

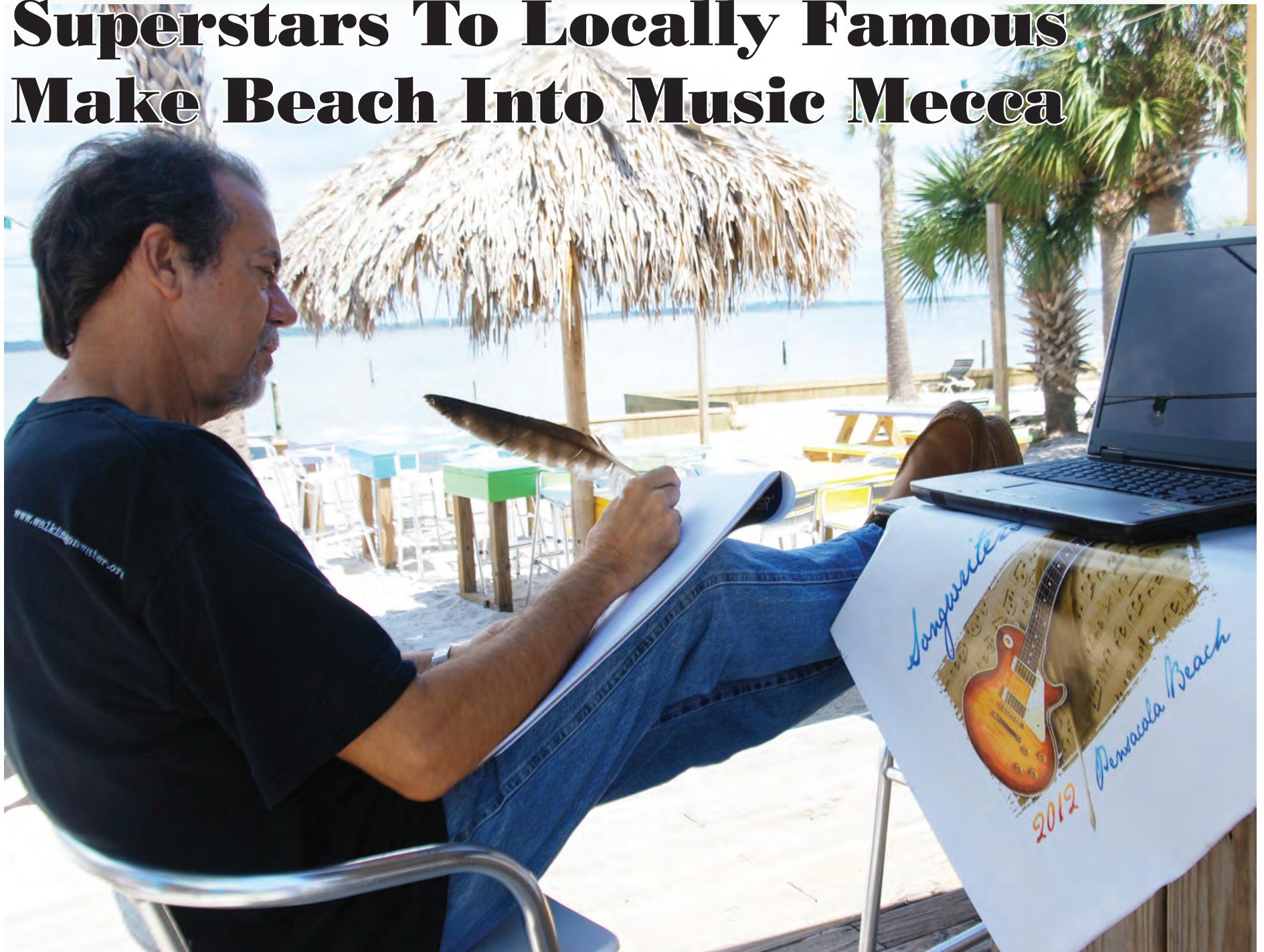
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## Inspired By The Island Superstars To Locally Famous Make Beach Into Music Mecca



Is it the rhythmic sound of the Gulf's waves that lure artists and musicians to Pensacola Beach? Mike Wheeler uses the island as his muse. His talents as a songwriter, musician, performer and artist are well known on Pensacola Beach. His latest creation is the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival poster. He is an icon among the thousands of performers who make up the island's music scene. From the ultra famous who will perform at DeLuna Fest this weekend to the fresh faced singer-songwriters, music fans on Pensacola Beach will be swept up in a tornado of talent. Turn to page 2 for more.

# Beachfront Stages, Super Stars And Legends Greet Island Audiences In Idyllic Settings

Music fans take note. The placement of a mega-band on the gulf front and a legend performing on a quaint bistro stage on this barrier island is putting Pensacola Beach in the limelight. Does the island inspire performers and fans? It must. The beat goes on year round, and the music scene flourishes during fall.

## DeLuna Fest

The star-studded DeLuna Fest line-up puts Foo Fighters, Pearl Jam and the Zac Brown Band on the sands at Casino Beach. The ticketed event, September 21-23, is in its third year. Headlining the festival Friday, September 21, Pearl Jam will be joined by Ben Folds Five, Gaslight Anthem, Trampled by Turtles and DJ Jazzy Jeff. Rounding out Saturday, September 22, Foo Fighters will headline, with Joan Jett, Jimmy Cliff, Joy Formidable, Band of Horses, Bad Brains and Diplo. Closing the festival on Sunday, September 23, Zac Brown Band is joined by Florence and the Machine and Fitz and the Tantrums.

"With four stages, two rising directly out of the sand on the water's edge of the Gulf of Mexico, DeLuna Fest offers the ultimate end-of-summer festival experience," said Scott Mitchell, festival promoter. "The festival features a world-class lineup of national headliners and regional favorites plus unique amenities like the NBC Sports Group Lounge, mini-golf, vendors, and open-air restaurants."

Tickets are currently on sale. For information and concert schedules, visit [www.delunafest.com](http://www.delunafest.com).

*Pensacola Beach Songwriters*

## Festival

"It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" is a most fitting anthem sung by the world's famous beach bum Jimmy Buffet and written by Jim "Moose" Brown. Brown will perform during the fourth annual Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival, which kicks off Saturday, September 29. Beth Nielsen Chapman hosts a Songwriting Workshop at T.T. Wentworth Museum in Pensacola, September 29, followed by a second Workshop, October 3 at the Days Inn Pensacola Beach.

She has penned numerous hits and written songs for many top artists including Bonnie Raitt, Emmylou Harris, Bette Midler, Elton John, Neil Diamond, Trisha Yearwood, Martina McBride, Michael McDonald, Amy Grant, Keb Mo', Roberta Flack, Faith Hill, Willie Nelson, and Waylon Jennings.

Chapman will be the featured performer on the October 3 Songwriters Sunset Cruise aboard the Portofino I. Tickets are \$35 and are limited.

"We are hosting two cruises," said Reneda Cross, festival promoter. "Get your tickets ordered early, they are sure to be a sellout."

In addition to bringing eighty songwriters providing an up close and personal musical experience hosted in fifteen venues, October 2 through 7, the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival hosts a number of kid-friendly events including mini golf and Songwriters in the classrooms.

The Songwriters will team up with Beach School students during the Third Annual Celebrity Mini Golf Tournament

at Tiki Island Golf, October 5.

"A hot dog lunch begins at 11 a.m. followed by some hot-dogging on the links," said Cross.

Get revved up by the enthusiasm and energy of young performers like Jourdan Pace, a nineteen-year-old singer songwriter, originally from Pensacola who made the move to Nashville, Tennessee in October of 2009. After going through a tough time with a friend, Jourdan turned to songwriting at the tender age of 14 and has never looked back. She will be joined by festival veteran Melissa Brethauer. Brethauer says the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival has extra special meaning to her since she grew up in nearby Navarre. She will kick off the 2012 festival with a visit to Woodlawn Beach Middle School.

Pensacola Beach's own Pearl Clarkin will headline at Bands on the Beach, October

2, followed by a songwriters stage appearance.

For the first time, a Sunday Gospel performance will be hosted October 7. Singing Praises in Paradise will take the stage at 11 a.m. at the soundfront stage at Paradise Bar and Grill.

Stay tuned to *Island Times* for more details in the October 2 edition. Go to [www.pensacolabeachsongwritersfestival.com](http://www.pensacolabeachsongwritersfestival.com) for ticket sales and songwriters bios.

## Bands on the Beach

Tunes flow freely to the thousands who attend the popular Tuesday night Bands on the Beach concert series. The complimentary performances are staged at the Gulfside Pavilion from 7 to 9 p.m. and continue weekly through October 30.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority organizes and hosts the events, which continue to gain fans. The funding for this

popular concert series comes from residential and commercial lease fees paid by those who live and do business on Pensacola Beach.

Music fans can bring coolers and beach chairs for seating at the Gulf front stage, nearby grassy area or right in the sand.

The concert schedule includes:

September 25: Kee Creek Band  
October 2: Pearl Clarkin and Big Jim Brown

October 9: Class X

October 16: One Accord

October 23: Civilized Natives

October 30: Touch of Gray

November 6: The Sawmill Band

International teams of brilliant scientists have studied the white sand on Pensacola Beach noting that a harmonic vibration is emitted by the pure quartz. Perhaps it's that harmonic vibration which inspires the musicians and their fans as the beat goes on.

## Supreme Court Sets Date To Hear Arguments In Beach Tax Lawsuit

The Escambia County Property Appraiser and Tax Collector have levied taxes on Pensacola Beach leaseholders, much the same as their counterparts in Santa Rosa did on Navarre Beach. This resulted in the leaseholders contesting the legality of the taxation in court. The decision now rests in the hands of the Florida Supreme Court.

Beach resident Lila Cox serves as a Tax Litigation Liaison Committee member and informed *Island Times* of the following:

In February, the Florida Supreme Court accepted jurisdiction in the Pensacola Beach and Navarre Beach cases challenging ad valorem taxation of leasehold improvements and land. At that time, the Court dispensed with oral argument in both cases.

We received notification on September 10 that the request to present oral arguments has been granted. Danny Kepner of Shell, Fleming, Davis and Menge,

represents the Pensacola Beach leaseholders.

Oral arguments in both cases have been scheduled for Tuesday, November 6. The time, which could be as early as 9 a.m., will be determined later. The Court indicated that a maximum of 20 minutes per side will be allowed for the attorneys to make their case.

The Pensacola Beach case is known as 1108 Ariola vs. Chris Jones (SC11-2231) and contests the taxation of leasehold improvements. The Navarre Beach case is known as Accardo vs. Gregory Brown (SC11-1445). The briefs filed with the attorneys from both sides as well as the "Friend of the Court" brief filed by Portofino in support of the Pensacola Beach case can be viewed at [www.pbeachtaxsuit.com](http://www.pbeachtaxsuit.com).

com. It is not light reading.

Keep in mind that November 6 is election day and that Tallahassee is one hour ahead of Pensacola. More information will be forthcoming for those interested in travelling to Tallahassee to attend in person. Instructions will also

be given on how to view the arguments online.

The schedule for the oral arguments is nearly two months away. When the Supreme Court will render a decision, is still unknown. At least, the issue of taxing leasehold property will have its day in the highest court in the state.

For the comprehensive history, current documents and frequently asked questions regarding the Pensacola Beach leaseholders case, visit [www.pbeachtaxsuit.com](http://www.pbeachtaxsuit.com).

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# Forever...Barefoot on the Beach

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

The Islander Newspaper - September 8, 1981

A couple of weeks ago, I was just three centimeters from the end of my rope. Although, no one knows better than I do that the publication of a newspaper – even every other week – is always like running an endless obstacle course. I really never expected to wind up in the twilight zone the way I did on that August 25 edition.

The fates simply would not let me go. My fearless typesetter, Bill Chisolm, was in Sacred Heart Hospital, undergoing open heart surgery about the same time he normally would have been preparing *The Islander* type, so I was forced to find a substitute, and did, in fact, deliver my copy to a

local printer, who, in turn set the type. He also told me his press was capable of printed *The Islander*, so it would not be necessary for me to worry about getting the paper to Crestview. Considering all the angles, I decided it would be all right... just once.

Then, I began an uphill battle to get *The Islander* printed and delivered, which made climbing the Matterhorn look like a Sunday afternoon stroll.

On Monday, the plates were prepared and the printer promised a Tuesday delivery. Tuesday came and went. Wednesday did the same thing. On Thursday I was jumping up and down and screaming... tearing out the last straggles of hair on my head. Promises.

Promises. Promises. Don't worry. We can run *The Islander*.

Friday morning, I charged into the pressroom to find hundreds of blank and wierdy copies of *Islanders* all over everywhere. I took my layout and my pictures and I stomped back to the Beach. I then tore the paper completely apart and spent two days, rebuilding it to fit the press of the Okaloosa News Journal in Crestview. Rose Gaston, the publisher and my benefactress, called to tell me she would be coming to Pensacola Saturday and to bring the layout to Wayside Park off Scenic Highway at a given time. I drove all the way out Scenic Highway, crossed the bridge over Escambia Bay, sat in the roadside park for an

hour. No Rose. So, I drove back home...now one centimeter from the end of my rope.

Rose had left a message that she had been on the other side of the Three Mile Bridge waiting for me. Just one more mix-up. So, she drove to the beach, took the paper in hand, printed it, and delivered it back to me on Monday. Liz and I set off in the Rustmobile to get as many *Islanders* as possible out that afternoon and night.

The issue was dated August 25. The date of delivery was August 31. I took time to glance inside to find that Louise and Jack Greenley had been transformed into Arnold and Penny Wilkie. I also found the price offered in the Gulf Breeze Travel ad for a weekend trip to

Cancun was \$345 instead of \$335 as it should have been. I realized that the karate exhibition by Gerry Blanck and Sheryl Wheeler was over by the time the news appeared. I did not read on. Did you ever see a grown editor cry?

I am a few centimeters back up the rope for a couple of reasons. One is that beach people, my avid readers, said not to worry. They like the paper, no matter what.

And what is the alternative if I should suddenly run away from *The Islander*? Well, the range would be from watching soap operas to becoming penniless.

So, if it's a paper or pauper, I have definitely decided in favor of the former...

## Beach Friends Bid Goodbye To Beverly Hughes



**Beverly Hughes**  
February 25, 1961  
to  
August 25, 2012

*When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, sure 'tis like a morn in spring.*

*In the lilt of Irish laughter you can hear the angels sing,  
When Irish hearts are happy all the world seems bright and gay,  
And*

*When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, sure, they steal your heart away.*

The lilt of Irish laughter was a gift that Beverly Hughes gave freely. She passed away August 25 and left behind a legacy of generosity and loving spirit.

Beverly, a 1979 graduate of Gulf Breeze High School, was born in Cincinnati, but raised in Gulf Breeze. She was a dental hygienist by trade, but she will be remembered for her sweet nature and friendly countenance. Her Irish eyes were always smiling. She was an original Irish darling of the Society of Leprechauns and served as their queen. She is famous for her charitable collections for the beneficiary of the St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl on Pensacola Beach.

She loved everything about the beach, boating, fishing and swimming. She may have been happiest with her blonde hair flying in the breeze as she drove her power boat around the Sound.

Beverly was a member of

the Krewe of Bananimals and the Krewe of Wrecks where she volunteered cheerfully for any task from serving as Queen to selling raffle tickets. She was a Sister of the Beach, always wearing some fashion forward hat to each party. She will be remembered at the SOB Christmas Brunch with a special toast and song this year.

Beverly created and nurtured long lasting friendships. As a tribute to that special trait, her childhood Girl Scout troop members and leader attended the memorial service September 6 at Rose Lawn.

Beverly leaves behind her parents Don and Audre Hughes, her loving boyfriend George Holcomb, special friends David Anderson, Glen Hussman and Shelly Alexander, and her beach family and friends.

Memorial donations should be made to Covenant Hospice in her honor.

## Fort Pickens Opens After Storm Repair

Isaac's storm surge and winds whipped up make shift sand dunes atop the road that leads to the historic Civil War fort on the island's western tip. After clean up and inspection, the Fort Pickens Area was opened to the public September 11.

Most facilities and parking lots were open including the Fort Pickens Campground, Fort Pickens Visitor Center, and Langdon

Beach Pavilion. At press time, two parking lots were still being cleared of sand, but should open soon.

Motorists and cyclists are urged to use extreme caution on Fort Pickens Road since some sand and standing water remain. Electronic message boards are located on the east and west sides to warn visitors of the road conditions.

Bowden Way, the road between Pensacola Beach and Navarre Beach, will remain closed until the asphalt is repaired. The road was overwashed and areas of the asphalt buckled. The projected date for reopening is late October to early November 2012.

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# Trivia

## SHELLY'S SOIREE

Fifteen years ago Shelly Scotto Pittman and Bridget Lewis concluded that people who have September birthdays are worth celebrating, so they did. Her house on Rio Vista became the appointed party place and ten people showed up. Fast forward to 2012. The event has to be held at the Sandshaker. Beverly Campbell supplies the food which is expertly prepared by Tracy and Ted Dwiggins. The band plays and the drinks flow. Here's a partial list of the birthday gals and guys - Shelly Scotto Pittman, Ashley Foreman Rotenberry, Bridget and Eric Lewis, Heidi Esposito, E-Dog, Jenni Morio-bitto, Jeff Wheelock, Ted Dwiggins, Ricky and Marta Ray, Mark Julian, Mark Fleming - all beach folks....then some town dwellers who love the beach like the Banimals' Darlene Larkin, Shane Bourke, Karen Sunday, Leslie Fore, Mike Bonelli, Marsha Gustafson and Jeff Smith. Shelly said partiers have traveled from Texas and Louisiana to attend.

## SYMPATHIES

The Beach family extends its warmest sympathies to Nasty John Thomas and his family who said goodbye to the patriarch of their clan Capt. Richard Terry Thomas, U.S. Navy retired. Thomas passed away September 5. He was 83-years-old. After a decorated career in the Navy which included serving as executive officer of the USS Lexington, Thomas served 15 years as a Panama Canal pilot. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Marian Jean Thomas, children Kathy Thomas, Jean Quisenberry, John Thomas, and Janet Thomas. A special service will be held at a later date.

## CHEERING FOR TUBS

Pete and Patsy Melin rode bikes to the Bathtub Races over the Labor Day Weekend. With sunny skies and big crowds taking every possible parking place, the longtime beach residents knew it was the best form of transportation. Three cheers for pedal power!

## ALUMS

The Beach School sits on a very small island, but friendships forged are long lasting, especially among the parents who volunteer so generously. It's been a long time since Sally Chamberlin, Bill

and Gwen Fontenot and Karen and Terry Krietzberg were active in the school PTA, but they gathered at a vividly painted table at Paradise to get caught up on the latest news. The Krietzbergs, who are temporarily in town, announced they have plans to continue their sailing adventure around the world aboard their boat, The Sora.

## COSSON'S CHOIR

The Beach Church is welcoming Monika Cosson as their new Choir Director. Cosson lives in Gulf Breeze with her husband Kris, and sons Parker and Jackson. The congregation is singing her praises.

## THE SAND MAN

Move over Jim Cantore, Mike Willet gave the Avenida 10 report during Hurricane Isaac. He kept a close eye on the water and the sand, providing updates to his friends and family. Perhaps he has a second career in show biz, just waiting for him.

## COUNTING THE PLATES

According to Jake B. Commer, there are more Arkansas license plates on the Beach this year. He sends his observation to *Island Times* accompanied by a copy of the travel story written by Mike Masterson in the *Arkansas Democrat*. Commer, who is retired from Colgate Palmolive, is correct, Arkansas visitors have increased.

## THE DOG AND THE WHALE

The Pygmy Sperm Whale that stranded itself on Pensacola Beach August 31 had a crowd of people and media trying to help, including the Beach's Crab Wrangler Seadog. Alas, the poor whale did not survive, but Seadog got a few minutes of fame online, on television and in the daily rag.

## BIRDING BITS

Jayne Drees Redmon sends a tip to take better care of our fine feathered friends. She recommends changing the food in your hummingbird feeder every two days. Fresher is better. Jayne may have other tidbits and tips, after all she is a regular trivia player and a member of the Order of the Half.

## BEACH FANS

Ernie and Mary Freeland spend most of their days in Munford, Tennessee. They also have a farm in the Ozarks that they tend,

so it was no wonder that they had not taken a vacation for decades. Their family encouraged them to visit Pensacola Beach, so the couple booked a Gulf front getaway at the Holiday Inn Express. That was four years ago, and they have returned every year. Ernie even shared his talent for whistling with his great niece Laken Harvey and her class at the Beach School, last year.

## THE BIG SWITCHEROO

Beach resident and retired flight attendant Marcia Hoven has a tale to tell. Andrea and Errol Putfark and Marcia had travel plans for touring Peru and Ecuador. While flying to Atlanta two things happened, Andrea took a nap; and Marcia and Errol decided the trip south was too dangerous and changed the destination to Milan, Italy. They arrived without their luggage but began touring anyway. The trio visited the Duomo Cathedral and Castle and toured the city in the open air bus.

Marcia suggested the group visit the lake district. She had heard from someone, somewhere, sometime that Lake Garda was

beautiful, and worth a visit. So they purchased a map and were off. Where did they end up? Lake Maggiore, much to their surprise. Don't ask how that happened. Marcia is supposed to be a seasoned traveler. Lake Maggiore, however, turned out to be the perfect place and they extended their stay for five days enjoying the beautiful lake.

Reluctantly, they decided to move on and flew from Milan to Mykonos, Greece to visit an old flying buddy of Marcia's, Katarina Sumwalt. Luckily she was still on the island and most gracious to receive a surprise visit from them.

"Do not travel to the Greek Islands in August," said Hoven. "Very busy, and no rental cars available."

Katarina talked a local into renting his vehicle to the trio for few days, and luckily Andrea was very proficient with driving a stick shift. The car was an old rust bucket, but served the purpose.

A week later Errol and Andrea ferried to Athens; and Marcia headed back to her favorite spot in the world, Pensacola Beach.

It started as a question from The Honorable Mayor Bob Merriman, "When was the water tower first painted like a Beach Ball?" Nicole Ayers remembers that she worked at Sherwin Williams on Garden Street and mixed the Hi-bild Aliphatic two part epoxy paint for the job. One of our Guardians of the Gulf, Pensacola Beach lifeguard Dave Greenwood states that the Beach Ball was painted in Spring of 1993.

"Give him a shirt!" shouts Mayor Bob from his office on the sand. Nuff said.

The Trivia Master's head was spinning from the fumes left behind by that question.

Travel down this road. Think back in Island history and identify the location of Petersee Way. It won't be in your smart phone or dumb phone for that matter. If you can pinpoint its location you will win an *Island Times* t-shirt. Send your answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with Trivia in the subject line. First correct answer wins. Please include your name and phone number. Deadline to answer is September 25.

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# Island Authority Mission Clear, Sights Set On Creating Vision

Santa Rosa Island Authority Board member Tammy Bohannon has been on a mission to write a concise statement to guide the island's future. The longtime Beach resident authored a mission statement which her fellow board members approved unanimously at their September 12 meeting.

"To promote tourism, manage growth and provide entertainment in a safe, clean ecofriendly environment," quoted Bohannon from her written submission. "I think this mission statement is easy to follow and we can develop a vision statement from it."

Ed Guernsey liked the statement so much he requested that it be printed on the Authority's website, literature and coffee mugs.

The Board went straight to work supporting the eco-friendly statement by approving a \$500 sponsorship of Recyclemania. The event, hosted by the Pensacola Beach Advocates Beachkeepers, takes place Saturday, October 13 from 8 to noon at the Casino Beach parking lot. It includes a yard sale, shredding truck, hazardous waste collection and ECUA recycling opportunities.

Additionally, the board voted in favor of the preparation of a \$500,000 grant application to support eco-tourism efforts on Pensacola Beach. The request will be made from the Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotional Fund which

has been established to promote tourism in areas impacted by the Deepwater Horizon disaster. Pensacola Beach resident Lila Cox volunteered to spearhead the effort along with hotelier Beverly McCay.

"We are a very unique place, located between two national seashore areas," said Cox. "We have an opportunity here to develop an eco-tourism program with education and information that will sustain ongoing visitors who seek this kind of experience."

Susi Robichaux from E.W. Bullock Associates, the Authority's ad agency, assured the Board that globally eco-tourism accounts for 25 percent of all travelers. They seek uncrowded, natural areas and national parks. They tend to stay longer than vacation travelers. She also noted that many groups will be applying but not for eco-tourism programs.

"This is a unique approach and unlike what other local agencies are requesting," said Robichaux. "The island's natural resources coupled with paddleboarding, snorkeling, wildlife and parks make this a good fit."

In further discussion, Board member Fred Gant wanted to make sure that all resources were available to Cox including the ad agency and the Authority's engineering firm. He also wanted the full cooperation from the SRIA

staff and for them to be included in any way necessary.

Cox, who was commended by the board for her continued volunteerism, said "I would like to see more people visit our island and respect the beach for what it is. We are a beautiful island."

The final grant application and program details will be reviewed by the Board at their September 26 meeting. The deadline to apply for the grant is October 5.

Executive Director Buck Lee addressed the Board's request to seek ways to offer treated wastewater for irrigation to commercial and residential leaseholders. A study is currently being conducted by Emerald Coast Utilities Authority to identify a beach location for a treated water storage facility, and the costs associated with the storage and delivery of reclaimed water. The study should be complete before the end of the year.

Baskerville Donovan Engineer Mike Langston reported that they are working with Matt Mooneyham, Escambia County's project manager, on the design of a new access road to the Grand Marlin as well as the approach to the toll facility.

Tammy Bohannon inquired about the Via de Luna median landscape project. Langston said, "The ball is in Escambia County's court. We are waiting to hear from

Matt Mooneyham."

The SRIA Board submitted a list of projects to the Escambia County Board of Commissioners for RESTORE Act funding. The list includes beach renourishment and dune walkover modifications, core area improvements and lighting, a pedestrian waterfront boardwalk encircling the core

area, improvement to event staging facilities at Casino Beach and channel dredging.

The list received conceptual approval from the SRIA board, and is subject to updates.

The SRIA Committees will meet Wednesday, September 26 at 5 p.m. at #1 Via de Luna. The meetings are open to the public.

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# peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis

It's hard to believe that in just a few days, it will officially be fall. It's certainly been a different summer in some ways. I've both attended and missed the first official Sea Turtle Baby Shower. I was already dressed and out the door by the time the original date was cancelled due to severe weather. That ended with numerous showers happening at different places. Then I was busy with visiting relatives and completely forgot when the rescheduled event came and went.

However, I did attend the Blue Moon Party hosted by Chris and Becky Shearman. That was a celebration of having two full moons in a single month. It was a great party with an excellent view of the full moon rising. Becky and Chris were well prepared to help guests stay cool with their Bushwacker machine swirling and serving drinks.

Most islanders were well prepared for the Mystic Krewe of Nereid's Splash Party and by that I mean well armed. They came by the hoards with super soaker guns loaded to the very brim with ice cold water and a "take no prisoners" gleam in their eyes. It was not only fierce but a constant steady bombardment leaving everything in sight soaking, dripping wet. If there was a dry zone, I never found it!

I think we might need to consider establishing some rules next year; like not firing on unarmed Mermaids. It's not that we can't take the water, it's more that we're such peace-loving creatures that fighting is just not our nature. Special thanks to Renee Mack and the fun loving employees of Paradise for their hospitality and the secret lair where we could retreat upon occasion. Two more thank you's go to our special Le Petite Merbabies Alana Depasca-

lis and Quincy Rowe who come dressed in special costumes each year. And what a treat it was this year to have a couple of Saints Splasher-Crashers who also enjoy a good water fight.

I barely had a week for my water-logged brain to dry out before the Taste of the Beach began. I'm sure they could hear the water sloshing around inside my head as I took my seat to judge the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Jack Daniels Signature Cocktail Contest.

I guess something about "judging" just appeals to me since I try not to do it in my day-to-day life. Maybe it's more the idea of being asked to judge something that makes me feel like an upstanding and productive member of society. I just don't know when or how that actually happened. The last thing I remember I practically owned a bar stool in the Tiki's Derelict Corner. And now I'm being asked to judge not just one but two events.

Okay, so I was technically asked to be a judge for the *Island Times* dessert contest first. No problem there - I love dessert!

The second request was to judge the drink contest. Well, okay 'cause I like to drink a little, too.

Well, I like eating, too. And some of you know that I love butter. My favorite candy bar is Butterfinger and my favorite ice cream is Butter Pecan. I remember saying once that if I could find a recipe for deep fried butter, I would believe my life to be complete. I hit the jackpot when daughter Mel Rowe happened to watch a food segment of Good Morning America.

We Googled it on the internet and I may have found the reason Ella Hess and Ted Pence love Iowa so much. The Iowa State Fair has concocted a bunch

of recipes to compete with the Texas State Fair in producing the most foods on-a-stick. No kidding, they have everything from fruit deep fried on-a-stick to salad on-a-stick. The salad is not deep fried but is served on-a-stick with salad dressing between the layers. Really, are there people who eat salad at a fair? Not anybody I know. Mostly we're all racing for the corn dog stand. Well, keep reading and get ready for the treat of your life. Let's cook.....

**Deep Fried Butter On-A-Stick**  
 4 sticks butter, slightly frozen  
 ½ Cup Cinnamon  
 1 Cup All Purpose Flour  
 3 Tbsp. Sugar  
 1 Tbsp. Corn Starch  
 1 Cup Milk (may add up to ¼ cup additional if batter is too thick)

Insert popsicle sticks into each stick of slightly frozen butter then roll and cover with cinnamon. Combine the rest of ingredients to create a batter. Dip each stick of cinnamon covered butter into batter and drop into deep fryer until lightly browned (about 4 minutes each). Drizzle with a sugar glaze made with 2 cups powdered sugar mixed with 2 tablespoons water or milk. Serve warm.

The butter literally melts and leaves you with a soft, melty cinnamon puff (on-a-stick). So enjoy and don't forget to share! See ya in the kitchen.....



Ten-year-old Aiden Handler lets a softball fly past Lila Cox and hits dead center on the target at the Dunking Booth during the Krewe of Nereids Splash Party, September 9 at Paradise. Nereids Peggy Henshall and DJ Zemenick are in the background.



Paradise's Brianne Stanley prepares to defend herself during a Water Gun skirmish that broke out at the Nereids Splash Party, September 9. She served her customers and then drenched Splash Party attendees with her super soaker. A busy day in Paradise.

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# Bed Tax Revenues Soar Beach Accounts for Half of Collection

The taxes paid by tourists who stayed overnight in Escambia County amounted to \$1.168 million during June this year which is a 23 percent increase over last summer according to official reports at the September 4 Tourist Development Council. Pensacola Beach collections totaled \$582,744 for June.

The Council continues to work on a new way of managing the portion of collections which are designated to marketing Escambia County. The budget for the next fiscal year could be \$4.9 million according to County Management and Budget Office's Amy Lovoy.

The Council seeks to create an efficiency by consolidating the promotion and marketing of the entire area with the Pensacola Convention and Visitor's Bureau, who will in turn represent partner agencies. The partner agencies include all local Chambers, Pensacola Sports Association and additional stakeholders.

The Council, previously, directed the Pensacola CVB to set aside \$300,000 for event specific advertising for smaller events. The Council designated \$50,000 from that fund to support the grand opening of the Community Maritime Park which has been rescheduled November 17. Since the allocation falls into the new fiscal year, the Council voted unanimously to support the event in the same amount.

Pensacola Chamber's Interim Vice President of Tourism Terry Scruggs presented the Council with a draft of criteria and measurable results that an event must meet to be considered for promotional funding.

"Performance measures could include a minimum of 8 percent growth in tourist development taxes for the event date and proof of increased private partner investment," said Scruggs as he presented the criteria and measurement for the Council's review. "If an event is granted money, the Pensacola CVB will place the advertising on their behalf."

The Council discussion following his presentation made clear that some members wanted to retain the ability to fund deserving events in ways other than advertising. For instance some trade association conferences do not require advertising but will commit to bringing hundreds of

delegates if a civic center rental is paid for. Council Member Denis McKinnon offered that special exceptions could come before the Council for a vote.

Pensacola Beach's Council Member Nan Harper was not as lenient. "Great job on this criteria," she said. "I do not think we should weaken this."

Commissioner Gene Valentino wanted a preference to be shown to the Chambers of Commerce who are partnered with the CVB.

The criteria and measurable goals for funding document will continue to be reviewed.

Scruggs announced that BP is making \$57 million available from a Tourism Promotional Fund and that many local agencies are potential applicants. The deadline to apply for this funding is October 5.

"We have the applications available in our office," said Scruggs. "The grants are limited to \$500,000 per agency, but public, quasi-public, non-profit or other entities or organizations located within the Gulf States may apply."

McKinnon commented that the Council could make application. Scruggs will follow up with him on potential projects.

The Tourist Development Council's next meeting is Tuesday, December 4 at 3 p.m. in the Old Courthouse, Room 205. The meetings are open to the public.

# THE SEAGULLS SING

*Tom and Renata where have you gone?  
Have you been washed away by the tide?  
Has the winds taken you for a ride?  
Are you huddled together under the table?  
Have you gone to Green Cove Springs  
to see Aunt Mable?*

By Linda Garrison Brown

*I'm tired of looking!  
I'm tired of calling!  
The shape I'm in is really appalling!  
With crying and shaking I'm really a mess.  
I can not even sleep, I'll have to confess.*

*My hair is falling out, my toe nails too!  
It's all because I'm worried about you.  
If you get this letter today or whenever,  
just send me a line.  
It doesn't have to be clever!*

Your worried sister, Linda

*What has happened to both of you?  
I call but I can't get through.  
Are you up or down or anywhere around?  
Have you gone to Grove Hill to see  
Aunt Mary Jane Brown?*

[During days preceding the weather event which became Hurricane Isaac, Linda Garrison Brown was much distressed trying to get in contact with her brother, Rev. Tom Garrison, the Beach Church preacher. She sat at her computer and composed the above poem and emailed it to her brother Tom and sister-in-law Renata who live on Pensacola Beach.]

## Letters To The Editor

### A COINCIDENCE?

We lost our precious twenty seven year old daughter Jenna to an accidental drowning. The sorrow and pain is indescribable.

We held a paddle-out where hundreds of friends and family paddled to buoy F, which we named Jenna's buoy.

As I write this, we are experiencing yet another hurricane, Hurricane Isaac. I am viewing hurricanes in a much different way now. Two other storms took our home and everything in it. That kind of loss, I can handle.

Before the storm, husband Mike and I made one last visit to the beach to check the wave conditions. In fact a buoy from about a mile out was in the churning white water.

At sunrise we returned and saw the H on the buoy....not

Jenna's! I was devastated. Mike suggested we go further down the beach. We found buoy C. Finally we passed the pier, thinking it would be impossible for the buoy to have traveled this far. Our last stop was the beach icon, "The Cross." Incredibly, there was my daughter's buoy! Her name and all the sentiments written on it were still visible.

My sister received this text message about the time we found Jenna's Buoy: "There are two

ways to live your life. One as though nothing is a miracle and the other as though everything is a miracle." (Albert Einstein)

Some people may think this is an incredible coincidence. I am absolutely positive it is a message from God that my little girl is safe and in His presence. For the first time in five weeks, I have been able to smile a real smile. I am thanking God for His message of comfort to Mike and me.

Peace, Sandee Bredesen



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# The Lizard's Tongue

by elizabeth hewson

I am not a huge fan of reality television. However, a few nights ago I found myself watching -- in utter disbelief I might add -- Dance Moms. Now for those of you not familiar with Dance Moms, this is a reality show about an obnoxious dance teacher (Abby Lee) who only wants to win and does. Her antics and tirades are only to be outdone by the mothers of her students. In the one episode that I watched, the dancers were berated, humiliated, physically injured and in tears. I, too, was in tears yearning for a good re-run of the Brady Bunch or Gilligan's Island. TV shows that I could totally relate to or at least wanted to. Then it hit me, I should produce my own reality show called Gulf Breeze High School Swim Moms.

GBHS Swim Moms would have a cast of 40 and highlight the efforts of moms like official extraordinaire Mary Dunne, email guru Evelyne Niven, computer whiz Jennifer Dermody, art director Liz Freeman, and kid handler Karen Toracca. It would be amazing to watch and you would get an insight into what it takes to be a GBHS Swim Mom while balancing a career and family.

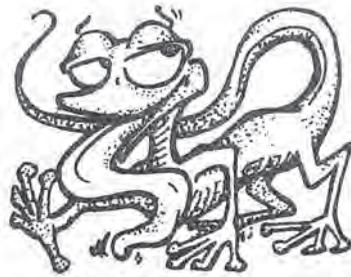
Unlike Dance Moms who are encouraging their children to be Lifetime Channel champions, GBHS Swim Moms know it's more important to be a champion for a lifetime and act accordingly. While the Dance Moms are mean to each other and hateful to the instructor, the GBHS Swim Moms are forging friendships and figuring out all the ways they can to support the coach.

One could argue that danc-

ing is an individual sport and thus brings out the ruthless competitor in the athlete. It is long grueling hours for the moms because someone has to drive back and forth to the studio or sit and wait. Swimming is really no different. Much like a troupe routine, the only time swimmers compete with their teammates, and not against them, is on a relay. However, the Dance Moms take great pride in sabotaging their children's teammates; GBHS Swim Mom chase

down the FedEx delivery driver so that each swimmer can have a team cap. Dance Moms are outwardly concerned, but inwardly relieved when any dancer but

their own gets hurts. GBHS Swim Moms want all of their swimmers healthy and competing at all times. Dance Moms sit front and center at every competition and cheer on their own child while making snide remarks about their competitors. That thought wouldn't even cross the minds of the GBHS Swim Moms. They are too busy officiating at the swim meets, dragging in the team coolers with food and water for the entire team, setting up team tents and then they think about finding a place to sit in the stands. They cheer for every swimmer and applaud great swimmers no matter what team that swimmer is on. Finally Dance Moms are even mean to each to other. They never have a nice thing to say about each other's appearance including hair and clothing style. GBHS Swim Moms are naturally beautiful -- sunscreen for makeup and team t-shirts for all. Plus it's hard to criticize perfection of a good heart. Unfortunately GBHS Swim Moms probably won't ever be made into a reality TV show and that's okay by me. I am very fortunate to play a bit part in this cast of wonderful characters. Until next time...



Gulf Breeze High School swimmer Claren Anderson, left, and Swim Mom Mary Dunne, wait for the starter's instructions at the Freestyle Invitational at Hunter Pool, September 8. Mary is a certified swimming official and served as a stroke judge at the meet.



Lexi McNamara started swimming competitively while she was a student at Pensacola Beach Elementary School. She is a freshman at Gulf Breeze High School and a member of the swim team. She represented the Dolphins at the Freestyle Invitational hosted at Hunter Pool September 8. She is preparing to swim the 50 yard event in the final heat.

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## The School Bell Rings



### WELCOME WARRIORS

The third graders in Joy McLaurine's Beach School class launch an assault on school work each year, claiming victory as the FCAT scores roll in. New among the ranks are Madeline Johnson, Metallica Bourgeois, Brianna Dizon, Jack Landis, Emory Gardner and Aubree Hampton.

### FEED ME

With a national spotlight on nutrition and school lunches, Gulf Breeze High School brought in a new manager for their cafeteria operations. Pensacola Beach's Kim Schmitz, who worked for years at the elementary school in Gulf Breeze, has been tapped for the top spot in the High School cafeteria management. Although Kim was happy to kick off the school year, she was initiated by Hurricane Isaac turning the schedule upside down her first week.

### LETTERS FROM THE SENATOR

The Hunter family on Sabine Drive are doling out a big pat on the back to their kids Jude and Cameron. Cameron is an eighth grader at Gulf Breeze Middle

and Jude is in fourth grade at the Beach School. Each received scholars awards and a personal letter from Senator Don Gaetz for being recognized as "one of our state's best performing students" for their recent FCAT results.

Ryan Jenkins, who is also a fourth grader at the Beach School received a congratulatory letter from Senator Gaetz, too. Mom Shara said, "He congratulated Ryan for his 'extraordinarily high score' on the FCAT!"

### PENCIL THIS IN

October 22 is a planning day at the Beach School, so the students do not report to classes.

October 26 is the Fall Festival at the Beach School. Get your costume ready!

### PIE ANYONE?

The Partners-in-Education-program is for anyone who would like to support the Pensacola Beach Charter School. Although ad valorem taxes are being assessed on Beach leaseholders and used by the Escambia County Schools, they do not benefit the Beach School. You can help by donating online at [www.pbes.org](http://www.pbes.org) or sending a check to the school.



Gulf Breeze High School Drummer Jake Wilson marches to the stadium September 7. Jake, who has been a band member through middle and high school is in the eleventh grade. Although the Dolphin football team did not beat Catholic High, Jake's dad Ron Wilson said the band gave a winning performance. Ron's office is at Southern Resorts on Pensacola Beach.

## Beach Resident Leads Rotary Club

### Fun Run To Benefit Scholarship Fund

Pensacola Beach resident Mark Denunzio serves as the Gulf Breeze Rotary Club's president. The Club will host a Tailgaitin' Fun Run 5K and Cookoff, October 13. The run begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Gulf Breeze High School Dolphin Stadium, and is followed at 10 a.m. by a Tailgaitin' Party.

"Our goal is to create a family-friendly event that area residents and visitors can enjoy and look forward to for years to come," comments Denunzio. "And who doesn't want to show their true football fan colors and enjoy good tailgaitin' barbecue? The most wonderful aspect of the event is that it all benefits scholarships and the many worthy causes Gulf Breeze Rotary Club supports."

Registration is available online through Active.com. Entry fee for the 5K Fun Run is \$25 for adults and \$10 for the Tail Gate Party.

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# Mostly NUTS

By Candace Segar

What do glass tube tunnels, symmetrical faces and track lines have in common? All three are found on Mars. Unlimited Horizons hosted a seminar featuring Jim Rodger who electrified the audience. Rodger, a TV producer showed us segments from his documentary, "Red Planet The Mysteries of Mars." It featured two scientists, the late astronomer, Dr. Tom Van Flandern (graduate of Xavier and Yale) and physicist Dr. Claude Swanson, (graduate of MIT and Princeton).

Dr. Van Flandern discussed the probability of a Planet 5 that would have been located between Jupiter and Mars approximately 3.2 million years ago. An asteroid belt now occupies that space. Planet 5 may have had a moon; a moon we now call Mars. Our red planet has indeed suffered some type of battle because one side of it has major damage from a severe impact. But that's not all.

Looking at pictures from Mars has unleashed a great deal of controversy. The face at Cydonia is probably the most disputed example. It looks humanoid. The mainstream science consensus is that it is simply an anomaly created by the weather. The more renegade scientists think it was created by intelligent beings. There is data to support

this thought. The face is three-dimensional not two dimensional. This means it is artificial and not made by nature. Measurements were taken to identify angles around the face to determine symmetry. The measurements were identical which definitely supports that this was made by intelligent life. Also in support of symmetry is the fact that the nose, eyes, mouth and eyebrows are the same on both sides of the face. There are other examples, and these pictures are available from both NASA and also the European Space Agency (ESA) on their respective websites. In addition Dr. Van Flandern's website is still active and available at [www.metaresearch.org](http://www.metaresearch.org).

Dr. Claude Swanson discussed the idea behind torsion energy, and the Russian scientific research currently being done. The torsion wave is a force akin to gravity. It travels faster than both gravity and the speed of light and has given rise to dark energy and matter; building blocks of our universe. The Russians designed telescopes to detect torsion waves and block out all other forms of energy including light. The signals received included an 8.3 minute delay of the sun, an instantaneous image from the

sun and an echo signal of the first image all three received at the same time. This research may have a significant impact on both communications in outer space and space travel. Dr. Swanson has written two wonderful books entitled, "The Synchronized Universe" and "Life Force, The Scientific Basis: Volume 2 of the Synchronized Universe." Dr. Swanson's website is [www.synchronizeduniverse.com](http://www.synchronizeduniverse.com).

This is just a taste of what Jim Rodger introduced to the audience at his lecture. The pictures he provided were incredible. There were more humanoid pictures in which details such as an eye and eyebrows were obvious. Rodger is not just a television/documentary producer; his background also includes working in the power industry at sub-stations. He is a licensed pilot as well as an advanced class licensed HAM Radio operator. Jim Rodger is by all means a Renaissance Man. His website is [www.ethericminds.com](http://www.ethericminds.com).

In the 21st century we now need more than ever folks like Jim Roger, Dr. Van Flandern and Dr. Swanson. These men are true pioneers in new discoveries and presenting the other side of the story. I applaud them for their courage and their research.



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**Q:** "How can I protect my computer data during Hurricane Season?"

**A:** Hurricane season is reaching its peak, so now is the time to take some steps to save your data files. Documents, music, photos, financial data, address books, appointment calendars, and email messages are examples of the information that may be stored on your computers. Many computers are left behind when a storm approaches and too often the personal data in them is lost when water gets into the computer.

If you plan to evacuate when a storm approaches, and want to take your data with you, there are several options. The simplest way might be to unplug your computer and take it with you. Your other options include backing up to a CD or DVD disk, a USB memory stick, or an external storage drive, all of which you can buy locally. A CD holds 700 megabytes (mb) of data, a DVD holds 4.7mb, and a memory stick

may hold 32 gigabytes or more. Other external USB storage devices can hold 1000 gigabytes, or more, of your data.

A gigabyte is a thousand megabytes, or 1 billion pieces of data. Knowing how much data you have will help you determine how to back up the information. To find out the size of a file folder, right-click on it and select "Properties". That option will show the amount of space required to back up the folder. Do that for each folder that you want to save. The total for all of the folders is the amount of space required to save your data.

By backing your data up on the Internet, you can be prepared in advance of any bad weather. Some services, such as Carbonite, back up your data to their website automatically. Others, such as Dropbox, will provide you with some space for free. If you need more there would be a fee for that.

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

# BUSINESS BUZZ.....

## SCORE! 20-0

Sidelines celebrated twenty years of serving a full menu of sports, food and fun on Pensacola Beach, September 12. The restaurant and sports bar is famous for its wings and wall-to-wall sports memorabilia. Congrats Ambersons!

## CRUISIN'

If you want to get a frosty beer or an expertly made martini from Genella Vegas, you better pull up a bar stool at Paradise immediately. She's getting ready to set sail on her thirteenth cruise to half a dozen exotic ports of call. She'll have tales of the sea to tell when she returns.

## TOO CORNY

Hone your Cornhole skills. On Sunday afternoons at Shaggy's you can win prizes, drinks and qualify to be part of the first ever Cornhole Tourney, September 30. The winning team gets a \$100 bar tab and a big trophy. Don't worry if you aren't the

best bean bag tosser in the world, perhaps you'll be lucky enough to win a pair of New Orleans Saints tickets. Geaux Shaggy.

## GLOW IN THE DARK

The Gulf Breeze Chamber is hosting their annual Night Golf event Friday, September 28 beginning at 5 p.m. at Tiger Point Golf Club. A portion of the proceeds will support the Rookie Teacher of the Year Scholarship given by the Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce.

## TIM'S TIMELESS

The music is classic and timeless, but you have to be at Flounder's between noon and three p.m. to hear Tim Spencer. Strumming a guitar and smiling at his longtime fans, Tim's performances rival the fantastic view.

## BOB IS BIG

The popular Bands on the Beach series has been extended to include Tuesday, November 6. The Sawmill Band will provide the music for the season finale.

Arrive early. According to toll facility stats, the Tuesday night performances bring about 600 additional cars to the beach.

## SIGN ME UP

Have you purchased a tee sign to support the American Legion Putt Putt Golf Outing? Twenty-five bucks and your message will be proudly displayed at Tiki Island on October 20. Get a team ready to play, too. Call Jeff Goudey, 850-291-6957 for details.

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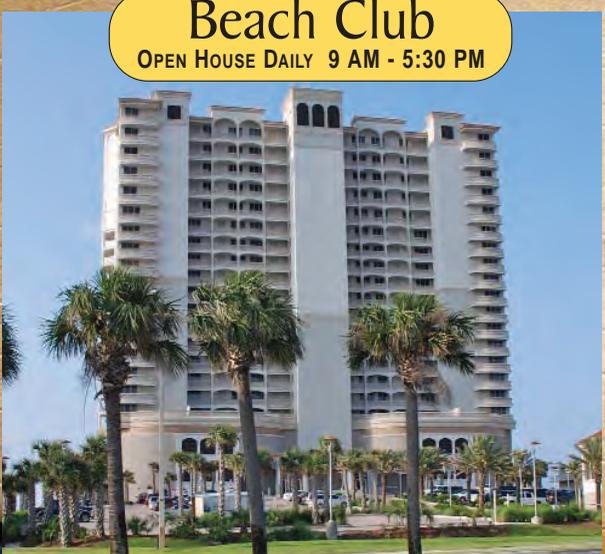


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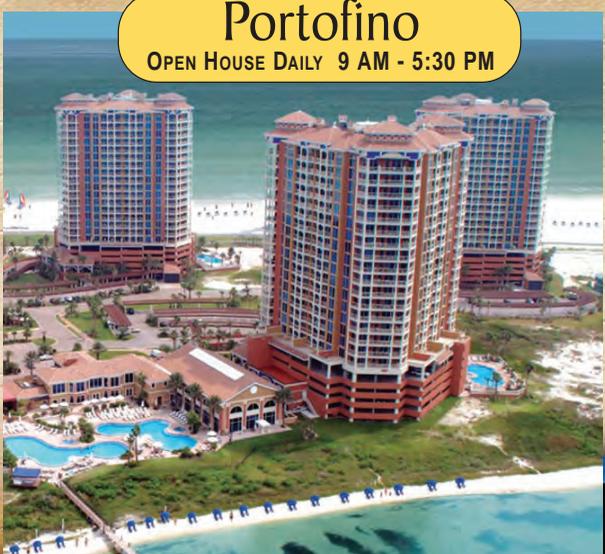
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# MARDI GRAS MAVEN

C'est bon! Fat Tuesday gave way to Lent and The Maven languished in her lounge chair from April to August. She was joined by the Easter Bunny and Uncle Sam before she decided to shake a leg at a few krewe to-do's.

Who let the dogs out? Clearly, it was the Bananimals. They never stop, not even to close the party barn. The latest

shindig was a low country shrimp boil high above Little Sabine Bay at the Sandbar, September 9. They raised a wad of money to donate to Veterans Dive Locker, a group supporting recreational and therapeutic diving for disabled vets. They have two meetings, a parade, and a costume party planned in the next seven weeks. If you can keep up, you can apply for membership. It's fifty dollars and attendance at their meeting on October 7 at the Sandbar at 3 p.m.

Quite the opposite are the Naugas who have disappeared or are simply invisible. No word except a cryptic message scrawled in the sand in the former Sandspur Republic – January 26, 2013.

The kilted krewe of St. Patrick are up to their usual shenanigans. They were spotted at Flounder's and then again at McGuire's Grand Hall last week. Mario Roberts is already plotting an o'er the top Mardi Gras Ball. Get your kilt pressed and your shamrocks ready to roll. Word around the keg is that they may invite a few lucky lads and lasses to become members. The open spots are as rare as hen's teeth.

The Mystic Krewe of Nereids created havoc at Paradise

September 9. The Splash Party, which is code for squirt anything that moves with a high-powered water cannon, had

even the mermaids looking for a clam shell to crawl into. Queen Monette Hodges danced on the wet asphalt. Nasty John Thomas, Lila Cox and Melanie Jill Rowe were in

the dunk tank; not to be con-

fused with the drunk tank. After Elaine Mitchell lets the dollar bills dry, she will report how much money was raised for the Nereids' charity.

The furry and fun loving (if you like kids or dogs) Kids and Kritters paraders have a scheme for a theme. Too secret for publication, but Howdy Paw-dner!

The Coven, who fly in to the Krewe of Wrecks' first meeting, are demanding additional broom parking be added before October 29. What a bunch of witches!

Oh, to be Queen in 2013 - Twelfth Night is January 5 and Fat Tuesday is February 12. Thirty-eight days of constant parties, splendid balls, champagne infused fun, and of course, parades. What more could you ask for? Your champagne glass runneth over.

Au bientot.



Banimals Treasurer Mary Jo Tibbits presents a donation to Jan of the Veterans Dive Locker at the Shrimp Boil



Photographing the Krewe of Bananimals members while they are momentarily still is a real feat. Talented photographer Gena Raymon captured these Bananimals at the krewe's Shrimp Boil, September 9 at the Sabine Sandbar. Ready to party are (L to R): Nancy Born, Bruce Raymon, Donna and Bill Clark.



Rebecca and Gerry O'Mahony, who are longtime members of the Krewe of Bananimals, gave their support to the September 9 Shrimp Boil and the Veterans Dive Locker donation.



Rawl and Terri Ray, left, check out former Krewe of Coma King Nasty John Thomas' Splash Party attire. He used the star to shield himself from the water guns. The party, which raised funds for charity, was at Paradise Bar and Grill, Sunday, September 9.

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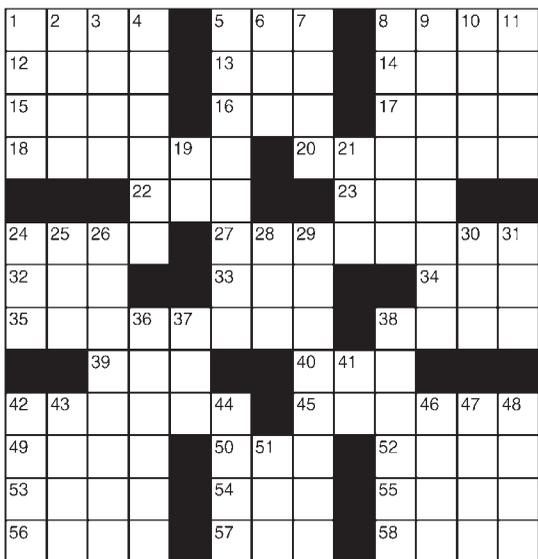
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- 5 Old man
- 8 Rabbit's tail
- 12 Wrinkly fruit
- 13 Japanese sash
- 14 "My bad"
- 15 Let fall
- 16 Joker
- 17 — -tat-tat
- 18 Ohio city
- 20 Tailor, humorously
- 22 Frequently
- 23 Speck
- 24 Freeway access
- 27 Adverse
- 32 Hearty brew
- 33 Author Santha Rama —



- |                                   |                                 |                             |                        |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 34 Sundial numeral                | 54 Coach                        | 7 Uses a shovel             | 30 Disencumber         |
| 35 Hat seller                     | 55 Mat melody                   | 8 "Parting is such sweet —" | 31 Insult (Sl.)        |
| 38 Automaker Ransom Eli —         | 56 Coastal flyer                | 9 Man's jacket feature      | 36 Legendary TV pooch  |
| 39 Pitch                          | 57 Deterioration                | 10 Doing                    | 37 Anger               |
| 40 Sine qua —                     | 58 Holler                       | 11 Despot                   | 38 Unilateral          |
| 42 It had a big part in the Bible | <b>DOWN</b>                     | 19 "— Thee I Sing"          | 41 "I see"             |
| 45 Masticated                     | 1 "Our Idiot Brother" star Paul | 21 Fuss                     | 42 Croupier's tool     |
| 49 Famous cookie man              | 2 Taj Mahal city                | 24 Aries                    | 43 Eastern potentate   |
| 50 Egg-yung link                  | 3 Tactic                        | 25 Clay, today              | 44 Somewhere out there |
| 52 Made on a loom                 | 4 Excellent                     | 26 Loss of self-control     | 46 Had on              |
| 53 New Zealand                    | 5 Business decline              | 28 Dundee denial            | 47 Maleficent          |
|                                   | 6 Lawyers'                      | 29 Traitor                  | 48 Transaction         |
|                                   |                                 |                             | 51 Acapulco gold       |

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Kids and Kritters Parade. Pensacola Beach February 2, 2013

**VERDELL is still missing.** He was last seen August 4 near Calle Hermosa. He is a dark grey cat with a white patch on his tummy. Micro-chipped. He has a sensitive lower back, so please use care when handling. He is 17-years-old, but in good health. His family is heartbroken. **937-603-2706.** Please call with any information. Reward is available.

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# Calendar

- September
- 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.
  - 25: Pensacola Beach Chamber Membership Meeting, 8:30 am, Our Lady's Hunt Hall
  - 26: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting. 5 p.m.
  - 28: Glow in the Dark Gulf Breeze Chamber Golf Tourney
  - 28: PB Optimist Club Installation of Officer's, Crab's We Got 'Em
  - 29: Paddle for a Cure, Little Sabine Bay
  - 29: Brawl on the Beach.

- 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. Park East
  - 9: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge
  - 10: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm, #1 Via de Luna.
  - 13: Recyclemania, Casino Beach parking lot
  - 16: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge
  - 19: Star Gaze Casino. Dusk
  - 20: American Legion Putt Putt, Tiki Island Golf and Games. 10 am
  - 20: Star Gaze Casino. Dusk
  - 21: Celebration 4444 Education, Poke Tourney, Paddy O'Leary's, 2 pm
  - 23: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge
  - 24: SRIA meeting, 5 pm, #1 Via de Luna
  - 29: Krewe of Wrecks Meeting, Sandbar, Costume Required.
  - 30: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge
  - 30: Pensacola Beach Chamber Meeting, Days Inn, 8:30 am

- NOVEMBER**
- 3: Margaritaville SUP and 5K
  - 4: Daylight Savings Time ends
  - 11: Beach Veterans Day Parade, 2 pm
  - 17: Gulf Breeze Pet Fest

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# Seeing Stars...

*your horoscope for next week*

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time for the usually outspoken Lamb to be a bit more discreet. You still can get your point across, but do it in a way less likely to turn off a potential supporter.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Good news: All that hard work you put in is beginning to pay off. But you need to watch that tendency to insist on doing things your way or no way. Be a bit more flexible.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might want to delay making a decision on the future of a long-standing relationship until you check out some heretofore hidden details that are just now beginning to emerge.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your reluctance to compromise on an important issue could backfire without more facts to support your position. Weigh your options carefully before making your next move.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time for ambitious Leos or Leonas to shift from plan-

ning their next move to actually doing it. Your communication skills help persuade others to join you.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Relationships -- personal or professional -- present new challenges. Be careful not to let a sudden surge of stubbornness influence how you choose to deal with them.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might need more facts before you can decide on a possible career change. But you should have no problem making a decision about an important personal matter.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You're respected by most people for your direct, no-nonsense approach to the issues. But be careful you don't replace honest skepticism with stinging sarcasm.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A newly emerging situation could require a good deal of attention and some difficult decision-making. However, close friends will help you



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see it through.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Family matters need attention. Check things out carefully. There still might be unresolved tensions that could hinder your efforts to repair damaged relationships.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Of course you deserve to indulge yourself in something special. But for now, tuck that bit of mad money away. You'll need it to help with a looming cash crunch.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A temporary setback in your financial situation is eased by changing some of your plans. You'll be able to ride it out quite well until the tide turns back in your favor.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for understanding people's needs. You have a low tolerance for those who act without concern for others.

## Lace Up Your Hiking Boots For Trail Events

The Florida Trail Association's Peggy Grantham will lead a Wake Up Hike, Sunday, September 23 at 7 a.m. at Gulf Islands National Seashore Live Oaks, in Gulf Breeze. Meet at the Seashore Visitor Center parking lot. The walk will last about one hour, for a distances between 1 and 3 miles. Hikers may have breakfast at a nearby restaurant after the walk. Call Peggy Grantham 850-776-5147 or sign up at <http://www.meetup.com/ftawesterngate/>.

The Florida Trail Association wants you to Take a Stroll Through History, Saturday, Sept. 29. This is the third in a series of Historic Hikes. Meet at 10 a.m. at the parking lot at the entrance to Fort Barrancas aboard NAS Pensacola on Taylor Rd.

"This history stroll will take us to the Naval Air Station as well

as on a tour of old Fort Barrancas, one of three forts that guarded the bay," said Peggy Grantham. "After walking through the fort we will walk through the museum and have lunch there at the Cubi Bay diner in the museum."

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## Triathlon Courses Altered By Storm

The Santa Rosa Island Triathlon will take place Saturday, October 6 on Pensacola Beach. Please refer to [www.sritri.org](http://www.sritri.org) for changes in the race course due to road closures. The Sea Turtle Tri for Kids, October 7, will be held at Park East.

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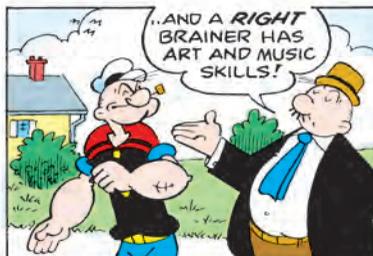
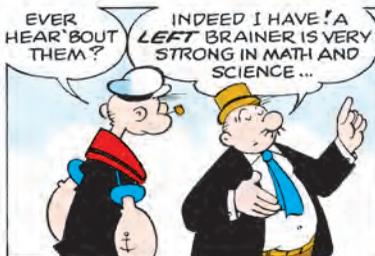
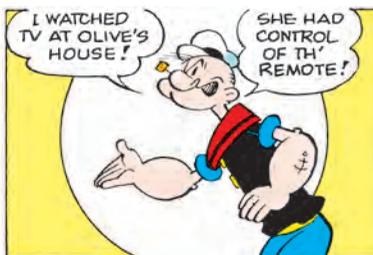
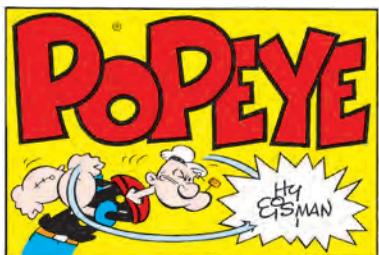
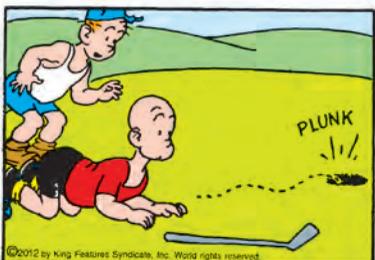
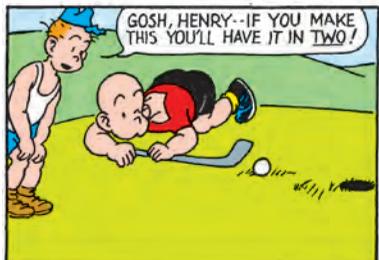
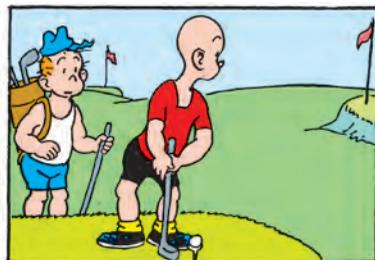
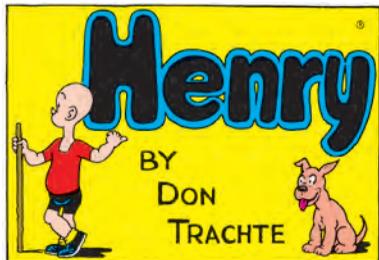
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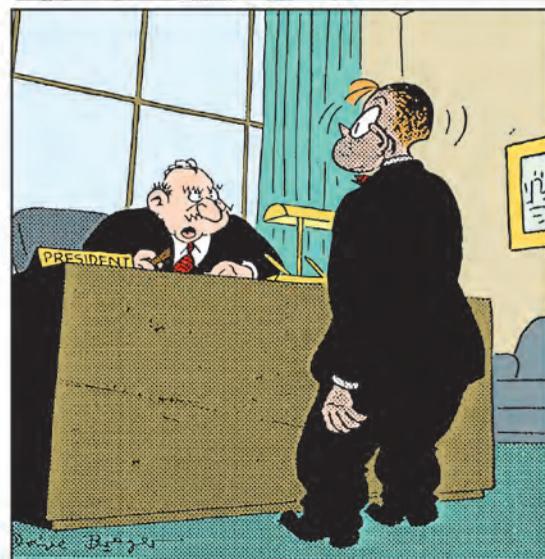


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John Mark Adams, 12, and his dad Bryan paddled an unwieldy bathtub to the finish line at the September 2 Bathtub Races at Bamboo Willies.



John Brooks and Matthew Brown represented Gulf Breeze in the Bathtub Races. Paddling would have been easier with a boat powered by natural gas.



WINNERS - Cary Champagne and Harry Newkirk were the fastest paddlers at the September 2 Bathtub Races at Bamboo Willies.



Courtney Lambert and Molly Patterson, complete with Pirate beard, flew the Jolly Roger at the Anything That Floats at Bamboo Willies Sept. 2.



VFW 4407's Craig Hunter and Jane Sims won the Anything That Floats, Sept. 2 at Bamboo Willies. Their Yellow Submarine entry was a big hit and fast.



Island Times' Casey and Diana Harvey looked great as they paddled to a win in their heat at the Bathtub Races, Sept. 2 at Bamboo Willies.

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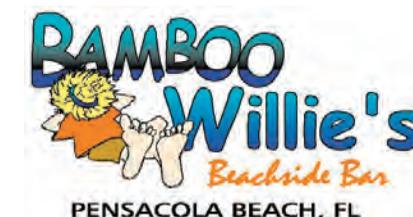
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# TURTLE TRAX

By DJ Zemenick

In the years before the sea turtle monitoring program was initiated on Pensacola Beach and surrounding areas of the National Seashore, it was not unusual for Islanders to wake up on summer mornings and discover hatchlings in their yard or the middle of the street. Many locals can tell you "back-then" stories of how they and their children would run through streets and yards tracking down disoriented hatchlings before ghost crabs or sea gulls feasted on them, then race to the Gulf with their precious finds.

One such tale unfolded in the summer of 1990 at a beach house on Ariola. The home, which would soon experience a considerable amount of drama, was well into its second generation, loved well and love-worn by the small family who lived there. That particular day promised to be a scorcher, but they were blessed to have a swimming pool in the back yard where they could cool off as the temperature climbed. The girls weren't always pleased with the chore of checking for ghost crabs in the pool and sometimes having to scoop the pesky creatures out, but that was just part of life on the beach.

Jane stepped out on the patio that morning with her first cup of coffee. There was no need to push the hair back out of her eyes since the humidity was doing a fine job of shrinking it into damp curls on her forehead. It was going to be a fine day with two of her daughters, her 8-year-old grandson, and the handsome young man who would soon be her son-in-law. Happy thoughts quickly soured as Jane caught a flicker of movement in the pool. Horrified, she realized it was a tiny sea turtle which had obviously hatched during the night and become disoriented. It had found its way into a horrible situation...a chlorinated pool.

Jane's coffee cup clattered onto the patio table as she rushed to the pool and grabbed the hatchling, sick at the thought it might die from exposure to treated water. Quickly she filled a bucket with fresh water, and called for the family to help. Startled by her calls, the family rushed outside and found Jane gently rinsing a baby turtle. Even though little was known

about sea turtles or their hatchlings at that time, it was evident to Jane that this little creature should be relocated into the Gulf as quickly as possible.

Luckily, Jane's future son-in-law who was both a good surfer and strong swimmer had already arrived. Harry, a Marine Corps Second Lieutenant, was no stranger to taking orders and heard the same steel in Jane's voice as he did in a commanding officer's. His mission: escort the hatchling past the rolling surf and safely deposit it into the Gulf of Mexico.

Harry grabbed a kickboard which happened to be near the pool, a leftover from his fiancée's swimming days at Pensacola Junior College Aquatic Club, and they ran for the Gulf. Once in the water, he created a safety-barrier around the tiny hatchling with his hands and forearms while holding onto the kickboard. Harry kept swimming until he was well past the second sandbar and tentatively released the turtle into the Gulf, concerned that his charge might be too weak to survive. As the hatchling was enveloped by warm Gulf water, instinct took over and Harry watched as it began to swim "like a champion" toward the sapphire-rimmed horizon and disappeared from his sight. In the end, Jane was right, as always. It had been a fine day

for everyone.

Jane Waters spent the remainder of her life in that special beach house. She had long since become a moving force on Pensacola Beach, starting the first Island newspaper, co-founding Mardi Gras on Pensacola Beach, and as a founding member of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce. In 1995, Jane married Frank Cooper, and the beach house was filled with even more laughter from their blended family. It was a huge loss for the family when Jane passed away in January of this year. It was also a heartbreaking loss for long-time Islanders who knew her well and even some she had never met, but whose lives she'd touched.

The beach house became quiet for the first time in decades and the family had to make hard decisions about what to do with it. Times had changed, as had the beach. In the end, surprisingly, it was Jane's youngest daughter, Liz, and her hatchling-hero husband, Harry (now a Colonel in the USMC), who decided to buy the beach house and make it their someday-home. It just felt right to them. Liz relocated to the house for the summer with her son, Harry, IV, and began the process of renovations and creating more memories as the beach house filled with laughter again.

~ ~ ~ In the wee hours of July 2,

2012, a loggerhead sea turtle crawled ashore, lifted her head to survey her surroundings and recognized it as the beach where she had once hatched. Directly across the street was a familiar beach house where a hatchling had been rescued from the swimming pool 22 years earlier. Perhaps she was the very same hatchling Jane and Harry saved that day, perhaps a nest-mate, or possibly even the mother of the rescued hatchling. On Sunday night, September 2, the nest across from the beach house hatched and this time Jane's spirit was surely in attendance as the hatchlings emerged and headed into the Gulf water. The next morning Liz stepped out on the patio with her first cup of coffee, contemplating the work

being done on the swimming pool. Yep, it was going to be a fine day.

## Nest & Hatchling Update - Pensacola Beach & Gulf Islands National Seashore as of September 11:

Perdido Key -GINS .....	20
Ft. Pickens - GINS.....	7
Pensacola Beach .....	19
Santa Rosa - GINS.....	30
Total nests.....	76

Total Hatchlings 2827

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# Off the Hook

By Terri McKamey

Seems like all this rain from Isaac has muddied up the bays pretty good and clouded up around Pensacola Pass. It's only just now starting to really clear and I've been hearing lots of hit and miss reports. If you find the water still muddy, hit the flats for Trout and Redfish. I'm starting to get a few nice Flounder, too. The Flounder seem to be wide spread and willing to bite once you locate them. The best time is early morning, but if you can't bring yourself to leave the bed that early, try late evening. I've had good luck at both times.

Reports from both Navarre and Pensacola Beach Pier show that anglers are bringing in King Mackerel, and some really big Spanish. A few Black Snapper are starting to move in. As the wind shifts and the water continues to clear be ready for some really nice fishing off both piers.

And, of course, there are always a few Sharks for those who like the action.

Redfish are starting to move more, too, as the water clears. I've seen some really nice Bull Reds out at Fort Pickens recently. It won't be long now until they start their run.

Got a few nice tournaments coming up middle and end of this month and into October. Check with Vic at Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle for all the details, when and where.

It's going to be a beautiful weekend here on the beach. So what are you waiting for? Grab a kid and get fishing!



Proceeds from the Bushwacker 5K were donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters by the Capt'n Fun Runners. Accepting the check for \$7,000 are: (center) Board Chairman Lewis Bear, III and Big Brothers President and CEO Paula Shell. Runners at the presentation included: Johnny Graves, Carmen Fisher, Cathy Tosta, Leslie Barnhill, Phyllis Carr, Marilyn Kelly, Danny Turner, Dave Kessler, Pete Melin, Bill Weese, Carol Battles, Lindy Freeman-Kessler, Carol Wright, Charlene Meyer-Bolton, Kevin Ronan and Glenn Bolton.

## Artists Perform, Wine Flows At Chamber's Festival

The Pensacola Beach Chamber's Art and Wine Festival, October 6-7, has ramped up the wine list, amped up the performance arts and is on track for a sold out festival site according to Beverly Campbell, Beach Chamber vice-chairman.

"This is going to be a great

festival," said Campbell. "In fact the entire weekend will be busy with the triathlon, Songwriters and our fest."

For the first time ever, the Art and Wine Festival will have all activities located in the Visitor's Center parking lot. The festival opens at 11 a.m. daily, and closes

at 5 p.m.

There is no charge to attend, enjoy the entertainment or stroll through the art vendors. There is a \$15 wine tasting fee. The first 100 tasters will receive an Art and Wine Festival jute wine bag.

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