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## Seeing Stars

PLANETARIUM



The stage is set. The performance is stellar. You will be dazzled by the stars. As if on cue, the Escambia Amateur Astronomers Association members arrive and set up their high powered telescopes on Pensacola Beach - just as they have done for the past 35 years. The summer star gazes take place at Battery Worth in Ft. Pickens, and at the Gulfside Pavilion at Casino Beach. The group shares their skills, knowledge and the awesome sights of the celebrities of the dark beach skies at no charge, simply because they love what they do. In addition to hosting the star gazes, the Amateur Astronomers club members attend monthly meetings at Pensacola State College. At the July 8 meeting are Front row, (L to R): Ursula Pinho, Marjorie Graham, Frank Graham, Carol Sigler, Sharon Bogart and Rich Sigler (kneeling). Middle row (L to R): Ray Hayes, Rick Johnston, Dewey Barker, Dave Halupowski, Dr. Wayne Wooten, Club Sponsor; and Perry Vath. Back row, (L to R): Dennis Hausch, Tim Fanning, George Oedsma, Wayne Travis, Manny Galindo and Gary Wiseman. Read more about the Amateur Astronomers and their events on Page 2.

# Nature Stages Exciting Drama In Deep Night Skies

Now that the Blue Angels have completed their spectacular daytime show, it's time to keep looking up to view nature's quiet nighttime performance over Pensacola Beach.

Escambia Amateur Astronomers Association will provide telescopes and guidance to assure you of a sighting of the best and the brightest formations in the sky. They have been doing this on the Beach for 35 years and they are always excited about providing this nighttime show on the Island.

"Nothing is better than seeing and hearing someone's reaction the first time they see the Moon, Saturn, or Jupiter in a telescope eyepiece," said Dewey J. Barker, Star Gaze and Events Coordinator for the Amateur Astronomers.



Saturn  
photo by Rick Johnston

Star gazes scheduled at Ft. Pickens Battery Worth and on the sidewalk at Casino Beach will provide a wealth of spectacles all summer and into the fall.

Star gazers will be privileged to see such historic sights as Neptune which has just completed its full orbit, the first in 165 years.

"We take astronomy to the sidewalks at the Gulfside Pavilion, on August 5 and 6, September 2 and 3, September 30 and October 1 for the first quarter moon." Barker said. "These feature the waxing moon into the evening sky as well. We hope you can join us."

The equipment is provided by the group, but cameras are encouraged.

"Bring your digital cameras to capture the rings around Sat-

urn, Jupiter and moons, dozens of satellites gliding overhead, galaxies and clusters and other cool stuff off our live feed video from the large telescope we use there," commented Barker.

Star gazes at Ft. Pickens will be August 19, September 16 and October 21. Although the program, which begins at 8:30 p.m. with a slide presentation at the Battery Worth Amphitheatre is free, the regular gate entry fee into Ft. Pickens is charged.

"Meteor showers are a bonus in August," Barker said. "Free maps are distributed to those in attendance."

Following the thirty to forty minute program, members of the Escambia Amateur Astronomer's Association will set up telescopes on the beach side of Battery Worth. These telescopes available to everyone, will be set on planets, double stars, nebulae, open or globular clusters or other interesting celestial objects.

Veteran star gazers offered the following recommendations to new attendees. Bring bug spray, wear long pants, a towel to sit on or folding chaise lounges, closed toe shoes, cooler with iced soda pop and snacks.

An additional beach event will be August 13 to view the

Perseid Meteor Shower at the second or third parking area past Portofino.

"We will be fighting a Full Moon this year, so only the brightest meteors will be seen," said Barker. "This area is across from the Naval Live Oaks Park and has less light pollution than Ft. Pickens and Casino Beach."

These exciting nighttime shows are provided by Mother Nature and presented by the Escambia Amateur Astronomer's Association, sponsored by Dr. Wayne Wooten, Pensacola State College professor.

"A lot of the people we meet at Casino Beach did not even know an Astronomy club existed in our area," Barker said. "We are here and everyone is invited to join us."

Benefits of belonging to

the Club are significant and far reaching. Currently, Club membership is one hundred, but does not include many teenagers.

"Fumes are a big distraction for teenagers – gas fumes and perfumes," Barker joked.

Among the many benefits such as a monthly newsletter subscription, there is a "loan" program in place where members can check out equipment for the nominal fee of \$1 per month.

In addition to regular meetings, the Club hosts the Perseid Picnic in August and a Christmas Party in December.

Dues are \$24 per year for regular or family memberships and \$12 for student and senior memberships.

For more information on the Club, visit the website at [www.eaaa.net](http://www.eaaa.net) or contact PSC Professor Dr. Wooten at 850-484-1152 or [wwooten@pensacolastate.edu](mailto:wwooten@pensacolastate.edu).



Moon, First Quarter photo by Rick Johnston

## Engineers Bring Beach Master Plan Update To Board, Steering Committee

Everyone interested in the future of Pensacola Beach had looked forward to a meeting where public input would be accepted regarding the Master Plan for the makeover of the core area. The conceptual plan for redevelop was presented by EDSA six months ago, and is currently going through engineering review by Escambia County and Baskerville Donovan.

"This will be a joint meeting of the Santa Rosa Island Authority Board and the Master Plan Steering Committee, beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 24," said Jayne Bell, SRIA director of administration. "Baskerville Donovan will update the board, steering committee and public on the progress of their meetings with the Escambia

County Engineering Department with regard to the plausibility of the Master Plan elements."

One critical plan element addresses traffic congestion. Baskerville Donovan has a completed topographic survey of the core area and adjacent lands to evaluate roadway elevations according to engineer Mike Langston.

The public is encouraged to attend and time will be allowed for input.

The SRIA Committees will meet following the conclusion of the Master Plan presentation. The meetings, which are open to the public, are held in the SRIA boardroom, 1 Via de Luna.

[See "Letters To The Editor" Page 7, for comments from Steering Committee Member Jim Cox.]

## August Sizzles As Leaseholders Receive Tax Bills

Most leaseholders were not surprised by the decision of the First District Court of Appeals that ruled in favor of taxing authorities. The announcement was made on July 18. Judge William A. Van Nortwick, Jr. wrote the opinion. In his lengthy response, Judge Van Nortwick cited a string of cases in Navarre Beach as well as Portofino; and also the commercial interest on Pensacola Beach as precedents to tax improvements.

The 2400 leaseholders in the suit were perhaps more surprised to receive via U. S. Postal Service letters from Chris Jones, Escambia County Property Appraiser, that stated his ability and intention to tax land and improvements. The letter addressed to "Dear Property Owners," declared that the current case law (in Navarre) renders land on Pensacola Beach taxable. Tax bills including land and improvements could be mailed in August 2011.

What happens next? In an exclusive interview with Danny

Kepner of Shell, Fleming, Davis and Menge, *Island Times* learned that there are still two options open to the leaseholders.

On behalf of the leaseholders, Kepner can file for a rehearing and must do so by August 2, 2011. (A rehearing was denied by the Court of Appeals in the Navarre case, but the court did certify the case so it is eligible to go to the Supreme Court as a matter of public interest.)

Secondly, the leaseholders could petition the Florida Supreme Court to take jurisdiction of the case. The deadline to seek this petition is 30 days after a rehearing has been denied.

Kepner did not say whether either of these options would be exercised by the law firm for the leaseholders. He did say they continue to work closely with the members of the Tax Suit Liaison Committee and will continue to do so in deciding how to proceed. Members of the Committee are Lila Cox, John Pinzino, Larry Manziak and Gary Smith.

A website, [www.pbeachtaxsuit.com](http://www.pbeachtaxsuit.com), has rulings, legal documents related to the suit, plaintiff lists, an email address; and contact information for the Liaison Committee members.

Property Appraiser Chris Jones' phone number is 850-434-2735.

Forseeing the possibility of Ad Valorem taxation on Pensacola Beach, the Escambia County Commission has already petitioned the Congress to remove the impediments to granting Fee Simple Title to those taxpayers who desire it.

The Pensacola Beach Advocates were very proactive in the Fee Simple discussions and asked that protections be included in the legislation which they felt would be beneficial to taxpayers who reside in Escambia County, both on and off the beach.

Information, as it becomes available will be updated online at [www.Pbeachtaxsuit.com](http://www.Pbeachtaxsuit.com), via email to PBA members and in this newspaper.

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# Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



I have known Emily Baird for more than thirty years. She lived a few blocks from me on the Gulfside of Ariola in a most unusual house, designed by her son, Duke. The first time I visited her, I was sitting in the circular dining room and looked up a few steps to see a Christmas tree, all bright with white lights. Nothing wrong with that except it was July and the tree was brown not green. That was just Emily. She tended to do the things she wanted to, a little bit differently. She did not belong nor did she want to belong to the Beach family. She was a not a member of a Mardi Gras krewe. She was not a joiner.

Dr. Emily Baird is a psychotherapist. She helps people circumnavigate the cobwebs in their brains. She also has helped countless people who don't have cobwebs, but who have problems. I remember her dogged determination to create a shelter for abused women and children. She did it and today it is the highly functioning Favor House.

The last time we talked, the conversation revolved around Daren, her oldest daughter. I never met Daren or Duke, but I knew Nini and John Henry, her youngest children.

Daren, one of the nation's first female truck drivers, had begun to achieve a celebrity status and was to appear on

the Today Show with Meredith Viera; and Emily wanted to know if we could put a story in *Island Times*. Of course, I said we could. Emily made it clear to me that she was extremely proud of her daughter's accomplishments.

Although Emily and I talked from time to time over the years – she even wrote an advice column for my newspaper, *The Islander*, we never had previously talked about Daren.

So, when I began reading "Through My Windshield," I was startled to learn of Emily and Daren's longtime adversarial relationship.

Here were two women, tied by the unbreakable maternal cord, but worlds apart in their thinking. Well, maybe not. Both were iron-willed and actually very much alike.

If Emily marched to her own drum, so also did Daren, only more so. She was one of the first female truck drivers in the United States who drove 18-wheelers and eventually taught males how to drive them. How she managed this is told in her autobiographical account in the recently published, "Through My Windshield." The book opens with a poem by Daren. The first line reads, "I didn't get the Mother I wanted." It describes their differences which caused arguments, but finally concedes that she was

probably the mother she needed. Daren, like her mother was a writer. She wrote poetry, online columns, and the book. All are open revelations of her life and times, her squabbles with her mom, her trials and tribulations of achieving the trucking goal she had set for herself.

Then there were the animals. The homeless, the down-trodden, the abused. Daren found them, took them in, and nurtured them with loving care. She also, with the same "dogged" determination that Emily displayed founding Favor House, founded Basenji Haven, an animal rescue at Sunnyside Farm. It wasn't just for dogs and cats either. Any unloved member of the animal kingdom was welcome. She once kept a rabbit, skunk, and rooster in her house.

But, then on December 10, 2008, the accident which

took her life, happened. Daren had driven more than 3 million accident-free miles, hadn't even received a ticket and suddenly she was locked into a fatal occurrence by an automobile driver.

She was doing the thing she loved most, driving a truck, but on a dangerous rain slicked road. She passed away at the scene.

When her life was snuffed out, she was at the peak of her career.

What was Emily to do? In an effort to ease the pain, she decided to memorialize Daren, and make her death count. She could reach other young women who were trying to achieve their almost impossible dreams.

She would publish Daren's book. She already had the manuscript which Daren had sent her for review. She gathered Daren's poetry, stories of life with her

animal friends, and comments from her friends and family scattered around the country.

Emily added a few comments of her own concerning the exploits of her adventuresome daughter.

After Daren passed away, Emily wrote, "She was bigger than life and has gone to another dimension. Perhaps she will have a broader vision of the beauties of nature that she loved and all animals will be loved and cared for the way she did. God speed, Daren."

This book, the combined story of two beach steel magnolias, is a must read. It will make you feel better. You will review your own relationships. You will experience heightened emotions, perhaps some you never knew you had. It is a touching tribute from mother to daughter.

I never did meet Daren. I only wish I had.

## Baton Rouge Visitor Gets Free Ride And A Fifty Dollar Gift Card

The trolley rider who won the fifty dollar gift card for July in the monthly drawing was Curlin Perrio of Baton Rouge. The Beach employee who referred the most names for entries was Ginny Sheehan, administrative assistant at the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center.

The promotion which awards two American Express Gift Cards in the amount of \$50 continues until Labor Day. Anyone, residents or visitors, can enter by filling out a card and placing it in the container on any one of the trolleys. The winner is selected in a public drawing. Perrio's name was drawn by Ed Guernsey, Santa Rosa Island Authority Board Chairman, during the July 13 meeting.

The winner of the employee's category is the one who has given out the most cards for

persons to enter.

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## Come Aboard

The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club continues to grow as it parties and sails at its Beach base. Welcomed aboard this month were: Captain Ken Peters and Bert Rice of Gulf Breeze. New members from Ft. Walton Beach are Jennifer Wray and Martin Roland. Bill and Susan Robertson of Covington, Louisiana have also been welcomed into membership.

## Bettie Lee's Beauties

With a stroke of a brush Bettie Lee Sundstrom has painted herself into a top notch art exhibition. Look for her watercolors, "Flowers of Spring" and "Beauty of the Sea" at the Pensacola Museum of Art's Annual Members Juried Show through August 14. Bettie Lee says the competition was stiff and she is thrilled to be chosen.

## Amy and Albert

Flying sky high is nothing new for the former stew. Amy Martin, who was a stewardess before joining her family business at McGuire's, Crab's and Flounder's, was one of the lucky passengers aboard Fat Albert, the Blue Angels' C-130. The skies cleared just in time for takeoff July 8.

## Lottery Lucksters

The Florida Lottery stormed the Beach to launch their new Monopoly scratch off game on July 1-2. They energized the Gulfside Pavilion with live television drawings, crazy games and endless prizes including two chances to win a paddle board and a Hilton vacation. Friday night's winners included Pensacola Beach's Sammi Rodgers and William Johnson of Gulf Breeze. Both were on hand to accept their prizes. Saturday night winners were Wendy Avalone of Belle Chase, Louisiana and Tabatha Arledge from Alabama. A fitting end to the event was a dazzling fireworks display over the Gulf.

## Hot Dog Mama

Martha Odom of Gulf Breeze laughed at her son Jud's latest accomplishment – a winner's crown for the second year in a row at the Dog House Deli's Hot Dog eating contest in Pensacola. The Gulf Breeze grad who owns J.O. Media Services and Island Fights will have to add Hottest Dog Eater to his resume.

## Back for the Blues

The holiday weekend drew lots of former residents back to

the Beach. Among them was Ginna Stanley from California. Also traveling to the beach was her son Jeff Stanley and his family. Ginna's grandchildren Lindsey, and Cullen, who are Pensacola Beach natives, and great grandson Easton Stanley rounded out the reunion.

## Tibetan Terror

Rie Steele looked a bit battle worn last week. She has a new puppy name Spooks. The Tibetan terrier-poodle mix is a pocketful of playful energy, and wearing out her owner. All that from a pup no bigger than a sub sandwich.

## It's All For Me

Dawn Drees claims the endless procession of fireworks and Blue Angels flyovers were a tribute to her July 3 birthday. Unimpressed by the spoof, her daughter Macy wants to know why adults don't just have birthday parties with friends, games, cake and ice cream. Good question.

## Summer Sitter

Kylie Finkbone is flip flopping all over the place this summer. She is assisting with the summer camp programs at the Gulf Breeze FunPlex and at the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Camp. Kylie learned to sail at the Yacht Club's week long camp years ago and now returns as a junior counselor, August 1-5.

## Sympathies

Condolences to Rod Windley, his wife Linda, and family for the loss of his mother Julia Windley, 90, of Gulf Breeze. She passed away July 5, and services were held at Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions in her honor may be made to the Church.

## Batter Up Beach Kid

Beach resident Toler Keigley is rounding the bases at the Dizzy Dean World Series in Southaven, Mississippi this week. He is part of the Gulf Breeze 8 and under All-Star team.

## Don Your Cape

Spending every day during the school year with a room full of bright, energetic third graders well prepared Joy McLaurine for her summer adventure to Cape San Blas. The vacationing group included six people, four dogs, two kayaks, and enough gear and food for many days worth of fun in the Gulfside community near Port St. Joe.

## Star Power

Six-year-old Beach resident Lauren Pinkston is our youngest addition to the Beach's cast of talented kids. She delivered a beautiful solo in the pre-show performance of Rogers and Hammerstein, and also portrayed Gretel in the B.E.T.A. production of the classic Sound of Music staged in Pensacola.

## Too Cool

Former Beach Church pastor Chuck Randle and wife Helen were cool cruisers last week. As a retirement gift, a number of Beach Church members gifted the popular couple an Alaskan cruise. Chuck and Helen scheduled the cruise at the perfect time; the Alaskan summer is beautiful and they reported the food aboard is wonderful.

## Cake and Candles

The water loving Crabs in the zodiac are lining up the birthday cakes on the beach. Carl Zemenick and Mike Cook share July 9 as their birthday. Steve Picker and Sandi Johnson are both July 10 babies. Coincidentally, both are displaced Beach leaseholders. They return to the Beach every chance they get. Beach bartender Julie Scarberry celebrated on July 16 with a day on the Beach and a Gulf front brunch spot.

Did you ever hear of Satan's Kittens? The Blue Angels flew in combat in the Korean War as members of this squadron.

The Trivia Champion who was the first to answer this question correctly was Beverly McCay, GM of the Holiday Inn Express. Let her tell her tale.

"I won? I won!" she wrote. "What a great question to win on. They were amazing men. At the start of the Korean War, there were not enough planes for battle so the Blues as a flight demo team were disbanded and sent into combat. They were part of the Satan's Kittens. They were returned to the Blue Angels in 1951. I had the pleasure of meeting three of Satan's Kittens, one of which was a Blue Angels pilot, and hearing some of their tales a number of years ago at The Dunes Hotel."

Bev gets the shirt.

Michael Cook, Jr. who was visiting his parents, Mike and Chrissy Cook, joined the Trivia players with the following answer, "The Blue Angels flew combat missions over the Korean Peninsula in the early 1950s off the aircraft carrier USS Princeton." (Correct Mike. You can continue to play Trivia where ever you are by finding *Island Times* online.) Sorry you were a bit late.

Here is what Captain Neal J.

Schneider had to say, "The Blue Angels flew in 1950 from the carrier USS Princeton. They were the nucleus of Fighter Squadron 191 Satan's Kittens. The skipper of 191 was Blue Angels' leader, Lt. Cmdr. Johnny Magda who was killed while on a mission."

Thanks Captain for the info.

The Knights of the Roundtable were not to be outdone by the members of the Trivia Squadron.

Lady Kim Schmitz did not feel the Blues actually flew in combat since they were disbanded when the members were ordered to fly in Korea. She said they were recommissioned on October 25, 1951.

Sir Morrie Drees said he guessed you could say the Blue Angels flew in combat but not as a unit. He confirmed the status of Squadron 191, however, and the ship, the USS Princeton.

Try this one which is closer to home.

The same four numbers are always included in the Sandshaker's annual t-shirt design. Do you know what they stand for? Be the first to answer correctly and you will have a new designer *Island Times* t-shirt to wear. Send your answer, with trivia in the subject line to [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net). Be sure to include your name and phone number. Deadline is Aug. 2.



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# No Alcohol Beach Meets Sudden Death at The Hands of the SRIA

The idea to make Pensacola Beach alcohol free crashed and burned before it ever got off the ground. Beach residents and businesses told the Santa Rosa Island Authority the concept was unbelievable and unacceptable. The Full Board of the Authority with their protests still drumming in their heads, wiped the item off their books at the July 13 meeting.

The motion to chase the unpopular concept away was passed unanimously by the Full Board.

Other issues which came to the Board didn't fare too well either.

The proposed regulation to limit the number of cars in the street by requiring owners who intend to build large residences to provide parking places based on the number of bedrooms in the house was on the agenda. After a discussion, and failure of the motion to pass, the issue died.

A plan for the SRIA to provide guidelines for the colors for homeowners and businesses to paint the exterior of their buildings still clung to life as it was referred back to committee. Architect John Tice had submitted his color plan to gradually enhance the beach over time.

"I directed my team to come up with a selection of color schemes that bring out naturally occurring colors of the Beach," he said.

Board members Dr. Thomas Campanella, Vernon Prather and Tammy Bohannon all questioned some parts of the plan to ask beach residents and businesses to follow the color plan.

"I recommend that we consider staying out of the color scheme for residential and focus on multi-dwelling and commercial," Prather said.

Speaking against the color plan, Laurel Boyd of Villa Sabine said the Board surely had more important things to do than adopt a color scheme.

"It's a waste of the Board's time," he said.

Other residents agreed with him, suggesting that they wouldn't be able to enforce the regulation.

Steve Luppert, Pensacola Beach resident, said, "I don't want the SRIA to tell people what to do."

Staff will continue to work with Tice on this item.

The services of the Trolley Committee which worked so

diligently to fashion a plan to improve trolley ridership, will no longer be needed. The Committee was disbanded. However, a number of their recommendations remain incomplete. The four trolley transit stations to be constructed have not yet been approved by the County. Paolo Ghio, Director of Environmental and Developmental Services, asked the Board to consider a plan to shelter more stops than just having four elaborate shelters. He is looking into a thatched umbrella type of shelter which would allow 17 stops to be shaded.

Under new business, the Board approved the support of the Florida Beach Erosion Control plan. Under this program, Pensacola Beach, having a critically eroded shoreline, will be able to apply for funds from the state.

The Board also discussed the possibility of increasing the number of deputies for Quietwater Beach and Portofino Boardwalk.

Bob West, Public Safety Director, recommended that they leave things the way they are.

"As it stands now, we schedule a base of deputies on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to remedy the issues there" he said. "It is significantly improved, but may necessitate additional attention to ensure that the issues do not resurface. It is possible that the additional expense could be funded out of the existing contingency balance."

The SRIA's total budget for deputies is now \$204,811. Providing two more deputies next year would add \$35,600 and four deputies, \$71,200.

The Board conducted a special ceremony to honor Paul Valentine, the recipient of the Lifeguard of the Month for both April and May of this year. He is the only guard to be recognized two months in a row. The honor which comes as a result of votes from his

peers and supervisors was noted in a proclamation, part of which read, "whereas, the following has been nominated for providing outstanding service to the public, and was recognized as best exemplifying a Pensacola Beach Lifeguard based upon a majority vote by his peers and supervisors, now, therefore be it proclaimed, that Paul Valentine is hereby recognized as the Pensacola Beach Lifeguard of the Month.

Chamber Executive Director Maureen LaMar brought her report from the Visitor's Center which reflected a big gain from June of 2010 to June 2011.

"We had 3426 visitors this year as compared to 2310 last year," she said. She noted that Texas, Georgia, Louisiana and Alabama sent the greatest number of visitors. Guests from Germany, Canada and England topped the number of international visitors.

The SRIA Committees will meet next on July 27 at 5 p.m. at the SRIA Boardroom. All meetings are open to the public.



Paul Valentine, honored as the Pensacola Beach Lifeguard of the Month, twice, prepares to patrol the beach.



The United States Coast Guard landed their easily recognizable helicopter in the cordoned off area of the Casino Beach parking lot, during the Blue Angels Air Show, July 9. The crew is (L to R): LCDR Flip Capistrano, Rescue Swimmer Omar Alba, Flight Mechanic Kris Lane, and LCDR Rodney Rios. Their mission is to provide support to the Blue Angels Air Show, if needed.



Fun people flocked to the Florida Lottery events on Pensacola Beach July 1 and 2. SRIA staffer Robbie Loft, left, and Brittany Jackson, former University of Tennessee basketball star, show off their pink flamingo-good luck lottery wear. Jackson returned to Cleveland, Tennessee with lots of Florida Lottery goodies and great stories about Pensacola Beach.

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# peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis

We had a really fun COLORS this month! Even though it was a Friday night in the height of tourist season we bravely congregated at Laguna's. (I say bravely, but really the tourists are more afraid of us than we are of them.) All kidding aside, it is wonderful to see the beach so busy again. Actually traffic in the Sandspur Republic was not as busy as we had expected and there was still plenty of parking. Of course we already had a back-up plan in place. There was Plan A where some of us met early at the Elk's Lodge to have a pre-cocktail beverage. Plan B was taking the trolley which we really did intend to ride at some point. We started out with Plan A, then walked across the street to Laguna's by which time we were probably late. It was a beautiful evening to sit at the outside tables enjoying good company, cocktails and some excellent fried pickles.

Well, except the part where it rained, but COLORS was already over anyway. Luckily Felicia Fisher had parked at the Boardwalk so a bunch of us piled into her car for the ride back across the street. Plan B had already been forgotten by this time and we decided to visit Sabine Sandbar for Friday night karaoke. There is rumor about Sam Magee, a microphone and me. Me, singing? No. Didn't do it.

I have also come to realize just how small my world has really become. Because life on the Island stays so busy, I tend to forget that the actual number of miles that I travel is minimal. It's only when I have guests that I'm reminded that for most people life extends beyond the dreaded bridge.

I traveled frequently in my earlier years and I remember my youthful dreams of traveling the whole world. Yeah, well who knew we'd have the world at our

fingertips with cyberspace and the Travel Channel right in your living room?

I've become very content to travel without leaving home (and no, I don't mean setting sail with Captain Morgan even though that's a fun trip). It's enough for me to plan a trip to the downtown Sandspur Republic on a Friday night in July. And because I do sometimes travel whether I want to or not, I appreciate coming home where almost everything I need is just right up, down or across the street.

Bill and I have traveled the entire nation, into Canada and even to Mexico a few times. We have never found a beach that compares to ours, or any place that we'd rather live.

When you live in Paradise there is really no reason to leave. Well, except for the occasional short trips to visit Lynn Cieutat in Mexico Beach or over to Biloxi to escape the pressures of the unavoidable intrusions from the outside world. That includes the pressure of planning trips to downtown Pensacola Beach during summer. And, we are not going to talk about hurricane evacuations since Queen Shugah Deb Friedman has that under control!

Really, I guess it's not so much that my world is smaller, just the spaces, and places that I want to occupy in it are close by.

In fact, with the addition of a few more necessities like a post office, general store and a Krystal's, I would never have to cross the bridge again.

We already have Judy Lenderman at the Bank of the South. Imagine your local bank branch and they not only know your name, but also offer home baked bread, lollipops for the kids and even treats for your pet. In fact, we call it the "Bankery."

And if you want a taste of summer guaranteed to remind you of your happy and care-free

childhood days, just make this week's recipe, close your eyes and enjoy the trip.

It's time to cook.....

## Orange Dreamsicle Pie

**1 Ready-made graham cracker pie crust**  
**¼ Cup heavy whipping cream**  
**3 Tbsp. unsalted butter, cut up**  
**12 Oz. white chocolate, chopped**  
**1 ½ Tsp. vanilla extract (for vanilla flavoring, increase to 1 Tbsp.)**

**2 Tsp. grated orange peel**

### Filling:

**3 Pints orange sherbet, divided in half & softened in refrigerator 10-20 minutes**

**2 pints vanilla ice cream (I like the French vanilla best) softened in refrigerator 10-20 min.**

Place cream and 3 tablespoons butter in a heavy, medium saucepan; heat over medium heat until butter melts, tiny bubbles appear around the edges and mixture reaches about 160 degrees. Remove from heat; add white chocolate and let stand 1 minute. Stir and return to low heat if necessary to melt chocolate; stir constantly, remove and add vanilla and 2 teaspoons orange peel. Cool 30-60 minutes or until room temperature. This will make the "sauce" for the next steps.

Spread 1 ½ pints of the sherbet evenly over crust; then gently top with ½ cup of the sauce, spreading evenly. Spread all the vanilla ice cream over this; then top again with ½ cup of sauce. Spread the remaining orange sherbet and freeze until firm (4 hours or overnight). Cover and refrigerate remaining sauce. To serve, warm remaining sauce and top the pie. Freeze leftovers.

Enjoy, share and enjoy your time in Paradise!

See ya in the kitchen.....



Ron Miller of Navarre was selected from the audience at Casino Beach July 2 during the Florida Lottery's Live Drawing to play Blizzard Bucks. He entered the booth and had to grab as many floating greenbacks as possible in the allotted time. At the conclusion, he redeemed his bucks for scratch off lottery tickets. The Florida Lottery was on Pensacola Beach for a live televised drawing and to launch their new scratch off Monopoly game.

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## A Glimpse of Heaven

By Father Paul Lambert  
St. Ann's Catholic Parish

"My Way," a classic sung by Frank Sinatra, is what some like to call swan song of the Devil. At times we can get caught up in the awe of what human beings are capable of. We can glory in the infinite possibilities we have, and yet we are not satisfied, we are not fulfilled, or at peace. Our focus in life, for the most part revolves around success and accomplishment, the very reaching of our potential.

This desire is real and must not be neglected, though we have must ask ourselves, "What does it mean to reach our fullest potential?"

In reality, to fulfill our need for our lives to have meaning, is that we draw from the source that gives us meaning. We must follow in the footsteps of Solomon who

choose the gift of right judgment over the gifts of long life, riches, and military success, realizing that Wisdom of doing right comes from God.

St. Paul affirms this in his letter to the Romans, which we are predestined, called, justified, and glorified. We are predestined in that God has a plan for our lives. We are called in that God calls us from our plans to follow the will of God. We are justified in that by Christ's life, death, and resurrection has procured for us the grace needed to carry out God's will in our lives. We are glorified, in that doing God's will gives glory to God for all that we have been given.

Let us be encouraged by these words, "All things work for good for those who love God."

## Our Lady Welcomes Fifield To Staff

The members of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church are welcoming Angela Fifield as the new Faith Formation Director. She is a life long resident of the area and graduated from the University of West Florida with a degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education. Fifield has been a preschool teacher at St. Ann's Discovery School and has taught Sunday School for 15 years. She will be sharing her faith with children and adults alike in her new position, and will be in charge of



Angela Fifield

the R.C.I.A. program, teaching adults about the Catholic faith on their six-month journey to become Catholics. In addition, she will be in charge of the children's Sunday School Program and teaching children about their faith while they work toward receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

Our Lady is located at the corner of Avenida 18 and Via de Luna.

## Tax Free Weekend To Ease Back To School Shoppers Load

The State of Florida is offering shoppers a discount equal to the amount of sales tax on purchases made from August 12-14. In an effort to assist families preparing to send kids back to school, clothing, footwear, and certain accessories, priced at \$75 or less; along with school supplies which cost \$15 or less will enjoy a three-day exemption from sales tax.

According to the Depart-

ment of Revenue's directive almost all clothing and shoes are tax free but don't try to sneak in any swim fins or roller blades, that won't work. You will have to pay sales tax on books, but general school supplies from binders to scissors will be tax free.

Retailers have an exhaustive list of exemptions and the state maintains a website at [www.myflorida.com/dor](http://www.myflorida.com/dor) with the items posted online.

## Letters To The Editor

### Steering Committee Oversight or Overlooked?

Over the past couple of weeks, I have tried to find out how Baskerville Donovan (BDI) can effectively work on the engineering plans for six months before they share any of their findings with the Steering Committee or the Santa Rosa Island Authority. It doesn't make sense to me. Neither BDI or the County Administrator Randy Oliver, could provide any real explanation other than they wanted to have all their ducks in a row before they meet with us.

Now I am told that BDI will make a presentation to a special meeting of the SRIA on August 24. The public will be invited. Buck Lee said he envisions a 30 minute presentation by BDI, fol-

lowed by 90 minutes of public questions and input. Since it is a special meeting of the SRIA, the SRIA can take actions and vote on the plan or aspects of the plan at the meeting.

Please note that this will occur before any BDI meeting with the Steering Committee.

Per SRIA Executive Director Buck Lee, the Steering Committee members will be invited to the meeting as we are "part of the public," but not to function as a Committee to review and provide input to the plans. We will be invited to provide input along with all the other members of the public who attend.

This is certainly not the interactive role of the Steering Committee that we all envisioned. It once again opens up the ques-

tion, "What is the role of the Steering Committee?"

Why have a Steering Committee at all? In the meantime, due to the Sunshine Law, none of us can talk to each other about any aspects of the plan. I just don't understand this whole process.

Jim Cox  
Steering Committee Member

[A thirteen member Steering Committee was appointed by the SRIA to review and guide the development of a Master Plan for Pensacola Beach. After months of meetings, the Steering Committee voted on February 23, 2010 to send the Conceptual Master Plan, drafted by EDSA, to the SRIA board for their review. The first Plan was approved by the SRIA Board, April 14, 2010.]

## Drees Seeks To Preserve Pensacola Beach's History

The historic voyage of Don Tristan de Luna and his discoveries in the Pensacola Bay area are studied by scholars and school kids, but the more recent history of Pensacola Beach is not located at any one source. It is fragmented and can be pieced together through news clippings, fading memories and government records, hopefully, according to Morrie Drees who intends to create the Pensacola Beach Heritage Foundation.

"I would like to see the his-

tory preserved, protected and promoted through this foundation," said Drees, who lived and worked on Pensacola Beach after retiring from the United States Navy.

Drees said he was thrilled to see McGuire Martin dedicate a commemorative bench to the founders of the Krewe of Wrecks and Mardi Gras on the Island, and wants to see more of those kinds of monuments.

"We have so many people on the Island who have impacted

our community," he said. "They need to be remembered and recognized. For instance the founders of the elementary school, the two churches and even those who built the first bike path."

Drees has created a t-shirt to raise funds for the creation of the Foundation. Emblazoned on the front is his new motto "Pensacola Beach Where The Fun Shines Everyday!" T-shirts are for sale at \$10 each. Contact Drees at 850-932-6314 or [BNAO@aol.com](mailto:BNAO@aol.com) for ordering instructions.

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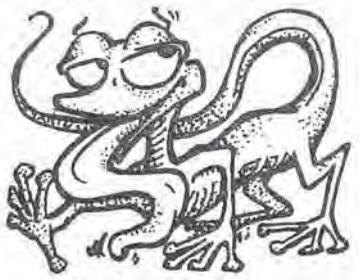
# The Lizzard's Tongue

by elizabeth hewson

A little over 21 years ago, I nervously sat in the back of a conference room at NAS Whiting Field. Twirling my brand new engagement ring, I anxiously awaited for my then 2nd Lieutenant fiancée to be designated a Naval Aviator. I was given the honor of pinning on his Wings of Gold and assigned the duty of being his designated driver post ceremony celebrations.

I had no clue on that day what my eventual life would be like as the spouse of a United States Marine. I didn't know the difference between a light attack helicopter and a lite beer. I thought Pendleton was a type of plaid, as opposed to one of the largest military installations in the world. War was a band from the 1970s that sang "Why Can't We Be Friends?" on American Bandstand while I made my bed with his purple faux crushed velvet comforter, and certainly not something I thought I would ever have to worry about as an adult. My, how times have changed.

As the Navy continues to celebrate its centennial of Naval Aviation, some of this nation's finest rotor wing pilots will be



receiving their Wings of Gold next Friday. Unlike two decades ago, these young men and women know what they are facing. There is no rumor of troops amassing on a foreign ally's border like in the summer of 1990. It's cold hard fact that once these newly minted aviators arrive in their respective fleet squadrons, Iraq and Afghanistan are known destinations. Their helicopters, outfitted with some of the most sophisticated systems in the world, will pale in comparison to the personal commitment each of these aviators has made to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States of America.

Once again, I will be in the audience as my husband, The Colonel, will be the guest speaker at this upcoming Winging Ceremony. And though the continued birthdays have made me older and the life of Marine Corps' spouse has definitely made be wiser, this time around I will anxiously twirl my wedding ring. Not because I don't know what to expect, but because I do.

Until next time...



The Santa Rosa Island Authority hosted a luncheon at Crab's, July 7 to honor the Blue Angels' wives. After the program and lunch, the ladies get an eye level air show from Crab's upstairs deck. Photo left: Kim McWherter, whose husband Capt. Greg McWherter is the Blue Angels' boss, gave a big thank you to the organizers and introduced the wives. McWherter is no stranger to the Beach. Her mom lives on the island. Photo center: Blue Angels spouse Tara Royles expresses how pleased she is to be on Pensacola Beach during Red, White and Blues Week. Photo right: Corley Tickle, whose husband narrates the show, shared her gratitude and American pride.



Blue Angels Wives who attended the Santa Rosa Island Authority Luncheon hosted July 7 at Crab's upstairs open air deck addressed the dozens of guests who were their to honor them. Photo left: Christine Jorge, left, whose husband, USMC Captain Edward Jorge is a Fat Albert pilot, and Cinthia DeMontalvo have fun at the luncheon. Photo center: Renee Dixon prepares to address the crowd. Photo right: Jeanette Thompson speaks about the excitement that this event creates for the wives.

**WIN  
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WIN**

We have all kinds of things to look up to in this edition. Star gazers and Blue Angels, so we thought we would pull another trivia question out of the thin air.

It's the stuff that poets muse about, pilots crave and beachgoers love – a blue sky. Why does the sky appear to be blue? You don't have to be a rocket scientist to know this one. So off you go into the wild blue yonder to find the answer.

Be the first to answer this question and you will win a Pensacola Beach souvenir license plate from Blue Sky Gift Shoppe. Send your answer, along with your name and phone number to [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net). Deadline August 2.



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**Arrrrrgh - The Pirate Paddlers took Little Sabine Bay by storm July 13 and leveled an assault on litter left behind by the crowds who made the sensitive waterway their spot for watching fireworks and Blue Angels. The Pirates hosted Sabine Cleanup Day and twenty of the fun loving paddleboarders picked up all the unwanted loot that littered the eastern shore of Little Sabine. Some of the swarthy sailors will go unnamed in this photo, but according to Dog House Deli's Nathan Holler, (front row, third from left), the pickers included Hilton Chef Dan Dunn, Sean Fell of Waterboyz, Courtney Fell of Fitness on Board, Mark Robertson of Pensacola Bay Brewery, Ashton Howard, Tabitha Brown, Daniel Krzan, Lindsay Nemanich, Ripa Veight, Island Realty's Dione Dunn, Paul Smith and the kiddo's are Seth and Jackson Fell; and Simon and Kaya Dunn. The Pirates meet and paddleboard on Wednesday evenings in the Sound.**

## Journey To Middle Earth With Retired Colonel

Unlimited Horizons will journey to areas of unknown proportions at their meeting Sunday, August 14, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Gulf Breeze Rec Center, 800 Shoreline Drive. Billie Faye Woodard, retired Colonel, who was stationed at Area 51 in Nevada for eleven years, will present "Welcome to Middle Earth, a Journey into our Hollow Earth."

Unlimited Horizons offers a forum for open-minded seekers of truth to share knowledge and

promote further enlightenment in search of universal truths. Their monthly programs deal with metaphysical subjects, holistic matters, paranormal interests, cryptozoology and UFOs. The group currently has a webpage dedicated to healing from the recent oil spill.

The presentations are open to the public. The charge is \$7 and is payable at the door.

For more information visit their website at [www.Unlimited-Horizons.org](http://www.Unlimited-Horizons.org).

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# Beach Celebrates The Bushwacker

The Bushwacker, is an imported tropical drink that made its home on Pensacola Beach via Linda Taylor and the Sandshaker Lounge in 1977. Although the famous Bushwacker is served in almost every bar and restaurant on the Beach, the Sandshaker is the home of the original. The creamy concoction which tastes like an adult milkshake, even has its very own weekend. Bushwacker Beach Weekend, August 5-7, will toast the Beach's most famous frozen drink with live music, sizzling grills and grand prize give-aways.

It's a three day salute. The stage will be rocking all weekend at the Shaker. Friday night at the Kick Off Party, the almost famous Flow Tribe will entertain patrons. The big grill heats up for a little "Chillin and Grillin" at 3 p.m. on Saturday while Big D and The Nuts take the stage. Pace yourself on Saturday. The Kahlua Party with the Kyle Parker Band begins at 9 p.m. and the Shaker will host a Jewelry Giveaway Drawing at midnight.

"We have a beautiful piece of Peridot jewelry to award to one lucky person," said Beverly Campbell, co owner of the

Sandshaker.

The Bushwacker Beach Weekend continues through Sunday, August 7. Trunk Monkey will fire up the tunes and fill up the dance floor beginning at 4 p.m.

Very little has changed over the 34 years of serving the Bushwacker, according to Campbell, and they like it that way.

"You no longer hear the blenders grinding out the Bushwackers like in the early years," said Campbell. "The Shaker bartenders could not keep up with the demand, so a dispensing machine was brought in during 1980. That's how popular the drink became, early on. And, it continues to be a favorite among locals and tourists."

The bartenders each have their own touch they like to add to the basic drink, so ask one of the Sandshaker staff to tell you about their favorite. The drink, made with Kahlua, can be given an extra boost by adding rum or additional flavors.

The history of the Bushwacker is recounted on the Sandshaker's website at [www.sandshaker.com](http://www.sandshaker.com). For more information go online or call the lounge at 850-932-2211.

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U. S. Navy Lt. CJ Simonsen, who flies Blue Angels jet number six, the opposing solo, autographed a commemorative Air Show poster for Rachael Johnson of Gulf Breeze at the Blue Angels VIP Reception, July 8. The reception was hosted at the Hilton Pensacola Beach.



U. S. Navy Captain Greg McWherter, commanding officer of the Blue Angels, left, presents a Blue Angels Air Show plaque to Santa Rosa Island Authority Chairman Ed Guernsey at Blue Angels VIP Reception, July 8. The Hilton Ballroom was filled to capacity with Blue Angels fans and dignitaries.

# Poker Hopefuls Challenge Long Time Leaders At Beach Tournaments

The month for fireworks and high flying on the Beach is just as exciting at the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun poker tables with Pensacola Beach pioneer and pilot Tex Atkinson soaring to the top of the competition on July 7 at Paddy's O'Leary's. He outlasted a long list of the Beach poker elite, which included runner up Ted Gorder. Play lasted for four hours.

Retired Marine Corps Colonel Phil Tracy launched his own assault on the challengers July 10 at Paddy's. He marched directly to the winner's circle with newcomer John Woodham in second place. Tracy's good luck charm is Daisy, the darling pup, who accompanies him to the beach poker tables.

John Woodham gave a valiant effort on July 11 but Sara Mandel was too skilled and too lucky. Mandel, who earned the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun Player of the Month title for June, took all the chips and the win at the Monday Night Sandshaker tourney. The poker playing diva slid into second place at Paddy O'Leary's on July 14 behind the mysterious Waldo Defindorfin. She earned another second place spot behind the flamboyant, but not very mysterious Tommy Grice at the Sandshaker on July 18.

One of the Beach's poker gals, Jenny Doherty returned to the tables on July 17 at Paddy

O'Leary's to take the win with John Woodham a close second.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun is played in downtown Pensacola Beach at Paddy O'Leary's and the Sandshaker Lounge. Games are open to the public as long as you are over 21 years of age. Only a basic knowledge of poker

is necessary. Tourists are encouraged to join the games.

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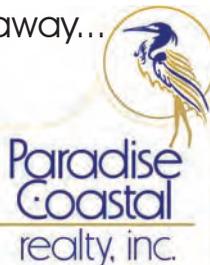
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Tristan Towers #5E,	\$237,500	233 Sabine Dr,	\$560,000
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30 Ensenada Marbella,	\$341,000	31 E Galvez Ct,	\$700,000
Three Portofino Dr #903,	\$350,000	Beach Club #1601,	\$875,000
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# BUSINESS BUZZ.....

## Movin' Up

The generous Irishmen who fill the pot o' gold at the Beach's annual St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl know Leah Harrison. She has the fun job of accepting the donation on behalf of Covenant Hospice. Harrison has been promoted to Senior Development Manager for Covenant Hospice. You can congratulate her at the Covenant Hospice 17th Annual Evening of Comedy at the Hilton Pensacola Beach, Saturday, August 20, from 6-10 p.m. Tickets are available online at <http://www.eventsatcovenant.org>.

## Pirate's Booty

One pirate's trash is another's treasure. Did you think the dozen raw that you slurped down, would help the environment? Oyster shells from the PegLeg Pete's on Fort Pickens Road are being recycled into a clean up project in Bayou Texar. The man-made oyster beds will help the Pensacola waterway filter and clean pollutants.

## Wine Bar Open

Sip a bit. Friday nights are the Wine Tastings at the new Wine Bar, next to Envie on the Boardwalk.

## Tons of Tikis

Jeff Wheelock has carved an army of tikis which stand guard over the new decks at Castaways. They are becoming a tourist attraction and photo spot, each totem with its own personality.

Grab a table nearby and watch the attention they get. Stick around, at dusk the flaming torches light up.

## Mr. Diller Goes To Washington

Andrew Diller, Florida Sea Grant Marine Extension Agent for the Escambia County Extension Service, is recognized around the beach for his knowledge of turtle friendly lighting and conservation issues. His wife Michelle has been transferred to DC, so the sea turtles, who are nesting in record numbers this year, will have to find a new champion.

## Go Get 'Em Grover

The Beach's Commissioner, Grover Robinson, IV, was honored by the Florida Association of Counties with the Presidential Advocacy Award during the 2011 FAC Annual Conference and Exposition in Orange County. The Presidential Advocacy Award is presented to those commissioners who show a commitment to

protecting local control and advocating on behalf of home rule in Tallahassee.

"It was a real honor to be recognized for my efforts. However, I was simply part of a great Escambia County team, as well as a much larger Northwest Florida team that includes the commissioners and staffs of eight counties in our region. It is because of the hard work of that team that we were able to minimize the impacts of the BP oil spill to Florida and its citizens," said Commissioner Robinson.

Additionally, Robinson testified with regard to the impact of the oil spill in front of the US Senate's Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee, Wednesday, July 20. He asked for reform of federal legislation to allow local government to direct operations.

"The Oil Pollution Act reform must be enacted to allow a more effective and coordinated

defense of our environmental assets by local, state and federal jurisdictions working together," said Robinson. "Local government has a place in the planning, coordination, communication, and implementation of disaster strategies and decisions and its omission will lead to failure as seen in May and June of 2010."

## Paper, Scissors, Crayons

If you would like to make a donation of school supplies without driving across the bridge, drop your donation at the Beach

Visitor's Center. Donations will be accepted until August 8.

## Pirate Paddleboarders

Paddleboarding Pirates will take over the Sound, Thursday, September 1 at 6 p.m. on the beach just north of the Boardwalk. The Pirate Paddlers will launch for a special Labor Day Weekend kick off event and the public is invited to costume as pirates and cheer the paddlers as they race relay style and show off their skills. Prizes for best costumes will be awarded at 7 p.m.

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# Hey Yawl



By Frank Cooper

## Ft. Myers or Biloxi

After Jane and I eloped to Cedar Key, our life turned to one boat adventure after another. Our boat was a 1968 Hatteras we named Cabernet. What a strange name, you say. Not at all. Today we would have named her Blossom Hill.

Hatteras is a leading manufacturer of sport fishermen and motor yachts and had just started building them of fiberglass reinforced polyester. No one had much experience in the new plastic and didn't seem to know just how well it would hold up in a marine environment. So consequently the boats were laid up very thick and very heavy. Very heavy, indeed.

The brochures claimed a top speed of 24 knots but I never saw anything faster than 21 and that with a very clean bottom. She had

a pair of Detroit 871s for power but I think it would have taken a jet assist like Fat Albert to get her up on a solid plane. But even though it was heavy, it made up for it in comfort and as long as you kept the RPM's down it was reasonably economical to push through the water.

Our good friend Jim Randol had a townhouse on the bay in Ft. Myers and we planned to take the boat down and visit him. What a great opportunity for a longer cruise.

Our plan was to go down the Intracoastal through Panama City to Apalachicola and then across the bend to Tarpon Springs. We had the fuel range to go across from Pensacola to Tampa but those long open water trips require more crew and after a while are just boring. I had much rather be going down the ditch and see

more boats and houses and be able to anchor for the night just about anywhere we wanted.

Everything was cool until we got to the river at Appalach and we found very rough seas in the sound. We went on over to Carabelle to hole up and wait this out on a dock. The next day nothing had changed. Things were just rougher, and the insects were terrible. After one more night and no change in the weather or the insects I asked Jane if she really wanted to go on to Ft. Myers. Thankfully, she said, "No, I'd really rather go to Biloxi."

So we did a cool 180 and took off back toward P'cola and Biloxi.

As we came out of the ditch at the eastern end of Choctohatchee Bay we were still facing rough weather. We decided to anchor right there alongside the

south end of the causeway.

Over the next two days we motored west toward Biloxi, darned if we didn't run under another line squall. This was a short, but fierce storm. The winds were high with a nasty short chop and it rained like blue blazes.

As the squall line cleared and visibility improved, Jane noticed a small boat adrift off to the north of us. There was a man on the deck waving a life jacket. At first I was suspicious but it soon was evident that they were in trouble. As we got over to them we found there was one woman laying on the front seat and two more people laying on the bottom of the boat at the rear seat. They all appeared to be terribly seasick. And I didn't see any motor. The man on the bow told us he had just rebuilt the boat and was taking it for a spin when the squall fell down on them. The motor wasn't secured properly and when they got into the chop from the storm, the motor jumped off the boat transom and was hanging in the water on its cables. This was not a good situation.

The woman in the front seat actually was crying and pleading with us to please help them. She was really in panic mode. I got a line on the boat and we started towing them to Ocean Springs. With the steep chop and their motor hanging down like it was, we made very slow time. It took us a good two hours to get to a dock where we could hand them off. I will never forget the look on that

lady's face. I think she felt sure they were going to drown.

You know, there is a reason for everything. I believe we were supposed to be at that place, and at that time, to pick up that boat with those four very distressed people. I'm glad we were able to do our part.

In fact we were able to use our favorite, no cost, dock next to BoomTown Casino and we actually won a little money. We were not able to eat them out of their boiled shrimp and wine, however, we tried.

## The School Bell Rings



### Back to the Books

Gulf Breeze Middle School will hold its Orientation for the 2011-2012 school year on Friday, August 19. Pensacola Beach sixth, seventh and eighth graders are eligible to attend middle school in Gulf Breeze.

Students may pick up schedules, find classrooms, meet the teachers, and learn bus schedules. Parents may join the PTO, order yearbooks, and buy PE uniforms. The following times are allocated to each grade:

► Seventh graders are to report between 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. and should bring proof of their tetanus booster – TDAP

(if you haven't already turned it in). It is State mandated. So, no proof – no schedule!

► Eighth graders need to arrive between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to pick up their schedules.

► Sixth graders should come by between noon and 2:00 p.m.

Questions may be directed to the School Office at 934-4080.

### First Day

The first day of school is Monday, August 22 at the Beach School. Enrollment information can be viewed online at [www.pbes.org](http://www.pbes.org). The first holiday is Monday, September 5 in honor of Labor Day. If you have any

questions, call the School Office at 850-934-4020.

### Business Visitors

Pensacola Beach Chamber membership meeting is being hosted at the Beach School, Tuesday, June 26 at 8:30 a.m. The Beach School is represented by Board member Shelby Smith who invited the group to tour the campus at the conclusion of their business meeting.

### Cram The Van

Bring school supplies to donate for needy students Thursday, Aug. 4 at the WalMart in Gulf Breeze from 6 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. The Beach Visitors Center will also accept donations for the kids.

## Sea Turtle Nest

### Update

- Santa Rosa Area of National Seashore ..... 20
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*(some eggs have started hatching)*

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Sat 8/6: Sun Dogs, 7:30 - 11:30  
Sun 8/7: Avededa 16, 4-8

Thurs 8/11: Karaoke with Becky, 7:30-11:30  
Fri 8/12: Tomato & Dennis Gossman, 7:30 - 11:30  
Sat 8/13: EZ Money, 7:30-11:30  
Sun 8/14: Southern Breeze, 4-8



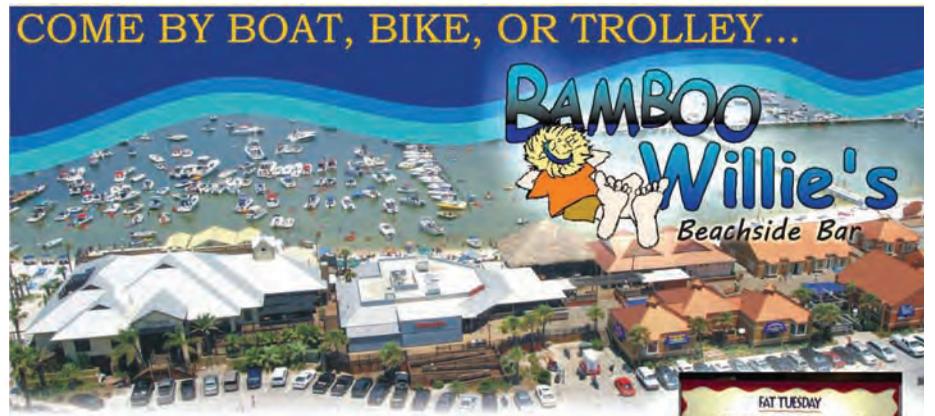
Charles Gheen, Santa Rosa Island Triathlon race director, welcomed one hundred athletes to the SRI TRI Day, July 16 at the Grand Marlin banquet room. The half day expo offered race tips from experts and vendors with the latest gear. The SRI TRI is Saturday, October 1 on Pensacola Beach.



Shawna P and Adam Tyler Brown dished up soulful tunes at Bamboo Willie's on July 4. Patrons on the deck danced while hundreds listened on the beach and in their boats. Bamboo Willie's is one of the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival locations set for Sept. 28 - Oct. 2.



The Sounds of Summer, a free music series hosted by the Santa Rosa Island Authority Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in the Quietwater Amphitheatre from 6 to 8 p.m. showcased the all female band Ultra Violet, July 15. Lisa Hornbrook plays to the crowds at the waterfront location.



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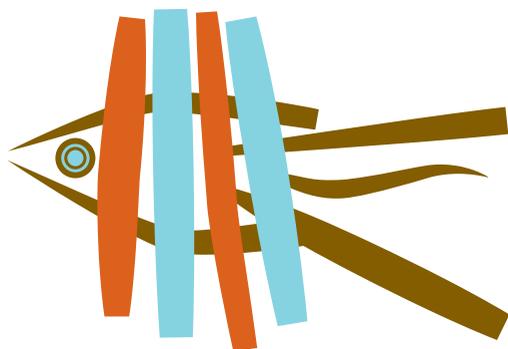
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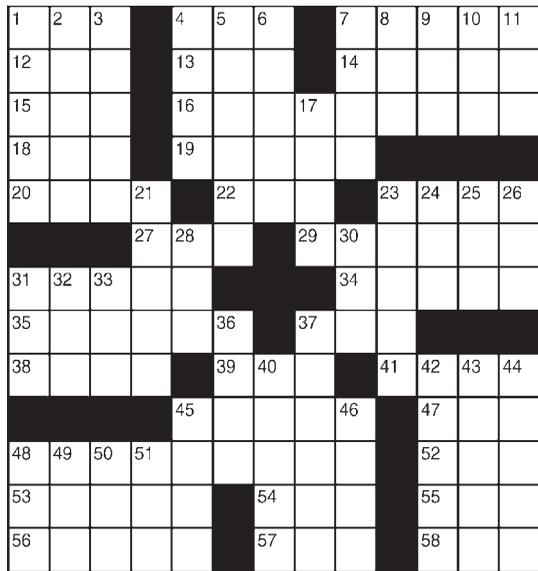
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# King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Rd.
- 4 Write a P.S.
- 7 Standish stand-in
- 12 "Great Expectations" lad
- 13 Mainlander's memento
- 14 Break in the action
- 15 Big fuss
- 16 Whitsunday
- 18 Critic Reed
- 19 Masts
- 20 Santa's sackful
- 22 Detergent brand
- 23 Brothers and sisters
- 27 Has the skills
- 29 Confined
- 31 Pizza topping
- 34 Impudent
- 35 Quintet
- 37 List-ending abbr.
- 38 Bivouac structure
- 39 Listener
- 41 Recognized
- 45 "Get lost!"
- 47 Leading lady?
- 48 Ritzy apartment
- 52 Marry
- 53 Nebraska city



- 54 Spell-down
- 55 Work unit
- 56 Conned
- 57 Clumsy boat
- 58 Caustic solution
- DOWN**
- 1 In two places at once?
- 2 YouTube offering
- 3 Strong adhesive
- 4 Heidi's territory
- 5 Drill further
- 6 Money of Bahrain
- 7 Tarzan's clique
- 8 Fond du —
- 9 Twosome
- 10 Curvy character
- 11 Profit
- 17 Snare
- 21 "Gladiator" director
- 23 Nosh
- 24 "Monty Python" opener
- 25 Clear the tables
- 26 Agent
- 28 Santa — winds
- 30 NYC hrs.
- 31 Make up your mind
- 32 Born
- 33 Hostel
- 36 Erte's style
- 37 Chalkboard accessory
- 40 Tourist spot off
- 42 Staircase post
- 43 Each
- 44 Golf club type
- 45 Roe provider
- 46 Timid
- 48 Spacecraft compartment
- 49 Ostrich's kin
- 50 Siesta
- 51 Definite article

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## Flounderisms

Little Fred Flounder sat in a corner Eating some Key Lime Pie He put in his thumb, realized that was dumb And said "What a cool guy am I."  
*Troutie Von Tripe, 1979*

# King Crossword

## Answers

**Solution time: 27 mins.**



# Calendar

- July 26 Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm. Not Quite Fab, Beatlesque band.
- July 29-31 Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. Roper Electric
- August 2 Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm. Mass Kunfuzion
- August 5-7 Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. Rich Boy and His Guitar
- August 9 Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm. The Sawmill Band
- August 12-14 Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. The Johansens
- August 16 Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm. The Laymen
- August 19-21 Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. The Blenders
- August 22 First Day of School. Pensacola Beach Elementary
- August 23 Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm The Kyle Parker Band
- August 26-28 Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. Second Hand Soul; 28th Reddog and Friends
- August 30 Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm Wildwood
- Sept 1 Pirates Party. Paddleboard demo, wear a costume. Soundfront beach, 6 p.m.
- Sept 4 Anything That Floats. Bathtub Races. Bamboo Willies. 2 pm
- Sept 6 Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm Dr. Breeze
- Sept 9-11 Sounds of Summer. Free Concert. Quietwater Amphitheatre. 6-8 pm. Dr. Breeze
- Sept 13 Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm Big Muddy
- Sept 17-18 Taste of the Beach; Corvette Show & Shaker Fest.
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- Sept 20 Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 pm 13th Hour Glass

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# Mostly Nuts & Bolts By Candace Segar

Continuing with my tour of Paris, I must say that the Eiffel Tower brought tears to my eyes. I looked and stared at the magnificent, beautiful structure which was the ultimate dream to any engineer, especially me.

There are many surprising and remarkable aspects to the Eiffel Tower. To begin with, a competition opened up among engineers from Eiffel's construction firm as well as architect, Jules Bourdais. With only two weeks until the deadline, more than 700 tower schemes were submitted.

The more amazing feat was the speed of construction. It began in late January 1887. By June 30, the foundations had been completed. During that first phase of construction, the iron parts were being fabricated in Eiffel's factories at Levalloir-Perret, a suburb of Paris. On July 1, the team began to assemble these iron parts. The first floor was completed on April 1, 1888. The second floor was completed August 14, 1888, and assembly of a lantern complete with electric floodlights was finished March 31, 1889.

There was, of course, a backlash with its construction by a prominent group of writers, musicians, artists and architects. They questioned having a tower with a permanent place in the skyline of Paris. Charles Gounod, Guy de Maupassant, Victor Bouguereau and architects Charles Garnier and Emile Vaudremer wrote, "Is the city of Paris then going

to associate ...herself with the grotesque, mercenary invention of a machine builder, so as to deface and deflower herself? For you may not doubt that the Eiffel Tower unwanted even by commercial America, is the deflowering of Paris."

Gustave Eiffel was furious. His response was one all engineers should appreciate. "Is it because we are engineers that we do not pay attention to beauty? Do not the laws of natural forces always conform to the secret laws of harmony? The first principle of the aesthetics of architecture is that the essential lines of a monument should be determined by their perfect appropriateness to their end. Now, what condition do I have to take into consideration

because they will demonstrate to the viewer the boldness of the conception."

Monsieur Eiffel had the last laugh. The Eiffel Tower is the most visited paid monument in the world.

The second part of this article will be continued addressing the following: What happened to the Eiffel Tower during World Wars I and II? Who actually owned the Eiffel Tower? What triggered the idea to demolish the Eiffel Tower? And who saved it and how?

(Article Reference: The Eiffel Tower by Lucien Herve and Introduction by Barry Bergdoll)

To be continued in the next edition of *Island Times*, Pensacola Beach's Newspaper.

above all others in a tower? Wind resistance. Well I maintain that the curves of the four arrises of the monument, as the calculations have determined them, will vie an impression of beauty



Island Times columnist Candace Segar, and her nephew McFlye in Paris at the Eiffel Tower.

## Krewe Kicks Off Silver Slippers To Host Maui Gras Luau

The Krewe of Silver Slippers is celebrating the midway to Mardi Gras mark with a "Maui Gras Luau" Saturday, July 30 at the Sanders Beach Community Center in Pensacola.

The sparkling krewe who joins the fun on the Beach during the Krewe of Wrecks parade hosts this one-time only fundraiser each year.

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# BYTES AND BITS By Joe Stukey Your Computer Pal

Q: "Can My Phone Get A Virus?"

A: The new smart phones can certainly get a virus. The source of the virus could be the handy application, or "app", that you downloaded into your phone. With thousands of the apps available, we don't always know which ones are safe. For example, a person may design a virus program that looks like a handy gadget. They then upload it to an online store where it can be downloaded for free. Or they may download an app from an online store, insert a virus program into the app, then upload it to the store where they found it. When you download it from the store, the virus is in your phone.

As technology shifts toward smart phones that are constantly connected to the Internet, the scam artists are beginning to focus on developing viruses for the new operating systems. The new Android operating system is one of their targets. Having malware

(malicious software) and viruses in your smart phone can cause a variety of problems. In one case, they are designed to send out large numbers of text messages from your account. They may also gain access to personal information stored in your phone and send it to the virus creators.

There are a couple of things you can do to protect your phone. One method is to download a security app for your phone. As with any other app, you should do your research online before selecting a security program. Some are available at no cost. Also, be careful when installing any app. If it asks too many questions, or tries to insert itself into sensitive areas of your phone, it may contain malware. Also, read the on-line reviews about the app in which you are interested. If problems have been experienced, you will find postings about it on the web.

For questions, contact Joe at [joe@ypcals.com](mailto:joe@ypcals.com) or 206-3156.

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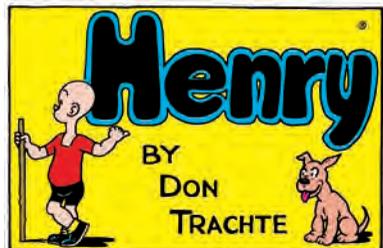
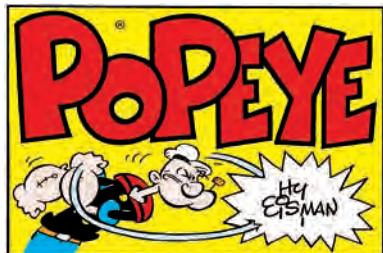
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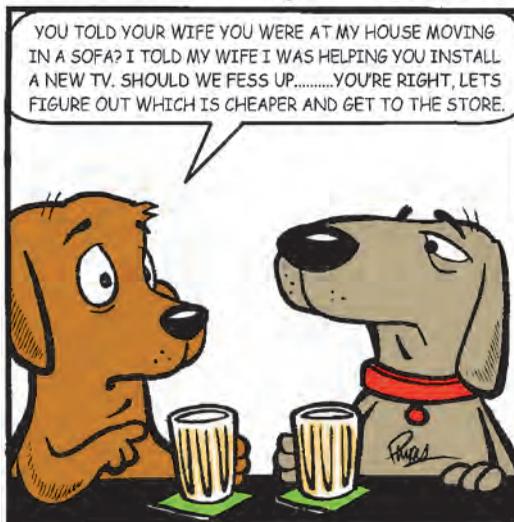
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## A Race By Any Other Name Does Not Sail As Sweet

The sailors are all ladies and the skippers are, too, at the all female Race for the Roses hosted by the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, July 29-31. The official Notice of Race warns no men allowed on the boats, but this does not make the competition any less fierce.

The Race for the Roses will sail into its twenty-fourth year with full classes of both spinnaker and non spinnaker boats. Ellen Hunt founded this race in 1987 to encourage women to take the helm and it has not always been smooth sailing, but the ladies have prevailed. In the early years, they had to borrow boats and secure sponsors, then they were faced with monster storms and an oil spill.

The sailors' experience and skills grew each year, and now the race is part of the Ladies Trilogy Series. The series which consists of the Point Yacht Club's "Fast Women Regatta," Navy Yacht Club's "Bikini Regatta" and Pensacola Beach Yacht Club's "Race for the Roses" is proof that the ladies are serious about sailing.

And, of course, there is a

social side to this racing circuit. The men can only play a supporting role in this presentation, but they are lined up at the Yacht Club to congratulate the sailors.

"As in past years, there will be a great party going on all weekend long," said Rick Zern, PBYC Rear Commodore.

Registration continues until 6 p.m., Friday, July 29, followed by the Skippers Meeting at 7:30 p.m. The first warning signal will sound at 11:55 on Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31. Scores will be tallied and the awards party will take place at Pensacola Beach Yacht Club on Sunday as soon as possible after the last race.

### Experts Offer Tips For Safe Summer Fun

If you are out on the beach or working in the sun, Dr. Richard Russo at Baptist Medical Park says it is important to protect yourself and loved ones from the heat. Here are a few of his tips:

- ▶ Drink lots of fluids, avoid sugary and alcoholic drinks
- ▶ Seek air conditioning, use fans

First, second and third place awards go to winners in each category. Other awards include: a Perpetual Trophy, awarded to the yacht club whose entrant wins; The Amanda Werner Spirit Award which goes to the sailor who best exemplifies the sailing spirit and love of racing; and the Point Yacht Club Trilogy Award.

Spectators can watch the ladies race on the course which will be set in the Bay, south of Pensacola and west of Pensacola Beach Yacht Club.

More information including entry forms are available at [pensacolabeach-yc.org](http://pensacolabeach-yc.org).

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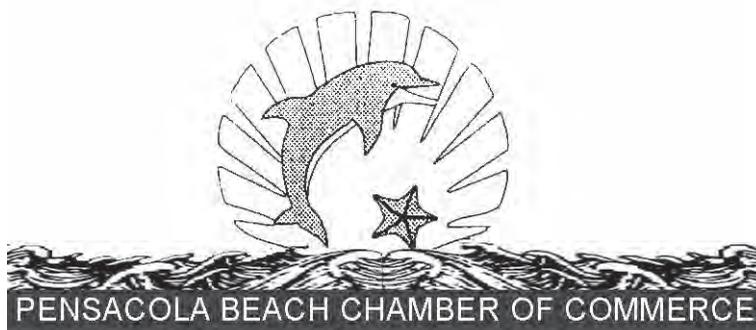
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# readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick

Island Times columnist Saltwater Rick is handing his pen over to angler and renaissance man Mike Willett this week. Rick is rehabbing his knee after surgery and will be back soon.

"It was the best of times. It was the worst of times."

As I plagiarize a little bit through this fishing article that Dickens quote really does aptly represent this year's Red Snapper season which closed at the first part of last week. I have seen some of the biggest Red Snapper caught this year and the catch has been as plentiful as I can ever remember.

But do not be bummed out my fellow anglers, the Charter Boats are also bringing in large limits of Mingo Snapper as well as some of the largest Triggerfish I have ever seen. Jenni McDade Arnold sent me a picture of a Triggerfish she caught that was totally off the hook (no pun intended). It was absolutely giant and the reports from other boats are showing that the Triggerfish are thick.

Scamp Grouper, in fact, all Grouper are plentiful. Captain Eddie Lively and Captain Jerry Andrews are a sure bet for anyone looking for a charter to get some supper. It's a good time if you are in town and are looking

for a trip.

If you have a Gulfworthy boat some big schools of Chicken Dolphin and some (to the knot Kings) are sporting around. Just anchor on your spot and put out a chum bag. Some Wahoo are cruising up the slicks, also.

Kenneth Collins at the Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier told me they have had good runs of Spanish Mackerel and an occasional King Mackerel. That will certainly increase soon.

If you're looking for a good fighting fish, Bonitas are spooling them up. So take your kids while they are out of school and hook a big one.

Beach fishing has switched sides now with a massive amount of Speckled Trout on any grass bed in Santa Rosa Sound and Pensacola Bay all the way up to the river mouths. Live shrimp with a bobber, about 2-3 feet deep over the grass is a sure bet when the tide is moving in any direction. Morning and sunset are the best if you are wading.

It is hard to beat a light at the end of a dock during the

night. Any of the lighted fishing bridges are productive as well. If you have a small boat try some top water lures for some visual fun as well as productive catches down toward Big Sabine.

Black Snapper along with Spanish Mackerel are showing up at Fort Pickens. You're going to need a Flounder, which have been sneaking in the Pass. It could be part of your Inshore Triple Slam entry which you will definitely want to sign up for as soon as possible. This is a Tournament hosted by Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle Shop and lasts until August 31. There is plenty of time left to catch up to the leader George Shelton who has a combined total of 13.34 pounds (4.22 pound Speck, 6.81 pound Redfish, 2.31 pound Flounder) Entry is only \$20.

We can't forget the Mullet fishermen. I almost had one jump into my ear yesterday while wade fishing for Specks. Lots of cloud cover and lots of Mullet every where are perfect conditions for cast netters. Remember "You can't catch a fish unless you go fishing."

Get well Rick, The inshore bite is in full swing! Good luck anglers. Clean the fish you keep.



Jenni McDade Arnold and her Triggerfish



When it's time to fish, this group of able anglers hauls in a great catch - but it has to be their day off from The Grand Marlin. Cindy and Walt Lumpkin, left, shared this photo which includes (L to R) Chef Gregg McCarthy, General Manager Bryan Housley, and Gregg's wife Audrey. The gang fished on July 6 in the Gulf.

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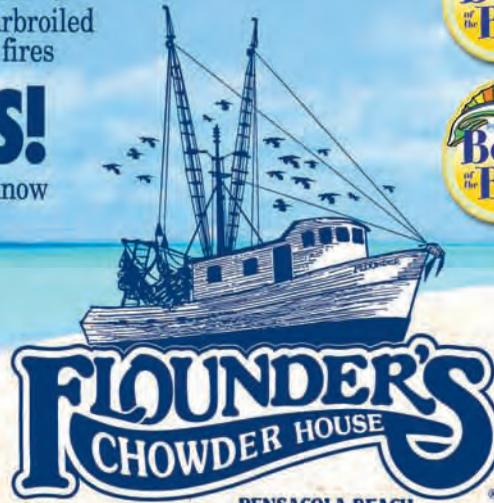
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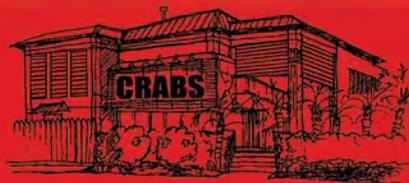
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