



THE FISHIN' INSIDER

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRENCHIE!

What can ya say, Charles "Frenchie" Arceneaux with his semi-great-great granddaughter Veronica at semi-play. The ol' coot hits 87 this Monday and I spect he can be found occupying various bar stools around the Sandspit and Port Isabel if you're of a mind to buy him a libation. The gent is well known to some of this state's more glorious characters, such as Percy Foreman which when contacted via a you know what had this to say. "What do you mean, that ol' hustler is still glidin' the streets of the real world? And he ain't in Giddins no more, well hell I wrote that guy off seventy years ago. Tell that old critter congrats and me and some of his other ol' pals'll save a seat at

the table for him." When I asked Sister Ezmerelda about that contact she just rolled her eyes and exclaimed "What the hell youse expect for a free contact with the other world, youse pay me real dinero, and I'll conger up a real group that'll really fry that ol' coot. At that point I slid out the back of the witch's tent as she was about produce her birthday present, a replica of the Heights as she envisioned it, and ran like hell through the dunes. The gents been rode hard and put up

wet more times than Carter's got liver pills, but he just keeps on tickin' like that bunny on the boob tube.

Happy birthday Pal, the first schnapps is on me.



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