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The Season's Spirit Washes Over The Island Whose First Name Is Santa



Surfing Santa rests up after testing his newest watersled powered by magical dolphins. He'll come splashing onto the sandy shores behind Surf Burger at 8 a.m. December 4 to kick off the Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit promotion. The events, which continue through January 1, are free - a holiday gift from the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce. To see where Santa will appear next, turn to page 2.

Kowabunga, Dudes! It's Christmas on the Beach!

Chamber Presents Season Your Holidays With Island Spirit

"Kowabunga! It's Surfing Santa, here – coming to you from high atop a wave at Pensacola Beach where I am directing the fourth annual Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit celebration. My bag is loaded with gifts for everyone who comes to the Island. And, that means everybody from the tiniest non-surfer to Gram and Gramps."

The month long festival which is now underway is a gift to all residents and visitors from the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce. Surfing Santa said today, in a brief interview, that the Beach has already had its lighting ceremony and made arrangements to start the Children's Coloring Contest.

"We are so lucky here on Santa Rosa Island," Santa said. "Nobody even comes close to giving the way these islanders do. I plan to stay all month. Come visit me."

"All is well as long as Santa is on our side," Jeff Elbert, Chamber president said. "You may not catch a wave, but be sure to bring a big bag to catch trinkets, candy and beads flying your way at our parade."

The quaint Surfing Santa Beach Parade will be one of the highlights of the celebration. Members of the Island Authority will send greeting from their place in their newly custom built sleigh which was designed and constructed by SRIA Maintenance Supervisor Paul Harvey. Dr. Chuck Randle, former Beach Church pastor, will be the Grand Marshal. Honorary Grand Marshal

will be Capt. Greg McWherter, USN, and the commanding officer of the Blue Angels for the 2009 and 2010 seasons. His wife's parents are Beach residents.

"This parade will knock your Santa hat right off your head," Elbert said. "Don't miss it."

The parade rolls at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 12 along Via de Luna.

Choose one event or come out to enjoy it all, right through New Year's Eve Fireworks and the Polar Bear Plunge on New Year's Day.

"Hey, Dudes, everything is on Santa's tab except for a small charge for a photo with me at one of the stops. It's all free and open to everyone. Kowabunga."

Here's the ingredient list to Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit:

December 4

Kowabunga Breakfast with Surfing Santa - Surf Burger - 8 to 10:30 a.m. This Santa has a surf ski pulled by magical dolphins. Kids should have their wish list ready. Free mimosas for parents with meal.

Bow Wow Winter Fish Fry - Bamboo Willie's. Bring a donation for the Jr. Humane Society. 3 p.m.

December 5

Gingerbread House Make and Take - Tiki Island Golf and Games - Noon to 2 p.m. Ally Buckner of CAT Country radio station is the Construction Superintendent of the Gingerbread House site. Bring a bag of hard candies to decorate your Beach version of the traditional sweet house. Participants will build a house to take home. Free.

December 7

Joy For The Beach - Presented by the Pensacola Beach Optimists at Our Lady Catholic Church - 7 p.m. This event dishes up abundant Island spirit. Served by high energy singers and performers costumed for the holidays. Free.

December 10

Lighted Boat Parade - Pensacola Beach Marina to Boardwalk - 6 p.m. The sparkling spectacle of decorated vessels parading against a dark December sky delights those watching from the shore or a waterfront Beach business. Children are given light sticks to illuminate the landing site. Dozens of captains compete for prizes as the nautical parade delivers Santa Claus officially to the Island. Captain Buddy Rogers of the Reel Eazy has been in communication with the North Pole and Santa is ready to make his annual voyage. Children of all ages can whisper into Santa's ear. Free.

December 11

Ornament Making - Castaways on the Boardwalk - 1 to 4 p.m. The Gulf of Mexico offers her treasured sand dollars and starfish that evolve into fabulous and festive decorations for the tree. Chrissy Cook and her band of elves have all the ingredients for guests to make pine cone reindeer, seashell Santas and metal angels. What starts as a craft project becomes a treasured ornament to adorn family trees for years to come. Free.

Season Your Holidays with the Spicy Chili Cook Off - Bamboo Willie's - 3 p.m. Will benefit Escambia County Sheriff Deputy Jeremy Cassidy's long term care. Chili teams can sign up and receive rules by calling Bamboo Willie's 916-7888 or e-mail to robert@bamboowillies.com

Island Style Tropical Holiday Open House - 4 to 6 p.m. The home of the Christmas Room on the Island. Owners Mario and Jeff invite visitors to get caught up in the spirit. Chat, munch cookies, sip cider and enjoy the original art by coloring

contestants. Free.

Coloring Contest Winners announced Island Style - 6 p.m. Limitless imaginations guide small hands in creating Island holiday works of art. Coloring sheets are available at the Visitor's Information Center, Island Style and Beach hotels. All art will be displayed in Island Style's Tropical Christmas Room. Not an easy task, but the judges will award first, second and third places in two age categories. Free.

December 12

Christmas Cantata Beach Church - 10 a.m. Traditional seasonal music. Free.

Surfing Santa Beach Parade - Via de Luna - 2 p.m. Delightfully decorated whimsical floats wend their way down the Island's main street sharing holiday joy, candy and trinkets with all who care to catch the spirit. Santa oversees the parade from the bright red fire engine which delivers him to the Gulfside Pavilion where children of all ages can speak to him personally. Look for McGuire's Pipe Band, Escambia High School ROTC, Bamboo Willie's Christmas float, Krewe of Wrecks, Krewe of St. Patrick, Krewe of LaFitte, Krewe of Shakers, Krewe of Bananimals, Beach Bike Brigade, decorated golf carts and the Pensacola Beach lifeguards.

Pensacola Beach Optimists will be sure that Santa has a red striped candy cane for each child and will capture the moment with a photo on Santa's lap. Mary Claus (yes, that is her real name) and Bettie Lee Sundstrom are Santa's elves. Free.

December 17

Sip and Sing Caroling Tour - Singers and Sippers should gather at Flounder's at 5:30 p.m. where they will be given song books. The tour will depart about 6 p.m. Carolers will make stops and entertain patrons at Beach pubs and walk to the next stop. Santa hats encouraged. Tour ends at the Sandshaker. Free.

December 18

Annual Winter Gumbo cook off - Bamboo Willie's - 3 p.m. Prizes and bragging rights for a year.

Adult Coloring Contest - Sandshaker - 6 p.m. Let Island spirit bring out your inner artist. We supply the crayons. You supply the imagination. Free. Prizes.

December 19

Santa and His Paparazzi Photo Session - Island Style - 2 to 4 p.m. Island Santa awaits your arrival in the Christmas room. The sweet smell of peppermint candy canes will lead you right to him. Have your photo taken for a nominal charge.

Rudolph's Red Nose Ramble - Starts at the Sandshaker - 2 p.m. Ramble, walk or amble to Sabine Sandbar for Island Eggnog, Hooters and then to Bamboo Willie's for the Santa Look Alike and Sexy Elf contests. Follow the Red Nose. Ramble back to the Shaker for the Wrap Up Party at 6 p.m.

Santa Claus Look Alike and Sexy Elf Contest - Bamboo Willie's - 5 p.m. Looking for a St. Nick knock-off. Beard, boots and good laugh required. Mrs. Claus or even an elf or two can compete. Be naughty or nice. No charge to enter. Great prizes.

December 24

Candlelight and Carols - Beach Church - 6 p.m. The choir of the Pensacola Beach Community Church invites visitors to join in their Island Christmas Eve tradition of caroling by candlelight. Free.

December 31

Ring in the New Year with islandwide celebrations. A dazzling fireworks display at midnight from the end of the Gulf Pier.

January 1

Polar Bear Plunge - Paradise Bar and Grill - 2 p.m. The emerald waters of Santa 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.

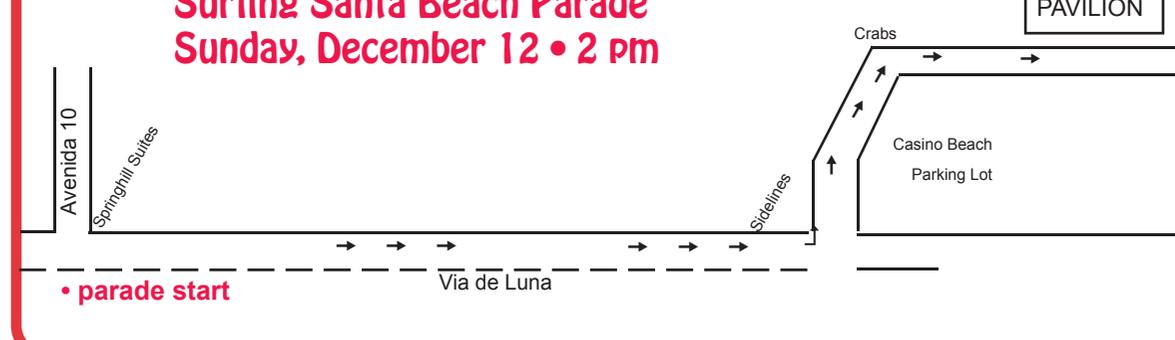
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Surfing Santa Beach Parade Sunday, December 12 • 2 pm



Barefoot on the Beach

By Jane Waters Cooper



ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS

Time was when Christmas was a good week to leave the Beach. You could hardly find a Christmas tree anywhere. Businesses were closed for the winter. Scrooge and the Grinch would have loved the old Pensacola Beach. Well, all that inaction is now in the Christmas dust bin. The only thing reminiscent of the dreariest Christmas in the world is the public decorating. Please note the flimsy decorations hanging on the light poles.

Those lackluster holiday seasons seem light years away today when we have a huge number of celebrations, night and day, for the upcoming merry month of December.

SOB Christmas Brunch

All it takes to get the Christmas spirit is to join the SOBs at their annual brunch at Flounder's on December 5. The antics of a few wacky women of the Beach and a generous amount of champagne make this a memorable event. They love having guests, so join them about 11 a.m. and plan to take the sleigh ride to Jane's house after the party dwindles down.

Joy and Carols and Kids

There is so much going on its hard to decide what you want to do. Joy For the Beach fills up Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church quickly. This musical, a local pro-

duction, plays to rave reviews every Christmas. Date is December 7 at 7 p.m. Get there ahead of time.

The Beach School kids will show off on Friday, December 3, at their annual holiday program, also at the Catholic Church. Their young voices put the Christmas spirit on display as no other voices ever can. Don't miss this.

And, I would choose to go to the Pensacola Beach Church on Christmas Eve. They will host their annual Candlelight and Carols ceremony. You will get to join them in song. Their welcoming warmth will stay with you all season long.

These productions are all offered at no charge to the public. What a gift.

Big Time Present

Robert Rinke is anxious to honor the promise he and his late partner Allen Levin, made to the Beach. Only he doesn't want to wait for ten years to use the money they gave to the SRIA. Rinke wants to do a lot here and now. Concerts, a planting of 3000 palm trees, open air island style trolleys. Great idea. Thanks, Robert. Santa is on your side.

Christmas Love

Among all the hustle and bustle and parties and parades will be those in our midst who will have a slim to none kind of Christmas. Helping others is a major part of the meaning

of Christmas. It's easy to find a way to help by volunteering your time, slipping funds into Red Kettles, take a bag of food over to the school and the Junior Optimist Club will see that it gets to the people who need it. The places and needs are endless. Try Toys for Tots. Just don't get too busy and forget to be a Christmas angel.

Shops

Have you ever thought about doing your Christmas shopping on the Beach? Beach shops carry a dazzling array of island oriented gifts, items you can't get anywhere else. You will be thrilled to find that you can complete your shopping right here on the island in shops where you will be welcomed.

Quaint Christmas Parade

If you have time to go to only one event during the Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit, be sure you go to the Surfing Santa Beach Parade at 2 p.m. on December 12. Look for celebrities aboard the glittering floats which will traverse the too short parade route from Sprin-

ghill Suites to Casino Beach. Take special notice of the sleigh which will carry the SRIA big guns. It was designed and constructed by a real pro, Paul Harvey of the SRIA staff. Gobs of candy and trinkets and beads will be thrown. This procession definitely has Santa's stamp of approval.

Food and Frolic

Restaurants and bars are at their best during the holidays. If you didn't know better you would think the wait staffs were shipped into paradise directly from the North Pole for Christmas. Fine dining and casual cuisine will be available for every mood and pocketbook. Remember the prime chant for a safe and good time, "Don't drink and drive."

My First Beach Christmas

I remember well my first Christmas on Pensacola Beach. It was Christmas Eve and everything was dark except the lights were on in the Woman's Club building which doubled as the Beach Church. We were told at the previous Sunday

service that we could come to the Church on Christmas Eve to sing carols and to give gifts to a Vietnamese family that the Reverend Thaine Ford would bring to the church. When we arrived, the family was introduced. A single mother and three young children. They did not speak English. We did not speak Vietnamese. But it was the look of wondrous surprise on the face of the pretty dark haired little four-year-old which said it all. She unwrapped a box and took out a doll with golden curls. She cradled the beautiful gift in her arms and her smile and the sparkle in her eyes captured us all. Many in our small congregation were teary eyed that night. After we packed the van with supplies for Christmas dinner, and one of the parishioners drove the family home, we went back to sing one last carol.

Lousie Greenley played the piano (there was no organ) and our voices rose in a soft rendition of Away in the Manger. Christmas had come to the island, after all.

Phare Tupelo Newlin celebrated her first birthday on 11-11 on Pensacola Beach with her grandparents Mary and Eddie Williams, parents Lauren and Isaac Newlin, and her Aunt Jamie Williams.

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Special Projects Await Approval — Do Concerts, Palm Trees, Trolleys Define An Exotic Resort?

The Special Projects Committee of the Santa Rosa Island Authority, chaired by Dr. Thomas Campanella, took center stage at the November 17 meeting.

The lengthy discussion and limited action of this committee was fueled by a request from Robert Rinke of Portofino containing the ideas which, he felt, would boost tourism.

The first request had been to plant 3000 palm trees, paid for by the Island Beautification money, a fund generated by Portofino lease fees and given to the Island for beautification.

The SRIA Board had previously approved the formation of a sub-committee to discuss the additions to the island landscaping, and Buck Lee, SRIA executive director, pointed out that there would be responsibilities coming from the Authority.

Some of the trees on Via de Luna would be planted on private leasehold property and the owners would have to grant permission for the trees to be planted and then also agree to irrigate and maintain the palms. The leaseholder would have to sign a hold harmless agreement.

"This issue is complex. We will not crack this nut tonight," Dr.

Campanella said.

He moved that the Special Projects Committee handle the details, and set a Special Projects Committee meeting for 4 p.m., prior to the December 1 Full Board meeting.

The second request, to produce a series of concerts became even more convoluted than the tree plan. Rinke's original request was to hold a concert series for eight to twelve weeks beginning in March. He said the concerts would be free to hotel guests and they would charge a modest price for others who wanted to attend. He added that any shortfall could be picked up by the Island Beautification Fund.

Jayne Bell, director of Administration, in her report to the Board, said it would be difficult to close the Beach for that many weekends.

"There is not enough staff at the SRIA to handle the actual promotion and management of this concert series," Bell said.

Jeff Elbert, president of the Beach Chamber of Commerce spoke to the issue. "I believe that these three items are great ideas that certainly deserve further discussion. All three ideas affect business in a great way. The Chamber needs to be part of this dialog."

In connection with the concert

proposal, Dr. Campanella asked about the boost in business created by the DeLuna Fest.

Campanella asked that the Chamber query its members to see how DeLuna Fest affected individual businesses.

"I think if we gather this kind of information, we will know if concerts boost business. Do we want concerts? How many and when?" Campanella said.

Elbert said he would present the findings from Chamber businesses. He also added that from the standpoint of his own business, Island Style, he was revenue neutral during the DeLuna Fest.

"However, my business was up 1000 percent during the Taste of the Beach weekend," he said. "These ideas need further study and I would like the Chamber to be part of that."

Lee reported that the Authority had received a check for \$50,000 from the sponsors of DeLuna Fest to pay the SRIA percentages.

Rinke's third request was to return to the open air trolley system.

This idea met with the approval

of business owners present.

Mike Pinzone, owner of Papa's Pizza, said the trolleys are very important to Boardwalk businesses.

If you are on vacation, you don't want to board something that looks like a city bus. The aesthetics of an open air trolley are pleasing."

Pinzone also added that during DeLuna Fest his Boardwalk business was up 70 percent over last year.

Dr. Campanella announced that he would like the Special Projects Committee to create three subcommittees to discuss and make recommendations on each of the three requests. They will function under the umbrella of the Special Projects Committee.

The request from the Special Projects Committee to form subcommittees and their composition will be discussed and put up for a vote at the December 1 Full Board meeting.

The Administrative Committee heard a report from Dottie Ford, director of Finance, who said that the September collections to the SRIA

were 34.9 percent greater than the amount budgeted.

The collections were less than in 2009 which is a larger gap when considering the addition of new businesses.

"We were \$163,000 down from last year," Ford said, "And take into consideration that we had two new businesses, Margaritaville and the Grand Marlin opening."

Board member Dave Pavlock asked if they were still watching the mailbox for a check from BP.

Lee reported that he thought it was a computer program which was causing the hold up. "These are the same guys who adjust after storms and they just plug numbers into the computer. When the software is written, things may move faster."

The Administrative Committee voted unanimously to accept the financial report.

The next SRIA meeting will be the Full Board at 5 p.m. on Dec. 1, preceded by the Special Projects Committee meeting at 4 p.m. The meetings, held in the Authority boardroom, are open to the public.

Prepare To File Final Claims For BP Oil Spill Damages

Compensation to victims of the BP oil spill has entered the final payment stage which will last until August 23, 2013. Claimants may file for a final payment or opt to receive quarterly interim payments.

In order to receive a final or interim payment, claimants must complete an interim or Final Payment Form. Claimants do not need to resubmit documentation. Claim forms can be submitted via the internet through the website at www.gulfcoastclaimsfacility.com, or by visiting the claims office in Gulf Breeze, or by US Postal Service: GCCF, P.O. Box 9658, Dublin, OH 43017-4958. You may contact by fax: 1-866-682-1772, or by email: info@gccf-claims.com or by phone:

1-800-916-4893.

Kenneth R. Feinberg, Administrator of the Gulf Coast Claims said, "Claimants will have a choice. They can accept a lump sum final payment for all present and future damage and surrender their right to sue by signing a full release, or they can continue to receive quarterly interim payments based upon documented past damage for that three month period; however, there is no guarantee that, in the future, a lump sum Final Payment will be as generous as it will be currently."

The Claims Office noted due to the volume of claimants filing prior to the deadline, that Final Payment and Interim requests will not be reviewed until after December 15.

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NEW ANNUAL PASS SALES - Begin January 4, 2011 at the SRIA Office. Extended sales hours from Jan 4 to Jan 31 are Monday -Friday, 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM



peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis



The end of this year's Hurricane Season did not go quietly into the night. It was celebrated by a large buncha Wooly Boogers who made a whole lot of noise! Lead by our Queen Shugah Shelley Johnson, we eagerly participated in the sacred ritual of burning each named storm. They never stood a chance against our Queen Shugah and not a single one even came close to the shores of our Paradise. (Maybe it was those powerful pink feather fans blessed by Queen Shugah at the "Kiss the Hurricanes Away this Season Bawl" - I know I waved mine faithfully!)

Members of the Social Club thanked our Queen Shugah for her dedicated and successful reign and all lifted our glasses in a toast to our Founder and His High Wooliness the late Les Cieutat. Sacred objects of powerful hoo-doo voo-doo were presented to the new Queen Shugah #9 Deb Friedman as members pledged our allegiance and loyalty. Congratulations to Deb!

Although visitors and yet-to-be-Wooly Boogers didn't quite know what was going on, they sure enjoyed

it as much as we did.well, almost.

I used to enjoy decorating for the Christmas Season. I could hardly wait to get a tree. I scoffed at the people with fake trees and insisted on a live one every year. When I first moved here, I was a single parent so purchasing a tree was not in the budget. Well, my friends didn't have money either, but we sure knew where to find trees. They grow in the woods. In fact, sometimes, they grow alot bigger in the woods.

I remember the Christmas when my husband Bill had to cut three feet off a tree just to get it in the house.

I think I went with different people each year and to a different set of woods. I know I have certainly run the gamut of every type of tree. You know, the ones that stand up and the ones that don't. I had a friend who always said, "It ain't Christmas 'til the tree falls!" That my friends, is a Christmas truism.

I once had a tree that I literally had to run fishing line from the tree in three directions and nail it to the wall. I think it still leaned a little.

Then there was the time a friend

told me to put sugar in the water to make the tree live longer. Don't ever do that! The sugar gummed and sealed the bottom of the tree and it began to die immediately. Instead of the pitter patter of tiny feet or snow falling, we were serenaded by the sound of pine needles and ornaments crashing on the terrazzo floor. I think I lost nearly all of my breakable ornaments (and nearly a friend) that year!

One night during Christmas, I woke up thirsty and went to the kitchen for some water. As I passed the solidly standing tree, it somehow managed to hit the floor right behind me effectively blocking me from returning to bed. So, there I was at 3 a.m. trying to stand a Christmas tree back up by myself. I was covered in ornaments and lights by the time I got the tree upright again. I think I heard some giggling as I finally made it back to bed.

I was astonished when my Mother bought her first fake tree. She had always been a die-hard live tree person. But in the last few years I've finally begun to understand the advantages of a 'non-living' tree. The fiber optic lights are very pretty even if my non-living tree is not. It's really more like a "Charlie Brown" kinda tree. It is very tall and very, very narrow. But it came in a nice box and stays in one piece. No putting on lights, no putting together fake branches, no needles dropping - just take out the ornaments and let the grandchildren have a ball! Where ever they hang stuff, it looks perfect to me. It's so narrow it hardly requires any extra space so there's no shuffling furniture around to make

room for the tree. So far (cross my fingers) it's never fallen, though I don't think falling would change much on this tree. And when the season's over, you just put it back in its nice little box. Lord, I love Christmas, don't you?

Don't forget the Sisters of the Beach (SOBs) Christmas Brunch this Sunday at Flounder's. It's the best party of the season....hope to see you there!

But for now, it's time to cook. This recipe is one of my Mother's favorite holiday candies and though I've never been ambitious or courageous enough to try it, I've sure eaten my share of it over the years. Jane Cooper once mentioned she had never seen a candy recipe in my column, so Miss Jane - this one's for you! Let's cook.....

Mom's 5 Minute Divinity

2 Cups Sugar
½ Cup Water
dash of salt
7 oz. marshmallow crème
½ Cup Pecans, chopped

Combine sugar, water and salt in sauce pan. Bring to a boil. Cover for one minute, check syrup by dipping with a spoon and pouring slowly back in pan. Syrup will be ready when it spins into a fine thread. Combine marshmallow crème, vanilla and pecans in a mixing bowl. Mix well with electric mixer. When syrup is ready, pour slowly into crème mixture and mix well. Drop by teaspoon on wax paper.

Enjoy, share. Happy Holidays!
See ya in the kitchen...

Jurkovich Brings Joy To The Beach

In the wake Hurricane Ivan's destruction, local Realtor and accomplished songwriter-singer Karen Jurkovich created Joy For The Beach. The musical revue, which is hosted by the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club, will be presented Tuesday, December 7 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Assumption Church, 920 Via de Luna.

"Our theme this year is Joy For the Beach 2010 - Santa Needs a Vacation (& Mrs. Claus could use one, too)," said Jurkovich. "The Joy For the Beach singers have been working hard to make this their best performance yet."

Included in the show will be a presentation of the Pepper Choplin cantata "I Hear the Prophet Callin'."

Admission is free although donations to the Pensacola Beach Optimist Club are appreciated.

Sponsors for this year's performance are: Gulf Breeze Animal Hospital, Pensacola Beach Woman's Club, The Grand Marlin, Dan and Jane McGrath, Wade Scott Salon & Spa, Sweet Creations by Sharon, and Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church.

For more information, or to become a sponsor, please contact Karen Jurkovich at 850-384-5767.

Letters to the Editor

Dear IT,
You are IT on the Island. We take a copy of the edition with the kindergarten kids recipes for Thanksgiving

with us when we visit our family for the holiday. It has become a tradition to share the recipes with them. This year has to be one of the best. You dedicated a lot of space to their insight into finding the right turkey, cooking it and who should be at the dining table. I laughed so hard I cried. Thank you for this fine tradition.

~ Sam





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Speak Now Or Forever Hold Your Peace

Tying the knot in a Gulfront home on the Beach's Ariola Drive is not simple. Permanent residents who are the neighbors have been fighting weddings for years, citing the noise, excessive parking problems, and accumulations of trash as the reason for complaints.

Now, representatives of both sides are sitting around a table, hoping to iron out the kinks, so everyone will be happy.

Members of the Wedding House Committee which met last Tuesday at the Santa Rosa Island Authority are Monica Kellner, Joe Billingsly, Sherie Snider, and Ray Ascherfeld. Ascherfeld has been the spokesperson for the permanent neighbors, and has brought their concerns to many meetings of the Santa Rosa Island Authority.

"I believe we can solve these problems," Ascherfeld said at the meeting. "We need to make an Action Plan on what can be done."

Ascherfeld discussed the County ordinance's decibel level system which he felt did not fit the Beach. "We need to change the ordinance," he suggested.

Parking is in the control of the Santa Rosa Island Authority and the deputies, according to Ascherfeld.

"The SRIA's required wedding permit is good," Ascherfeld said. "Events continue to take place, some egregious and some good."

Robert Beasley, an attorney representing the rental property owners, said, "I am here to listen to problems and make suggestions."

Beasley then suggested that the complainants call County Code Enforcement.

"Code Enforcement would analyze the criteria you outlined to see if the property is in violation. They can determine if it is a commercial enterprise," Beasley said.

Ascherfeld said he had previously reported this same problem to Code Enforcement in 2007, with some positive results, but the current situation has not been cured by them.

"There is a whole department in charge of handling zoning violations which cause problems between neighbors. Give it a try. Frequency and magnitude are determining factors for commercial use," Beasley

said.

Monica Kellner, administrator of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, spoke on behalf of the Church.

"Our Lady has the facility to handle this business," she said. "I would like to see what is best for the community. Using our facility creates income for the church, and a place where weddings and receptions can be hosted without interfering with the community."

Kellner pointed out that zoning regulations state that single family homes should not contain a business in that residence.

Beasley countered by saying that the code allows rentals in that residential area of the island.

Joe Billingsly, general manager of Paradise Beach Homes, made a practical suggestion that perhaps turning the musicians' speakers toward the Gulf would make a huge difference for noise abatement.

Ascherfeld made a motion that the Committee go to Code Enforcement with their problem. The motion passed unanimously.

Buck Lee, SRIA executive director, who was moderating the Tuesday meeting, announced that he would request representatives from Escambia County Code Enforcement, Sheriff's Department and all persons present at the first meeting attend the follow up meeting set for Tuesday, December 14 at 3 p.m. at the Island Authority boardroom. The meeting is open to the public.

A Cross in the Sand

By

Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison
Pensacola Beach Community Church



This time of the year is a very special season. We celebrated the national holiday of Thanksgiving, and then moved quickly to looking at the Christmas holiday. One of the rich traditions of this time of the year leading up to Christmas is the season of Advent. Advent is a time of expectation, of anticipation and preparation. It is a time of the advent or coming of God into the world.

It is a good time for us to slow down all the commercial Christmas and think about how this time affects our lives. When we look at a world that is existing because of a greater power, then it will allow us to see how much Advent can mean to us. The time we observe as Christmas is all about a child being born in Bethlehem about 2,000 year ago. With this idea of Advent, we are allowed to see how God has worked in our lives to come in the darkest and brightest times.

My wish is that every person reading this will find a place to be closer to the greater good in each of us.
Happy Advent.

[The Reverend Dr. Tom Garrison joined the Pensacola Beach Community Church family as their pastor in October. He and his wife, Renata, reside on Pensacola Beach.]

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BIG ENTERTAINMENT

The very talented students at Pensacola Beach Elementary School present their holiday program, Friday, December 3 at Our Lady Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m. The community is invited to the production. Come early, the sanctuary fills up fast.

LIGHTING THE TREE

The Beach School Chorus, under the direction of music teacher Mary Holway, will perform at the Tree of Lights ceremony, December 9 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Gulf Breeze Hospital. Each light has been sponsored in someone's honor for a \$5 donation. Monies fund scholarships for Pensacola Beach and South Santa Rosa County residents to attend Pensacola State College.

Pensacola Beach resident Dr.

Bob Harriman, Gulf Breeze Hospital Administrator, will extend greetings to all and will officially light the tree. Home baked cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Those who come are sure to go home with a bit of Christmas in their hearts.

TOP SPOT

PJ Dunne is following in the wake of his swimming dad, Reed. PJ, a Beach School graduate, is in the tenth grade at Gulf Breeze High School. He has been honored as the Swimmer of the Year by the Pensacola News Journal. PJ also earned all A's during the first nine weeks of school.

BIG OPTIMISM

The Junior Optimist Club at the Beach School has high hopes for helping many in the Pensacola area

with their Food Drive for Manna this year. They are accepting canned and nonperishable food items at the School until December 10. Their goal is to surpass last year's collection. Drop donations off between 9 and 2 Monday - Friday or at the School Holiday Program, Dec. 3.

VACATION DAYS

The following calendar applies to Pensacola Beach Elementary and all Santa Rosa County schools:
Dec. 20 - Dec. 31 Christmas Break
February 21 - Presidents' Day
March 14-18 Spring Break
April 22 - Good Friday
May 30 - Memorial Day

SCHOOL BOARD

The PBES, Inc. Board meeting is Monday, December 6 at 7 a.m. at the Hilton H²0.

High Spirited Bananimals Parade, Party

It's not too late to let your inner party animal out. The Krewe of Bananimals is still accepting new members.

"I encourage all those who want to be part of this zoo-full of characters, to sign up now," said Bruce Yoder, krewe secretary.

The Bananimals have set their Christmas party for Sunday, December 5. It is a grand affair, but open to members only. The following weekend, the bunch tones it down from wild to mild to roll in the Chamber's Surfing Santa parade on December 12.

"We never forget our charities that we support, especially at Christmas," added Yoder. "The krewe has supported the holidays of children in foster care in both Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. We love to help."

Details of all the krewe's activities are available at their monthly meetings held at the Sabine Sandbar. New members may request meeting information and an application by emailing Yoder at bruceyoder@yahoo.com.



BigFoot seems to be lost. He is looking for Santa, but did not find him here.

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Wrecks Roll Into December

Are you the Beach's most ardent, hard core, super New Orleans Saints fan? Here's your chance to prove it. Get your game face on. Grab your Saints garb and appear at the December 27 Wrecks meeting at Hemingway's. The fun starts at 6 p.m. The cost to enter is free to Wrecks and \$30 to non-members.

"It's a contest to find best Saints fan on the Beach," said Running Around Wreck Jeff Goudey at the November 22 meeting. "The Saints face the Atlanta Falcons on Monday Night Football that night, so roll out the black and gold."

The Wrecks have December booked solid with meetings each Monday night. Look for the Wrecks ship sailing along Via de Luna during the Chamber's Surfing Santa parade on December 12. Wrecks royalty will mingle with stowaways of all kinds aboard the hapless vessel.

The generous spirit of the krewe extends beyond the Beach. They will host a food drive for Manna Food bank. Wrecks should bring non-perishable food items to the December 13 meeting at Paradise and the December 20 meeting

at Crabs.

In honor of the three decades of Mardi Gras on the Island, Jeff Goudey has been quizzing the krewe members on long forgotten Wrecks lore. Dale Anel was quick to answer correctly at Sidelines on November 15 and the winner at the Islander was Mary Ann Claus. Morrie Drees is credited with the assist by Claus.



Dale Anel was a big winner at the Wrecks meeting at Sidelines. She gave the first correct trivia answer and she won the 50-50. Her prizes included a purple Island Times t-shirt and a handful of cash.

The original Beach krewe is still accepting new members. Membership is \$30 for the entire year.

"We have a growing krewe," said Sec Wreck Melanie Waite. "It's easy to join, just come to a Monday night meeting, and become a Wreck."

For more information on membership, contact Melanie at melanie7896@bellsouth.net.



The Blue Angels Air Show aboard NAS Sherman Field on November 13 included pyrotechnic and explosive action. Along with the United States Navy's Flight Demonstration Team's precision flying, there were static displays, civilian and military acts along with skydivers. The Blue Angels will salute one hundred years of Naval Aviation in 2011. The Red, White and Blues Week on Pensacola Beach is set for July 6-9.

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BYTES AND BITS

By Joe Stukey
Your Computer Pal

Q: "What should I know about buying a Christmas computer?"

A: Computer performance varies, depending on the processor type (which affects the speed), RAM (the memory), and the software that is installed. The processor is like the engine in a car. The processor and RAM are the most important things to consider when buying a computer. Everything else is optional. Intel and AMD are the companies that supply most of the processors found in computers today. Both are good brands, but be careful which of their models you select. Good ones include the Intel Core I3, Intel Core I5, and some of the older Core

and Pentium models. AMD's good processors are the Athlon and the Phenom.

The least expensive computers usually have a low-performance processor. The models that I avoid are the Intel Celeron, the AMD Sempron, and the AMD Turion. For a few dollars more, you can get a better processor, especially when the holiday sales are going on. It will be money well-spent.

The more RAM you have, the more programs you can run simultaneously. Today, new computers might have 2 to 8 gigabytes of RAM. You should look for a computer that has at least 4 gigabytes of

memory. Otherwise the computer will be too slow. You can also increase the memory by purchasing and installing memory chips at a later time.

The current version of Microsoft's operating system is Windows 7. It comes in several different flavors, though the Home Premium Edition fits the needs of most consumers. Also, keep in mind that your old software and hardware just might not work with your new computer, so you should not try to install it unless you have checked it out first.

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Pete Goes Global

Boston Globe travel writer Neece Regis heralded the spirit of Pensacola Beach by recounting her visit to PegLeg's as the lead of her October 31 story. She traveled the Island enchanted by the food, the history and the white beaches. She wrote, "If heaven has a beach, I assume it would be as brightly white as the sand along this stretch of the Gulf of Mexico." You can read the entire story at www.Boston.com.

Easy To Wrap

Smart shoppers should put a gift certificate to an island restaurant under the tree. Easy to wrap, easy to spend. The Grand Marlin owners think you deserve a little gift for being so thoughtful, so gift cards purchasers can earn an additional card with qualifying purchases.

Chamber Elves

Lots of events during December to get you in the Christmas spirit. Lighted boat parade is the perfect Friday night date activity on December 10. Follow it up with Sunday brunch prior to the Surfing Santa Beach parade on Dec. 12.

Holiday Sparkle

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Remember The Dawg & Deputy

Spend an afternoon eating a plate of crispy fried fish and helping

the furry fellows who don't have a home for the holidays. Bow Woo Fish Fry is December 4 at 3 p.m. at Bamboo Willie's. Bring some dog chow and buy a plate of food. If you can't make that, plan on being at the

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The famous and furry Woolly Booger Social Club hosted their Kiss The Hurricane Season Goodbye Bawl, November 20 at Paradise Bar and Grill. Photo left: Certified Woolly Boogers G. Cole, Jack White and Stump Jones toast a storm free summer. Photo center: Deb Friedman, a charter member of the Woolly Boogers, was crowned as Queen Shughah VIX, and has accepted the basket of hoodoo voodoo charms to keep the hurricanes away in 2011. Photo right: Just prior to the coronation Woolly Boogers confer about the next queen's identity. In the background, (L to R) Lonnie Hewerdine, Andy Brunt and Felicia Fisher offer their guesses. Foreground, original Woolly Booger Jeff Goudey, standing, assures Peggy and George Henshall that the Beach will be in good hands.

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- December 5 **Gingerbread House Make & Take - Tiki Island Golf & Games - Noon - 2pm**
- December 7 **Joy For The Beach - Our Lady Catholic Church - 7pm**
- December 10 **Lighted Boat Parade - Pensacola Beach Marina to Boardwalk - 6pm**
- December 11 **Ornament Making - Castaways on the Boardwalk - 1pm - 4pm**
- December 11 **Spicy Chili Cook Off - Bamboo Willie's - 3pm**
- December 11 **Island Style Tropical Holiday Open House - 4pm - 6pm**
- December 12 **Christmas Cantata - Beach Church - 10am**
- December 12 **Surfing Santa Beach Parade - Via de Luna - 2pm**
- December 17 **Sip & Sing Caroling Tour - Flounder's - 5:30pm**
- December 18 **Annual Winter Gumbo Cook Off - Bamboo Willie's - 3pm**
- December 18 **Adult Coloring Contest - Sandshaker - 6pm**
- December 19 **Santa & His Paparazzi Photo Session - Island Style - 2pm - 4pm**
- December 19 **Rudolph's Red Nose Ramble - Starts at the Sandshaker - 2pm**
- December 19 **Santa Claus Look Alike & Sexy Elf Contest - Bamboo Willie's - 5pm**
- December 24 **Candlelight & Carols - Beach Church - 6pm**
- December 31 **Ring In The New Year - Fireworks - Islandwide Celebrations**
- January 1 **Polar Bear Plunge - Paradise Bar and Grill - 2pm**

MARDI GRAS 2010-2011

Pensacola Beach Events

January 8	Krewe of Nereids King Cake Party, Paradise
January 15	Krewe of Shakers Toga Party, 9pm Sandshaker
January 28	Krewe of Nereids Moon Pie Party, 7 p.m. Sandshaker
January 29	Krewe of St. Patrick Ball, MySpace
February 5	Krewe of Nauga Champagne Breakfast, Dock, 10:30
February 5	Krewe of Brewe Beach Babe Shaker, 2 p.m.
February 12	Krewe of Nereids Masquerade Ball
February 19	Krewe of Bananimals & Brewe Black Tie Ball
February 26	Kids & Kritters Parade, 11 a.m., Fire Station - Church
February 26	Krewe of Wrecks Ball, Elk's Lodge
February 28	Queen's Dinner, Flounders
February 28	Kings Supper, Elk's
March 5	Champagne Breakfast, Crabs
March 6	Krewe of Wrecks Parade
March 7	Red Beans and Rice Luncheon
March 8	Krewe of Coma Sandshaker

More details to come.
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The Lizzard's TONGUE

by E.K. Hewson



Christmas came early this year thanks in part to at least 100 e-mails from my cell phone provider. "Elizabeth, Upgrade Your Phone Today!" "Time is running out!" "Who will you voice dial next?"

Now, being the techno geek that I am, for some reason a phone is a phone. I still have a land line and I used to have just a normal, no bells and whistles, cell phone. Not anymore.

As the Kid and I entered my cell phone provider's store front, I was immediately greeted by a very nice young man, David, who asked to see my current cell phone. I fished around the bottom of my purse and pulled out my five-year-old phone. Scratched. Dented. Full of contacts that I did not want to lose. I could tell by the look on his face that I was so yesterday. Did he actually say that my phone should be sent to a Smithsonian Museum or maybe even be featured on the Antiques Roadshow? Well not out loud, but I could tell that was what he was thinking.

David immediately began speaking CPPST -- cell phone provider salesman talk and the Kid immediately chimed in as well. He reminded me that I needed a phone that could text message, Facebook, e-mail, take photos, replay video, was Flash compatible, had unlimited apps to include video games

Young Singers Present Christmas Program

The Pensacola Children's Chorus, under the direction of Allen and Susan Pote, will present its annual production of "Christmas on the Coast" Friday, December 10 and Saturday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 12, at 2:30 p.m. at the Pensacola Saenger Theatre in downtown Pensacola. Tickets are now on sale at the Saenger Theatre Box Office (open weekdays between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.), at all TicketMaster outlets, and at www.ticketmaster.com; or charge by phone by calling 800-745-3000. Prices are \$30, \$28 and \$18.

and Chuck Norris facts, play music, scan bar codes. Stop the madness! How about one that actually makes calls? Oh and that, too.

Eventually the Kid tired of listening to the various features of the different phones and opted to check out the wall of iPads. I had to warn him that we would not be a two iPad family anytime soon and not to get any ideas.

So there I was, left standing alone with David and a bank of phones that were starting to creep me out. It was like they were watching my every move like dolls in a horror movie.

David handed me a phone and directed me to walk across the store and then press on an icon. "Look, it tells you where you are," he said.

I didn't need a phone to tell me that I was standing in the middle of my cell phone provider's store front. Then he keyed in my cell number and instructed the phone to "Call Liz" while his hands remained on his electronic clipboard. Before I knew it, my pocket was vibrating, but I still wasn't 100% sold on upgrading. Finally he asked me if I had a favorite NFL football team.

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And with a download and the push of an icon, Drew Brees magically appeared in uniform throwing a winning touchdown. I could not upgrade fast enough!

I would like to say that I've made or received a phone call on my new cell phone, but I have not. I have voice texted my friends so we could LOL as there are still some glitches with voice recognition accuracy, and I have updated my Facebook status. I've read two work proposals using Quickoffice and can tell you all sorts of interesting facts about Chuck Norris. I have played one hand of Solitaire and can rattle off the scores from Week 11 of the NFL. I watched clips of the nightly news and tagged all the latest happenings in North Korea as that is the Kid's country for the year for Social Studies. I now know the difference between a Long Island Tea and a Long Beach and by scanning the bar code on a rum bottle, I can tell you where you can get the best price on it.

And just in case anyone actually calls me, I will let my Droid decide as to whether or not I should answer. Until then...

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Players Battle For The Top Spot

The Player of the Month race for November will go right down to the wire according to the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun Commissioner Rick Uzdevenes. Will Colonel Phil Tracy march into the winner's circle or will Eric "The Postman" Weatherford continue his first class play? As of press time they were tied.

The Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun weekly games are played at the Sandshaker Lounge on Monday nights. Phil Tracy earned a win at the famous Beach lounge over Tommy Grice on November 15.

Players pull up to the felt covered tables at Paddy O'Leary's for games played on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The results are as follows:

Sunday, November 14 – Russell "The Butcher" Patterson carved up the final tables leaving Sara Mandel in second place.

Thursday, November 18 – Former Gulf Breeze High football stand out Adam Meister tackled the star studded field of poker hopefuls. Meister scored the win and Mike Wood was a strong second.

Saturday, November 20 – The



Adam Meister enjoys his win at Paddy's on November 18. He gets congratulated by Jamie and Sara. Games are open to all and the beach family encourages holiday visitors to join them.

Colonel Phil Tracy marched home with a victory. Mary Jo Misiak battled her way into second place.

Sunday, November 21 – Big Todd Lentini muscled all the chips his way. Adam Meister was the runner-up.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun is open to anyone over 21 who has a

basic knowledge of the game.

"If you have some time to play during the holidays, please join us," said Uzdevenes. "Our regular players are like family and welcome any newcomers to the tables. It's all for fun."

For more information, call the Poker Hotline at 850-324-2667.

Retired Marine Corps Major and Beach resident Jim Knell gathered the troops for a Thanksgiving Day of Tiki Island Golf and a huge turkey dinner at the Beach Elk's Lodge.

Readying to make the first putt is United States Marine Jacob Brissett, center. His teammates are fellow Marines Nicholas Rhanor, left, and Octavio Cortes, right.



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The Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge and Tiki Island Golf and Games hosted Marines from MATSG-21 on Thanksgiving Day. Teaming up with Elk's member Don Richards, center, are United States Marines Crystal Haddock, left, and Darlene Quint, right. After a round of golf, Marines feasted at the Lodge.

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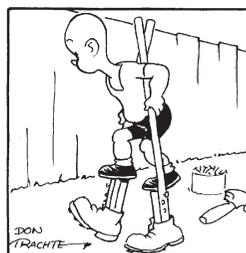
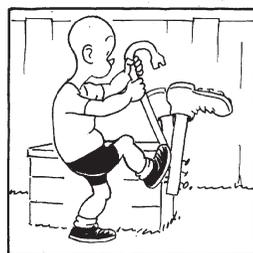
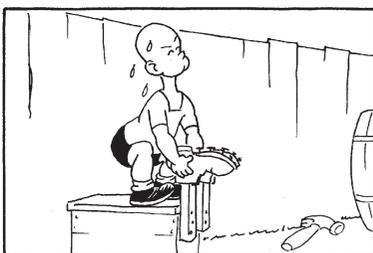
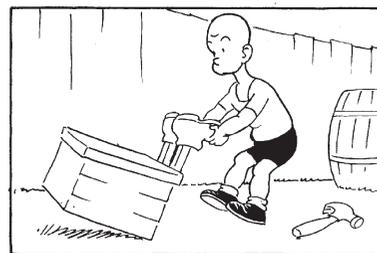
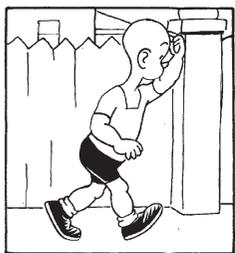
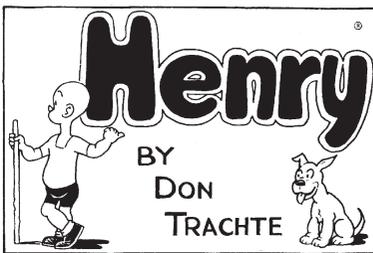
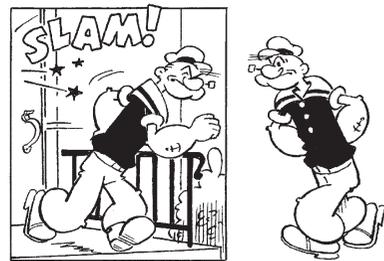
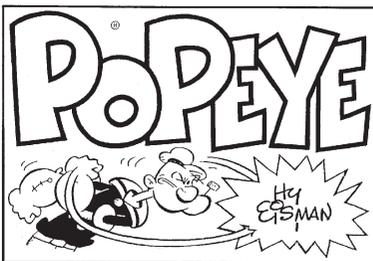
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MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"He's been reading too many desert stories— shift him to historical, or something ...!"

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Knock, Knock
Who's There?
Arthur
Arthur who?
Arthur any more Christmas cookies?

Kowabunga Breakfast with Surfing Santa
Dec 4 at 8 a.m. .
Surf Burger

Joy For The Beach
Dec 7 at 7 p.m.
Our Lady of the Assumption
Catholic Church

Pensacola Beach Lighted Boat Parade
Fri, Dec 10 • 6 p.m.
Bch Marina to Boardwalk

Surfing Santa Holiday Parade
Sun, Dec 12 • 2 pm
Via de Luna to Casino Bch

Fireworks
New Years Eve Midnight
Polar Bear Plunge
January 1 Paradise

Nature Supplies Light Show In Dark Skies Over Beach

December skies will be nature's auditorium for a dazzling light show. The Moon will be new on December 5, the Geminid Meteor shower peaks on the morning of December 14, and the winter solstice occurs at 5:42 p.m. on December 21.

The Winter Solstice is the shortest day of the year, but brings a total lunar eclipse in the very early morning hours.

"For local viewing, the umbral or dark portion of the earth's shadow touches the Moon's disk at 12:50 a.m., with the moon totally eclipsed and probably blood red in appearance by 1:55 a.m.," reported Dr Wayne Wooten, Pensacola State College professor. "Bundle up and join us outside the Pensacola State College Planetarium for a public gaze...bring along your cell phone and digital cameras for great photos of this colorful and rare event."

Wooten advises that while the naked eye, dark adapted by sev-

eral minutes away from any bright lights, is a wonderful instrument to stare up into deep space, far beyond our own Milky Way, binoculars are better for spotting specific deep sky objects.

If a telescope is on your Christmas list, Dewey Barker, Escambia Amateur Astronomer Association events coordinator, is offering expert help.

"The holiday season is also a time for first time telescope purchases, so be sure to contact me or someone in the local club at www.eaaa.net if you need any assistance or instructions in using your new acquisition," he said.

For a detailed map of northern hemisphere skies, visit the www.skymaps.com and download the map for December 2010; it will have a more extensive calendar, and list of best objects for the naked eyes, binoculars, and scopes.

For more information, email wwooten@pensacolastate.edu.



The Gulf Breeze Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a dog gone good time, November 20 at their annual Pet Fest. Gulf Breeze Elementary School field served as the festival site so animal lovers could participate in everything from pet blessings to look-alike contests. Photo left: Pet psychic Sarah Christopher poses with Chesapeake Bay Retriever Amber Lee Johnson. Photo center: Beach resident Oceane Ziegler, seated, and mom Julie, registered pets and owners for the contests. Photo right: Karen Jurkowich, Chamber Board member, and her Weimaraner were all smiles.

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Pensacola Beach Woman's Clubbers celebrate member's birthdays each month, but rarely do the gals announce their age. At the November 18 meeting, Nellie Bryan, seated, was happy to tell her age - 100 years old. (She celebrated with (L to R): Janet Miller, Janet Penniman, Pattie Kattner, Pegge Phillips, Jo Strader and Bev Dufrechou.



World War II veteran Helen Cotton waves to the crowd during the Pensacola Beach Veterans Day parade November 11. Her son-in-law, Dr. Thomas Campanella, chauffeured her in his little red convertible. Helen, who served in the Coast Guard, also volunteers at the Beach School where her daughter Debbie is the second grade teacher.



BIG THREE - Easton Stanley partied with his Beach family on November 20 at Paradise Grill. His mom Lindsey shows off his colorful cake. Easton, who is an accomplished angler and drummer, has long list of Beach aunts and uncles who gathered around to help the little fellow celebrate his third birthday.

Pensacola Beach Veterans Day Parade • November 11, 2010



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readin' the water

by Saltwater Rick



The fall weekend Snapper season had the big and small boats returning with fine catches of Red Snapper along with Amberjack, Wahoo and a grab bag full of others. Poker star James "JT" Taylor went with a group on the Reel Eazy and came back with the boat loaded.

"We caught so many we had to

throw them back" said the excited JT.

The crew aboard The Entertainer showed their group where the fish were, too. I was lucky enough to be driving by the Marina just in time for some great pics.

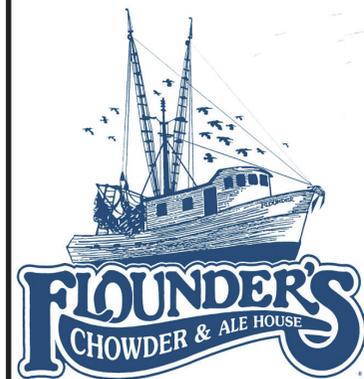
The Sound and Bays are full of Flounder and the Specks are hitting in the grass beds, so do yourself a favor and Go Fishin.



James "JT" Taylor shows off some of the day's catch from a November trip offshore aboard the Reel Eazy. The BP oil spill closed some waters to fishing in the Gulf, but NOAA has reopened the majority of the area for harvesting fish.



Beach Realtor Jeremy Johnson hauled in this Redfish on November 17 while fishing with a group of locals. The twenty pound fish which measured 36 inches in length, was caught in Pensacola Pass on a live Croaker.



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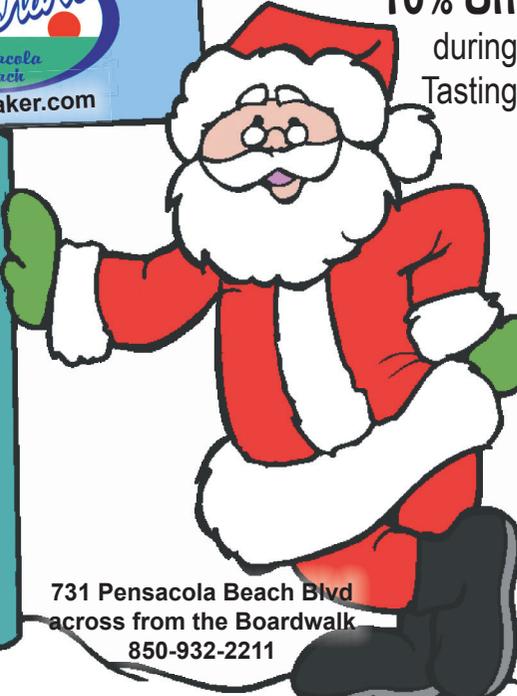
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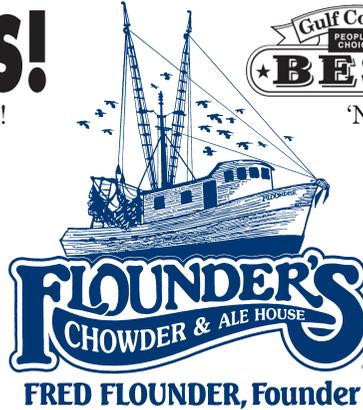
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