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Hear The Roar Watch 'Em Soar Red, White and Blues Week Features Famous Blue Angels



The skies above Pensacola Beach fill with the thrilling sights and sounds of United States Navy's Flight Demonstration Team, the Blue Angels. They are the stars of Red, White and Blues Week on Pensacola Beach, July 10-14. The events, sponsored by the Santa Rosa Island Authority, include a Bands on the Beach concert, an early morning flight demonstration, and culminate with three opportunities to view the skill and daring of the world's most accomplished pilots. Whether you are a forever Blue Angels fan or a first timer, read more on Page 2.

All Eyes On The Skies, The Angels Are Overhead

Air Fills With Music And Maneuvers This Week

It's hard to imagine getting chills on a warm July day on Pensacola Beach, but it happens. The sight of the world famous Blue Angels soaring across the sky coupled with the roar of the F/A-18 engines thrills and chills. The chills are accompanied by awe, waves of overwhelming pride and sheer delight during Red, White and Blues Week, July 10-14.

The air above Casino Beach is filled with musical notes during the week's kick off concert, hosted compliments of the Santa

Rosa Island Authority. Guests may bring beach chairs and coolers to hear the rock and roll beat of Crosstown at Bands on the Beach from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gulfside Pavilion, Tuesday, July 10. They will get the crowds tuned up for the events which follow.

Have Breakfast with the Blues on Wednesday, July 11 when the Navy's Flight Demonstration Team performs their Circle and Arrival maneuvers at 8 a.m. over the white sands of Pensacola Beach.

Everyone's favorite C-130, Fat Albert, commands the air space precisely at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 12. This aircraft, which is piloted by the United States Marine Corps aviators, flies support for the Blue Angels. After several impressive passes over the cheering crowds, Fat Albert's powerful engines head for the hangar and the Blue Angels jets scream across the horizon.

A Blue Angels flight demonstration showcases choreographed refinements of skills possessed by all Naval aviators. It includes the graceful aerobatic maneuvers of the four-jet Diamond Formation, in concert with the fast-paced, high-performance maneuvers of its two solo pilots. The team illustrates the pinnacle of precision flying, performing maneuvers locked as a unit in the renowned, six-jet Delta Formation.

The spectators are entertained from noon until 2 p.m. by an impressive list of civilian pilots Friday, July 13 in a dress rehearsal for Saturday's premier performance. Pensacola Beach's hotelier Julian MacQueen will fly his Grumman Widgeon G-44. Look for Skip Stewart in his Prometheus, acrobatic Team RV, Gary Ward in his MX2 and Kevin Coleman Aerosports' Extra 300SHP to turn the skies above Pensacola Beach into an aerial circus of maneuvers.

Here's a few other things to know about:

Blue Angel's facts:

- An estimated 12 million spectators view the squadron during air shows each year.
- This year, the team is celebrating their 24th year of flying the F/A-18 Hornet.
- The highest maneuver performed in an air show is the vertical rolls performed by the Opposing Solo, up to 15,000 feet and the lowest maneuver performed in an air show is the Sneak Pass, performed by the Lead Solo at 50 feet.
- The fastest speed flown during an air show is about 700 mph (just under Mach 1; Sneak Pass) and the slowest is about 120 mph (Section High Alpha).
- The basic acquisition price of a single F/A-18 Hornet is approximately \$28 million.
- The F/A-18 can reach a speed approximately Mach 1.8, almost twice the speed of sound or about 1,400 mph.

- An F/A-18 weighs about 24,500 pounds empty of all ordnance and aircrew.

- The smoke is produced by pumping biodegradable, paraffin-based oil directly into the exhaust nozzles of the aircraft where the oil is instantly vaporized into smoke. It provides a traceable path for spectators to follow and enhances safety of flight by providing a means by which solo pilots can see each other during opposing maneuvers. It poses no hazard to the environment.

Your Arrival Maneuver:

Come early. Plan to stay all day. Parking is free in the public areas and fills up fast. Residents will tell you, ride the trolley, bike or walk to the show site. Good advice. Free Trolley service begins at 8 a.m. on Friday and 7 a.m. on Saturday with four trolleys to whisk you where you need to go. After the air show traffic abates, there will be two trolleys running until midnight.

What To Bring:

A load of patience and a cooler full of water. Sunscreen and snacks. Beach chairs and umbrellas. Beach businesses will be open and serving before, during and after the show.

Keep Your Cool:

The Gulf is open for swimming under the watchful eye of the Pensacola Beach lifeguards except during the air show performances. All other water remains available for swimming – after all, this is an island. There will be a giant water mister set up at the Casino Beach.

Stay hydrated. Officials stress the importance of water all day long. The Krewe of Bananimals will be selling ice cold bottled water to benefit the Santa Rosa Kids House.

Island Style will have sunscreen, souvenir hats and visors.

Helpers:

If you feel the effects of the heat such as dizziness, headache or worse, trained staff is on site to help. Pensacola Beach Lifeguards and emergency medical personnel are plentiful and will know just what to do.

Hear ye, Hear ye:

Bonnie and David McDonald bring the power of Boogie, Inc. to the Air Show. Everything from weather announcements, lost children and the official-sounding Blue Angels narrators

will be broadcast to the spectators through their speakers. They let you know when the Gulf closes to swimming and give the all-clear to get back in. At the conclusion of the Blue Angels performance, in a moment of pure patriotism, crowds pause to listen to the national anthem. The American flags fluttering in the beach breeze make a perfect ending to a great day.

Friday Only:

The Baptist Hospital sponsored skin cancer check station, affectionately referred to as The Mole Patrol, will operate on Friday, July 13 from 8 a.m. to noon. Stop by and let them look you over.

Show Central:

The Pensacola Beach Chamber coordinates a mini-marketplace under the oversized white tent. Shop. Sip. Grab a bite. Tobacco Free Florida, Repici's Italian Ice, Relay for Life, Santa Rosa Kid's House, Island Style, Uncle Bob's Storage, Pensacola Beach Community Church, Mr. T's Hot Dogs, Firehouse Subs and Have Carts Will Travel are stocked to serve the crowds.

United States Marine Corps recruiters are a big hit with young and old offering prizes to strong armed visitors at their chin-up bar. Look for the giant inflatable Marine. Navy pride soars with a number of kiosks, and lots of free stuff. Publix and BP, who are sponsors this year, will have a tent located here, too.

Float My Boat

The waterways around the island are packed with vessels. Notice this year the U.S. Coast Guard won't be the focal point in the Gulf. A Bosarge commercial vessel will serve as centerpoint and crowd right. As always, it's worth walking over to see the flotilla in the Sound and Little Sabine Bay. Swimmers should use caution near the hundreds of pleasure craft.

Exit Strategy:

Chill out. If you don't have to rush, don't. Walk to a nearby beach restaurant. Get in the air conditioning. Go shopping. Go swimming.

If you are compelled to leave immediately, use care. Be patient. Be sober. Deputies will direct traffic.

If you are on your bicycle or on foot, the same things apply.

For more information, go to www.visitpensacolabeach.com.

United States Navy Blue Angels



Capt Greg McWherter, USN Capt Brandon Cordill, USMC Major Brent Stevens, USMC



Lt. CJ Simonsen, USN Lt. David Tickle, USN Lt Mark Tedrow, USN



"Fat Albert"

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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 17, 1984

Every year the beach comes down with a bad case of the mid-July blahs. Everybody seems to gather momentum from Memorial Day to the Fourth of July and then, whammo, where did all the good times go? After five summers of watching the usually convivial, effervescent beach crowd sink into impenetrable gloom, I decided I could stand no more. I decided it was time for a cure, so I dreamed up a thing called "The Islander Newspaper Fiesta of Three and One Half Flags Food and Beverage Extravaganza." I decided that the name alone would cheer up a few melancholics (not to be confused with alcoholics.)

So, right here before the big political conventions and upcoming elections, the newspaper held an election of its own. And it turned out to be a humdinger!

As everyone will assure you, I am not really qualified as a political analyst. However, I will go on and tell you the "inside story" on the election anyway. For instance, the two male bartender categories were the most fiercely contested of all, with Bobby Draper, Eric Landis and Mike Loman see-sawing for the first places...and finally,

you know which two won. On the other hand, in the waiter and chef categories, Jeff Stanley and Fat Mike ran away with both first places.

But with the waitresses it was different. The races with the most nominees were "Best Waitress" and "Waitress You Would Like To See in a Bikini." Shelley Waters (I think she is a relative of mine) took top honors over 22 contestants for best waitress and Denise Keever outclassed 21 entries to win the bikini bracket. However, Debbie Lambert, Faron Chalmers and Karen Frederickson were nipping close at their heels.

Jackie Friedman and Pat Hammond came off victorious in the female bartending races, but they had to fight down to the wire with three other outstanding bartending ladies...Marie and Bunny at Dirty Joe's and Gracie at their very own Tiki.

The best band turned into a rockin' and rollin' contest as Air Waves caught the beat to win top place followed by the Curle Brothers, The Garcias, Lazy Day, Wildwood and Avalon.

The Sun Ray's Tiger easily strummed his way to the top of the single and duo entertainer race...he was hands down favorite all the way through the month

long balloting.

The hostess category seemed to confuse the beach electorate. Dee Rambo at Dirty Joe's picked up a lot of votes and then abruptly moved to Utah. At that point, The Flounderifics took the lead and Barbara and Alice won two categories. (Karen Preston received one vote in the hostess category...oh well, you figure it out!)

The food and drink categories revealed some interesting winners – best steaks are at Flounder's Chowder House. And, Nero's and Dirty Joe's played nip and tuck in most of the categories. It's also obvious that beach people don't go to national fast food chains. McDonald's, Hardees, The Waffle House, and Beefmaster each received one vote for miscellaneous categories.

Surprisingly, most voters cast only one ballot and voted in almost every category. Of course, there were a few peculiar answers like Best Steaks... "my barbecue"; Best Chef... "my wife"; Best Dessert "The Sahara." And then, there was Opal whose name appeared on a bunch of bar napkins as the best of everything. We disqualified her. Sorry, Opal. And another ballot was completely filled out

with one name, "Tina" ...and at the bottom, "I love Tina."

We did received votes in the mail from such faraway places as Milton and Mobile and even one from New Orleans. One ballot was mailed in an envelope which carried this message, "An unbiased vote from The Tiki." Hmhmhm.

And, finally, when I went around to pick up the ballot boxes, I discovered that Dirty Joe's had lost theirs completely. (Fortunately, we had checked it before the final deadline.) The one at The Tiki was covered with some kind of junk which could have been dried blood, a week-old Dirty Mother or a little of both... and the box at The Junk Yard was full of cracks and holes...maybe Wally got mad because he only got one vote

as "Waiter you would like to be stranded with on a Catamaran."

If your favorite didn't win, or if you forgot to vote, remember the rules were the same for everyone. Just get ready for 1985!

And now we store the ballot boxes away until next July. It's been fun...and real...

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PEOPLE

YOU'RE OUT

Tekoah Roby is the Strike Out King. The ten-year-old was named the Bill Bond MVP and also received a Best Pitcher Award for his age division in the league. His mom Laura is very proud.

EL CUATRO DE JULIO

Beach Realtor and resident Nan Harper traveled to Macharaviaya, Spain with fellow Pensacolians to celebrate the Fourth of July in our sister city. Macharaviaya is the hometown of Bernardo de Galvez, a prominent historic figure in Pensacola's rich past. Nan will have no trouble wishing the locals a Happy Fourth of July since she is a retired Gulf Breeze High School Spanish teacher.

BEST DRESSED

Pat Spillers won the best costume award for her redneck representation of a polynesian party girl at the Krewe of Bananimals summer luau at the Sandbar on July 1. It was a wild time, of course. Stop by the Krewe's water sales at the Blue Angels Air Show under the big tent. They will tell you all about it.

MORE FESTS

The big time, now famous DeLuna Fest promoters have secured stars to grace the gulf front stages in September. Rob-

ert Gleim at Bamboo Willie's is launching a musical festival comprised of New Orleans performers aptly named WillieFest which is set for July 26-29. The most exclusive, by far, is MarioFest. A birthday celebration for Beach business owner Mario Roberts. Not many are invited, but wish Mario a happy birthday anyway.

HANG TEN

Derek Starkey has some stuff to catch while he is on the beach visiting his grandparents Carl and DJ Zemenick. The eight-year-old has fish to catch with parents Sarah and Joe. They have a secret fishing hole in the Sound. Then he is off to Innerlight Surf Camp to catch some waves. He has to catch up with sister Mariah, 14, who attended Surf Camp a few years ago. Mariah is paddleboarding and trying her hand at art this year. According to DJ they are going to ride the Wheel before they have to head back to Clarksburg, West Virginia.

FIRECRACKER GIRLS

They may not be real live nieces of Uncle Sam, but they are close. Karen Cook Cowen, Mary Ann Claus, Dawn Drees and Pandora de Balthazar pop, sizzle and sparkle during the Fourth of July festivities with red, white and blue birthday celebrations. Happy Birthday Americans!

Trivia

Would a win by any other name be as sweet? Ask Jo Dee Catrell who was the first smart person send the answer to the Trivia Master's question, "Who founded the Race for the Roses at the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club and what year?" Jo Dee, who is a well-known local sailor, emailed immediately that Ellen Hunt founded the race in 1988. Jo Dee may run her new *Island Times* t-shirt up the mast, or perhaps you will see her wearing it at the Yacht Club on July 28 race day.

Kim Kaminski knew that the Race for the Roses was celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary due to the efforts of Ellen Hunt. Kim has been on deck with the wind in her sails in the all-women's regatta annually. She owned Dazzle Dogs on Pensacola Beach and is currently the events guru at the City of Pensacola.

Anne Geisel added a little bit of background for the Trivia Master to share. "The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club was officially incorporated on September 20, 1982, wrote Anne. "And the best part is that we found out we need to plan a 30 year party!"

Angeli McMillan sailed in with this, "Okay, it's time for an *Islander* t-shirt to go with my Big Foot t-shirt. The founder of the

infamous Race for the Roses is my favorite hair stylist Ellen Hunt and I believe the year it began was 1985. Please tell me this is the correct and the first answer. If my memory serves me correctly, I sailed in my first Roses regatta in 1995 and received a 10-year anniversary tote bag."

Well, Angeli. The Trivia Master does not dispute the fact that Ellen is your favorite hair stylist. You were off the mark on the rest. And, although the Master holds the original beach newspaper "The Islander" in high esteem, you will not get an *Islander* t-shirt no matter how hard you try. Do keep vying for an *Island Times* t-shirt to add to your collection, however.

The wrongest ruler made a righteous come back with this answer. Joanne Brooks cast off the Queen of Wrong Answers title to put her Duchess of the Dunes tiara squarely on her head. "The answer to the question is twofold: (1) The founder of the Race for the Roses was Ellen Hunt; and, (2) The year it was first held was 1988," the Duchess wrote.

A toast to the Duchess. She represented the Roundtable well.

The Knights were mostly silent, so they were either asleep or don't follow the race circuit. Sir

Morrie Drees did write the Master to tell him to get the "H" out of here. Seems the Master added an "h" to Wammy in the last edition. Thank you, Sir.

The Master added an "h" to Shugah, too, but the famous Woolly Booger Queen liked it so much she kept it and passed it down the next queen. Kept the "urricanes" away according to Queen Shugah.

From the red roses to the blue skies, the Trivia Master is thinking about the U.S. Navy's flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels. Typically, the demonstration pilots, the Events Coordinator, Maintenance Officer and Flight Surgeon serve two years with the squadron, but Capt. Greg McWherter has been thrilling spectators on the sands of Pensacola Beach for longer than that. Including 2012 how many years has McWherter flown the Pensacola Beach Air Show with the Blue Angels?

You'll need to go super sonic to win an *Island Times* t-shirt with this easy question. Email your answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with trivia in the subject line. Include your name and phone number, too. Rules, rules, rules.

Deadline to answer is Tuesday, July 17. Good luck.



Walter Farrell ~ 3/22/20 - 6/4/12

Wally Farrell was a good time guy who loved Pensacola Beach and his friends. Farrell passed away on June 4 at age 92.

Wally retired from Union Carbide Chemical Company in Buffalo, New York in 1980. He spent winters on Pensacola Beach and summers in Buffalo, so he could fish every day. In addition to fishing, Wally loved to play pinochle and making the rounds to his favorite places with his beach buddies. Wally was a member for 59 years of the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Company who honored him at burial. Wally was laid in peace next to his wife and two children in Buffalo. He will be missed by all- both in Buffalo and the Beach.

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USMC Lt. Col. Mark Thompson walks through the sideboys to conclude the HT-28 Change of Command ceremony (and his career) June 27 at Whiting Field. Thompson officially retired from the United States Marine Corps after 18 years. He was a super Cobra pilot, served overseas and was assigned as the Military aid to President Bush in 2006. He was featured in Island Times in November 2010. He lives on Pensacola Beach with his wife Jeni and children Madison, Lauren, Joshua and Reilly.
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by Kathi Lewis

I thought the new Observation Wheel was going to have turtle friendly lighting, but that does not seem to be the case. Through conversations in cyberspace, I learned that they do intend to turn out the lights at 11 p.m. each day. As long as the turtles know that, then I guess all will be well. Will I be riding the new wheel? Oh no, not me. My house is about as high as I care to go without being in an airplane! It's much too hot for me to be outside anyway so I will observe the Observation Wheel from my windows. With a nice pair of binoculars I just might be able to identify some VIPs eventhough that gondola has darker glass. I'm not sure if that is to keep their identities secret or to keep the "car" cooler. I guess time (or I) will tell.

We had two of my husband Bill's three sisters visiting during the rain and wind from Tropical Storm Debby. Fran and Jim Roedel of East Carondelet, Illinois along with Kitty and Clark Vogt from Green Castle, Indiana spent a week at Tristan Towers. Kitty was a bit concerned with the wind and worried about packing her suitcase in case they had to evacuate. Since Bill and I are old beach hands at evacuation, we advised them to just relax and enjoy a cocktail. In fact, I think I told Kitty to feel free to go ahead and have another cocktail any time she thought about packing.

In their defense, they were staying on the twelfth floor and it was a bit windy. But we knew it was all under control. There was no way a storm named after a past Queen Shugah of the Woolly Boogers would be causing a mess around here.

Fran and Jim stayed at Tristan Towers one year during the week of the Blue Angels Air Show. I gotta tell you that was quite the view! No craning your neck to watch the show; we were at eye level with the airplanes as they flew by. It was not only a great spot to view the Air Show but we also watched as a big storm appeared out of nowhere. Traffic was jammed for hours and Ft. Pickens Road took a long time to clear. But it was an awesome light show straight from the Man Himself!

Fran and Kitty left just as the next batch of relatives from

St. Louis arrived in Orange Beach. So now we'll be heading over there to visit with Sue (the wife of Bill's late brother Jim) and her family. Between the grandkids and the visiting, we're no longer sure whether we're coming or going!

What I am sure of is that I will be watching the skies and my ears will be tuned to the special sound of my favorite show on the Island. Every year I think maybe I won't watch the practice show. I think that right up until my feet are headed out the door! As soon as my ears catch the slightest rumble of the Blue Angels thunder, my feet just head toward the sound. There's no thought process involved at all by then. My feet just go wherever the sound takes them.... No matter how many times I see or hear our Blue Angels, my heart still swells with pride in my countrymen. I believe that is the true sound of freedom!

Tiaras (or hats) off to all the men and women in our military services because they give more than anyone else. And they ask for a lot less than do our politicians. If every politician was required to serve our country for one week in the shoes of an active duty military person, then we would indeed have the greatest country in the world! And they would know the true meaning of sacrifice. So a great

big "Thank You" to our nation's greatest and best citizens!

Strawberries are in season but they sure don't last long. So, here's a great recipe to use up those strawberries and enjoy a nice cold salad on a hot summer day! Let's cook.....

Strawberry Margarita Salad Vinaigrette:

- 2 Tbsp. lime juice
 - 1 ½ tsp. orange juice or orange liqueur
 - 1 Tbsp. tequila or margarita mix
 - 1 ½ tsp. minced shallots
 - ½ tsp. grated lime peel
 - ¼ cup olive oil
 - Salt & pepper to taste
- ## Salad:
- 9 Cups baby spinach (about 9 oz.)
 - 2 Cups strawberries, sliced
 - 1 Avocado, chopped

Whisk all vinaigrette ingredients except oil in a small bowl until combined. Slowly whisk in oil until blended. Let stand 15 minutes (or prepare ahead, cover and refrigerate. Bring to room temperature before serving).

Toss spinach in large bowl with enough vinaigrette to lightly coat. Add strawberries and avocado. Toss to coat.

Enjoy, share and don't forget to wave at the pretty blue airplanes!

See ya in the kitchen.....



If you've ever been to Paradise Bar and Grill, you know why they were voted the third best beach bar in the entire State of Florida. Owner Fred Simmons, right, who was celebrating his 60th birthday, and General Manager Renee Mack accepted the award amid cheers from their staff and hundreds of partiers in Paradise. Locals are treated like family and tourists are treated like locals at the waterfront watering hole.

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A Cross in the Sand

By
Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison
Pensacola Beach Community Church



If there is one thing that all of us look for in life, it is happiness. We think maybe if we have more money, more friends, more things to do or less things to do, then we will become happy. However, if we all were to admit it we know that there is no surefire way to happiness. Happiness is something that comes and goes, something that cannot be quantified, but is for the most part felt by every living person at one time or another.

Everyone enjoys life and finds happiness in different ways; however studies have shown that there are certain things people can do that raise levels of happiness. Many say that happiness can have no scientific measure, but the steps below may have some positive effects that help you enjoy life to the fullest!

- Finding a meaningful relationship with God in a way that feeds a deep need. This, of course, does not have one path as to how it is accomplished. I would suggest that this is something important as we take time to find that

path for each of us.

- Spending time to appreciate the people that bring good things into our lives. This again may come in a multitude of ways. Some of the ways may be from those that we do not take time to notice until something happens in a dramatic fashion.

- Being grateful for those things we have and finding ways to say "thank you" to those who show kindness and love.

- Acting out of who we are, and not out of who someone else happens to be. It is hard for us to realize, but this may generate more happiness that we can imagine. If we act out of who someone else may be or in other words, react to others, then we allow them to control our lives. This will, without doubt, take away our happiness.

Finally, "a peace that passes understanding" leads us to experience happiness in those moments of God's blessings.

Be happy!

A Tropical Experience Awaits Kids At Vacation Bible School

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The brilliant colors of the exotic rainforest and a jungle full of friendly animals are all part of the fun at the Pensacola Beach Church's Vacation Bible School, July 23 through July 27. The weeklong camp is open to all children fifth grade and younger at no charge.

"We are going to have rainforest experience, each day," said Bible School coordinator Jackie Henderson. "Fabulous fish, intelligent insects and amazing animals will be part of our theme this year."

The camp day begins at 9 a.m. with crafts, skits, games, songs and Bible stories; and lasts until noon. The church is located at the corner of Via de Luna and Avenida 18.

"Locals and visitors are welcome," said Henderson. "It provides vacationing children an added experience and everyone makes new friends."

To register call the Beach Church office at 850-932-6628

or Jackie Henderson at 850-723-1569.

Phelps Performs At Beach Church Concert

Get Up Close With Grammy Winner, Lektric Mullet Member

Pensacola Beach is getting ready for a big helping of Country music. Ricky Lee Phelps will star in a special concert at the Pensacola Beach Community Church, Saturday, July 28 at 7 p.m. This is the second in the series of Singer Songwriter concerts where guests are treated to an up-close musical performance in this intimate setting.

Ricky Lee is no stranger to the Gulf Coast or a church setting. According to his website, he was raised a son of a preacher man in a family full of musicians. Phelps realized his passion for music at an early age in church services where he found that he could pick out and sing different harmony parts during praise and worship time. Little did he know he was honing his craft in those backwoods churches.

Phelps played as part of The Kentucky HeadHunters who were a success, seemingly overnight. During their six years, the Headhunters produced two albums, and won a Grammy, an American Music Award, four CMA Awards, one ACM and two Billboard Awards. Later, Phelps and his brother would play as a duo gaining more fame and awards.

Beach fans will recognize Phelps from playing to packed venues with Lektric Mullet. He has played a variety of Pensacola Beach hot spots like

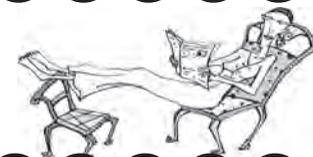
the Sandbar, Sandshaker and Bamboo Willie's with Dennis Gossman who will also be part of the July 28 concert.

Phelps also is the pastor of the Word and Grace Ministries in Florida. When not on stage, pickin' or preachin', Phelps is pursuing his latest hobby of painting. His artwork will be on display and for sale at the Beach

Church concert

Tickets are \$15. Proceeds from the event support the Beach Church which is located at Via de Luna and Avenida 18. There is ample parking and the free beach trolley stops at the Church. Seating is limited, so reserve your tickets today by calling 850-932-6628 or going to www.thebeachchurch.com.

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FISH ON - The Shaggy's Fishing Team snagged a spot on the IGFA International Billfish Tournament invitation list after taking home a boatload of honors at the June 14 New Orleans Invitational and the Alexander Memorial Tourney in Mississippi. The crew fishing aboard the "Cheeseburger," tagged a Blue and a White Marlin to take #2 Boat in the New Orleans Invitational, and #1 Boat, #1 Jr. Angler, and #1 Angler in the Jeff Alexander Memorial Tournament in Mississippi. The anglers heading to Costa Rica are: Jacob Mattina, Peyton Stilp (kneeling), Mark Manning, Rimmer Covington (kneeling), Pensacola Beach's Ron Ladner and Scott Sullivan.

Popular Concert Series Rocks On

The Bands on the Beach concert series has spectators dancing in the sand at the Gulfside Pavilion from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday night through October. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy the free concerts. For more information, call the SRIA at 850-932-2257.

SCHEDULE

- July 10: Crosstown
- July 17: Pearl Clarkin & Big Jim Brown
- July 24: The Reunion Band
- July 31: Not Quite Fab
- August 7: The Laymen
- August 14: Big Muddy
- August 21: Southern Breeze
- August 28: The Sawmill Band

- September 4: 13th Hourglass
- September 11: Wildwood
- September 18: no concert -
- September 25: Kee Creek Band
- October 2: On the Beach
- October 9: Class X
- October 16: One Accord
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July 3	9 pm	Ba'Nana Republic	July 19	8 pm	Seth Winters
July 4	2 pm	Avenida 16	July 20	3 pm	Flip Flop Boys
	6 pm	REDWHITE & BLUE <i>Bikini Contest</i>		9 pm	Another Hero
	9 pm	Fireworks on the Sound	July 21	3 pm	Chronic Jester
	9:30	Timberhawk		9 pm	Another Hero
July 5	8 pm	Supermassive	July 22	1 pm	Wildwood
July 6	3 pm	Mainstream		6 pm	Stereohype
	9 pm	MoJiles	July 23	6 pm	Mike Eagan
July 7	2 pm	Shawna P. & Adam Tyler	July 24	7 pm	Paul Killough
	9 pm	MoJiles	July 25	7 pm	Three Bean Soup
July 8	1 pm	Ba'Nana Republic	July 26	8 pm	The Blue Party
	6 pm	Reed Lightfoot	July 27	3 pm	Mississippi Rail
July 9	6 pm	Cornbread		9 pm	The Blue Party
July 10	7 pm	Elyse Therose	July 28	Noon	Seth Winters
July 11	7 pm	Brooke Wood		5 pm	Mississippi Rail
July 12	8 pm	Maggie Koerner		10 pm	Maggie Koerner
July 13	3 pm	Blunderbuss	July 29	1 pm	Reed Lightfoot
	9 pm	Hip Kitty		6 pm	Maggie Koerner
July 14	3 pm	Avenida 16	July 30	6 pm	Three Bean Soup
	9 pm	Hip Kitty	July 31	7 pm	Dennis & Mike
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The Lizard's Tongue

by elizabeth hewson

The Colonel and I have just returned from a sailing vacation in the British Virgin Islands. It has been our tradition -- possibly turning into an addiction -- to charter a sailboat through The Moorings during the winter holidays, but we had the opportunity to sail off into the sunset during low season, so we took it. We chartered a 37.2 Beneteau in pristine condition owned by a geologist and appropriately named "Pirate Fish." The winds were consistently 17-20 knots. There wasn't a cloud in the sky. The rum drinks were flowing. The lobsters were fresh. What possibly could go wrong? After all, we were in the islands where the common saying is "No problem, man."

After a phenomenal sail from Anagada to Cane Garden Bay, we moored "Pirate Fish" and went for a swim. Before we took the dinghy to shore for an afternoon run in the rolling hills on the island of Tortola, the Colonel clothes-pinned our wet towels to the safety lines so they would dry out. Once onshore the thermometer and humidity were already in our personal red zone, so we changed our plans to an afternoon rum and some conch fritters.

When we returned to "Pirate Fish", I noticed that only one towel was still flapping in the gusting winds.

"Sweets, did you hang up both towels or just one?" I asked, thinking mine was probably still in a heap in the cockpit where I left it last.

"Yes, one starboard, one port," he answered.

Going through my mental cheat sheet, the "L" in left comes before the "R" in right and "P" comes before "S", I point out that the towel on the starboard safety line is missing. Now these towels do not belong to us, but to The Moorings. They are on the inventory sheet that we sign off on before we leave The Moorings Base. You are expected to come back with all items or be prepared to pay for their loss. The challenge was on to find this towel.

The Colonel and I swam in various directions and patterns around "Pirate Fish" scanning the bottom of the Caribbean Sea. Our calculations were completely catawampus as the boat had changed its heading with the natural swing of the mooring ball and the shift of the winds. Just about ready to give up, the Colonel spots the towel in what we believed was about 15 feet down. No problem, man, we can just free dive and pick it up off the sandy sea floor. It was quickly apparent that our ability to measure the waters' depth after a few cocktails was also catawampus. The pressure of

retrieving this towel was starting to get to us -- not mentally, but in our Eustachian tubes -- so back to the boat we swam to hatch "Operation Rescue: Towel Overboard."

The boat hook and fins. Yes, the boat hook was all we needed to give us the extra reach and a pair of fins for enhanced propulsion. So once again we swam out to the downed towel and after multiple tries, I gave up. Notice the "I".

"Sweets, how much can a beach towel cost? Let's just buy a new one when we turn the boat in."

"No, just give me time to think."

Nothing good ever comes from the Colonel thinking after rum drinks.

"It's a towel, not a comrade in arms, we can leave it behind," I said as the Colonel was fixated on retrieving this towel and I could just feel the hair-brained plan he was formulating as we returned to the boat.

"Okay, make a list of everything I have in my hands," he said.

- "Boat hook."
- "Boat hook, check."
- "Fins."
- "Fins, check."
- "Stern line."
- "Stern line, check."
- "Dinghy anchor."
- "Dinghy anchor. Wait, what

are you doing with that dinghy anchor?"

"Oh, I am tying it around my wrist so I don't lose it. See it's like a grappling hook and we can lower it to the towel and scoop it up. No problem, man."

"Yes, problem man! Has the thought crossed your mind that the dinghy anchor line could be a few feet less than the actual depth of the water?"

"That's what the extra line is for."

Never one to mess with the Colonel's ideas, I finally made the suggestion that he tie the two lines together and then attach the dinghy anchor to one of our floats. He begrudgingly agreed that it was probably not a good idea to be swimming in the Caribbean Sea with an anchor tied to his wrist and acquiesced.

So back out we swam -- the Colonel nudging the float with the anchor, and me with the fins and boat hook for what reason I still don't know. With our goggles in place and a good view of the towel, the Colonel dropped the anchor and with a scoop and a pull, he had rescued it.

"Good thing you thought of the float," he said. "This wet towel is really heavy." I knew that was his way of admitting swimming with an anchor was truly not wise. Nor was free diving in 26 feet of water.

When we finally turned

the boat in to The Moorings base with all items accounted for and told the story of Operation Rescue: Towel Overboard, we learned that The Moorings doesn't charge you for lost items such a towel, just things like anchors, lines, fins, and boat hooks.

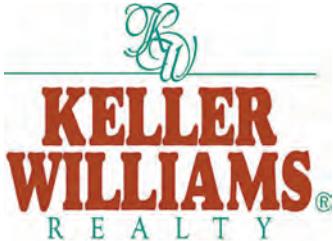
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[Native Orleanian Elizabeth Waters Hewson arrived on Pensacola Beach in 1978 at age 14. Love and careers swept her to other shores, but she returns with The Colonel and The Kid to live permanently on the Beach this month.]

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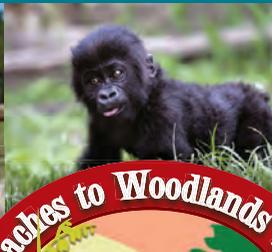
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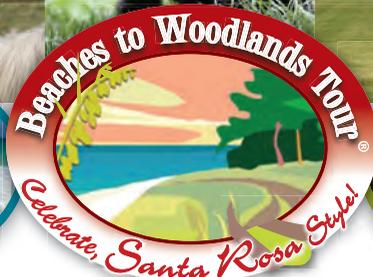
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Authority Board Approves Budget, New Businesses

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Administrative Committee received better than expected news at their June 27 Committee Meeting from Finance Director Dottie Ford. She presented the Administrative Committee with a report which included lease fee collections totalling \$623,464 for April.

"As you can see from my report, our revenues are 23 percent ahead of what we budgeted," said Ford. "Our expenses are 11 percent below budget."

New concessions, approved at the meeting, will add to the bottom line. The Development and Leasing Committee approved Snow Bizz, Fire Sign Jewelry Design and Island Peddlers scooter rentals request to operate this season, all located in the core area.

The Architectural and Environmental Committee could have paved the way for smoother roads in beach neighborhoods at their June 27 meeting, but the item will have wait. The SRIA staff has further review to complete before the Committee tasks Baskerville Donovan Engineers to inventory all secondary neighborhood roads and parking lots, reporting how much repair is needed and at what cost. There are approximately 15 miles of roads and 20 acres of parking areas under study.

The A and E Committee unanimously approved the annual Florida Beach Erosion Control program resolution. The SRIA supports beach and environmental monitoring and serves as the local sponsor of the program.

A Budget Workshop convened at the conclusion of the Committee meetings to review and approve the island's budget.

After discussion which revolved around infrastructure projects, the Board voted unanimously to approve the \$8.8 million budget which now moves to the Escambia County Commission for review in September.

Board Member Vernon Prather developed an Infrastruc-

ture Needs Plan which clarified and divided projects into three categories: Maintenance Projects, Construction Projects and Unfunded Infrastructure Projects. Also included in this document is the list of prioritized Master Plan projects, outside of the core area. Prather met with commercial stakeholders and PBA representatives where he reviewed the PBA survey results.

Pensacola Beach Advocates President Jim Cox presented the results from their Master Plan survey with over 630 respondents. For example, the survey showed a high level of support for improved crosswalks, changes to the signalized intersection, a left turn lane at the Via de Luna Shopping Center, underground utilities and an expanded trolley system. (The entire survey and results are available at www.pbadvocates.org.) The Board thanked the Advocates for this input.

Board member Fred Gant who was the Chairman of the Master Plan Steering Committee said, "We need to be more proactive telling the County Administrator what the Beach needs and wants long term."

The document was added to the budget packet.

A Special Full Board meeting followed the Budget Workshop.

Executive Director Buck Lee announced a new hire and a prospective offer to purchase the SRIA location.

"I have been contacted by a commercial Realtor who has a client interested in this parcel," said Lee.

One scenario in the Master Plan suggested moving the SRIA office close to the Beach Fire Station to allow for core area development on the waterfront parcel. The item was for discussion only.

The Board approved the hiring of Russ Scarritt to fill the vacant Director of Administration position.

Board Member Tammy Bo-

hannon, who is a longtime Beach resident, believes it is time for the SRIA to review and update their mission. Prather and Gant concurred.

"This is an opportunity. We have a seasoned board. Let's look at our mission statement, goals, and where we want to go. We have outgrown our original mission statement," she said. "We have done a good job. But, we need to rechart where we are going in the future."

Elected Board member Thomas Campanella complimented the SRIA and their good stewardship of the Island. He also commented that the current climate of taxation and lease fees creates an uncertain future.

Fred Gant wants the SRIA board to address that instability.

"The role of the board needs to be more of an advocate," said Gant. "This board needs to be more engaged in the future and planning of the beach."

In keeping with the discussion on planning, Pensacola Beach Advocates' Beachkeeper member Terry Preston asked the Board to create a long term plan for Dune Preservation. Neighboring counties follow and update a maintenance and restoration plan for the protective sand dunes.

Preston noted that Beachkeepers has a long term dune preservation plan development committee and invited the board to join them.

The Board reviewed the costs associated with installing fifty four parking places at a vacant area near Avenida 13. Baskerville Donovan Engineer Mike Langston told the board there are a number of options to be explored. The cost of the project ranges from \$136,000 to \$115,000. He also presented plans to create parking near the gazebo on the north side of Via de Luna, which currently is only accessible by pedestrians or cyclists. The estimate to add parking at the Gazebo is less than \$30,000.

This area is under consideration as a way to augment parking away from the core area.

The SRIA meets next on Wed, July 11 at 5 p.m. at #1 Via de Luna.

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SKIERS TO PEDAL

Pensacola Ski Club President Ilona Borish asked members if they would like to participate in an easy 14 mile Bike Ride through Ft. Pickens September 29. That Saturday is a Fee-Free National Park Day. As an incentive she wanted to plan a picnic stop along the way and a stop at Pegleg Pete's afterwards. The Ski Club never lets lack of snow slow them down. If you would be interested in participating in Ski Club events, please contact donnaljones@hotmail.com.

BREATHE EASY

Gary Humphreys wants his non-smoking patrons at Paddy O'Leary's to filter in after 7 p.m. The pub goes smoke free every evening from 7 p.m. until closing. Gary did a bunch of research and has installed some mega smoke busting equipment. Daytimers

can smoke and take advantage of Happy Hour, Monday through Friday from 11 to 7.

KEYED UP

The Key Lime pie at Flounder's is bigger and better than any that the *Island Times* staff tasted in Key West. The extensive, unscientific and partially bias research was conducted last week. Our next quest is to determine who actually has the coldest beer during Blue Angels weekend.

UNIQUE MONIQUE

Monique Verdin, the raven haired beauty who spends her summers on Pensacola Beach behind the bar at Paradise, has been discovered. Her documentary *My Louisiana Love* was shown at the New Orleans Museum of Art July 6. It has been recognized by The Smithsonian in Washington. Her mom Renee Mack and her beach family are very proud.



Pensacola Beach's longest serving civic organization, the Woman's Club formally installed their officers, June 21 at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall. Leaders include (L to R): Assistant Treasurer Kathy Christoff, Treasurer Kim Harvell, Secretary Carol Ascherfeld, Second Vice-President Ginger Pacek, Vice-President Mary Ann Claus, and President Shelby Smith. The organization is very active, participating in everything from Mardi Gras to Chamber events. They support the community with charitable donations and volunteer hours.



The 360 Observation Wheel on Pensacola Beach officially opened July 3. The location was designed by Architect John Senkarik, who took a spin at the July 2 pre-opening VIP Sneak Peek event.



The Krewe of Bananimals flocked to the Sabine Sandbar July 1 for their annual Summer Luau. Pat Spillers won "best costume" for her redneck representation of a Polynesian Party Girl.

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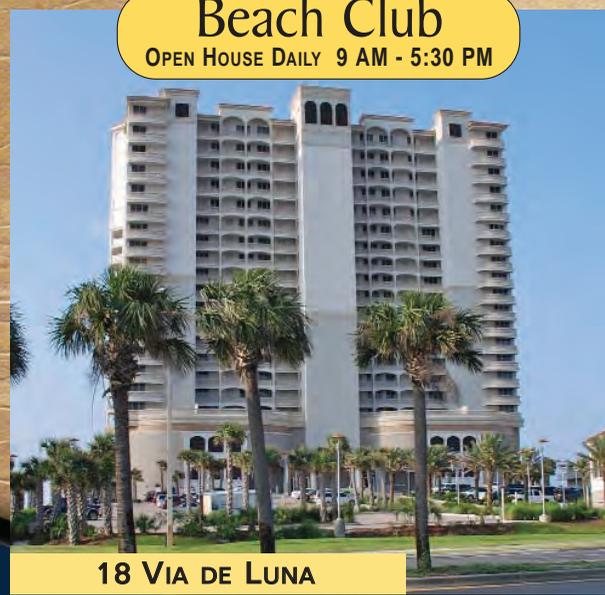
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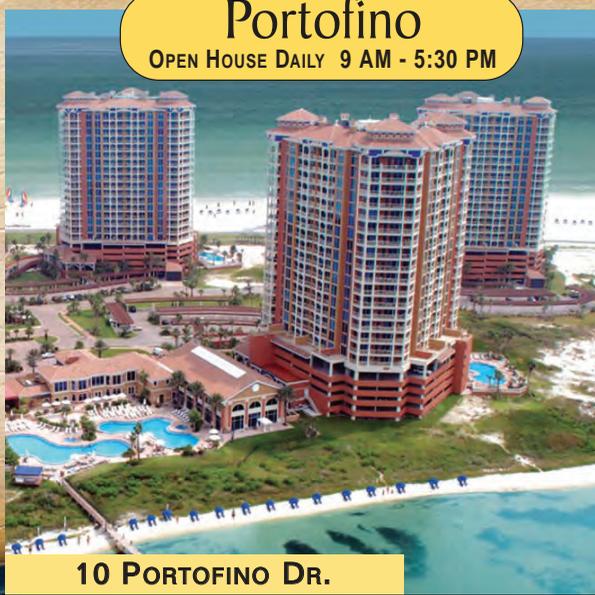
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By Candace Segar



Space Colonies-Sign Me Up

I was reading a marvelous book the other day, "Space Stations – Base Camps to the Stars," by Roger D. Launius. Toward the end of this book was a picture of Gerald K. O'Neill's "Island One." Dr. O'Neill had explored, studied and envisioned space colonies of the future. This was in the 1970s and his visions were not only supported by science fiction and science fact writers, like Arthur C. Clarke, but also by NASA's Advanced Programs Office.

I suddenly realized that this scientist's name was familiar. I scrambled through my research section at home and found Dr. O'Neill's book, "The High Frontier Human Colonies in Space" and "Space Colonies" – a co-evolution book published by Whole Earth catalog and edited by Stewart Brand.

Dr. O'Neill was a high energy physicist originating the colliding-beam storage ring used in nuclear accelerators throughout the world. He was also a professor at both Princeton and MIT. I think one of Dr. O'Neill's the most fantastic accomplishments was his insightful understanding of the human race. Let me explain.

Dr. O'Neill gave a lecture to the World Future Society in Washington D.C. during the spring of 1975. The attendance for his talk was minimal. There were points he made in 1975 that resonate in 2012. The premise was that massive starvation, war or disease was the result of a zero-sum game (based on limited resources) where one nation or group obtaining resources takes

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Not too far from the Beach, the Humane Society is located at 5 North "Q" Street in Pensacola. Donations are welcome. For more information call 850-432-4250.

it away from another group. His idea was to build massive colonies in space utilizing materials from space as well. (Case in point: the moon and asteroids carry many materials we can use.) Dr. O'Neill's ideas and plans revealed minute details taking into account the costs along with the lack of gravity. Yet, he was on to something huge. There was a key point in his lecture that everyone needs to understand. Immediate high technology jobs generate wealth throughout an economy. Of course, if you have a high tech society, you have a well-educated society. If society is well educated, it can't be controlled like a group of sheep. I guess in 2012 Congress doesn't mind the "baa-ing."

It is time for humanity to leave the pasture and move into space. Let's go! I'm ready!

New Beach Surf Shop Hosts Grand Opening

Surfers and everyone else is invited to a day long party hosted by Pensacola Beach Marina and Innerlight Surf Shop Saturday, July 28 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Grand Opening Event, 655 Pensacola Beach Blvd., is open to the public. Both the Marina and Innerlight are currently open for business, but it is time to celebrate.

"We are so thankful to our

community and our wonderful Innerlight Family for allowing us the opportunity to thrive as a locally owned and operated business, this is our way of saying thanks" said Cherie Krohn, buyer for Innerlight Surf Shop.

"The Marina has completely transformed and is becoming an attraction on Pensacola Beach, I am so happy to be a part of it" said Betsy Walker, Charter Booking

Agent, Pensacola Beach Marina. The grand opening event will feature surf movies playing all day, tons of giveaways including a paddleboard (value of \$800), water slide for the kids (and kids at heart), free food for all to enjoy, paddleboard demo, music, and much more.

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For smaller amounts of data, 2.5 gigabytes or less, the Dropbox Internet service is free. (See more information at www.dropbox.com.) For amounts above the limit, you can purchase

additional storage. In addition to providing backup storage for your data, Dropbox has other features. It can be configured to automatically synchronize between your computer and your Dropbox folder when changes in data occur. For people who want to share information with others, simply copy your files to your Dropbox folder. Then give a password to the person who needs access to those files, so they can connect to your Dropbox account and view the data. If you are going to be traveling without the computer on which your data is stored, simply copy your files to Dropbox and look at them online when you reach your destination.

Dropbox has also created a new service that works with smart phones as well as regular computers. The application is called Camera Upload. When you upload photos to Dropbox through that application, the

Dropbox service gives you 500 megabytes of free space. The free space keeps increasing for each 500 megabytes that you upload, up to a maximum of 3 gigabytes (3,000 megabytes). That extra space is permanently available to you at no charge. Camera Upload works with Apple and Android smart phones, in addition to Mac and Windows computers.

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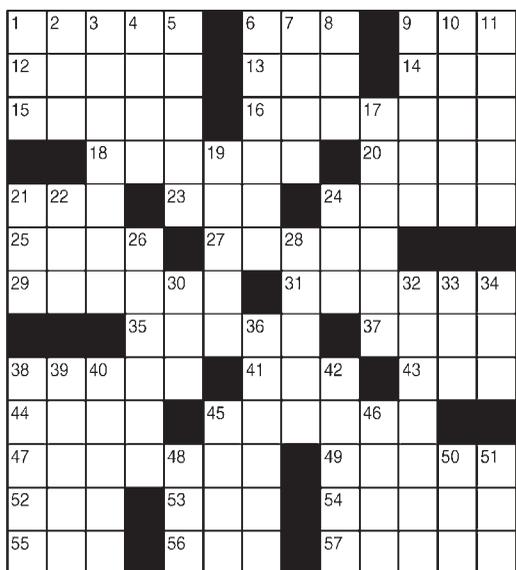
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- 16 Wine experts
- 18 Family-related, in a way
- 20 Raw rocks
- 21 That girl
- 23 Corpulent
- 24 Don't blink
- 25 Mine, partially
- 27 Winter warmer
- 29 "Raging Bull" star
- 31 Claim
- 35 Comes to earth
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- 41 Symbol of intrigue
- 43 Crafty
- 44 "— for All Seasons"
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Calendar

- 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 18
Nations Baseball Elite, Quietwater Amphitheatre, 4 pm
 - July 21
GreenFest. Gulfside Pavilion. Noon.
 - 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 26
WillieFest. Bamboo Willie's Boardwalk. New Orleans Music thru July 29
 - July 27
Star Gaze. Casino Beach. Free.
 - July 28
Innerlight & Pensacola Beach Marina Grand Opening Party. 9-9. Open to all. Free.
 - July 28
Pensacola Fishing Rodeo. Weigh in Flounder's. Noon til. Also on July 29.
 - July 28
Turtle Baby Shower, Holiday Inn Express, East side. 4:30 to 5:30. Ride the trolley. Free. All are welcome.
 - July 28
Race for the Roses Regatta. PB Yacht Club.
 - July 28
Star Gaze. Casino Beach. Free
 - July 28
Singer/Songwriter Night at Beach Church. Ticket Required. 850-932-6628
 - August 3
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Seeing Stars

your horoscope for next week

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects favor socializing with family and friends, but an irksome workplace situation could intrude. No use grumbling, Lamb. Just do it, and then get back to the fun times.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There's still time for you Ferdinands and Fernandas to relax and sniff the roses. But a major work project looms and soon will demand much of your attention through the 23rd.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your enthusiasm persuades even the toughest doubters to listen to what you're proposing. But don't push too hard, or you'll push them away. Moderate for best results.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels are rising, and you feel you can handle anything the job requires. That's great. But don't isolate yourself. Keep your door open to your workplace colleagues.

LEO (July 23 August 22) A workplace change could lead to that promotion you've been hoping for. But you'll have to face some tough competition before the Lion can claim his or her share of the goodies.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your rigidity regarding a difficult workplace situation could be the reason your colleagues aren't rushing to your assistance. Try being more flexible in your demands.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) That uneasy mood could be your Libran inner voice



Madame Astra

reminding you that while it's great to be with your new friends, you need to take care not to ignore your old ones.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A sudden spate of criticism could shake the Scorpion's usually high sense of self-confidence. Best advice: You made a decision you believed in -- now defend it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your reluctance to help restart a stalled relationship could be traced to unresolved doubts about your partner's honesty. Rely on a trusted friend's advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The capricious Sea Goat is torn between duty and diversion. Best advice: Do both. Tend to your workaday chores, then go out and enjoy your well-earned fun time.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Cutting back on some of your activities for a few days helps restore your energy levels. You should be feeling ready to tackle your many projects early next week.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A co-worker might be secretly carping about your work to mutual colleagues. But associates will come to your defense, and the situation will ultimately work to your advantage.

Beach's Commissioner Earns Statewide Post

Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV was elected as the 2nd Vice President of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Executive Committee last week.

For over 80 years, FAC has represented the diverse interests of Florida's counties, emphasizing the importance of protecting home rule.

"I'm extremely honored and humbled to be elected by my colleagues from around the state to serve in a position of leadership. I look forward to serving on the Executive Committee over the next couple of years," said Commissioner Robinson.

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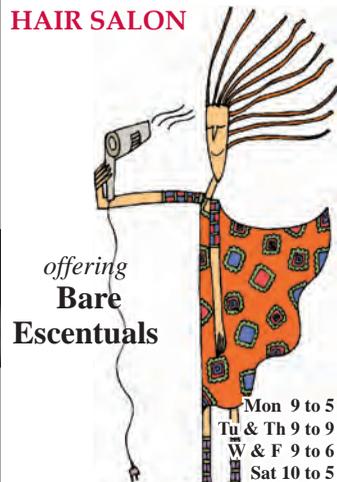


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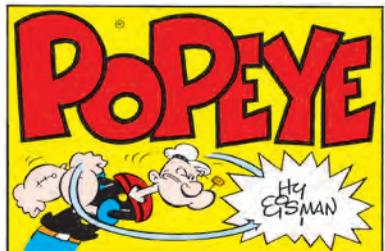
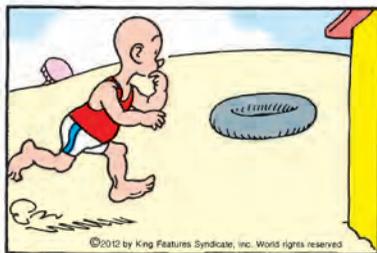
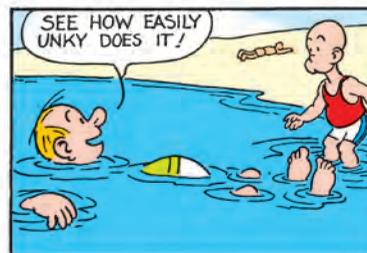
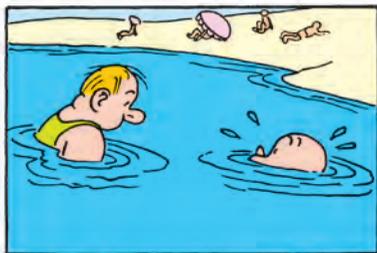
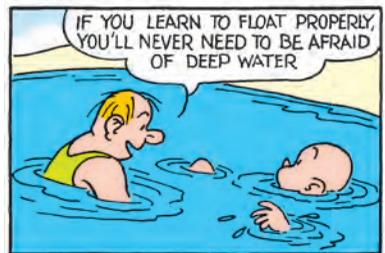
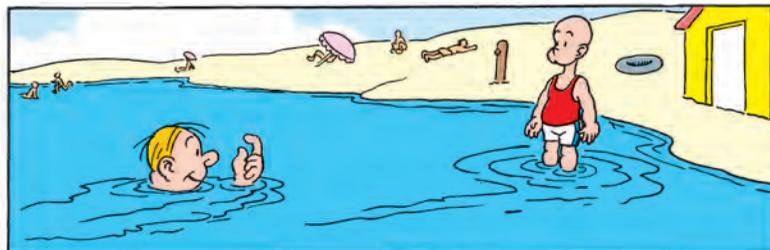
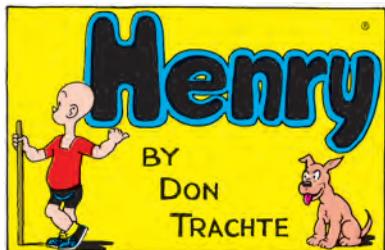
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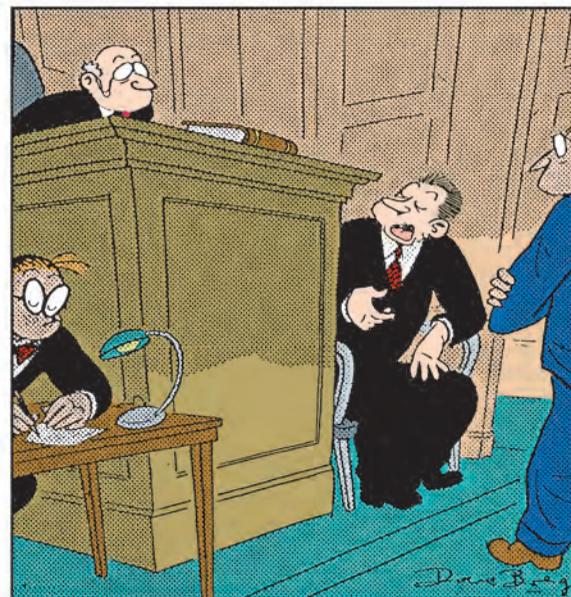


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Organizers Expecting Crowds At First Ever Turtle Baby Shower

Beverly McCay is expecting. The Holiday Inn Express General Manager announced that a female sea turtle has chosen the hotel's Gulf front beach to place her nest. As a way to celebrate and educate, a Turtle Baby Shower has been planned for Saturday, July 28 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the property's easternmost edge.

"Everyone is invited," said McCay. "Hop on the trolley or ride your bike over to the party."

Instead of bringing a gift, guests will

The School Bell Rings 

There's a variety of kid friendly camps on the Beach this summer for locals and visitors.

Junior Lifeguard Program: July 16-27.

Open to 13-15 year olds. Offers an alternative summer camp that promotes physical fitness, offers training in beach safety, and educates on the historical, ecological, and economic significance of Pensacola Beach. Campers must pass Physical Test. \$200 plus Equipment package fee. Questions to: Senior_Lifeguard@sria-fla.com

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 or 850-932-6628.

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

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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. Instruction in boating safety, boat handling and nautical knot tying is offered by USSA certified instructors along with a learn to sail book. Open for children ages 7-14. Must know how to swim. \$200 includes a Learn To Sail book and a camp t-shirt and a certificate of completion. Register at www.pensacolabeach-yc.org Questions to Cindy McBride, Camp Coordinator at Cindymc850@gmail.com.

leave with party favors and turtle friendly ideas. There will be turtle games, photo ops, turtle friendly lights and turtle shaped cookies to decorate.

"Since there can be as many as one hundred eggs in the nest, guests can name a turtle," said McCay. "I think I will name one Myrtle."

Sea turtle ornaments will be created and placed on display in the Margaritaville Beach Hotel lobby for the duration of turtle nesting season to raise awareness.

Local dignitaries will face off in the 1-2-3 Nest! contest which promises to be a wildly funny event. After taking the Turtle Friendly Pledge at 5:15 p.m. the

participants find out what it would be like to dig a nest using no hands.

"I think we have to bury marshmallows in pudding," said Maureen LaMar, Chamber president who will compete in the 1-2-3 Nest!. "Better bring your camera."

The whole family will enjoy this event. There is no charge to attend.



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Those who love sea turtles work hard to improve the odds of their survival. It is very rewarding for us to see the recent surge of interest in conservation efforts for them in our area. It's like watching the proverbial spark which has been smoldering, suddenly burst into flame.

People are inquiring whether the lights on their home or condo are "turtle friendly" and what they can do to help the turtles. We stress the importance of turning out unnecessary lights, closing curtains during nesting and hatching season, replacing outdoor lights with turtle friendly amber light bulbs, and installing shielded fixtures, if possible. We let folks know the importance of removing chairs and tent frames off the beach at night, explaining they are obstacles which discourage or prevent sea turtles from nesting.

Beachgoers are also learning that plastic bags and balloons in the water can choke sea turtles or result in starvation by obstructing the turtle's throat or stomach. Knowing the consequences gives people a better understanding of why it is so important to take re-

sponsibility for cleaning up the beach. All these actions can ultimately increase the odds of survival for sea turtles and we sincerely thank each of you who is helping.

While there are many things we can do to help sea turtles, there is one thing over which we have no control: Mother Nature. Tropical Storm Debby developed from an area of low pressure in the Gulf of Mexico which started organizing June 21. She became an excellent example of how our beach can be affected by storms that come ashore quite a distance from us. TS Debby was a slow moving system which skipped over the tropical depression stage, then took her time deciding a course.

Although we did not experience the heavy rain or high winds that occurred farther south, we definitely suffered the effects of the storm surge. By Saturday evening, June 23, Santa Rosa, Ft. Pickens and the Johnson Beach area of Perdido Key were all closed due to the flooding which was caused by high surf and tides.

Concerns are high for those nests which were being continually washed over during the storm surge, since sea turtle eggs can drown when covered with water for extended periods of time. The situation is complicated by the amount of extra sand which accumulated on top of nests during that time. While some had only inches

added, others accreted up to 18 inches or more of sand. It is a heavy weight for a clutch of eggs to bear and the added distance through which they dig depletes the hatchlings of valuable energy.

Thankfully, none of our nests were washed out, but no one will know just how badly they were impacted until hatch time. Some nests may be lost due to water saturation; some may not be affected at all. There is also the possibility that those which did not drain well may have a partial hatch, for example, eggs placed higher in the nest may survive while those on the bottom may spoil. It's frustrating when there is nothing to do but wait and see.

The good news is that sea turtles have started coming ashore to nest again, now that the rough seas have settled, but perhaps the greatest news is that every day we see more people joining the fight to help them survive.

Until next time, Lights out!

Nest Update for Pensacola Beach and Gulf Islands National Seashore as of July 2:

Perdido Key -GINS	10
Ft. Pickens - GINS	5
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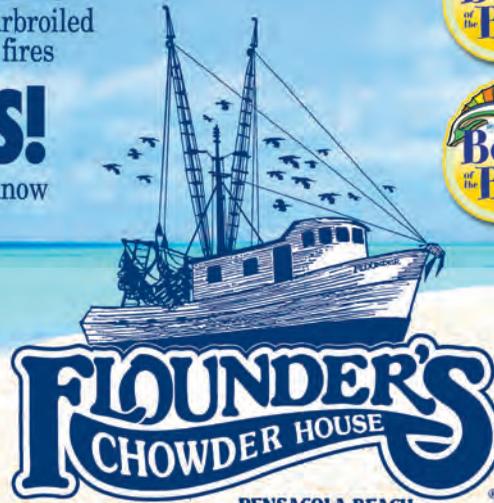
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