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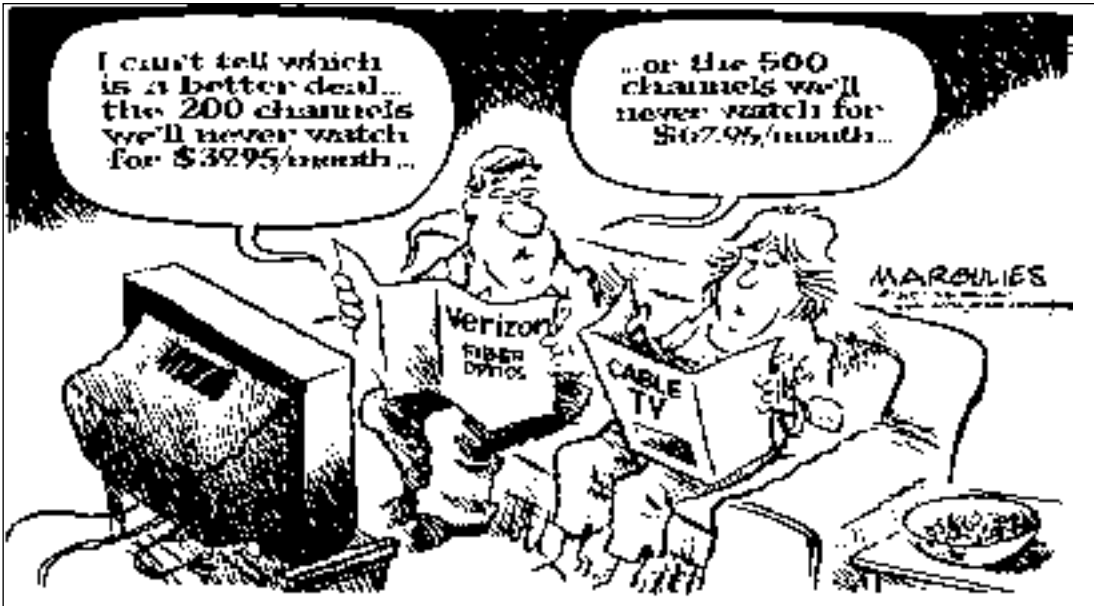
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Newspaper more than just print

About ten years ago, I attended the Student Journalism Institute at the University of Florida. The year I went, the Internet was being introduced as a means of researching information for articles, etc. Other than being completely overwhelmed with the prospect of a wealth of information at my fingertips, my initial thought was, "What does the Internet have to do with newsprint?" It was even stated by institute instructors at that event that the computer would never replace the Sunday paper as it would always be easier to carry the funnies into the restroom rather than a laptop.

Over the course of the past decade, it has remained true that computers haven't overtak-



en newsprint, but an interesting occurrence has taken place: computer activities have complemented papers, weeklies and dailies alike, in the form of blogs, electronic photo galleries.

The Gulf Breeze News web page is wildly popular, receiving nearly one million hits each month, and drawing readers from all over the world. The Gulf Breeze News web page puts our news and our "names"

out there for all the world to see. Google searching any topic related to our community usually links the readers to our articles.

OK, I'm going to admit something. I Google myself, too. About every month or so, I check my name to make sure I'm fulfilling the needs of readers with my articles. Who am I kidding? I want to see if people are talking trash about me. Turns out, some of my articles have appeared in blogs in the depths of cyberspace. This further dissemination of information is another facet of computers extending the reach of our community paper. We are happy to do everything we can to inform the Gulf Breeze market, from paper to TV and web.

Letters to the editor unfounded

This is a response regarding the responses of the people towards the dog attacks in Gulf Breeze. When Mr. McDaniel was attacked by the two Great Danes and German shepard, it wasn't very surprising to me because just a month earlier on December 15, I was attacked by the same two Great Danes.

My mom said that there were some pretty misleading responses to the dog attacks in the paper and that I should check them out. I started reading the responses and I couldn't believe how the people where handling the situation.

First off, there was no sign about the dogs when I was attacked and I had been to the owners house many times in the past, and I was comfortable with the dogs around me. Yes, I was bitten by both of the dogs on each of my arms and on my back and my shirt was ripped, and there are pencil sized bite holes on both sleeves, but that is nothing compared to what Mr. McDaniel went through. Mr.

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McDaniel could have died.

So I'm 16 years old and weigh almost 140 pounds and when you get bit by two 180 pound dogs that sit four feet off the ground, you get a little scared. No one besides Mr. McDaniel and I know what it's like to get attacked by dogs this size.

I've told the WHOLE story to my parents, the doctor who took care of me, and my friends but they still don't know what really happened like Mr. McDaniel and I do. I'm only 16 and I don't know anything about "animal rights" groups but I can tell you that those dogs are capable of killing some one. So yeah, there's a sign in the front saying DO NOT TRESPASS because of the dogs but what about the little kid who can't read. When he rides his bike up the drive way to see the dogs and gets killed, whose to blame for that one? You can decide. I spent that night

sleepless and on painkillers, but Mr. McDaniel spent his night in the hospital because he had to get stitches for all of his wounds.

Like I said earlier, you don't understand what it's like being attacked by dogs much less that are bigger than you. If a little poodle bites you, then you can just kick it off, but it took sticks to get these dogs off this man.

In the end, these dogs are hungry for blood and at this rate it won't be long before somebody else is attacked and who knows how that attack would turn out.

I'm defending myself against the owners, I'm just informing the people (who seem to know so much about Mr. McDaniel's and my attack) that if it was you with the scars on your arms, then you would have thought twice before writing such a disgusting response.

Philip Floyd
Gulf Breeze

Friend sends greetings from the Emerald Isle

To my friends,
I thank you for all the wonderful, thoughtful seasons greeting cards received Christmas 2006. Due to health and other problems it was not possible to send greetings by cards this Christmas. My thoughts and prayerful wishes go out to you. All will be remembered in a mass of thanksgiving.

Wishing you a joyous and holy new year. Bless you for your kindness and love. Greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
Edward Kirby
Thomond House
Limerick, Ireland

Contribution made poster a reality

On behalf of GBHS basketball teams, we would like to thank you for your contribution. Without you we could not have our team poster and programs.

We hope that your advertising will bring you much business in '07.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sincerely,
Janice Duke
GBHS Basketball Tip-off Club

Correction made about volunteer hours

What a marvelous article about GBH Volunteers. What a spread. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

However, there was one mistake. It should have read, we average volunteering 2,800 hours a MONTH, not 2,800 a year. Our fiscal year started Oct 6. Our volunteers worked 2,547 hours in Oct.; 2,524 in Nov.; 2,215 in Dec. Our total hours for 2005/2006 fiscal year was 31,291.25. Yes, thirty-one thousand hours for 12 months, by an

average 160 active volunteers per month. I'm sure you can see how much better that sounds.

Thanks so much to you for the article. Hopefully, it will bring in many more volunteers for the number one hospital.

Thanks again,
Wendy Brandon
President, GBHA

Appreciate contest article

Many thanks for printing an article on the Patriotic Art Contest.

Sheila Crane
Gulf Breeze

Gulf Breeze News delivers customers

Our article in the Home and Garden section of your newspaper was awesome! Mike Morgan was very pleased with it. It turned out better than I had anticipated. Lori tells me she has customers coming in the store with the paper in hand to check out the furniture. Thank

On the Spot:



WHERE WE PUT PEOPLE "ON THE SPOT" TO ANSWER A QUESTION "ON THE SPOT."

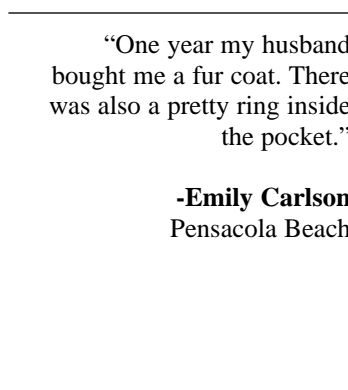
By Franklin Hayes

What's the most romantic thing you've ever seen or been apart of for Valentine's Day?



"I saw a guy buy a dozen roses and he added one artificial rose. He told her 'I'll love you until the last rose dies.'"

-Amelio White
Gulf Breeze



"One year my husband bought me a fur coat. There was also a pretty ring inside the pocket."

-Emily Carlson
Pensacola Beach



"I serenaded a girl at work. I sang Kenny Chesney's 'I will stand.' I was wearing a tweety bird costume. That was her favorite character. She cried and got embarrassed."

-Duane Espy
Pensacola



"[Kellyco Flowers in Pensacola] can make a really nice gourmet basket with champagne, a couple of champagne glasses, gourmet chocolates and a single red rose. A nice piece of jewelry would be a nice touch also."

-Lisa McCauley
Cantonment



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Accurate coverage

Thanks so much "again" for the accurate coverage the Gulf Breeze News. This all helps to inform and it also helps to let the public know that things are getting normalized.

Stirling Boomhower
Administrative Coordinator
for Santa Rosa County's Long Term Recovery Organization,

Announcement made promptly

I just wanted to take a minute to thank you for running the Hope Medical Group announcement so quickly.

Your team is always awesome to work with. Please let us know if you ever need our assistance.

Sincerely,
Ashley Hodge
Baptist Health Care

People on the move submission

Thank you so much for giving Scott the anchor headline and photo with his People on the Move news release! Also, thanks for running my release about my LP offering. Finally, thanks for getting Scott's ad above the fold again. We really appreciate all that you and the entire GBN staff do for us!

Have a GREAT day!

Nice article about couple

Thanks for the nice article about my wife and me. You made the whole experience extremely comfortable. Thanks to Gulf Breeze News for people like you.

Best Regards,
Marty and Art Kraatz
Navarre