The 1990s: Storms Before a New Century

Economic growth accelerated in the 1990s, but storms came: Santa Rosa County claimed Navarre Beach, a federal courthouse replaced beleaguered Hotel San Carlos, the USS Lexington sailed for Corpus Christi as a ship museum, Pensacola lost homeporting and its aircraft carrier and West Florida’s largest industry—the Navy aircraft repair depot. Then Hurricane Opal, deadliest storm since 1926, followed the strong winds of Hurricane Erin, ravaging Panhandle beaches.

Yet Pensacola finally had its cultural center in the renovated Court of Record building. Navy technical training from Memphis began a new mission for Pensacola NAS, and success of Ellyson Industrial Park and Marcus Pointe Commerce Park led Escambia commissioners to seek other enterprise areas.

Governor Lawton Chiles denied Bob Martinez reelection, then defeated Republican Jeb Bush in 1994 for reelection. Mayor Jerry Maygarden replaced retiring Vince Whibbs, then became a Republican Florida House member. The City Council chose former Blue Angel John Fogg as mayor. Ed Hinkle succeeded City Manager Kendig; the city projected a master plan for bayfront redevelopment.

Steve Del Gallo, Buck Lee, Dave Pavlock, Mike Whitehead, Mike Bass, Tom Banjanin and Johnny Reading joined Willie Junior as commissioners; the county faced a cleanup of the Perdido landfill, state mandates for comprehensive planning and solid-waste recycling, budget deficits and battles with the Escambia County Utilities Authority over landfill operations. County Administrator Wayne Peacock, successor to Gus Ellis, resigned by become judicial administrator. Bob Koncar, Peacock’s successor, served briefly before Barry Evans became the county administrator.

Citizens approved a penny sales tax for public projects, rejected charter government for the third time, and School Superintendent Bill Maloy, who defeated Pete Payton and asked voters to abolish his job for an appointive administrator, found voters preferred the elected position.

A proposed Pensacola Beach golf course was buried in shifting sands. Alleged UFO sightings enlivened Gulf Breeze, attracting national attention; and Rep. Jim Kerrigan talked to the ghost of John Wayne and advocated public hangings for Florida criminals.

The Soviet Union and the Berlin Wall crumbled; nostalgic 50th anniversary observances marked the end of World War II. American and allied forces ejected Saddam Hussein’s Iraqi invaders from Kuwait in the Gulf War but the victory didn’t help President George Bush, loser to Bill Clinton with a nudge from intruder Ross Perot. Clinton faced Bob Dole in 1996, with Perot posing a third-party threat.

Warren Briggs and Clark Thompson launched the Save the Lex crusade, but city officials and the Naval Aviation Museum foundation leadership sank the dream of converting the decommissioned aircraft into a ship museum on Pensacola’s bayfront. The ship sailed to Corpus Christi as a museum.

Homeporting of the USS Forrestal became a memory; refurbished Allegheny Pier and Pensacola remained shipless.

Governor Chiles advocated downsizing state government. Terry Busbee and Billy Tennant faced grand jury critics over ECUA operations; ECUA members were embarrassed by charges of personal use of county cellular telephones.

U.S. Rep. Earl Hutto retired; Republican Joe Scarborough rode the GOP tide to Congress, defeating Vincent Whibbs Jr. for Hutto’s seat, and allied with Newt Gingrich’s Contract with America. With Congress under fire over House scandals and climbing debt, Clinton talked of shared sacrifice. Pensacola leaders pushed for a Defense Finance Accounting Services Center (DFAS) but the concept was downsized.

The county enacted mandatory garbage collection; Jim Lowman defeated Sheriff Charlie Johnson. House Speaker Boley (Bo) Johnson (D-Santa Rosa) brought home “Bo’s Bridge” in a flood of controversy. Childers turned Republican. Governor Chiles ended Comptroller Joe Flowers’ career after heavy financial losses from questionable investments. Floridians rejected casino gambling. Gulf explorations for natural gas ten miles from Pensacola beaches angered coastal promoters, and painful, devastating Erin and Opal taught a powerful seacoast lesson.
Rep. Boley (Bo) Johnson (D-Santa Rosa) joined with Senate dean W.D. Childers for legislation to transfer the four-mile beach area at Navarre to Santa Rosa county—even though Escambia County owned the land on Santa Rosa Island by an Act of Congress. Escambians appeared helpless to resist.

The long-simmering political storm over the control of Navarre Beach, which Escambia County leased to Santa Rosa County in 1956, reached a tidal surge in 1990.
Tom Pelham, originally from Chipley, held the reins of Florida’s growth management planning in 1990. Often he was in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, fighting the fears of property owners and county politicians. Growth in the two West Florida counties in the 1990s signaled the need to save wetlands and enact an effective comprehensive plan that had been mandated by state government.
Rep. Bo Johnson and W.D. Childers demonstrated raw legislative power, convincing the Florida Legislature to transfer Navarre Beach to Santa Rosa County. Childers blasted Escambia commissioners on the floor of the Senate.
The election of Escambia commissioners Steve Del Gallo and Buck Lee brought new, youthful leadership to county government for the 1990s. And Pensacola Mayor Jerry Maygarden and Escambia commissioner Dave Pavlock once again promised the often elusive cooperation between city and county leaders without the feared Big C word—Consolidation.
Escambia property appraiser John R. Jones had a long political career of independence, often frustrating the county commission and county administrator with low appraisals. But he prevailed, even though the state sometimes forced a reappraisal.

Kenneth Kelson, known as “Dr. No” as an independent Pensacola city councilman, also colored a long career as an Escambia County commissioner by sometimes venting disagreement with Tallahassee mandates by proposing the annexation of West Florida to Alabama.
TUESDAY'S 30-SECOND SOUND BITE

YOUR VOTE

BATTLE GROUND '90

FLORIDA

HEY, MARTHA, YOU SURE THIS IS THE COLORIZED VERSION OF MUDRAZZLIN'?
Former Democratic Congressman Bill Nelson of Melbourne, wanting to be governor, rode a slow mule that trailed an early Republican reelection money blitz by incumbent Governor Bob Martinez in 1990.

Nelson's shootout with Martinez was interrupted by the surprise Democratic entry Lawton Chiles, who had retired from the U.S. Senate and politics. Buddy MacKay, former congressman from Ocala who had lost a narrow race for the U.S. Senate to Connie Mack, convinced Chiles to run and he agreed to be No. 2 in the race to unseat Martinez.
Lawton Chiles, in defeating incumbent Bob Martinez, began his governorship as a New Democrat, promising to streamline and downsize (or rightsize) state government. The task would not be easy. He faced a Florida Senate that would be controlled by Republicans.

The Escambia legislative delegation in 1990: Senator W.D. Childers and House members Tom Tobiassen, Tom Banjanin and Buzz Richie.
**Bottom of the Barrel?**

**Penny for your thoughts?**

**Forecast favorable, but we've got work to do!**

**Escambia**
Escambians, facing a referendum for a local-option one-cent sales tax in 1990, also faced a bitter campaign of complaints and fearmonging. But the tax passed; no one went to the poor house.
Escambia commissioners Dave Pavlock, Willie Junior, Kenneth Kelson, Muriel Wagner and Wilson Robertson faced trench warfare in 1990; county administrator Wayne Peacock was always looking for new revenues. A golf course targeted for Pensacola Beach ran into a storm; golf promoters never got to the first tee in the fragile, shifting sands.
Gulf Breeze became known across the nation with strange reports of Unidentified Flying Objects dotting the skies in 1990. The only UFO most people ever saw was the one I drew in this cartoon.

When a state investigation probed the management of the St. Augustine board, Florida legislators mistakenly allowed the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board to sunset in 1990. But Pensacola board members transferred state holdings to Historic Pensacola Inc., a nonprofit support organization, and kept the program operational. The historic preservation boards were reconstituted in the next session of the legislature.
BUDGET: $260 MILLION
REPAIRS: $2.3 MILLION
CAPITAL NEEDS: $150 MILLION

LET'S WORK ON THE BOTTOM LINE!

EUREKA

SUPT.
PETE
FAYTON

ESCAVIA
SCHOOLS

HAZARDOUS WASTE
DILEMMA

RIGHT ON, BABY

GOTTA GIT ON THE ROAD AGAIN

EUREKA

ESCambia
COUNTY

COME TOGETHER

GROWTH

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I NEVER LIKED COMMUNISM ANYWAY!

Gorey
Long Shall We Remember.

Americans still remembered on December 7, 1991, the fiftieth anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that began American mobilization for victory in World War II. In the 1980s, Uncle Sam fell victim to a new kind of war—terrorism—that claimed American lives.

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Pacific commander, symbolized American determination to defeat Japanese aggression in World War II and repel communist invaders of South Korea.
Frankly, dear Scarlett, I thought we'd never return!

After all, Rhett, tomorrow's here!

Scarlett: the Sequel to Gone With the Wind is finally published
SADDAM, READ MY...

DESSERT SHIELD

TALONS!

U.N. DEADLINE RESOLUTION

SAD...
DAM
DAY

JANUARY 15

'91 BOWDEN
The Week The World Waited No More

Let the Holy War Begin!

Our Air Power Will Destroy Them...

Oops!

U.N.

U.S. Air

Might

Allies

Join with the Infidel!

Surrender!

U.S.

Huh?

Earle Bowden '91

I'm Whacked

'91

Earle Bowden

Arabian Nights and the Butcher of Baghdad
WORLD'S GREATEST ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORIST

PROPAGANDA WAR
THE AMERICAN WILL PEACE PROTESTS
DEsert STORM
NOW, ONE FINAL WITNESS, JIMMY SWAGGART!

THE SENATE SLEAZE COMMITTEE

WARNING: X-RATED
THESE PENSACOLA WATERS ARE TOUGH TO NAVIGATE!

KEEP PADDLING!

FULL SPEED AHEAD!

SAVE THE LEXINGTON CREW

KEEP PULLING FOR PENSACOLA

LADYLEX MUSEUM

EARLE BOWDEN '91

WILLIAM BRIGGS

CLARK THOMPSON
THE OLD MAN
PENSACOLA
AND
THE SEA

SAVE THE LEX

COME TO THINK
OF IT, WE DO
NEED A BIGGER
BOAT!

LEXINGTON
INVESTMENT
FOR FUTURE
WE GOTTA GET GOVERNOR CHILES ON BOARD SOMEHOW!

PENSACOLA PUSH FOR STATE FUNDS

TALLAHASSEE LEX FOUNDATION

NEW SUITES FOR LEASE:
- DERELICT DUO
- DELUXE VIP
- VAGRANT LOW RATES

LOOK!

JUST FER US!
LET US GO AMONGST THEM, OL' BUDDY!

SHARPLY WE MUST, LAWTON!

THE 1991 LAWTON CHILES BUD-CUTTING MISSILE LAUNCHER

'91 CARRIE BOWDERS

FLORIDA GOV. CHILES

'91 CARRIE BOWDERS

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PUT THE HAY DOWN FOR THE GOATS THE RIGHT SIZE!

RIGHT ON!

TOM T.

 WHICH SIZE IS THE RIGHT SIZE STATE GOV'T LAWTON?

RIGHT, GUV!

GO LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CHILES

MACKAY

BY THE ETERNAL, WE GOTTA GET OUTTA THIS SWAMP BEFORE TALKING ABOUT TAXES!

Earle Bowder '91
Sir, we 'bout outta ammo... I mean real money!

Florida budget crisis

Trickle-down economics!

State of Florida

Schools

County

Taxpayer

Earle Bowders '91
MR. COMMISSIONERS, WELCOME TO OPERATION SUMMER STORM!

HOLD ON! WE GONNA TURN THIS OL' BUCKET AROUND!
GROWTH PLAN OBJECTIONS
COASTAL PROTECTION
FUND
WE’VE MET THE FUTURE – IT COMES FROM TALLAHASSEE!
ESCAMBA W. PEACOCK
WETLAND PROTECTION

LESSEE... MAYBE KENNY KELSON? OR GRADY ALBRITTON? OR YES, NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF!

WANT ADS
JOB OPEN: ESCAMBA COUNTY MANAGER

TIGHT BUDGET STOPS HERE
SEARCH FOR A NEW VINCE WHIBBS...

NAVARRE FIGHT

PENSACOLA CITY COUNCIL

COMP FIGHT

ESCambia COMMISH

ROADS FEES COURTS TAXES

MIKE, LET'S GIVE IT A TRY...

PENSACOLA WESTERN GATE TO THE SUNSHINE STATE WHERE THOUSANDS LIVE THE WAY GMARDEN

DUM DE DUM DUM...

DESORBO PRO TEM PLUCK DE PLUCK PLUCK!

MILLIONS WISH WHERE THEY COULD!

WE BETTER LEARN TO SAY THIS RIGHT OR IT MIGHT BE COLD COLD HEARTS AND A CLOUDY DAY
IS THAT THUNDER?

WELCOME TO OPERATION BEACH STORM!

TOURISM
DEVELOPMENT

WE GOTTA KEEP THIS SURF UP!
ESCambia Growth Management Plan 1991

NAW, NONE THEM BIG-CITY PROBLEMS ROUND HERE!

DRUGS VIOLENT CRIME

APATHY AS USUAL
EEE EK! A SCUD!
OR A DUD?
PENSACOLA'S APPOINTED CEREMONIAL MAYOR
EARLE '91 BOWDEN

ELECT THE MAYOR
BANJANIN BALLISTICS CO.

SUNSET LEGISLATION FOR ESCAMBIA UTILITIES AUTHORITY
EARLE BOWDEN '91

TERRY, PRETEND YOU DON'T SEE IT, AND KEEP RUNNING!
CHAIRMAN BUSBEE
BILLY TENNANT
No new taxes! More school money! Cut your high salaries!

Save the library! Kick the rascals out!

Escambia politician's nightmare

Take two aspirin and call the courthouse in the morning.

University Hospital

Earle Bowden, Sr.

Earle Bowden, Sr. '91
THE BATTLE OF ESCAMBIA SCHOOLS...

ERIC EGGEN...
PROPOSES BOUNDARY CHANGES

ED STANFORD...
OPPOSES '91
GEOE BOWDEN

HARD TIMES, COME AGIN
HARD TIMES, NO MORE

ESCAMBIA BOTTOM DOLLAR BAND

EARLE BOWDEN '91

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BEATS ME, MR. LEE, BAG'S BOUT EMPTY!

ESCAMBIA REVENUE

THE BUCK STOPS HERE

LET US GO AMONGST 'EM!

'92 CAMPAIGN

ONE CENT SALES

GIDDAP!

...HERE WE GO AGIN!

YEAH...

EARLE BOWDEN '91

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WHEN YOU BOMB, YOU AIM...

GOV. CHILES

$1.3 BILLION NEW TAXES

...FOR FLORIDA'S FUTURE!

WE BEGIN WITH AMPUTATION, THEN...

GOV. CHILES

FLORIDA SALES TAX

EARLE BOWDEN '92

EXEMPTION

EXEMPTION

EXEMPTION

EXEMPTION

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WHAT'S OL' ESCAMBIA

...TO DO?

BUDGET DEFICIT

ESSENTIAL COUNTY SERVICES

YOUR COUNTY'S GOING BROKE...
YOU NEED INFRASTRUCTURE...
AND TALLAHASSEE COULD TAKE OVER!

A PENNY MAYBE?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Carole Bowden '92

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GOVERNOR

JUST WHERE, SIR...

DO YOU FIGURE YOUR COMP PLAN WENT AWRY?

GROWTH MANAGEMENT RESISTANCE

JUST KEEP MOVING OR...

STATE COMP PLAN CRISIS

TALLAHASSEE MIGHT BE GAINING ON US!

SALE'S OK!
HOLD TIGHT, SENATOR

WILD ELEPHANT ON YOUR FLANK!

RELAX! THE COURTS WILL RESCUE YOU TAXPAYERS!

GERPY MANDER

LEGISLATIVE FLORIDA

G.O.P.
THIS COMES EASY...

RUBBERGATE
FOR

U.S. HOUSE

DATE: JUNE 1990
$2,000
Rep: Spending freely

...DEFICITS ARE MY WAY OF LIFE!

OOPS! SORRY!
SOMETIMES WE DO GET OVER-ZEALOUS!

CONGRESS AND WASHINGTON DEFICIT SPENDING

EARRLE BOWDEN '92

EARRLE BOWDEN '92

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...and the envelope please!
THIS COULD BE RATHER TAXING!

CHILES' FLORIDA REVOLUTION

DOWN, DOWN... SIZE!

DEVELOPERS

ENVIRONMENTAL PURSUES

PROPERTY RIGHTS

YEAH, THE BUDGET!

STATE VIOLATIONS

PLANNER

COMMISH

ESCAMBIA GROWTH PLAN

RELAX! THE SIEGE COMES LATER!
COULD IT BE A MIRACLE FROM CITY HALL?

SAN CARLOS SEA OF UNCERTAINTY

COUNTY OPERATIONS

URBAN GROWTH

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES, EXPENSES

WHOA, BOSSIE!

ESCAMBIA MONEY SEARCH
RARE BIRD IN THE BUSH CAMPAIGN

GOOD GRIEF, MS. BROWN!

FAMILY VALUES

WE, THE PEOPLE

PSSST! WAKE UP!

REFORM OR ELSE!

WASHINGTON

SPECIAL INTERESTS

RE-ELECTION

PAC SPEND

MONEY

1992
ALAS, AT LAST WE'RE FAST...

FOR DFS

JOBS, JOBS!
DUM DE DUM DUM!

PENSACOLA CHAMBER MUSIC

EARLE BOWDEN '92

...AND THEN THERE'S THE COMING ELECTION

ESCAMBIA FINANCIAL COOKER

EARLE BOWDEN '92
WHAT'S NEXT?

THE COURTHOUSE, IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL!

ESCambia REVENUE SHORTFALL

Earle Bowden '92

WE NEED MORE BALING WIRE OR A HEART SURGEON!

Commission Auto Repair

ESCambia Budget Model

Earle Bowden '92
"DON'T LOOK BACK. SOMETHING MAY BE GAINING ON YOU."

SADDAAMMIT! SHUT UP AND SIT DOWN! LET ME FINISH!

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WHADDA YEAR! CLIMBING DEFICIT...JOBS LOST...SCANDALS ON THE HILL...NOW, RE-ELECTION! AMERICANS MUST LEARN...TO... $700 MILLION ON ITSELF... TIGHTEN THEIR BELTS!
Earle Bowder '92

FACE IT, OL' BUDDY, I'M STILL WITH YOU!

OOPS! GHOST FROM MY PAST!

NO, BUCK! LAWSUITS AGAINST THE COUNTY!

KILLER BEES, STEVE?
EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

MANDATORY GARBAGE PICKUP

IT COULD HAPPEN TO US!

WE WILL REBUILD

ANDREW
Your Choice?

I'm Elvis on sax!
I make money!
I'm a little late!

The New Tonight Show Begins
NO! NO! NOT ANOTHER ONE!

BO, KEEP LOOKING FOR FLORIDA'S RAINY DAY FUND!

HOUSE SPEAKER B. JOHNSON

$1.3 BILLION STATE COSTS FOR ANDREW REBUILDING
BO, WE'LL MISS THE GOOD OLD DAYS!

REPUBLICAN PARTY

SENATE 2020 LOCK

TALK ABOUT GRIDLOCK

DON'T WORRY, I'M PONDERING BETTER WAYS TO DOWNSIZE!

S.O.S. FLORIDA

STATE SPENDING

CARL BOWDEN 1992
WHADDA YEAR!
WHO COULD POSSIBLY...

...WANT THIS JOB?

OH, MR. LEE!

CHAIRMAN
THE BUCK STOPS HERE
Hey, gotta idea for hotel San Carlos!

Yeah—What's that?

This baby oughta fly with the best of 'em!

DFAS Payroll Center
Pensacola Funding Authority

'93
Earle Bowden

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MENTION RAISING TAXES, BO, AND HE GETS JUMPY!

FLORIDA LEGISLATURE '93

BUSH WAS INDEED PROPHETIC!
TERRY, THE PROBLEM WITH POLITICS IS TOO MUCH POLITICS!

SMELLS LIKE 'EM OL' BOYS AT IT AGAIN!
GREAT SHIPWRECKS IN PENSACOLA HISTORY

BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION

NEW CHOPPER FROM FORT RUCKER?

NO! WASHINGTON! WATCH YOUR HEAD!

WEST FLORIDA MILITARY
WE NEED SOME HOME RULE OR A NEW MODEL!

WHAT ABOUT A CHARTER?

TAXPayers

ESCAMBA COUNTY GOV'T

'93 EARLE BOWDEN

WILLIE, WE'VE GOT THAT 'OL BOY KICKING AGAIN!

OL' DIRTY ROAD POLITICS

ESCAMBA GUVMINT

WILLIE

Buck

'93 EARLE BOWDEN
TRY THIS BEAUTY!
YOU’LL NEVER GO BACK TO THAT OL’ DIRT ROAD CLUNKER AGAIN!

THE NEW CHARTER

HOMERULE

CARLE BOWDER '93

THEM 'OL CHARTER FOLKS FACE A TOUGH JOB...

...US 'OL COURTHOUSE CROWD'S ROOTS RUN DEEP!

DEADWOOD

CARLE BOWDER '93

ESCAMBIA GUYMINT
FOR YOU POLITICIANS
WE'D LIKE TO OFFER
A NEW SERVICE—
INSTANT RECALL!

ESCambia
taxPAYERS
hot line
FLORIDA GOP TARGETS CHILES

OL BUDDY

RUNNING AGAIN, GOVERNOR?

FLORIDA TOURISM IMAGE

VIOLENT CRIME

YOU THIEF! WE'RE PEACEABLE FOLKS HERE!
British Fort at Pensacola

They're putting this old town on the map!

Bo's Bridge over troubled waters...

Bay Bridge Advocates

State Political Clout
HILLARY, YOU GOT ANY MEDICINE FOR THIS?

DAVID, WHERE DID I GO WRONG?

THE LEFT

GERGEN OFF THE WALL!
CARLE BOWDER '93
OKAY, HILLARY, IT'S YOUR TURN!
LANDSLIDE CLINTON
THE TAX PACKAGE
CARLE BOWDER '93
PRISON DILEMMA
TOUCHE!
GOV. CHILES
FLORIDA CRIME
UNSAPF STREETS
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LIKE OL' MAN RIVER!

LOCAL GOV'T COSTS

KENDIG COUNTY TAX BASE

THE BAD NEWS IS IT'S BUDGET TIME!

THE BIG BAD NEWS IS WE'RE $8.5 MILLION SHORT!

NOT AGAIN!

STEVE

CARLE BOWDER '93
EVEN KENNY ROGERS WOULD COME UP SHORT IN A HIGH-STAKES GAME TO AVOID RAISING TAXES!

BUCK, THIS GONNA BALANCE THE BOOKS? FOR A WHILE?
PARDON ME, SIR! THIS IS DANGEROUS WORK!

PERDIDO LANDFILL INVESTIGATION

ESCAMBIA COMMISH

U.S. GRAND JURY

OKAY, NEIGHBORS, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

LATIN TRADE

NEW INDUSTRY

NEW BUSINESS

TOURISM

APATHY

SHRINKING MILITARY SPENDING

PENSACOLA
DR. MENG E, WHAT KIND OF NEW ESCAMBIA GOVERNMENT?

HOME RULE CHARTER, MR. BURKS

THAT IS, MY DEAR PEOPLE, IF WE CAN SELL IT!

COUNTY CHARTER COMMISH

ESCAMBIA POWER FIGHT

IT JUST GOES WITH THE TERRITORY!

BOB KONCAR
STEVE, WHAT'LL IT BE?

...OR
POLITICS
AS
USUAL?

CLINTON
SPIN?
PEROT
PREEN?
DOLE
DIP?

ESCAMBIA
BUDGET
DEFICIT

OOPS!
THIS
COULD BE
TAXING!

ESCAMBIA
BUDGET
MIRACLES
INVINCIBLE, GENERAL THOMAS!
JUST LIKE GETTYSBURG!

WE'RE BACK, W.D.!

FLORIDA SENATE

CIVIL SERVICE

FRANCHISE FEE

OH, W.D., BUZZ!

STATE GRANT S.O.S.

ESCambia LEGISLATION
Earle Bowders '93

REMEMBER, STEVE? THE ILLUSION DOESN'T LAST LONG!

Escambia Chairman

Mike Whitehead

Earle Bowders '93

COUNTY AGENDA

THIS GIFT COULD BE YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE!

CHARTER GOVERNMENT

Earle Bowders '93

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LET'S SEE, ESCAMBIA'S SEEK HOME RULE, MORE EFFICIENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT, POWER TO THE PEOPLE.

BUT BEWARE SPECIAL INTERESTS SPREADING FEAR IN THEIR QUEST TO KEEP POWER FROM THE PEOPLE!

JUST WHAT WE NEED... OPEN MIND, EASY TO PERSUADE, AND NO BAD BUDGET NEWS!

ESCAMBA POLITICAL SYSTEM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
Gwen
Fred

CHAMBER MUSIC '94

B UNAGOLA
JOBS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ARE THEY HEARING OUR SONG?

Earle Bowders '94

Earle Bowders
WATCH FOR LAND MINES!

TALLAHASSEE
YOU ARE ENTERING A BATTLE ZONE

SEN-PAT THOMAS

B9 94

CARLE BOWDER

FLORIDA CRIME

GO GET 'EM, PODNER!

CARLE BOWDER '94
'Saddle up, Jim, you pilgrims gotta save the guns!'

John Wayne as The Shootist

"Hang 'em high in public."
—Rep. Kerrigan
Hey, we're on the map—sometime!

It's time we solved the map crisis!

Attach lower part at right if desired.
LET'S PUT OUR GREAT PLACE ON THE MAP.

SIR, GOVERNMENT BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE!

...AND AT THE BALLOT BOX, THEIR SACRED TRUST!

CHARTER FOR HOME RULE
MR. MAYOR, WHICH WAY OUTTA THE SWAMP?

MEXICO MAYBE, ROD?

PENSACOLA PORT FINANCING

WOW! IT'S A KEEPER! DON'T LET IT GET AWAY AGAIN!
AT LAST! AN APPLICANT WHO CAN PLEASE ALL FIVE COMMISSIONERS!

YOU KNOW, NEWCOMERS MUST LEARN TO LIVE WITH THE HEAT OF THE PANHANDLE!
YES, BOB, LIFE CAN BE SAFE AGAIN!

MAYBE I SHOULD CONSULT DR. HILLARY!

FLORIDA SOCIAL WELFARE COSTS
ALTOGETHER NOW!
PENSACOLA TOURISM

WEST FLORIDA

IT'S A NEW STRATEGY—WE POOL OUR FIREPOWER RATHER THAN TAKING POTSHTOS AT EACH OTHER!

WEST FLORIDA TOURISM/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Earle '94
BOWDER

APPOINTED
SUPERINTENDENT

PROFESSIONAL
CREDENTIALS

LET'S VOTE
FOR QUALITY
FOR A
CHANGE!

ELECTED
SUPERINTENDENT

POLITICAL
SAVY

ESCAMBIA
BALLOT

HOW'S THIS
FOR RECYCLING?

'94
EARLE
BOWDER

THE
DUMPS

COMMISH
WRECKING
COMPANY
INC.
WILLIE, YOU THINK, FIFTY YEARS FROM NOW, THEY WILL REMEMBER OUR BUDDIES ON D-DAY?

LET'S SEE... GREAT NAVY TOWN, GREAT BEACHES, GREAT HISTORY, GREAT ARTS PROGRAM, GREAT CLIMATE, GREAT PEOPLE, GREAT COLLEGES, GREAT QUALITY OF LIFE... AND YOU'RE SUFFERING AN IDENTITY AND IMAGE CRISIS...

PENSACOLA BAY AREA

WITH APOLOGIES TO BILL MAULDIN

CARL BOWDEN

94
FORGET POLITICS, CONTINUE THE CUSTOM!

THE CUSTOM OF APPOINTING OUR MAYOR HAS SERVED US HONORABLY...

PENSACOLA CITY COUNCIL

CARLE BOWDER '94

THIS OL' MARINE PILOT HAS GOTTA GET THIS BIRD OFF THE GROUND!

PENSACOLA MAYOR SHIP

CARLE BOWDER '94

CITY COUNCIL
Buddy, now you see why we need our own health care plan!

YOU SEE, AFTER THE LAST BOAT LEFT, I GOT SO LONELY I WANTED TO SEE MY PEOPLE!
THIS THING JUST KEEPS COMING BACK, MATT!

SAY IT AIN'T SO, JOE!

CHARTER FOR HOME RULE

COURTHOUSE CROWD

BE PATIENT, WE'RE GETTING THERE!
LITTLE GAME OF CHANCE, PENSACOLA?

DO WE REALLY NEED THIS?

FORGET SUN, WEATHER, BEACHES, TOURIST ATTRACTIONS, QUALITY OF LIFE, THERE’S GOLD IN FLORIDA!

SNAP!

CASINO GAMBLING.
THIS OUGHTA PUT US BACK ON THE MAP!

E C HOME RULE

YOUR VOTE

POLITICS OF OLD

WATCH YOUR MOVE, MATT!

'94 EARLE BOWDEN

DID YOU SAY YOU'RE BETTING THE COURT HOUSE?

CHARTER

ESCAMBAIA FUTURE

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WEST FLORIDA CANDIDATES VOICE THEIR DIFFERENT VIEWS

I'M ANTI-CRIME, ANTI-VIOLENCE, PRO-PRISONS, ANTI-TAXES, ANTI-DRUGS, PRO-FAMILY VALUES, PRO-HEALTH CARE, PRO-QUALITY EDUCATION, PRO-NEW JOBS, AND I NEED YOUR VOTE!

CARLE BOWDERS

ONTO THE WEST FLORIDA SCENE COMES THE NEW-AGE POLITICIAN!

WHO NEEDS PEOPLE?

CARLE BOWDERS
GO GET HIM, JEB!

SMITH

BUSH

GALLAGHER

GOV. CHILES

FLORIDA

TOM FADES, JIM FOLDS, AND THEY ARE STILL COMING!

'94 EORIE BOWDELS

HEAR THAT BELLOW, GUY?

FLORIDA ELECTORATE

YEP, JEB, THE NATIVE'S SURE ARE RESTLESS!

'94 EORIE BOWDELS
EXCUSE ME, I MIGHT NEED THIS CHAIR AFTER NOVEMBER!

DO I HEAR THE SOFT PATTERN OF YOUNG CONGRESSIONAL FEET?

EARL HUTTO LEGACY

BOB SIKE LEGACY
Earle Bowder '94

Joe, you're noutto!

CONGRESSIONAL
SEAT

Vinnie,
you're
no
he-coon!

Earle
Bowder
'94

Oh, no!
It can't
be
that
day
yet!

Florida
Candidates

Nov 8
Election

Next!
UNCLE NEWT SURE OFFERS HANDY GIFTS TO US FRESHMEN!

TO KEEP HIS FEET ON THE GROUND!

THE HE-COON'S SMART ENOUGH...
MARThA, REMEMBER WHEN SClENIC HIGhWAY WAS SCEnIC?

WHERE'S THE BAY?

WHERE WE GOING THIS TIME, W.D.?

BUZZ, SMILE AND KEEP PADDLING!

FLORIDA SENATE

FLORIDA HOUSE

LEgISLATURE 95
MY CONTRACT SAYS LEAD, FOLLOW OR SHIFT INTO OVERDRIVE!

SURE, MR. PRESIDENT, WE WILL WORK TOGETHER!
...BUT IT WILL COME BACK IN A DOZEN OR SO YEARS!

OOPS!

MAYBE, I HOPE!

Earle Bowders '95

WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS, GO FOR IT!

Earle Bowders '95

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YEAH, MIKE, SOME FOLKS SURE ON EDGE!

WILLIE, SURE Lotta Garbage Going On!

EARLE BOWDER '95

MAYBE HOME-RULE CHARTER AIN'T SO BAD, AFTER ALL!  

LEGISLATION ON ECUA COMPTROLLER

ESCAMBIA COMMISH

EARLE BOWDER '95
YES, SUH, THE OL' HE COON SHO' KNOWS...

FLORIDA NEEDS WELFARE REFORM, LESS GUMMINT, MORE JAILS AND NO NEW TAXES!

RIGHT, NEWT, OL' BUDDY?

ONCE MORE INTO THE TRASH WAR! CHECK YOUR AMMO!

TRASH IS RIGHT!

GEN. WHITEHEAD

ECUA

ESCAMBIA COMMISH
NOW THAT LIBRARY AND ECUA ISSUES ARE BEHIND US, LET'S TURN TO ANOTHER BURNING ISSUE!

AMERICAN VALOR

Mount Suribachi
IWO JIMA
February 1945
GOVERNOR TRADED MY PICKUP FOR A FASTER MODEL!

SAY, POD'NER, THAT THE WAY OUTTA THE NINETEENTH CENTURY?

ESCambia COUNTY GOVMINT
THAT OL' CHARTER GUVMINT AGIN', HUH? I TELL YOU, POD'NER, I'M RIGHT PLEASED WITH TH' OL' WAY 'SCAMBY'S BEEN SINCE GRANDPA TAUGHT ME TH' COMFORTS OF GOOD OL' DIRT-ROAD POLITICS!

ESCambia Economics 101

ACADEMIC QUALITY

Faculty

Advisory Councils

Parents

Personnel Costs

PTAs

$10.3 Million Shortfall

...SO, CLASS, WE ALL GO BACK TO SCHOOL!
FINALLY, WE'RE RACING FOR THE FUTURE!

SOMETIMES I WISH WE HAD SOME HOME RULE!

ESCAMBIA FINANCIAL AUTHORITY

...RATHER THAN ALWAYS RUNNING OVER TO ASK TALLAHASSEE!
Our American Spirit

MUST SO MANY SIT HOME AND LET SO FEW DETERMINE YOUR FUTURE?

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION
PORT FUTURE DEBATED
TOURISM 
ECONOMIC GROWTH NEEDED
STATE SCENIC HIGHWAY
BAYFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTED
PENSACOLA FIRE POLICE NEEDS
LIFE IS LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT...

AH, SHUT UP, WILL YOU!

WAIT!
WAIT!
GIVE US ESCAMBIA TAXPAYERS A CHANCE!

JUNE 6 SPECIAL ELECTION

COUNTY OFFICIALS

HOME-RULE CHARTER

STRATEGY FOR POLITICAL SURVIVAL
DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST, LACK OF QUORUMS AND REPEATED ABSENTEEISM, OUR REGIONAL PLANS HAVE BEEN TRAMPLED BY INCREASED TRAFFIC!

WHADDA YOU SAY, JOE?

FOUR SCORE DAYS AND LESS THAN TWENTY MORE NEWT BROUGHT FORTH THE CONTRACT AND WE FRESHMEN HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM!

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY!
THE TRUTH IS IT'S HARD TO ARGUE AGAINST HOME RULE, MORE POWER TO THE PEOPLE, REDUCED SALARIES, RECALL, LIMITED TAX-AND-BORROW POWERS, CODE OF ETHICS...

Yeah, voters might read the whole document!

Relax! Try fear, half-truths, innuendo!

Dirtroad Politics Inc.
Est. 1885

Higher taxes, dirt roads! Do-nothing commission puttin' us in the po'house.

Home-rule charter is a socialist plot! Tallahassee will take over our...

Call the guv'ner! Mal content (yesterday) save us, legislature!

Call the militia! Mal content (today) Escambia County!
RECYCLING? WE TAXPAYERS MUST BEGIN SOMEWHERE!

KEEP DIGGING, FELLERS! THE BOSS SAYS COUPLE OF DAYS MORE AND WE GO BACK TO FILLING POTHOLSES!

HOME RULE FOR ESCAMBIA

DUMP CHARTER
NOW THAT THE CHARTER STORM HAS PASSED, IT'S BACK TO POThOLES AS USUAL!

INVESTMENT CRISIS
RECYCLING MANDATE
CAUTION! BUMPY ROAD AHEAD

JUST WHEN OUR CITY COUNCIL COMES UP WITH A QUALITY PROPOSAL...

...THE SAME POLLUTION RETURNS!
CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER...

COASTAL FLORIDA

PROTECTED BEACHES, BUT WATCH OUT FOR SHARKS IN CONGRESS!

YEAH, REMEMBER JAWS?

WHAT'S A FEW TARBALLS, OIL SLICKS, OILY BIRDS AND STAINED BEACHES?

EASTERN GULF GAS AND OIL SPECULATORS
WE'VE GOT BALANCE, RHYTHM, REVENUE...

PENSACOLA RHAPSODY

BUDGET

CITY MANAGER HINTLE

LET'S BOOGIE!

BAYFRONT
NATURAL GAS EXPANSION

'95

EARLE R. BOWDEN

'95

Okay, guys, let's build it right this time!

Best port in the Indies!

Sí, Senor!

TRISTAN DE FLEMING

CRA PLANS

PENSACOLA BAYFRONT
SHOWOFF MAKING US LOOK LIKE SOME KIND OF JACKASS!

INCREASING FLORIDA GOP CLOUT

REPUBLICAN BULLY BOOM!

REP. BUZZ RITCHIE MOVES HIS NERVOUS BURRO THROUGH A HOSTILE HERD SEEKING FLORIDA'S SPEAKERSHIP...

THIS AIN'T PEANUTS!
REMEMBER, ERNIE LEE, DERIVATIVES!

I'M LISTENING! I'M LISTENING! THEY'RE NOT IN MY VOCABULARY!

ENOUGH OF THIS SAME OLD ESCAMBIA GARBAGE!
AUGUST 14, 1945

YOU GUYS QUIT THAT OLD TRASH! WE'VE GOT A WHOLE COUNTY TO SERVE!

COMMISH

ECUA

ERIN CLEANUP
KEEP FIRING!

T'IL TALLAHASSEE SENDS THE ASPHALT!

WIDEN STATE ROAD 87

ONWARD, MAYBE!

BAYFRONT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SINCE THE 1970s

PORT OF PENSACOLA
ONWARD, TROOPS, TO THE VALLEY FORGE BOOKSTORE!

WE'RE CUTTING! WE'RE CUTTING ...TO THE BONE!

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET CUTS
"CLEAN, PRISTINE, UNIQUE, AND VITAL TO TOURISM AND ECONOMIC GROWTH...

WEST FLORIDA BEACHES

OIL/GAS COMPANIES

EARLE BOWDERS 95

WELL, HOW DO WE BUILD THIS TIME?

THE NEW EMERALD COAST

VERY HIGH, VERY CAREFULLY, VERY EXPENSIVELY!
FEED MONSTERS AND STARVE OUR STUDENTS!

THE FLORIDA ELEPHANTS SURE ARE RESTLESS!

GOP SWAMP
FOR YEARS WE'VE
LEVELD ISLAND
DUNES, BUILDING
CONDOS, HOTELS,
HOUSES...

NOW, WE'RE GOOD GUYS,
HELPING MOTHER NATURE
PUT THEM BACK!

Yeah, too bad!

Yeah, costly payback
time!

SANTA FE
EARTH MOVERS

WONDER
WHAT COLIN
POWELL

WOULD
DO?

U.S. BUDGET
BATTLE

BOSNIA

95
EARLE BOWDER

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THIS IS AS TRICKY AS...

PEACEKEEPER

CONGRESS

AMERICAN PEOPLE

BOSNIA

...RUNNING THE RAPIDS OF WHITESTONCET!

WILLIE, REMEMBER THE RUSH, THE POWER, THE ILLUSION?

YEAH, THEN THE REAL HARD ROAD!

CAMBA BOARD CHAIRMAN

MIKE
STEADY, JOHNNY, LET'S RISE ABOVE IT!

WE MUST PROTECT PEOPLE'S PROPERTY RIGHTS AND KEEP BIG GOVERNMENT OUT OF OUR FOLKS' LIVES...

...AND IF THEY BUILD IN FLOOD-PRONE AREAS FEMA SHOULD BAIL 'EM OUT!
MARTIN, THEY MARCHED AGAIN, BUT ALL CITIZENS SHOULD HEED YOUR CLASSIC MESSAGE OF 1963!

I HAVE A DREAM

WHOA!

FLORIDA WELFARE SYSTEM

DRINK UP!

CHILES! "WORK FIRST" REFORM
Now, class, the real meaning of term limits!

We're getting there! We're getting there!
Hey, guys, we have a future you can't miss! We want you!

West Florida Youth Gangs

Now, the big trick is making them vanish!
...but how?

The New Bob Dole Show

GOP

Earle Bowder '96
PAT! PAT! PLEASE, WE ARE THE PARTY OF RONALD REAGAN!

AH...C'MON, ROSS!
IF THE STATE WON'T FOUR-LANE, AT LEAST WE CAN HAVE AN EFFECTIVE WARNING SYSTEM!

DEADMAN'S CURVE R.I.P.

STATE ROAD 87

...NOW, ANOTHER COSTLY STORM HITS TALLAHASSEE!

FIRST, ANDREW, THEN, OPAL...
SHALL WE TRY THE E.C.U.A.? ESCAMBIA LANDFILL

THIS WAY! NO, THAT WAY! BACK UP!

STOP ESCAMBIA FINANCES LANDFILL
"Politically this is a work of fiction"
JUST THINK...I ONCE HAD THIS PLACE MOSTLY TO MYSELF!

WEST FLORIDA POLITICAL SEASON

BOO!

VOTE '96

QUARTERBACKING'S A SNAP, CHIEF! JUST KEEP YOUR EYES ON YOUR LITTLE OLD BLOCKING BACK!

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CARL LE BOWDEN '96

CARL LE BOWDEN '96
JUST THINK, THIS GREAT STATE PARKWAY, UNIQUE FOR FLORIDA, SOON WILL BE ALL CONCRETE AND STEEL, BLOCKING THE VIEW!

WHO NEEDS TALLAHASSEE?

PREMIUM WHITE OUT PLANNING DEPARTMENT

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

PERDIDO KEY

ESCambia COUNTY

SANDERSON '96
WHADDA I DO NOW KING GRADY?

WELL, IT SEEMS TO WORK FOR HILLARY!

BEYOND THE TURBULENCE, WE SEE BLUE SKIES ... I HOPE!
MAYBE PENSACOLA'S SHIP IS FINALLY COMING IN!

PALAFOX PIER AND MARINA
J. FLEMING, CAPTAIN

BAYFRONT

PORT PENSACOLA

LOSE R! CAPTAIN PENSACOLA! COULD BE A WINNER!

CLOSE IT!

SELL IT!

MAKE IT PAY!

KEEP IT!

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CAREFUL! THE BEAST MIGHT SPREAD!

OKAY, ROSS...

YOU BEEN THERE, DONE THAT!

EVERY VILLAGE MUST HAVE ONE!
...A UNIQUE CARNIVOROUS, ENDANGERED PLANT! WE MUST SAVE THIS HABITAT!

PROTECTING 7,000 ACRES OF WETLANDS FOR THE PEOPLE!

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

LISTEN CLOSELY, HEAR THE DEEP GRINDING SOUND!

WEST FLORIDA BEACHES

OIL LEASES

YEAH, SCARY!