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## Summer Sizzles

### Fourth of July Fireworks Light Up Night Skies



Summer sizzles for hospitality employees on Pensacola Beach. The mercury soars and cash registers ring as residents and tourists flock to the Island for cool fun. The Red, White and Blue Crew at Surf Burger shares a light-hearted moment while preparing for the spectacular Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza which will launch just north of their soundside location at 9 p.m. Ready to ramp up the fun are (L to R): Johnny Redman, Caitlin Bulla, Monica Parries, owner Alice Bohannon, Haley Bohannon, John Miller and Hayley Gurney. Celebrate your right to have fun and read on - turn to page 2 for more details.

# Beach Celebrates Summer, Dazzling Fireworks Set For Fourth

Is the freedom to have fun one of the rights guaranteed to all Americans? Will you declare your independence from the mundane and dreary? If yes, read on.

The island breezes will have the hundreds of American flags along Pensacola Beach fluttering all day long on the Fourth of July. The Beach's streets will be decked out in the red, white and blue as a salute to our country's two hundred thirty-eighth birthday. A welcoming sight to those who celebrate Independence Day with traditional beach picnics, bike rides or a visit to historic Fort Pickens. All those daylight events are only a prelude to the spectacular evening celebration.

After the sun sets, the skies above Santa Rosa Sound will explode with a dazzling fireworks display in a sparkling tribute to all things American. The annual Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza is hosted by the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce at 9 p.m., and sponsored by the Santa Rosa Island Authority.

"The entire beach will be treated to twenty-five minutes of expert pyrotechnics choreo-

graphed to patriotic music," said Chamber President Maureen LaMar. "There are many great places to view the fireworks across the island. Just keep your eyes on the sky."

Local radio station WXBM 102.7 will be broadcasting live from the Boardwalk and will have special music simulcast to accompany the fireworks show.

Fireworks fans should arrive on the island early. There is ample public parking in the core area as well as on the east and west ends of the Island. The island's very own free trolley service begins at 4 p.m., and will transport you to the core area in air-conditioned comfort. Find a soundfront spot or enjoy the view from one of the many Beach businesses ready to serve you.

Since the Fourth of July falls midweek, there are a variety of events leading up to the patriotic holiday. Freedom is not free, but the many offerings this week on Santa Rosa Island are.

The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club kicks off the week with the Patriots Regatta, Saturday, June 30 at noon. Watch the skilled sailors as they maneuver across a course through the waters on

the island's north side.

Learn about one of the Island's marine inhabitants when the Gulf Islands National Seashore park rangers present Cara the Sea Turtle, Sunday, July 1 at the Fort Pickens Auditorium, at 3:30 p.m. Having been born on Pensacola Beach, mature female sea turtles travel back here to lay their eggs. Encroaching development and the bright lights that accompany it are a detriment to the nesting turtles, so visitors and residents are asked to shield lights during nesting season. The movie is free, but there is an \$8 charge per car to enter the park.

The fun ramps up Tuesday, July 3 when Johnny Earthquake and the Moondogs take the Gulf-side Pavilion stage at 7 p.m. The band members will perform high-energy rock, R&B, swing, funk, soul, zydeco, country, and just about any other genre of music you can imagine. There is no charge to attend. The Santa Rosa Island Authority picks up the tab. Guests are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs, coolers and blankets. Leave your glass bottles and pets at home. The full moon will be shining to add to the ambiance.

The summer traditions continue with Beach Church Bingo, July 5. There is a twenty dollar charge to play. You could walk away with some big cash if your luck holds out. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Beach Community Church, conveniently located at Avenida 18 and Via de Luna. It's on the free trolley route at stop 34. Tourists are welcome to attend.

More family friendly fun is set for Friday, July 6. The Portofino Merchants host First Friday, an early evening event with

free music and door prizes. The tunes begin at 5:30 p.m. and last for two hours. If you want a bit more adventure, put on your sturdy shoes and grab your flashlight. The Candlelight Tour of Fort Pickens begins at 8:30 p.m. at the Fort. It's another freebie, but the Park Service does charge an \$8 admission fee per carload of guests.

It's the kick off to an All American sizzling summer. Make a break from the mundane and drop the dreary. Celebrate on Pensacola Beach.



The Pyrotecnico Company launched this assortment of star shells during the 2011 Fourth of July Fireworks Extravaganza on Pensacola Beach.

## Gulf Front Leaseholders May Qualify For Spill Monies

If you are a leaseholder who lives on Gulf front property on Pensacola Beach, you may likely be eligible to collect \$3,500 or more from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Settlement. Select Soundfront leaseholders may wish to investigate the possibility of a settlement as well. Pensacola Beach Advocates President Jim Cox compiled the following information and step-by-step process to assist leaseholders in their research:

### Coastal Real Property Claims

The BP Settlement has a provision for many Pensacola Beach leaseholders to

receive a settlement award for the loss of use and enjoyment of their property due to the oil spill. This is available for all properties located directly on the Gulf, and for many properties located directly on the Sound. Properties not directly on the Gulf or the Sound do not qualify for this settlement. The award is based on the 2010 assessed value of your property including land. The minimum award is \$3,500 for properties located on the Gulf and \$2,800 for properties located on the Sound.

**Step One:** To find out if your property is in the Coastal

Real Property Claim Zone: Go to [www.deepwaterhorizonsettlements.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonsettlements.com);

- "Economic and Property Damage Claims", then
- "Maps", then
- "Click here" (in first paragraph), then
- "Locate Address" (on right hand side), then
- "Enter an Address"

Enter your address, a map will appear. If the location is correct, Click "Location Correct."

On the right hand side, it will tell you that you are in Economic Loss Zone A. This is true for all Pensacola Beach properties, and entitles you to make claims for economic losses. Below that, it will tell you if you are "Within" or "Not Within" the Coastal Real Property Claim Zone. That is the notation that determines if you qualify for these benefits.

**Step Two:** If you are "Within the Coastal Real Property Claim Zone," go back to the home page

- "Claim Forms", then
- "Registration Form" for Instructions and Registration

Forms. This must be submitted in addition to the Claim Form.

- Go to "Coastal Real Property (Green Form)" for the Instructions and the Claim Form.

**Step Three:** The following documentation must be submitted with your Claim Form:

1. IRS Form W-9. This can be obtained at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), or at the [www.deepwaterhorizonsettlements.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonsettlements.com) site. Just go to "Claim Forms" and click on "Tax Forms" at the bottom of the page.

2. Copy of the warranty deed from your purchase of the property. This can be obtained off the Escambia County Appraiser's web site.

3. A copy of your 2010 tax assessment from Chris Jones (not the tax bill from Janet Holley). If you cannot locate your 2010 Notice of Assessment, call the Escambia County Appraiser at 850-437-2735 and ask for Bubba Lewis or Keith Hodges.

4. If you leased your property to others in 2010, include a copy of the lease.

5. If you sold your property in 2010, include a copy of

the sales contract and closing statement.

Here are a few Frequently Asked Questions:

### Is Everyone Eligible for These Awards?

No. As noted above, only properties located directly on the Gulf and some that are located directly on the Sound are eligible.

### Should I file On-Line or Mail the Claim Form and Documents?

The attorneys at Levin Pantantonio say that filing online is preferred, but you must also be able to electronically file all supporting documentation. Filing on line and then mailing the documentation is not recommended. If you do not have all your documentation in an electronic form, it is best to mail in the Claim Form and all documentation together.

"Begin your own research, you have plenty of time. The deadline to submit a claim form is April 20, 2014," said Cox.

For more information about the BP settlement, go to [www.deepwaterhorizonsettlements.com](http://www.deepwaterhorizonsettlements.com).

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# Forever...Barefoot on the Beach

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

The Islander Newspaper – July 12, 1983

I have never met a man named Jane. If there is a man named Jane lurking out there in the world, I wish he would let us know, so we can run his picture in *The Islander*. And this leads me to newspaper editing... a job which entails great landslides of mail. Lately, the avalanche has included a number of resumes from people who would like to work for this little island publication. And now, once again, I am running into that kind of careless chauvinistic reference which is the equivalent of flying a red bandana in my Taurean face. Most of these letters begin, "Jane Waters, Editor, *The Islander*. Dear MR. Waters,". Now, how many guys named JANE do you know?

Last week, the real topper

arrived, addressed to Jane Waters. The first sentence read, "I realize you are a busy man, but could you take time to look at my qualifications?"

No, but I should take time to write and tell you there are, here and there, scattered about in cities and hamlets and islands and mountain tops some women who edit newspapers, do television news and sportscasting, are disc jockeys, bartenders, doctors, lawyers, merchants and chiefs. One even grew up to be an astronaut!

A year ago, when I went to the tax office to renew my license, I gave the clerk a check. She looked it over and asked, "Do you and Mr. Waters own *The Islander*?"

"There is no Mr. Waters. I own *The Islander*," I answered. She, still turning the check

around in her hands, said, "Oh, you and Mr. Waters started it and now you are running it." She said this in a hushed voice, implying that I had inherited the newspaper. Sometimes, libbers lose, I muttered as I walked to the desk to pick up my tag.

I can remember working in newspaper offices where women were the Society editors and secretaries. Period! I was a Society editor of a small town daily myself, but now and then I would file a news story, just sneak it right past the grizzled editor, and it would appear, but I never got a byline unless I did a saccharin description of a tea party. Women who have secured responsible positions in the media have been true icebreakers.

A pioneer libber in the newspaper business was a professor of mine. Her name was Mary

Paxton Keely, and she was the first woman graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism. Somehow, she stormed the all-male bastion of Missouri's journalism school and she went to work as a reporter for the *Kansas City Star*, not the secretary, janitor or Society editor, but a real, genuine reporter! And, she paid a horrendous price. During her retirement years when she decided to teach journalism, she was still doing what she had always had to do to make her way in newspapering. Her hair was cut short like a man's hair used to be. She wore severely tailored suits and low heeled shoes. She peered at her students through enormous horn-rimmed glasses. She was a familiar, but somewhat ludicrous character as

she pedaled her bicycle around the streets in Columbia, often wearing a bright orange raincoat and hat. All this from a woman who had enrolled at the University wearing the soft feminine fashions of her day. If she was to succeed in a man's world, she soon found it would be easier if she imitated the male journalist.

All women in the media owe a lot the Mary Paxton Keelys who preceded us. By the time I arrived at the journalism school, there were almost as many girls as boys aiming at careers in journalism. And yet, the ancient myth still surfaces now and then.

And, that is the reason that letters to the Editor always seem to begin, "Dear Mister," even if the editor's name is JANE...

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# Doctor Declares Beach Tourism Healthy

The doctor says Beach tourism is healthy. At the June 13 Santa Rosa Island Authority full board meeting, Dr. Rod Lewis of the Haas Center gave a preliminary report on the impact that Pensacola Beach tourism has on Escambia County.

"The total impact of Pensacola Beach on the regional economy is \$261 million and it generates 2,600 jobs," reported Lewis. "The recovery here was amazingly healthy from the oil spill as evidenced by the tourism bed tax collections and toll facility numbers."

Lewis concluded that currently most visitors come to Pensacola Beach from the nearby drive markets. He stated that a focus to bring visitors from direct flight cities such as Washington, DC, Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta and Charlotte would add to the tourism base. Those travelers spend more while on vacation and look for amenities such as upscale retail and beach based activities, according to his research.

The final report will be delivered to the Board Wednesday, August 8 and will include onsite interview results gathered from the 2012 Blue Angels Airshow weekend.

Beach Chamber President Maureen LaMar presented the Visitor's Information Center report which again showed

tourism to be rebounding on the Beach.

"We had a sixty percent increase in visitors during May 2012 as compared to May 2011," she said. "We hosted 2,796 guests in our Center during May. Hoteliers are predicting a strong summer."

Top five states represented were Louisiana, Florida, Texas, Georgia and Alabama with international visitors from Canada, Germany and England. The Santa Rosa Island Authority contracts with the Beach Chamber to manage the Visitors Center on their behalf.

The Board approved a request by PSBLive to produce a live online video stream of the popular Tuesday night Bands on the Beach concert series, pending legal approval. The concerts, which draw 4,000 guests weekly, are hosted at the Gulfside Pavilion.

"This would be a professional production showcasing this event to a global audience," said Bill Brownell, owner. "This is at no cost to the SRIA."

Director of Developmental Services Paolo Ghio provided the Board with an update about construction on the Beach. With the completion of the new Shaggy's Bar and Grill, there are only two vacant commercial properties. One is the former Clarion property on Via de Luna which is

zoned for a 50 unit commercial hotel. That property is currently for sale. The second is a property between Margaritaville and Holiday Inn Express which is to be developed as their waterpark in the future. There are a total of 1,297 hotel rooms on the beach.

The Land Use Plan allows for 4,128 residential units, all of which are spoken for. There are 270 vacant residential lots on the island. Three new homes have been completed this year with another nine already permitted.

Landscaping along Via de Luna was a concern for Portofino resident Margaret DeArmon who asked the board to consider the maintenance of plantings prior to spending leaseholders' money. She chastised the board for not have a comprehensive plan for landscape and maintenance. She is willing to volunteer her time to help. "I am recently retired," she said. "If we need an Adopt-An-Island program, even if it means pulling sandspurs, I will do it."

The future of the Via de Luna median landscaping plan is in Escambia County's hands according to Baskerville-Donovan Engineer Mike Langston.

"The road belongs to Escambia County so we must wait for them to move forward," said Langston. "The landscaping must accommodate the speed that the cars travel on Via de

Luna. I hope this project can be completed this year."

Langston also reported that designs for a parking lot at Avenida 14 and Via de Luna will be presented at the next meeting. Additionally, the report will include other areas where improvements can be made.

Improvements to Pensacola Beach was the subject of a recent survey conducted by the Pensacola Beach Advocates. The interim results were compiled and presented to the Board by PBA President Jim Cox. The final results of the survey, which asks respondents to rank the importance of Pensacola Beach Master Plan items, will be available this week.

"There are 13 items that respondents supported that are not being considered for funding, not even on the list of unfunded projects," said Cox. "In my opinion,

it is important that the SRIA budget reflect what the people want and the Master Plan outlines."

After lengthy discussion, Board members shared differing reactions to the information. Board Chairman Dave Pavlock thanked Cox and said, "We are at a crossroads right now. We don't know what will happen with taxes. Our job is to see what we can do to make life better on the Beach for the businesses, residents and tourists."

The board continued to discuss the survey results during their budget workshop which followed the meeting.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority committees will meet on Wednesday, June 27 at 5 p.m. in the SRIA boardroom. A special board meeting and budget workshop will follow. The meeting is open to the public.

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# peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis

You know this Island is magic when you arrive and find a Bawl has already been planned in your name! It's true. I met a family named "Woolley" at the Fourth Annual Woolly Booger Social Club's "Keep the Hurricanes Away This Season Bawl." No kidding. Daddy Woolley explained that he had been stationed here at NAS in the 1960s. His family has been coming back every year for vacation.

They were thrilled to be smack dab in the middle of a "Woolly Booger Bawl." They travelled all the way from Oklahoma and brought some real mid-country charm and gris-gris to help ward off hurricanes and tornados. Mike Woolley (I know it's a slightly different spelling, but it still counts) and his family enjoyed "their" Bawl so much, they plan to return in late November to celebrate the "Kiss the Hurricane Season GoodBye Bawl" and perhaps have a family reunion. They promised to keep an eye out for a family named Booger.

Queen Shughah Christine Hewerdine and her Royal Court of Past Shughah Queens managed to get the entire crowd at Paradise Bar & Grill onboard with blowing away all storms. Just face south, blow and believe. There was a tiny depression offshore, but it got really scared and quickly shot off to the west. There was a lot of hoo-doo dancing, gris gris flyin' and red lips blowing kisses southward. Since it was such a hot and crowded day, Woolly Booger Canine Deputy Dawg Rommel was given permission to maintain his post under a shade tree at home, so Mom Becky Shearman brought a beautiful picture to share.

Paradise Manager Renee Mack sure knows how to pick 'em! Kenney Neal was an awesome band providing great entertainment. I believe everyone in that family sings and plays music. A very talented family. Can you believe they sang, "Put on your red dress baby - we're going out tonight" and I was wearing one? I know.

I've decided to do something

different for my birthday this year. Well, actually I just returned from the annual June birthday trip to Biloxi. But I mean on my actual birthday day. I just realized that my granddaughter Sissy and I have never gone to see a movie together. After talking this over with her, we decided that we would attend the grand debut of Brave, because it opens on my birthday. We're gonna wear our real dress up clothes with make-up and high heels. We might even wear our fancy hats and gloves. I'm sure that'll be a first for Gulf Breeze Cplex, too.

I stopped at a produce stand on Highway 98 last week for some fresh tomatoes for sandwiches. I also found that they have yellow-meated watermelons! My Daddy used to grow these and I haven't seen one since I was a child. I remembered that they had a lot less seeds than red watermelons back then and Daddy had a hard time finding seeds for planting. Of course, I bought one.

While this one had a lot more seeds (which were darker than I remember) it still tasted the

same. These watermelons are a lot sweeter than the red ones; almost as sweet as honey. That's the taste of childhood right there. Watermelons were standard fare for our 4th of July celebration not to mention everyday life. We would just go in the garden and pick out our own baby watermelon and crack it open on a rock. That's some good eating!

This week's recipe is something for the little ones to help with and the big ones to enjoy. It's a deliciously cold summer dessert. It makes a beautiful red, white and blue dish for the 4th of July. Grown-ups can make the jello the day before and let the little ones cut the jello (with a plastic knife). Gives them something to do. Just set them up at a table with all the ingredients.... Ok, let's cook.

### Fruit Explosion

- 1 box strawberry jello
- 1 box blueberry jello
- Cool whip
- Fresh strawberries, sliced
- Fresh blueberries

Make jello according to directions on box. Prepare and chill thoroughly for 24 hours. Cut jello into squares and layer in a trifle bowl, beginning with jello, adding fresh fruit and whipped cream. Continue layers until finishing with whipped topping. Chill. Enjoy and share.

Have a safe and Happy 4th of July! See ya in the kitchen.



2012 Queen Shughah Christine, left, with 2009 Queen Shughah Kathi



A WILD COINCIDENCE - The fabled island tribe of Woolly Boogers hosted their Keep the Hurricanes Away party at Paradise June 16. The Woolley family was visiting from Oklahoma and fit right in. Mike Woolley, left, was first in Pensacola during flight training at NAS; with him at the party are his wife Bear, and son Shawn.



Beach family gathered at Paradise June 16. Keeping the Hurricanes Away are Woolly Boogers (L to R, back): G. Cole, Eric Landis and Kim LoBue. Cullen Stanley, front, is a second generation Woolly Booger.



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# A Glimpse of Heaven

By Father Paul Lambert  
St. Ann's Catholic Parish

My dear readers, this will be the last installment of "A Glimpse of Heaven" from me, Fr. Paul Lambert. I have been appointed priest secretary for Bishop Gregory L. Parkes effective July 5. I have cherished this opportunity, afforded me by Shelley Johnson, to contribute to this great local source of the life and culture of Pensacola Beach.

I want to leave you with a message of thanksgiving. During the formative years of our lives, we were taught to say "please" and "thank you." We are taught the necessity of be gracious towards others or else we might be seen as cold, or rude. However, this disposition of thankfulness provides us with something so much more. By being thankful we more fully receive from what we have received. We recognize

that what we have been given is a gift. When we thank someone for ringing up our groceries, we thank them because for that short span of time, they shared a part of our lives.

My upcoming assignment affords me the opportunity to see this graciousness played out in the most humble of ways. I have only just gotten to know and observe Bishop Parkes, but I can already see this great spirit of graciousness. When he looks at you, you know that for the entirety of that conversation you are the most important person in his life. I hope to learn this graciousness to truly encounter other people, not a means to an end, but a mystery to behold. When we can see through these eyes, we will truly get a glimpse of Heaven.

God Bless.

## Promoters Offer Chance To Host A Visiting Songwriter

Would you like to be on a first name basis with a famous songwriter? The promoters of the Pensacola Beach Songwriter's Festival are offering, for the first time, an Adopt-A-Songwriter program.

"We are looking for locals who will open their homes to our talent" said Reneda Cross, the festival's coordinator. "It is a really cool experience for the host family and the visiting songwriter. I have seen lifelong friendships forged in programs like this."

The program is set up for visiting songwriters, who will be performing on Pensacola Beach from October 2 through October 8, to stay with beach hosts or alternatively in an owner's vacation home or condo. The host is asked to provide housing, but food is not necessary. All songwriters are pre-screened to participate in the program.

In exchange for accommodations, Songwriter's Festival organizers will give host families a pass to gain entry into the weekend events.

"As a thank you, we will make wristbands available to the hosts," said Cross. "The wristbands allow entry into the listening rooms where the talent performs for select crowds."

Songwriters keep odd hours, so that is a consideration. Oftentimes they work late performing for fans at one of the fifteen festival venues. If you want to help, but don't have room to host a songwriter, there are a number of volunteer opportunities.

"We have lots of spots for fans to be part of the festival," said Cross. "You can help sell merchandise, hand out freebies or assist with songwriter check in."

Beach resident Becky Shearman has been a volunteer every year that the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival has been hosted on the island.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Songwriter program or to volunteer, contact Cross at rc.songwriters@yahoo.com or call 850-341-0889.

## Island Budget Workshops Near Completion

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Board looked for ways to get the most bang for the buck at their third Budget Workshop, June 13. The \$8 million budget, which is still in a draft form, must be approved and ready to submit to the Escambia County Commissioners on June 28.

In an effort to update a lingering list of 34 unfunded projects, the Board tasked Director of Developmental Services Paolo Ghio to prioritize the list. In his report, he rated each project against a set of three queries: (1) what gets used most often by the most people, (2) what can realistically be completed, and (3) if we did nothing to this item, and

just let it deteriorate, how much would it cost to rebuild it? Based on the criteria, he presented the Board with a list of ten items, totaling \$880,000. They are: elevate existing dune walkovers, resurface public parking, resurfacing streets, storm drainage, recreation park improvements, public restrooms at Quietwater, Sabine Channel dredging, sidewalk maintenance, water tower maintenance and Quietwater Amphitheatre improvements.

"We have an aging infrastructure," said Ghio. "It needs to be maintained. I would not recommend new construction while having infrastructure falling apart around you."

Ghio brought the multi-use path to the Board's attention noting that it is in the County right-of-way so funding could be requested from the County for that repair and improvement.

The Board will continue to discuss the list of unfunded projects.

Other items which were discussed:

- Advertising: The Santa Rosa Island Authority's charter requires the promotion of the island. The proposed budget has been amended to return the advertising allocation to \$400,000, which matches the 1997 level of support. The Board also increased the stipend to the Pensacola Beach Chamber to \$50,000 to target locals in off-season events.

Renourishment: \$100,000 to be added to other funding sources.

Roads: Neighborhood or secondary streets on the Island which belong to the SRIA must be repaired. Vernon Prather requested that \$140,000 be allocated this year, and that money be set aside annually for these projects.

The Board applauded the dedication and performance of the SRIA employees. Board member Prather suggested that an analysis and evaluation of the differences in County and SRIA employee pay should be completed.

The final Budget Workshop will be Wednesday, June 27 following the conclusion of the SRIA Committee meetings in the boardroom. The Workshop is open to the public.

## Movie Classics Showcased At Saenger Summer Series

The Saenger Theatre will showcase a summer jam-packed full of classic hit movies and movie musicals shown on the big screen—the way movies were meant to be seen!

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fantastic!"

The series will begin with My Fair Lady and finish with the Wizard of Oz.

Movie tickets can be purchased for \$5 each at the Saenger Theatre Box Office. A special, discounted Movie Ten-Pack can be purchased for \$40. All movies will be seated on a first-come-first-served basis. The Box Office will open each night one-hour prior to show time.

For more information on upcoming events at the Pensacola Saenger Theatre go to [www.pensacola.saenger.com](http://www.pensacola.saenger.com).

### Sunday Services

Worship by the Water, 9 AM  
Flounder's Beach  
Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church [www.gbumc.org](http://www.gbumc.org)

Our Lady Catholic Church, 9:45 AM  
Avenida 18 /Via De Luna  
[www.stannulgulfbreeze.org](http://www.stannulgulfbreeze.org)

Pensacola Beach Church, 10 AM  
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Scott Luebcke took Darla Richardson to be his bride, Saturday, June 9, in ceremonies at the Pensacola Beach Community Church's Fellowship Hall. A memorable day for the loving couple since Mother Nature provided a record breaking rainfall prior to the afternoon service. According to the old wives' tale, rain on a wedding day is good luck. The knot in "tying the knot" becomes wet and is harder to break, thus making the marriage stronger.



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June 28	8pm	Avenida 16	
June 29	3pm	Mike Jencks	
June 30	2pm	The Rowdies	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: red;">BEST</div> <p>Summer Music Line up on the beach</p>
	9pm	Shawna P & Earthfunk Tribe	
July 1	1pm	Flip Flop Boys	
	6pm	Mike Jencks	
July 2	6pm	Tomato & Dennis	
July 3	9pm	Ba'Nana Republic	
July 4	1pm	Avenida 16	
	9:30	Timberhawk	
July 5	8pm	Supermassive	
July 6	3pm	Mainstream	
	9pm	MoJiles	<p>Ride the Free Trolley ~ Stop #16</p>
July 7	2pm	Shawna P & Adam Tyler Brown	
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# The Lizard's Tongue

by elizabeth hewson

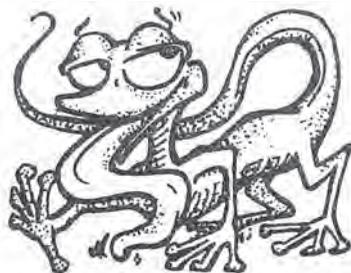
*Baltimore. B&O Railroad. The Blues. One final goodbye.*

After four years of living in Southern Maryland, the Colonel, the Kid and I wrestled beltway traffic to spend one final weekend as a family in Baltimore -- a city that is known as much for its game as it is for its grime. Baltimore is home to the Ravens and Orioles. Its streets are home to some of the highest crime statistics in the United States. It's the Yin and the Yang of this city - from the crack of the bat at Camden Yards to the junkie on crack standing outside a battered and long forgotten yard - that makes it a favorite in popular culture and an interesting place to visit. Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps is the unofficial face of Baltimore and a tenant in one of the very expensive high rise Inner Harbor condominiums. Contrast that with the street characters cast on "The Wire", a crime drama series which aired on HBO for 6 years and 60 episodes. Again, the Yin and the Yang.

Standing in the lobby of Hotel Monaco, I realized I was no longer in sleepy St. Mary's County. Our hotel was once the landmark Baltimore & Ohio Railroad headquarters. It was built in 1906 and designed by the premiere architectural firm of

its time, Parker & Thomas. The original marble floor and Tiffany stained-glass windows were still perfectly in use. I shut my eyes just for a moment in order to take in all the sounds of hustle and bustle of 2012. The chatter probably wasn't that much different than in the day of Oscar G. Murray, the B&O president. Except now his building was filled with tourists, dressed in shorts and t-shirts, wanting dinner reservations, an early check-in, a ride to the airport, and tickets to the Orioles' game.

Soon we found ourselves sitting at an outdoor cafe just down the street from our hotel, enjoying the harbor breeze while sipping ice cold beverages and munching on local crab cakes. With gin and tonics, and a lemonade in hand, we raised our glasses on high -- a toast to Lord Baltimore and his namesake city, and to his harbor that is filled with naval vessels and tall ships from around the world. International tall ships? More than 40 "grey hulls"? We had stumbled into the launch of Star-Spangled 200, the celebration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the penning of the National Anthem. Who knew? From the size of the crowds,



everyone except us. I was beginning to experience the Yin and the Yang of the city myself -- from the hustle and bustle and floral fragrances in the former B&O building to plod along and stop in your tracks with ample amounts of B.O. in the air. When did we become a deodorant-free society?

Then, as if on cue, while shuffling along hand in hand with my family, I heard a very familiar noise -- the roar of jet engines, in formation, and propelling blue painted aircraft at incredible speeds. It was the Blues Angels. The crowds were paralyzed with delight. It was only between shutter clicks on cameras that an audible gasp from on-lookers could be heard as the Blues performed over Baltimore Harbor and would appear to come screaming out of nowhere from behind the city's skyline. Timing is everything.

We checked out of the Hotel Monaco early on Sunday morning, the Saturday celebrants and crowds were all gone. Any building inset or nook had become temporary housing for the homeless. Panhandlers were already lining up on the street corners that surrounded the hotel. The valet explained that by 9 a.m. they would all go away. I didn't ask where because I was leaving as well. I had had my fill of the Yin and the Yang. Until next time...



Innerlight on Pensacola Beach hosted the Slater Trout Stand Up Paddleboard Clinic for June 17 in Little Sabine Bay. Dozens signed up for the intermediate class which included individual and group instruction from champion pro paddleboarder Slater Trout. Michael Chapman, above, made the two hour drive from Enterprise, Alabama to attend the event. Chapman, 45, has been hooked on the sport for two years according to his wife. Torrential rains canceled the event's original date of June 9.



Linda Thompson, left, gets individual stroke instruction from professional paddleboarder and former Pensacola Beach resident Slater Trout during the SUP Clinic hosted by Innerlight, June 17 in Little Sabine Bay. Trout now resides in Hawaii.

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# The School Bell Rings



## FINE FINISH

The Pensacola Beach Elementary School Students posted high marks to end the school year. Congrats to the following who were named to the Honor Roll:

### *Kelli Moyer's First Grade*

*A Honor Roll*

Aiden Bebout  
Laney Farmer  
Maggie Feltenberger  
Victoria Garza  
Zach Giovanini  
Taylor Jenkins  
Elijah Jones  
Morgan Kronlage  
Gracyn Phelps  
Aaron Sampson  
McKell Spring  
Katie Turk  
Hollyn Will

*A/B Honor Roll*

Kate Allen  
Addison Comeaux  
Emery Hasell

### *Debbie Campanella's*

*Second Grade*

*A Honor Roll*

Natalia Dadisman  
Kaelyn Quinn  
Erin Wang

Haden McBroom

*A/B Honor Roll*

Cyrus Amjad  
Charlie Atkins  
Taylor Brame  
Gracie Clay  
Sklyar Farej  
Elena Hynes  
Michael Mabire  
Kacie May  
Savannah Persky  
Nicholas Sampson

### *Joy McLaurine's Third Grade*

*A Honor Roll*

Alana Decaspalis  
Austin Burkett  
Jack Dolister  
Lauren Feltenberger  
Libbie Friedrich  
Jude Hunter  
Max Mateer  
Jackie Molyneaux  
John Turk

*A/B Honor Roll*

Hannah Buchalter  
Micha Clark  
Kai Hoffert  
Ryan Jenkins  
Ryland McCurdy  
Jenny Molyneaux  
Gabby Rice

Lauren Thompson

### *Tara Turk's Fourth Grade*

*A Honor Roll*

Tanner Braxton  
Sophie Faircloth  
Chloe Kauffman  
Matthew McCurdy  
John McDowell  
Caleb Sampson  
Jon Sawyer Smith

*A/B Honor Roll*

Ella Amos  
Sofie Babcock  
Grant Gaiennie  
Cali Hargrove  
Erin Johnson  
Kimberly Noble  
Mackenzie Quinn  
Dylan Renfroe  
Tekoah Roby  
Madeline Taylor

### *Margie Pitts' Fifth Grade*

*A Honor Roll*

Carlee Amberson  
Madison Clay  
Hannah May  
Grace Reece  
Emily Wang

*A/B Honor Roll*

Katarina Denton  
Wren Deputy  
Chloe Huntley  
Cayson McCurdy  
Harrison O'Daniel  
Ashley Price  
Isabella Rice  
Allyson Self  
Sophia Slobodian  
Madison Therrell  
Joshua Thompson  
Sydney Truax

## MORE AWARDS

At the June 5 Beach School Fifth Grade graduation party, the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge recognized Joshua Thompson and Wren Deputy. American Legion Awards were given to Harrison O'Daniel and Grace Reece. Principal's Awards designated Allison Seeker and Chloe Huntley as outstanding Beach School students.

## THOMPSON IS TOPS

Beach resident Madison Thompson's only "B" in middle school was a Geography Bee. She earned all "As" at Gulf Breeze Middle, and finished as the runner-up in the Geography Bee. She racked up a load of awards. Madison was deemed the Santa Rosa County Math Student of the Year with the highest math average in the County. She earned a career and decision making student award; was inducted into the National Junior Honors Society and was part of the Science Olympiad Team. Now, on to ninth grade!

## STUFF TO DO

Surf Camp: Three day sessions for good swimmers who are 8-years-old or older. Charge is \$150. Learn how to surf, surfing etiquette, culture, training and techniques. Camp is hosted on the Gulf just past Portofino Resort. Registration is required. Innerlightsurf.com or 850-934-9004

Vacation Bible School: July 23-27 at Pensacola Beach Community Church, Via de Luna and Avenida 18. No charge. All elementary and younger are welcome. [www.TheBeachChurch.com](http://www.TheBeachChurch.com) or 850-932-6628.

Junior Sailing Camp: August 6 - 10 at Pensacola Beach Yacht Club and Key Sailing. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The camp is full of hands on activity on the water with monohull and multihull boats, kayaks and Hobies. Open for children ages 7-14. \$200 includes a learn to sail book and a camp t-shirt and a certificate of completion. Register at [www.pensacolabeach-yc.org](http://www.pensacolabeach-yc.org) Questions to Cindy McBride, Camp Coordinator at [Cindymc850@gmail.com](mailto:Cindymc850@gmail.com)

Recycling Camp: June 28, July 11, July 18, August 1 and August 8 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. This one-day excursion to the Perdido Landfill allows kids, ages six to 12, to participate in fun-filled activities designed to teach the importance of the reduction of generated waste through source reduction, recycling, reuse or composting. The cost of the camp is the donation of one pair of new or gently used shoes to be donated to Soles4Souls. For more information or to pre-register please contact Recycling Operations at 937-2160. Space is limited.

## Beach School Board Sets Summer Maintenance Projects, Parking Policy

School's out for summer but members of the Pensacola Beach Elementary School Board do not take a break. The Board met June 18 on campus with an agenda that ranged from construction to instruction. Summer's quiet will be punctuated by the sounds of contractors at the Beach School as a geothermal cooling system is installed, and a roof extension to cover the student drop off area is built. The Board also voted unanimously to cure the degradation of metal beams under the school buildings.

"There are a number of ways to do this," said Board President Todd McCurdy. "I will research the options and pricing for an email vote, so it can be complete before school begins in August."

Principal Jeff Castleberry told the Board that school ended on a good note with high FCAT scores and a PTA sponsored Water Fun Day. He also noted there are already 135 students signed up for next year, and enrollment continues. The class size limits had not yet been reached.

The Board approved Castleberry's staffing recommendation. Returning classroom teachers are Jennifer Neal, Debbie Campan-

ella, Joy McLaurine and Tara Turk. Ginny Baynes will teach physical education and Mary Holway is the music teacher. Monika Springer will serve in the computer lab. Currently, there are openings for two full time classroom teachers and a part-time art teacher.

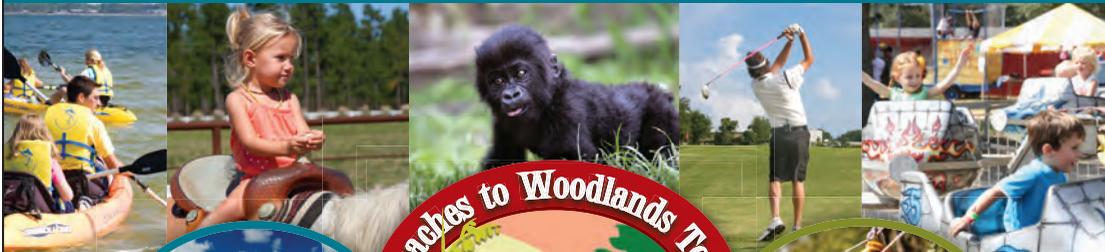
School bells and wedding bells have clashed lately leaving the School Board members with a dilemma. Officials have generously granted permission to wedding guests to use the parking spaces, but recently groups have overstepped and overparked at the campus.

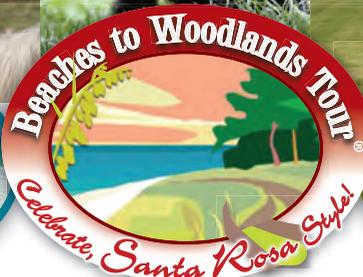
"They had blocked off our parking lot for their own use. That is unacceptable," said McCurdy. "One group had cars parked on the grass inside the school yard."

After discussing restrictions, policing and options for compensation, the Board voted to place "no parking on the grass" signs in the landscaped play area. The matter will remain open for further discussion.

The Board will meet next on Monday, July 23 at 6 p.m. on campus. Meetings are open to the public.

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# BUSINESS BUZZ.....

## NEW SHIPMATE

It's always good to have family to show you the ropes. Longtime PegLeg's bartender Karina Foster welcomed her niece Layloni Eugeio aboard at the LaFitte Cove restaurant. It's a very popular place this time of year, but worth the wait.

## MR ROBINSON GOES TO WASHINGTON

The Beach's Commissioner Grover Robinson, has completed a rigorous four day leadership program hosted by the National Association of Counties in Washington, DC. Robinson was in a select group of 23 leaders from other counties across the nation. Participants worked with the faculty as a group to develop a sense of direction and vision; a mechanism for innovation and creativity; a resource for invigorating organizational culture; and increased risk taking, improved decision making, team building and effective communication. He brings those skills back to Escambia County to better serve his constituents.

## TAKE A SPIN

SRIA Executive Director Buck Lee announced that the newest attraction on Pensacola Beach, the 180 foot tall Observation Wheel, should be turning soon. 360 Pensacola Beach is located at the Soundside Market, and will give riders a bird's eye view of the island. The cost to ride is \$15. The 360 Pensacola Beach

Observation Wheel management team of Lauri Hubbard, Michael Montgomery and Phillip Crabtree are ready to welcome you. The tentative Grand Opening date is July 1.

## CHAMBER CHATTER

Karen Cook is the Membership Chairman for the Pensacola Beach Chamber. She is inviting any interested businesses to send a representative to the Business After Hours, Tuesday, June 26 at 5:30 at Paradise Bar and Grill. Bring your business card and introduce yourself. She said you will want to join the Beach group. It is the friendliest Chamber in the world according to Karen.

## FISHING HEROES

The Entertainer, docked at Pensacola Beach Marina, is slated to take military anglers for a six-hour offshore fishing expedition, August 18. This is part of the weeklong dedication ceremonies associated with the Marine Aviation Memorial Tower. The guests are vets signed up in the America's Heroes Enjoying Recreation Outdoors (A HERO) program. If you would like to help offset the cost of this effort, contact Jim Knell at jamesknell@gmail.com.

## MORE ACTS

Two-time Grammy Award winners and multi-platinum artists Zac Brown Band have been added to the 2012 DeLuna Fest September 21 - 23. Honey Island Swamp Band, who frequents

Paradise Bar's stage, will appear. Look for a Sunday Gospel Brunch set from The Legendary JCs.

## KREWE NEWS

The Bananimals meet monthly, year round at the Sabine Sandbar on the first Sunday at 3 p.m. They have gone tropical for July and are hosting a Luau, Sunday, July 1. They are a welcoming bunch, who have dedicated a great deal of time to their two main goals - partying and charitable giving. If this sounds like a krew for you, contact graymon@gmail.com for membership infor-

mation and schedules.

## AMERICAN TRADITIONS

Fourth of July on Pensacola Beach is a beautiful thing. Sand, surf and fireworks. In a true show of his patriotism, Robert Gleim hosts a red, white and blue bikini contest at Bamboo Willie's. His stage is famous for a steady parade of fine musicians, but look for the bikini clad crowd at 6 p.m. Always lots of giveaways to keep the crowds busy until the contest begins. Bring your camera.

## BLUFFIN AND BETTIN

Do you know how to play Texas Hold 'Em? Everyone is welcome to join the games at the Shaker on Monday nights. Tourists will feel like Islanders in this crowd of beach card playing characters. The felt tables are set up and the chips are doled out about 7 p.m. It's all 4444 Fun. Games are hosted at Paddy O'Leary's on Thursdays and Sundays. If you don't know where it's located, travel east on Via de Luna to the historic section of Pensacola Beach. Or take the free trolley.

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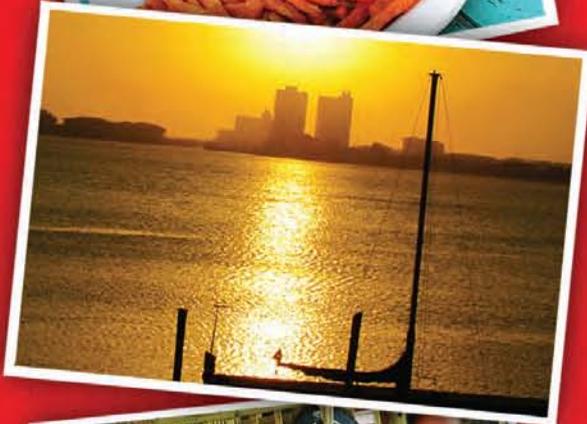
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# Mostly NUTS

By Candace Segar



A friend of mine emailed an article to me from the *Los Angeles Times*, headline reading "When scientists predict calamity, politicians plug their ears" by David Horsey. The article was short, but the accompanying cartoon was excellent. It definitely grabbed my interest which led me to the *Boston Globe* and *Chicago Tribune* newspapers. Still my curiosity was not satisfactorily quenched, and I went to the *Journal - Nature*.

In order to read the full paper - "Approaching a state shift in Earth's biosphere," written by 22 scientists (US, Canada and South America), I needed to shell out a mere \$32 or I could subscribe for a year, get the printed weekly journal and have unlimited access to archives online. I ended up subscribing. Let me tell you that I have to put a lot of work into reading these articles. I have a dictionary, science books with dictionaries and calls into my husband who graduated from a prestigious engineering university. Need I say more?

The bottom line is that we are over-populating our planet. The present rate of population growth on Earth is unsustainable. Basically the climates in different areas of the planet that we are use to, are going away and will disappear completely within the next 90 years. The new global temperatures replacing the old ones within the next thirty years will be higher than anything we as a species have ever experienced. Plant species will not be able to maintain their existence for the human species' requirements for survival. Animal species will not be able to maintain their existence for the human species' requirements for survival.

And what do we do as a species? Do we listen to our scientists who are trying to warn us about the Earth's tipping points? Oh Hell no, we are more interested in reality television.

Do we want to allocate more money to our space program so that we could put a group of our

species on another planet? Oh Hell no, we are more interested in welfare and war.

Do we stop to think about our species going the way of the dinosaurs and just being replaced with another species? Oh Hell no, we are so self-centered we think we are special thanks to religions. And after reading those questions and answers, maybe that is what we deserve. The only part that really upsets me is that Earth may resemble Mars some day. And that is something our planet never deserved!



The Woolly Booger Social Club called upon its longtime members to attend the Keep The Hurricanes Away Bawl at Paradise, June 16. Certified Woolly Boogers who made the scene included (L to R) Richard Johnson, Queen Shugah III Judy L'Oignon, and Teri and Rawl Ray. All partiers arrived with a good luck charm to place at Queen Shugah's altar to keep the shores of Santa Rosa Island storm free.

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# BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stukey  
Your Computer Pal

Q: "What is Apple FaceTime?"

A: For 99 cents, you can download the FaceTime application to your iPhone 4, Ipad 2, Mac computer or iPod Touch. The software can be used to initiate video chats with other users of those Apple products. To use FaceTime on iPhones, dial the other person's phone number. For other devices, connect by selecting their email address. If you own multiple Apple devices, the FaceTime program will ring on all of them, so it might be hard to ignore the call.

FaceTime supports high resolution video (720p) and can

display your images in a picture-in-a-picture layout. It can be used in portrait or landscape mode. With the iPhone 4, the person with whom you are chatting can see you in one camera view and you can show them what you are seeing through the second camera. A simple tap on the screen switches between the two camera views.

Technically, this product should be able to connect with non-Apple devices. It uses an "open standard", which means that other manufacturers should be able to develop interfaces for their equipment if they desire to in the future. Right now it only

works with Apple devices.

Windows users currently use products such as Skype, Yahoo Messenger, and Windows Live. Those products require the user to set up special accounts and passwords. The FaceTime program works as soon as it is installed. It uses the email addresses and phone numbers that are already in your contact list, without setting up any special accounts.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Restroom, for short
- 4 Upper limit
- 7 Common ailments
- 12 "The Greatest"
- 13 Flamenco cheer
- 14 Refuge
- 15 Snapshots
- 16 Got really mad
- 18 Rushmore face
- 19 Angle on a gem
- 20 Galvanizing matter
- 22 Solidify
- 23 Poi base
- 27 Weeding need
- 29 Courtroom VIP
- 31 Kiddie-lit elephant
- 34 Portion
- 35 Online bookseller
- 37 Driver's license datum
- 38 Bronx cheer
- 39 "— Blue?"
- 41 Cab
- 45 Second president
- 47 X rating?
- 48 Linda Ronstadt hit
- 52 Moreover
- 53 Supermarket

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- 8 LummoX
- 9 Fighting
- 10 Bad-mouth (Sl.)
- 11 Away from NNW
- 17 Healthy
- 21 Actor
- 23 'Mid,
- 24 Sailor's assent
- 25 Fun and games
- 26 Raw rock
- 28 Acapulco gold
- 30 Mimic
- 31 Prevent
- 32 Doc's org.
- 33 Director Luhrmann
- 36 Zilch, in Xochimilco
- 37 Author de Beauvoir
- 40 City boss
- 42 In any way, shape or form
- 43 Ohio city
- 44 Alphabetical listing
- 45 Help a hood
- 46 Sought damages
- 48 Ovine comment
- 49 Canadian pol. party
- 50 G8 member
- 51 Sprite

**DOWN**

- 1 Bolivia's capital
- 2 Out, of sorts?
- 3 Prancer's yokemate
- 4 — salad
- 5 Claim
- 6 Cause of annoyance
- 7 Brat's stocking stuffer

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**Green:**  
Low hazard, calm conditions, exercise caution



**Purple:**  
Dangerous marine life

### King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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## Calendar

- June 26  
Bands on the Beach. 7-9. Gulfside Pavilion. Free.
- June 27  
Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting. 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna. Open to the Public. July 1  
Bananimals Luau. Sabine Sandbar. Ticket required.  
July 3  
Bookmobile Casino Beach. 10:30 to Noon  
July 3  
Bands on the Beach. 7-9. Gulfside Pavilion. Free.  
July 4  
Happy Birthday America. Fireworks. 9 pm  
July 6  
First Friday, Boardwalk. 5:30-7:30 pm  
July 10  
Bands on the Beach. 7-9. Gulfside Pavilion. Free.  
July 11  
Blue Angels Circle And Arrival, 8 am  
July 11  
Nations Baseball Elite, Quietwater Amphitheatre, 4 pm  
July 11  
Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting. 5 pm. #1 Via de Luna. Open to the Public.  
July 12  
Blue Angels, practice Pensacola Beach 2 p.m.  
July 13-14  
Blue Angels Air Show, Civilian acts, Noon. Blue Angels at 2 p.m. No charge.  
July 17  
Bands on the Beach. 7-9. Gulfside Pavilion. Free.  
July 23  
Vacation Bible School. Beach Church. No Charge. 850-932-6628.  
July 24  
Bands on the Beach. 7-9. Gulfside Pavilion. Free.  
July 25  
Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting. 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna. Open to the Public  
July 27  
Star Gaze. Casino Beach. Free.  
July 28  
Race for the Roses Regatta. PB Yacht Club.  
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Star Gaze. Casino Beach. Free  
July 28  
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August 3  
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# Seeing Stars...

your horoscope for next week



Madame Astra

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Be prepared to face some challenges stirred up by an envious colleague. Your best defense is the Arian's innate honesty. Stick with the truth, and you'll come out ahead.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your sensitivity to the needs of others is admirable. But be careful to avoid those who would take unfair advantage of your good nature, especially where money is involved.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Having an optimistic attitude is fine, as far as it goes. But don't be lulled into a false sense of confidence. There are still problems to deal with before you can totally relax.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel somewhat "crabby," as you fuss over plans that don't seem to work out. Maybe you're trying too hard. Ease up and let things happen without forcing them.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Heed that keen Leonine instinct. It's trying to tell you to delay making a decision until you're sure there are no hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to reach out to those who might be nursing hurt feelings over recent events. Best advice: Ignore any pettiness that could delay the healing process.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your understanding helps a colleague get through a

difficult period. Although you didn't do it for a reward, be assured that your actions will be repaid down the line.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You score some high marks in the workplace, which will count in your favor when you face the possibility of changing direction on your current career path.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your goal lies straight ahead. Stay focused on it and avoid distractions that could throw off your aim and cause potentially detrimental delays.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Keep that burst of exuberance in check and resist pushing through your new project before it's ready. In your personal life, a family member again needs help.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Paying attention to your work is important this week. But so are your relationships with those special people in your life. Make time for them as well.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Good news. Someone is about to repay a long-standing debt. But be warned. That same someone could try to charm you into lending it back unless you say no and mean it.

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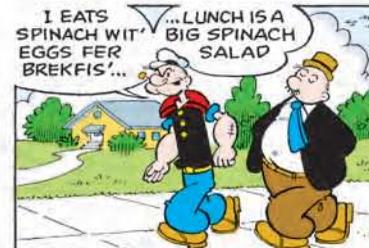
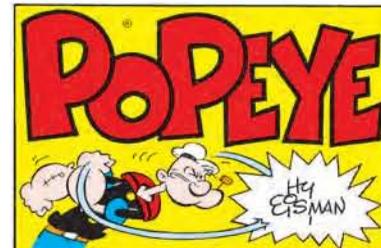
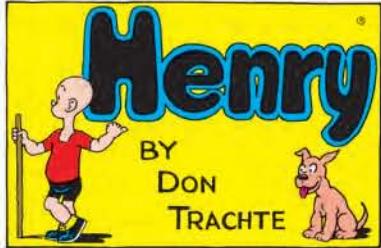
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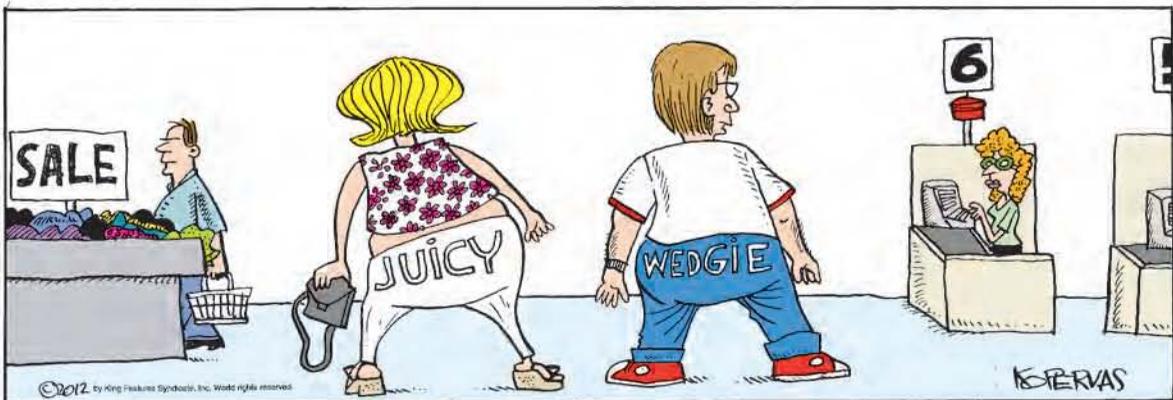
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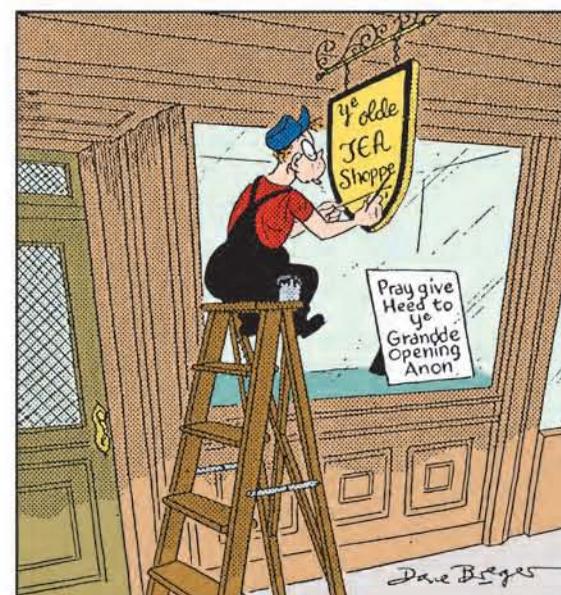
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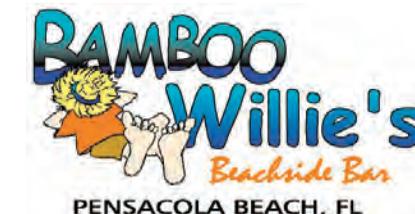
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For the many Blue Angel aficionados there will be four chances to catch the "Blues" between July 11 and July 14. The

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By DJ Zemenick

# Turtle TRAX

It was just a few years ago that I saw my first "boil," the magical occasion when sea turtle hatchlings break through the surface, spill from their nest, and search for a path to the sea. For many people, including myself, it is an emotional experience to actually be there and watch the hatchlings as they emerge. The instinct and determination observed in the tiny creatures is amazing, but the stakes are high. Each hatchling's struggle represents that of an endangered species to survive.

It was that first "boil" I observed which sparked my interest in sea turtles, but a passion for sea turtle conservation quickly grew from that point. Stumbling upon the nest and witnessing the hatchlings emerge that night on the beach was a coincidence that brought about meaningful changes in my life. It led me to volunteer for the Park and eventually into a position as a patroller. If you had told me a decade ago that I would willingly get up at 4 a.m. for anything, much less to look for tracks of an ancient creature - a giant reptile, no less -- people would have heard me laughing two counties away, but synchronicity can create a beautiful tapestry with our life.

In the years that followed, there have been many sea turtle firsts in my volunteer position: my first solo turtle patrol; my first sighting of sea turtle tracks, which unfortunately turned out to be a false crawl; finding my first nest, a loggerhead; later finding my first green sea turtle nest; and just this month I witnessed a loggerhead in the process of nesting on the beach! I can't wait to see what I discover on each and every patrol and I enjoy sharing my discoveries with others.

Speaking of sharing, I've had people asking when and where the first sea turtle nest occurred on Pensacola Beach this year, outside the areas of Gulf Islands National Seashore. There was considerable excitement when we learned it was laid behind the Holiday Inn Express on Ft. Pickens Road on June 11. This is significant because of the hard work the Holiday Inn Express put into making their property sea turtle friendly by installing the proper lighting and providing information in each hotel room,

explaining what occupants can do to help sea turtles and their hatchlings during visits to Pensacola Beach.

The hotel had recently received recognition from the Turtle Friendly Beach Program, which is sponsored by the Sea Turtle Conservancy and the University of Florida's Sea Grant Extension Service. They were noted as a property which promotes a suitable nesting habitat for sea turtles and had complied with a variety of guidelines. The beautiful sign which the Holiday Inn Express was presented is prominently displayed in their lobby, but the icing on the cake was when a mama loggerhead rewarded the hotel with the first nest on Pensacola Beach this year. Congratulations to Beverly McKay and her staff at the Holiday Inn Express!

Properties like the Holiday Inn Express that switch to turtle friendly lighting and educate guests are certainly making their beach area more attractive to sea turtles, but they are also important in increasing the number of turtle nests on Pensacola Beach itself. I believe businesses, homeowners associations, and individual home owners on our beach who become more involved in sea turtle conservation will also see positive results by switching to turtle friendly lighting, especially after the success of the Holiday Inn Express.

There seems to be a ground swell of interest in our area when it comes to sea turtles and ecotourism. You may have noticed the street lights on Ft. Pickens Road were replaced with shielded fixtures and amber lights, which are considered "sea turtle friendly," almost two years ago. We still have street lighting issues on Via de Luna, but we are making progress.

If you have any questions regarding sea turtles or sea turtle conservation, you may send them to [TurtleTrax@yahoo.com](mailto:TurtleTrax@yahoo.com)

Until next time, Lights out!

### Nest Update for Pensacola Beach & Gulf Islands National Seashore as of June 19:

Perdido Key -GINS	6
Ft. Pickens - GINS	4
Pensacola Beach	5
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# readin' the water

Saltwater Rick appointed lady angler Terri McKamey to write his column this week.

Fish On! We've had crazy weather. Twenty inches of rain in one day on Saturday, June 9. The news said it hadn't rained that much in one day since 1934. It also rained a bunch on the following Sunday and Monday, and with all that rain over a three-day period, everyone was very concerned it might hurt the fishing. Guess what? It didn't hurt the fishing one little bit.

We're almost halfway through Snapper season and the bite has been super hot. Grab your opportunity to land one of these beautiful fish now, because the season ends July 10. The Red Snapper, *Lutjanus campechanus*, is a fish found in the Gulf of Mexico and along the southeastern Atlantic coast of the United States and much less commonly northward as far as Massachusetts. In Latin American Spanish it is known as huachinango or pargo.

The Red Snapper commonly swims in waters from 30 to 200 feet deep, but can be caught as deep as 300 feet. They stay relatively close to the bottom, and inhabit rocky bottom, ledges, ridges, and artificial reefs, including offshore oil rigs and shipwrecks. The places to find Red Snapper changes as it grows and matures due to increased need for cover and changing food habits. You

can find different aged fish out in the Gulf around oil platforms. The smaller fish will be closer to the surface, while more mature adults live in deeper areas.

Red Snapper has a great, firm texture and a sweet, nutty flavor that lends itself very well to everything from hot chilies to subtle herbs. Throw some Snapper on the grill.

Surf fishing early in the a.m. will land Pompano, Whiting, Jacks and Ladyfish. Got my first Shark

of the season, too. A nice black-tip right off the shore at Johnson's Beach. (Perdido Key for those of you not familiar with our area.) All were caught on either fresh dead shrimp or sandfleas.

Fleas are much more sparse than they were a few weeks ago, but you can still find them.

Correction to the last fishing report: Pensacola Beach Pier has

dropped the prize from \$5,000 to \$2,500. Might be that 49 pound King sitting atop the leaderboard is scaring everyone off. There are plenty of King Mackerel out there; and trust me, plenty of the big ones left for the catching.

The pier fishing has been hot! Just ask Jake McCarthy who landed a nice 39 pounder the other day. Nice fish Jake!

If I get off work in time, and that's usually right before dark, I can almost guarantee that I will catch a Spanish or Redfish before I head home.

Saltwater Rick had some great luck with the Spanish the other day, too. My luck with Spanish is almost always in the evening.

As you see our fishery here in the beautiful Gulf Coast is so diverse, you may have to come back a few times just to experience all the variety we offer.

So what are you waiting for? This is the perfect time of year. Grab a kid and go fishing!



Saltwater Rick's catch



Trace Lewis shows off a Red Snapper caught in the Gulf.

The avid angler fishes as much as he can when not working at Emerald Isle or playing with his daughter Coralyne.

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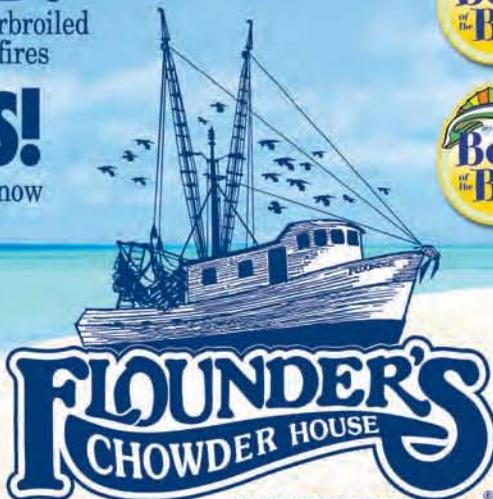
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