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Race. Baste. Shake. Beach Cooks Up Recipe For Festival Fun



Savor the flavors of Santa Rosa Island. The festival calendar serves a delicious sampling of island fare, spicy music, racing action, and a tribute to an iconic beach bar. Bamboo Willie's eases into the weekend with a laid back Jamaican Festival which includes the Anything That Floats and the Bathtub Races. Morgan Gibson and Anna-Lisa Connolly are perched atop their racing tub, ready to take on all challengers. The island's chefs present signature dishes during the fifth annual Taste of the Beach, September 15-16. Shaggy's Chef Chip Eisenhart, left, will be a rookie at the event, but Crab's Chef John Flanigan and Flounder's Chef Dennis Moore, right, will return to defend their People's Choice award titles. Lovely Debbie Dotson wears the Shaker Queen's traditional mermaid costume one last time during the island bar's ShakerFest, September 14-16. Hungry for more? Turn to page 2.

Laid Back Island Festival Features Reggae and Races

Hey, mon, let the island vibes carry you away at the Jamaican Festival this weekend at Bamboo Willie's. Allow the tropical rhythm and beat of the reggae music draw you to the dance floor when Roots of Rebellion takes the stage Friday, August 31 at 4 p.m. The reggae bands, Jamaican food booths, Red Stripe beer specials and Merchant Sidewalk Sale on the Portofino Boardwalk keep the laid back crowds happy and entertained through the Labor Day Weekend.

The festival has a notable music line-up which includes Rising Lion, Reggae All Stars, Old City Dub, Vibe Irie, 4th Dimension, Chillakaya, Ras Mutants, Trial By Stone and Nothing Short of Pure. Performances are scheduled on the Bamboo Willie's stage and at the Boardwalk's Amphitheatre. There is no cover charge.

The fluid movement of the Jamaican entertainers gives way to the fluid movement of homemade vessels being paddled around the race course in Santa Rosa Sound on Sunday. The Anything That Floats and Bath-tub Races begin at 2 p.m.

"This may be the highlight of the festival," said Robert Gleim Bamboo Willie's general manager. "It's exciting, competitive, comical and a fundraiser for the Beach Chamber."

There are two categories from which to choose. Entries into the Anything That Floats category must provide their own homemade vessel which a two person crew paddles around the course. There are commemorative beer steins for the top three finishers. Speed doesn't always come easy to these entries, so there are awards for the Most Dramatic Sinker, Best Costume and Most Creative.

Over the years, vikings, pirates, divas and Southern Belles have appeared with their Hol-

lywood stage-quality crafts only to be rammed by a vessel made from two beer kegs lashed together with some duct tape. Almost anything can happen at the Anything That Floats.

"Beverly and Steve Fair have been swift aboard their homemade vessel comprised of styrofoam and pool toys," said

Gleim. "They are quick, light and fiercely competitive."

No boat? No problem, mon. The Bath-tub Races are for you. No experience is necessary but strong arms and a good sense of humor helps. Two person teams are assigned a floating bathtub with two paddles. The predetermined course in Santa Rosa

Sound is all that lies between you and victory. The tubs race in a double elimination heat format, where unwieldy and wobbly bathtubs are paddled, guided and dragged across the finish line.

The entry fee is \$30 and is donated to the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce. Regis-

tration forms are available online at www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com or in person at Bamboo Willie's beginning at noon on Sunday, September 2.

Let this festival float you into an island state of mind. More information is available at www.pensacolabeachchamber.com or www.bamboowillies.com.

Beach Chefs Showcase Signature Dishes Crabs Race, Corvettes Rev, Kids Surf

Five years ago, the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce cooked up a festival to showcase the talents of the island's chefs. It was a recipe for success. The fifth annual Taste of the Beach is set for Saturday and Sunday, September 15-16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Casino Beach. Twenty-one beach restaurants will serve their signature dishes at the gulf front location, each vying for the People's Choice Award or to be selected as the Best Decorated Booth.

As part of the Chamber's commitment to creating a quality, family-friendly fall event, the island restaurants offer a festival selection at \$5 or less. Signature dishes range from Honey Jerk Shrimp and She Crab Soup to key lime pie and frozen, organic pops.

"There is no admission charge," commented Chamber President Maureen LaMar. "We have a children's area with games and face painting, and a full line-up of entertainment. Innerlight is hosting a free Kids Surf Clinic and the Miracle Strip Corvette Show shares our festival site."

There will be bands and dancers on the main stage at the Gulfside Pavilion, and for the first time a Chef's Performance Stage will be located under a tent at the festival site. Chef's

demonstrations will begin at 11:30 a.m. daily.

The Chamber will be selling beer and wine along with ice cold water. But, don't look for water in the clear, plastic water bottles which end up as litter, clogging up landfills. This festival supports the environmental ideas of reuse and recycling to be kind to the Beach. Recycling containers will be located at the festival site. Soft drinks will also be available.

"The Pensacola Beach Advocates started the tradition of offering a re-usable water bottle for the Taste of the Beach," said LaMar. "Purchase of a festival water bottle or stadium cup allows our guests to have free water refills all weekend long, and hopefully they will reuse the bottle all year long."

The Olympics may be over, but the spirit of competition has not been quelled. The wildest sport on the island, Crab Racing, begins at 2 p.m. both days. The beach's best known Crab Master, Seadog, gets the racers ready at their training camp at Crab's We Got 'Em. Fans, which are trackside, can name their crab and cheer the brightly decorated crustaceans to victory.

"She's Got Legs and Shell-Done are two of my fastest crabs," said Seadog. "And, Crusty will do in a pinch."

Listen for the sounds of drink shakers and whirling blenders at 2 p.m. on Saturday when The Bartender's Contest hosted by the Pensacola Beach Songwriter's Festival promoters kicks off. The event is a head-to-head battle of the Beach's best bartenders tasked with creating a signature drink for the Songwriter's Festival, October 2-9. The winning drink is served islandwide during the music festival week.

How Sweet IT Is, Island

Times' dessert contest puts chefs in a sugary showdown on Sunday at 1 p.m. A panel of three judges will sample and rate the entries based on creativity, taste, presentation and difficulty. There will be winners in two categories – menu desserts and specialty desserts.

The festival concludes with a presentation of the People's Choice Award and Best Decorated Booth followed by the Calypso Nuts band concert.

More details are below and available online at www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com.

2012 Taste of the Beach Signature Dishes

Bamboo Willies - Virgin Island Blow Pop
Beach Pops & Wild Roots - Organic Frozen Treats, Salads, Sandwiches
Castaways - Gumbo
Crab's We Got 'Em - Crab Cake Sliders, She Crab Soup
Dog House Deli - Mama Dawg's Red Beans & Rice, Hot Dogs & Banana Pudding
Flounder's - Flounder's Chowder & Shrimp Kabobs
Grand Marlin - Honey Jerk Shrimp with Island Rice & pineapple rum butter
Hemingway's - Ropa Vieja, Key Lime Pie
Hilton's H2O - Cajun Club, Crab Cake Salad with ginger dressing
Hooters - Naked Wings, Breaded Wings and Drums with Dipping Sauces
Laguna's - Blackened Fish Tacos w/roasted corn salsa
Lillo's - Sausage Sliders
Paradise Bar and Grill - Shrimp Salad/Mini Cuban Sandwiches
PegLeg Pete's - Cajun Fried Catfish & Shrimp, Coconut Shrimp
Riptides - Holiday Inn Resort - Yucatan Crawfish Lettuce Wrap
Shaggy's - Big Pig Sliders
Sidelines - Fresh Fried Grouper Nuggets, Steamed Shrimp
Surf Burger - Slider Burger/Red Beans & Rice
The Dock - Jan's Famous Corn & Crab Bisque
The Wine Bar - Cuban Sandwich with Jarlsberg Cheese

Entertainment & Events

Saturday, September 15

9 to 11 Innerlight Kids Surf Clinic
10 to 3 Miracle Strip Corvette Show
2 to 3 Crab Racing

Main Stage

11 to 1 Tomato & Dennis
1 to 2 Mitch Kidd
2:30 to 4 Honey Island
Swamp Band

Chef's Performance Stage

11:30 to 12:15 Chef's Demonstration
12:15 to 1:00 Chef's Demonstration
1:00 to 1:45 Chef's Demonstration
2 to 3 Bartender's Contest

Sunday, September 16

2 p.m. Crab Racing
2:20 Awards Ceremony, Raffle Prizes

Main Stage

11 to 12 Ronnie Miller
12 to 2 Dancingly Yours
2:30 to 4 Calypso Nuts

Chef's Performance Stage

11:30 to 12:15 Chef's Demonstration
12:15 to 1:00 Chef's Demonstration
1 to 2 How Sweet IT Is
Dessert Contest



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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 – May 15, 1987

I have avoided any form of formal exercise for many years. Isn't it enough that there are seventeen steps to my office and twelve steps in my house which I negotiate many times each day? Isn't it enough that I'm always jumping up to answer the telephone, walking around picking up ads, pushing the

phone buttons, typing, sketching, laying out pages, and sharpening pencils?

Apparently, not. None of these activities all of which have a direct bearing on my health (they are the means of my support) are considered aerobic enough to do anything for my cardio vascular system, wherever that is.

Reluctantly, I have suc-

cumbed to the workout fever which rages among my daughters who are always jogging or swimming or biking or something. They leave the house looking like perfectly normal human beings and return with bright red faces, sweat pouring off their foreheads and their hair hanging in limp strings. They tell me how wonderful they feel while they are gasping for breath. So, what

the heck? If it's that wonderful, why not give it a try?

So, a couple of weeks ago, Liz and I started walking a mile every morning. This did not seem too strenuous to me. Perhaps running up and down stairs for so many years had conditioned me after all. We were taking about fifteen minutes to walk the mile, swinging our arms back and forth, gossiping. It was a fun

thing. I found myself liking this early morning jaunt.

Then, one day, Liz went to town and came home with two sets of hand weights. These are things that cost ten bucks, appear to be sand in nylon covers with Velcro closings, signed by Olympian Dorothy Hamill. We are not content with a happy, brisk walk. We must torture ourselves by securing the weights to our wrists and swinging our arms around in various configurations as we walk the mile. This maneuver is for upper body fitness if anyone should ask. I am so grateful that I cannot see myself chugging along Ariola Drive, punching the air with those weights on my wrists. My neighbors may throw a net over me any day now.

At any rate, there is still not a lot of huffing and puffing on our part although the degree of difficulty has been raised. As soon as we knock five minutes off our time, we will increase our distance. What a spiffy goal!

My advice to all you couch potatoes who sleep late, eat a big leisurely breakfast, and saunter slowly to your automobile, is to rise and exercise. You may or may not feel better, but you will feel superior to all those sedentary friends who have not yet discovered the joys of fitness.

Catch A Wave At Kids Surf Clinic

Small fry will get a taste of the exhilarating sport of surfing at the Innerlight Kids Surf Clinic, Saturday, September 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Casino Beach. The event is hosted by Innerlight at no charge and is open to anyone eight years or older.

"We will provide the surfboards and instructors," said Shannon Hampton, Innerlight operations manager. "Should be a great way for children to get introduced to the sport."

Surf Clinic participants need to be good swimmers and ar-

rive ready to learn a little surf etiquette, culture and techniques. Just like any trip to the beach, it's recommended to bring water, sunscreen and a towel.

"We are hosting this during the same weekend as the Chamber's Taste of the Beach," said Hampton. "Think of it as a sample of surfing to whet the kids' appetite for a lifetime of enjoying beach-oriented sports."

For more information about the Surf Clinic and Innerlight, go to www.innerlightsurf.com or call 850-934-9004.

Kids Surf Clinic



Innerlight's very own surf star Addie Mason cheers as her student rides a wave during a recent session in the Gulf. Addie is one of the Pensacola Beach resident surfers who will instruct at the Kids Surf Clinic September 15.

Corvettes Rev Up At Beach Show

Rick Gordon's is silver. Nan Harper's is blue. Harry Purcell's is red. The colors may be different but they are all part of the Pensacola Beach's family of Corvette owners. It must be like a family reunion, when hundreds of Corvette enthusiasts roar into the Casino Beach parking lot Saturday, September 15 for the Vettes at the Beach Corvette Show. The event is hosted by the Miracle Strip Corvette Club from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Casino Beach. There is no charge to attend.

"The show brings Corvette owners from across the Southeastern United States. We had 175 entries from as far away as Memphis, Orlando, Atlanta, New Orleans, Jacksonville and all parts in-between," said Rick Gordon, the Club vice-president. "We are growing both in numbers and in miles traveled by our entries to get here."

The Casino Beach parking lot show site will have Corvettes representing vintage models from 1953 through the latest, fastest 2012 'Vettes. The registration fee is \$35 and includes a dash plaque.

"Vettes at the Beach is open to all corvette owners and entries may sign up right up to the start time on Saturday," said Gordon. "It's a real tribute to Corvettes."

Attendees will be able to vote for their favorite car and watch the valve cover racing. There will be prize drawings at the show, so purchase a raffle ticket to be included. Proceeds benefit Covenant Hospice and the Santa Rosa Kids House.

There will be refreshments available just steps away at the Chamber's Taste of the Beach.

For more information or entry forms contact Rick Gordon at 850-916-0997 or jrgordonfla@yahoo.com.

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Trivia

NEW FACES

Beach School teacher Tara Turk and the flock of fifth grade Sandpipers who rule the roost welcomed new students last week. Hailey Gilbert, Aaryan Patel, Mason Bourgeois, Hampton Crance, Ashley Etheredge, Savannah Baus and Abby Pohlen joined the class.

CRUISE DIRECTOR

Chrissy Cook is on the go, most of the time. She and husband Mike just returned from a trip to Kentucky Lake. Chrissy's been assisting a friend's reunion group plan their trip to Pensacola Beach. Her one day itinerary includes dolphin cruising on Chase-N-Fins, lunch at PegLeg's and then souvenir shopping at Island Style. Hope these people can keep up with the energetic Villa Sabine resident.

TURTLE TIME

Lou Ann Cowan read about Pensacola Beach's efforts to conserve and protect the native sea turtles in *Island Times*, and wanted to help. DJ Zemenick, who writes Turtle Trax, instructed her on the volunteer requirements.

ROCK STAR STATUS

Beach chefs labor in hot

kitchens all year round to create sumptuous menu items for locals and visitors. The Beach Chamber gives them a chance to take center stage in the Taste of the Beach, Sept. 15-16. Look for Mike Osley from PegLeg's, Hilton's Dan Dunn and Chris Kelly from Laguna's to join Flounder's Chef Dennis Moore and Crab's Chef John Flanigan on the performance stage. They whip up elegant dishes right before your very eyes.

SAILING SWEETHEARTS

Jim and Lila Cox celebrate their August 23 wedding anniversary aboard a sailboat - every year. The afternoon winds cooperated so the Beach couple could toast twenty-two years of marriage.

POT O'GOLD

Covenant Hospice hosted their Evening of Comedy on the Beach August 24. The Roaring Twenties themed event drew hundreds among them Angela and Pete Moore and Elizabeth and Harry Hewson. Channel 3's Sue Straughn was the Mistress of Ceremonies.

GEAUX SAINTS

Are you ready for September 9? Saints versus Redskins.

The staff at the Pensacola Beach Visitor's Information Center know their trivia. They share tidbits with guests daily. They chided the Trivia Master for making more work for them after he asked what year they opened in the current location. The phone rang off the hook as players began to search for the correct answer. Lo and behold, new trivia player Walt Foster was the first to send in the correct answer, 1993. He scores an *Island Times* trivia shirt to match his wife Gwen's.

The Pensacola Beach Chamber began fielding phone inquiries at 850-932-1500 in the mid 1980s. Just a phone. No building. Then, they had temporary locations in the Marina Restaurant and the former gas station on the Beach. Finally, the Chamber built the Center with a little help from some friends.

The list of those who contributed to the construction of the Visitor's Center included *The Islander* Newspaper, Wilson Robertson, Michael O'Donovan, Blue Water Flooring, Scotty's, Sandshaker Lounge, Professional Realty, Sunset Lodge, Boogie Inc., Pensacola Beach/Gulf

Breeze Jaycees, Chet Christie, Jean Kutina, Jubilee Restaurant, Tristan Realty, John Bordelon, Tiki Motel, Shawn McCorkle, Gulf Breeze Chamber, Gulf Aire Motel, Pensacola Beach Realty, The Entertainer, Mike Moses, Steve Del Gallo Company, James Hinkle, Mark Herring, Peter Fragale, Mark Olvera, Cook Construction, Warren Hardware, Jerry Willis, Escambia County, Friendly Plumber, Gulf Breeze Wallpaper House, Alston Electric and the SRIA.

From the Southern porch of the Visitor's Information Center you have a unobstructed view of the brightly decorated Pensacola Beach water tower that looms over Casino Beach parking lot. It was not always the iconic

beach ball design. Mayor Bob Merriman, an icon in his own right, wanted to know when the water tower officially became the Beach Ball. The Trivia Master knows, but do you?

What year did the water tower become transformed into the Beach Ball. It appears in advertising, tourist's photos and stands as a landmark for directions.

Bounce that around for a little while and send an answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with trivia in the subject line. The Master says your answer must be accompanied by your name and phone number. Who knows, he may want to call you - or not.

The deadline to answer is Tuesday, September 11.

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Island Authority Committees Engage Professionals For Input On Projects

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Committees are reaching out to experts to guide them through two high dollar discussions. At the August 22 SRIA Development and Leasing Committee meeting Chairman Ed Guernsey requested that a report detailing the dollar amount of leaseholders' fees and taxes be prepared. According to SRIA Director Buck Lee, his staff with the assistance of the SRIA accounting firm Carr, Riggs and Ingram can discuss the data collection.

The Committee is laying the foundation for decisions on how to equitably relieve the financial vice that is griping residents who are paying both ad valorem taxes and lease fees. Currently, commercial leaseholders are receiving an economic incentive which lessens the impact of the taxation and lease fee liability. The residential leaseholders are not part of that program.

The Supreme Court has agreed to rule on the tax issue, but they are under no time deadline to do so. Until a decision is handed down, leaseholders continue to pay taxes and lease fees.

"Consider that there is a lot of disparity between what some pay in lease fees as compared to ad valorem taxes," said Guernsey. "We need to start gathering this data to know what we need to do to be fair and equitable. It

needs to be available to us, all in one report."

The report will include an inventory of commercial and residential leasehold properties, lease fee amounts, subleases and associated fees paid, ad valorem taxes levied on improvements and land. The tax comparison to neighboring communities and states is to be included.

The Special Projects Committee will receive a report from the SRIA's engineering firm Baskerville Donovan, Inc. outlining which Santa Rosa Island projects potentially qualify for BP funding. According to Jim Waite of BDI, the fine money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster is being doled out in a variety of ways.

"There are a number of different pots of money, intended to be used in different ways," said Waite as he explained the convoluted process. "Yes, I can tell you what the criteria are for the funding."

SRIA Director of Developmental Services Paolo Ghio noted that he has applied for \$500,000 for Quietwater Beach Renourishment and \$600,000 for dune walkover projects.

The Board set a special workshop for August 29 to prioritize the list of unfunded projects and identify funding sources, which they will submit to Escambia County.

Committee Member Vernon Prather said, "It's all about strategic timing. We need to get moving."

The Architectural and Environmental Committee set the stage for the SRIA to turn gray water into profits.

"It would be nice if we could offer the reclaimed water for sale to our leaseholders," said Director Lee. "Right now it would cost about \$1 million to pipe it to store in the beach ball."

A letter will be sent to the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority about the need to store reclaimed water at an alternative location and offer it to the island's leaseholders.

Vernon Prather said, "Let's encourage ECUA to seek storage solutions for the reclaimed water. It was the vision of a previous SRIA board to discontinue discharging that water into the Sound, to keep effluent out of the Sound. We need to reaffirm that."

In other business, Karen Sindel asked the Development and Leasing Committee to set aside two dog-friendly waterfront areas on the island. After considerable research, Sindel requested the locations to be Park East and Park West.

"I am completely flexible in my request and understand that restrictions would need to be placed on the pet owners," said Sindel. "I would like the Com-

mittee to consider this dog park request."

The Committee members were concerned with parasites, sanitation, danger to beach goers and protected wildlife. The Escambia County ordinance which prohibits dogs on the beach would have to be amended, according to SRIA Chairman Dave Pavlock.

"In light of the need to change an ordinance, and the po-

tential controversy of this topic, I suggest we schedule ample time for residents to discuss this," said Pavlock. "This will remain on the regular board agenda through November."

The Full Board will meet Wednesday, September 12 at 5 p.m. in the SRIA boardroom. The meetings are open to the public. Agendas are available at www.sria-fla.com

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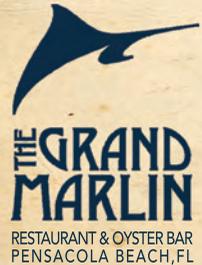
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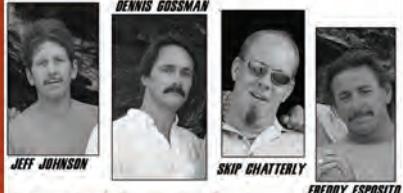
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by Kathi Lewis

Sometimes you just get lucky. And the Mystic Krewe of Nereids got very lucky in choosing the perfect weekend for our Mystic Lagoon Retreat at Marilyn LeNormand's in Mobile. The location of this year's Retreat was changed due to the threat of infiltration by spies. We finned creatures need special time to relax, frolic and flip our fins unobserved in order to finalize plans for our annual Splash Party and gather

**Mystic Krewe of Nereids
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strength to survive the upcoming season. (After all, even Mermaids get tired occasionally. It's all that walking required when you live on land instead of in the sea.) I'll bet you didn't know that mermaids were Mother's Nature idea of natural coast-guards, huh?

We kept an eye on the ever changing direction of Tropical Storm Isaac over the weekend although it would take a much larger storm to scare us. Most mermaids love storms and usually consider them to be beautiful displays of Mother Nature's power and necessary reminders to those who sometimes falsely believe themselves in control.

After an evening of joyful camaraderie and mouth watering mermaid delicacies, we slept with visions of sunshine flashing colors on mermaids tails flipping and splashing in the perfect lagoon just fin flips from our beds.

Are ya feeling the good vibes of the Splash Party yet?

I sure hope so. I know you're wondering what really happened. But what happens at the lagoon stays at the lagoon. Well, okay, so a group of mermaids decided to head out for a day (or a couple of hours in some cases) of shopping. Unbelievably, I decided to skip all that to enjoy an entire day of soaking my fins in the refreshingly cool and beautiful lagoon. Luckily for this fin, nobody mentioned a shoe store.

I can tell you it was very hard to leave the Mystic Lagoon to return home and back to the reality of a possible tropical storm. As much as we love water and storms, none of the mermaids who attended, Paulette Provost, Charlotte Spencer, Courtney Winstead, Judy L'Oignon, Kathy Long, Peggy Henshall, Becky Shearman, Lila Cox, Bonnie

McDonald, Deb Friedman, Tina Preston, along with Marilyn and myself were exactly eager to head home and batten down the hatches. We could have happily stayed in that Lagoon forever.

But the winds, cell phones and voices of family, grandchildren and friends were calling so back we came to accept and accomplish our duties (one of mine being the completion of this column!) I will admit that we may have also begun to miss the sand between our fins, er I mean toes.

As of this writing we are still waiting to see when and where Isaac (possibly an "H" Cat One by landfall) will decide to go. We also continue to support our Woolly Booger Queen Shugah Christine Hewerdine and will keep blowing to the south or whichever direction is necessary.

We sometimes consider that we are due (possibly overdue) to receive the force of Mother Nature. We will accept the consequences as we have done in the past and will continue to do as long as we build our castles in the sand. Pick up, sweep out and stick together in all kinds of weather. We will continue to love and appreciate the extraordinary beauty of the island we call home because even in the midst of the worst destruction that beauty remains.

That has always been my first thought upon returning home after an evacuation and storm. Each grain of that pristine white sand that may completely cover or destroy our man-made structures, roads, businesses and dwellings is still more beautiful than anything we will ever create.

If you have electricity, then it's time to cook. If not, then find some scissors, cut and save this one for later. It is not only delicious, but also very easy to make according to Chrissy Cook. She brought this to one of our Mental Health Nights at Paulette's Perfect Patio and there was not a single bite left. Chrissy says you can mix it in the same pie plate you use to cook it and that's something I love for sure!

So, let's cook.....
Artichoke Spread
14 oz. can artichoke hearts,

drained
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup grated parmesan cheese
2-3 pressed garlic cloves (or garlic powder)
Paprika

Chop up drained artichoke hearts and put into a 9 inch pie plate. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Stir in the mayo and then the garlic. Mix well and spread evenly in the plate. Sprinkle liberally with paprika. Bake at 350 degrees until bubbly, approximately 20 minutes. Serve with crackers.

Enjoy, share and don't forget to smile - it makes people wonder what you're up to!

See ya in the kitchen.....



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If all's fair in love and war, then prepare for a battle you will adore. The Mystic Krewe of Nereids have loaded up their bejeweled water pistols and will fire when ready at revelers during their annual Splash Party, Sunday, September 9 at Paradise Bar and Grill.

The party begins at 1 p.m. and is open to the public at no charge. There are a few things the uninitiated should know. Water gun battles erupt periodically during the afternoon event, so prepare to get wet and come armed with your super soaker.

"Dress to get wet," said Kathi Lewis, krewe member, "Wear anything from swimwear to mermaid costumes."

The krewe members will have water pistols for sale along with raffle tickets.

"We will start drawing tickets for the awesome prize baskets immediately," said longtime Nereid Marilyn LeNormand. "If you feel lucky purchase a 50/50 ticket, too."

Bonnie McDonald of Boogie, Inc., will keep the tunes flowing until the live music begins at 3 p.m.

Warm up your pitching arm to drench the mermaids and friends who sit atop the dunking booth. There is a nominal charge to play this game.

The proceeds from this event support the krewe's charitable giving campaign.



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A Cross in the Sand

By
Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison
Pensacola Beach Community Church



"May God give you...For every storm a rainbow, for every tear a smile, for every care a promise and a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share, for every sigh a sweet song and an answer for each prayer."

-An Irish Blessing

Living on the Beach there is always knowledge in the back of our minds that we may wake up tomorrow and face a "storm". It is no surprise that a new one has formed and provides a threat to us. We try to take all the precautions possible, and stock up on the things we need, arrange for special care if needed. All this is not only reasonable, but also it is the wise to thing to do.

As I listened to the reports of the storm going through Haiti I know that they are struggling with flooding and supplies for the

basic needs. It is always hard to see the brightness after the storm. I know we all hope and pray that anyone in the path of a storm be safe.

The above Irish Blessing even though we can apply it to our physical world it is really talking about our hearts. Though storms that move through can be devastating to us in many ways, there are always storms around us we may not be aware about. If we look at our own hearts we know they are there, and if we stop long enough to listen closely to others, they too have suffered a storm, tear and problem.

My wish today is that we stop to care about those affected by the storm as the wind and rain comes, but most of all "May God give you (and me)...for every storm a rainbow."

Preschool Group Invites Moms To MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) invite all interested moms to their next meeting, Thursday, September 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m., at the Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church Soundside Campus which is one mile east of WalMart on Highway 98.

If you are a mother of a child ages infant through kindergarten and want to have fulfilling relationships with other moms and learn from knowledgeable speakers about

this stage of your life, then join MOPS.

Meetings are held at the Soundside Campus on the first and third Thursday of each month.

For more information email mops@gbumc.org or leave message on Facebook (GBUMC MOPS).

All programs of the church are open to the public. For information about any other activity of the church call 932-3594, 916-1660, or visit the church website at www.gbumc.org.

Beach Group Uses Natural Resources For Craft Projects

Turning sand dollars into beautiful ornaments and seashells into spectacular wreaths are just some of the projects fashioned by the talented Crafty Ladies group at Pensacola Beach Community Church. The group meets each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the

Church House, which is located next door to the Fellowship Hall on Panferio Drive.

The Crafty Ladies is composed of ladies who simply love craft projects. The artisans work hard to create pieces which are sold to support the Church.

Our Lady Celebrates Feast Day

By MARY ANN CLAUS
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
ST. ANN PARISH

Hundreds of worshipers shared in the August 15 Holy Day of Obligation, the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, by attending a Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption on Pensacola Beach. The mass was celebrated by newly ordained Bishop Gregory Parkes, Monsignor Luke Hunt, Father Eugene Pathe, Father James Grebe, Father Paul Lambert and Deacon Ray Aguado. The joint choirs of St. Ann and Our Lady performed along with instrumental music. Their voices added a joyful noise throughout the Our Lady of the Assumption's Church sanctuary, in praise to God and the mother of Jesus.

Dinner was served in Hunt Hall for the 200 guests immediately following the mass. It was coordinated by the Church's Hospitality Commission under the leadership of Anne Treadway and Terry Preston. Lillo's Beach Italian Bistro catered with two delicious flavors of their famous Lasagna recipes.

"It was a spectacular evening to be remembered fondly by all members of the community in attendance, and by both the Diocese's new Bishop and Our Lady's newly ordained priest, Our Lady's Parochial Vicar, Father Grebe," said Mary Claus, communications director for the parish.

Our Lady is located at the corner of Via de Luna and Avenida 18. Mass is celebrated at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. For more information, www.stanngulfbreeze.org.

New faces are always welcome. Church membership is not required. Snowbirds, guests, as well as island residents are encouraged to join.

For more information call 850-932-6628 or log on to www.thebeachchurch.com



Bishop Gregory Parkes celebrates Mass August 15 at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission on Pensacola Beach. The mass was in recognition of the Holy Day of Obligation, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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BIRTHDAY CRUISE - Pensacola Beach's Laken Harvey, right, was decked out in her captain's hat aboard the Chase-N-Fins last week. Deckhand Charlie Green, center, expertly points out the sealife for the passengers, while Laken's big brother Chad, left, looks on. They saw lots of dolphin and cruise was complete with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday.



Kitt Lough, center, performs the National Anthem at the dedication of the Marine Aviation Memorial Tower, August 19 at Veterans Park in Pensacola. Also at the ceremony are (Back row, L to R) Retired USMC Lt. Col. Dave Glassman, who assisted with fundraising efforts, Jonathan Wingate, USMC Col. Sean Killeen, USMC Col. Stephen Wenreich and Retired USMC Col. Chris Holzworth spoke at the ceremony.

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Molly Shanahan got bitten by a flu bug and could not attend the Sea Turtle Baby Shower on August 4, but she still got to visit the Holiday Inn Express lobby to measure up to a sea turtle. The Beach School first grader met turtle patroller DJ Zemenick and is already looking forward to next year's event.



Bryan Duvall took home a third place prize in the Miller Lite Kayak Tourney, August 18 when he weighed in a 2.51 Spanish Mackerel. He also brought a 7.3 pound King Mackerel to the scales at Flounder's Beach. He paddled his kayak almost 2.5 miles offshore during this tourney.

Shake It Up At Three Day Party

Kahlua fueled fun is the motto for ShakerFest, September 14 through 16. The event, which offers non-stop drink specials and giveaways all weekend, is hosted by owners Sonny and Beverly Campbell to celebrate the Sandshaker's birthday.

"This establishment has been a Pensacola Beach tradition since 1973" said Beverly Campbell. "We are not the original owners, but we have kept the party going."

And, what a party it is! The Shaker is home to the original Bushwacker, a frozen concoction famous on Pensacola Beach. ShakerFest includes three days of dancing, eating and drinking. The Kahlua Luau and Pig Roast is Saturday and a toast to all things royal is set for Sunday afternoon at the Queen's Tiara Party.

"I would like all the past and present Shaker Queens, Mardi Gras queens and every other kind

of royalty to join me at this Tiara Party," said 2012 Shaker Queen Debbie Dotson. "Just put a glittering tiara on your head and you will get half price drinks all day."

Would you like to be the Queen of the Shaker? Royal hopefuls gather votes at one dollar a piece to earn the title of Shaker Queen. Big money-getters have worked diligently to earn the tiara.

"The crown comes with a beautiful necklace and other prizes," said Campbell. "The Shaker Queen rides in the Christmas parade and the Mardi Gras parade, too."

The voting ends just prior to the Coronation at 5 p.m. on Sunday. The proceeds from the event are donated to charity and to the Beach Chamber.

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Mostly NUTS

By Candace Segar

You can tell on camera that both President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney are not overly confident in discussing energy policy. It shows in both their body language and verbiage. One thing I have noticed though is that Romney is taking a position on a select few options for his power policy. He is focusing on oil and gas, and includes coal as well.

Regarding oil, the focus is to drill everywhere. I think, instead, we should build a battery to run vehicles that gets 500 miles to the charge. The combustion engine was and is a great design, but we are in the 21st Century now, and we need to advance to something else. The climate is letting us know that we are reaching the tipping points and have pushed our planet too far.

The focus of natural gas is a great idea. Utilities can design, build, test and start-up fossil fuel plants within three years. The power produced is approximately 1000 megawatts. There are now cookie cutter products that are built efficiently and expeditiously. Purchasing the turbines, (3 gas and 1 steam) demands a long lead time. Why is that? Because they are usually built overseas and shipped to the US. We should be building these turbines in the US. What folks don't realize is that under President Obama we have been building a significant number of these combined cycle plants.

When it comes to coal, there is no such thing as clean coal. Really scrubbers are nice, but coal is not clean.

Now for the topic which no one wants to discuss - the nuclear

power industry! The Hyperion Power Company has a new design for nuclear energy which involves a small self-contained plant that is a static, fail-safe design. This means no outside parts such as pumps. The life of the mini plant is between 8 to 10 years and will power 20,000 homes. The amount of uranium the plant contains is the size of a football and cannot be used to generate a bomb. There is no maintenance other than opening it up at the end of its life cycle to retrieve the nuclear waste which is then recycled!

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Cosmic Mysteries Revealed About Mars During Event

Are Martians a Hollywood invention or is it possible that life forms existed on the Red Planet? Unlimited Horizons will host "Red Planet Mysteries, What NASA Has Never Told You" with Jim Rodger, Sunday, September 9 at the Gulf Breeze Rec Center. The program begins at 2:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10 at the door.

Jim Rodger is a television producer, host, and documentarian who will take you on a journey through the cosmos to Mars and back again. Over the years Jim has established himself with many of the top scientific minds on this planet, and has a revealing set of facts and circumstances to share with attendees regarding humanities connection to the red planet.

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END OF AN ERA

After 30 years on Pensacola Beach Island Style has lost their lease. Everything is on sale. Owners Jeff Elbert and Mario Roberts will miss being shopkeepers on Pensacola Beach, but they invite you to visit them in their other stores, Island Style Navarre, Tiki Jake's in Gulf Breeze and Tiki Jake's Cordova Mall.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Pensacola Beach Chamber's Membership Chairman Karen Cook Cowan has confirmed that it's cool to belong to the beach's business group. The ranks of members are growing. The last count was 142. If you want to be cool, too, visit www.pensacola-beachchamber.com to get more membership information.

WHO DAT GONNA WIN

Shaggy is a Saints fan, so the restaurant overlooking Little Sabine Bay that bears his name hosted a Shaggy Saints fan contest. Two lucky diners will receive tickets to the New Orleans Saints opening game in the Superdome, September 9. They'll be in the lower level end zone when the Saints go

marching in.

REACHING OUT

The *Island Times* would rather be a funky old-fashioned rag, but people need to receive beach info in additional high tech ways. So, instead of the coconut telegraph, *Island Times* posts announcements on its Facebook page. The electrons do their thing and news appears almost as it happens. The click counters who issue the statistics notified the beach newspaper that 113,363 people were reached last week.



SHE IS GRAND! Mollie Thibodeaux, seated center, of Pensacola Beach is the center of attention and object of endless affection from her 11 great-grandchildren and their friends who vacationed on Pensacola Beach prior to returning home for the first day of school. Mollie sent them back to home towns in Abilene Texas, Columbus, Ohio, Mooresville, N.C., Coschoton, Ohio and Staughton, Virginia with island memories. Until next year...

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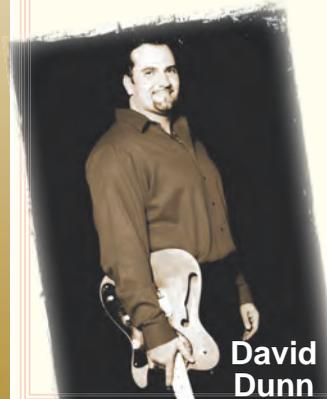
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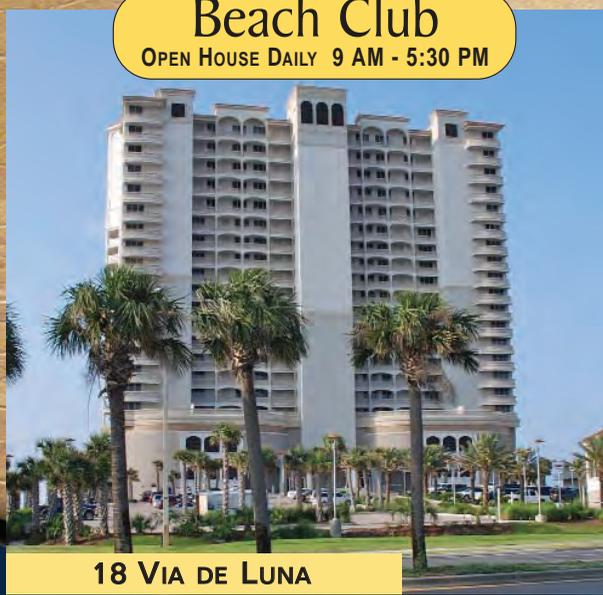
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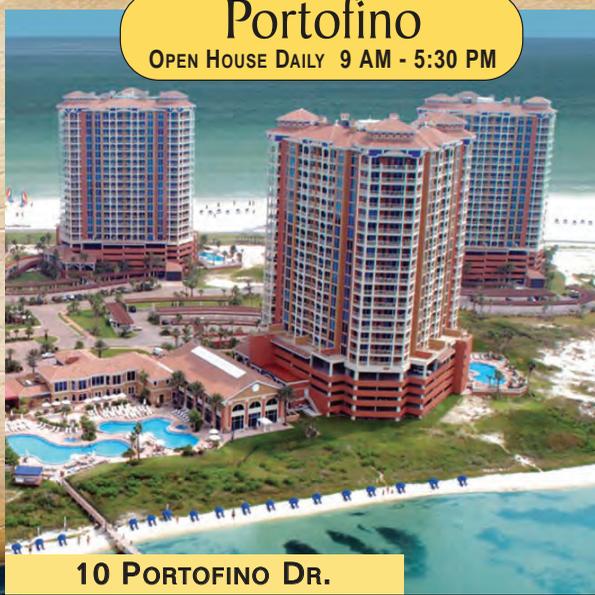
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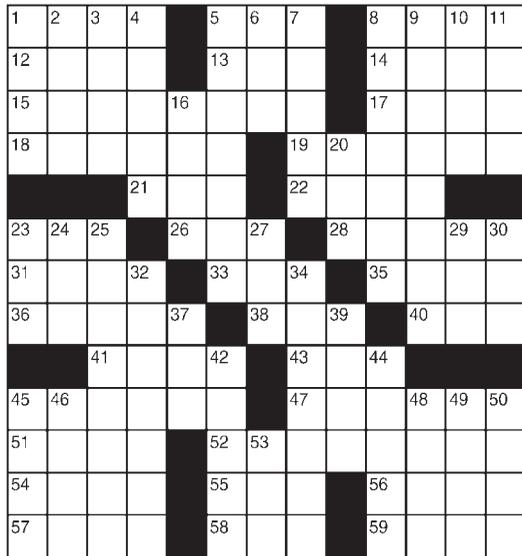


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August

31: JamaicanFest. Portofino Boardwalk. Thru weekend.

September

- 2: Anything That Floats & Bathtub Races. Santa Rosa Sound behind Bamboo Willies. Free to cheer.
 - 3: Labor Day. Last day of trolley service.
 - 4: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge.
 - 7: First Friday Portofino Boardwalk. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Open at no charge.
 - 9: Nereids Splash Party. Paradise. 1 pm
 - 9: Krewe of Bananimals Shrimp Boil, 3 pm Sabine Sandbar
 - 11: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge.
 - 12: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting. 5 p.m.
 - 14: ShakerFest. Thru Sept 16
 - 15: Taste of the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. Thru Sept 16
 - 15: Miracle Strip Corvette Show. Casino Beach
 - 16: How Sweet IT is Dessert Contest. 1 pm Casino Beach.
 - 16: ShakerQueen Coronation. 5 pm Sandshaker Lounge.
 - 17: Breakfast with Buck, 9 am SRIA office. Open to all.
 - 20: Multi Chamber Business After Hours. Bamboo Willie's, 5:30 p.m.
 - 21: DeLuna Fest Music Festival. Casino Beach. Ticket Req. Thru Sept 23.
 - 22: Strongman Contest, Hosted by Chip's Gym at Boardwalk.
 - 25: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge.
 - 26: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting. 5 p.m.
- October**
- 2: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge.
 - 2-7: Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival. Beachwide.
 - 6: SRI Triathlon. Casino Beach
 - 6: Art and Wine Festival. Visitor's Center parking lot. No entry charge. Wine Tastings \$15. Thru Oct. 7.
 - 7: Sea Turtle Tri for children. Opal Beach.
 - 9: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge
 - 13: Recyclemania, Casino Beach parking lot
 - 16: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge
 - 19: Star Gaze Casino. Dusk
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Seeing Stars...

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The adventurous Aries won't be disappointed with taking on a new challenge, despite some initial misgivings. Look for this move to open other opportunities down the line.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Let that beautiful Bovine smile not only put you at ease, but also show that you're ready, willing and more than able to confound the naysayers around you. A new admirer has important news.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful how you handle a relationship that you're hoping to save. You already have the facts on your side. Avoid weakening your position by embellishing it with unnecessary dramatics.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking definitive stands isn't easy for the often-wavering Moon Child. But you not only

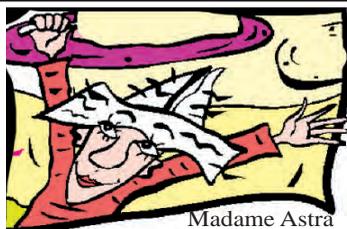
need to stay with your decision, but also reassure others it was the right thing to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As a proud Lion, you're right to be upset about those who might be lying about you to others. But the best revenge is proving them wrong by succeeding at what you set out to do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Caution is still advised before making a financial commitment to a "promising" project. Look for the facts behind the fluff. Devote the weekend to loved ones.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A Taurus offers comfort and advice as you deal with an upsetting event. Use this as a learning experience that will help you avoid similar problems in the future.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A romantic situation creates some chaos for



Madame Astra

single Scorpions. But it's well worth the effort to work things out. A trusted friend can offer some helpful advice.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect to make new friends as your social circle expands. Also, remember to tell that family member how proud you are of his or her achievements.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) New ventures continue to be favored. And with your self-confidence rising all the time, you'll want to see how well you can do with a new challenge. So, go to it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time for the usually "serious-minded" Aquarian to let loose and enjoy some fun times. Expect to get good news about a workplace issue.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Changed plans might upset some people, but your needs should be respected. Offer explanations when necessary. But don't let yourself be talked into changing your decisions.

Local Parks Seek Volunteers For International Clean Up Day

As summer draws to a close, Gulf Islands National Seashore is pleased to announce the arrival of the Annual International Coastal Cleanup. Coordinated by the Ocean Conservancy, the International Coastal Cleanup has grown into a major worldwide event.

Volunteers should meet at Langdon Beach in the Ft. Pickens Area or at Opal Beach on the Soundside, Saturday, September 15 at 8 a.m. The clean up lasts until noon. Those who wish to volunteer at Naval Live Oaks in Gulf Breeze should meet at the south side picnic pavilion, just east of the park's visitor's center.

Last year, nearly 500,000 international volunteers lent a hand to clean up litter and marine debris from the shores, lakes and rivers of over 70 nations, from Argentina to Vietnam. In many

of those countries, the effort is growing.

At the 2011 Clean Up, close to 300 volunteers cleaned Escambia and Santa Rosa County beaches. "Our goal wasn't just to clean the beaches, it was to educate people about keeping the beaches clean in the first place," said Park Ranger Beckie Mims. "Some pieces of debris can outlive the oldest fish in the sea."

Coastal cleanup volunteers are advised to wear closed-toe shoes, gloves, sunscreen and hats. Water is advised. Families, individuals, businesses, and community groups can choose their favorite locations above to register and receive trash bags, data cards and information.

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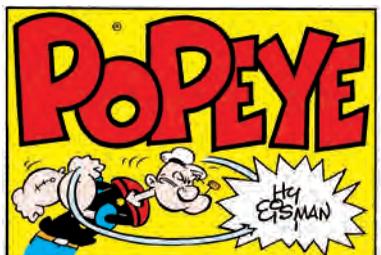
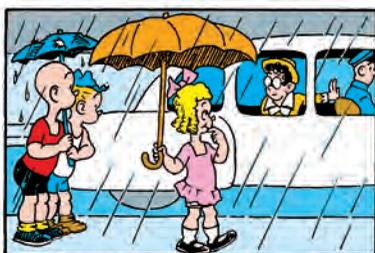
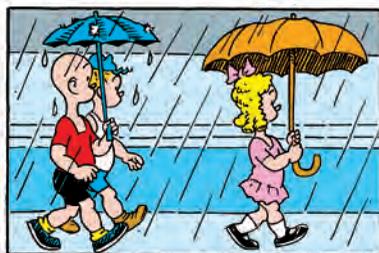
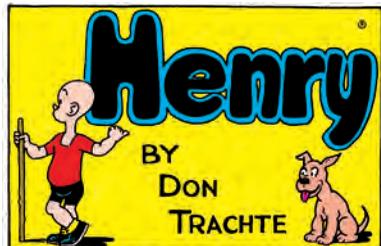
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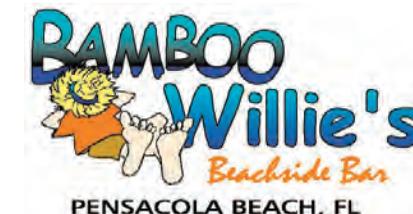
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TURTLE TRAX

By DJ Zemenick

Long before people set foot on our beaches, when the island was still wild and natural, its beauty must have been even more breathtaking than what we see today. I can visualize the long slender belt of sugar white sand and the ribbons of turquoise and azure water which caressed the shore and slowly blended into a deep sapphire which stretched to the horizon. Once there stood huge, crescent-shaped dunes topped with golden sea-oat arms which gathered the wind and beckoned the dawn; wide swaths of salt marshes; interdune meadows dotted with butterfly pea, coral bean, and rose pinks; and perhaps even large maritime forests of sand live oak and slash pine which stood sentry on the north side of the island.

Sea turtles were plentiful then and nested in peace. There were no bright lights or boisterous people to disorient or discourage them; no plastics in the sea to be mistaken for jellyfish; no fishing nets to entangle and drown them; no giant man-made holes along the shore to trap them or their hatchlings, no massive oil spills to pollute and poison their environment. But, as time progressed, people arrived and their population expanded rapidly, accompanied by pollution and overdevelopment. In the process, sea turtles were pushed to the brink of extinction.

Fortunately, as centuries passed, we began to realize the importance of our environment and how our actions affect it and creatures with which we share it. Legislation such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora was enacted which bans the trade of products from endangered species. Today it is illegal for merchants to sell jewelry, hair combs and brushes made from the carapace scutes of sea turtles. Drums, shoes and other leather products made from the skin of sea turtle flippers are also banned but, unfortunately, sea turtle eggs and meat continue to be available on the black market in some places.

Our task remains to educate people on things they can do to help sea turtles and bow

to Mother Nature in times we cannot. Thankfully most people are captivated by sea turtles and eager to help them, but there are always rare exceptions. I laughed when I first read James Spotila's excellent book, Saving Sea Turtles, in which he acknowledges some people are like the Grinch. Their "hearts don't pump enough 'loving blood,' so the brain shrinks and the neurons shrivel until the only thing that fits inside is the \$ symbol."

But, just as the Grinch had Cindy Lou to show him the importance of caring, we have an incredible generation of young people who are the bright lights -- make that sea turtle-friendly bright lights -- of our future.

During our recent Sea Tur-

tle Baby Shower hosted by the Holiday Inn Express and Margaritaville Beach Resort, I was impressed by the knowledge the 6 - 12 year old attendees had of sea turtles, and recycling and other environmental issues. How exciting!

The following week, attending a nest behind the Holiday Inn Express, 8-year-old Abby Dupois, who was there with her small, red filtered flashlight (just like mine), informed me that she was going to be a marine biologist when she grows up! Considering her attentiveness, knowledge, and respect of the hatchlings that emerged that evening, I have no doubt that Abby will attain her career goals someday. I still smile recalling the last thing I

heard Abby say to her mom as they walked away that night, "We can't walk over the dunes. We have to go up there," as she steered them toward a walkover. "And a little child shall lead them," I thought to myself. I feel so much better knowing that Abby and others like her will be here to take my place someday.

Until next time, Lights out!
Nest & Hatchling Update -

Pensacola Beach & Gulf Islands National Seashore

as of August 25:

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| Perdido Key - GINS | 128 |
| Ft. Pickens - GINS | 7 |
| Pensacola Beach | 19 |
| Santa Rosa - GINS | 30 |
| Total nests | 76 |

Hatchlings: 1887

Dunne Sets Academic And Athletic Mark

Pensacola Beach resident, lifeguard and Gulf Breeze High School Senior PJ Dunne is already off to a quick start this season. He recently earned a spot on the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association All-American Team for posting one of the fastest times in the country in the 200 yard freestyle. In order for a swimmer to be considered as a NISCA High School All-American he must compete for an interscholastic team and be scholastically eligible as determined by his state athletic

association or school authority. Then he was selected by his teammates as the 2012 captain of the boys' swim team. He is joined by fellow beach lifeguard and co-captain Connor Torraca. Dakota Evans will captain the girl's team alongside co-captain Katie Tutt. The entire swim team enjoyed a pre-season team party at Surf Burger. The swimmers commented that it was totally awesome to have a full conversation that was not being held between sets and intervals, and to see each other with dry hair.

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readin' the water

by Terri McKamey

Perfect time of year to be fishing; long hot days and balmy nights. The fish don't seem to mind too much the fact that somewhere in Pensacola, whether on the beach, downtown or wherever - it has rained for the past 41 days in a row. Trout and Redfish can handle fresh water more than most saltwater species. Since we've had a lot more rain than normal, it's moved the fish around a bit.

The fish that are effected by freshwater more are Spanish Mackerel, Kings, Bluefish and Ladyfish. They like more saltwater and when the Bay gets an influx of freshwater they move out to find saltier water. The fish are still biting and plentiful. I've had to change my tactics a little and move around to different areas, but it's working for me.

Spent my day off at Perdido Key where the Pompano are almost always to be found. Caught my six limit early along with a few Hardtails and eight Whiting. Not bad. Also, the Mullet were out all day, almost thick enough to walk on. And from time to time, they'd just start jumping and roiling the surface. There was enough bait in the water at times during the day, that I was almost afraid to

wade out. I never saw anything ripping through them like Spanish or Blues, but it sure looked like something was feeding, so I chose to stay dry.

Went over to Surf Burger the other night and decided to walk along Quietwater. I met the cutest couple from Wisconsin who were out with crab nets because they had heard about Jubilee. Jubilee is the name used locally for a natural phenomenon that occurs sporadically on the shores of Mobile Bay, a large body of water on Alabama's Gulf Coast.

During a jubilee many species of crab and shrimp, as well as Flounder, Eel, and other fish will leave deeper waters and swarm—in large numbers and very high density—in a specific, shallower coastal area of the bay. A jubilee is a celebrated event in Mobile Bay, and it attracts large crowds, many drawn by the promise of abundant and easy-to-catch seafood.

Although similar events have been reported in other bodies of water, Mobile Bay is the only place where the regular appearance of this phenomenon has been documented. The Mobile Bay jubilee typically

takes place at least annually, and sometimes several times per year; years without a jubilee have been recorded, but they are exceedingly rare. Many accounts of the jubilee exist, the oldest dating back to the 1860s.

The size, scope, and duration of the jubilee can vary greatly. Sometimes a 15-mile stretch of coast representing most of the eastern shore can be affected, and at other times the extent can be limited to as little as 500 feet of coastline. Most jubilees occur before dawn.

The large volume of crustacean and fish that a jubilee can produce is hard to overstate; author Archie Carr comments that "at a good jubilee you can quickly fill a washtub with shrimp. You can gig a hundred flounders and fill the back of your pickup truck a foot deep in crabs."

My couple from Wisconsin caught ten crabs and were thrilled. It made me smile to see them so excited.

That's what it's all about - the excitement and thrill of our area's bounty.

Hope everyone has a happy and safe Labor Day Weekend!

What are you waiting for? Grab a kid and go Fishing!



Ted Gorder weighed in a 21 pound King Mackerel at Flounder's Beach August 18 during the Miller Lite Kayak Fishing Tournament. Fifty anglers registered for the first time event. Gorder's King which was caught fishing in the Gulf, south of Fort Pickens, earned second place.

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