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Time To Renew



It's time to renew your transponder which allows you to pass through the Bob Sikes Toll Facility, the gateway to Santa Rosa Island. Transponder renewals and sales have been moved to the Santa Rosa Island Authority Office located at 1 Via de Luna. It takes many people to keep the steady flow of cars moving onto the Island. Facilitating the flow are (L to R): Bob Sikes Toll Facility General Manager Richard Butler, SRIA Administrative Assistant Cheryl Messier; and Anne Belew and Mike Graham who have recently dubbed themselves the Queen and King of Transponders. The good natured duo are available at the front counter of the SRIA office to assist drivers with renewals and transponder maintenance, Monday through Friday. Sales for new transponders begin Wednesday, January 2, 2008. For more on this story, see Page 2.

County Collects and Keeps Bridge Toll Fees

A visitor's first impression of Pensacola Beach is the welcoming smile on the face of the toll collector. The driver hands over a dollar, the restraining arm goes up, and the motorist is on his way to paradise. It's understandable if the toll keepers sometimes look a little weary or the mechanism which controls the arms suddenly breaks down. A mind boggling three and a half million cars pass through the toll gates every year. If you are quickly crunching the numbers and wondering where all that money goes, every cent goes to Escambia County. And what do they do with it? It is used for maintenance, repairs, and operation of the facility with a portion going to road improvement bonds. The Bob Sikes Bridge has long been paid for.

Escambia County has hired Accustaff to staff the Toll Plaza with Richard Butler in charge. Butler became the General Manager two and one half years ago, coming from Memphis where he was the manager of the Hard Rock Café.

The number of employees at the Toll Plaza varies from 21 to 30, depending on the seasonal volume.

"I schedule three eight-hour shifts per lane," Butler said. "There are two lanes open at all times and the availability of the lanes increases with seasons and events."

This year the transponder business will all be conducted at the Santa Rosa Island Authority office. Renewal forms are available at the Toll Facility, the Sandshaker, the Break and other Beach hangouts.

"I would highly advise people to exercise the Express Renewal as this will take a lot of stress off a lot of people," Butler said.

The transponder operation was removed from the far right lane to the SRIA to facilitate entry to the Beach. Express Renewal is submission of the appli-

cation form, filled out with a check attached and dropped off to any toll collector in an open lane, day or night. Or drop off the completed application and check at the SRIA office. Although 2007 transponders will work through January 31, they become invalid after that date.

The operation of the Toll Booth has evolved systematically or grown like topsy depending on your perspective since its installation. Prior to 1931, access to the Beach was by boat only. A wooden bridge was built in that year followed by a concrete bridge in 1951. The bridge residents and guests travel over today was built in 1973, dedicated to Bob Sikes, and the Toll Facility was constructed. This information was provided by David Dodson, historian and owner of Weatherford's in Pensacola.

From that year forward, the tolls have risen steadily ballooning from thirty-five cents to a dollar per car. Bridge passes have changed dramatically and no price break is given to residents. Leaseholders, a few years ago, could purchase passes for \$5 each. Each resident was allotted two for cars, and more could be purchased if necessary. They could also get a hand held pass for their guests for \$5 each. Hotels availed themselves of the hand held passes for their customers.

Although Beach residents got a break with the \$5 pass, those would didn't live on the island were charged \$10 annually. Prices gradually began to rise and when the county took over, passes were thirty-five dollars for passenger cars for everyone, and now have risen to \$50 per vehicle

for everyone. The hand held passes are a thing of the past, only turning up at scavenger hunts and garage sales. There were no transponders, and the bridge stickers were put on your windshield so tightly they couldn't be removed without damaging them.

Many longtime residents will remember two outstanding toll booth keepers. Who could forget "Twirly Bird" Jack Ryland who came out of his booth and with a dramatic circular hand movement and a smile on his face, waving the cars through the gate. Lots of people stopped to chat with Twirly Bird, while motorists patiently waited their turn to be waved through the gate.

One other toll keeper named Herman was hands down the all-time favorite of the long ago collectors. He would come out of his booth, speak to everyone driving

through, and flash a smile that literally made everyone's day. He was so popular that when he retired the Beach Chamber of Commerce gave a party in his honor. If you're wondering why these people were standing outside their booths, just remember there was no air conditioning, and probably very little heat. Also, there are no records on numbers, it is highly doubtful that three and a half million motorists went through the gates in those early years.

The changes in the toll booth were inevitable in a world of electronics.

The system is in good hands with Richard Butler in charge. It's well managed and smooth running. Get your bridge pass early and easily. The end of January 2008 will be here before you know it.

SRIA Wants Commercial Properties To Begin Rebuilding

Board Supports Chamber's New Year's Eve Event

Commercial properties destroyed by Hurricane Ivan in 2004 which have not been rebuilt will be reviewed by the Santa Rosa Island Authority staff, and all information will be presented to the Full Board. The members of the Development and Leasing Committee at their meeting on November 28, acting on a presentation by Executive Director Buck Lee, will ask Board Chairman Vernon Prather to work with staff in reviewing these properties. The report presentation included the leaseholder's minimum lease fee, deadline to rebuild, and the actual requirement in their lease agreement on rebuilding.

The Board wants to discuss and encourage the reconstruction of revenue generating businesses on the following parcels: Beachside Resorts, Five Flags Inn, Holiday Inn, Holiday

Townhouse, Jubilee, Grand Marlin, The Clarion Resort, The Palace and the Tiki House.

The Administrative Committee considered a new proposal from Lee which would empower him to dismiss, suspend or demote department directors. These actions are currently under the jurisdiction of the Authority Board. Under the new proposal the cited director would have the opportunity to appeal the action before a committee of his peers. The Board established these personnel guidelines as a result of the Civil Service sunseting eighteen months ago.

Board member Dr. Thomas Campanella objected to the change. "I do not think we need to change this policy. Our department heads work very, very hard to serve us and I respect them. I believe they deserve our respect in coming before this Board. This change would allow Mr. Lee to hire and fire at will. I am not in favor of this."

Board member Ed Guernsey was in favor of the change, noting that the Executive Director answers to the Board.

Member Fred Grant commented, "This document would give no powers of review except in an internal review. This is not equitable for department heads. They should, at least, be able to appeal to the full board."

The Full Board will consider the policy change which includes an SRIA Board appeal process for the department head.

Finance Director Jayne Bell gave a report to the Administrative Committee which reflected the SRIA's current cash position as \$2.4 million with a contingency fund of \$330,000. Ed Guernsey asked Bell to bring a recommendation to the Board on allocating the budget surpluses, noting what amount the Board needs to reserve for operating capital. A second request came from Board member John Peacock asking that Bell meet with officers of the Bank of Pensacola regarding cash management options. He offered to attend the session with her.

The SRIA will charge a higher fee to have plans reviewed. The proposed fee structure will take effect January 1 and is as follows:

- ▶ **Lawn sprinkler plans and tent permit** **\$25**
- ▶ **Special Events, Signs, Fences, Minor residential plan review** **\$50**
- ▶ **New residence, Major renovation, Commercial minor interior renovation, Variations, Decks, Demolition, Swimming pool plans** **\$100**

▶ **New commercial construction or additions of \$200,000** **\$400**

▶ **After-the-Fact approval \$500 plus Board action**

Nan Harper, Beach Chamber of Commerce Events Chairman, appeared before the Special Projects Committee to request financial help to fund the Chamber of Commerce's fireworks display planned for New Year's Eve.

"We have a quality, family centered event planned. The fireworks which will be presented from the end of the Gulf Pier will be a dazzling display viewable all along the beachfront as well as in the core area," Harper said.

After asking for one thousand dollars, Nan gave the committee a preview of what the future would bring.

"Just envision next year with jugglers, stilt walkers, magic shows, and music prior to the fireworks for our visitors and residents," she said.

With that, her request was granted.

The next meeting of the SRIA will be the Full Board at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12 at the Authority Office. All meetings are open to the public.

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Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



After the untimely death of their leader, Head Wreck Andrea Brunt last year, the grieving Wrecks had a hard time keeping their organization together. Faced with a truck load of problems, including the loss of Andrea, limited funding by the SRIA, and the lingering effects of Hurricane Ivan, the members still beat the odds, and staged a successful

Mardi Gras season, and the beloved parade rolled proudly down Via de Luna as usual.

This year, the founding krewe has picked up the pieces and patched them all together. Jeff Goudey, Wrecks king in 1994, has stepped up to take charge. In deference to the three leaders who preceded him as Head Wrecks, he has called himself the

"Running Around Wreck." He has appointed a board which will have the strength to keep the Krewe running at its usual unbridled pace.

Board member Melanie Waite by herself has already made a significant contribution. She has managed to put together a display for the Holidays exhibit in the Pensacola Historical Museum. When the exhibit curator asked museum guides for ideas for the Holiday display, Melanie said she had loads of Mardi Gras memorabilia. Melanie had saved every souvenir, strand of beads, costumes, King Kake babies, commemorative goblets and a slew of other stuff over her many years as a Wreck. She even loaned her copy of "To The Beat of an Island Drum." No other town, not even New Orleans, was allowed to participate in this Holiday presentation. Melanie serves as the Wrecks' treasurer and the head cheerleader. She was the Coma

Queen in 1994.

Other Board members who are giving new life to the mother krewe are Carleen Wheeler, Phil Simoneaux and Sandy Johnston.

Not only is the Krewe of Wrecks and the Beach Mardi Gras

and their events are finally getting premier attention on a national level. And, unbelievably the Wrecks still welcome new members. Everyone can be part of this amazing group. Perhaps they have grown more sophisticated, but certainly not more sedate. They are well-known for their boisterous originality that touches all their parades and parties. Some things never change, and who would want them to change?

The Wrecks have embraced new krewees which followed them. Now, every krewe will be able to showcase its splendor in the parade, a top twenty event. I just had to say that again.

But, there is more to Mardi Gras on the Island than you might believe. There are parties, parades, pet shows, kids' events, all lovingly designed for the Beach's residents to become a part of and enjoy. On page nine of this newspaper you will find a complete schedule of Mardi Gras events. If you join a krewe which has openings right now, you will be caught up in the mystical web of make believe. There is really no better place to be than in the loving arms of this other world. The world that care forgot.



Krewe of Wrecks Champagne Breakfast Party Favors, circa 1980s, are on display at the Pensacola Historical Museum.



Melanie Waite admires the Mardi Gras display of Krewe of Wrecks party favors, beads and tiaras at the Pensacola Historical Museum.

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TRIVIA

LITTLE LAND SHARK

Pensacola Beach native Lindsey Stanley is lullabying new baby boy Easton William Schwartz who was born November 21. Dad George is very proud of the little lad.

BEAUTIFUL BIRTHDAY

Beauty and The Beach columnist Danah Gibson celebrated her birthday early. She treated herself and friends to lunch at the Hard Rock Café in Biloxi, November 23. It was a perfect place for the Krewe of Nauga queen who is a serious Rock and Roll trivia buff.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Yes, finally, 3 years and 2 months after Hurricane Ivan destroyed their Palm Beach Club condo, Rick and Suzi Gordon have moved back home. They did make a quick trip to Dallas for Thanksgiving to visit their granddaughter, Sofia.

BAREFOOT FAN

Edie Draper has been reading Barefoot on the Beach since it first appeared in *The Islander* Newspaper in 1979. She says she looks forward to printing day and turns to Barefoot first. She did say she reads everything else - after that.

GO BIG RED

Ed Whiteley, former King of Coma is also a former resident of Nebraska. He bemoans the fact that his Cornhusker football team is on a losing streak. The only thing that kept his mind off the Nebraska winter weather was cheering for the Huskers. Maybe next season.

KEEPING TABS ON THE BEACH

Perry Templeton has to enjoy the Beach from the pages of *Island Times* which is mailed to New Iberia, Louisiana. Keep reading until you can come stay a while, Perry.

CALL THE VET

The Krewe of Bananimals is active all year. They are very busy this season making a merrier Christmas for the kids in foster care and supporting other charities. But, they are doing so without the help of Bananimals King Charles Henry who was recently hospitalized and Karen Cook Cowen who injured her elbow last week.

BARB'S GRAND

Barbara Lanton is grand

these days. She is beaming about the arrival of her new grandson, Chase Wesley Jenkins who was born November 18. He lives in Virginia Beach with his parents, Lucas and Michelle.

SHE'S STOPPED COUNTING

Terri McKamey laughed about celebrating her December 1 birthday. She likes cake and presents but stopped worrying about her age after she hit 30. She stays young working around kids and the happy golfers at Tiki Island.

CELEBRITY TRACE

Trace Lewis is just a regular Beach guy until the poker results are published. His low profile gets pushed into the limelight with regular wins at the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun tourneys. Everyone deserves fifteen minutes of fame.

SLOTS FEAR HER

Jean Curtis took a quick trip to Atmore over the Thanksgiving holiday to check out the slot machine action. She came home a winner. Stop in to see her at the Visitor's Information Center. You'll know why she is smiling.

Beach School Rolls Out Red Carpet For Blue Ribbon Awards Ceremony

The Pensacola Beach Elementary School will celebrate their national designation as a Blue Ribbon School at a ceremony Thursday, December 6 from 1 to 2 p.m. Susan McLeod, fourth grade teacher, gave the Board an update at their November 26 meeting. Dr. Thomas Campanella, Santa Rosa Island Authority board member, will give a brief history of the school. Dan Green, former School Board chairman, will discuss the procedures and work it took to create the Charter School. A representative from the Southern Region of the Department of Education will present the awards, which will be received by Jeff Castleberry, principal. The Beach School students will sing a special song and cake and punch will be served.

The event will be held outside, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church.

"It will be a great day for the Beach School, but every day is a great day on Pensacola Beach," Castleberry said. "We want everyone to join us at this event."

Board members emphasized the invitation is open to all members of the community to attend the ceremony.

The Board discussed the possibility of honoring volunteers and leaders who have made such a difference to the Beach School.

"Longtime volunteers and those who have taken on leadership roles need to be recognized," said Castleberry. "I would like to see a program in place for doing this."

Castleberry asked the Board members to bring their ideas for this project to the next meeting.

The Partners-In-Education Committee is accepting applications for new members.

"We will kick off strong again in January," Todd McCurdy, Board president said. "I would like

Did all the trivia players go out of town for Thanksgiving? Did they eat so much turkey they couldn't trudge to the computer to email the answer to the last question? Well, the Trivia Master gets a powerful charge when he stumps everyone. In this case, the Beach character we were looking for was the person with Indian heritage who went to Atmore every Thanksgiving and rode the Beach firetruck at Christmas time as Santa Claus. For shame no one remembered Jim Rigby, former manager of the old Gulf

Aire.

You will now get a second chance to name someone in this category. "Who was the Beach resident who kept a lot of clutter in his yard and constantly protested the fact that he had to pay a bridge toll to come and go from his Beach home?" He passed away several years ago. (Clue: He was a great pool player and a Santa Claus look alike.)

One of our favorite trivia players, Leroy Cardenas, is still in the hospital after his accident on Via de Luna on November 16. He is now in stable condition, but remains in intensive care. The Trivia Master and all of us at *Island Times* send our best vibes to Leroy.

You will receive a specially designed *Island Times* t-shirt if you are the first to email the correct answer to this week's question. Runner-up will receive a free round of golf at Tiki Island Golf and Games. Fore!

Rules are the same. Send your trivia answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with "trivia" in the subject line. The deadline to respond is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12.

Good luck and thank you for playing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beach Residents Save Lives

A Blood Drive with Northwest Florida Blood Center was held Veteran's Day at the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge. Seventeen people registered and fourteen were able to donate the gift of life.

A special raffle was held and included a canvas print by local artist Janet Pridgen, \$100 gift certificate from Portofino Medical Spa, a Blue Angels flying over Surf Burger print, a Pamper Me basket, serving plates and a Bamboo Willie's cap. The raffle netted \$360 which was donated to the Lodge to help defray the cost of hosting local military men and women for Thanksgiving dinner.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Blood Drive and donated to our raffle. Please be

on the look out for our next Blood Drive. You, too, can help save lives.

Darla Richardson
Blood Drive Chairman
Pensacola Beach Elk's
Lodge

Thank You For Dedication

I wanted to thank you and the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce for all the hard work that was put into the park dedication for Dad. It was a lovely event, and my brother Glenn and I are very grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Joanne G. Faddis
[Joanne Faddis is the daughter of the late Harry Gowens. Gowens Park which is located at 200 Panferio Drive was dedicated in honor of her father, Mr. Harry.]

Get Your Passport to Santa's Island

Get your passport to Santa's Island at the Visitor's Information Center now. Take your passport with you to Chamber of Commerce businesses, restaurants, bars and shops to have it stamped.

"It will be fun to travel about the Island, shopping and eating," said Lila Cox, chairperson of the promotion. "The Chamber businesses appreciate your patronage and you really don't need to leave the Island to do your Christmas shopping. All that, and you might win our Grand Prize package on New Year's Day."

When the Passport is complete, return it to the VIC, and you will receive a custom designed Beach souvenir magnet. Your completed passport also entitles you to enter the drawing for the grand prize. The drawing will take place at the Paradise Polar Bear Plunge on New Year's Day and the winner will receive a night's stay and dinner for two at the Hilton, and \$500 in additional prizes and gifts. The winner does not have to be present at the drawing.

Santa says, "Welcome to my Island."

Sit With Santa, Visit Open House on the Boardwalk

Portofino Boardwalk is the place to be on December 9 as the Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit comes up to speed. Santa and his Paparazzi photo session will be from 2 to 4 p.m. in a specially designed thatched workshop, constructed by the Ladies of the Elk's and their elves.

"We wanted the children to have their photos taken with Santa in a Beach setting," Amy Depew, president of the Ladies of the Elk's said. "We are glad to be part of the festival. Memories created by this photo will last a lifetime."

There will be a nominal charge for the photo.

Beach Chamber Board member Nora Jones and Santa Rosa

Island Authority Events Coordinator Kim Duell have partnered to decorate Santa's workshop.

"It was great that the Ladies of the Elk's shared their sturdy structure and now we are going to make it into a dazzling holiday scene suitable for Santa," said Jones.

Running simultaneously with the photo session will be the 'Tis The Season Open House at Lee Tracy. You can experience real Southern charm in this shop where hospitality is the norm, and shopping is hassle free. As Lee says, "Don't get malled this year." There will be goodies for kids of all ages.

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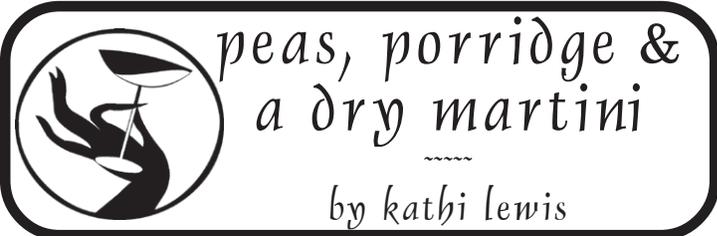
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by kathi lewis

If you missed the Charlie Brown Christmas Special, just stop by my house to observe the "Charlie Brown" Christmas Tree. I'm not kidding. It is the most pitiful 'fake' tree you will ever see; it stands/leans five feet' tall, has very scraggly branches with fiber optic lights and is only 24" around at its widest point - the bottom. My grandson Jesiah did the decorating for me and that helps some. Oh, but when it gets dark, that's when the tree is in its most beautiful splendor. Hey, that kinda describes me, except for the measurements - I don't always look so good in the light of day either, but after dark (and with a little vodka) I get much prettier! Anyway, the tree is up and I have convinced Jesiah that Santa doesn't care about the size of your tree or even if you have one. He believed the former, at least. Sissy just wants to take off and put on the ornaments! Over and over... Little Ash Harris has learned that candy canes from the tree may possibly be eaten, if broken, instead of being returned to their former location. He also learned very quickly how to break the candy canes, but he always says "please."

If you missed the Woolly Booger Kiss the Hurricane Season Good-bye Bawl, then make a note to attend next year. This is a very important event as it celebrates the success of a good Queen Shugah and that means "no hurricanes" for us! Our new Queen Shugah number someteen, Renee Mack instills great faith, as she already knows that hoo-doo stuff former Queen Shugah Paulette invoked during her two-year reign. Paulette did a great job and I know that Queen Shugah Renee will do the same. Congratulations to our new Royalty!

Special thanks to Mary Drees, who treated all of the wedding worker-bees to a wonderful brunch at the Officer's Club. What a wonderful and unexpected surprise!

I promised cake-cooking tips last issue so here's a couple that should improve the quality. If your cakes crack in the center during baking, your oven temperature may be too high. De-

crease it by 5 degrees and see if that helps (you may need to decrease more). Oven temperatures vary on each oven and with different type cake pans, so you have to learn how your oven goods.

If the cake is dry can also mean the temperature is too hot or it may be the size of the eggs. With smaller eggs, some recipes may need more than listed. You want your batter to be creamy, so add an extra egg if it's not.

All bakers know that you need Crisco shortening to grease your pans. It's the best and should not be substituted for spray. I know spraying is easier. I use the cheap plastic sandwich bags for greasing pans. Your hand fits right in it, dig into the Crisco and when you're done, you just turn the bag inside out for instant disposal.

Red Velvet Cake is a big favorite at Christmas and, as a teenager, I decided to make a Blue Velvet Cake (always gotta be different). I do not recommend this, because the cake actually turned out green (not an appetizing color) although the taste was the same.

Remember the "smells" in your home are the best part of the Holiday Season. They can take you back to childhood with instant recall. This recipe is guaranteed to do just that. It comes from Sarah, who is a friend of Sister of the Beach and former Magnolia Mayor Christy Jones Sullivan. So, let's cook...

**Easy Orange Marmalade**  
2 med. Navel oranges  
4 Tbsp. orange juice  
1 Cup sugar

Select oranges with the thinnest peel, if possible. Wash thoroughly and cut off each end of the orange. Cut oranges in half, twice, making 8 sections. Place in food processor and pulse until peel is in tiny pieces. Using a medium saucepan, combine all ingredients and bring to a gentle boil. Boil 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Cool and place in glass jar with tight lid. Refrigerate to store; ready to eat when cold. Makes one jar.

Hope to see you all at the SOB Christmas Brunch this Sunday at Flounder's. Happy Holidays and see ya in the kitchen!



There is new royalty on the Island and her charge is to keep the hurricanes away. Renee Mack was crowned Queen Shugah during the Woolly Booger Kiss the Hurricane Season Goodbye Bawl, Saturday, December 1 at Paradise Bar and Grill. She graciously accepted the position and vowed to do all in her powers to keep the storms away from her loyal and woolly subjects. Look for more Woolly Booger Bawl photos in the December 19 edition of Island Times.



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HINT: Champagne and other sparkling wines are lively beverages that go well with various types of food and should not be reserved solely for special occasions. Sparkling wines and champagnes are great for just about any occasion. At Beach Wines and Liquors, Inc. you will find a full selection of wines, including sparkling wines made by both traditional methods. We feature wines in all price ranges from all over the world. Feel free to ask us any questions you have about wine. Remember, think of us at holiday and gift giving times.



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Rosa Sound are filled with those hardy souls who wade, swim and scurry to the finish line. Heaping bowls of black-eyed peas wait to warm them. Entry fee benefits the Chamber. No charge to cheer. Passport to Santa's Island Grand Prize Drawing at 3 p.m.

**December 23**  
**Santa and His Paparazzi Photo Session - Island Style - 2 to 4 pm**  
On the eve of Christmas Eve, be sure to visit Santa. The sweet smell of peppermint candy canes will lead you right to him. Have your photo taken for a nominal charge.

**December 25**  
**Mass, Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Mission - 9:45 am**

**January 1**  
**Polar Bear Plunge - Paradise Bar and Grill - 2 pm**  
The emerald waters of Santa

**December 8**  
**Kowabunga Breakfast with Surfing Santa Surf Burger - 8 to 10:30 am**

**Santa Claus Look Alike Contest Bamboo Willie's - 3 pm**

**December 9**  
**Gingerbread House Make & Take Tiki Island - Noon to 2 p.m.**

**Santa and His Paparazzi Photo Session - Boardwalk - 2 to 4 pm**

**Tis the Season Open House - Lee Tracy - Boardwalk - 2 to 4 p.m.**

**December 13**  
**Pensacola Beach Elementary School Holiday Production - Catholic Church 6 p.m.**

**December 14**  
**Island Style Tropical Holiday Open House 4 to 6 pm**

**Coloring Contest Winners announced Island Style - 6 pm**

**Island Caroling - Old English Double Decker Bus - Flounder's - 6 pm**

**December 15**  
**Ornament Making - Hilton Pensacola Beach - 9 to 10:30 am**

**Adult Coloring Contest - Sandshaker - 4 pm**

**Lighted Boat Parade - Pensacola Beach Marina to Boardwalk - 6 pm**

**December 16**  
**Breakfast with Santa - Hilton Pensacola Beach - 7 am to 1 pm**

**Christmas Cantata Beach Church - 10 am**

**Gingerbread House Make and Take - Tiki Island Golf and Games - Noon to 2 p.m.**

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# Business Buzz ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

## BOATLOAD OF MONEY

A replica sailing ship graces the wall in Flounder's entryway. Encased in clear, plastic with a slot opening, dollar bills are dropped onto the Good Ship's deck. To date, \$34,000 has been donated to the Beach School's Partners-in- Education program from Flounder's and their Good Ship.

## PARTY TIME

Tona de Mers, president of the Pensacola Beach Leaseholders and Residents Association is ready to party. The Association's annual Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. at the Cabana Club on Pensacola Beach. Members and prospective members are welcome.

## SEASON YOUR HOLIDAYS

In the midst of the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce's Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit celebra-

tion is the member's Christmas Party. Arrive at 6 p.m. Sunday, December 9 at the Hilton dressed in festive attire for the Christmas gala. Call 932-1500 to RSVP.

## SPLASH DOWN

Terri McKamey at Tiki Island Golf and Games wants to know who misses the water slide on Pensacola Beach. If you still yearn to feel the thrill of sliding toward a splash down in a crystal clear pool, call her and tell her. 932-1550.

## WELCOME TO THE BEACH

Brian Reed has just landed on the Beach as a manager at Hemingway's. He's jumped right in to the business beat by attending the Chamber's November 27 business meeting, and joined the fun at the Business After Hours hosted at the Sandshaker. He was impressed by the hospitality and the fried fish dinner.

## SPARKLING LIGHTS

The island is starting to twinkle thanks to Beach business owners who have worked like Santa's elves to decorate their storefronts for Christmas.

## DON'T STRESS

Does the thought of preparing your home for holiday guests leave you exhausted? Rest easy. Help is just a phone call away. Stanley Steemer's experts will rescue you.

## PARADING IN THE BREEZE

Gulf Breeze Chamber will host their annual Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 8 at 10 a.m. on Shoreline Drive.

## KAYAK UNDER THE TREE

Kirk Newkirk at Key Sailing knows it is hard to hide a kayak under the tree, so you can order now and he will keep your present a secret until Christmas Eve. Ask about his lay-away program and free local delivery.

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# A Cross in the Sand



By Dr. Chuck Randle  
Pastor, Pensacola Beach Community Church

In the tradition of our Beach Church (UCC), it is the responsibility of the pastor to create the "long prayer" used in worship on Sunday mornings, rather than choose from a prescribed prayer. However, over the years I have found certain prayers very meaningful and I go back to them on those special days. The first Sunday of Advent is one of the "special" days. Some of the words I find especially meaningful are: "We are thankful for the expectancy of Advent that begins to fill our hearts and homes. Though we say that Christmas is a child's season, let us not be so adult as to forget childlike excitement, so blind in 'big people' activities as not to see the twinkling eyes of innocence opened wide to the world.... This season, as we await Christ's birth, may we clean the cradles of our hearts. May we invite all those who have not

been to Bethlehem to walk with us, if their legs are strong and fast. May we slow our pace for those to whom each step is painful agony. May sneakers wait for canes and walking sticks, may childhood's fast feet wait for crutches, and may able men and women bear weak men's and women's litters to the place beneath the Star which lights all our ways."

I find those to be challenging words which cause me to take a look at how I live out my life. The challenge is to "slow my pace," "wait for canes and walking sticks," and "bear weak men's and women's litters." With the seasons of Hanukkah and Kwanza joining Christmas during this month of December, there are surely many opportunities to be personally involved in helping to make other's lives more meaningful, as well as our own.

## Whisper Your Wish to Santa at St. Ann Supper

Bring the whole family for a spaghetti dinner and fun evening at St. Ann Discovery School's Supper with Santa, Friday, December 7 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come to Nickelsen Hall, located at 100 Daniel Drive in Gulf Breeze, to tell Santa your wishes and have your photo taken with the jolly fellow.

Proceeds from this event will help purchase new playground equipment at the school. Tickets are available in St. Ann Discovery School Office. There is a limited number of tickets. Adult din-

ner tickets is \$6 and children's tickets are \$4.

Photos by Model Marketing with Santa will begin at 4:30 p.m. and be available all evening.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by Christmas stories and a Sing-A-Long at 7 pm.

The Discovery School is seeking donations of all sizes to benefit the refurbishing of our playground which has served children for over 20 years.

For more information call 932-9330.

## Russian Tea Party Set for Gulf Breeze Methodist Church

The Annual Russian Tea Party will be held December 12, 5:30 p.m. at the Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church on Fairpoint Dr in Gulf Breeze in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone who has been to Russia or is interested in Russia is welcome! Please R.S.V.P by December 9 to Olga at 932-3594.

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Jan 18 Krewe of Nereids Moon Pie Party  
Jan 19 Krewe of Junkanoo Kritter Krawl, Gulfside Pavilion, noon  
Jan 19 Krewe of Kids Parade, Gulfside Pavilion, 1 p.m.  
Jan 19 Krewe of Bananimals Ball, Quality Inn, Gulf Breeze  
Jan 21 Krewe of Wrecks Queen's Supper, Elk's Lodge  
Jan 21 Krewe of Wrecks King's Dinner, Flounder's  
Jan 25 Shaker Krewe Toast 2 U, Sandshaker Lounge  
Jan 26 Krewe of Wrecks Grand Costume Ball, The Dock

Feb 2 Krewe of Wrecks Champagne Breakfast, Crab's  
Feb 3 Krewe of Wrecks Parade Via de Luna  
Feb 4 Krewe of Wrecks Red Beans and Rice  
Feb 5 Krewe of Coma Coronation, Sandshaker

## Sunday Church Services - Pensacola Beach

Churches are located at the corner of  
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Our Lady Catholic Mission - 9:45 AM  
Pensacola Beach Community Church - 10 AM

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CHRISTMAS DAY

OUR LADY CATHOLIC MASS - 9:45 AM



**SEEING STARS** - Former Beach resident and Mardi Gras queen Layla Knell, left, flashes her star quality smile at the Country Music Awards, November 7 after she was introduced to James Denton, star of the ABC hit show *Desperate Housewives*.



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# Get In The Spirit With Colorers and Carolers

Winners of the prizes in the Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit Coloring Contest will be announced at the Island Style Tropical Open House on Friday, December 14. All entries will be on display at the party with prizes of gift certificates going to the three top winners in each age division; eight and under and nine-years-old and up. Cookies and punch will be served from 4 to 6 p.m. and the awards will be given at 6 p.m.

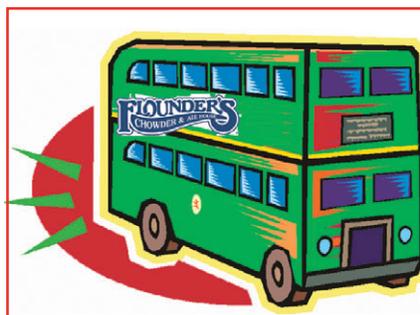
That same night, the old English double decker bus will be parked outside Flounder's, just steps from Island Style, waiting for carolers to ride the island and sing.

The Krewe of Bananimals will provide additional transportation with their float, so everyone will be able to go caroling. Song books will be provided.

"This is going to be a great night. Munch a few cookies, cheer for the young artists and then get ready to sing while traveling around the island," said Karen Cook Cowen, Beach Chamber vice-president. "There is nothing like singing Christmas carols to put me in the spirit."

Both the coloring and the caroling events are free and open to everyone.

The Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit promotion is sponsored by the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce. Santa says, "Welcome to my Island."



Carolers meet at Flounder's Friday, December 14 at 6 p.m. No charge. Everyone is welcome. Song books provided!

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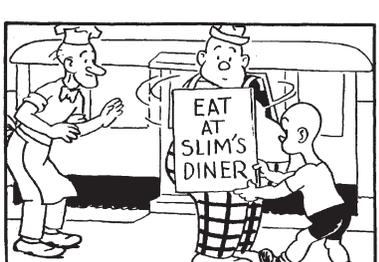
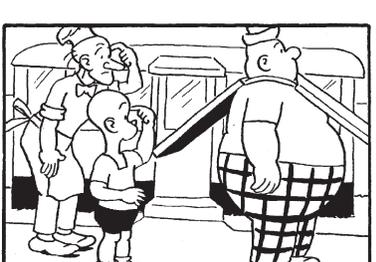
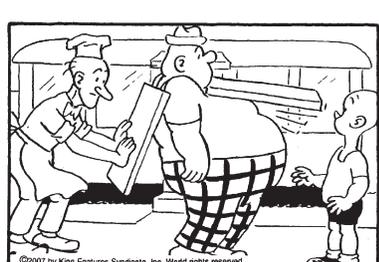
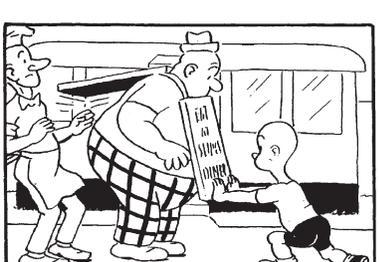
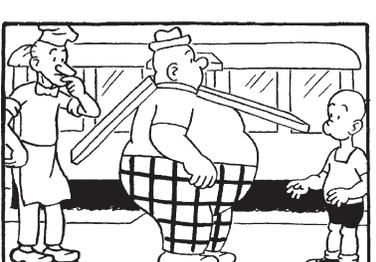
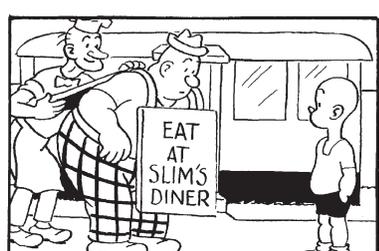
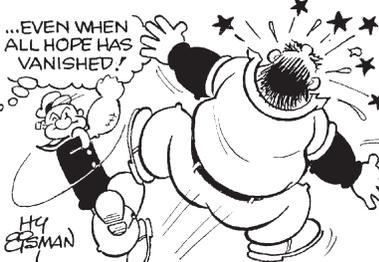
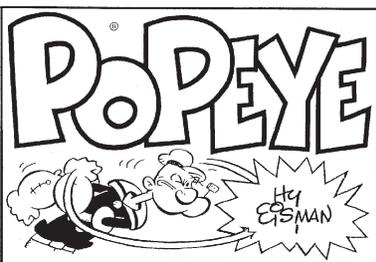
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Start preparing now to make sure you get the credit you're due for all that effort you put in to get that project off the ground. A new challenge emerges after the 15th.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're still charging full steam ahead on the job -- and that's fine. But take time to share the joy of preparing for the upcoming holidays with folks you love.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A former detractor resists joining your ranks just yet. Give him or her time to learn more about what you're doing. Meanwhile, devote more time to friends and family.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to be goaded into a tiff by someone who might be looking for a fight. Remain cool as you make your exit. Be assured that others will rally to your support.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Kudos on getting the well-deserved Lion's share of the rewards for a job well-done. Now you can take a breather from your workaday duties and spend time with your family.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You enjoy a quick spurt of renewed energy just in time to meet that upcoming deadline. A potentially romantic situation looms. How it develops will be up to you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Watch out for distractions that could cause delays and leave you running twice as fast to finish your work by the 15th. Then go ahead and have fun.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might prefer to work on current tasks on your own. But be open to a potentially useful suggestion from someone who admires you and wants to help.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Avoid rushing full gallop into that volunteer project without knowing what's expected of you. Take things a step at a time as you begin to find your way.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Good news: You should begin to feel more comfortable expressing your emotions. This will go a long way in helping you with that personal situation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An old friend gives confusing signals. Best advice: Don't assume that things will necessarily work themselves out. Ask questions and demand straight answers.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A new relationship needs time to develop. Be careful not to let your emotions flood your natural sense of caution. Meanwhile, check out that new job offer.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your sense of right and wrong sometimes causes you to come into conflict with others. But you invariably come out ahead.

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**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps



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# Lighted Boat Parade Delivers Santa to the Island, Spirited Events Pack Schedule

If you find you have free time on your hands on Saturday, December 15, head for downtown Pensacola Beach where the Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit will be in full swing.

The first event of the day will be an Ornament making session at the Hilton at 9 a.m.

Chrissy Cook is chairing the workshop with the Crafty Ladies from the Pensacola Beach Community Church ready to help with the crafting.

Participants will create sand dollar snowmen, starfish ornaments and beaded wreaths. There's no charge for anything including the materials. You get

to take your ornament home.

As far as anyone has been able to determine, the Adult Color Contest at the Sandshaker Lounge is the only event of its type in the world. Adults who enter will receive the coloring sheet and crayons at the bar. The contest begins at 4 p.m. and ends whenever everyone is finished. Entrants can ask owner, "Sonny Claus" Campbell, to buy them a drink. Prizes will be awarded to the top entries. (Caution adults; remember to stay in the lines.)

Step outside at six o'clock to view the Lighted Boat Parade which will travel from Pensacola Beach Marina and under the Bob Sikes Bridge. The procession of boats will pass by the dock at Paradise Bar and Grill, the Olive Drop and Flounder's. Get to one of these places early for the very best view of the parade. The Reel Eazy will lead the parade which will dock at the Portofino Boardwalk with Jolly Old Saint Nick aboard. Kids will be given

light sticks to illuminate Santa's landing spot. He will go to his workshop on the Boardwalk and speak with the children.

First, second and third place prizes will be given for the best decorated boats. Anyone interested in decorating and entering a boat should contact Sean Rogan at 776-4695. The fee is \$30 per boat and there will be a Captain's meeting, December 14 at Bamboo Willie's at 7 p.m.

Santa says, "Welcome to my Island."



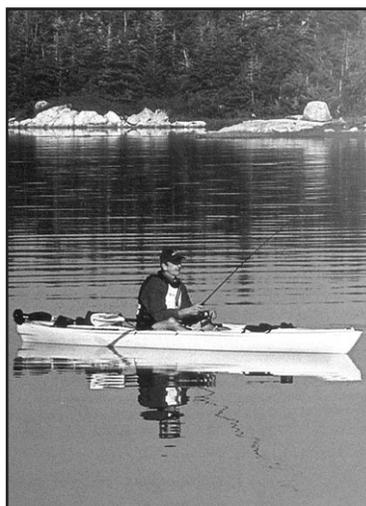
Villa Sabine residents are starting to make the holidays sparkle. Lila and Jim Cox are hosts to a flock of friendly Christmas penguins and a sleepy snowman in a front porch hammock.

## Ride A Wave To Kowabunga Breakfast, A Surfer's Special

Have you met Surfing Santa? He's the dude who arrives on the Island riding a surfboard sleigh pulled by magical dolphins. Everybody can meet Surfing Santa at the Surf Burger on December 8 when he hosts the Kowabunga Breakfast between 8 and 10:30 a.m.

The surfing breakfast is part of the Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit celebration. Santa will have special treats for the kids. He will have complimentary mimosas to serve to parents with their breakfast.

Santa says, "Welcome to my Island."

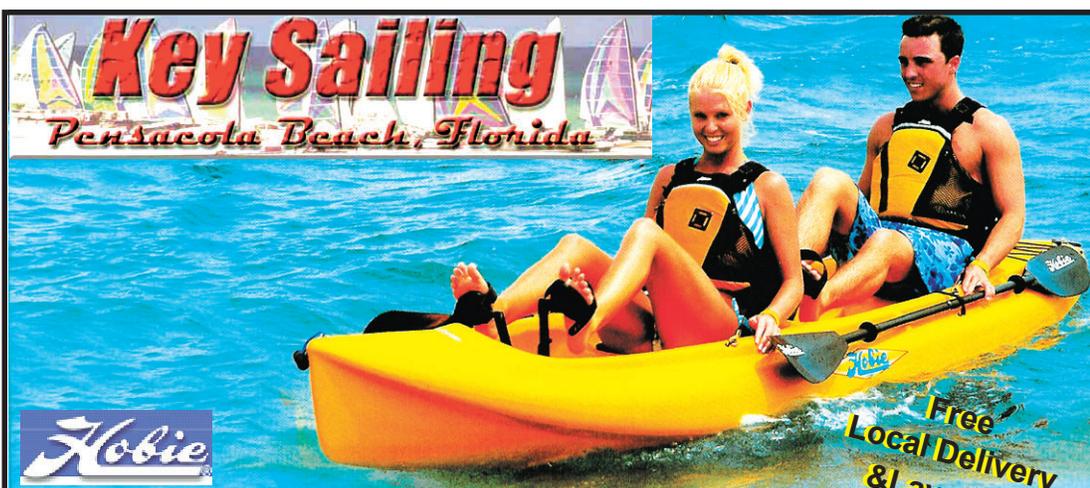


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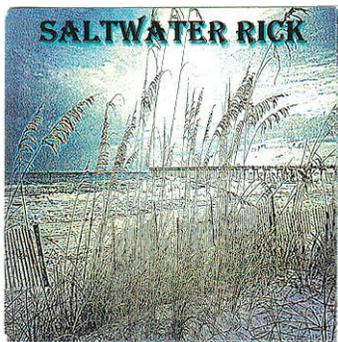
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Capt. Darin Churchward sent in some great pics from a couple of trips.

Hooking up with Capt. Eddie Lively on the Lively One II in search of Tuna the trip took them 110 miles south-southwest of Pensacola Pass and Capt. Eddie put them on some fish. Fishin' around the rigs, the trip netted a bunch of great eatin'.

If the pics don't satisfy your urge to fish, then book a trip.

On November 21 Capt. Darin treated Kenyan and Ethan from the Paradise Grill staff to a few of the best hours of their fishin' lives. Fishin' just inside of Deer Point, they found a school of Bull Reds just beggin' to get their pictures takin'. (No fish were harmed in the filming).

These were the fellas' first Reds and they had big, big time. Drop by the Paradise if you'd like to talk to Capt. Darin about gettin' out there or email him at [captchurchward@aol.com](mailto:captchurchward@aol.com).

The net fisherman are pounding the Mullet from the Ol' Bridge at all hours. The Flounder are on the move, so you had better get to it. Remember, eat fish and live longer.

Do yourself a favor and go fishin'.

## readin' the water



Kenyan shows off his Bull Red caught in Santa Rosa Sound November 21. Kenyan is one of the friendly Paradise Grill employees.



Fishing off of Deer Point in Santa Rosa Sound with Capt. Darin Churchward, Ethan landed a nice Bull Red.



Tuna was the catch of the day on the Lively One II trip.

## Win A Year's Pass To The Fishing Pier

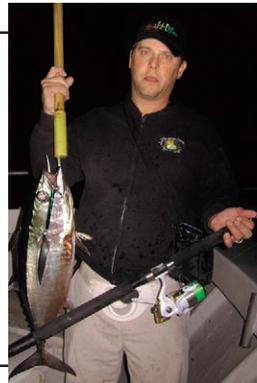
Polish your boots, comb your beard (real or faux), practice your best ho, ho, ho and enter the Santa Look Alike contest at 3 p.m. on December 8 at Bamboo Willie's. They will be looking for a St. Nick knock-off to vie for the first prize which is a year's pass to the Pensacola Beach Fishing Pier. The event, sponsored by the Beach Chamber as part of their Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit fes-

ivities, will also accept Mrs. Claus look alikes. They will even accept entries from costumed elves.

The Miller Lite Girls will be doing a promotion during the contest and will give out treats. Additional prizes will add to the fun and Bamboo Willie's will have drink specials. There is no charge to enter.

Santa says, "Welcome to my Island."

Fishing aboard the Lively One II Darin Churchward pulled in this tuna. The boat departed on Friday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Fished Oil Rigs, 110 miles SW of Pensacola Pass, just South of Louisiana. Great night of fishing resulted in 25 Black Fin Tuna, 7 Yellowfin Tuna, and 5 Rainbow Runners. Tackle: Live bait and jigs.





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# Beach Poker Players Tie Into Recordbreaking Results

As the cool winds blow across the Island, the action heats up at the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun weekly poker games. Inviting venues host dozens of players who gather to test their skills and luck.

## The Islander Lounge

At the oldest lounge on Pensacola Beach on November 17 the mysterious Waldo Defendorfin appeared to claim the win. His luck ran high and he finished off the rest of the players in a dramatic fashion. November 24 was Sean Nolan's night. He was celebrating his fortieth birthday and by the end of the evening, he was celebrating his win. Joining him at the final table were Phil Tracy and his son

Michael Tracy who hung in there and claimed second place. Jill Tracy Grace and husband Elliott Grace finished in the top five out of a field of 15 players

## Paddy O'Leary's

The leprechauns are playing tricks at Paddy O'Leary's poker tables. Lots of action and an unprecedented tie at the poker table made November a month to remember. On November 18 Fran Cox ousted Trace Lewis from the Sunday Champions chair. Shirley Nolan was a strong third. On Tuesday night Cajun Thunder, Glenn Duval, made his presence known with his second win in his first three tournaments. Local Billie Urquhart is holding up the honors for the ladies with a strong

second place finish.

On November 25 Trace Lewis pulled out his second win of the month with the red hot newcomer Glenn Duval taking second. Tuesday, November 27 brought a huge crowd of players to Paddy's. In a final hand flurry of activity - both Jay Dunaway and Tommy Chavis were declared winners. It was a strange turn of events and both players were good sports.

"It was unusual circumstances that lead to the game being declared a tie," said Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun promoter Rick Uzdevenes. "Since it is all just for fun, the players good heartedly accepted the unprecedented results. Only on the Beach would this happen."

## Paradise Bar and Grill

At the soundside tables at Paradise Bar and Grill on November 20, Dr. Glenn Burleson cut his way through the final table then stitched up Trace Lewis in the final.

The night before Thanksgiving, the lady poker players were hot. Alicea Townsend took out Janie Uzdevenes after a super back and forth battle.

On November 26 Waldo Defendorfin, who hails from Parts Unknown, hit the cards all night. Beach pioneer Tex Atkinson was the last victim.

Phil Tracy took the win on November 28 in a knock down drag out battle with the new female poker star on the beach Misty Wood.

November was Phil Tracy's month to shine. He amassed more wins than any other player. Congratulations, Phil.

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Beach Chamber members gathered at the Sandshaker Lounge for Business After Hours, Tuesday, November 27. Shaker co-owner Beverly Boswell, left, presents Diane Tyson of Cook Realty with a door prize.

Members were treated to cocktails, fried fish dinners and everyone received a 2008 planner compliments of the Shaker.

The Pensacola Beach Optimist Club reaches out to those in need during the holidays. One of their charitable programs provides Thanksgiving dinners for thirty families at the FAVOR House. Optimist Vice-President Scott Neal loaded up his truck and delivered the donations.



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# The Beauty & Beach

By Danah Gibson

## Holiday Make-up Tips

In general, most holiday events happen in the evening, (with the exception of a couple of Champagne Breakfasts). Even if they don't, the most basic advice is to darken up your favorite daytime colors. There is no need to step away from your own personality just to look spruced up. But, if you love to put on a "Party Face," then here are some tips to liven up your appearance this holiday season.

Nothing says holidays like the color red. The best way to display red on your face is, of course, your lips. Nice red lips will make your teeth look whiter without a visit to the dentist! When you wear red lipstick, people listen to what you say, as they can't help but notice your mouth. Not only do you feel sexier and confident, you look it, too. Take advantage of a special event to show off your ruby lips, as this look is not for everyday. Try matching your nail color to your lips for a dash of additional color.

## Glitter and Gloss

If there's anything we Sisters of the Beach love, it is glitter! We'll be celebrating at Flounder's on Sunday, December 9. I assure you, the SOBs will be glittering, sparkling and festively partying that day.

When using extra sparkle in your makeup, it's best to add accents, instead of overdoing it. Toss on a little glitter as a final touch. Simply sprinkle outer-eyelids, brow bone, top of cheek bones and cleavage. All glitter is not the same, the larger sprinkles are great for attention grabbing, while the petite versions are a subtle highlight.

Gold shimmer eye shadow can be used in the same way. A dot on your eyes and in the center of your bottom lip is a nice way to add some glamour.

Get some nail polish with glitter in it, or sprinkle some over your topcoat before it dries.

For the eyes, add a little extra of everything, and maybe take your eyeliner deeper and farther out on your lid, throw on a little extra mascara (again on your outer lashes) or add some falsies - eye lashes that is - for an extra Hollywood look!

## Touch Up

Sneak a few of your favorite touch up items into your evening bag. Lipstick, pressed powder, even more glitter should be on your list. There is never a need to go bare - lipped at a party. Keep 'em colored up, ladies. You know the drill. Slip into the ladies room and freshen up your look hourly.

Here's to party time!

# Throw Me Somethin' Santa

Are the kids getting restless? Are you tired of shopping, wrapping and baking? It's time to take a break. Bring the family to Pensacola Beach to see the Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 16. The parade will roll at 2 p.m. from Avenida 10 and end at the Gulfside Pavilion on Casino Beach. Santa Claus will be waiting there to greet the children.

Treats and trinkets will be thrown from all the floats, so don't forget your goodie bags.

Commissioners Grover C. Robinson, IV, will be the Grand Marshal. Rick Gordon will be the parade marshal. Jeff Elbert, Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce president, will ride with the dignitaries in the procession.

The annual event is sponsored by the Chamber as a part of their month long Christmas festival.

Parade entries will be accepted through Monday, December 10. Entry forms are available at the Visitor's Information Center. The fee is twenty dollars per entry. For details, call 850-932-1500.

Pensacola Beach fire fighter Paul McCleary has an-

nounced that the Beach Fire Department is proud to transport Santa Claus in the parade. Russ Mann, as always, is Santa.

Other parade entries to date are: United States Marine Corps Color Guard, McGuire's Pipe Band, Krewe of Nauga Pirates of Santa's Island, Villa Sabine Homeowners, Krewe of Bananimals, Mystic Krewe of Nereids, Scribner and Jernigan, The Bowen Family, Cook Realty, Gulf Breeze Cub Scouts, Margie Shortt Studio, Pensacola Beach Woman's Club, Portofino Golf Cart parade, CAT Country, WCOA and WJLQ radio stations.

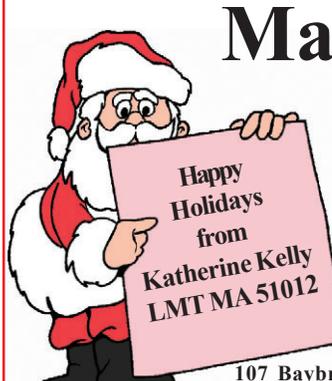
While the afternoon parade will be the highlight of the day, the fun will begin early in

the day on Sunday when Santa Claus shows up at the Hilton to have breakfast with all those who are there, beginning at 7 a.m.

A free Christmas Cantata will be presented at the Pensacola Beach Community Church, and everyone is invited. The music will begin at 10 a.m.

The Christmas spirit will prevail at noon at Tiki Island Golf and Games when the owners host a Gingerbread House construction party. It will be a make and take event. Materials will be provided, but bring a bag of hard candies to use for decoration.

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# The LIZZARD'S TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



I'm sure you've all heard the saying, "Be careful what you wish for, it just might come true." Well it's happened in my household. My wish has come true and now I would like a do-over.

In September, my son, Harry, signed himself up for his school's band. He informed me that he would be playing the snare drum and that practice would be held after school two days a week. Of course, his dad and I had to sign the permission slip, purchase a drum, pay for the after school lessons and attend a "Welcome to Band" orientation.

The next day we sent Harry to school with a signed permission slip and a check payable to Band Director. Then we ordered the drum. Two days later we attended the orientation where we met the four Marines who graciously volunteer their time and talent to teach young kids how to play musical instruments. Before we left for the evening, Gunny Mitch, the Marine in charge, gave a very passionate speech as to the importance of practicing at home and then had all the kids sign a practice contract. The parents had to witness it. The agreement said this: I (fill in your name) promise to practice my (fill in your instrument) for 20 minutes every day. Below it were lines for both student and parent signatures.

The Gunny quickly learned that kids ages 9 to 13 don't write one word without asking at least three questions. So he answered every inquiry with a simple response. Do I have to write in cursive? Yes. Does every day include the weekends? Yes. What if I want to practice more than 20 minutes? Yes. Do I need to include my middle name? Yes. Do you like being a Marine? Yes. Do we have to call you Gunny? Yes. Can we call you Mitch? Yes. Have you been to Iraq? Yes. In the end Gunny Mitch had the last question. Do I have all the contracts? But the children had the last word. Yes.

Harry's drum arrived the next day and he banged on it for a good two hours. He taught himself how to play the drum portion of the 20th Century Fox movie intro and the theme from "Star Wars." Then he put back in its bag and it just sat in the corner, day after day.

"Harry didn't you sign a contract to practice every day?" I asked.

"Yeah, but band doesn't officially start until next week and I will practice then," he said.

And so it went through all of September, October and November. I would inquire about practice and Harry would always have an answer from I'm doing my homework to I will practice later. Unfortunately, I could never find later on any clock in my house, so I actually taped the word over the 6 on the dining room clock. My humor fell short. And so did Harry's practice sessions. His initial promise of seven fell to three. But I just kept wishing that he would honor the practice contract that he had signed and I had witnessed.

That is until the first of December. Breathless with excitement, Harry asked me if I knew where the Christmas CDs were. I showed him and he immediately found the one with "Little Drummer Boy" on it. He then told me that he just had to practice because he would be playing "Little Drummer Boy" at the Christmas concert. So now every night for at least an hour, I listen to my son

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# BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stuken

Q: How can I easily share one printer with two computers?

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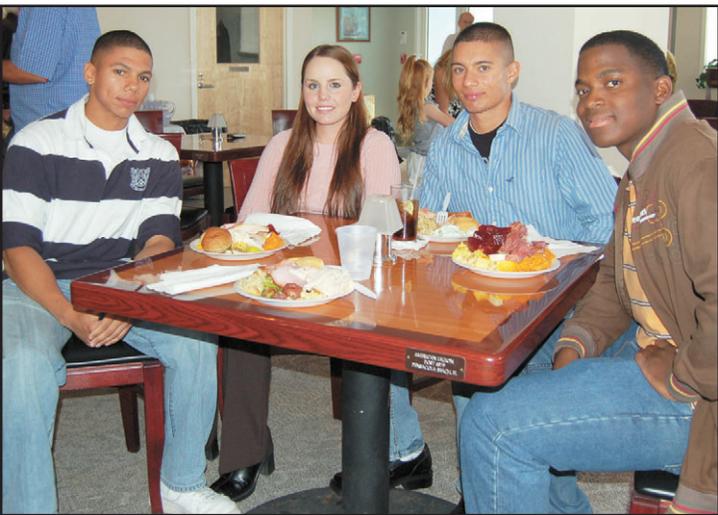
But, you may not be ready to spend money on new equipment. If you already have computers, a router, and a printer that you would like to share, there is another option.

Connect the printer directly to one computer and set up the printer software on it. Then, click on the printer icon and select the "Sharing" option. That option

allows other computers to see the printer once the computers are networked together. Networking the two computers involves setting up a little home network, using the "Network Connections" menu in each computer's Control Panel.

The drawback to the above technique is that both computers have to be turned on when the printer is being used. Also, the computers have to get through network security firewalls in order to see one another. As you can see, it is a bit more complicated than the wireless option. Oh well, maybe you will get some new wireless equipment from Santa this year.

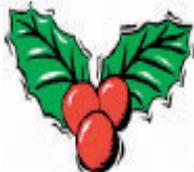
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Answers

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### ACROSS

- 1 That girl
- 4 Sculptures, e.g.
- 7 Hemingway sobriquet
- 11 Government overthrow
- 13 Shad product
- 14 Wife of Osiris
- 15 Emanation
- 16 "The Simpsons" network
- 17 Apiece
- 18 Soup stock
- 20 "— have this dance?"
- 22 LummoX
- 24 Parody
- 28 Tabloid topic
- 32 Pilfered
- 33 Ridge
- 34 Web address part
- 36 Sharpen
- 37 Islander's farewell
- 39 Unspecified
- 41 Extorts
- 43 "— Wiedersehen"
- 44 Audacious
- 46 Exposed
- 50 Arp's style
- 53 Charged bit
- 55 Italian's 37-Across
- 56 Grand story
- 57 Figure head? (Abbr.)
- 58 Otherwise

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### DOWN

- 1 Wound cover
- 2 TV time slot, often
- 3 Franc replacement
- 4 "Bow-wow!"
- 5 Leeway
- 6 Largest of the lower 48
- 7 Comic's pitch?
- 8 Simile center
- 9 Snapshot
- 10 Blond shade
- 12 "Well done!" gesture
- 19 Possessed
- 21 Affirmative reply
- 23 Craze
- 25 Entrance
- 26 Arm bone
- 27 Orange coating
- 28 Clear the decks?
- 29 Honeycomb compartment
- 30 Lotion additive
- 31 Journal
- 35 Afternoon affair
- 38 Commotion
- 40 Sister
- 42 Willy
- 45 Info
- 47 Narc's measure
- 48 Relaxation
- 49 No stay-at-home
- 50 Morning moisture
- 51 Gorilla
- 52 Conk out
- 54 Aye antithesis



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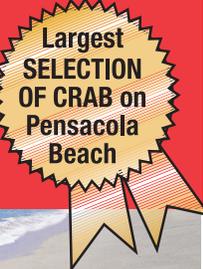
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