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Be Still My Art

With alabaster skin and stark white accoutrements Statue Viva strikes a pose. The performing artist will appear on Sunday during the Pensacola Beach Chamber's Fifth Annual Art and Wine Festival, October 6-7.

Viva, who is portrayed by former Beach resident Michelle Harrell, has performed from Europe to Key West.

Goddesslike and alluring, she captivates audiences and awes onlookers.

For more on the festival, turn to page 2.

photo creation by J.D. Hayward

Art Comes To Life At Beach Festival

Wine Tastings, Performers Take Center Stage

Good art evokes emotion. Whether it is a still life on a canvas or a statue coming to life, the artist captures your senses. Prepare to surrender to a weekend filled with art, performances and wine presentations at the Pensacola Beach Chamber's Art and Wine Festival, October 6-7. The festival site is located directly south of the Visitor's Information Center, where the parking lot will transform into an artist's colony, wine tasting venue and performance art stage from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily.

Performing artist Michelle Harrell returns to Pensacola Beach as Statue Viva. The former Beach resident began her career in California in 1994 as a living doll. She's toured the globe performing for audiences in Europe and across the United States. She trained in Switzerland with instructor Emilio Arteroso Quesada prior to becoming part of the Les Statues Vivantes show. Now a solo act, Harrell brings a graceful countenance to the festival.

When not playing Viva, Harrell is quite energetic and animated. She is no stranger to Pensacola Beach.

"I worked on the beach for years. I love it," said Harrell, who resides in Gulf Breeze when not on tour. "I worked at Flounder's and Jubilee, among other places."

Viva will perform on Sunday from 11 until 5 p.m.

Beach resident and professional photographer DJ Zemenick will be one of the thirty-four artists showing in the Artist Colony at the festival site. Her Barrier Island Girl photography booth is an Art and Wine Festival regular, having never missed a year. Zemenick offers glimpses of rare sea turtle hatchlings

emerging and stark winter beach scenes among her gallery of island photos.

Beach artist Frank Palma's booth will be filled with sun, moon and seasonal faces, cartoon fish, green men and ladies, Mr. and Mrs. Stump vessels, which are all fired and glazed ceramic. He joins Zemenick as a local favorite.

Jewelers, carvers, potters and painters among others offer a variety of shopping opportunities for art enthusiasts.

Wine aficionados will have a new adventure at this year's festival. For the first time, there will be a central Wine Tasting Tent where patrons may purchase a \$15 wristband to sample wines. Wine tasters will be issued a plastic sampling glass with the festival logo and the first 100 guests will receive a complimentary Art and Wine Festival jute wine bag as a souvenir. The Wine Tasting Tent is open from noon until 4 p.m.

Four area distributors - Coastal Wines and Spirits, Southern Wine and Spirits, Premier Beverage and Republic National Distributing will offer samples and information about the wines.

AJ Werner of Southern Wine adds a special dimension to the Wine Tasting with his list of wines.

"I tried to select some fun and innovative choices for the Beach" said Werner.

Island chefs from The Wine Bar, Surf Burger and Laguna's have been busy creating dishes to pair with the Wine Tasting and fall weather.

"I am considering Grilled Conecuh Sausage with peppers, onions, slaw, Creole honey mustard, and topped with fried Crawfish Tails," said Chef Chris

Kelly. "Also, a Kentucky Slider made with cherry wood smoked New York Strip with mushrooms, onion, Fontina cheese, demi-glaze, and horseradish cream sauce should fit well."

The Art and Wine Festival stage will host a gallery of per-

formers from the beach's own Dancingly Yours to Zumba demonstrations, juggler and unicyclist Dylan Radford and the Pensacola Beach Songwriter's Festival musicians. Boogie, Inc. will keep things upbeat by playing everything from rock to romantic bal-

lads over the two day event.

The Art and Wine Festival guide to art vendors and wines offered will be available at the festival.

For more information, go to www.pensacolabeachchamber.com or call 850-932-1500.

~ Art and Wine Festival Performing Artists Schedule ~

Saturday, October 6

Noon Courtney Yovich, songwriter/ singer
12:30 Dylan Radford, juggler/unicyclist
1 p.m. Mellisa Brethauer, songwriter/ singer
2 p.m. Janette Zaleski, Zumba
3 p.m. Mike Diamond, songwriter/ singer

Sunday, October 7

Noon Chuck Howard, songwriter/ singer
1 p.m. Matt Hoggatt, songwriter/ singer
2 p.m. Brittany Grimes, songwriter/ singer
2 p.m. Dylan Radford, juggler/unicyclist
3 p.m. Dancingly Yours Dance Troupe
All Day Viva Living Statue

Songwriters Festival Musicians Sing and Strum for Island Fans

They put the romance in love songs and pen the lyrics that dance around in our heads. The fourth annual Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival hosts eighty-one songwriters performing on land and at sea. The concerts begin Tuesday, October 2 and are hosted island-wide through Sunday, October 7. There is no charge to attend the Songwriters presentations at Aloha, Pensacola Beach Chamber's Art and Wine Festival, Bamboo Willie's, Castaway's, Flounder's, Grand Marlin, Laguna's, Lillo's, Paradise Bar, Sabine Sandbar, Sandshaker Lounge, Surf Burger and The Wine Bar.

"There are many ways to experience the Songwriter's Festival" said Reneda Cross, promoter. "For an up close and intimate performance purchase a Listening Room ticket. Well, worth the \$10."

Listening rooms have an entry fee per show or a VIP Weekend Pass is available for \$50. Songwriters will appear at the Listening Rooms hosted at The Grand Marlin, Aloha, Lillo's and Castaway's.

Fans can make a romantic cruise part of their Songwriters Festival by purchasing tickets for the October 3 Sunset Cruise or the October 5 Good News Cruise. Both board at 5:30 p.m. and cruise the Sound aboard the Portofino I. Tickets are \$35 each.

Beth Nielsen Chapman will

be on the Sunset Cruise, and will host a Songwriting Workshop at Days Inn, October 3. She has penned songs for many top artists including Bonnie Raitt, Emmylou Harris, Bette Midler, Elton John, Neil Diamond, Trisha Yearwood, Faith Hill, Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. Chapman's most recent release is "The Mighty Sky" a collection of songs about astronomy written for children of all ages. She'll be partnered with NASA on several events because of this project which includes educational curriculum based on the songs which teach lessons about astronomy.

The festival is filled with famous songwriters and soon to be discovered talents. Veteran songwriters such as Gary Talley, Jim Moose Brown, Cowboy Johnson, Jim Pasquale and Doug Gill, who has spent the last twenty-five years writing and

Spikers Set To Compete For Charity

Fred Flounder's soundside volleyball courts will take center stage in the first ever Pensacola Beach Volleyball Tournament, October 10-13. The proceeds of the event will benefit the underserved youth diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, according to organizer David Durden.

The first day of play which begins at 10 a.m. is for Bar and Restaurant Employees, followed by two days of qualify-

ing rounds. The championship games will be Saturday, Oct. 13 starting at 9 a.m.

There will be cash and prizes up for grabs in the Six Person Co-Ed, 4 Person and 2 Person Team Divisions. Entry fees range from \$40 - \$100.

There is no charge to cheer. Entry information is available at www.PensacolaBeachVolleyball.com or by calling Durden at 850-723-2110.

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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 - October 16, 1987

Newspapers stand alone as businesses which are forced to publicize their bloopers. If somebody doesn't like an editorial or news story or ad or whatever, he can write a letter to the editor, and the editor is honor bound to print the criticism, so the

whole world will know there is a problem.

In other businesses, mistakes are promptly and quietly handled and hopefully, hidden. If you order a rare steak and it arrived at your table looking like the sole of last summer's running shoe, you tell the waiter to return it to the kitchen. He swiftly and discreetly

takes care of the matter, and the other patrons in the place munch happily away, unaware that a customer was miffed. If you buy a dress, and it falls apart the first time you wear it, there is a remote, hidden area in the store where you can return the garment. In most department stores, a credit is issued, apologies are made,

store managers arrive, bowing and scraping. The customer goes away smiling, and no one knows that she came in originally to return an inferior product.

Newspapers are different. Just let a misplaced letter in a word create an obscenity and see what happens. Or take a stand that is not too popular and see what happens. Or do something as innocent as misspell someone's name and see what happens. Names can be the pits. How do you spell "Debbie"? Debi. Debby. Debby. Deb-B. That's how you spell Deby.

The Islander, like any other newspaper, has championed unpopular causes and people. We grieve over our errors which we so meticulously try to avoid. Three people read proof on *The Islander* and yet, the minute the finished product rolls off the

press we spot such typos as "Star Treck" and "broadailing."

Why would anyone want to publish a newspaper? Mostly, because journalists are strong believers in freedom -- especially freedom of the press. National Newspaper Week is always celebrated in October, and it is our time to talk about ourselves and how we survive our profession. We love being free. Free to dispense information, good or bad. Free to change opinions. Free to create new ideas. There's only one real freedom we do not have. We are never free to cover up our mistakes and we are never free from the haunting thought that we must publish letters calling us things like "stupid."

And let me tell you this - If I ever see my name in print anywhere as Jayne Waters, you can bet the editor will hear from me.

Santa Rosa Island Triathletes Max Out Race Entries 1250 To Compete In Swim, Bike, Run Event

Since 1996, competitors have splashed, pedaled and dashed around Pensacola Beach in the area's premier multi-sport event. This year will be no different. The Santa Rosa Island Triathlon will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday, October 6, when 1250 entrants will compete in a 600 yard open water swim in the Gulf, followed by a 12.5 mile bike ride and a 3.1 mile run. The race begins and ends at Casino Beach.

Charles Gheen, who has been the race director for five years, notes that there are 21 Elite level triathletes entered in the SRI Tri. Cash awards are offered for top three finishes among the professional class triathletes.

"Brian Fleischmann will be back again this year," said Gheen. "He has won this event 10 or 11 times. I have lost track. He has achieved so many accolades in this sport."

But, Gheen says a huge por-

tion of the entries are new triathletes.

"I hope they get hooked on triathlon," said Gheen. "Just like the sport hooked me, and I still love it."

The new triathlete has opportunities to learn about the SRI Tri at the pre-race Expo, Friday, October 5 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Resort, which runs concurrent with race packet pickup. New racers are encouraged to attend the Technical Course Meetings at 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. where all questions will be answered, according to Gheen.

According to Gheen the sport has grown dramatically over the years, and the SRI Tri has been recognized as the National Triathlon of the Year, as well we the top destination and top small triathlon of the year.

"What used to be 400 events annually has grown to 4,000 triathlons," said Gheen. "The popularity

of this sport has skyrocketed."

The SRI Tri impacts the economy by bringing national exposure. The event draws athletes and their families from across the country, sometimes for their first visit to the Beach. The organizers also make donations to benefit local groups.

Beach residents are encouraged to stay home and cheer for the athletes, but if you must drive on island avenues, please use caution. Watch out for cyclists and runners on the course.

"We should have all athletes through the finish line in about three hours," said Gheen. "The Best Post Race Party starts under the tent at 10 a.m."

Awards in age groups, relays and special categories will be presented at the Post Race Party.

For more details about the race, visit www.sritri.org.

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PEOPLE

ISLAND BRIDE

Ask Amy Drees to translate the Hawaiian phrase, "Aloha Au la'Oe." She and her fiancé Patrick Keeley were married in an island ceremony on September 13 on Oahu. Patrick, who is a professional golf caddy, picked the 18th Hole of the tourney's course to take Amy as his wife. After honeymooning in the islands, the couple returned home to Oldsmar, Florida.

HAP-E BIRTHDAY

Eric Gieger started his birthday party at the Taste of the Beach flanked by his buddies Ronnie Poole and Mac McGregor. The trio, who know their way around a kitchen, were sampling the signature dishes and cold beer at the Festival. No telling what Eric actually did on his September 25 birthday as an encore.

TAKIN' EM TO SCHOOL

Deb Friedman is staking her claim as the Queen of the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun poker games. Reports from the Commissioner of Poker Rick Uzdevenes claim that Friedman has new skills to match her lucky streak. Friedman, who is a Pensacola State College professor, can add card sharp to her resume. Will she take the top

spot at the Celebration 4444 Education, October 21 at Paddy's?

FOOD CONNOISSEUR

Beach resident Craig Barrett is always on the go. He jets around the country from New York to Florida on a weekly basis, and has more than one place he calls home. Don't ask him to describe the kitchens, because he spends no time cooking. He eats out, every day, every meal. He can tell you, however, who has the best breakfast, lunch and dinner menus on the Beach.

GOOD DEEDS

Island Times congratulates the youthful and energetic Kasie Forman along with brothers David and Robert Durden. Kasie founded and organizes a charity event aimed at helping children battling cancer. Kasie Helpz Kidz is October 21 at Bamboo Willie's. David Durden, who is a professional photographer, moonlights in the summer at Flounder's. He and his bro Robert have a winning history on the volleyball tour, so they are putting their energy into helping the kids under three who are diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Their Pensacola Beach Volleyball Tourney is set for Oct 10-13 at Flounder's.

Trivia

Trivia players searched every back alley, sand covered footpath and maps of the Sandspur Republic looking for Petersee Way. No one correctly identified the historic, yet somewhat undocumented name of the street which runs north and south from Via de Luna to the Santa Rosa Island Authority Maintenance Barn.

In a report of a November 1993 Santa Rosa Island Authority meeting, the board members referred to the tiny street which ran "between the Sandpiper Inn and Harvey's Restaurant" and named it after then Maintenance Superintendent Charlie Petersee. It was the landmark where Via de Luna would go from five lanes to three lanes.

Lady Kim Schmitz put down her recipe book and sleuthed around the Via de Luna Shopping Center.

"It's the road that runs behind Dirty Joe's, Nero's, The Islander and up to the sewer plant," she writes.

The Trivia Master appreciates the first class ticket on a trip down Memory Lane, but wrong

street.

Sharon McGraw from the Holiday Inn Express wrote, "The road runs behind beach shopping center and in front of SRIA building."

Close but not the one.

Traveling Trivia Team Member Gwen Foster thought it was J. Earle Bowden Way because that's where her GPS took her. Hope she doesn't use that thing to find her way home from New Jersey. The Master has no use for such new fangled gadgets.

Angeli McMillan thought it was a hallway in the SRIA office or a particular "way of doing business." Thoughtful, but wrong.

Humble Pensacola Beach Water Safety Supervisor Dave Greenwood would not officially submit his answer, because he had just aced the previous trivia. He knew the location and added that he returned to his pick-up truck parked on the fabled street to find a person napping in the back. Perhaps that's why they call it a truck bed, Sir Lifesaver.

The *Island Times* trivia t-shirts is neatly folded in clear view of the Trivia Master's desk.

Perhaps it will be awarded to the first person to answer this correctly.

It's a family affair. The Beach Chamber has an all volunteer board of directors. Over the last thirty years many people have served, but only one family has had three members on the board. Who are they?

The first correct answer makes you part of the *Island Times* trivia family, and the owner of a new t-shirt. Email your answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with trivia in the subject line. Include your name and phone number with your answer. Deadline is October 9. Good luck.



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Island Event Offers Community Yard Sale, Free Recycling Kits and Document Shredding

The Pensacola Beach Advocates Beachkeepers want the community to learn the three Rs of taking care of the planet. "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" are the lessons being shared at Recyclemania, Saturday, October 13 at Casino Beach from 8 a.m. until noon.

The site will include a giant yard sale, which is a great way to recycle unwanted and unused items from your home.

"Pre-registration is required, but vendors may pull directly into their assigned space in the Casino Beach parking lot, get their items ready for sale and take home the entire proceeds of their sales," said Lois Hausman, event organizer.

Yard sale spaces are \$20 to the general public and free to members of the Pensacola Beach Advocates. The deadline to reserve a yard sale space is Thursday, October 6. Applications are available in this edition of *Island Times* as well as at www.pbadvocates.org.

Attendees may bring up to 50 pounds of paper documents to be shredded at no charge.

"It's easy. You don't even have to get out of your car," said Hausman. Teenagers from the Chain Reaction group will be on site to unload the containers of documents and deliver them to the professionals of Gilmore Shredding."

Emerald Coast Utilities Authority is partnering in the Recyclemania with giveaways, displays and a children's coloring contest. Free "Recycling Kits" will be handed out while supplies last. ECUA staff members will share information about the new recycling programs on the Beach and the "Eco-Machine" hybrid and Natural Gas ECUA trucks will be on display.

"We have asked the students at Pensacola Beach Elementary School to participate in the first ever Recycling Coloring Contest," said Jim Roberts, ECUA public affairs officer. "We will showcase each student's work at Recyclemania."

Prizes for the top three submissions in two age groups will be awarded at the Beach School prior to the October 13 event.

For those who want to do some fall cleaning and have usable items ready to donate, Goodwill Easter Seals will be on site to accept those items. They will take all household items, clothing, toys, as well as computers and related electronics (working or not), microwaves and TV's.

An attendant will be on hand to issue receipts.

Event Gold Sponsors are Premier Island Management Group and the Santa Rosa Island Authority. Silver Sponsors include Holiday Inn Express Pensacola Beach, Pensacola Beach Woman's Club and *Island Times*.

For additional information, contact Hausman at 850-916-0276 or loishausman@mchsi.com.



Encouraging good stewardship of the Beach, Stephen and Kristy Pater, right, participated in the Coastal Clean Up with their 8-year-old son Jayce. The Paters traveled from Lucedale, Mississippi to gather and document litter left behind on the sandy beach.



Gulf Breeze High School's Molly Kegley refills a Taste of the Beach festival reusable travel tumbler at Casino Beach, September 15.

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by Kathi Lewis

I am reminding the SOB's that our Christmas Brunch is the first Sunday in December. It will be at Flounder's, as usual, and begins at 11 a.m. So mark your calendar now to save the date. Since we are not having a booth this year at the Art and Wine Festival, bring your wallets because we will be taking up a collection to refill the SOB coffers.

You may think it's a little too early but we'll be beginning the Krewe of Wrecks Monday night meetings in just a few short weeks. You know once that starts we all get caught up in the swirling whirlwind of social gatherings, parties, family, Thanksgiving, The Woolly Booger Kiss the Hurricane Season Goodbye Bawl and Christmas shopping. Plus we have to get ready for the Christmas Parade and holiday events sponsored by our Beach Chamber of Commerce.

There's also RecycleMania. I still have trash bags filled with paper I intended to have shredded at the first RecycleMania. The weather refused to cooperate and we had the re-run on Earth Day and all the shredders were already booked. I ended up as a vendor at the yard sale instead and it rained on us anyway. At least it waited until almost, but not quite, the end.

Not surprising to most of you I'm sure, Bill and I were the last to arrive at RecycleMania and the last to leave. We were so exhausted by the time we got home, we crashed on the couch for the next 48 hours. We were happy that we made a little bit of money until the blasted wind caught the back door of our house and slammed it open into the other side! Oh yeah, it spider-webbed that half of the door and cost a lot more than we made at the yard sale. I think this time I'm definitely going for the shredder!

Right now I'm getting ready for a return trip to Wind Creek Casino. The weekend our group of Willie Wanderers blazed a trail to Atmore, the casino offered a special deal to new players. They offered to refund your losses up to \$500 in free slot play. I have to tell you that's a pretty sweet deal. Even though none of us lost that much, we still received free play and a complimentary room. So, Christine Hewerdine and I are off to see how much of our freebies we can parlay into a couple of nice meals that we don't have to cook and a beautiful room that we don't have to clean.

The rest of our Wanderers are busy with work, except Paulette Provost who is in the process of moving out of her house. That's worse than work, really. Oh, don't worry, she's not going anywhere. She's just remodeling. I have no idea what will happen to our Mental Health Night (MHN).

It's hard to imagine having MHN without Paulette's Perfect Patio. Of course once she's finished, we'll have a really, really more perfect Perfect Patio. Oh I know we'll be just fine. It's not the "where" so much as the "who" that keeps us all mentally healthy! It's the joy, laughter and love we all share. You may not believe we're all that mentally healthy anyway but trust me, you'll know the difference immediately if we stop our comic relief therapy.

I will be meeting Elaine Mitchell with a couple of friends who are heading to Biloxi. We have more freebies there, not to mention several days without stairs, laundry, drama or problems; just a nice quiet casino with clean rooms, a brand new pool and room service. I have to admit I love me some freebies!

Congratulations to Lisa Bus-

by our new Shaker Queen! She worked really hard and raised a bunch of money for her charity so she deserves her bright shiny new Tiara.

I know all that wonderful food at the Taste of the Beach sure had Bill and me smiling. I bring my own carry-out bags, zip-locks and aluminum foil so I can bring it all home, spread it out and then we feast!

I came across a fabulous recipe to share this week. I hope y'all enjoy it as much as we do. So, let's cook....

Crab Tacos

½ cup chopped onion
1 tsp. chopped jalapeno chiles
1 tsp. olive oil
8 ounces cooked crab
8 taco shells or tortillas
1 cup Iceberg lettuce, thinly sliced
1 cup shredded jack or cheddar cheese
1 avocado, thinly sliced
¼ cup green onion, chopped
Salsa

Heat oil over medium heat. Saute onions and jalapeno until soft, 4 minutes. Add crab and cook just until crab is warm, about 2 minutes. Put taco shells or tortillas on a baking pan and warm in oven at 350 degrees. Start with crab and top with lettuce, cheese and avocado. Sprinkle tacos with green onion and serve with salsa on the side on top.

Enjoy, share and see you in the kitchen.



Island chefs competed in a sugary showdown at Taste of the Beach, September 16. Winners and judges at the How Sweet IT Is Dessert Contest, sponsored by *Island Times*, are: (L to R) Judge and Chef Blake Rushing of R&R Catering, Crab's Chef John Flanigan, winner of the Specialty Dessert Category, Judge and *Island Times* Columnist Kathi Lewis, Laguna's Chef Brad Hamblin, winner of the Menu Dessert Category, and Judge Jane Peaden of the world famous Sisters of the Beach. Chef John's Key Lime Margarita Pie topped six other entries. Chef Brad's Sweet Potato Bread Pudding, made from a closely guarded family recipe, took down a field of eight competing desserts.

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If you are like me, and some of you are, I think sometimes it is nice just to list things so that we can think of them in an orderly fashion. One of the things most Americans have a problem with is slowing down and letting our spirits rest. It seems good to me to just let ourselves find peace within ourselves. Here are a few thoughts.

1) Show gratitude towards people and live in a state of gratitude. 2) Focus on the things you have been given and not on the things you want. 3) Spend one hour of your time for some physical activities like swimming, or working out. Doing something for yourself physically is always productive. 4) Spend time doing something you really enjoy like reading, listening to music, watching movies and find various

other ways relax. 5) Start something creative so that you relieve stress and engage your mind. 6) Learn to forgive and forget and let go of things quickly. It is not good to resent and hold grudges. 7) Take some personal time to be alone and think about life and where you have been with it. 8) Do not rush on anything. Go one step at a time. That's how I keep myself organized in my daily activities. 9) This one is very difficult, "Live each moment like you are going to die tomorrow." Not in a morbid way but in a healthy way to get the most out of life. 10) Pray. That may sound simple, but it isn't and it will make a world of difference.

May God bless us in our journey of life together.

Board Approves Proposal To Tout Island's Natural Resources

Establishing Pensacola Beach as a destination for ecotourists with an enhanced marketing campaign and comprehensive program is the goal of a grant proposal approved by the Santa Rosa Island Authority Full Board at a special meeting September 26.

Leslie Smith representing the SRIA's ad agency E.W. Bullock Associates, said, "This will differentiate Pensacola Beach from the other neighboring beaches. It is exciting to consider that Pensacola Beach could be an eco-tourism destination with the initial investment being supplied by grant money."

The agency prepared the marketing plan, which included a mix of traditional and innovative advertising and program details.

"Part of the program would include an Eco-Tour which will introduce visitors to the abundance and beauty of sea life, wildlife and plants on our barrier island" said Smith. "There will be a virtual passport, not paper, to be eco-friendly, of course. If visitors complete the trail, they would be eligible for rewards."

According to Smith, the Eco Tour will be interactive with the VisitPensacolaBeach.com web site and feature Four Square and Facebook for users to check-in at the tour sites and share their experience with family and friends.

Beach resident Dr. Lila Cox volunteered to lead the team who prepared the grant requesting \$500,000 from the Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotion Fund. The fund was established as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

During her presentation to the Board, she said, "Escambia County received 98 percent of all the oil product that impacted the State of Florida."

She noted that the team had worked diligently in preparing this grant request, and she felt confident that it will be successful.

The Board members were vocal in their appreciation of her talents and leadership in preparing the request on behalf of the SRIA.

"Thank you. You did a wonderful job," said Board Chairman Dave Pavlock.

Authority Extends Construction Timeline

There is more time to rebuild for the 250 leaseholders who have empty plots of sand. The Santa Rosa Island Authority's Architectural and Environmental Committee extended the deadline to begin construction on beach parcels to May 4, 2016 at their September 26 meeting. The penalty for non-compliance was cut in half.

The policy is in place to compel leaseholders to rebuild, but the economy, insurance woes and additional impediments have historically guided the SRIA boards in extending the deadlines.

SRIA Chairman Dave Pavlock commented, "I am uncomfortable with retaining the \$2,000 fee. Considering the recession, and now taxation, I think it should be reduced."

The motion included a reduction to \$1,000, but the penalty and rebuilding requirement still exist.

SRIA Committee Chairman Tammy Bohannon noted that this policy is an example of how a leaseholder differs from a land owner, a critical point in the taxation case.

"It points to the fact that the leaseholder does not control their land," she said. "We tell them when to rebuild or they suffer punitive damages. That would not be the case for people who owned their land."

The time extension and reduced penalty fees received unanimous Committee approval, but will appear on the Full Board's regular agenda for further discussion.

The Committee heard an update from Director of Environmental and Developmental Services Paolo Ghio about revegetation of the primary dune line. The project, which is coordinated by the State and funded through the National Resource Damage Assessment, will begin at Park East the first week of October. The crews will move west planting and installing sand fencing to the primary dune line. The project should be complete in 30 days.

In other business, the Devel-

opment and Leasing Committee discussed the progress of Core Area projects.

Bohannon said that the County has begun the toll facility project, noting that they will officially take control of the facility on October 1. The County also has tasked Baskerville Donovan engineers to design an access road from Morgan Park to the Grand Marlin. Additionally, they will begin the landscaping of the Via de Luna medians in January.

"As we start to contemplate RESTORE Act projects, we need to think big," said Bohannon. "These need to be game-changers."

Following Bohannon's Core Area Report, the Administrative Committee voted to approve a letter from the Santa Rosa Island Authority Board to Commissioner Grover Robinson.

The letter stated that the SRIA understood that Commissioner Robinson would be submitting proposed projects for RESTORE Act funding from his entire district which includes Pensacola Beach.

Beach resident Jim Cox asked the SRIA Board to do two things. The first was to request that the County give preference to RESTORE Act projects based on geography. Thus, Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key projects should be a priority. Secondly, he suggested that the SRIA task staff with preparing a proposal outlining the detail of each proj-

ect, rather than just a one line description.

Board member Fred Gant noted that while Commissioner Robinson represents the Beach as part of District Four, he wanted some assurances that the residents of Pensacola Beach had a voice.

The Committee voted to request a geographic preference for RESTORE Act funding consideration be added to the Country's criteria.

SRIA Finance Director Dottie Ford presented the Administrative Committee an upbeat report.

"We are up 5.2 percent this year compared to the previous year," said Ford.

Lease fees collected during July totalled \$2,021,042.

Beach businessman JB Schluter provided an update on the statue memorializing his brother Yancy Spencer who passed away in February 2010.

"I appreciate your support in allowing us to place this statue for Yancy at Casino Beach," said Schluter. "The funding is secured, the statue is in production."

Schluter is having a site plan prepared by an engineering firm to include the statue placement and lighting. The plan will be brought before the SRIA board next month. The statue is to be dedicated February 16, 2013.

The Full Board will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 10 at #1 Via de Luna. The meetings are open to the public. Agendas are available online at www.sria-fla.com.

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TAXING DAY

While Americans wait for

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Cindy Lumpkin had a pre-view taste test of the October Chardonnay and Shellfish features at The Grand Marlin and gave it a rave review.

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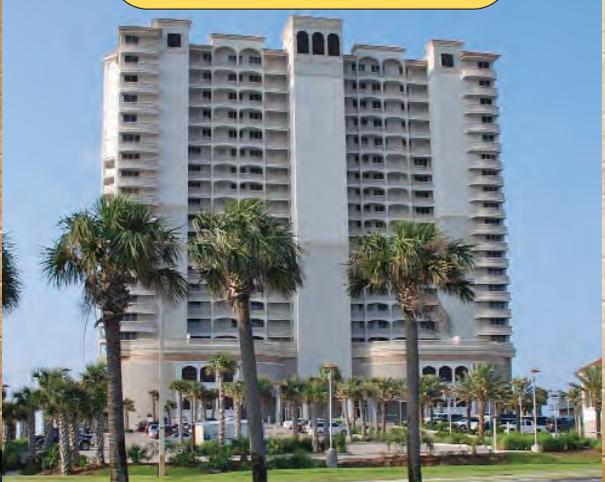
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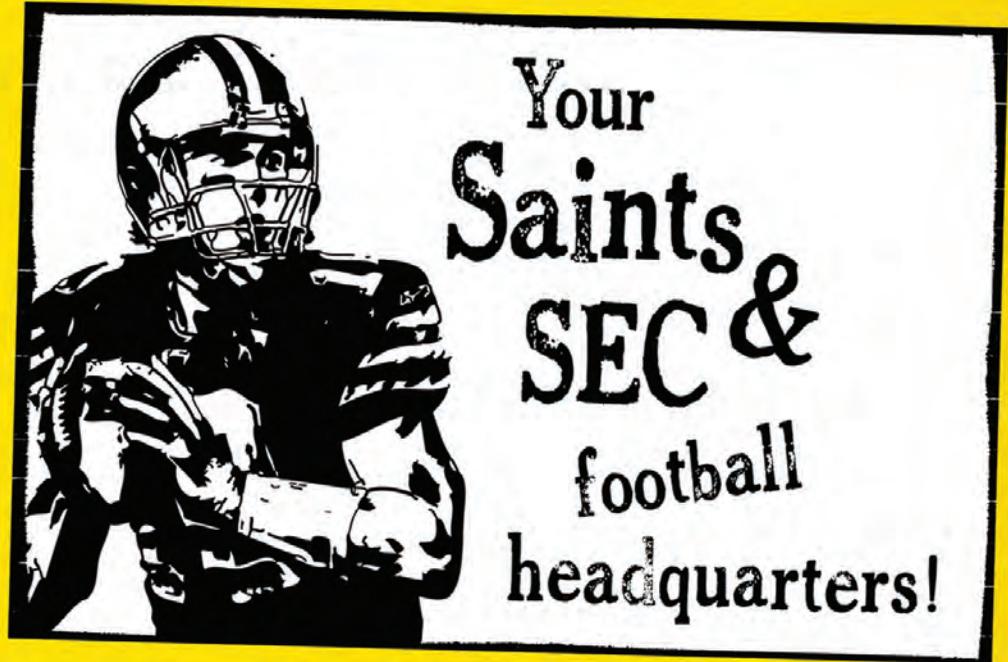
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Calendar

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: Volleyball Tourney, Flounder's. 10 am. Continues thru October 13.
- 10: Santa Rosa Island Authority Meeting, 5 pm, #1 Via de Luna.
- 12: Greek Fest. www.PensacolaGreekFestival.com
- 13: Recyclemania, Casino Beach parking lot, 8 to noon
- 16: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge
- 19: Star Gaze Casino. Dusk
- 20: In Hot Pursuit 5K, Casino Beach
- 20: Bras Across The Bridge
- 20: American Legion Putt Putt, Tiki Island Golf and Games. 10 am
- 20: Star Gaze Casino. Dusk
- 21: Kasie Helps Kidz, 11 Bamboo Wil-lies. Fundraiser for kids with Cancer.
- 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
- 26: Beach School Fall Festival, 5 pm
- 27: Relay for Russo. Innerlight 10-2
- 28: Trunk or Treat Beach Church
- 28: Fall Festival for Kids, Boardwalk, 3 to 6 pm. No charge.
- 29: Krew of Wrecks Meeting, Sandbar, Costume Required.
- 30: Pensacola Beach Chamber Meeting, Days Inn, 8:30 am
- 30: Bands on the Beach. Gulfside Pavilion. 7-9 p.m. No Charge

- NOVEMBER
- 3: Margaritaville SUP and 5K
- 4: Daylight Savings Time ends
- 6: Election Day
- 6: Supreme Court to hear Beach Tax Case, Tallahassee.
- 11: Beach Veterans Day Parade, 2 pm
- 14: SRIA Meeting, 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna.
- 17: Gulf Breeze Pet Fest
- 22: Thanksgiving
- 22: Turkey Trot, 5K, Gulfside Pavilion
- 24: Jingle Bell 5K
- 28: SRIA Meeting, 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna
- December
- 7: Season Your Holidays Lighted Boat Parade, 6 p.m. 9: Season Your Holidays Surfing Santa Beach Parade, 2 p.m. Via de Luna
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your horoscope for next week

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you love being the focus of attention, it's a good idea to take a few steps back right now to just watch the action. What you see can help with an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) "Caution" continues to be your watchword this week, as a former colleague tries to reconnect old links. There are still some dark places that need to be illuminated.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Making a good first impression is important. Revealing your often hidden sense of humor can help you get through some of the more awkward situations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking that Cancer Crab image too seriously? Lighten up. Instead of complaining about your problems, start resolving them. A friend would be happy to help.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A widening distance between you

and that special person needs to be handled with honesty and sensitivity. Don't let jealousy create an even greater gap between you two.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations. Your handling of a delicate family matter rates kudos. But no resting on your laurels just yet. You still have to resolve that on-the-job problem.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might surprise everyone by being unusually impulsive this week. But even level-headed Libras need to do the unexpected now and then.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A period of turmoil gives way to a calmer, more settled environment. Use this quieter time to patch up neglected personal and/or professional relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new relationship could create resentment



Madame Astra

among family and friends who feel left out of your life. Show them you care by making more time for them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Concentrate on completing all your unfinished tasks before deadline. You'll then be able to use this freed-up time to research new career opportunities.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're right to try to help colleagues resolve their heated differences. But keep your objectivity and avoid showing any favoritism 'twixt the two sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your personal life continues to show positive changes. Enjoy this happy turn of events, by all means. But be careful not to neglect your workplace obligations.

Mostly NUTS



By Candace Segar

How do you define the word friend? Webster's dictionary defines a friend as one attached to another by affection or esteem, an acquaintance or one not hostile. Well my definition of a friend is someone who has your back, who sacrifices their good day to undo your bad day, and who lends a helping hand to make things right. I experienced the meaning of true friends just the other day.

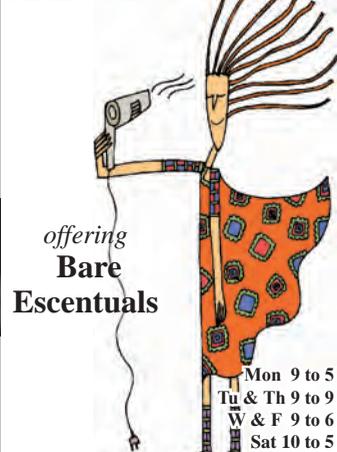
Case in point – The rain had plummeted the day and night before leaving the ground all soggy. I awoke, took a bath, got dressed, went to look outside and heard an ominous sound. At first I thought it was the air-conditioner. I changed the setting on the thermostat. The sound was still there. Bummer! It has to be water running somewhere. I ran to every bathroom and the kitchen – no luck there. Finally, I ventured outside. I could no longer hear the noise. I called the water company and was told there would be a long wait. It was the meter reading day, but they would eventually come out to diagnose the problem. I called my husband Ralph, who was out of town, to ask for suggestions. He said he would try and find a plumber and call me back with a phone number.

In the meantime, I called my neighbor and dear friend Marilyn to talk about my trip and my water noise. Within minutes, her husband, Allen appeared ready to tackle the problem. We retraced my steps, and Allen concurred with my results. Then he said it must be underneath my front porch. He removed a section of fence which prevents large animals from living underneath the porch. And then I remembered, he had come over a few months back to coax a nice snake from my front porch. And where did it slither to, underneath my front porch. I felt an obligation to go under the porch with him to stay on snake patrol. We were armed with a shovel, gloves and a flashlight. He had to move cinder blocks and then shovel dirt sideways. The height was 4 feet. There were two leaks in the pipe. Suffice to say that six hours later, Allen had stopped both leaks, cut out the damaged pipe with a tiny saw, replaced the damaged pipe with new pipe and elbow, brought in rocks to provide support for underneath the pipe, replaced the dirt and packed it and closed up the fence portion of the porch. Oh and by the way Marilyn made us both lunch.

Ralph and I were amazed

and so deeply touched that our neighbors would be so thoughtful and sacrifice their good day to undo our bad day. I still cannot get over Allen's and Marilyn's generosity. I learned a lot that day about being a true friend. Of course, Marilyn and Allen "wrote the book" so I learned from the best about friendship.

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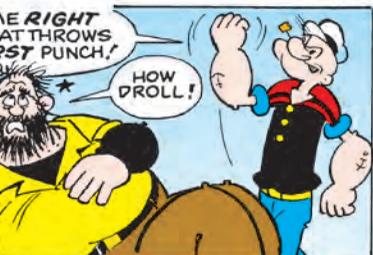
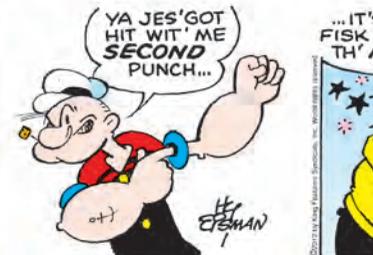
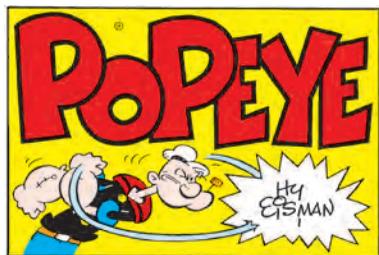
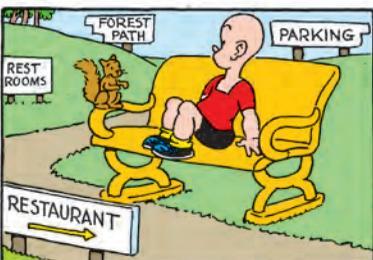
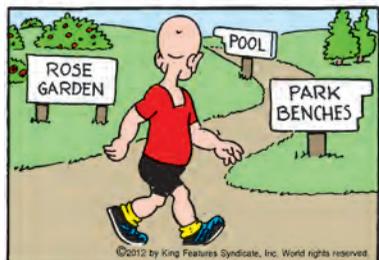
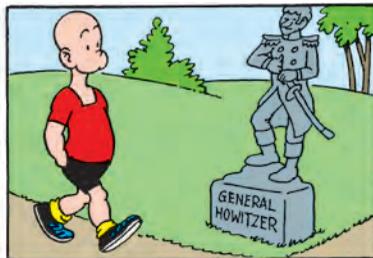
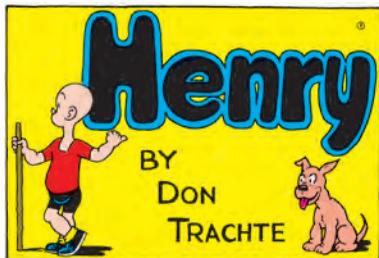
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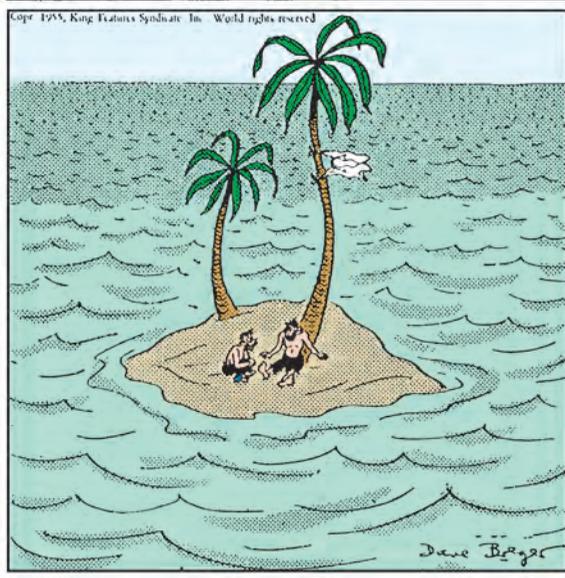


Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Corvette Show Shines in 2012

The Miracle Strip Corvette Club revved up their 2012 Life's A Vette on the Beach Show, held in conjunction with the Chamber's Taste of the Beach, September 15.

"Saturday, we counted 221 Corvettes from across the south-east, a 30 percent jump from last year," said Beach resident and show organizer Rick Gordon. "We are so grateful for the community and the Chamber's support."

The attendees are ready to return next year. What they liked the most was the friendliness, clean beaches, and good food at Taste of the Beach, according to Gordon. The 2013 show date is set for September 14.



Bill Kettenring polishes his '58 Vette convertible for the Beach Show, September 15 at Casino Beach.



Miracle Strip Corvette Club Member Mike Simon with his 2009 Atomic Orange Corvette at the September 15 show.

Jim Hamblin traveled from Southaven, Mississippi to participate in the Life's a Vette at the Beach show hosted by the Miracle Strip Corvette Club. He is a member of the Memphis Corvette Club and entered his 1954 White Corvette Roadster in the show.

The Corvette Show which features a raffle, valve cover race and People's Choice award donates the proceeds to charity. This year's show had 221 entries and hundreds of attendees.



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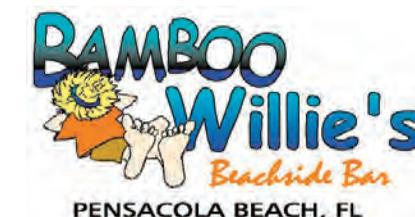
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TURTLE TRAX

By DJ Zemenick

We have been having a very good sea turtle season on Pensacola Beach and the Gulf Islands National Seashore. Our ending nest count for 2012 was 77 nests, only seven shy of the record set just last year when we had 84 nests. The nesting phase, which begins in May, kicks into high gear around June 1 and peaks in mid-July, quickly falls off in August. In fact, there were only five nests laid in our entire patrol area during the month of August, the last being laid by a loggerhead on August 16 in the Santa Rosa area of Gulf Islands National Seashore. This means we will have nests hatching until at least mid-October and probably even later since incubation times are extended when the weather cools and sand temperature drops.

A second year with a high nest count is very exciting. Typically there is a two to three year interval between sea turtles' nesting seasons. Sea turtles which nested on our beaches this year are not the same ones which nested here last year. Two seasons in a row in which our nest count nearly doubled seems more likely to be a true up-trend instead of a fluke when we factor in different sea turtles. Hopefully this is the result of the monitoring program and our combined conservation efforts!

This year, in addition to our usual loggerhead nests, we were happy to have five green sea turtle nests, as well as a couple of Kemp's ridleys. The last leatherback nest we had in our area was at Ft. Pickens in 2000, and we were hoping this would be the year one would return, especially when we heard one was laid in Okaloosa County. Sadly, it was not, but perhaps next year!

Our nests this year have been heavily impacted by three weather events: a front in mid-June which resulted in 13" of rain over a 24-hour time period (although one of our patrol areas, Perdido Key, recorded 21.7" in that same time frame); a storm surge which occurred during Tropical Storm Debby at the end of June; and another storm surge from Hurricane Isaac in August. Although only four nests were actually washed out by the storm surges, several were subjected to heavy rain, repeated washovers, or situated in low-lying areas which did not drain well, and

ended up with spoiled eggs or a seriously reduced hatch rate.

The saddest case was a loggerhead nest at Ft. Pickens which was laid on the Fourth of July and assessed by a bio-tech on September 21 when it failed to hatch. All the hatchlings were found to have hatched and be fully developed, but none were alive. The bio-tech said they were curled up, just like they were sleeping, tiny and perfect, but the entire nest was lost. The most likely cause was drowning during Hurricane Isaac's storm surge. It breaks our hearts to lose a nest this way, but it makes what we CAN do to help them that much more important. Each piece of plastic, fishing line, or other trash you remove from the beach will help keep them from choking or starving; each sand pit you take time to fill in will help keep them from being trapped; removing your tents and chairs each night will help

keep them from being trapped or discouraged from nesting; and turning out your lights will help keep them from becoming discouraged to nest or disoriented when they hatch. YOU can make a difference!

Until next time, Lights Out!

Nest & Hatchling Update Pensacola Beach & Gulf Islands National Seashore as of Sept. 23:

Perdido Key -GINS	20
Ft. Pickens - GINS	7
Pensacola Beach	20
Santa Rosa - GINS	30
Total nests	77
Hatchlings in the Gulf:	3655



Kowabunga Kids! Expert Innerlight surf instructor Ben Martin, left, shows Genna Edwards, 11 and her brother Garrett, 9, of Gulf Breeze how to surf during the Kids Surf Clinic held in conjunction with Taste of the Beach, September 15 at Casino Beach. Innerlight hosted 35 kids at no charge.

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So we are officially in the fall season now, the fishing is better than ever. We've got a full moon right around the corner. It's time to fish or gig some Flounder. Those who fish for Flounder must have a lot of patience since these fish are very slow moving creatures that like to stay in the sand underneath the water. Flounder tend to like finger mullets or minnows. They will also go after shrimp, squid and even artificial bait. Bring your line back slowly across the bottom of the waters. You may feel a slight tug when the Flounder catches on, but it will not be anything drastic. You may even bring some Trout or Reds back with you in the process. A Flounder's diet consists mainly of fish spawn, crustaceans, and small fish. Flounder range in length from 4 inches to a foot long, but some are as large as 24 inches.

Interestingly, Flounder are born with one eye located on each side of their head, but the eye migrates as the Flounder matures.

As an adult, a Flounder changes its habits and camouflages itself by lying on the bottom of the ocean floor as protection against predators. As a result, the eyes are then on the side which faces up.

Fort Pickens is hot, hot, hot for the Redfish and Bull Reds. Get on down there. Get into some

of this action! You can hit on Spanish Mackerel, some Flounder there, too.

Pier reports: Both Pensacola Beach and Navarre Piers have been reporting Spanish, Whiting and a few Sharks. With this southeast wind look for Whiting, Pompano and Kings to really start picking up again on the piers and for surf fishing.

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Beautiful fall days and nights in paradise! What are you waiting for? Grab a kid and get fishing!

Greeks Share Cuisine And Culture At Fest

The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of Pensacola is busy preparing for the 53rd annual Greek Festival, October 12-14. Like a visit to Greece, the Pensacola Greek Festival offers a rich, multi-sensory experience of Greek hospitality and culture. Savory cuisine, soulful music, lively dancing, and educational tours transform the church grounds at 1720 West Garden Street into a three day "glendi" (celebration).

The festival opens at 11 a.m. Friday and Saturday; and at noon on Sunday. For details, go to www.PensacolaGreekFestival.com

I love fishing. I mean I really love it. Every once in awhile I need a reminder about one of the many reasons I do.

Monday afternoon after an unbelievable weekend of music and crowds at DeLuna Fest, I was bone tired. (For those of you who don't know I am the restaurant manager at The Dock). I mean the kind of tired where every little piece of you aches. So Monday afternoon I headed out to one of my favorites fishing spots. The minute I walked out to the water I could feel myself coming back to life. The sun on my face, the smell and taste of the salt air began its recuperative powers almost immediately. I didn't even throw my net for the first hour; just soaked in the sounds and sights of the surf. Something about this beautiful place we call home has a way of calming my soul and restoring my attitude, always.

Don't get me wrong guys, a little over an hour later I had some nice Finger Mullet for bait and my



Lisa Busby earned the title of Shaker Queen at the annual Shakerfest, Sunday, September 16. The contestants raised \$5,600 for charity by collecting a dollar per vote. Lisa received the coveted crown, custom necklace and a number of royal perks from Sandshaker owners Beverly and Sonny Campbell.

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	9PM-1AM	"Songwriters Band"
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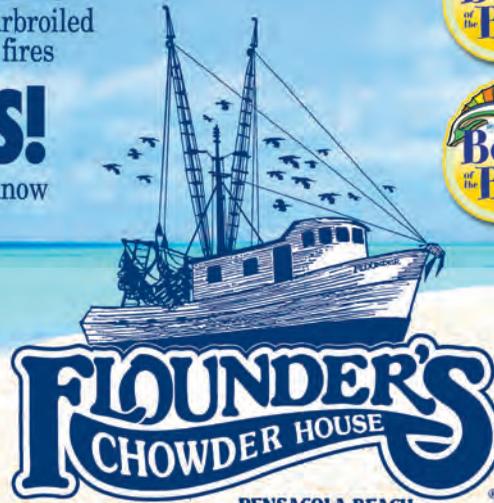
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