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## Time To Say Goodbye



Just like every fifth grade student who walked the halls before them, these Pensacola Beach Elementary School fifth graders are looking forward to the last day of school. As June 7 quickly approaches, they find themselves ready to be promoted, yet they hold tight to the fond memories and strong friendships that the Beach School nurtures. Their teacher Tara Turk, center, says they are like one, big family. She should know. Turk taught this group during their fourth and fifth grade years at the Beach School. Fifth grade family members are (top row, L to R): Tommy Egly, John McDowell, Victoria Williams, Gabby Diehl and Hailey Gilbert. Middle row (L to R): Ashley Etheredge, Madeline Taylor, Sofie Babcock, Erin Johnson, Cali Hargrove, Jon Sawyer Smith, Ella Amos, Abby Pohlen, Kimmy Noble and Chloe Kauffman. Front row (L to R) Grant Ginnie, Tekoah Roby, Hampton Crance, Mason Bourgeois, Teacher Tara Turk, Aaryan Patel, Zack Smoker, Matthew McCurdy and Dylan Renfro. Tanner Braxton was absent on picture day.

Want to learn more about Pensacola Beach Elementary's Class of 2013? Turn to page 2.

# Beach School Students Form Tight Knit Family

Teacher Tara Turk has a big family with lots of kids. That's how she feels about her students at Pensacola Beach Elementary School. The twenty-four youngsters who comprise the fifth grade class are kind, thoughtful and extremely hard working, according to their teacher. She also said they are respectful, but speak their minds.

The students agree. Most said the best things about attending the Beach School are making great friends, the top notch teachers and the beach front campus.

Sofie Babcock, who has been a Beach School Sandpiper for five years, said, "You are with the nicest, friendliest people ever, and it's like you're family even if you are only here for one year."

Gabrielle Diehl, 10, like many of her classmates, stated that being able to see the water and the beach from the classroom window is a real plus.

Fifth graders faced new curriculum and high standards during in their academic year. They recently completed the FCAT testing, which left a lasting impression on Tekoah Roby and Zack Smoker. Both young men said it was their favorite memory of their fifth grade year, noting that after the testing is complete, there is free time to let off steam.

Tanner Braxton said the most important thing he learned at the Beach School was science. When he grows up, he wants to be an inventor, entrepreneur or scientist. His advice to the next class is to make sure they focus on their lessons.

The classroom is where the students achieve the high academic scores for which the Beach School is famous. But, many of the lessons are learned in remote locations. The fifth grade class traveled to the Es-

cambia County Environmental Center for hands-on outdoor science activities. Prior to the holidays they participated in a school-wide canned food drive. They delivered the donations to the Manna Food Bank where they helped sort food.

"We all really loved this field trip," said Turk. "The kids get to see that many aren't as privileged as we are and how important it is to give back to their community."

The end-of-year field trip is a fifth grade tradition at the Beach School and this class made a big splash at theirs. They spent an entire day at Adventures Unlimited in Milton participating in team building exercises, had a cook out and finally, tubed down the river all afternoon.

They are part of the overall beach community, as well. Abby Pohlen and Zack Smoker are the reigning Queen and King of the Krewe of Kids. The Junior Optimist Club to which many fifth graders belong, has made donations to area charities and recently brought supplies for Camp Happy Sands.

The students excel in the classroom and in the sports arena. Tekoah Roby aspires to a career as a professional baseball player. He simply loves the sport and has played all his life.

Just like any family, the members are diverse as are their interests. As they look to the future, most are enrolled in Gulf Breeze Middle School, beyond that, some have lofty career goals.

Hailey Gilbert would like to be a veterinarian, because she loves animals. Mason Bourgeois looks forward to becoming an engineer or a carpenter. A number of students claimed careers in areas that help people like doctors, nurses, hair stylists, lifeguards and even a preacher.

Aaryan Patel and Matthew McCurdy are headed to law school, because they want to earn a big salary. Erin Johnson sees herself as a marketing and advertising exec.

"My hobby is making fake commercials," said Johnson. "For a while I did not know that I did it, then it just became a habit."

Their ideas varied on what the world would be like in the

future. When asked what one thing will change by the year 2020, flying cars, flying people and hover crafts floated to their minds.

Hampton Crance, 11, said, "Our maturity and responsibility will change by 2020."

The level of maturity and responsibility is already fairly high among this group of 10 and 11-year-olds. They left a few tidbits of advice for the underclassmen: Always pay atten-

tion. Be relaxed and be ready. Be amazing. Enjoy it while it lasts. Never let yourself down. Be prepared. Do your best. Work hard. Don't get in trouble. Ashley Etheredge summed it up by saying, "Have fun! You will love it."

As the students spend their final days at the little school on the sand, they recognize that it is time to leave the Beach School, but they will always be part of the family.

## STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Matthew McCurdy, left, was named the Pensacola Beach Elementary School Student of the Year. The award is given to the student who excels in academics, good citizenship in addition to persevering and overcoming personal challenges.

## SHINING STAR

Cali Hargrove, right, is Pensacola Beach Elementary School's Shining Star. This award is given to a student who exemplifies high character and acts as a positive role model for other students.

Both of the awards are voted on by the Beach School's teachers and staff.

Congratulations to Matthew and Cali.

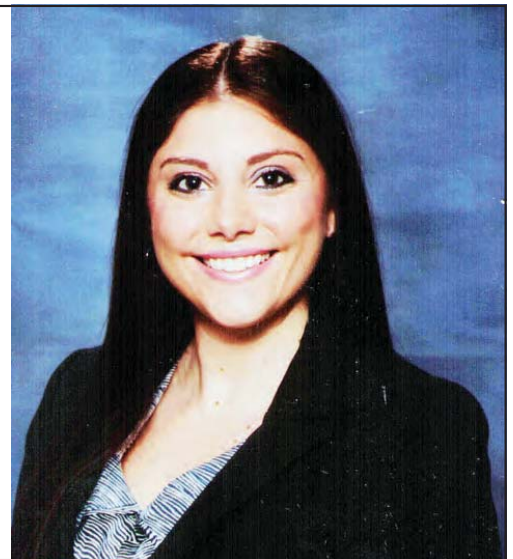


## LACIE GRADUATES LAW SCHOOL

Barry University, Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, is pleased to announce that Lacie Jean Tallo received the degree of Juris Doctorate with honors in Children and Family Certification, May 1. Prior to Law School, Lacie graduated from Florida State University receiving a B.A. in Communications and a minor in English.

Lacie, who was raised on Pensacola Beach, is the daughter of Monette and Sam Hodges and Ronnie Tallo. She is the granddaughter of Mike and Jeannie Tinnerello and Russell and Carla Tallo and the great granddaughter of Nat Colona, Sr.

Lacie is living in Orlando, where she is studying in preparation for taking the Bar Exam.



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# Forever...Barefoot on the Beach

As a tribute to Jane Waters who passed away January 10, 2012 Island Times will continue to run some of Jane's favorite columns for your enjoyment

## The Islander Newspaper – July 12, 1985

The Islander Newspaper is a born again every week publication which is created in a windowless, oxygenless, concrete block walled room, lovingly called "The Dungeon." Liz and I toil there, submerged among miscellaneous pieces of equipment of various vintages - - all of which seem to be subject to hypochondria. If the editors themselves seem to suffer from excessive thirst and manic depression, don't worry...these are occupational diseases, which can be quickly cured as soon as the layout sheets are securely packed for the trip to Crestview, and we can ascend into the upper reaches of our Ariola tower, to replenish our oxygen supply.

Yesterday, I was forced to clean The Dungeon. All its bad points, its defects, its drawbacks, and inadequacies blossomed as I pushed the broom along the aging vinyl floor.

Not only is the office too small, too dark, too dreary, and too hot, all the wall receptacles are on one side. So, if you should ever be forced to visit us, be sure to check the floor for cords running crossways. The physical problems of The Dungeon are bad enough, but the nature of the newspaper business creates weekly paper snowstorms with drifts rising up the walls. Every

level surface is covered with paper...layout sheets, typing paper, photo paper, yesterday's New Journal, art work, last month's bills, rejected photos, and enough shredded trim paper to start a new sport on Pensacola Beach, "Scrap Paper Skiing."

I sit on a tall stool when I am working to keep from drowning in constantly reproducing debris. It is really an awesome mess which bothers some people a lot and some people not at all.

Last week Pam Jordan arrived right after clean up time. Pam, who has been bringing over her column for five years, remarked, "Wow, this is the first time I have ever seen this office look like this."

She courteously refrained from using such explicit language as "clean" and "neat."

Cathy Kress, who has survived safaris in African jungles and who runs all over town with a Zoomobile full of wild creatures, is never intimidated by the horrendous chaos which surrounds us as we work. Of course, she usually arrives carrying a small pistol, wearing boots and a helmet, and she never stays very long... like, "Hi, here's my column. Have to go now."

Is this the same Cathy who will sit in a restaurant and converse for hours?

Then, there are the cagey columnists like Pastor Jack and

Jeff Snyder. They always manage to turn their copy in at the door, remaining in the circulating air of the driveway. Somehow, neither one seems to yearn to spend any time in the dank environs from which The Islander springs every week.

Then, take Dene Vaughn... she doesn't even venture onto Ariola Drive. She sends her column by messenger. That's how close she comes to The Dungeon.

The fringe people who are obligated to enter our web, frequently exhibit real fear of getting bogged into a mire of quickpaper, never to be heard from again.

"Good grief," Mark Cashon wailed the first time he entered The Dungeon.

"All newspaper offices are like this," Liz told him. "Even The News Journal."

Mark shook his head and headed for his studio in the bright Rip Curl window.

Buddy Green necessarily must tolerate The Dungeon now and then as he makes repairs. Last time, he came over, things were almost at a break point. He stood on a stack of Islanders dating back to June 1981 and said, "What do you want me to do with this bill?"

"In the shoe box," I muttered.

"There are six of them and they are all full" he answered.

"Just give it to me," I said.

He tucked it back into his order book. "I'll get it to you later."

He looked like he didn't trust anyone who had to kick boxes, paper wads and wax blobs out of the way just to find the telephone.

On the other hand, John Layson brings in photographs almost every week, and makes no comment one way or the other about The Dungeon. If he is upset or frightened by it all, he courageously hides his feelings, and pretends he is not really standing on copies of My Captain's 19979 ad, a picture of Rooney's Restaurants, and a faded cheese cracker box. John displays enthusiasm for the photo journalistic roles he plays for The Islander. He probably things the hazards of entering the office may be part of the training for photogenic beach disasters.

Liz and I handle these inconveniences without complaining on any long term basis. However, the typesetter, the prima donna of all computers, voices her dislike the first time a bead of sweat pops up on her screen. Why is a Queen held prisoner in a Dungeon, she asks, as she refuses to let one letter contact properly with the

chips...she groans and crumples up expensive paper. She throws black spots into the middle of ads. She rants and raves and sends threatening messages. And then, finally she haughtily sits back and does nothing. No black blobs. No type. No tirades. No shrill messages. Nothing. She is the one great power in The Dungeon. She is the force of our small universe.

Quickly, we begin to pacify her. We set the air conditioning at 55 - - yep, Fahrenheit! We turn fans on her. We start sweeping the floor. We speak in hushed tones. We curtsy each time we pass her pouting screen. After a while we hear a cheerful click, click, click...a merry beep, beep, beep. The stories are coming through slick and clean. The moral of this column is if you must work in a Dungeon, do not underestimate the power of a computer - - especially a female computer.

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CHEERS! Pensacola Beach's Mayor Bob Merriman celebrated his 86th birthday at the Sandshaker Lounge, May 18. Bob will tell you that he located City Hall on the white sands of Casino Beach and his constituents were bikini clad beauties.

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# PEOPLE

# Trivia

### CONGRATS GRADS

Two former Pensacola Beach residents graduated from college in May. Proud parents Maria and Bill Weisnicht announced that daughter Eleni graduated from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor's degree in Chemical and Biological engineering. New mom Sydney Waters received a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with a GIS certificate. Sydney just completed a soil sample research project. She loves the environment and would like to work for the EPA or Park Service. Little Sailor and husband Jeff are very proud.

### OFF TO NASHVILLE

Madison Murphy has earned some time off. The high school senior who carried all college courses with dual enrollment last semester is taking a graduation trip to Nashville to spend a month with BZR Turner's daughter, Haven. Then, it's off to NYU for six weeks. According to mom Linda, Madison will enroll at the University of West Florida in the fall.

### HAPPY CAMPERS

Beach businesses and residents rallied around Karen Cook Cowen and the Krewe of Bananimals to help provide beach toys, towels, swimwear and fishing gear for hundreds of children who attend Camp Happy Sands. Shaggy's, the Lunch Bunch, Beach Chamber members and Pensacola Beach Elementary's Junior Optimist Club sent checks and items for the kids. Beach teenager Cody Cowen loaded, hauled and transported the items to their final destination. Last year the camp served 195 disadvantaged children.

### READ ME

Author Laura Morrigan will release "Woof at the Door," the first in a new series of novels, on July 2. Until that time, readers can ask her mom Pensacola Beach's Frances Grow what the book's about or get a peek at the first chapter on her website, lauramorrigan.com. According to Laura, her mom is her number one fan!

### MUSIC FOR MOM

The Pensacola Symphony Orchestra's May 12 Mother's Day concert was a huge hit. Among the one thousand guests were Art and Char Parrish, Amy Depew, Dee Riley and her sister Millie, Pandora de Balthazar and John Parrish, to name just a few.

### VINTAGE PHOTO

Beach School fourth grader Lauren Thompson had some good news to share with the *Island Times* publisher. She unearthed a vintage copy of *The Islander* Newspaper which featured two photos of interest. Her dad and his fellow Marines were wearing military uniforms in one, and the second showed them in Beach Volunteer Firefighter's gear. At the time, her dad Mark was a Marine Corps lieutenant. He recently retired as a Lt. Colonel. Her mom is Dr. Jenny Thompson.

### NEWS GUY

Channel 3 News reporter Joe Douglass had to cover the triathlon at Portofino on Mother's Day, but he made sure his mom received a bunch of flowers on May 12. He is a California boy, and mom still lives in LA, so the bouquet will have to do until she can come to visit the white sand beaches of Santa Rosa Island.

### FIFTY YEARS OF GIRL POWER

Carleen Wheeler is an energetic lady who never misses a chance to volunteer. She's at everything from church to Mardi Gras events. It's no surprise that she is part of the Philanthropic Education Organization which encourages young women to seek higher education opportunities. The PEO recently recognized Carleen for fifty years of membership. She traveled to Central Florida to accept the award. Daun Dodson accompanied her.

### TWENTY YEARS AT THE PARK

Teacher and multi-sport athlete Linda Fogel travels to Massachusetts working a summer job that she simply loves. She has served as a National Park Service lifeguard for twenty years. The swimmers are in good hands.

### BEACH BOUND

Jim and Lila Cox have a home full of guests, so they toured them around Beach hot spots like Paradise, Casino Beach and the famous Fiesta Sandsculpture Contest. First to arrive was Maureen Tierney from Newport, Kentucky. Then the Wauconda, Illinois gang made their trek South arriving May 18. Jim's niece Maria Weisbruch and husband Scott, along with his great nieces Sarah and Hannah Stendebach and their friend Kelly Dopak.

The Trivia Master asked the Wooly Boogers to divulge a little known fact about their existence and the preservation of their Island tribe. It tripped up most, but not the scholarly and esteemed *Sandspur* publisher Chuck Steele. He did not consult the Beach oracle G. Cole. He did not seek council of the Knights of the Trivia Roundtable. Setting his beer and fishing pole aside, he sent a swift email to the pompous Trivia Master, "Jim and Bonnie Elbert." It was indeed his neighbors Jim and Bonnie Elbert who started an organization to keep Wooly Boogerism alive. They named it the "Wooly Booger Preservation Society."

The Elberts, who still live in their waterfront home on Panferio, are longtime beach residents and retired from the grind of running multiple retail beach stores when their son Jeff took over the family business. In 1996, they declared the Wooly Booger to be an endangered Beach wildlife species due to loss of habitat. WPS membership required that a person was Wooly or was Wooly-related. It's uncertain how many Preservation Society

meetings were held, since the venues would have been dark bar rooms or sandfront beaches. The tribe thrives. Jim and Bonnie are proud Wooly Boogers.

Big Bob Dority, who has a fancy new Galaxy tablet, and Offshore Chuck Brower, were among the throngs of people who answered Les and Lynn Cieutat. While they are certainly the wooliest of Woolies, they did not start the Wooly Booger Preservation Society. Les, who passed away, was the founder and energy behind organizing the Wooly Booger Social Club. His High Wooliness Les watches over the island tribe from his vantage point above the Paradise Bar.

Her Royal Wrongness Joanne Brooks shall reign forever. Long live the Queen of Wrong Answers! The Queen waved her scepter and presented Les and Joy Anderson as the WPS founders. The couple, who owned the famous Sundeck Saloon and Sidewalk Café in the heart of the Sandspur Republic, were not the WPS founders. They were champions of the Wooly Booger lifestyle. Burgers and darts. The wine menu had two choices. Red or white. Queen Jo has allowed a

few to enter her kingdom, their passports are but temporary. She fully expects them to get one right soon. Monika Cosson thought it was Les and Bonnie Cieutat. Most-of-the-time Beach resident Jane McGrath quipped it was Les Cieutat and threw Sgt. Roy Wilson's name into the answer, just for good measure. Enjoy your stay in the Land of Wrong Answers, ladies.

The Queen of the Krewe of Coma Christine Cook blasted an email to the TM with a correct statement, but a wrong answer. "Les Cieutat, his High Wooliness established the Wooly Booger Social Club."

So, Stainless gets the shirt and goes back to fishing and sipping.

The Trivia Master loves the ladies who work so diligently to send answers. So, name the lady who did not work diligently at anything for a while, thus earning the title of Beach Bum of the Year. She was the first lady to achieve this lofty status. Do you know who she is? Send your answer, along with your name and phone number to [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net). Hurry, the beer's getting warm.

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- May 29 Motor City Josh, 6 PM
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# Visitors Center, Segway Tours and Coffee House Ministry Meet Committee Approval

Construction of a new Pensacola Beach visitors Center could begin as early as October 1 according to a report presented by Architect John Tice to the Santa Rosa Island Authority Architectural and Environmental Committee at their May 22 meeting.

The project, which would relocate the Center to the north end of the Casino Beach parking area, could be out for bid this summer, if it receives full board approval next month.

"We will be looking for contractors who can deliver the quality we expect," said Tice.

The new building will be elevated with a south facing entryway, a lift for those who cannot climb stairs and large windows to allow for natural light. In addition the upgrades to the interior include a lobby with an information desk, free standing kiosks and display areas. The design shows two offices and ample storage.

Future plans may include the option for additional retail spaces.

Wheels, reels and coffee house preaching were considered by the Administrative Committee. The request by Innerlight to sublease the third floor of their Pensacola Beach Boulevard location to Ben Martin, owner of The Drowsy Poet, received

unanimous Committee approval. The Coffee House would be open from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. everyday and feature a ministry, Christian bands and comedy nights.

The request from Chris Phillips of Hot Spots to sublease the first floor for a bait and tackle and fishing charter business at Innerlight was also approved, but will appear on the Full Board's regular agenda due to the need for further input from staff because of its proposed ground floor location.

Nick Schuck of Emerald Coast Tours, received approval to operate Segway Tours from the Tiki Island Golf and Games, contingent on the execution of an interlocal agreement. Escambia County is drafting an interlocal agreement to address both Segway and pedicab operations on Pensacola Beach. A tour operator will lead groups of 5 riders east along the sidewalk to the residential beach streets during an hour long tour costing \$55 per person.

Banks Enterprises received approval to host the Gulf Coast Summerfest at Casino Beach, August 31. The one day Labor Day Weekend concert event would cordon off an area of the sand beach for staging and the audience.

Promoter Cadillac Banks commented, "Concerts are a way

to draw people to the beach. I can bring a good concert on a low budget."

Banks anticipates ticket prices to be \$65.

In support of the National Naval Aviation Museum's fiftieth anniversary, Administrative Committee Member Dave Pavlock suggested the SRIA become a Bronze level sponsor. The \$1,000 donation doubles the previous year's amount. The Committee voted to approve the amount, but Member Janice Gilley asked for additional clarification from staff on donations.

"I am in favor of this sponsorship, but how do we dole out money and how much do we have to dole out?" she asked.

Executive Director Buck Lee referred her to Finance Director Dottie Ford.

In her monthly report, Ford gave the Committee a positive accounting of the income for March. Lease fee revenues were 4.5% higher than the previous year. Collections totalled \$594,450. Expenditures remain below budget.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Full Board will meet, Wednesday, June 12 at 5 p.m. at 11111 Via de Luna. The meetings are open to the public. Agendas are available at [www.sria-fla.com](http://www.sria-fla.com).



Hot Rods roared into Paradise Inn, May 16-19. Top photo: Paradise's Terese Overlade gets a hug from Charlie Tisdale, who owns the red T-bird convertible. Bottom photo: Warren Spike Livaudais drove his 1955 Sea Mist Green Chevy from Hammond, Louisiana to join the other car enthusiasts for a beach weekend.

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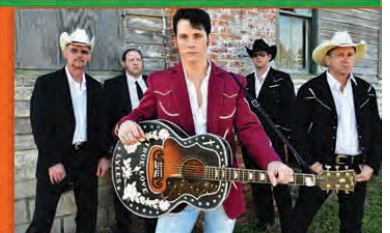
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# Peas, porridge and a dry martini

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Something I learned recently is that lots of people gamble on the Internet. I didn't know that. I knew about the games, but not gambling for real money. That really surprised me since I consider it a "roll of the dice" any time I turn on my computer. That's enough of a gamble for me in cyberspace anyway. If I'm gonna gamble with real money, then I want the real thing! I want the whole casino atmosphere as well as the freebies like free rooms, food, drinks, and especially their money known as free play. Oh, I know it's not really free but my goal is to get the free play money outta their machine and into my own little grubby hands.

My husband Bill and I attended the Gulf Breeze Middle School Symphony performed in the Saenger Theatre. Grandson Jesiah joined the band this year which is taught by Band Director Susan Smithey. She does so much more than teach our children to read and play music. She directs them until they can feel the music. I think that's a very valuable lesson. The ability to feel and connect with music can change the life of an adolescent. They will always remember how Susan Smithey made them feel. Sometimes there's a rare teacher who makes her students feel special at a time when they may need it most whether they know it yet or not. Just ask any of her kids which is their favorite class. So I'd like to say "Thank You" to Susan Smithey. Not only were our children prepared and amazing, but the setting was so exquisite that if my grandson never sets foot on another stage, I'll always have that performance in my heart.

Our granddaughter Quincy Rowe aka my SissyGirl also had achievements to celebrate. We traveled all the way to the Naval Museum on Sunday afternoon. Yes, that's a long way for islanders on any day but especially those of us who usually refuse to leave the beach on the weekends. It was worth it. My SissyGirl joined the Girl Scouts as a Daisy last year. She has sold cookies, completed assignments, enjoyed rewards, and earned all her badges to graduate to the next level. She is officially a Brownie Scout, new vest and all. Being my granddaughter, she re-

ally wanted a sash instead of a vest. Well, of course she would! Everyone knows sashes look a lot more regal than vests. And there's definitely a Tiara in that child's future.

On the subject of tiaras, our current Reigning Queen Shugah Jayne Drees Redmond of the Woolly Booger Social Club has extended Royal Invitations to everyone in her Queendom on the first day of June 2013, "Be Ye Islanders, Be Ye Locals, or Be Ye Visitors from Afar." Queen Shugah Jayne is presenting the Keep the Hurricanes Away this Season Bawl.

Per our Queen's request, I have notified the Woolley family in Oklahoma since they expressed a desire to attend all the Woolly Booger Bawls because they so enjoyed the festivities last year. Of course, they loved the name! I hope all of you come out to Paradise for this one. Should we somehow have one of those dreaded storms in spite of our efforts, you will certainly be blamed if you did not attend. You could also incur the wrath of Queen Shugah not to mention some other powerful forces that you do not want to antagonize. So mark your calendars and start rounding-up your lucky charms, hoo-doo, we-doo, decorated Sheriff Badges and any offerings you might want to sacrifice or preserve on the Woolly Booger Altar. All white magic is welcome. To us this is one of the best parties of the year. Even the innocent by this I mean those who just happen to be at Paradise for the food or music get excited and insist on joining the festivities once they understand the meaning of the Bawl. Queen Shugah Jayne welcomes the pledges of support, loyalty and participation from her fun-loving islanders, mainlanders and visitors. Remember, "No Queen is an Island" which

is a very famous quote that I just made up.

For now, it's time to share another great recipe. It comes from one of our own SOB's Karen Hagford who currently lives on the East Coast in Fernadina Beach with husband Rick a long time National Park employee. Karen's a prime example of the SOB creed that "being an SOB is a matter of the heart, not the location." She makes enough of this recipe to freeze some for grandsons Stephen and Andrew Fredrickson.

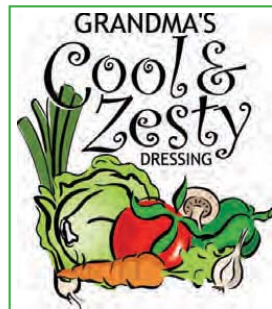
Quick and easy two things I love in the kitchen! Another is the flexibility of this recipe to exchange ingredients. But mostly I love being in the kitchen with my granddaughter Sissy-Girl priceless. Let's cook Baby Pot Pies

Left-over chicken, cubed Celery stalks, well diced Peas & Carrots (use frozen, but allow to thaw)  
 1 Can Cream of celery or Chicken Soup  
 1 package Crescent Rolls

Depending on the amount of left-over chicken, use celery, peas and carrots as needed. Starting with can of the chosen soup, add the remaining ingredients. Mix well, adding more if needed. After spooning mixture onto separated triangles of crescent dough, roll and seal it. Place seam side down on baking pan and bake in a 350 preheated oven until rolls are puffy and golden brown approx. 12-15 minutes. Freeze left-over rolls in freezer safe wrap or container. To re-serve, place frozen roll in microwave on safe dish and cook 1-2 minutes until heated through.

Enjoy! Don't forget to share and may God Bless our eternans and our friends and neighbors in Oklahoma.

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# Beach Couple Comes Full Circle

Steve Headley, an Army helicopter pilot recently back from Vietnam, and Carol, a school teacher, met on Pensacola Beach in 19 2 at Dirty Joe's. They were married April 2 , 19 3. They are celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary.



Carol and Steve Headley on their wedding day and celebrating their 40th anniversary.

Steve, a Marshall University graduate, and Carol, a University of Alabama graduate, spent the first two years of marriage working in Guam and traveling in the Far East before returning home to Pensacola.

Their daughter, Christy, was born in 19 6, and they bought their first home on the beach in 19 8. They have lived in the Gulf Breeze-Pensacola Beach area since then.

On the Beach, they were two of the few original Capt'n Fun Runners, long-time members of the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, and the Elk's Lodge. Over the years, they've enjoyed numerous 1 K races, marathons, triathlons,

sailboat races, exciting vacations, Beach Mardi Gras parades and Blue Angels shows with their many wonderful friends.

For twenty years, Steve owned sailboats with close friends Joe Stanley and Don Taylor. There are many fond memories and funny stories to be told about those sailing adventures and misadventures from Isla Murjeres,



Mexico to Pirate's Cove with guys, wives and friends.

Currently, Steve and Carol are building another home on Pensacola Beach, their favorite place in the world. They enjoy spending time with their daughter, son-in-law, two beautiful grandchildren and, of course, their many friends.

Congratulations to you both.

## A Cross in the Sand

By Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison  
Pensacola Beach Community Church



As I write this article it is just minutes after seeing the news about the devastation by the tornados in Oklahoma. It is with great sadness that so many people have lost loved ones, caring for those injured and picking up what is left of their homes. I think it is only appropriate that we think about our prayers as others in our country are still trying to find ways to comfort those in pain and looking at the task of rebuilding.

It is certainly God we turn to for strength and hope. There are times we say the words that we will pray or ask for prayers, but what you may not know is there are many studies being done to examine the effectiveness of prayer in aiding the process of physical and emotional healing. Dr. Carl A. Hammerschlag, M.D., a doctor who has followed much of the research on prayer studies stated, Connecting to something other than self, something that inspires you, something that fills you with awe and love they all embolden the healing spirit.

In an article about the potential healing power of prayer, research reveals that prayer can help people recover from depression and illness by focusing the mind on the things in life that

cause us to be grateful. It is also a way of expressing comfort in times of devastation when the whole world seems to be falling in around you.

As we see events unfold around our world it is a way that we can do something that will let others know of our care and concern. Many people of faith, prayer is a natural expression of trust and dependence upon God. Yet, no matter what you believe about prayer, it may be just the prescription to bring relief to someone in serious need. Here is a short prayer for your consideration.

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## BYTES & BITS

Q "What is 3-D printing?"  
A The latest thing in printers is the ability to "print" three-dimensional objects. It is certainly not what you normally think of when you imagine how a regular printer works. 3-D printing is done by special printers that can deposit layers of liquid material, such as plastic, to form pre-defined shapes.

The design information about the object that you want to create is sent to the printer from a computer or USB memory stick. The printer then analyzes the data, electronically slicing it into thin layers. The printer then deposits the material in layers, gradually building up the shape of the object. It is the opposite of traditional machining techniques, in which an object is carved from a block of material.

The technology is already far-reaching and is available for the typical home user in its simplest form. Major advances in the business world have been made - the creation of products used for everything from airplane parts to human body parts. This kind of process might not lend itself well to mass-production environments, but for small business operations doing custom work, it has a great potential. Eventually, we could even be

making the things that we need around the house.

For the home market, printers might cost 1, or less. However the inking materials could be quite expensive, depending on what you are trying to print. The list of things that can be created seems to be endless --- your face, jewelry, car parts, shoes. And, before you ask, yes

I did see one operational gun that was "printed" with such a printer. One manufacturer even suggested that one day new cars will come with a printer and a USB memory stick containing all the parts that you can make for yourself.

This article was provided by The Stukey Group. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or call 85 -2 6-3156.

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# The Lizard's Tongue by elizabeth hewson

It all started innocently enough a few weeks ago. It was nothing more than a standard permission slip allowing the Kid to travel to the Santa Rosa County Animal Shelter in Milton with his PE class to do volunteer work. Gulf Breeze High School would provide the transportation and the chaperones. All I had to do was simply sign and make sure the Kid had lunch money. However, nothing with a high school boy is ever innocent, standard, or simple.

The night before the field trip, the dinner table conversation revolved around the pets we had as a family. There were a lot of remember whens. Over the past 2 years, we have loved, nurtured and grieved for our dogs and cat -- Roy, Charlie, Sally and Sparky.

Roy, who came to me via a co-worker's ugly divorce and while the then 1stLt was deployed, was only with us for 1 months. A Bull Mastiff mix, Roy could leap the backyard fence in a single bound. Even electrified, it couldn't contain him as he was determined to catch that darn cat. His kryptonite was American steel going 25 m.p.h. Roy headbutted the side of a car while in pursuit of the elusive feline. Heartbroken, I vowed no more animals.

Then we rescued Charlie, a two-year-old mutt. When people would ask what kind of mix he was, my response was usually, Well, it would probably be quicker to tell you what he isn't. We knew two things about Charlie upon adoption, his breed was not one of them. First, he had endured endless beatings, starvation, target practice and a gasoline bath at the hands of his previous owners. Second, he had endless love to share. Charlie was a loyal and faithful 85 pound furry companion for over 14 years, five cross country moves, multiple deployments, and the birth of the Kid. As long as there was kibble in his bowl and belly scratches to be had, Charlie thought he could outlive us all. He gave it his best, as he almost lived to be 1. Heartbroken, I vowed no more animals.

Of course to assist in the rehabilitation of Charlie's beaten, but certainly not broken spirit, the vet suggested that we adopt a

female puppy. Thus, we acquired Sally. Half Doberman Pinscher, half Australian Shepherd, Sally was smart, independent, and had a face only her mother, meaning me, could love. She worked tirelessly teaching Charlie to wag his tail and to bark. She was always up to something whether it was herding us single file down the steps or catching squirrels in the backyard. Well over six feet long in full stretched out mode, Sally managed to take up as much bed space as possible for more than 13 years. After standing tall for four cross country moves, multiple deployments, and the birth of the cat, one night she bent down to eat her dinner and her back gave way from her neck to her tail. Heartbroken, I vowed no more animals.

Then came Sparky, the cat with nine lives and the sense to come in out of the rain. During a horrific thunder and lightning storm, Sparky jumped into our neighbors mini-van when they rolled down their window to see what was curled up alongside the road. They were Pug owners and Sparky was an unwelcomed guest. The Colonel said we could keep her. We found out the hard way that the Kid was, and still is, highly allergic to cat dander. Within months, Sparky found herself living on a waterfront farm in Southern Maryland. Every so often I would see her scooting along the driveway that lead to the main house. Heartbroken, I vowed no more animals.

So the day of the field trip, I reminded the Kid of two very important things please be on your best behavior and don't even think about getting any animal. No dog. No cat. No goldfish. No chinchilla. No monkey. No animals of any kind. Once the Kid was off to school, the Colonel and I began our journey to an ultra-marathon competition that would challenge him for 55 miles over and through some very unforgiving terrain in the Blue Ridge Mountains. By 3:30 p.m. and somewhere along the Appalachian Highway, I received the text message With Auntie Shoux. Day was good. There were two dogs that were ALMOST smuggled home. After multiple text messages with the Kid and my sister, plus a quick peruse of the Shelter's website, I realized at least he was using his manners.

The next afternoon, the

Colonel, along with 15 other runners, assembled at the start line for the Cruel Jewel. As fate would have it, at mile 35 and in a driving rain storm, the Colonel admitted he was done. The mountains, treacherously slick with wet, red

clay, had won this time. It was one in the morning. While I drove us back to the hotel, we made the decision to check out after we rested until a reasonable hour like six a.m. Neither one of us said it. We didn't have to. There was no

mountain too high or clay too wet, nothing would stop us from getting to Milton before the animal shelter closed. Until next time, I will be hanging out on Dog Beach with our newest family member, Pete, a four-year-old Pointer mix.



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# Wooly Boogers ar yToHa perHurricanes

Her Royal Sweetness, Queen Shugah Jayne Drees Redmond, The Benevolent and Adorable Titular Ruler of the Great Sandspur Republic has decreed that her island tribe of Wooly Boogers should awaken from their slumber and appear at Paradise Bar and Grill, Saturday, June 1 sometime around 3 p.m. to celebrate the first day of storm season. The annual Wooly Booger Keep The Hurricanes Away Bawl is open to all. All prior Queen Shughahs, Sir Dudes, Royal Consorts and documented Wooly Boogers open their ranks to those Wanna-Be, Shoulda-Been, Coulda-Been and Wooly-in-Waiting subjects of the island who want to ward off hurricanes.

To the under-informed, a long time ago the island had a law enforcement officer who coined the unflattering phrase "wooly booger" when referring to the beach locals. Bearded or not, the islanders loved it and wore the badge proudly. Les Cieutat started the Wooly Booger Social Club in 1996 and until his unexpected passing, was referred to as His High Wooliness. A few fierce storms changed the landscape of the island. So, it is the royal

charge of Queen Shugah to shoo hurricanes away.

Not an easy task. There is no charge to attend but guests should bring a good luck charm, voodoo talisman or any other oddity that may assist Queen Shugah in keep the swirling wings and raging rain from reaching our shores. There is an altar located in Paradise's open air dining area.

Mike Norris will entertain the Wooly Boogers all afternoon. Reddog and Friends take the stage at 6 p.m.

Paradise General Manager

and former Queen Shugah Renee Mack said the kitchen will be open, the bartenders will be ready, and those storms better stay away.

The National Hurricane Center makes dire predictions about the number of storms ready to wreck the beach and proclaimed May 26 - June 1 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

"I am ready to protect the island," Queen Shugah Jayne proclaimed. "I require Wooly toasting and dancing to power me up for the tasks ahead."

So, there you have it. You must drink and dance and have a good time at Paradise, June 1. The Queen has spoken.

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~ Candace Segar ~

Hi Pals, it's Galaxy Girl here. My husband Ralph and I are adoptive parents of a sort. We adopt robots. I find these robots being sold on eBay for spare parts which breaks my heart and makes my blood boil. The reason they are sold for spare parts is because the current owner cannot get them to work.



There was a 195 s robot up for purchase or best offer on eBay. He was mint in the box with the asking price set at 1,295. Yes, you read that correctly. Ralph and I bid on his counterpart who was being sold for parts. We got him through our excellent sniping plan for 9. When he arrived from the post office, I was overjoyed. He was really a neat looking guy. We examined him, tried to clean his contacts in his battery compartment for a better connection, but failed to get any action.

There was no choice we had to operate. Ralph and I took turns carefully unscrewing him and lifting tiny metal tabs to disconnect his enclosure. After we opened him up, we immediately saw the problem. The solder for his wiring had just let go. New wires, new solder and a new light bulb turned this poor "sad sack" into the cool, operation robot he was meant to be. Inside his chest was a "movie screen" which ran a continuous little Martian story. His eyes rotated while his legs made small movements. Awww the thrill of success.

Our second robot was a 19 2 model. He had a metal battery holder, but was mainly a plastic design. I unscrewed him and found a loose wire. Ralph used a battery tester to see if the motor was operable. It wasn't working. Ralph gently opened the motor and handed it to me. The brushes for the motor were filthy. I used my fingernail carefully scraping the crud from the brushes. Then Ralph used a file to remove any other corrosion. We had to re-solder his existing wiring, re-install the motor, and work on his switch. After screwing him back together, we stood him up. Presto! He walked swinging his arms, with his face and chest lit up. We were proud.

There is something to be said for robots of the past. I think they pushed kids into becoming the scientists and engineers of the future. That's something we need more of today. And with that said I move on to the hunt for my next robot! I never met a robot I didn't like!

# T S

The daily tasks of a Pensacola Beach Lifeguard vary from saving lives to serving as ambassadors to the visiting public. It takes a great deal of training to qualify to become a "Guardian of the Gulf." Those interested in



Pensacola Beach Elementary School second graders adapted and performed an opera based on the book, Teach s, Amelia Bedilia The leading lady at the evening per ormance in front o a packed house, April 25, was Baylen Crance The per ormance was held at the Pensacola Beach Community Church

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becoming a lifeguard may wish to attend Junior Lifeguard tryouts, June 1 and June 8. The tryouts are held at the concrete picnic pavilions just north of Key Sailing and the Boardwalk beginning at a.m.

Prospects, ages 13-15, are required to swim 4 yards in open water in less than ten minutes. A fifteen minute break is given prior to the one mile run along the sandy beach. The run must be completed in 12 minutes. After successfully completing the try-out, teenagers may register for the Junior Lifeguard program. The sessions are June 1 -28 and July 15-26 from 9 a.m. to 3 3 p.m.

The cost to attend is 2 plus the costs of necessary equipment, shirt and swimsuit.

The program is physically challenging but fun. Attendees can expect daily physical condi-

tioning, Ocean Lifeguard Training, Surf Activities, Beach Safety, Tower Shadowing, Fire Rescue Training, and Emergency Medical Skills. Field trips will be taken to Sabine Island Research Station, lunch on the Boardwalk and Fort Pickens for a picnic.

"Through several different types of training, the program nearly simulates the training of the Pensacola Beach Lifeguards," said Santa Rosa Island Authority Public Safety Director Bob West, who created the program. "Every junior lifeguard will be educated on everything from medical equipment to actually performing mock rescues. There is no better way to learn how to educate and protect the public at Pensacola Beach than to be a junior lifeguard!"

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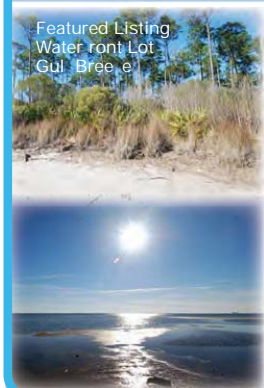
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# BUSINESS BUZZ.....

**T** Paradise Bar has been awarded third place in the Florida Beach Bars online voting poll. The Sandshaker Lounge bushwacked its way to tenth place. Good places to find a cool adult beverage and some colorful characters.

**T** If you hang around at Crab's, We Got Em long enough, you are bound to see a familiar face from television. The most recent celebrity to dine under the red roof is Chef Robert Irvine from television's Restaurant Impossible. Adam Richman loved the beignets and beer; and Emeril Lagasse filmed part of his Florida series from the Crab's Gulf front patio.

**T** Two Beach eateries celebrated birthdays recently. The Grand Marlin, which revitalized the northernmost spot on the Island, is now three years old. And, the funky and fun Shaggy's has been open for one year.

**T** Beach poet and expert dart player Mike Willett wants to get a beachwide dart tourney organized to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of one of the famous "Dart Parties." The party and tourney was June 28, 1983. Players threw at local pubs and pizza places, honing their skills for the annual event. Paddy O'Leary's Irish Pub is the former home of Nero's, a den of dart throwing

and hard partying people. Will they revive the tradition?

**T** Did you see Sean Rogan at the Cactus Flower? The former Beach Chamber board member has returned to the island as the manager of the new restaurant on the Boardwalk. See if you can catch him to say hello. He's busy keeping diners happy.

Feeding hot and hungry beach goers at Park East and Park West was Deputy Hal Harris' other job. Not this summer. He sold his Beach Buns and Dawgs concession to Amy and Lenny Gruszczynski, who also have a shaved ice business. You can ride the free trolley to Park West. It's stop number one.

Tami Gordon and Saltwater Rick Uzdevenes are starting a new music duo, Sandbox. Tami plays with Whiskey Down and teaches guitar. Prior to forming this duo, Rick and Tami worked

together in Mixed Nuts. Look for Sandbox at a poolside bar soon.

**T T** Get out your cowboy hat and dust off your boots. Stacey Wright said the Cowboy and Cowgirl Party starts at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Two step to Southern Reckoning. Free horse parking.

**T T T** If you've added a new boat to your list of summer toys, call Bay Insurance. The family owned agency can quote on your boat, home and bike policies.

Serious anglers who all happen to be women will weigh in their catch from noon to 2 p.m. at Flounder's, Saturday, June 8 during the Pink Rubber Boots Fishing Tourney. Be there!

**T T** Grab a copy of Trolley Times and take a free ride! Available at your favorite beach business and the visitor's Information Center. Trolleys run 4 p.m. to midnight, every day.


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BY SUSAN HASELTON-KELLEY  
 Jambo hello everybody. Decisions. Decisions. May's wardrobe...insulated underwear or shorts? The month of May on Pensacola Beach was illusive this year. However, Mr. Sun's rays are true to nature. Most of us outdoor creatures attack the heat of the summer months with massive doses of sunscreen.

Nature's little irony, the sun can do a great deal of damage even without high temperatures. A cloudy day also brings lots of U rays to our outdoor activities. Over the next several months let's take a Safari Trek into skin care and how to avoid the dreaded sunburn. Together we will observe sun care knowledge, including U index, protection both in and outside, and other sun care tips.

On Sunday May 26, the U index in the Pensacola Beach area was very high at 9. This means protection against sun damage is needed. Particularly between 1 a.m. and 4 p.m. Shirt, hat and

sunscreen rated 3 plus, are a necessity to enjoy your fun day at the beach. Long sleeved shirts and wide brim hats will help the fair skinned humans on our Safari adventure. Be mindful of young babies, children and those not accustomed to sun exposure.

Our pristine white sand beaches are legendary, but will reflect U rays and can double U exposure. Remember other parts of your body when applying 3 plus sunscreen. Areas of concern back of your neck, new hair cut means new skin exposure, belt line for men and the classic, top of your feet. Moisturizing your skin from the inside out by drinking lots of water will help reduce skin damage from the cellular level. Hydration is important particularly the day before you intend to relax and enjoy a day with Mother Nature. I look forward to more sun care adventures.

Quaharini until we meet again everybody.  
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# Seeing Stars...

your horoscope for next week

**ARIES** March 21 to April 19 You've set a fast pace for yourself. But as you approach your goal, you might want to slow down a bit in order to take time to reassess your situation and make changes while you can.

**TAURUS** April 2 to May 2 Patience continues to be a virtue for the Divine Bovine. So as eager as you might be to get things moving, remember that time is on your side. Make good use of it.

**GEMINI** May 21 to June 2 There's a wee bit of uncertainty in the early part of the week. But things clear up as more facts come to light. Spend quality time this weekend with family and friends.

**CANCER** June 21 to July 22 An old friend's return could open new possibilities for both of you. But don't let yourself be rushed into anything. There could be some factors you haven't yet explored.

**LEO** July 23 to August 22 This week offers a challenge you're raring to take on. And while eager to get started, do so slowly so that you can focus those sharp Cat's Eyes on every detail.

**IRGO** August 23 to September 22 Put your skepticism aside and listen to advice from colleagues who've been where you are now. What they say could be helpful as you get closer to a decision.

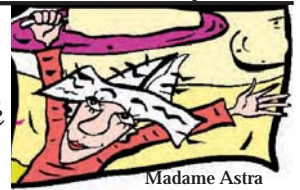
**LIBRA** September 23 to

**October 22** A family matter might again require your reassuring touch. Handle it, as always, with kindness and fairness, even if some of your kin prove to be especially difficult.

**SCORPIO** October 23 to November 21 Your ability to tackle even the most intricate details of a project is likely to impress some very important people. A relative shares news later this week.

**SAGITTARIUS** November 22 to December 21 The Archer's aim might be focused on the big picture this week, but don't overlook checking for those details you might have missed.

**CAPRICORN** December 22 to January 19 You might feel awkward asking for assistance, but who would refuse the charming Goat's request? Do it, then



go ahead and enjoy a musical weekend.

**AQUARIUS** January 2 to February 18 Pour some cold water on that simmering misunderstanding before it boils over. The sooner things settle, the sooner you can move ahead with your plans.

**PISCES** February 19 to March 2 You're in a highly productive period, which you feel can go on forever. But you could be courting exhaustion. Take time out to relax and restore your energies.

**BORN THIS WEEK** You can combine a sense of adventure with a penchant for practicality. Have you considered a travel-related field?

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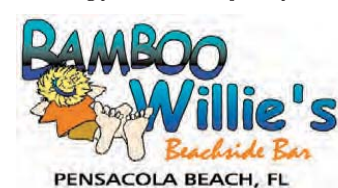


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# Chamber And Advocates Team Up To Present Restore Criteria

Two Pensacola Beach groups joined forces in a collaborative effort culminating in a presentation Monday, May 20 to the RESTORE Advisory Committee in the Escambia County Commission's boardroom. The Pensacola Beach Chamber and the Pensacola Beach Advocates board members were asked to present criteria for grading Economic Development projects, which will, in the future, be considered for funding through RESTORE monies.

The nine member advisory committee comprised of volunteers will develop a plan, solicit public input and set goals for Es-

cambia County's use of funds received from the RESTORE Act. The Escambia County Commissioners will have the final say on which projects are funded.

It is expected that Escambia County may receive 113 million from fines from the Deepwater Horizons Oil Spill.

Jim Cox, President of the Pensacola Beach Advocates commented, "The partnership of our groups, representing beach businesses and residents, gives one voice to the Beach. A solidarity that is meaningful."

The Chamber and the Advocates developed a list of general

criteria to judge projects

- Long-term benefit to the community.
- Benefit the largest number of people and improve the quality of life for Escambia County citizens.
- Be self-sustaining once the RESTORE dollars are spent.
- Show a strong commitment from both the stakeholders and public officials.
- Benefit the barrier island communities that bore the brunt of the

BP oil spill Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key.

- Benefits of a project or program need to be weighed with the perceived risks.
- Leverage other funding sources
- Utilize local resources
- Use green infrastructure or at least do no environmental harm

They addressed economic development specifically by stating that preference should be given to projects or programs

that address the following Create long-term jobs noting that there should be no targeted "average annual pay rate" for the jobs, expand Escambia County's revenue base and establish economic viability with data on the return on investment, risk analysis and the sustainability.

The RESTORE Advisory Committee will receive input through June 6, after which they will establish the guidelines for use.



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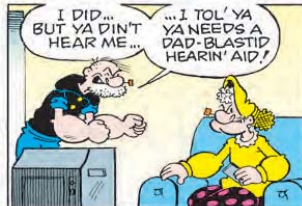
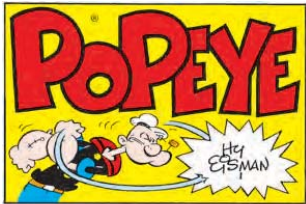
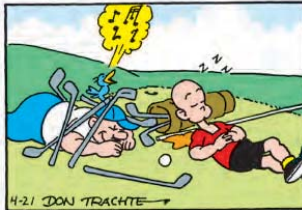
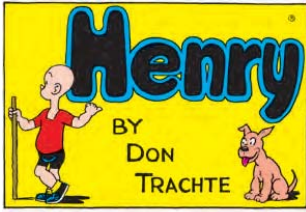

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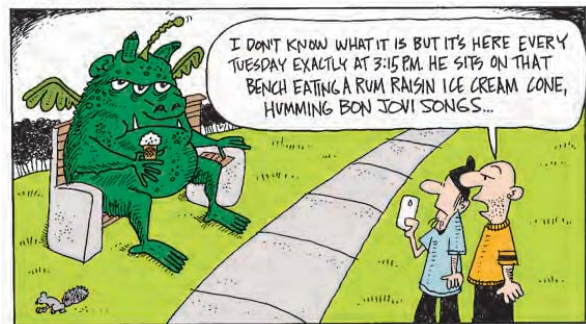
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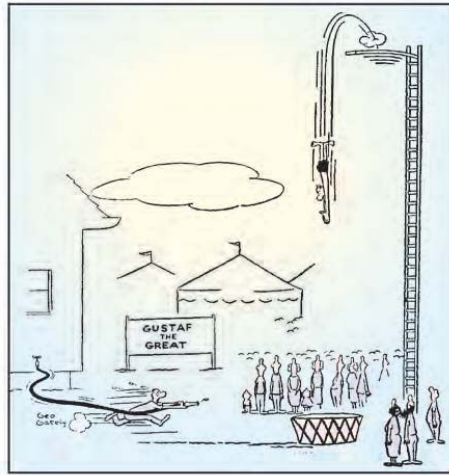
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"Okay, okay! So go dig up some more buried treasure."

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# Never Hurts To Tri

By Charles Gheen  
USAT Certified Race Director  
Santa Rosa Island Triathlon



**Tri**  
Triathlon is a sport that has exploded in the last decade with a burgeoning number of events, members and participating athletes. USA Triathlon (USAT), the sport's governing body, sanctioned almost 5,000 events in 2012. There are over 55,000 USAT members and about 2 million people participated in triathlons last year. All indications are the strong, rapid growth will continue unabated. How, when and where did this juggernaut activity appear on the national scene?

While there are reports of multi-sport events in other parts of the world earlier in the 20th Century, most agree that triathlon began in San Diego in the 1950s. Some members of the San Diego Track Club (SDTC) had gotten a bit weary of their repetitive running workouts and were determined to do some type of cross-training. This evolved into loosely organized training sessions in the Mission Bay area which included running, swimming and biking.

On September 25, 1974 these workouts were crystallized into an actual race called the Mission Bay Triathlon and the sport had formally begun. Jack Johnstone and Don Shanahan organized the event and there were 46 contestants. Each of them finished a short course that included a 500 yard swim, a 5 mile bike and a 6 mile run. The SDTC sponsored and promoted the event. The race was held again in 1975 while across San Diego Bay in Coronado, the Optimist Club held the Sports Fiesta Triathlon. That race is still held and is triathlon's oldest event.

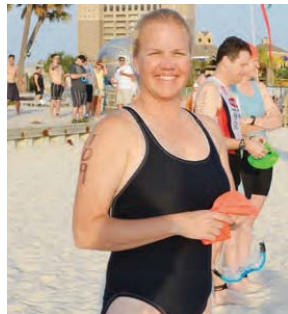
While the fledgling sport continued to germinate in Southern California, an ongoing discussion an argument, really was taking place in Hawaii. For several years there was passionate conversation usually in bars among Hawaiian athletes about whether runners or swimmers were more fit. Based on what he had read about famed cyclist

Eddy Merckx having the highest recorded uptake of oxygen, Navy Commander John Collins inserted bicycling into several of those heated conversations.

John and his wife Judy had participated in the San Diego triathlons noted previously and he was adamant about combining elements of three famous Hawaii races: the Waikiki Rough Water Swim, the Around Oahu Bike Race and the Honolulu Marathon into one event. In February of 1978 he launched a race consisting of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike and a 26.2 mile run. The winner would be called The Iron Man.

There were 15 male competitors and 12 of them finished the race. In 1979 there were again 15 competitors and 14 finished including a woman (Lyn LeMaire) who came in fifth. *Sports Illustrated* featured the race in a lengthy article and hundreds signed up for the 1980 competition. More importantly, "ABC's Wide World of Sports" broadcast the race and its popularity grew.

In 1982, before a national television audience, 23-year-old Julie Moss lead the women's race until the last mile. Overcome by fatigue and dehydration, Moss collapsed to the ground several times and was passed near the Finish Line by Kathleen McCartney. The drama was a signature moment in endurance sports and captured the imagination of the sports world. Triathlon mushroomed during the 1980s and capped the decade in 1989 by being designated as an Olympic event. The sport was off and running.



Ingoglia's Gwen Ingoglia prepares for the Pensacola Beach Triathlon swim at Flounder's Beach, May 18. She's a marathoner, but this was her first multisport race.



Tri rookies (L to R) Sam Hart and John Stockdill were joined at the start of the Pensacola Beach Triathlon at Flounder's Beach, May 18 by Josh Biber who has raced a dozen triathlons.



Neighbors Mirta Loera and Monica Meredith, right, trained for their first triathlon together. They brought a cheering section of six children and other family members to the swim portion of the Pensacola Beach Triathlon, May 18.



Pensacola's David Mayo launches from high atop the Portofino Pier into the water May 12. He participated in the Dodge CAF Paratriathlon hosted by MPI on Mother's Day. The swim course in Santa Rosa Sound, was followed by cycling and running at the east end of the island.



Paratriathlete David Mayo mugs the camera prior to his swim to the start line at the Dodge CAF Paratriathlon on Mother's Day. Seventeen athletes participated in a four day skills training camp with Multisport Performance Institute which culminated in the May 12 competition.

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BY DJ ZEMENICK

Congratulations are in order for Pensacola Beach! The first sea turtle nest of the year in our patrol area was discovered on Pensacola Beach instead of Gulf Islands National Seashore.

I thought we might have a late start this nesting season due to the cold temperatures that lingered into May. In fact, I think we may have broken some weather records. My first day of patrol was May 3 and the temperature was 6 degrees at 5 a.m. It turned out to be a beautiful day, but by the next morning the temperature had plummeted to 49 degrees on the beach at patrol time. Even worse, a northerly wind was gusting up to 38 miles per hour. It was the coldest sea turtle patrol I've ever experienced and it was brutal. It didn't seem

likely that sea turtles would come ashore to nest until the temperature returned to our normal range.

One week later, shortly after dawn on Saturday, May 11, Bio-Tech Rebecca Carruth discovered our first sea turtle nest of 2013 during her patrol of Pensacola Beach. Wouldn't you know that Rebecca was also the first to find a nest last year. Obviously she has racked up some good karma with Mother Nature. The nest was documented as PB 5111 and belonged to a loggerhead with a 34" crawl width this mama turtle will get even bigger. Unfortunately it was too close to the water and had to be relocated higher on the beach where it would be safe from flooding.

Sea turtle nests are not moved unless they are at high

risk of being washed out, which was the case with this nest. In the process of relocating it, Rebecca was able to confirm it contained 126 eggs. And, because we know female sea turtles come back to their home beach to nest, we know that the loggerhead who laid PB 5111 hatched from a nest very near this same location 25-30 years ago.

Since female sea turtles avoid bright areas and places where there is a lot of activity, it was no surprise that she nested south of four empty lots where it was dark. If she had come ashore and felt threatened or uneasy about her surroundings, she may have turned around and headed back into the Gulf, leaving a "false crawl" for patrollers to discover the next day instead

of a nest. There is a possibility, however, that she will either swim farther down the beach to a darker area, come back in the wee hours when lights go out, or simply try again the following night.

Remember, if you live on or are vacationing on Gulf-front property, there is one simple thing you can do to help increase the odds of having a sea turtle nest in your "back yard." Turn out your outside lights and keep your curtains closed at night. If you don't have curtains on some of your windows, move lamps to the other side of the room, if possible, and use them instead of ceiling lights. The objective is to let as little light as possible spill

out onto the beach.

Female sea turtles come ashore to nest multiple times in a season, then skip a year or two. This same loggerhead will probably return to the beach at least one or two more times in the same general area to nest again soon, so if you live on the east side of Pensacola Beach, turn out or tone down your lights for her. And, any day now, as it gets warmer we will have more sea turtles coming ashore to nest. The darker your beach area, the higher likelihood that you may find a wonderful surprise on the beach the next morning. Just remember, "Sea Turtles Dig the Dark!"

Until next time, Lights Out!

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June 4	7pm	Old You		9pm	The Rez
June 5	7pm	Tyler Mac Band	June 22	2pm	Jenson Holt
June 6	8pm	Adam & Mel		9pm	The Rez
June 7	3pm	Dave & Joe Show	June 23	1pm	Ba'Nana Republic
	9pm	Another Hero		6pm	Thick as Thieves
June 8	2pm	Boom Snap	June 24	7pm	Cory & Johnny Show
	9pm	Another Hero	June 25	7pm	Paul Killough
June 9	1pm	Avenida 16	June 26	7pm	Tyler Mac Band
	6pm	Hotel Oscar	June 27	8pm	Avenida 16
June 10	7pm	Kayla Nettles	June 28	3pm	Dave & Joe Show
June 11	7pm	Kayla Nettles		9pm	Schofield
June 12	7pm	Nick & the Ovorols	June 29	2pm	Timberhawk
June 13	8pm	Grey Lyon & Limousine		9pm	Schofield
June 14	3pm	Nick & the Ovorols	June 30	1pm	Hotel Oscar
	9pm	1oz. Jig		6pm	Tyler Mac Band
June 15	2pm	Stiff Necked Fools			
	9pm	Gravy Flavored Kisses			
June 16	12:45	Nick & the Ovorols			
	6pm	Hotel Oscar			

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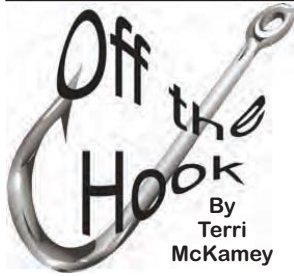
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fish, Bluefish, Hard tails and an occasional King Mackerel are being caught on the Pensacola Beach and Navarre Beach Fishing Piers. The action continues to be good and you can always find someone with a good fish or fishing story about the one that got away. Everyone is still on the lookout for Cobia but that action is dwindling. Your best bet for Cobia now is on a boat, but it doesn't mean the boys on the piers have given up.

**Wow! This year has been terrific for catching fish and it looks to just keep getting better.** With summer just around the corner, here's the lowdown for June and Red Snapper Season. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (myfwc.com) approved a 44-day recreational Red Snapper season for Gulf state waters at the April 17 meeting. The season will start June 1 and close to harvest on July 15. The bag limit remains two Snapper per person per day. So those of you who have been waiting anxiously, you don't have much longer to wait and for those of you who have been hitting the offshore waters, the Amberjack bite continues to be good.

If you prefer Trout and Red fish, there are good numbers of them to catch in Pensacola Bay and other nearby bodies of water. Don't forget the grass flats either. I would suggest hitting residential docks for Redfish and look for Speckled Trout roaming the grass flats. Live shrimp are the best all-around bait, but they can both also be caught using artificial lures.

Late afternoons out at Fort Pickens have been good for Spanish Mackerel and Redfish. I've been hearing a few reports of Flounder as the sun goes down.

The Mullet action is hot for those with a mullet net. I've been seeing you guys just about everywhere and several of you have stopped by The Dock to share your catch. Report from Nathan Wheeler is he even caught one with an earthworm on his rod and reel. It has been done, but that's very rare indeed.

Be safe and have fun. Grab a kid and get fishing!

Considering it's the end of May already, the Pompano fishing has been great in the surf. Fish are being reported everywhere, and there was one over seven pounds weighed in the Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle Pompano Tournament earlier this month. Early morning continues to be your best time to hit the surf.

Spanish Mackerel, Lady

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It takes a bit of skill and a lot of luck to land a prize winning Pompano, but as of last week William Hortorn was sitting in first place on the Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle's Pompano Tourney leaderboard. His fish weighed in at 7.02 pounds.

The event concludes May 31 so there are a few days left to enter and weigh in fish. Most of the anglers find their catches while fishing from the beach, so a big boat and a lot of fancy tackle is unnecessary. The tourney kicked off in February and weekly winners were awarded prizes. The grand prize, which is a \$1000 Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle gift card, is still up for grabs. The entry fee is \$20 and registration is ongoing at Gulf Breeze Bait and Tackle. Each entrant gets a t-shirt.

The following were on the leaderboard as of May 16:

1. William Hortorn 7.03
2. Jerry Labakken 5.58
3. Ray werhan 5.36
4. Arnold Valdez 5.16
5. Will Neumann 4.85
6. Hung Nguyen 4.55
7. Skip Hibbard 4.18
8. Art Posis 4.12
9. Maribeth Roberts 4.03
10. Jim Thean 4.02

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**CATCHI G HER FIRST WAVE** - Pine Forest High School's Lynsey Clark, 17, was coached by yle Fogel, at the May 18 Surf Clinic hosted by the Fellowship o Christian Athletes, Innerlight, WaterBoy and Sur ers on Mission at Park East There were 75 kids learning to surf on the picture per ect day

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