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T *Turtle bears ashes of friend to species*

A rescued green sea turtle named Picasso was released back into the Gulf of Mexico on Saturday in Port Aransas, Texas, carrying the ashes of a self-taught Texas oceanographer who founded the rehabilitation center that helped nurse it back to health. Hundreds of well-wishers surged forward to get better views during a sunset ceremony that effectively allowed Tony Amos, who devoted his life to helping the endangered reptiles, to do so once more in death. Amos, 80, died of complications from prostate cancer on Sept. 4.