditional chimney. The sound resonated down the chimney and exploded in the house like a modern day amplifier. One could truly feel the pitch-black night out side. It became its own entity with an enormous fear attached to it. I gave the night of rain and thunder a physical body and became terrified of its presence. As the sun rose the next morning I was reminded, once again, that darkness can be erased from our lives. During the night I felt alone

and surrounded by enemies and lost my anchor. But hope is always present. I was one of the lucky ones. The water danced around my front door, but only managed to sashay its way in the front entry. My neighbors were not so lucky. We, as a community, are surrounded by nature and its devastating circumstance. The years of living in Gulf Breeze have been proof. These forces cannot be magically changed, but our hearts and minds can be. Most of us spoke to our neighbors for the first time since the Hurricanes. Strangers rallied to our community's side. Gulf Breeze did take a detour however our HOPE and strength to survive will never be defeated. Our community is like a postage stamp. We stick together until all our families get to the place they need to be.

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PAW'S CORNER..... Sam Mazzotta

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When training cats, it's better to convince them that they want to do something, rather than forcing them to do it or punishing undesirable behavior. Take advantage of their natural instincts to develop your own ways to train them, and combine that training with a specific reward when the cat responds positively.

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Turtle Trax



By DJ Zemenick

Where are all our sea turtles? We're almost three weeks into patrol season and we haven't yet found a single nest on Pensacola Beach or the Gulf Islands National Seashore. There hasn't even been a false crawl.

Perdido Key had its first sea turtle nest of the 2014 season May 20.

This is only my sixth year as a sea turtle patroller, but I know there were previous years when they were late coming in. Perhaps the record-breaking winter and lingering cold snaps on Pensacola Beach has had some effect on them. Heaven knows I'm still somewhat shaken by the memory of seeing people sledding on our frozen beach this year. Heading into the third week of patrol, we even had a period with chilling north winds and low temps around 59 degrees, which I dubbed our "dewberry winter."

Each year I'm impatient to find my first sea turtle nest but, like all of nature, mama sea turtles move at their own pace. We know they are out there waiting for some arcane signal which triggers their innate behavior. Boaters, surfers, paddleboarders and people fishing from the pier can see them gracefully swimming along, but this season the secret signal has not yet sounded. If there is one lesson the sea teaches, it is

patience.

In the meantime, even on days with the harshest conditions, sea turtle patrollers are given unique insight into shorelife. Like surfers know the waves and boat captains know the currents, sea turtle patrollers know the seashore. We are taught by the same teacher who chastises us when we try to second guess her, but uniquely rewards us for our passion. We bow to her beauty, but tremble when she manifests her fury.

While waiting on sea turtles these past few years, I've learned so much more. I've learned how tides and currents can alter the shoreline practically overnight. A cut can be made in one place and just as quickly heal or continue to deepen until it claims sand-fencing and creates sharp drops that divide sections of the beach. A calm sea may later sweep sand from sandbars and recreate a beautiful wide beach where it once was narrow. Mother Nature has her moods.

I've learned that identifying shorebirds is more difficult than I thought because their plumage changes so much and so often. I've learned to keep my eyes open for unusual birds that are migrating or blown off course during a tropical storm and end up on our beach, so don't dismiss your friend's account of seeing a pink flamingo in the

National Seashore as a night of too much partying. It happened just six years ago.

Somewhere along the way I finally learned, like Anne Lindbergh said, "One cannot collect all the beautiful shells on the beach. One can only collect a few, and they are more beautiful if they are few." Now I just pick one up if it's unusual or to mark a special moment with which I identify it.

I've learned that fewer people are building sand castles and more are just digging holes, which makes me sad; that fishermen should never turn their back to a heron if their lunch box is open; that someone must have created the phrase "don't get your back up" after watching territorial sanderlings squabble; that I still see beauty in Mermaids' purses even after discovering they are egg casings of sharks, skates and rays; that the wail of a Common Loon at twilight is one of the most beautiful sounds I've ever heard, but its yodel will raise the hair on my neck.

There are so many wonderful things I've learned as a sea turtle patroller through the years, but perhaps the most important of all is that a mama sea turtle will come ashore to nest when she's good and ready. In the meantime, I'm sure Mother Nature has many more lessons for me.

Until next time, Lights Out!

NATURE NOTES

By Rick O'Connor

Florida Sea Grant, University of Florida / IFAS Escambia County



Pensacola Beach had a record year in 2013 for turtle nesting with 20 nests documented by the sea turtle patrol. Unfortunately it was also a near record year for disorientation as well. Here's a few reminders about turtle friendly lighting practices.

The "holy trinity" of turtle friendly lighting is "low, long, shield." "Low" meaning place the light fixture as low as you can to be able to illuminate walkways and porches; you will be surprised how much better you can actually see. And, the stars are awesome! "Long" meaning long wavelength, which would

be in the yellow/red portion of the color spectrum. "Shield" meaning shielding the light source so that the light is directed down. Achieving two of the three will suffice in being turtle friendly.

With indoor lighting try to use shades or move light fixtures so that light is blocked to the beach; and when you go to bed, turn them off. Bring your chairs and umbrellas in each evening and fill deep holes dug during the day. We can all help to become more turtle friendly.

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Calendar

MAY

- 23: Free Trolley Service begins
- 23: Star Gaze at Ft. Pickens. Dusk. \$8 to get in Fort. Gaze free.
- 25: Country Sundays, Boardwalk, 4 pm
- 26: Memorial Day
- 27: Beach Chamber Membership Meeting. Upper Room Coffee Shop, 8:30 a.m. Guests call 850-932-1500.
- 27: Beach Clean Up at Red Fish, Blue Fish, 10 a.m.
- 27: Meet Carolina P. McMullen, author. Book Signing, Springhill Suites. 11-1 and 3-5. Also May 28, 29, 30
- 27: Business After Hours, Shaggy's. Guests Call 850-932-1500. 5:30 to 7 pm
- 27: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm www.visitpensacolabeach.com
- 28: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com
- 29: Transportation Symposium Hilton. Thru 30.
- 30: Last day of School
- 31: DeLuna Landing Fiesta of Five Flags, Boardwalk Amphitheatre. 3pm

JUNE

- 1: Mere Mortals triathlon training group. 6 a.m. trigulfcoast.org
- 1: Woolly Booger Keep The Hurricanes Away This Season Bawl, 3 p.m. Paradise Bar and Grill. No charge. Open to all.
- 1: Country Sunday, Boardwalk, 4 pm
- 2: Surf Camp Sessions begin. innerlightsurf.com
- 3: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm www.visitpensacolabeach.com

- 5: Sunset Tri, Portofino. TeamMPI.com
- 6: Stargaze, Casino Beach. Dusk, weather permitting. Free. Also on June 7.
- 7: Fishin Chix Rubber Boots Tourney, Flounder's Beach
- 7: Florida Trail Days Walk, 6:30 pm Ft. Pickens
- 8: Mere Mortals triathlon training group. 6 a.m. trigulfcoast.org
- 8: Bananimals Luau, Sandbar, 3 pm. Pay at the door.
- 8: Country Sunday, Boardwalk, 4 pm
- 10: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm
- 11: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna, Open to the Public. www.sria-fla.com
- 13: Country Music Fest, Portofino Boardwalk. All weekend.
- 15: Happy Father's Day
- 15: Mere Mortals triathlon training group, 6 am. trigulfcoast.org
- 15: Krewe of Brewe Father's Day Bash, Games. Food. Fun. Sandshaker, 3 pm
- 21: Gary McAdams Run, 7:30 am. Post race party, Sandshaker.

King Crossword — Answers

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Seeing Stars... this week's horoscopes



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There's nothing an Aries Lamb likes less than having to tackle a humdrum task. But finding a creative way to do it can make all the difference. A more exciting time awaits you this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Finishing up a job on time leaves you free to enjoy your weekend without any Taurean guilt pangs. A romantic attitude from an unlikely source could take you by surprise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Moving in a new career direction might be seen by some as risky. But if you have both the confidence to see it through and the facts to back you up, it could prove rewarding.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Holding back on a decision might be difficult, considering how long you've waited for this opportunity. But until you're able to resolve all doubts, it could be the wiser course to take.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You still need to move carefully where financial matters are

concerned. Better for the Lion to move slowly than pounce on a "promising" prospect that doesn't keep its promises.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A rejection of an idea you believe in can be upsetting. But don't let it discourage you. Get yourself back on track and use what you've learned from the experience to try again.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The early part of the week could find you looking to balance your priorities between your family obligations and your career responsibilities. Pressures begin to ease by week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An associate's problem could cause unavoidable delays in moving ahead with your joint venture. If so, use the time to look into another project you had previously set aside.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although a financial problem could be very close to being resolved in your favor, it's still

a good idea to avoid unnecessary spending for at least a little while longer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Support for some unwelcome workplace decisions begins to show up, and continues to build, so that by week's end, the gregarious Goat is as popular as ever.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations.

Deciding to attend a social function you might have earlier tried to avoid could turn out to be one of the best decisions you've made in a long time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting into a new situation could prove to be a more difficult experience than you expected. Don't hesitate to ask for advice in coping with some of the more irksome challenges.

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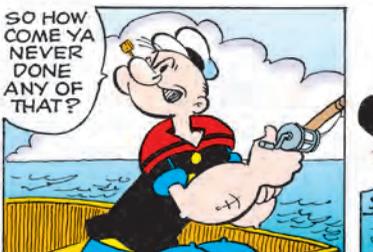
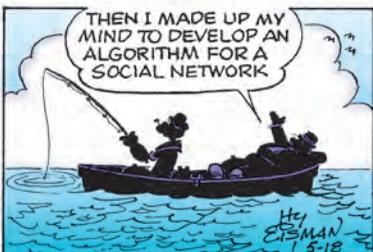
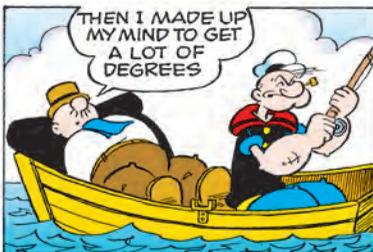
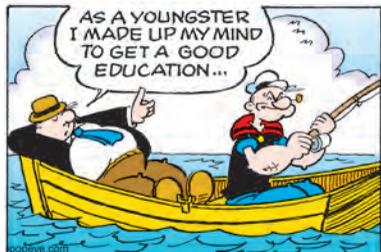
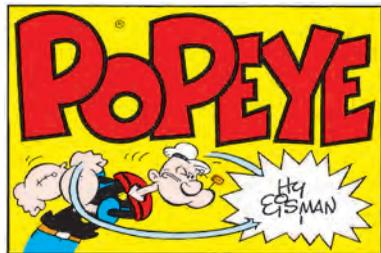
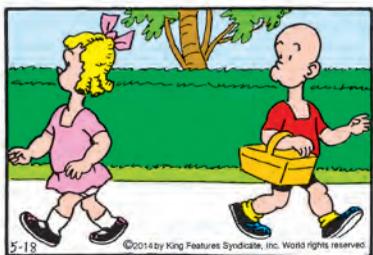
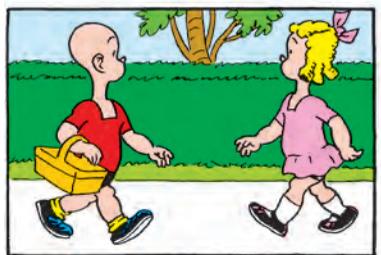
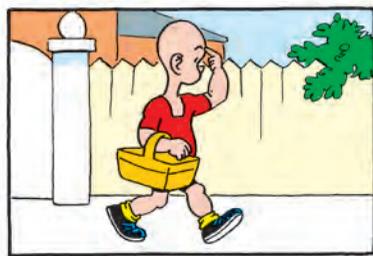
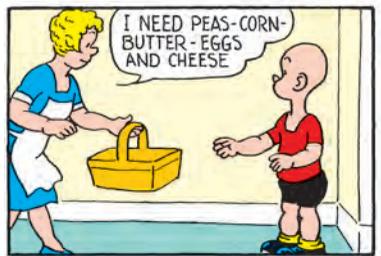
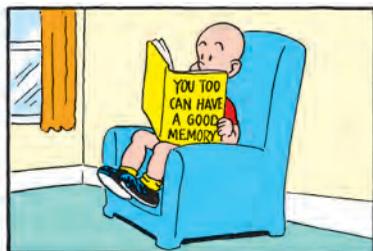
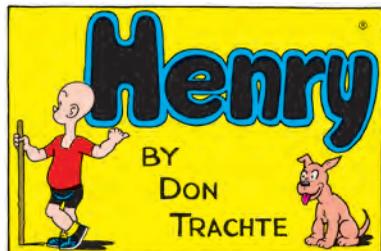
Keep The Hurricanes Away This Season Bawl

Saturday June First
3 pm start time....
Paradise Bar and Grill

(21 Via de Luna...in case you did not already know where it's located)

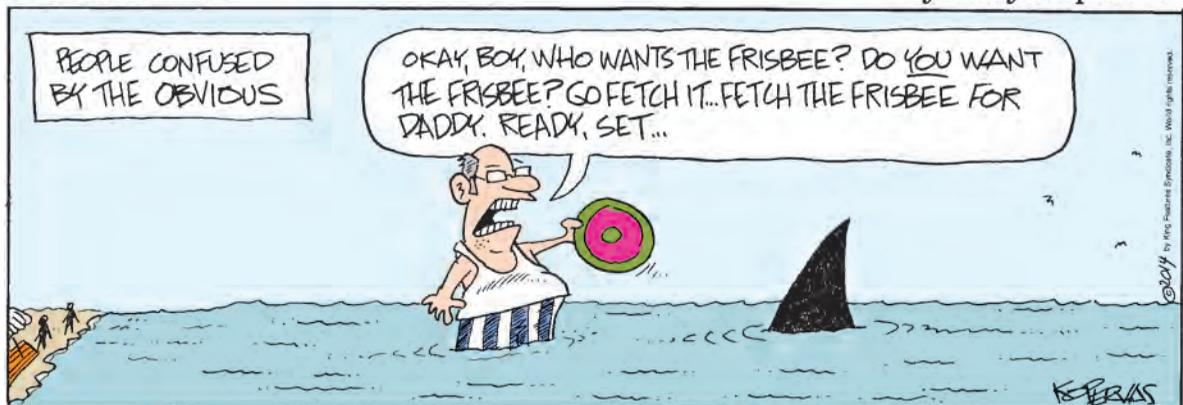
Meet Queen Shugah Melanie

Bring a good luck charm to place at her altar



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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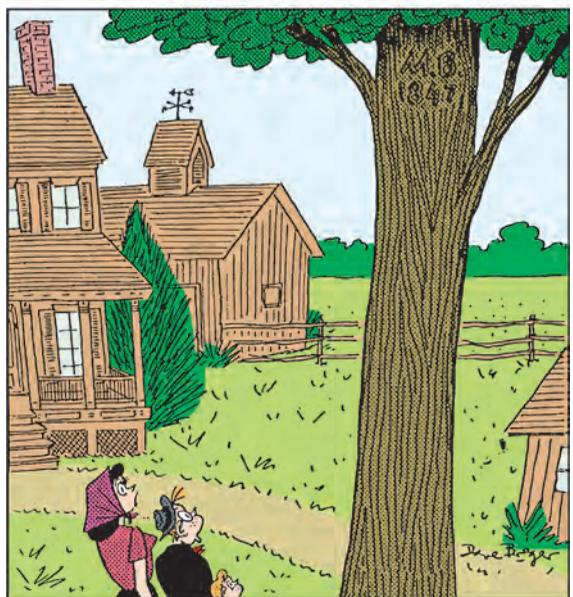
"Saw some wonderful bargains today, but I'd already run out of money."

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"—an' there's Great-Grandpa's initials when he was a boy—Gosh, he musta been kinda tall for his age..."

Business Buzz

SAIL AWAY WITH KEY

Captain Kirk Newkirk with Tom Whitehurst as his crew entered the first ever Florida 300 sailing race. The Key Sailing Team launched their Nacra 20 from Islamorada on May 19 for the four-day race with the finish line at Cocoa Beach. You, too, can capture the wind in your sails or captain a catamaran at Key Sailing. It's under Surf Burger just south of the picnic pavilions on Santa Rosa Sound.

A TRIP IN TIME

Do you need a break from the beach or a few hours to cool your sun drenched soul? Step back in time in The Pensacola Historic Village, TT Wentworth Museum and the Children's Museum. They are located in downtown Pensacola, just a few minutes drive from the beach. Visit historicpensacola.org for all the details.

SUNDAY DINNER

Chef Gregg asks why not end your weekend with The Grand Marlin's Prime Rib Dinner. Slow roasted prime rib, seasonal veggies, Chef's potatoes, \$19.95. No extra charge for the waterfront view.

ON A GOOD NOTE

Beach resident Kathy Winter recommends a visit to Reynolds Music. The 104-year-old building sits at the corner of Garden and Jefferson Street. Oh, the finds you

will discover when you enter! Everything from antiques to dishes, art to odds and ends. Perhaps you need to replace some worn or flood damaged items. And, you can still get the beat in the store's music section.

SHAKE YOUR DAD

The Krewe of Brewe is shaking up Father's Day with their annual party at the Sandshaker, June 15 beginning at 3 p.m. Grown-up kids can bring their dads for some brewed up fun.

JOIN THE CLUB

Leprechauns, lads and lasses can join the Irish Car Bomb Club at Paddy O'Leary's. Twenty bombs and you earn a t-shirt. Some aspire to the Hall of Fame, to get their name on the wall. Do you know any of the Car Bomb Clubbers?

RUB IT IN

Gail Walsh's massage and skin care company is located in Harbortown, just across from the famous Pensacola Beach fish sign in Gulf Breeze. Call her at 850-261-5678 for this month's specials or outcall appointments.

GOING BANANAS

Dive into three slices of Gambino's French Bread, smothered with fresh bananas and rum sauce at Flounder's Sunday brunch. Wash it down with a side of Tim Spencer's music.

BYTES & BITS

By Joe Stukey,
Your Computer Pal

Q: "What are the Top Internet Browsers?"

A: An Internet browser is a computer program that you use to search the Internet and bring web pages into your computer. There are four Internet browsers that are the most used today. In order by market share, the browsers are Microsoft's Internet Explorer (48%), Google's Chrome (21%), Mozilla's Firefox (17%), and Apple's Safari (14%). Market share of all other browsers is negligible.

The fastest growing of those browsers is Google Chrome. Its growth is fueled by the shift towards mobile browsing on millions of smart phones and tablets that use Google's Android operating systems. For the same reason, Apple's Safari is about to move into third place and ahead of Firefox. The Safari software is used on all of Apple's iPads and iPhones.

The trend away from desktop browsing is hurting Firefox because it does not have a good foothold in the mobile market. Firefox actually generates most of its revenue from a contract with Google, and that contract is about to be renegotiated. (When using Firefox to look up things on the Internet, Google is working in the background.)

Internet Explorer will continue to dominate the desktop market, but it also has less focus on the mobile market, which will

hurt market share in the long run. The position in the marketplace is important to those companies because of the revenues that come from advertisements associated

with the use of the Internet browsers by consumers. This article was provided by The Stukey Group. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 850-206-3156.

Are You Kidding?

Sandee Bredesen, a retired educator, has been chuckling for thirty years about the funny things kids say and do.

A child was given a quarter to put in the offering for Jesus by his grandmother. She noticed that he kept coming home with the quarter. So she gave him two quarters, one for him and one for Jesus. One Sunday as the plate was being passed, one of the quarters escaped and rolled under the pews out of reach of the youngster.

He exclaimed to his grandmother, "Oh no, there goes Jesus' quarter!"

When a teacher asked a boy who was fighting, "What happened?" He went into a long dialogue blaming the other student, the girl in the next seat, his brother and George Bush.

Finally the teacher said, "Give me the short version," to which he answered, "I was bad."

(submitted by Virginia Higgins)

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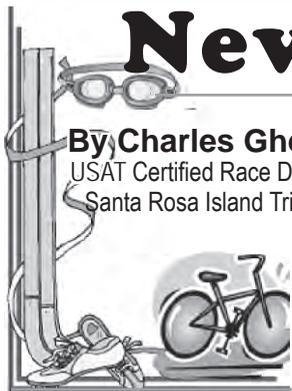
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Never Hurts To Tri



By Charles Gheen
USAT Certified Race Director
Santa Rosa Island Triathlon

Race News And More

The Grandman Triathlon in Fairhope is coming up on Saturday, May 31 and I'm expecting another great athletic experience. This race is definitely on my calendar every year and consists of a 600-yard swim, an 18-mile bike and a 5K run. It centers around the pier in Fairhope Park and includes the huge hill that must be surmounted at the start of the bike and the run legs. It's challenging for those new to the sport and for experienced triathletes as well.

I met three friends at the park this past weekend for a practice "race." Arriving there on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay shortly before 7 a.m., I was soon joined by the three newbies. Yes, these guys have never run a triathlon before and they're preparing hard for their first one.

We began by reviewing each leg of the course particularly the swim start.

The Grandman uses a "time trial" to begin the swim with each of the athletes jumping off a finger pier attached to the main Fairhope Pier. The expected field of 800 enters the water one at a time based on their estimated completion time. You then swim 200 yards south to a buoy before turning 90 degrees to the east and heading for the shore. After climbing up a set of steps off the beach and jogging to Transition, the fun begins.

As noted there is a very steep hill at the start of the bike (and the run) leg. I cautioned them to start in their lowest gear so they could make it up the extreme grade without having to get off their bikes and push. Everyone negotiated the hill just fine and we set out on the rolling course to the turn-around. After reaching that point we pedaled down the scenic drive of the highway along the waterfront all the way back to the pier. We racked our bikes and changed into our running shoes as I drank the last of the pre-mixed sports drink in my bottle.

At the top of the hill I was feeling fatigued which I'm sure was due to not having eaten

anything that morning. I made a mental note to fuel up before extended training runs, but I already knew that. We kept going and maneuvered through all the twisting roads to the turn-around and headed back to the park. When you get to the bottom of the hill, you still have almost a mile left. You have to run north to the duck pond and then back past the pier to the Finish line.

All of us made it with few problems. We had a good discussion about many aspects of triathlon and what to expect on race morning. They are going to do well in their first multi-sport event. I'm really looking forward to seeing them in the race and celebrating with them afterwards.

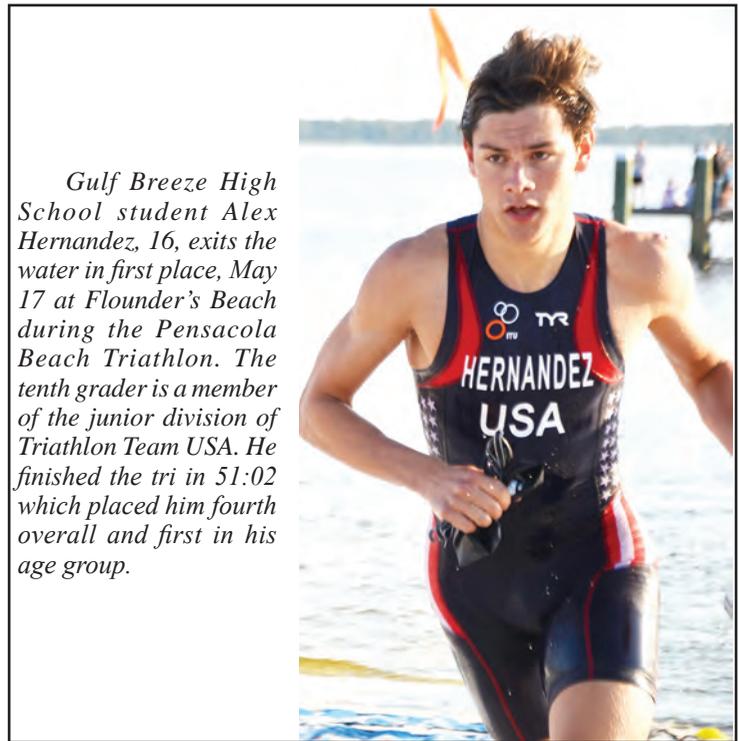
The next day, June 1 at 6:30 a.m., will be the first session of the Mere Mortals training program on Pensacola Beach. The triathlon club of Northwest Florida, TriGulfCoast, conducts this program each Sunday morning all summer long. TGC will teach and train those who are completely new to the sport and also those who are experienced and have run several triathlons.

All three disciplines will be practiced in a group training set-

ting with appropriate safety support in the water. There's nothing like a sizeable group to make you feel comfortable and also to hold you accountable for showing up each Sunday. The program culminates with the Members Only Tri, which is conducted on the same course as the Santa Rosa Island Triathlon. More information is available at www.trigulfcoast.org.

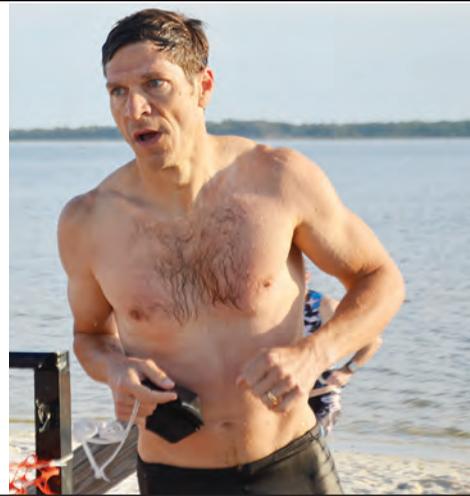
The Gary McAdams 5K will be held on Pensacola Beach on June 21. This annual event benefits the Gary McAdams Scholarship Fund, which provides grants to high school senior scholar athletes every year. The race will begin at Casino Beach at 7:30 a.m. and will feature a post-race celebration at The Sandshaker. For more information go to www.pensacolarunners.com.

Congratulations to the Pensacola Runners Association for putting on a tremendous 40th anniversary Fiesta of Five Flags 10K/5K! Over 1,300 athletes registered to compete in this historic race which bisects the city from Pensacola State College to Seville Square. 10K finishers received the second in a series of five collectors' medals to commemorate this classic event. Nice job PRA!



Gulf Breeze High School student Alex Hernandez, 16, exits the water in first place, May 17 at Flounder's Beach during the Pensacola Beach Triathlon. The tenth grader is a member of the junior division of Triathlon Team USA. He finished the tri in 51:02 which placed him fourth overall and first in his age group.

Andrew Rothfeder, Gulf Breeze, won the men's 45-49 age group at the May 17 Pensacola Beach Triathlon. His time of 51:24 placed fifth overall in a field of 190 triathletes.



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Off the Hook

By Terri McKamey

person in Gulf state and federal waters. The minimum size limit is 16 inches total length.

Regardless if you want to fish for Red Snapper, you had better get out there now. Plenty of Amberjack are being taken as well as a few Cobia although these are quickly dwindling. Yellow Fin Tuna bite is good and some really good sized sharks are being caught.

Surf fishing is producing Whiting and Pompano early in the a.m. and the Spanish and King Mackerel are moving in. There is such an abundance and variety of fish in the water right now and plenty of bait fish to lure them to your rod. It's the perfect time to be fishing.

The kids are getting out of school, graduations are over and vacations are beginning. Welcome to June and a great fishing season is well under way. No excuses now. Grab those kids and get fishing!

So all the talk this week has been about Red Snapper season being cut to nine days in federal waters. Legislators are requesting that NOAA reconsider the federal season cuts. I am not so sure they will be successful.

The 52-day recreational Red Snapper season in Gulf state waters opens Saturday and will remain open through July 14.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission set the opening of the season the Saturday before Memorial Day. It will provide recreational Red Snapper fishing opportunities through an important holiday weekend, helping attract more visitors and bringing economic benefits to our coastal communities, according to FWC officials.

The nine-day federal season lasts June 1 through June 9.

Florida state waters in the Gulf are from the shore to 9 nautical miles. Federal waters extend from where state waters end, out to about 200 nautical miles.

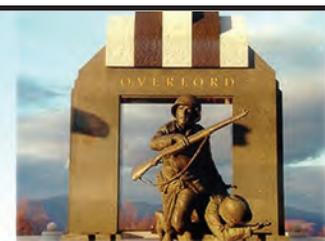
The daily bag limit for Red Snapper will remain two per



Anglers who competed in the Gulf Coast Kayak Fishing Association's annual tournament weighed in a variety of fish at Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze, May 10. Photo left: GCKFA Volunteer Justin Scher brought a 6.6 pound Redfish to the scales. Center: Tournament Organizer Ted Gorder shows off his 6 pound Redfish and 3.5 Trout before returning to angler check in station. Photo Right: Dedicated Weigh Master Robert Turpin, right, and Angler Amanda Silvia. Silvia was first in line at the weigh in so her 1.1 pound Trout topped the leaderboard, temporarily.



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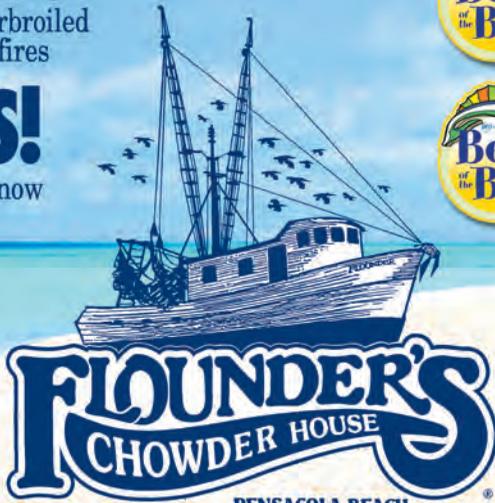
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