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Faddis Celebrates Fifty



**Family business
evolves over
five decades**

Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce Chairman Beverly Campbell, center, congratulates Noel and Joanne Faddis, owners of Realty Marts International, for reaching a benchmark anniversary. RMI is celebrating fifty years in business. The firm opened on April 1, 1963 in Pensacola, establishing a satellite office on Pensacola Beach very soon thereafter. Pensacola Beach is now the main office. With no plans to retire or slow down, Noel and Joanne revel in their work. They love Pensacola Beach and have watched it develop from an unknown secret to the beautiful community and resort they envisioned. For more about their fifty years, turn to page 2.

Five Decades in Business, Not A Day At Work

Fifty years in business, yet it never felt like work. That's how Noel Faddis, owner of Realty Marts International described his real estate career. "I feel like an ambassador of the Beach," he says. "Every day is different, but good. I wish I could do this another 50 years."

After graduating from Lycoming College in Pennsylvania, Faddis relocated to Pensacola at the request of his brother Frank. Frank, who had been stationed in Pensacola in the Navy, founded Realty Marts International on April 1, 1963. Noel recalled the first office was on Palafox Street in Pensacola, but after three years the company grew rapidly into a multi-office real estate company with one hundred agents.

The Pensacola Beach office opened in 1972 after the brothers took on the task of developing leasehold land near their location at 1591 Via de Luna. The office was across the street from the condo development and was slated to be part of Santa Rosa Shopping Center.

"In the late 1960s, the Santa Rosa Island Authority was looking for ways to develop the is-

land," said Noel. "Jack Cowley was the general manager, and we leased parcels east of what is now Bahia Paz."

While the business community was much smaller during those years, RMI counts among the very few companies that have been in business under the same ownership on Pensacola Beach since the 70s. It's not an easy environment in which to be successful. There are storms to weather, both economic and environmental, but perseverance is part of being an islander.

The brothers had an inkling of what Pensacola Beach might be in the years ahead, and they were certain it was the best place in Florida.

"I had traveled all over Florida," said Noel. "This was the most beautiful, undiscovered place in Florida. It was a sleeping giant."

By 1974 RMI began marketing Regency Towers. The ad, which Noel proudly displays in his office, invites buyers to come to the "uncrowded Florida where the sugar white sands meet the crystal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. No big city hustle and bustle. Just relaxed living where

the people around you are still courteous and friendly." He chuckles when he recalls that the one, two and three bedroom Gulf front units were priced from \$29,000 to \$57,000.

Regency Towers is still guarding the eastern Gulf front of the Island, along with the Cabanas, Santa Rosa Villas, Villas on the Gulf and now, multiple residential neighborhoods.

Like any profession, real estate has its ups and downs, and during a downturn in the 1980s, Frank Faddis decided to sell his share of RMI to Noel. As Noel reflects back over the years, he recalled how many Realtors worked with RMI and moved on to own their own companies.

One of those is Pensacola Beach's Karen Cook Cowen of Cook Realty. She worked at RMI in the late 1970s to early 80s and commented, "That's where my real estate career began, at RMI. If I had not started my own company, I would have stayed with Noel at RMI. He and his wife Joanne are great friends of mine."

Faddis recalls the days when he and wife Joanne lived and worked on the island. They

looked forward to the short ride to the office, selling and managing beach property, and on the way home, the couple would stop for dinner at Flounder's or one of the other beach hangouts.

When Faddis began in the real estate business, he would send sales circulars to clients. Not now, it's an electronic world.

"We would have mailing lists and contact prospects in drive markets," said Faddis. "Now we have an RMI app and everyone in the world can view Pensacola Beach over the internet."

It still takes a human touch, according to Faddis. It is not unusual for second generation clients to contact him just to say thank you or give him an update on their families.

Over the five decades, the beach has been developed, so it has changed in many aspects.

"It's changed from the old Woolly Booger days, to a modern beach," said Faddis. "RMI was part of that."

Faddis is not ready to retire. He would work five more decades if he could.

"I have enjoyed being a beach business owner. It never

felt like it was work. I think about fifty years, and the time seems to have flown by. Pensacola Beach is still the most beautiful place in Florida, relaxed living where the people around you are still courteous and friendly."

A look through the years at current Pensacola Beach businesses and organizations' start dates:

1954: Pensacola Beach Woman's Club chartered
1958: The Islander Lounge and Package Store, opens August 30

1962: Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge chartered

1972: RMI opens Pensacola Beach office

1973: Bonifay Watersports, and the Sandshaker Lounge and Package Store open

1979: Flounder's Chowder House, and the Bank of the South Island Branch open

There are a number of businesses and owners whose companies are operating, but under a new name. Look for their history in upcoming editions of Island Times.

Turtles Dig The Dark - Lighting Ordinance Approved

Flip a switch and be a friend to wildlife. Something as easy as turning off a porch light or closing the curtains in your Gulf front house can encourage a nesting sea turtle to arrive on Pensacola Beach and prevent a hatchling from becoming disoriented. It's a good thing to do, and now it is backed by a County Ordinance.

The Escambia County Ordinance which was passed by the Board of Commissioners July 11 establishes the lighting rules for new construction and exist-

ing structures. Residents and commercial establishments who must make changes have until May 1, 2018 to comply.

The goal of the ordinance is to promote effective management of exterior and interior lighting to provide enough light for safe and secure nighttime use of your property and to minimize disturbances to the nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings. In addition to being good stewards of the sea turtles and other light sensitive wildlife, the County must have a Turtle Lighting Ordinance

in place to qualify for beach renourishment permits. Pensacola Beach seeks to renourish its northern and southern shores on a regular basis to repair erosion caused by wind and waves.

For single family homes, the adjustments to meet the requirements are fairly simple. Lights can be moved, shielded or turned off during May through November 1. Lights visible from the beach must comply with the ordinance. Condominiums with exterior lighting may have more to do, but many have already begun an effort to comply. Core

area businesses, which include hotels, will begin to review and budget for the economic impact of retrofitting their properties to come into compliance.

Gulf front hotels such as Holiday Inn Express and Margaritaville already have turtle friendly lighting. At the east end of the island Portofino changed to turtle friendly lighting in their parking garages with the help of a grant. Most recently Palm Beach Club, next to Park West, came into compliance.

Pensacola Beach Advocates President Jim Cox sees the ordi-

nance as a win for the entire area.

"The PBA has worked with the Escambia County environmental staff and beach businesses for ten months to work out an ordinance acceptable to all," he wrote in the group's newsletter. "The next steps are to seek funding sources to help defray the costs of compliance and to draft a second ordinance to require removal of obstacles such as beach chairs and tents at night during nesting season."

The ordinance was approved by the Santa Rosa Island Authority in May.

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Workers Declare War With Water

Peace talks around the deep purple Soundfront picnic table at Paradise were useless. Renee "The General" Mack has armed her troops with super soakers and water pistols. The Water Works commence at 1300 Sunday 4 August.

"All attempts to quell this uprising have failed," said Freddie Simmons, owner of the Para-

dise Complex. "So if you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

Everyone who arrives at Paradise Bar and Grill, Sunday, August 4 should be prepared to get wet. Bring your own water pistol to defend yourself. Ammo will be provided in buckets and spigots. The day long event is a tribute to the Krewe of Nereids' Splash Party which had to be

postponed.

"The staff at Paradise loves water pistol wars," said The General. "So, prepare for War!"

There is no charge to attend or participate. Water pistol wars break out randomly, so be ready. Wacky water games will begin at 2 p.m. Live music starts at 3 p.m. Paradise Bar and Grill is located at 21 Via de Luna.

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 17, 1987

What do baking and frosting a cake and patching a stucco wall have in common? Not as much as I originally thought when I blithely decided to repair some bare spots on the west wall of my house. Most of the chipped areas have been there for nine years, but recently I noticed that every strong wind that blew across the Gulf took a toll.

The fact that the trash man, the meter reader from Gulf Power, and I are the only three people who ever walk on that side of the house makes most of my worry over the broken wall pretty unnecessary. Besides, the bottom of the wall is obscured by dense sea oat growth. Realistically, this flaw in my old house could have gone unnoticed for nine more years.

That did not stop me from running out and purchasing two

cartons of gray dry stuff to be used for patching concrete and stucco.

I put together equipment for the job - a plastic bucket, a rusty trowel, a scraper, a teaspoon, a towel, and a paint brush. The instructions on the box read, "Add water." That sounded simple enough, so I emptied the gray stuff into the bucket and turned the hose on it. My first attempt at stirring up a batch of stucco resulted

in a soupy mixture that slid down the wall and settled into a dismal puddle on the sidewalk. I added the second carton and brought it to a consistency that would stick on the wall if I was super careful to apply it with a delicate touch. The trowel I used was too heavy or something. Every time I thought the stucco was sticking, I would trowel a little pattern and the trowel would scrape the whole thing off. After working most of the morning, using up both cartons of cement, I had covered about a square foot area. I decided this was going to be one of the great challenges of my life, so I marched out on Monday and bought six more boxes of mix. That was in April. Just this last weekend I finally found time to tackle the wall again. After working Saturday and Sunday, I

am again out of mix and have three or four square feet left to cover. But I have conquered such horrendous problems as consistency, how to make little decorative swirls, and how to make the stuff stick on the wall. The very next free weekend I have will find me "frosting the wall."

Looks like it will be sometime in October.

If you're biking, jogging or driving past my house, please do not look at the west side. Yet. Some day, it will all be stucco. It will be painted white. It will not be as historic as the Berlin Wall, the Great Wall of China or the Vietnam Wall. It will be Jane's Wall. And after it is repaired, I will return to baking and frosting cakes to satisfy the mixing and swirling instincts which seem to lurk in my subconscious.....

Boot Scoot To The Boardwalk

Can you two-step? Do you love Hank Williams, Willie Nelson and Patsy Cline? Well, consider yourself lucky. The first ever Pensacola Beach Country Music Fest is going to fill the Boardwalk with live music, August 2-4.

"There will be two stages of musical performances all weekend long," said Event Organizer Robert Gleim of Bamboo Willie's. "There's no charge, and free parking for whatever you ride in on. Cars, bikes, boats, anything with horsepower."

Kids will get a special visit from the Blue Wahoo's mascot Kazoo, Friday, August 2. The event kicks off at 4 p.m. on Friday and goes until 7 p.m. on Sunday.

In addition to the free music, Boardwalk merchants will host a Sidewalk Sale. Band schedule follows:
 Quietwater Amphitheater Stage
 Aug 2- Kevin Denney, Della Country
 Aug 3- Billy Droze from Shenandoah, Robert Wayne band
 Aug 4- Hope Cassidy, Della Country
 Bamboo Willie's Stage
 Aug 2- Billy Droze, Lefty Williams
 Aug 3- Rusty Tabor, Dusty Sanderson, Brinn Black
 Aug 4- Dave & Joe, Brinn Black



Lead singer Robert Wayne and his band, bass guitar Rick Smith, lead guitar Rob Hays, drummer Clint Smith and keyboardist (not in photo) Gary Poos played at Country Sunday on the Boardwalk July 7. They will perform at the first ever Country Music Fest, August 3.

THINGS TO KNOW...

- To report tar balls, oil spills and other toxic releases: 800-424-8802
- Santa Rosa Island Authority 850-932-2257, www.sria-fla.com
- Pensacola Beach Visitor's Center 850-932-1500
www.pensacolabeachchamber.com, www.visitpensacolabeach.com
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Trivia

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Tucked away in the dusty tomes of Tiger Town is Dr. Klaus J. Meyer-Arendt's dissertation. His topic was Resort Evolution along the Gulf of Mexico and when he came to the chapter on Pensacola Beach, he was lucky enough to learn from Dr. Jim Morgan, a former LSU professor and coastal geologist. He stated that "Pensacola Beach is located near the western end of northwest Florida's 52 miles (83 km) long Santa Rosa Island." So there you have it, the length of the Island according to the LSU tiger.

The father-daughter team of Sarah and Big Bob Dority nailed the answer. "52 miles and hugs," wrote Big Bob. The Trivia Master accepts both. Now to see what the team will do with one shirt. Perhaps they will alternate days or flip a coin to see who gets it.

Jersey Girl Gwen Foster's answer was a few miles short, but implored the TM to give her a shirt since she had "lost hers" at the Hard Rock and Wind Creek Casinos. Her luck did not change when she ran out of gas after attending Bands on the Beach. Too bad Jersey. At least your answer of 50 was closer than hubby Walt, who thought the island was a whopping 160 miles long.

Jean Luke, who can probably run 40 miles, made that her answer. She was in good company. Sir Morrie Drees and Lady Kim Schmitz of the Knights of the Trivia Roundtable, Sharon McGraw, Dr. Steve Claus, Sal Serio and a string of others came up with the same answer.

Sir Morrie has a formula, "Santa Rosa Island is twice as long as half its length," which

puts way too much mental gymnastics in the way of a quick answer.

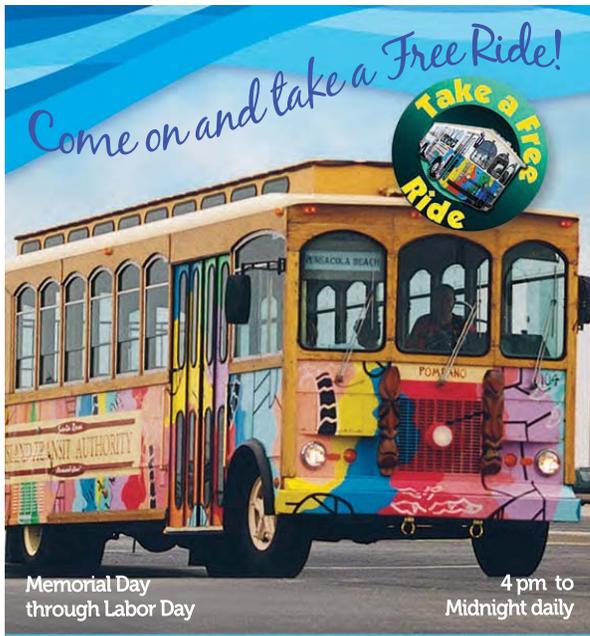
Melanie Waite, who plucks her Island Times from the mailbox, at first thought it was 26 miles, then she recalled that there was more to the barrier island. Mel patrols parts of the island looking for turtle nests, so she gave an update with her answer.

"I was out there just this morning, finding my fifth nest and two false crawls at Santa Rosa," said Mel, the Turtle patroller.

The Queen of Wrong Answers Joanne Brooks has lowered the drawbridge allowing entry into her kingdom of the Close, Not Right and Plain Old Wrong. Her answer "54 miles" was two miles from correct, so she has issued an edict to the woefully and perpetually wrong. "Take refuge in my kingdom and bring wine."

The Trivia Master is feeling pretty groovy after all that, so the first correct answer to this beach history question will earn the sender a new Island Times t-shirt. "There's a monument on the Island dedicated to the Beach's original hippie. Who is that and where is this marker located?"

Send your answer to island-times@bellsouth.net with trivia in the subject line. Deadline is Tuesday, July 30. Peace, man.



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Leave your car and your cares behind... see you on board!

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BA

The Beach Church Softball Team is hitting the diamond with hopes of scoring some fun and fellowship. The team is comprised of Kelly Kessler, Jonah Roby, Thomas and Tom Fitzgerald, Tracy McDonald, Steve Speirs, Lenny Gruszczynski, Michael Rodgeron, Les Solomossy, Richard Wright, Zack and Kay Alderfer, Matt Schang, Beach School Phys Ed teacher Ginny Baynes. Maybe Ginny's son Taylor, who is college bound on a baseball scholarship, will come to batting practice.

W D D N B

Libby Morris got a huge surprise on July 13 during a leisurely kayak trip when her beau Shane Reilly popped the question. The romantic Shane was on bended knee with a sparkling engagement ring to slip on Libby's finger. The couple live and work in Pensacola.

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The Sidewalk Social Director strikes again. Gena Raymon sounded the birthday gong for a happy birthday toast to Wanda Radcliffe, Bob Cowen, and Tim Spencer at the Shaker on July 9 followed by a processional to Bands on the Beach to hear "The Mullets."

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Was Nathan Holler hot dogging in the surf on July 10? It was his birthday. Lots of cake and candles on the Beach that day. Steve Picker's birthday is July 10 but as near as we can tell he has been celebrating for weeks. Dinner with friends, boating outings and enjoying the beach.

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During a recent trip to the Bank of the South, Nasty John Thomas noticed the fierce winds had the Least Terns huddled together in an indent in a sand dune. He said in all his many, many years on the Beach he had never seen that many terns at one time. The colony of protected terns is located just east of Landshark Landing.

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Monika Springer is the computer teacher at the Beach School so summer is vacation time. Springer just returned from a trip to Ireland where she kept her friends entertained with her online posts.

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Karen Hagford is a trivia winner with no shirt. An Island Times shirt was sent via US Mail to her in Fernandina Beach but the envelope was empty when it arrived. Is it a case of whodunnit?

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The Santa Rosa Island Authority Board is upping the stakes for projects to submit to the RESTORE committee. SRIA Board Member Tammy Bohannon, who also serves on the RESTORE Committee, told her colleagues at the July 10 Full Board meeting that projects need to be "game changers."

The RESTORE funds allocation, which will flow to Escambia County as a result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Settlement, may be as far into the future as 48 to 60 months, according to Baskerville Donovan's Jim Waite. Waite reminded the SRIA Board that Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key were impacted more heavily by the spill than any other beach in Florida. Based on that well-documented fact, he advised the Board to bring forward projects and think about how to package those requests to make the beach better.

Waite, who studies the many and sometimes convoluted process of seeking BP fine money, said that there are other funds which are currently available depending on the types of projects.

The SRIA board discussed adding two double decker buses

to their project list. SRIA Director of Developmental Services Paolo Ghio advised the board that the SRIA is not in the business of owning busses or trolleys. If funds were secured, the purchase should be made by Escambia County and added to the fleet of existing ECAT trolleys that the Beach rents seasonally. Ghio reminded the Board that the operational budget to increase the number of vehicles and extend the days of operation would be 630,000 annually.

"While we are impressed by the ability to have double decker busses paid for by someone else, given the needs and calendar, we will be faced with establishing a budget for running the vehicles," said Ghio.

Board Member Janice Gilley thought the double decker busses should be removed from the Beach's list of projects.

"This is one time money," said Gilley. "Maybe we should make improvements to the island that would make a lasting impact. I am not sure the busses would do that."

Bohannon reminded the Board that there are stakeholders on the island who are very much in favor of putting double

decker busses into service on the beach as a way to relieve traffic and parking woes and as a tourist attraction.

Board Member Fred Gant thinks the double decker busses are a win-win and should remain on the request list.

Gant also mentioned the parking garages he saw on a recent trip to South Florida. The structures, according to Gant, were not the typical unsightly forms.

"We should look at garages, and the unfunded infrastructure project list," said Gant. "Let's pull it out again. We should increase our wish list and get more of the BP funds."

A preliminary letter has been delivered to Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson with the beach's project requests. It has since been amended, and will contain additional projects as soon as the SRIA board decides what they may be. A vote to continue discussion in Committee, passed unanimously, where Baskerville Donovan engineers will assist with goal setting and project recommendations.

"When we understand the goal, then we can match the projects to the goals," Waite said. "We can then decide which bucket of money might match."

The request letter and unfunded project list is online at

www.myislandtimes.com.

In other business, the Santa Rosa Island Triathlon board made a 2,000 donation to the SRIA Junior Lifeguard program. SRI Tri Race Director Charles Gheen gave a brief history of the event and announced that the charitable giving from last year's event totaled 16,000.

Susi Robichaux made a report about the Footprints in the Sand Eco-Trail. The opening date has been delayed because the sign manufacturer suffered a fire. However, the Trail has already been the topic of national media attention. Sign installation could begin as early as this week.

Pensacola Beach Chamber President Nicole Stacey announced during her visitor's Center Report that Pensacola Beach was voted as the Best Tourist Attraction in the es

national's Best of the Bay contest.

During the Board member's forum, Chairman Thomas Campanella updated the Board on the Eco-Tourism Conference he attended in South Florida. He noted that the composition of their climate supported more plant and animal habitat, so their ecosystem is more varied than Pensacola Beach. However, he boasted that Pensacola Beach has prettier water, whiter sand, better lifeguards, free parking and trolleys.

"We should all be thankful for what we have here on Pensacola Beach," said Campanella. "From the turtles to the trolleys, our area is a blessing."

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Committees will meet Wednesday, July 24 at 5 p.m. at 1 ia de Luna. The meetings are open to the public.

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Peas, porridge and a dry martini

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I have to mention the quietness of this year's Air Show. This was a bad sign only because it meant not even getting a peek of our beloved Blue Angels. I know I wasn't the only one praying for just a "fly-by." I mean, they do have to keep those expensive machines in operation as well as their pilots, don't they? So, it was just the latest disappointment in our current government. But Islanders always respond to disappointment, destruction and diversity in the same way.

How? On this day we did it by screaming our hearts out to those amazing daring pilots who did their best to entertain us. We waved, jumped and cheered passionately! And yes, we were entertained and very appreciative to have them join us in Paradise. They performed some incredible aerial stunts in less than stellar weather conditions. And they also made my heart swell with patriotism and pride. Maybe not to the same degree as the Blue Angels, because there is nothing that can even come close to comparing with the thunder which echoes through your heart and soul. But in the words of a great song I once heard, "You can't always get what you want, but if you try, sometimes you just might find; you get what you need."

Thank you pilots, and may God bless you and your families.

In the last publication, I mentioned that the Mystic Krewe of Nereids would host their Annual Splash Party August 4. Well, there was some confusion in dates so we had a meeting and the end result was the decision to postpone the Splash Party this year. Instead, we are sending a delegate of Mermaids on a Retreat to scout out some new water fun along with some new great "tail" ideas for casual wear on the beach. We promise to share all our finds with y'all next year. Even though we are perfectly at home with the wet weather we're having this summer, we realize that some of the land-lubbers have had enough and require some drying out time.

The Krewe still intend to participate in the Taste of the Beach Mermaid Parade on Sept. 15 at Casino Beach. Some of us might be sporting new fins, but all of us will Second Line from

there to Paradise Bar and Grill upon completion of Taste of the Beach events. Please plan to join us; fins are nice, but not necessary. All you really need is an umbrella, handkerchief or napkin to wave as we dance our way to Paradise. And this time, we'll be armed with bubble guns instead of water guns.

I will finally be going to MerPalooza this year and I can hardly contain my excitement MerPalooza is an International Mermaid Convention which only began three years ago. The first Convention was held in Las Vegas and there were more different types of Mermaid tails than I ever thought possible. The 2012 Convention was held in Orlando. By the time I found the information, Amy Depew, Christine Hewerdine, Shelley Johnson, Becky Shearman, Paulette Provost and I had already purchased tickets to see Willie Nelson at Wind Creek Casino. But this is my lucky year and it is being held in Tampa, Aug. 9-11. I'll be joining Sandi Johnson (who lives there with hubby Johnny). We have already made our reservations at the hotel where all the events will take place. I just know everyone's gonna love my "Angel-Mermaid Wings."

Since Bill and I will reach our twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 1, we are treating ourselves to the Magnolia Fest in October. I know it's not on the actual anniversary date, but we can wait. After 25 years, what's another couple of months? It's well worth the wait because the headliners are Willie Nelson (of course), Kris Kristofferson and John Prine. Now, that's a celebration and a festival

We missed the 4th of July celebration on the beach because we promised granddaughter Sissy that we'd take her back to Orange Beach to visit with our rela-

tives again. (That child loves her relatives and runs right in as if she sees them every day.) When her Mom Mel declined to join us citing that traffic jams would be outrageous, Sissy asked, "Mommy, which is more important, being stuck in traffic or visiting our relatives?"

I have never been so proud of her and told her immediately. As we travelled through the country-side on our late ride home, we were able to sporadically catch glimpses of fireworks. Once home again, and yes, the traffic was outrageous, I asked Sissy if it was worth missing the fireworks in order to see the relatives again. Without hesitation, she responded with an enthusiastic, "yes!" And that's just another thing I love about her.

I did remember to ask Diane if she would share her coma-inducing recipe for Salisbury Steak. That's another good thing about relatives; you find some of the best cooks in the world

So, let's cook.....
 Diane's Salisbury Steak
 Family Pack of ground beef approx 4-5 lbs
 2 Envelopes of onion soup mix
 2 Eggs
 1 tsp salt
 1 tsp pepper
 1 tsp garlic powder
 5 Jars or Cans of beef mushroom gravy more mushrooms optional

Mix all ingredients together except jars cans of gravy. Shape into patties and brown on each side. Place in baking pan and spoon gravy over patties, adding more mushrooms if desired. Bake at 350 degrees until patties are done and gravy is bubbling (approximately 35-45 minutes). Serves 10-12 adults and several children.

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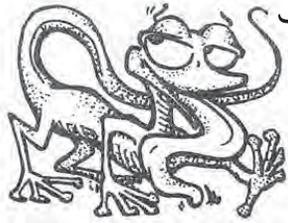


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The Lizard's Tongue

by elizabeth hewson

Since Memorial Day, I have been on a major scavenger hunt along the sands and streets of Pensacola Beach. Basically, I was trying to see what I could accumulate from the end of May until Labor Day in left behind items that people were either too lazy to pick up out of the sand or just plain forgot. Unfortunately, due to a broken foot my hunt has ended. Still I would like to share with you some of my major finds: a set of car mats, lipstick, a University of Florida themed bottle opener, an adjustable crescent wrench, a baby's blanket, towels (hand, bath, beach), shorts, t-shirts, shoes, one glove, lots of koozies, wedding engagement party momentos (glasses, koozies, lighters), and my personal favorite King.



King

Actually, I had a little help with the finding of King. The Colonel, Pete and I were out for a quick trot down Ariola Drive between the many thunderstorms during the July 4th holiday week. It seemed like every house was rented and driveways were overflowing with parked cars as was the south side of the street. A young couple from northern Virginia was coming up off the beach through a vacant lot when both she and I spotted something barely sticking up out of the sand near the road. She bent down, dug a little and pulled up and out of the sand - King. After a brief conversation and the fact she and her husband were getting on the road to Virginia, she put King in my custody and wished me luck finding his owner.

King was actually a small stuffed lion and was wearing an if found, call tag on his purple bejeweled color. King had a

Texas address as well. I thought to myself, how hard could this be and proceeded to knock on every rental house within in a two mile radius of where we found King as long as there was a Texas license plate in the driveway. I thought for sure I would find King's owner before I returned home, but luck was not with me.

Once home, I called the number on King's tag and got a voice mail -- the kind that you are not really sure who you are calling. No name, just a repeat of the phone number. I left a detailed message about finding King and left my name and number hoping for a call back. The minutes turned to hours and to alleviate my own anxiety, I groomed King the best I could. He was looking very bedraggled, all drenched in rainwater and caked with sand.

So I gently cleaned him and put him in a pillow case for a light spin in the dryer.

The next morning I received a call from King's family. The entire time I had King, I envisioned his owner to be a young child and

kept thinking about how sad this child must be to not have King by her side. Turns out King was not a new stuffed animal, but had been the constant companion of his owner since she was eight. Her dad explained that his daughter was now 22 and he would be over promptly to retrieve King before they headed back to Texas. It also turns out King had been lost on the beach for days and their trip to Disney World was a bit stressful since King was missing.

I didn't have the opportunity to meet the family or return King in person. Instead I had to leave him on my doorstep, but I made sure he was well protected from the predicted storms. While I was in line at the grocery, my phone buzzed. It was King's family. He was safe and on his way back to Texas. Most importantly his owner was happy

and calm. In all caps the text message ended with: "THANK

YOU And to think this game of mine originally started out as a way to clean up after others.

I am not sure what I am

going to do with the loot I have found to date, but for the next month or so, if someone drops something in the sand, either on the beach or along Ariola Drive, hopefully some other scavenger

will pick it up. I was raised to leave only my footprints. Unfortunately, right now I am leaving behind one footprint and two rubber stopper marks from my crutches. Until next time...



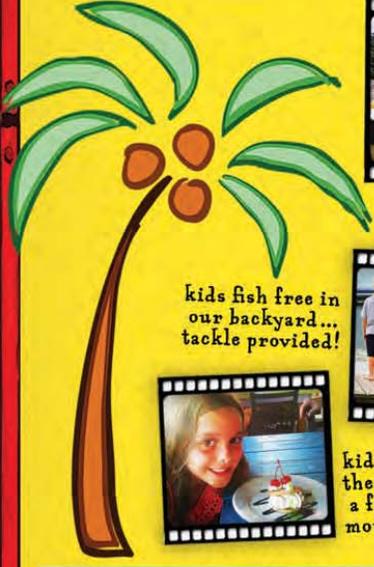
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Escambia County Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV, left, presented the Blue Angels Boss, Commander Tom Frosch, with a proclamation honoring the Navy Flight Team at the July 12 reception. Hundreds of guests packed the Hilton ballroom to honor the Blue Angels and the civilian pilot teams. The civilian pilots performed two air shows over Pensacola Beach, July 12-13.

Public Input Needed on Early Restoration Projects

Restoring natural resources as soon as possible after the oil spill is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's task. The public is invited to a meeting to discuss the Early Restoration projects and their scope, Thursday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Center. A number of Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) projects have commenced along the Gulf Coast but there are future projects under consideration.

The trustees of this funding are preparing an Impact Statement to evaluate the potential environmental effects of early restoration projects. They are seeking public input.

Here is a partial list of local early restoration projects:

- Florida Gulf Coast Marine Fisheries Hatchery/Enhancement Center, 20 million
- Scallop Enhancement for Increased Recreational Fishing Opportunity in the Florida Panhandle, 3 million
- Florida Artificial Reef Creation and Restoration, 11.4 million
- Beach Enhancement Project at Gulf Island National Sea-

shore, 11 million

- Big Lagoon State Park Boat Ramp Improvement, 1.5 million
- Bob Sikes Pier Restoration, 1 million
- Ferry Boat Access to Ft. Pickens, Gulf Island National

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- Perdido Key Boardwalk Improvements, 600,000

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BYTES & BITS

By Joe Stuke, our Computer Pal

Q "Is it OK to install Internet Explorer 10?"

A Internet Explorer 10, which is Microsoft's latest Internet browser program, was originally released for use with the new Windows 8 operating system. With the Windows 8 program, it seems to work well. After its initial release, Microsoft decided to modify it for use with two earlier versions of the Windows software --- Windows Vista and Windows 7. The program cannot be installed on Windows XP.

I have gone on many service calls to deal with problems associated with having Internet Explorer 10 on the earlier versions of Windows. Apparently, the program is not quite a perfect fit in those environments. Once the program is removed and replaced with Internet Explorer 9, the user's problems go away.

Here are some examples of what I have found. In some cases, users cannot attach files to be sent with email from web-based email programs. With the Mi-

crosoft Outlook email program, an upgrade to Internet Explorer 10 would cause the program to stop sending and receiving mail. In another case, the user could not get the drop-down list to appear on the menu of a secure website. Also, postings to Facebook could not be completed. Games played on the Facebook site, that previously worked fine, would no longer operate. Sometimes the symptoms were simply that the spinning circle would stay on the screen until the computer was shut down.

To remove Internet Explorer 10, select it from the list of installed Windows updates. After removing it and restarting the computer, Internet Explorer 9 will be on the computer. In some cases, the Internet Explorer 10 update will reappear on the computer. To prevent that from happening, you can find the program in the list of pending updates and "hide" it.

This article was provided by The Stuke Group. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 850-206-3156.

Music, Military And Sailing Top August Events

Athletes and festival fans will love August on Pensacola Beach. Check out the line-up

August 1 Ladies Triathlon at Portofino. www.teammpi.com for more info.

August 1 Beach Church Bingo, www.thebeachchurch.com
August 2 Country Music Festival, Boardwalk. Ends 8 4.

August 2 Bushwacker Weekend on Pensacola Beach. Sandshaker.com

August 3 Race for the Roses, all female sailing regatta. www.

pensacolabeach-yc.org
August 3 Bushwacker 5K Run. www.captfun.net. Starts in Gulf Breeze, ends on Pensacola Beach.

August 3 Cram the School Supply Drive, Post Collection Party, 8 p.m. Sabine Sandbar.

August 4 Water Works, Paradise Bar, 2 p.m. Squirt gun required.

August 5 Junior Sailing Camp, Pensacola Beach Yacht Club and Key Sailing.

August 6 Bands on the Beach, p.m. Gulfside Pavilion. Also, August 2 .

August 8 Sunset Triathlon, also Aug. 29. www.teammpi.com

August 15 AHERO Wounded Warrior Events. Fishing trip from PegLeg's, Aug. 1 .

August 16 Star Gaze, Casino Beach. Dusk. Also, Aug. 1 .

August 1 Cornhole Qualifying Tourney. Bamboo Willie's. www.kaboomssc.com. Noon.

August 30 Jamaican Fest. Continues to Labor Day.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD
NOON DAVE & JOE SHOW
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LINEUP



BUSINESS BUZZ.....

T Get ready for school or cash in on summer sales at beach retailers like Innerlight. The first day of school is August 19, so start shopping. The State of Florida has declared a Sales Tax Holiday, August 2-4 on clothing, footwear, certain accessories, school supplies and personal computers. The items must meet pricing limits. A complete list of items is available at www.myflorida.com/dor.

Pensacola Beach resident Kristen Wimer has been tapped to serve as president of Pensacola's chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association. Wimer is the **isit** Pensacola Communications Coordinator. Joining her on the Board of Directors is Pensacola Beach Chamber President Nicole Stacey who is one of the six vice-presidents. The slate includes P Membership Amy Minchin, Past President Whitney Fike, Treasurer Morgan Cole, Secretary Rachael Cox, VP Programs Steve Vanderwerff, VP Networking Katy Hebebrand, VP Communications Mary Wymer, At-large Ed Barker and VP Accreditation **Sonya Daniel**.

Cathy Guzzo invites Beach residents to visit her at Smart Stop Self Storage. She has a multitude of options including climate controlled units for protecting items.

In case of storm evacuations, it's good to have storage options right across the bridge.

T T Do you want to spend a day on the water but have no boat? Stop by Key Sailing and rent one of their new pontoon boats. Roomy, clean and easy to drive, you will be the Captain for the day. Bring the whole family.

If grandkids are joining you this summer, you can call Tarran and have her deliver a crib and car seat or whatever baby supplies you need. She is the owner of Travel Baby Rentals. Check out her website of the same name.

T Fresh blueberry cobbler is just one of the treats that Joyce and Jesse Brown are serving guests at the Native Cafe. Homemade soups and Skinny Dip sandwiches are popular lunch choices.

T T Pensacola Beach Relay For

Life is looking for a few volunteers to serve on the Steering Committee. If volunteering interferes with your time on the golf course, that's ok. You can enter the Golf FORE A Cure tournament Saturday, August 10 at Tiger Point Golf Club. Funds raised will benefit the American Cancer Society. Contact Shelly Nightengale with the American Cancer Society at 850-266-2279 to sign up to play or to volunteer.

T Kids who clean their plate at Shaggy's get a cookie monster. It's not scary but there is some urgency in making it disappear.

Early birds get stuff. In this case, all active duty military who dine at Lillo's Tuscan Grille during their happy hours of 4 to 6 p.m. get a half price meal with the purchase of a regular priced meal. The offer is good Sunday through Thursday. A perfect way to complete a day on the Beach.

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4. What is your least favorite season for your skin? A. Winter Ouch my skin gets so dry and chapped that it hurts B. Summer My face is so shiny and yucky. I feel that within a few hours my makeup is melting off my face. C. Every season of the year seems to have a unique challenge for me.

5. What one skin care product is your go-to item the one you always carry with you? A. A small bottle of face lotion for your tight, dry itchy skin. B. Blotting papers or powder for the constant touch-ups for the shiny spots. C. Well it depends on the season of the year. In the summer,

I may carry powder. In the winter, I sometimes carry a moisturizer.

If you answered Mostly A our skin type is dry.

Mostly B our skin type is oily.

Mostly C our skin type is normal.

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The WFLF project Art in Motion can be viewed on at Kickstarter.com http www.kickstarter.com projects 500voices folk-art-and-interpretive-dance-meet-poetry-art-in.

For more information visit WFLF's website, www.wflf.org.

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Put the sunscreen away and lace up your sneakers for two summer evening programs hosted at the Fort Pickens Area of Gulf Islands National Seashore, located at the western tip of Santa Rosa Island.

Park Ranger Beckie Mims will lead an hour-long walk at the end of Santa Rosa Island Thursday, July 25, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to participate in this leisurely hike, which will begin at the Fort Pickens Auditorium. Walkers will have the opportunity to explore historic remnants of America's coastal defenses and view native flora and fauna. The level of difficulty is easy with some soft sand. Participants should wear closed-toed shoes and bring water.

Park Ranger Beckie Mims will lead an hour-long program on the night skies of Gulf Islands National Seashore Thursday, August 1 and 8, at 8 p.m. Meet at the Langdon Beach Gulf side pavilion, which is located two miles west of the Fort Pickens Entrance Station.

"Bring the entire family, and a blanket to sit on. A short 200 yard stroll along the sand leads to an ideal location to spread out a blanket and enjoy a planetary lineup of our solar system. Relax and learn about the many park species that depend upon dark night skies for their survival," said Superintendent

Dan Brown.

Participants should remember the Fort Pickens Entrance Station closes at sunset. Late arrivals will not be allowed to enter.

The programs are free of charge however, there is an 8 entrance fee to the Fort Pickens

Area.

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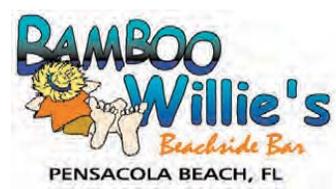
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With new facts to work with, you should feel more confident in moving ahead. But continue to do so at an unhurried pace so you can spot details you might otherwise miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Taking on that new workplace project could be one of your smarter career moves. Expect a surprising show of support from someone who had always been a critic.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel you're too busy to undertake a new responsibility. But check it out before making any decisions. What you learn could persuade you to change your mind.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You feel quite content enjoying all the comforts of home right now. But the urge to travel grows stronger, and by week's end, you could begin packing your bags.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A hectic period begins to ease up, but that doesn't mean the Fine Feline can do much catnap-

ping these days. You need to finish those old tasks and prepare for new ones.

IRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expect to get some good news about your financial situation by week's end. But it could still be too early to rush out with a long shopping list of things to buy.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your management skills make an impression on some workplace IPs who might be looking for someone like you to take on an upcoming project. Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Meeting a former adversary might be unsettling at first. But time has softened hard feelings, and you could be on the brink of starting a new relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A troubling situation close to home might cause you to change your travel plans. But getting all the facts before you act might cause you to reconsider.

CAPRICORN (December



22 to January 19) You might be quite alone right now in deciding to support a major workplace shift. But others will join you as new information supports your bold move.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A former co-worker returns with news that could persuade you to reassess recently made plans. Be sure to consult with a trusted colleague before you act.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your motives behind a recent decision could be called into question by a rival. But once you present the facts, all doubts will be resolved. Enjoy an arts-rich weekend.

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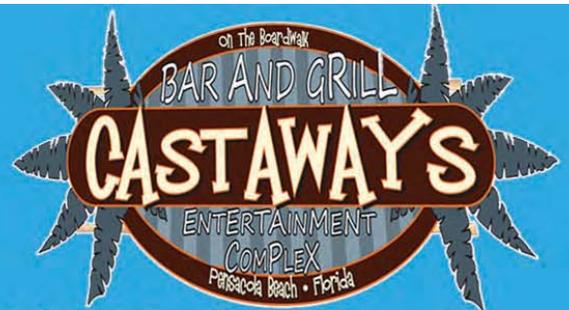
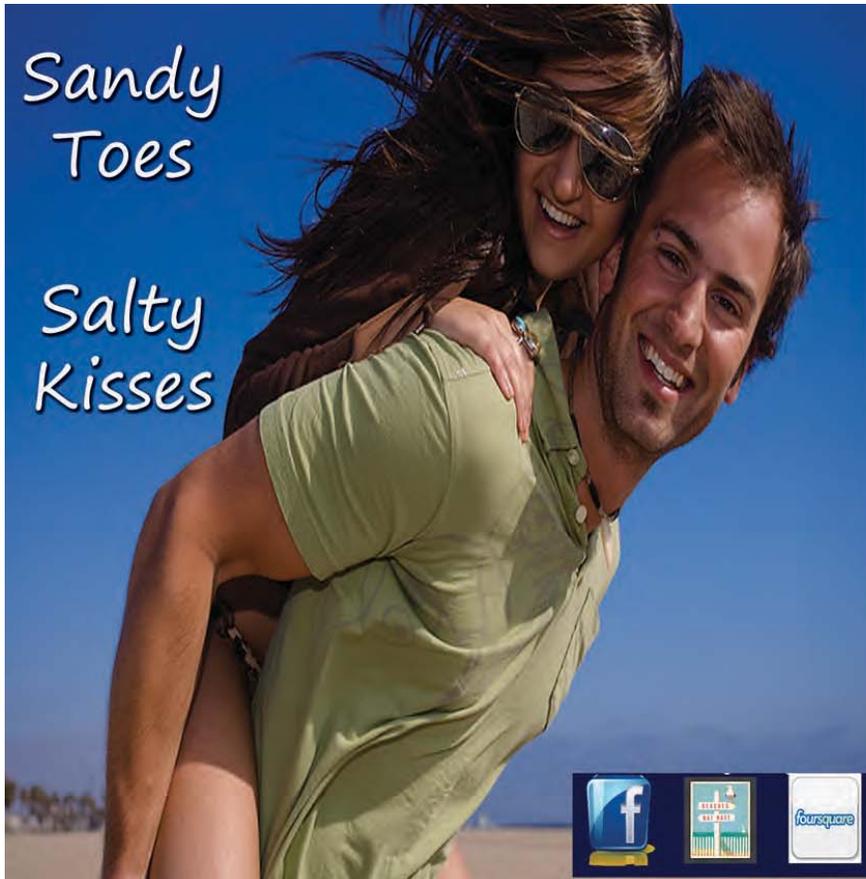
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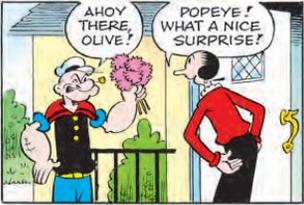
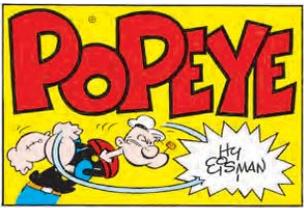
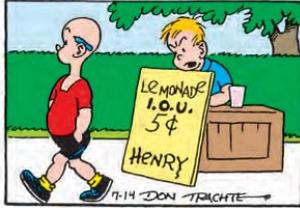
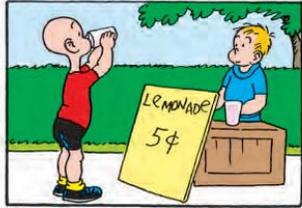
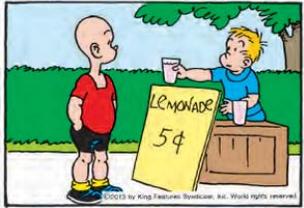
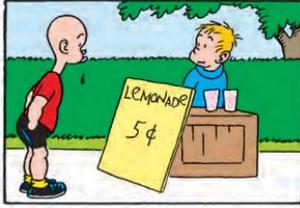
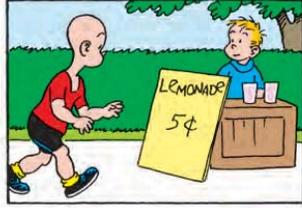
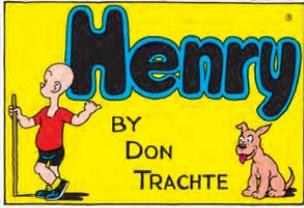


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There's no ace in the hole

I used to ride my bike from my house in Northeast Pensacola across both bridges to Pensacola Beach and back. Yeah, I know, it sounds REALLY stupid, but go with me here. It's a chilling experience considering the particular raceway that each of the bridges has been for decades. It seems drivers like to speed up and see how close they can come to you even though you're hugging the guardrail well to the far right side of the bike lane.

After pedaling over ten miles from Cordova Park to Casino Beach, I would determine whether I wanted to ride to Ft. Pickens, stop at one of the convenience stores for coffee or a beer, swim and or run or just turn around and ride back. No matter how I varied it, the ride was always great training and I certainly learned to focus on riding in a straight line and keeping my head on a swivel. One of those rides resulted in an "aha" moment that is still implanted in my mind several years later.

For almost a decade I traveled to San Diego 5-6 times a year for business purposes along with several personal trips. Located in the southwestern corner of the United States, it's a very positive, fantastic city that is bubbling over with energy. Multi-sport was born there and it is probably the greatest triathlon city in the world. The San Diego Triathlon Club has over 3,200 (yes, three thousand two hundred plus) members and there are many challenging and scenic venues where you can train in each of the triathlon disciplines.

There are numerous military bases in the area with excellent athletes to throw into the mix of motivation, training and competition and several storied races are there as well. From La Jolla, Torrey Pines, Carlsbad, Encinitas and Mount Palomar in the north, to the southern tip of the Silver Strand on the border of Mexico, people are in constant and continuous motion. I used to drive over the Coronado Bridge and look down at San Diego Bay, Point Loma, Coronado and the Pacific Ocean and think "wow, what an amazing place." I always looked forward to returning there.

So, one afternoon I was riding my trusty Trek to Santa Rosa Island and I stopped at the top of the Pensacola Bay Bridge. I sat on my bike supporting myself

with my right foot on the bottom of the guardrail as vehicles whizzed by. I looked west and saw the sun shimmering off Pensacola Bay all the way to the Pass and out to the Gulf of Mexico. I saw the west end of Gulf Breeze jutting out into the mirror-like water and I turned my head and looked east to Escambia Bay, East Bay and the Garcon Point Bridge. It was truly an awesome view. I pushed off and continued riding south.

At the apex of the Bob Sikes Bridge, I stopped again and I gazed down the intercoastal waterway. You can see the white sand of the island reaching out to the west and ending at the Pass. I looked east at the recreational boat traffic in Santa Rosa Sound and saw the residential neighborhoods. And I thought "wow, what an amazing place." Since that day, I haven't let go of that thought.

I grew up going to Pensacola Beach as a kid and playing on the sand and in the water. I worked at the beach for four summers as a teenager. In the years since then I guess I took it all for granted. Fortunately, twelve years ago I took up triathlon and I re-discovered one of the most unique and beautiful places anywhere.

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Jackie Brown represented the SRI Triathlon board July 10 while presenting a \$2,000 donation to SRIA Public Safety Director Bob West for his Junior Lifeguard program. The contribution was a portion of the proceeds generated by the SRI TRI, which is set for October 5 this year.

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Several years ago I bought a postcard with a beautiful beach scene that read, "No one gets to the end of their life and wishes they had spent more time at the office." Things today have become incredibly fast-paced as technology, which was supposed to make our lives easier, creates a digital tsunami which engulfs us in a sea of information. People no longer leave the office behind at 5 p.m., instead they bring it home with them where it constantly beeps and chirps alerts, requests and updates, demanding as a colicky baby and leaving us exhausted the next morning. We are always "connected" and constantly pressured to be accessible.

Somewhere along the way we've lost our ability to slow down and be present in the moment. We've disconnected from the earth and forgotten the pleasure of sitting quietly with her on the beach at night as she calms us with her rhythmic sighs. We no longer understand secrets whispered between sea oats and playful night breezes, because imagination is becoming a lost language.

Our beaches and National Seashore are cherished by those who call this home, as well as those who come here to strip off the mental and emotional armor which weighs them down. It is

beautiful to see those who come here to reconnect with their families, realizing what is really important in life. Unfortunately, however, many cannot stop their compulsion to rush through life and the result can be deadly.

Just last week we were devastated to discover that someone driving through the Santa Rosa area of Gulf Islands National Seashore hit and killed a large female loggerhead. She had come ashore, laid her nest, and headed back to the Gulf of Mexico. Unfortunately she became disoriented and managed to crawl into the roadway where she was killed. She was found the following morning by one of our sea turtle patrollers. We will probably never know the circumstances surrounding the death of the sea turtle, but she probably weighed in the vicinity of 250 pounds which makes it difficult to imagine that someone going the speed limit could miss seeing her. And, sea turtles are physically unable to dart into the road. In the end, this endangered creature which defied the odds of survival by becoming the statistical one in 1,000 (or possibly in 10,000) which made it to adulthood lay dead and discarded by someone who didn't slow down.

The speed limit within areas of the National Seashore is dropped from 35 to 20 miles per hour each summer for a distance of about three and one-half miles to protect endangered species which return here to nest. This allows time to react to things like tiny chicks of the endangered Snowy Plovers which look a cotton ball on toothpick legs and can dart into the road much faster than you can apply your brakes at higher speeds. There are an estimated 450 Snowy Plovers left in the whole state of Florida and our island has the great honor of being one of the premier nesting sites of these adorable little birds. So far this year approximately 0 chicks have been killed by vehicles speeding through the Park.

Reducing your speed to 20 miles per hour through a posted area 3.5 miles long will add approximately four minutes and thirty seconds to your drive through the National Seashore. Please, be mindful of the rare treasure entrusted to us and be grateful for the gift of four and one half minutes you've been given to reflect, reconnect and make a difference.

Until next time, Lights Out

Nest update for	Pensacola Beach	Gulf Islands National Seashore	as of July
Perdido	8	Pensacola Beach	16
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Pensacola Beach Woman's Club conducted their annual Installation of Officers at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall, Thursday, June 20. Tapped to lead the Club during its sixtieth year are **Ruth Christoff**, and **Jim Harvell**, treasurers **Cheryl Collier**, secretary, **Ginger Pasek**, second vice president, **Melba Argentine**, first vice-president and **Mary Ann Claus**, president. The Club meets the third Thursday of each month, at 11 a.m. at the Beach Church. The next luncheon meeting is set for August 15.

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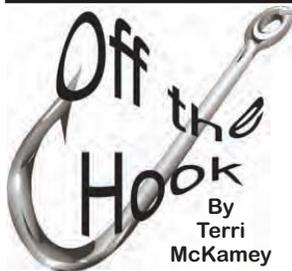
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Most of us have many fishing buddies. Those who head out on the water with us on a regular basis or who we call or text when the fishing is on or even on the days when it's nothing but Catfish. And I would bet that many of y'all have that one fishing buddy you see once or twice a year, but when you do get together all is good in the fishing world.

I had a friend like that. Back in the days when I was busy raising kids and working and all the extracurriculars that come with that, I often didn't find the time to fish. Or when I did, there was always a car full of kids along. Not that we didn't have fun on the beach playing and fishing; we always did. But those times

when I could just fish and get my perspective back were rare.

Here's where that great fishing buddy comes in. He found out from another friend just how much I enjoyed fishing. So twice a year, without fail, he would call. Do whatever you have to do find a sitter, call in sick to work, we are going fishing. And I did. Twice a year we would head out to one of our favorite spots and spend the day just fishing.

Sometimes we tore the fish up and sometimes we spent all day with nothing. It didn't matter. We talked. We laughed. We always had a good time. And I always came home a better person, and mother. We did this for over ten years before my friend was unable to go any more and sadly passed away after a long illness. Though I have many fishing buddies, there will never be anyone quite like him.

Often I think of my friend. I miss you Ronnie Skipper. If you have someone like that in your life call him, head out there and get fishing. It will do you both a world of good.

So have you had enough of the rain? What with the Fourth and the Air Show and the rain, I haven't been out as much as I should. But I plan to make up for it this week. The King Mackerel bite has been on and off again depending on the day. We're still getting plenty of Trout and Reds on the grass flats and they are

good sized, too.

Snapper season has ended, so I hope everyone filled their freezers. The piers have been okay with good fishing one day and slow the next, so just be patient.

Good reports on late afternoons surf fishing both from Fort Pickens and out in Perdido Key. It's a great way to relax after a long day at work and bring dinner home, too. Stay late and enjoy the beautiful sunsets.

With all this summertime rain, be prepared for summer thunderstorms that may pop up where ever you fish. Take cover. But whatever you do, don't let the chance of rain slow you down. The fish are still biting. So what are you waiting for? Grab a kid and go fishing!

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The Pensacola Beach Yacht Club hosts the Race for the Roses all female regatta, Saturday, August 4 beginning at noon. The regatta is the finale in a three race trilogy that includes Fast Women and the Bikini Regatta. The event, which was founded by Ellen Hunt in 1988, will conclude with an awards party at the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club. For information about the Club and its events, www.pensacolabeach-yc.org



SHOW SISTERS - Shirley Hart, right, attends the July 13 Air Show on Pensacola Beach with her sister Vivian Chambers, who traveled from Anderson, South Carolina. Shirley, who is a local missed the Blue Angels, so she displayed her flag as a tribute to them.



The boss' work is never done. General Managers Robert Gleim of Bamboo Willie's and Willie's served thirsty and hungry patrons under the Air Show Central Vendors Tent, July 13 at Casino Beach.



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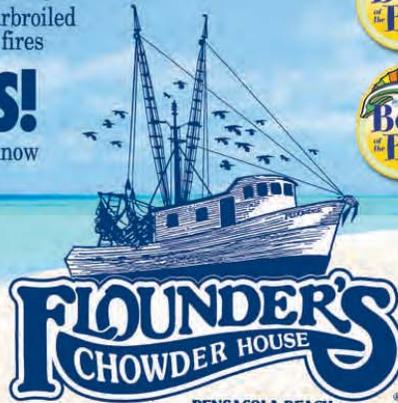
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