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## Kowbunga! Surfing Santa Seasons The Holidays With Island Spirit



Surfing Santa, magical dolphins, twinkling lights, sparkling boats, dazzling floats - all are ingredients used to Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit. The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce hosts this December promotion with events offered at no charge, a gift to residents and visitors. Santa visits the island that bears his name during December 7-9, bringing a beach-flavored flair to the holiday events. He relies on some very helpful people like Johnny Redman at Surf Burger, who waxes up a surfboard and readies Santa's surf ski.

For more merriment, see page 2.

# Santa's Arrival Stirs Holiday Spirit In Islanders

The tradition continues. Santa arrives on the Island which bears his name to catch a wave, ride a merrily decorated boat and parade along the beach's main thoroughfare to a Gulf front workshop. It's all part of the Pensacola Beach Chamber's Season Your Holidays with Island Spirit events beginning Friday, December 7 through Sunday, December 9.

The dark night sky is the backdrop for the glittering and twinkling decorations of the Lighted Boat Parade, Friday, December 7. The boat captains get their vessels illuminated and ready to shove off at 6 p.m. The parade begins in Little Sabine Bay and travels into Santa Rosa Sound, where the boats delight onlookers on the shore. Any Soundfront location is a good viewing spot. The parade docks at the Boardwalk.

"Light sticks will be given to the children to wave, so they can help guide Santa to the Beach," said Beverly Campbell, Pensacola Beach Chamber's events chairman. "No matter what the weather, it's always a heartwarming experience."

A beautifully appointed charter boat will deliver Santa to the dock where he will greet his biggest fans and make his way to a special workshop at Bamboo Willie's. Complimentary hot chocolate and candy canes will be ready for kids of all ages who want to see Santa.

Boats vie for prizes for Best Decorated Sailboat, Best Decorated Motorboat and Most Merry. The Lighted Boat Parade is coordinated by Jerry Podojil who has earned the title of Capt. Christmas.

With a big splash and the help of some elves, Santa arrives early at Surf Burger for his Kowabunga Breakfast. The doors open at 8 a.m. Saturday, December 8 at the soundfront eatery.

Surfing Santa will arrive around 8:30 a.m. via a beach-sled, powered by Christmas magic.

"Surfing Santa is awesome," said Surf Burger owner Alice Bohannon. "He and Mrs. Claus will be kickin' it at Surf Burger with special surprises for children."

Kids should bring their wish lists to Santa and parents should bring their cameras. Surf Burger will be open for breakfast and will serve adults free mimosas with their meal purchase. Of course, everyone is welcome to see Santa at no charge.

The distinct aroma of gingerbread will lead you to the next event at Shaggy's, Sunday, December 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. An army of the sweet doll shaped cookies will be waiting for creative types to put on the finishing touches. Decorations and cookies are provided compliments of Shaggy's.

"Our bakers have done their part and now we need your help," said Victoria Raskett, Shaggy's marketing director. "Stop by before the parade and decorate a gingerbread cookie to munch while you wait for Santa."

And, the wait will not be long. Precision marching units and beautifully decorated floats will usher the Surfing Santa Beach parade along Via de Luna to the Gulfside Pavilion, Sunday, December 9 beginning at 2 p.m. Cadets from the Pine Forest High School JROTC will present the colors followed by McGuire's Pipe Band. Santa Rosa Island Authority Chairman Dave Pavlock and Shelley Johnson, Chamber chairman, will ride as parade dignitaries. Karen Cook Cowen, who is a retiring Chamber Board member, will be the Parade Grand Marshal.

The generous Mardi Gras krewes never miss a chance to delight the crowds. Pensacola Beach's original krewe, The

Wrecks, will have their listing ship decked out with Christmas decorations. The Krewe of Ban-animals fills their float with tiny revelers and ample throws. The double decker bus heralds the arrival of the high spirited Krewe of St. Patrick, who will be clad in their kilts, and Irish finery.

The beach will be well-represented. Look for the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club and Dancingly Yours in the procession. The biggest red Christmas sled in Florida belongs to the Santa Rosa Island Authority. The float

was custom-designed by staff member Paul Harvey and carries the SRIA parade participants merrily along the route.

Golf carts are transformed into whimsical mini-floats by dedicated decorators like Kim Schmitz, G. Cole and Bob Dority. Hours of preparation and design time go into making the carts parade-ready.

Just when the children have their pockets overflowing with candy, and their arms full of beads and trinkets, a bright red fire truck will appear with Santa.

The red-suited super star and his elves ride the route to the Gulfside Pavilion. Children will get a chance to speak to Santa personally and deliver their wish lists.

Don't miss seeing Santa on the island that bears his name during December 7-9. He won't return until Christmas Eve, and that's only if you have been nice.

For more information call 850-932-1500 and to view the entire Season Your Holidays event calendar, go to [www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com](http://www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com).

## Season Your Holidays Events

### November 25:

Season Lights Up - Islandwide - 6 PM Pensacola Beach comes to life with holiday lights.

### November 29:

Children's Coloring Contest kicks off

Limitless imaginations guide small hands in creating Island holiday works of art. Coloring sheets are available at the Visitor's Information Center, Island Style Navarre and Beach hotels. All art will be displayed at the Pensacola Beach VIC and Island Style Navarre. Free. Winners will be announced December 16

### December 4:

Joy For The Beach - 7 PM

Our Lady Catholic Church. This event dishes up abundant Island spirit. Served by high energy singers and performers costumed for the holidays. Free. Sponsored by Levin Rinke Resort Realty.

### December 7:

Lighted Boat Parade - 6 PM

Little Sabine Bay to Boardwalk. Free.

### December 8:

Kowabunga Breakfast with Surfing Santa Surf Burger. 8 to 10:30 AM

### December 9:

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating. 11 AM Shaggy's

Surfing Santa Beach Parade, Via de Luna to Gulfside Pavilion, 2 PM.

### December 16:

Christmas Cantata Beach Church, 10 AM

### December 24

Candlelight and Carols Beach Church - 6 PM

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 PM

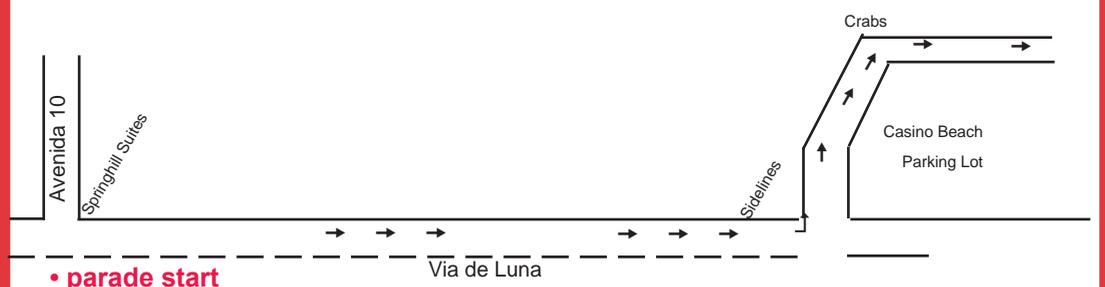
The emerald waters of Santa Rosa Sound are filled with those hardy souls who wade, swim and scurry to the finish line. Black-eyed peas wait to warm them. Entry fee benefits the Chamber. No charge to cheer.

## Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce

# Surfing Santa Beach Parade Sunday, December 9

Parade rolls at 2 p.m.

Visit Santa at the Gulfside Pavilion



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# Forever...Barefoot on the Beach

As a tribute to Jane Waters who passed away January 10, Island Times will continue to run some of Jane's favorite columns for your enjoyment

The Islander Newspaper – December 18, 1984

Trustingly, he puts his little hand in mine...and the journey begins all over again. Lately, Santa Claus has been on hold around our house. But this year, things have changed. We expect him to appear from his mythical kingdom on his magical sleigh. We are confident he will find our house. Because Santa knows someone who has faith and someone who believes in him, lives here now.

Yes, the journey through Christmas is sparkling new again as I walk through the days with Jeremy's hand in mine. He will be two-and-one-half years old on Christmas Day, and through his eyes the ancient scenes and customs are reborn and charged with shining excitement.

At first, when people asked him what Santa would bring, he always answered, "A Chrissmuss tree and some lights."

Up to then, he had based his answer on his preview of Christmas on television, with Santa always standing beside a lighted Christmas tree delivering his commercial. Later on, I explained that I would provide the tree and lights. Santa, that jolly elf, would bring toys. Yes,

Jeremy, he will park his sleigh on the roof top, slide down the blackened chimney, shake off the soot, and leave toys.

"Will he leave the toys on 'the bricks'?" he asks.

"The bricks" which constitutes the hearth near the fireplace have always been off limits for Jeremy. But, obviously not for Santa. So, if you ask him what Santa will bring this year, Jeremy replies, "Santa's gonna leave toys on 'the bricks.'"

He conveys the idea that Santa is so special that he will be granted the liberty of stepping on the forbidden bricks.

The other night, we went driving – Jeremy and I. He observed every twinkling light gravely, almost reverently, and as we passed darkened houses, he would say confidently, "There will be more Chrissmuss, Woo."

He cannot get his fill of Christmas lights. No matter how many decorations he sees, he always says, "There will be more Chrissmuss Woo."

Jeremy and I put up a tree and we hung a wreath on the front door and we placed all the little candles and statuary of Christmas on the mantle. We lined the stairway with greenery and we put lights everywhere. We hung up the stockings that

are now growing old and fragile. I feel sure Santa is hard pressed to fill them every year. But Jeremy's stocking is so bright and strong, covered with bells guarded by a Christmas mouse made for him by his Aunt Liz.

I walked into the living room yesterday and Jeremy was sitting in front of the tree. When he saw me, a guilty smile crossed his face. He had taken some of the toy soldier ornaments off of the tree and lined them up on a regimental parade around a wrapped Christmas box.

"Look Woo," he said, trying to cover his crime. "These soldiers got off the tree."

Then, he carefully began to replace the AWOL military on the branches.

Jeremy is learning the real story of Christmas, too. He knows that a baby boy was born almost two thousand years ago, and that Christmas is the birthday celebration of Jesus. We will take him to the Beach Church on Christmas Eve where he will hear the beloved Christmas carols, see the candlelight services, and listen to the Biblical passage, which so movingly portrays the night of Christ's birth. He will see families gathered in loving reverence and joyous

praise. Perhaps, he will not understand it all, but he will know that Christmas is everywhere.

We will take Jeremy home, then, to tuck him in bed early, but first we will set a plate of cookies and a glass of milk on "the bricks." For Santa needs nourishment along the way (no wonder he's so chubby considering the calories he consumes on Christmas Eve!)

When Jeremy's mother, Shelley, and his Aunts candy and Liz were children, they always kept an eagle eye out for evidence that it really was Santa who brought the gifts. A bite out of a cookie and a half emptied glass of milk satisfied their curiosity and confirmed their faith. As I recall, one of them found a red thread on the hearth one year, a bit of Santa's suit, left behind in haste.

So, now, I take the old journey once again, and the pathway is simply glittering with excitement and untarnished joy because my grandson is walking there beside me.

I pet the golden curls on his head. He looks up and his green eyes are filled with love and trust. His smile imprisons me for life. I tighten my grip around his hand. He knows that Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Eve, and he believes with all his heart that Santa Claus lives...that he works untiringly all year to fulfill his toy delivery missions, that he can squeeze down our narrow chimney and thousands of others, all in the space of a few hours.

He believes that Santa will leave wonderful gifts on "the bricks." Jeremy believes. And, so do I...



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**Krewe of Wrecks Meetings**  
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|-------------|------------------|
| December 3  | The Grand Marlin |
| December 10 | PegLeg Pete's    |
| December 17 | Paradise Bar     |
| January 7   | Hemingway's      |
| January 14  | Flounder's       |
| January 21  | Shaggy's         |
| January 28  | Elk's Lodge      |

**Events**

- January 5 Krewe of Kids Sign Up, 2 pm, Beach Church
- January 5 Krewe of Nereids King Cake Party, Paradise
- January 12 Krewe of Bananimals Ball - Date Subject To Change
- January 18 Krewe of Nereids MoonPie Party, Sandshaker Lounge
- January 19 Krewe of Kids Royal Doughnut Breakfast, 8 am
- January 19 Krewe of Shaker WigWacker Party, Sandshaker Lounge
- January 26 Krewe of Nauga Champagne Breakfast, The Dock
- January 26 Krewe of Brewe Beach Babe Contest, Shaker,
- February 2 Kids and Kritters Parade, 2 PM, Across from Sidelines
- February 2 Krewe of Wrecks Grand Costume Ball, Elk's
- February 4 Queen's Dinner, Flounder's
- February 4 King's Supper, Elk's
- February 9 Champagne Breakfast, Crab's We Got 'Em
- February 10 Krewe of Wrecks Parade, 2 PM.
- February 11 Red Beans and Rice Lunch, 11 AM Casino Beach
- February 12 Krewe of Coma, Sandshaker, 6 PM
- February 12 Shoe Box Float Contest, Paradise, 8 PM

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# PEOPLE

# Trivia

## PARADING ABOUT

Pensacola Beach's Rick Gordon is the Beach Chamber's Parade Captain. He and his wife Susi travel to far away places like Maine each year, but Rick's always on the route ready to line up the festive and funky units on parade day. Look for Rick at the corner of Avenida 10 and Via de Luna with clipboard in hand on December 9.

## WHAT HIT THEM

The Big Apple has no idea that another form of super storm is headed her way. A delegation of partying Sisters of the Beach are New York City bound with a goal of shopping and sight-seeing. They will ceremoniously ring-in the sixty-fifth anniversary of their family's good fortune to have them around. The honorees are Elaine Mitchell, Courtney Winstead, Ella Hess, Paulette Provost, Marilyn LeNormand, Charlyle Parrish, Nancy Kittel and their much younger chaperone Sharon Mattair.

## BIG BUCKS

The Krewe of Wrecks hosts a 50-50 drawing at their weekly meetings. Ebba Dampier is the energetic member heads that up with assistance from Mary Claus. Donna Gaskins won the fifty-three dollar pot at The Islander on November 19. If it sounds like fun, there are still some memberships available. It's a chance to be part of Pensacola Beach's original Mardi Gras krewe.

## FAVORITE DAY

Shelly Pittman, who manages to make the scene on the Beach while holding her full-time managers job at CVS, has declared that the Wednesday turkey frying day at The Break is her absolute, hands down favorite day on the Beach. The delicate aromas of cooking birds mixes with the warm wishes of thanksgiving among the locals.

## MICKY AND MIMI

Susan Haselton-Kelley, our favorite Mary Kay lady, "disneyed" with her two granddaughters last week. Mimi, as they call her, even went to the Bibbity Bobbity Boutique, which we hear is a magical place with fairy dust and tiaras. The trip was her combined Thanksgiving and birthday celebration.

## BOOK LEARNING

The Wooly Booger Social

Club raised over \$435 to send to victims of SuperStorm Sandy. Realizing that there may be some explanation about why they are who they are, Queen Shugah Deb Friedman included a copy of the must-read Mardi Gras book, *To The Beat of an Island Drum*. There's a section describing the Social Club. Comic relief along with storm relief is headed to Long Island.

## RIDING HIGH

Danah Gibson celebrates each day like it is her birthday, so she has to go big on her big day. Her plans for November 28 include a sunset visit to The Wheel and a photo session with the full moon. Happy Birthday to the founder and first Nauga Queen.

## FAUX TOURISTS

Writer Mark O'Brien and his wife Barb pretended to be tourists treating themselves to a weekend stay at Margaritaville to toast Barb's birthday. They settled in for some football and frozen concoctions at Bamboo Willie's November 10, but had hit all the hot spots the night before.

## SYMPATHIES

*Cathy Emma*

The Beach family bid farewell to Cathy Emma, who passed away on November 8 after a battle with cancer. Cathy was a member of the Krewe of Wrecks board in the very early years and served as krewe royalty in 1981. She is survived by her husband Tom, daughter Jennifer Lutz, son TJ Emma and their spouses; five grandchildren, sisters Claire Zelius, Juliana Sozansky, Delores Wernet and Mitzi Baysden. Services were held at Gulf Breeze Methodist Church on November 11. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the Angel Tree at the Methodist Church in Gulf Breeze.

*Eric Marcey*

Former Gulf Breeze resident Eric Marcey passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack, November 12. He and his wife Claire live in Green Valley, Arizona, but remained close to their friends on Pensacola Beach. Eric was a well loved member of the Krewe of Wrecks and a stalwart at the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge. He was remembered at the Krewe of Wrecks meeting and the Wooly Booger Social Club's Bawl with special toasts.

Brain cells defrosted and the memories of Turkey Bowling on Pensacola Beach flooded the Trivia Master's inbox. No one could outwit Tim Pike at the Holiday Inn Express. He is getting to be a trivia regular. His correct answer of Kevin's en la Playa makes him the winner of the coveted *Island Times* t-shirt.

The nightclub which was located at the east end of the Via de Luna Shopping Center was named after Kevin Evans, but eventually was sold to Harry Rogers. Harry's en la Playa did not sound quite right, so Rogers kept the name and operated the Club for years. The Thanksgiving promotion, which included Turkey Bowling is somewhat famous on Pensacola Beach. Those who were there have vague memories since the drinks were flowing as quickly as the frozen birds were sliding across the dance floor.

Ron Wilson, who was a bartender at Kevin's way back then, sent a correct answer, but was not quick enough to outplay Trivia Tim. Wilson said those were "crazy times" which again substantiates the rather foggy memories of those who submitted answers. Good thing he has

a different job in the vacation rental business.

Jean Curtis stated from her perch behind the desk at the Beach Visitor's Center that she does not email, but she does recall Turkey Bowling.

"I think I was there, at Kevin's, when we had Turkey Bowling," said Jean. "I called a friend to make sure I was there. I think I had a very, very good time."

So, many of the recollections were recounted with the fun factored in.

The Knights of the Roundtable pounded their tankards in salute to Turkey Bowling at Kevin's.

The Duchess of the Dunes Joanne Brooks was very clear with her answer sent with an international flourish – Spanish Turkey at Kevin's en la Playa. She will no longer be wearing her Queen of Wrong Answers crown, but does not relinquish the title, just in case. Monica McVay is a girl made for guessing. Her guess was on the mark, or the Kevin, this time.

Big Bob Dority had to hunt down a turkey who knew the answer. Do you need a license to hunt for turkey answers? Is there a bag limit? Do you shoot,

spear or trap them? Big Bob was successful in his hunt. His answer is being stuffed, suitable for mounting on his office wall.

Businesses on the Beach have busied themselves with the Season Your Holidays events, getting all Christmased-up. Twinkling lights and red bows. The tinsel toy soldiers and giant tree of lights greet all islanders who return home from the mainland. Santa is said to have made reservations for a Beach weekend. The Beach Chamber gurus have been quoted as saying, "After all, the Island's first name is Santa."

Well, the Trivia Master is somewhat of a Scrooge this time of year, but since everyone is holly-jolly, he poses this easy question.

What island in the Indian Ocean has a distinctly holiday moniker? Be the first merry person to identify this place and win a special edition *Island Times* t-shirt. Send your answer to [islandtimes@bellsouth.net](mailto:islandtimes@bellsouth.net) with trivia in the subject line. Include your name and phone number or the Grinch will send your answer in Who-ville.

Deadline to answer is Tuesday, December 4. Good luck.



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# SRIA Gives Dog Park Further Study, Applauds Members And Volunteers

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Board and audience erupted in applause multiple times during the November 14 Full Board meeting. Appreciation for a community volunteer, a retiring board member and comments for and against the proposed dog park brought cheers.

SRIA Board Chairman Dave Pavlock presented a letter of appreciation to Beach resident Lila Cox for her commitment to her community and leadership in crafting the eco-tourism grant request. The Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotion Grant request was funded for \$500,000 and will be administered by the SRIA staff.

"It is through her generous volunteer efforts and assistance that we will see the Island's eco tourism vision furthered," said Pavlock.

SRIA Board Member Vernon Prather bid farewell to the Board. He was the appointee of District 5 Commissioner Kevin White, who did not run for re-election.

"It was my pleasure to serve the citizens of Escambia County and residents of Pensacola Beach," said Prather. "I learned so much and forged many fine relationships."

Prather, who served for 8 years, recalled his first board meeting and left a message of advice to the remaining members.

"Mr. Bill Griffith was the Chairman and he looked down to where I was sitting and asked 'Who is that kid from Molino?'" chuckled Prather. "I have come

a long way from that day, but, always remembered his advice- You are not an individual on the SRIA Board. You are a member of the Board. The Board must act as a Board."

Chairman Pavlock thanked Prather for his service amid a round of applause.

Newly elected District Five Commissioner Steven Barry has appointed Janis Gilley as his SRIA Board representative.

The proposed Dog Park on Pensacola Beach brought health officials, wildlife experts and interested citizens to the SRIA meeting. Karen Sindel, who proposed the Pensacola Beach Dog

Park concept, updated the board about availability of water quality testing through the University of West Florida labs, the vote of support from the environmental group Emerald Coastkeepers and brought Escambia County Health Department representative Robert Merritt to answer questions.

Dana Timmons, president of the Francis Weston Audubon Society implored the board to maintain the beaches as dog free. He reminded the board that the island is a critical habitat and nesting area for many endangered shorebirds and should be protected.

Paul Barrett from Gulf

Breeze piqued the Board's interest when presenting a nearby county's permitting process which requires fees, and applications signed by a veterinarian.

The Pensacola Beach Advocates' results were presented by President Jim Cox.

"At our annual meeting we took a poll which resulted in a three to one vote in opposition to a dog park," said Cox.

The Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce gathered 124 responses in a survey of their members. Sixty-one were favorable to fifty-five against. Six had no preference. Comments and input from the group were included in the report.

Longtime Beach resident Susi Cosner who favored the proposal finds it natural to want to take your dog to the beach. She said, "If a gal says diamonds are a girl's best friend, then she does not own a dog."

Patt Cribb, who is a resident, thought it would negatively impact tourism for day and overnight visitors by allowing dogs to frequent Park East and Park West. Her concerns centered around the environmental and sanitary impacts.

Board members Thomas Campanella and Fred Gant were not convinced a dog park was a good idea. Members Ed Guernsey and Tammy Bohannon spoke favorably about the proposal.

Chairman Dave Pavlock said he was impressed with the people who cared enough to attend.

"We have opinions from the Audubon Society and Coastkeepers, both reliable and admirable. They don't agree," he said. "We have the pulse of the community. This is not a dead issue; we need to decide what is right for the Beach right now based on facts not feelings."

The motion to refer the matter to the Architectural and Environmental Committee for further study passed unanimously.

A number of high dollar projects have been submitted to Escambia County for consideration when BP fine monies are distributed. The SRIA sent a letter to Commissioner Grover Robinson to request that RESTORE Act funds be allocated to six island projects totaling almost \$25 million. A second letter refining the request details has been approved. The projects include Gulf and Soundside beach renourishment, dune walkover enhancements, Sabine Channel Dredging, Gulfside Pavilion and surrounding area improvements, Turtle-friendly lighting, pedestrian boardwalks and pedestrian safety enhancements.

SRIA Executive Director Buck Lee made his report noting that there was a \$5,000 sponsorship request for a Naval

Aviation Museum event. The Board approved the funding but it came after Member Vernon Prather chastised the staff for not appropriately vetting the request and placing it as an agenda item.

During the Board's Forum Member Tammy Bohannon asked for the directors and staff to work curing what she saw as a disconnect. She emphasized the need to increase communication, awareness and attention to following policy and procedure.

Pensacola Beach businessman Jeff Elbert gave a history of his family's retail and tireless community involvement over the last three decades during the Visitor's Forum. Island Style lost its lease and closed on November 11.

"We survived two recessions, a barge hitting the bridge, many hurricanes and an oil spill, but what finally killed us was lack of enough quality retail space on this island," said Elbert. "As stewards of this beach, please encourage additional retail space be developed. We have plenty of bars, liquor stores and hotels. Please keep this in mind as you move forward."

The SRIA Committees will meet Wednesday, November 28 at 5 p.m. in the boardroom at #1 Via de Luna. The meetings are open to the public. Agendas are online at [www.sria-fla.com](http://www.sria-fla.com).



Vernon Prather at the Beach Chamber's tropical themed Business After Hours in July 2012. In addition to SRIA meetings, Prather attended community events on Pensacola Beach.

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WINE SPECTATOR AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 2012

# peas, porridge & a dry martini

by Kathi Lewis

Who says we can't keep a secret on this Island? Well, you're wrong! The Queens of the Royal Shugah Table can and did. Not even the Queen-elect knows in advance of the infamous Wooly Booger "Kiss the Hurricane Season Goodbye Bawl". (Neither does her family and that's the hardest part of the Royal Secret.) Of course that means a little slight of hand and maybe a few teensy, tiny white lies are necessary to ensure that the Queen Shugah-elect will be in attendance.

This year I only had to make one phone call asking for help. In the true native island tradition of Wooly Booger spirit mixed with a double dose of Island love and a huge helping of Sisters of the Beach heart, Queen Shugah Jayne Drees Redmond dropped everything to respond with a single question, "What do you need me to do?"

Knowing that whatever can go wrong usually does, I was not surprised to learn that for the first time ever, Baby Jayne (her Le Petit SOB name) did not plan to attend this year's Bawl!

Really, Jayne? Since she and her husband Johnny had just hosted their Annual Squirrel Grass Festival (you'll have to wait in line for an invitation) at their beautiful Lodge Camp of Therapeutic Retreat and Rehabilitation, they had planned to spend the weekend cleaning the Lodge. Usually this could have been postponed (and was - surprise!), but Jayne and Johnny were hosting their family for Thanksgiving Dinner.

Luckily, I really did need Jayne's help with some stuff or I would have been a lot later getting to the Bawl. Y'all know I was still late, but I would have been even later.

The magnitude of tears we've all shared this past year, made it all the more sweeter to be able to surprise a treasured friend and sister with some well-deserved recognition. And the tears of joy shed by Queen Shugah Jayne proved that once again we had made the right choice. Personally, I can't wait to see her directing the Krewe of Wrecks Parade next year wearing her Wooly Booger Tiara.

Special Thanks to Renee Mack and the staff of Paradise who not only make us feel at

home, but work quickly and efficiently to make sure that no cup runneth dry.

And thanks to the generosity of our community for reaching deep in their pockets to support the 50/50 drawing which was a first for the Wooly Booger Bawl. It was an excellent idea born from the generous spirit of Queen Shugah Deb Friedman to help those who suffered tremendous loss caused by Hurricane Sandy. Michael Sullivan's daughter Michelle (who was raised on the island) lives in New York and will see that the money is spent where it is most needed. Unfortunately the bartenders did their job so well I can't remember how much was actually raised, but I'm positive that someone does!

Speaking of long time beach friends, this week's recipe comes to us courtesy of Nancy Woody. I first met Nancy when she tended bar at the Tiki. They had hired a new manager who changed the name to The Right Stuff in an attempt to attract the military personnel. He also tried to discourage the locals who frequented the bar on a daily basis. What was he thinking? Whatever it was, it didn't work and he was soon replaced. He just never understood that the colorful locals were the second main attraction to the bar not to mention we were the only customers during the slow winter months.

Nancy has been interested in jewelry design for many years. She has finally realized

her dream and is the owner of Fire Sign Jewelry Design. During the summer months, you can find her displaying her beautiful jewelry at the Tiki Hut behind the Hampton Inn. (I know... there's some irony there!) During the slow season, she works from her home studio and welcomes friends and customers to stop by and shop. You can check out her designs on the Facebook page named for her studio.

Nancy also worked at the Sand Dollar Café for several years, so you know she can cook. She came across this fabulous recipe and generously agreed to share. If you love caramel apples, then you're in for a nice surprise. This recipe is simple, delicious and perfect for kids of all ages. They will have great fun making these and so will you. So, let's cook.....

## Easy Caramel Apples

### Caramel candy

Slice apples in half and remove core. Balance apple halves in muffin tin. Slowly melt caramel candy in microwave, checking every 30 seconds. Fill apple halves with melted caramel. Allow caramel to harden, and cut apples into slices.

This would be a fun treat to have for the kids after the Lighted Boat Parade or the Surfing Santa Beach Parade.

Enjoy and don't forget to share!

See ya in the kitchen.....

Applications for entries into the Lighted Boat Parade and the Surfing Santa Beach Parade available online at [pensacolabeachchamber.com](http://pensacolabeachchamber.com) or pick up at Beach VIC



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All 2012 transponders expire on December 31, so complete your renewal soon. The office is closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

New annual passes will go on sale starting Wednesday, January 2 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The cost for a new transponder is \$50 for personal vehicles and motorcycles; \$70 for commercial vehicles.

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Hours are extended to 6 p.m. for the entire month of January.

New passes may be purchased all year long but there is no pro-rated price.

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# A Cross in the Sand

By  
Rev. Dr. Tom Garrison  
Pensacola Beach Community Church



It is a time of year to remember the things that are important to our faith and us. I thought it might be good to look at the faith journey we have on Pensacola Beach. Of course there is Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church and it is part of a Church that has a rich history through time. The Catholic Church has provided many good and wonderful things in the world.

However, I wanted to take a moment to let you know some things about Pensacola Beach Community Church. It is part of the United Church of Christ denomination. Not to be mistaken with the Church of Christ. We are a very open and loving denomination.

Some things we believe: We believe in God's continuing testament to the world. We are committed to hearing and sharing God's ancient story and make it new and fresh in our lives to-

day. We also try to remain attentive to God's creative movement in the world. We believe everyone should be welcome to worship together. This is why we insist that God's communion table is open, not closed, and God's gift and claim in baptism are irrevocable. We advocate justice for all.

When you visit Pensacola Beach Church you will find hospitality as a sign of God's inclusive love. We work with - not against - other denominations. We know that God's love is great and we seek to share it on the beach. It is our goal to let people know that our purpose is to be an extension of Jesus Christ and the love that he shared with the world. We believe the church's mission is to change lives. Please explore your own faith on this beautiful space God has given us.

## Shake, Rattle And Roll - It's Shipping Time

Tips for ship shape holiday packing are provided by Linda and Wally Schiessl at the UPS Store in Gulf Breeze.

1) Pack your precious presents in corrugated boxes with plenty of cushioning material. Do not wrap shipping boxes in paper.

2) Liquor boxes are not allowed even if there is no liquor in them. The Post Office cannot accept them either.

3) Shipping of alcohol and tobacco products is prohibited.

4) Bubble wrap all breakable items. Cushion with at least 2 inches of Styrofoam "peanuts" around each item. Peanuts or other packing cushions can be purchased. (Newspaper traditionally has been used. It's a good way to recycle *Island Times!*)

Rule of thumb - when a box is shaken, no sound should be heard.

5) Secure along all seams of the box with shipping tape. Strapping tape is a good option. Masking tape, electrical tape and duct tape should not be used.

6) If box is being reused, remove all previous labels to avoid confusion.

7) Ship early.

8) Bring items to be shipped to the UPS Store and we will gladly pack and ship.

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December 11: Guaranteed Ground Delivery should be shipped by December 11.

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age a few extra days. A package which is ordinarily a two day transit may need three or possibly four days to arrive.

According to the UPS.com website, UPS estimates it will deliver 527 million packages in the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, surpassing last year's total of 480 million.

Busiest Delivery Day: Thursday, Dec. 20, when UPS will deliver an estimated 28 million packages around the world, the equivalent of 300 packages every second of the day. For comparison, on an average day, UPS delivers 15.8 million packages and documents.

Last chance: Packages can ship Saturday, December 22, from Gulf Breeze, next day air, for Christmas Eve delivery.

## BYTES & BITS

By Joe Stuke  
Your Computer Pal

"What were the biggest computer scams of 2012?"

For the typical computer user, here are the Top 4. The most common one involved hacking into people's email accounts and using the owner's email addresses to send marketing messages. Many people found that their friends were receiving emails from their account that they had not sent. The messages usually contained a link to a website. When the friend clicked on the link, they were exposed to a virus that was on the website.

Another scam, the most recent, was the FBI scam. On the user's screen would be a message from the hacker, indicating that their computer had been locked down by the FBI. The user was instructed to buy a \$200 money card and send it to the hacker so

that the computer could be unlocked. The unhappy user soon found out that their money had been wasted and the problems were still there.

The most annoying scam was the "hard disk failure". To initiate the scam, the hackers would install an Internet virus program on the user's computer. The user would then be instructed to buy a program that would fix their hard disk before it completely crashed. To make sure that the user was convinced, the virus program would begin to make the user's data disappear. Again, even if the user paid the hacker, the virus remained in the computer and all of their data disappeared. Once the virus was professionally removed from the computer, the data could be made to reappear by "unhiding" it.

And, finally, almost everyone

has received an email message that says "your account information needs to be updated". Here's the important thing to remember: No legitimate institution or business ever sends an email asking you to update your information through the Internet. It is simply an attempt to perform identity theft.

The very first thing you should do after being hacked is to have your computer completely scanned with a good antivirus program. Then, change your important passwords. Also, put your own email address in your address book, so that you will have an early warning if a hacker starts sending emails from your email account.

This article was provided by The Stuke Group. For questions, contact Joe at joe@ycpals.com or 850-206-3156.

## Catholics Host Nick At Night Festival

Nick at Night, a St. Nicholas Family Fun Festival at St. Ann Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze,

is Saturday, December 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Nickelsen Hall.

Join Bishop Parkes for dinner and a short Advent story. The event includes pizza, salad, drinks, free crafts, carnival games and prizes for the kids. It is hosted by the St. Ann Catholic Church Middle and High School Youth groups.

Tickets are available at the door. The charge is \$6 per adult and \$5 per child. Packages for

families of four are \$20 with additional person, \$2.50.

There is more fun after the dinner concludes. An Ice Cream Bar, games and entertainment for middle and high school youth is scheduled in the gym immediately following clean-up. Participants are asked to bring their own cushion or blanket.

For more information or to reserve your tickets contact Luz Gunn at luz@stanngulfbreeze.org



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# The Lizard's Tongue

by elizabeth hewson

There's the old joke what do Christmas and cats on the beach have in common? Sandy claws (Santa Claus). Well I would like to see the Island Authority and dogs on the beach have something in common as well. Sandy paws. And that's no joke.

Though I grew up on Pensacola Beach, I lived the majority of my adult life in southern California, home of the original Dog Beach. For the past 40 years, this dog beach has provided a place for dogs and their responsible humans to enjoy the sun, surf and sand together. The leash-free area, included the sand and the water, giving way to hours of Fetchin' Frisbee and Paddlin' Paws. Because none of my canine companions (Roy, Charlie, or Sally) could drive, I would make the hour long trek from north San Diego county to south San Diego county just so we could enjoy the beach together as a family.

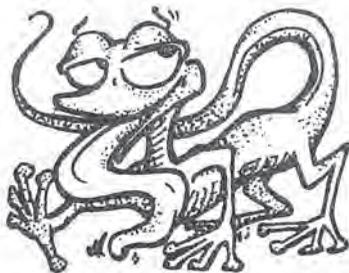
Roy was my first four-legged child. I inherited Roy from a former co-worker who was going through a nasty divorce. Actually the divorce was only really bad for the dog, as she decided to let him loose in rush hour traffic on the I-5 to spite her ex-husband who was away at Drill Sergeant School. Fortunately, another co-worker rescued the 35-pound dog from the interstate who was still wearing his collar with her name and phone number on it. There was such a commotion in the office reception area that when I opened my door to see what was going on, a blonde ball of fur came charging into my office and hid underneath my desk. As the crazy receptionist tried to justify her actions, Roy had worked his way onto my lap. It was the consensus of my more sane co-workers that my husband had just left for a six-month deployment and I should take the dog.

So I did and just like that I had become the parent of Roy, a dog I knew nothing about and wasn't getting any straight or coherent answers from his previous handler. After a quick visit to the vet, I learned some key information about Roy. He was just a puppy and 35 pounds was only the temporary weight of this bull mastiff mix. He hadn't been neutered (that was pretty obvious) and he needed all of his shots just in case. The vet suggested lots of exercise and socialization with others dogs. That is how I learned

about Dog Beach.

My first few visits to the dog beach with Roy were interesting. I was not a confident dog owner, so I would go very early in the morning when it wasn't crowded. Roy didn't like the water, but he loved to run in the sand and would retrieve his ball until I could no longer throw it. My arm would wear out before he did. As Roy continued to grow and mature and my dog handling skills improved, this became our Sunday morning ritual. Roy and I were Dog Beach regulars. He was friendly with all the big dogs and tolerated the small ones. He wouldn't venture too far away from me and was on voice command. Then one day, as I bent over to pick up his slobbered on sand covered tennis ball, a powder puff with legs came charging at me and licked my face. I am not sure if my 100-pound Roy was protecting me or thought it was a remote controlled chew toy, but it took a tennis ball to the side of his snout for him to release because "drop," "give", and "spit it out" weren't working. He and I left Dog Beach that day with our proverbial tails between our legs. He passed away six months later never to run the sands of Dog Beach again.

Not too much time passed between Roy crossing to the Rainbow Bridge and the rescue of Charlie, a two-year-old severely abused mutt that came to me from the San Diego branch of FOCAS (Friends of the County Animal Shelter.) Charlie was petrified of most humans and defensive towards other dogs. He just wanted to be left alone and not hit, kicked, or burned. Charlie, however, had some lab in him and he loved to swim. My same vet convinced me to take Charlie to Dog Beach, but keep him leashed until the water and then release him into the waves. I marveled at how Charlie naturally handled himself in the Pacific Ocean. With nothing but his blonde face showing as he paddled in the waves, he looked like a baby sea lion from



Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey. By the time he left the water, he was too tired to notice the other dogs and their humans. Of course, he always made himself into a sugar doughnut before we left. I sometimes wondered if that wasn't his way of blending in as we trotted back to the car. Dog Beach brought back to life an inner confidence in Charlie that his former owners tried to beat out of him. He lived to be 16 and swam in the Atlantic Ocean, the Potomac River, ponds, lakes and pools. However, he never dipped a paw in the Gulf of Mexico for fear of being arrested.

My final furry child was Sally, an Australian Shepherd Doberman Pincher mix. Social, smart and couldn't swim to save her life. That is until we took her to Dog Beach. Not wanting to be in the shadows of Charlie, she would goose step her way through the waves as Charlie would glide by. Eventually she learned to dog paddle. Sally loved Dog Beach because she could run free with furry friends and just be a dog. She lived to be 13 and proudly wore a life jacket while sailing in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans and the Potomac River. She felt no shame floating around the family pool on a raft. She, too, never felt the sands of Pensacola Beach or the gentleness of the Gulf of Mexico on a warm, summer day. Sally was not a rule breaker.

I truly hope that Pensacola Beach will soon have a place for canines to cavort. I've read the arguments against it and all I can say is that for 40 years the original Dog Beach, located in a state that is environmentally rigid and very litigious, is still furry, fun and fabulous. I may not be a dog owner now, but I will always be a dog lover.

Until next time...



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**Bon Jour!**  
How sweet it is - Another powerful and charmed woman has risen to the rank of queen. Jayne Drees Redmond is wearing the sparkling tiara and title of Queen Shugah. Not the first time rhinestones have encircled her head. She was the Queen of the Mardi Gras serving as the Krewe of Wrecks First Mate. All Hail Queen Shugah XII and her Wooly Booger tribe.

Diminutive Bobbi Cunningham, who is the 2012 Wrecks First Mate, has issued two royal edicts. Bring your gold coins and other forms of payment to the December 17 Wrecks meeting at Paradise. It's a Mardi Gras Faire full of vendors beginning at 3 p.m.

Secondly, Tiara Night will be January 14 at Flounder's. Time to dazzle, darlings. Royal etiquette allows only the reigning queen to wear the crown. This meeting is one of the few occasions, other than the Queen's dinner, when you may sport royal headgear.

Beware of self appointed, faux queens. Of course, a commoner who would try to pull that off, must not be from around here.

Pop and Pardon - Sisters of the Beach Christmas Luncheon

is famous for bawdy songs and endless opening of champagne bottles. SOB and Flounderette Denise Kever graciously looks for her sisters to show up midday on the first Sunday of December. Arrival is cheerful and they leave very merry.

Bananimals bought bling! Gena Raymon, Angela Moore, Karen Cook, Darlene Larkin, Mary Jo Tibbits and Carlette Howell must be trying to domesticate the krewe. Pinned on and ready to roll. Look for them at the Sandbar on the first Sunday of the month.

Mardi Gras for Munchkins-Diana Harvey should get an award for bravery. She is the Captain of the Krewe of Kids. The only social scene for mini Mardi Gras revelers, the sign up meeting is January 5 at the Beach Church at 2 p.m. It's open to fifth grade and younger. They close their membership and only krewe members are invited to the Royal Doughnut Breakfast, January 19 from 8 to 9.

Well, drag me by the hair into the Native Noontime Ball. The illusive Naugas have announced the theme at the January 26 soiree is pre-historic. Are you a Naugasaurus?

## Elks, Tikis and Times Team Up For Thanksgiving Day Event

Being away from home on Thanksgiving can be a tough assignment, but Pensacola Beach's Jim Knell, retired Marine Corps Major, made it a little easier for 42 local Marines.

He coordinates a Thanksgiving event which starts with a Wacky Relay race, a round of mini golf and is topped off by a sumptuous feast at the Pensacola Beach Elk's Lodge.

"The first year, we hosted the Marines for Thanksgiving Dinner with nothing to do but eat," said Knell. "They ate all the desserts

while waiting for turkey and trimmings to be served. We realized we needed to have more to keep them busy."

With the help of the Tiki Island owners and *Island Times*, Knell hosts a few pre-meal activities.

"Innisfree's Sandra Fontenot was very helpful in scheduling the Tiki Island Golf and Games for us," said Knell. "The Marines play a round of golf and we award a trophy to the winner."

The golf follows a Wacky Relay race which is different each year. This year five teams of

Marines had to deal with bouncing balls, balancing eggs and unraveling clues before crossing the finish line.

"Prizes were awarded to the top two teams and everyone received a scratch off lottery ticket, just for fun," said Shelley Johnson, *Island Times* publisher.

Knell, who is the founder and coordinator of the Military Fishing Expedition in May, has already started planning for Thursday, November 28, 2013, next year's Thanksgiving Day event.



United States Marines who formed Team Alpha and won the second annual Island Times Wacky Relay Race are (front row, L to R): PFC Anthony Mojica, PFC Brandon Munsey, PFC Jose L. Garcia, PFC Andres Herrravaca and PFC Richard Lara. (Back row, L to R): PFC Forrest, Mauger, PVT David Decasas, PFC Vadim Kalachik and PFC Phillip DuRussel.

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# Wooly Boogers gathered to Kiss The Hurricane Season Goodbye and crown a new Queen Shugah, Saturday, November 17 at Paradise.

Certified Wooly Boogers, along with ten dozen Wanna Be, Shoulda Been, Coulda Beens crowded into the Paradise Bar and Grill to bid the hurricane season farewell. The traditional sheets, hung from the rafters, carried the customary messages of defiance and honor. Reigning Queen Christine Hewardine crowned Jayne Drees Redmond as Queen Shugah 2013. The new queen received gifts and the ashes of the storm names were burned in effigy. In an outpouring of generosity the Wooly Boogers gathered \$453 to donate to the victims of SuperStorm Sandy. The Wooly Boogers will go about their business of being merry during December and making Mardi Gras mayhem during February. With only a brief time to rest before they gather again for the Keep the Hurricane Season Away Bawl in May. If you did not attend the Bawl, you can leave a good luck charm at the permanent altar at Paradise.



Offshore Chuck Brower



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# BUSINESS BUZZ.....

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Triathletes who train and compete on Santa Rosa Island know that the cycling portion of the race is bordered the most beautiful stretch of white sand beaches in the world. Endurance Films included the pristine footage in their "Rides Florida - Paradise Found" training video featuring local triathletes Sam Cockrell, Johnny Harrison, Alex Hernandez, Barbara Kirby, Logan Roberts, Dustin Yonke, Coach Mark, and Coach John of Team MPI.

## BRIGHTEN UP THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Holiday lights are twinkling all over the island. Across the bridge, the Gulf Breeze Hospital Auxiliary will host a Tree Lighting Ceremony Thursday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. by the Hospital Lobby Entrance. Entertainment is by the Gulf Breeze Middle School Chorus and Handbells, and Gulf Breeze High School Jazz Band.

## SHOO FLU

Sacred Heart Health System will provide free flu shots at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Thursday, December 6 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. To be eligible for the flu shots, clients need to be 18 years old or older and, if pregnant, must have a doctor's order with them to receive the vaccine.

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## HOW COOL

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## WHO DAT

Saints play the Falcons, Thursday, November 29 with kick off at 7:20 p.m. Where will you watch? Will you eat wings? Will the Saints clip the Falcons' wings? Geaux Saints!

## Singers Bring Joy To The Beach

In the dreary days after Hurricane Ivan, Karen Jurkovich was inspired to write a score, direct a talented choir of singers and bring joyful music to the Beach. The concert, which has become a holiday tradition on Pensacola Beach, is set for Tuesday, December 4 at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Mission. The Joy for the Beach holiday concert begins at 7 p.m.

This year's selections include: A Holly Jolly Celebration, No Time to Diet, Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer, Grandpa's Gonna Sue the Pants Offa Santa, Somebody Build a Manger, Where are You, Christmas and Hanukkah Night.

"Silent, Holy Night which is the song I wrote after Ivan is next on the line up," said Jurkovich. "It's the anthem for Joy For the Beach."

Second half selections include: Rise Up! A New Light A-Comin', The People Who Walk in Darkness, Rockin' Slow and Even, Rise Up, Shepherd, Rise

Up!, I Hear the People Singin' and Halleluia, a Baby is Born!

The talented cast of Joy for the Beach Singers: Mike Jurkovich, Ken "Smooch" Stoddard, Benjamin Stevenson, Jane McGrath, Janet Penniman, Gayle Crume, Kate Berg, Pear Berg, Tracey Pinkston, Lauren Pinkston, Kimberly Smith, Limarie Rodriguez de Stevenson, Tanya Kimbrough and Susan Hebert.

"Kathy Johanson is the accompanist as always," explained Jurkovich.

There is ample seating and parking at the Church but event is popular, so arrive early.

The program is offered at no charge to the public, sponsored by Levin Rinke Resort Realty.

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# Residents Attend Advocates Annual Meeting

Pensacola Beach Advocates President Jim Cox opened the November 12 annual meeting by praising the efforts of the board and committee members for their hard work and positive results. One hundred members heard updates on the tax lawsuit, environmental efforts, noise and lighting ordinances.

Cox noted that the PBA has continued to work with the SRIA to prioritize major core area improvement projects as outlined in the Master Plan, lobbied the SRIA board to vote against automatically raising lease fees to meet the CPI, and serves as a voice with elected officials. PBA members traveled to Tallahassee to be present during the Supreme Court hearing regarding taxation.

Shell, Fleming, Davis and Menge attorney Danny Kepner, who presented oral arguments before the State Supreme Court on behalf of leaseholders, reviewed the case and the best possible outcomes.

"If we win, we want the judge to order the return of your money and tell the Property Appraiser and Tax Collector to stop taxing your improvements," said Kepner. "I have no prediction about how the court will rule, but I feel good about the oral arguments that I presented."

The Supreme Court is under no deadline by which to rule, so there is nothing to do but wait, according to Kepner. The attorneys are preparing to file a case

## Holiday Classic Comes To Pensacola

Pensacola Little Theatre is proudly celebrating their 76th season. They are presenting A Christmas Story December 7-9 and 13-16. Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14-\$30 and children 12 and younger are half off.

PLT is located inside the Pensacola Cultural Center at 400 South Jefferson St., Downtown Pensacola. For additional information, visit PensacolaLittleTheatre.com or ring 850- 434-0257.

contesting the 2012 taxes, with a deadline of December 3.

JJ Waters, PBA Beachkeepers chairman, gave a year's review of the environmental group's accomplishments.

"There are four areas of emphasis in our group," said Waters. "Each subcommittee made great strides this year."

The Alternative Transportation and Parking group, under Jay Baynes leadership, encouraged trolley ridership and reported that 16 new bikes racks have been placed on the island.

The Recycling group, who hosts the very popular Recyclemania event, is chaired by Lois Hausman. This group has increased the number of condos and businesses who recycle through their education efforts.

"Portofino recycled 4.25 tons of items in one week during the summer," said Waters. "That is a good example of the impact this group is making."

The Dune Preservation group works with initiatives that support the island's dune infrastructure. The group, led

by Terry Preston, continues to work with officials encouraging dune walkovers, fencing, renour-

ishment and protection.

Wildlife conservation is the fourth area of emphasis. In addition to an education program for visitors and residents the group spearheaded the first ever Sea Turtle Baby Shower. They are actively lobbying for a Wildlife Protection Lighting Ordinance in Escambia County.

"The super big news is the SRIA was awarded a \$500,000 grant to promote eco-tourism," said Waters. "PBA members Lila Cox and Beverly McCay were on the team who submitted the grant. This is a big win for Pensacola Beach."

The Beachkeepers committees keep education as their primary focus for better stewardship of the fragile barrier island and its inhabitants. They are actively seeking additional members who would like to share in this important mission.

Beach resident and PBA Board Member Ray Ascherfeld made a presentation about the Noise Ordinance and pledged to follow the progress and update the group.

"The courts nullified the current ordinance," said Ascherfeld. "The County Commission and their attorney continue to work on a draft. It is the right time to establish a noise ordinance that makes sense for Escambia County."

Each member was given a chance to review the proposed dog park details and was asked to vote. The group did not support the establishment of a Dog Park as proposed.

The Pensacola Beach Advocates board named their new members for the 2013 year. Jim Cox will serve as president, Ray Ascherfeld, vice-president, Terry Preston, secretary and Glenn

Windham, treasurer. Benjamin Stevenson and JJ Waters are board members.

Information about PBA membership can be found online at [www.pbadvocates.org](http://www.pbadvocates.org).



Pensacola Beach Advocates Board of Directors includes (Standing, L to R) Benjamin Stevenson, Jim Cox and Ray Ascherfeld. Seated are JJ Waters and Terry Preston.



Attorney Danny Kepner at the annual PBA meeting, November 12 at the Beach Church.



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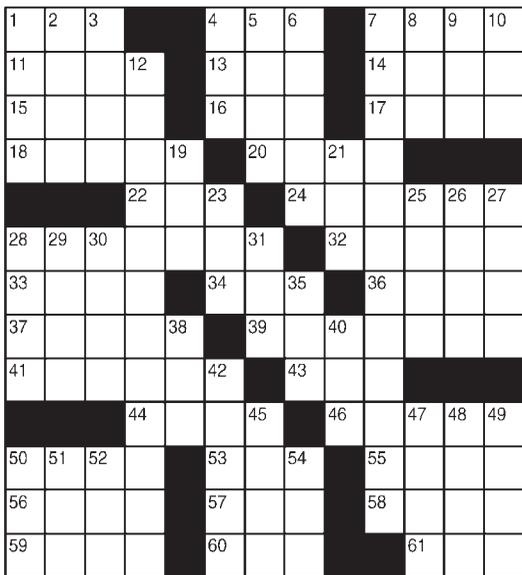
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### ACROSS

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- 4 Cleopatra's snake
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- 11 From the start
- 13 Zero
- 14 Loosen
- 15 Peru's capital
- 16 Genetic evidence
- 17 Gas in signs
- 18 Coral ring
- 20 Potter's oven
- 22 Youngster
- 24 Rid of frost
- 28 Custodian
- 32 Battery terminal
- 33 Prayer ending
- 34 Card player's call
- 36 Stefani Germanotta, a.k.a. Lady
- 37 Neighbor of Leo and Libra
- 39 Klutz
- 41 Makes sense
- 43 Chinese "way"
- 44 Jog
- 46 Peppermint



- 50 Bamako's country
- 53 Knight's address
- 55 Comical Caroline
- 56 Grand story
- 57 Anger
- 58 Sketch
- 59 Tech whiz
- 60 Danson or Nugent
- 61 Coffee vessel
- 5 Go under
- 6 Tartan pattern
- 7 Feature near the door of a really old car
- 8 Indivisible
- 9 Commotion
- 10 Get dressed in
- 12 Cane
- 19 Torched
- 21 Meadow
- 23 Pooch
- 25 Furnace fuel
- 26 Rim
- 27 Darling
- 28 Coffee, slangily
- 29 Surrounded
- 30 by Uncool sort
- 31 Cage component
- 35 Pecan or almond
- 38 "— Town"
- 40 Atlas page
- 42 Suggest
- 45 Grow weary
- 47 By way of, for short
- 48 Rip
- 49 Show boredom
- 50 "Family Guy" daughter
- 51 Gorilla
- 52 Whopper
- 54 Crimson

### DOWN

- 1 Big party
- 2 Troop group
- 3 Note
- 4 Moreover

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### Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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# Calendar

### NOVEMBER

28: SRIA Meeting, 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna

### DECEMBER

- 1: Gulf Breeze Chamber Christmas Parade, 10 am
- 1: Toys for Tots Poker Tourney, Dock
- 2: Sisters of the Beach Christmas Brunch, 11, Flounder's
- 3: Krewe of Wrecks, Grand Marlin, 6
- 4: Joy for the Beach, Our Lady
- 7: Season Your Holidays Lighted Boat Parade, 6 p.m.
- 8: Kowabunga Breakfast with Surfing Santa, Surf Burger, 8 am
- 8: BonFire Jam. Chumuckla.
- 9: Gingerbread Cookie Decorating at Shaggy's, 11 to 1 p.m.
- 9: Season Your Holidays Surfing Santa Beach Parade, 2 p.m. Via de Luna
- 9: Santa. Post Parade GulfSide Pavilion. Free.
- 10: Krewe of Wrecks, PegLeg's, 6 p.m
- 12: SRIA Meeting, 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna
- 14: Beach School Christmas Program, Our Lady.
- 16: Beach Church Cantata 10 a.m.
- 17: Krewe of Wrecks, Paradise, 6 p.m.
- 24: Candlelight and Carols, Beach Church, 6 pm
- 31: New Year's Eve Fireworks, Midnite

### JANUARY

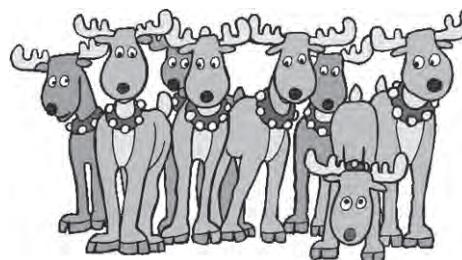
- 1: Polar Bear Plunge, Paradise, 2 pm
- 5: Krewe of Kids Sign Up, Beach Church 2 pm
- 5: Krewe of Nereids King Cake Party, Paradise
- 7: Krewe of Wrecks, Hemingways, 6
- 14: Krewe of Wrecks, Flounder's, 6 p.m
- 18 Moonpie Party, Shaker
- 19: WigWacker Party, Shaker
- 21: Krewe of Wrecks, Shaggy's, 6 p.m
- 26: Krewe of Nauga Champagne Breakfast
- 28: Krewe of Wrecks, Elk's, 6 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 2: Kids and Kritters Parade, 2 pm
- 10: Krewe of Wrecks Parade, 2 p.m.
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You've let yourself be distracted from what's really important. But love finally gets your attention this week. However, it comes with a challenge that could create a problem.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to bully others into following your lead. Best advice: Persuade, don't push, and you'll get the cooperation you need to move forward with your plans.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Resist the urge to gloat now that you've proved your detractors wrong. Instead, charm them back into your circle. Remember: A former foe can become your best ally.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might want to claim all the credit for making this holiday season special. But is it worth producing a lot of hurt feelings by rejecting offers of help? Think about it.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)

Ignore a co-worker's questionable behavior. Instead, put your energy into making your own project special. Then sit back and purr over your well-deserved applause.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You might not want to accept those suggested changes in your workplace. But don't chuck them out before you check them out. You could be happily surprised.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your holiday planning might have to take a back seat for a bit so that you can handle a problem with a friend or family member. Your schedule resumes by the 8th.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Relationships in general benefit during the early part of the week, including in the workplace. Also expect some overdue changes in a personal situation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) "Prudence"



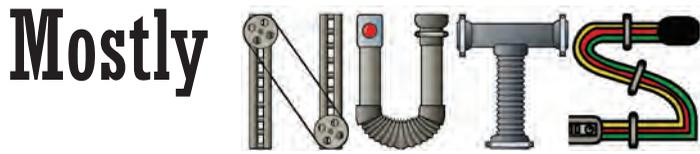
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should be your watchword this week. Best not to be too open about some of the things that are currently happening in your life.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Money is on your mind, so you'd best mind how you're spending it. Take another look at that holiday budget and see where you can make adjustments.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Resolving to revive an old friendship could open some old wounds. Are you sure you want to risk that? Think this through before making a commitment.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your need to know more about a new friend could lead to some startling revelations. Best advice: Keep an open mind about what you learn until all the facts are in.



By Candace Segar

## Ode To A Teenager

When you get older, you never think that you will get to relive your teenage years. Most of us wouldn't want to relive our teenage years. Some of us are surprised that we survived our teenage years.

This leads me to tell you about one of our wonderful nephews, Harry, who is almost fifteen. My husband Ralph and I entertained Harry for a weekend. I use the word entertain loosely. Harry, in typical teenager form, slept 'til noon, devoured massive amounts of food and entertained us with loud music. Fortunately for all three of us, we like the same music.

As he settled in for the weekend, we made no demands. Ralph told him he could play his music as loud as he wanted to. The next thing we knew, at high noon the music came rushing in loud and clear. Ralph just chuckled as we sat and listened to Harry's music choices. We had a movie marathon with Harry picking out the movies. Science fiction were his picks which worked just fine. We also had a drumming session with the jmb drums. Everybody was in rare form!

We faltered when we did not have the cable to connect the stereo with the iPod. That was a bit

embarrassing because Ralph and I are both electrical engineers, but we are dinosaurs. I swear I have to pull Ralph into the Twenty-first Century's electronic technology. And the odd thing is as he is kicking and screaming, he really enjoys the Twenty-first Century's electronic technology.

Harry's cousin, our wonderful nephew Jeremy, introduced us to the series, The Walking Dead. Jeremy convinced me to watch the series. The problem was I was too afraid to watch it initially by myself. Enter Harry! He discovered that I had purchased season one. He watched it with me and allowed me to scream through the first four episodes. After that I became use to the walkers and could handle it like anyone else.

Needless to say Ralph and I both watched seasons 1 and 2 together so Ralph could be in the groove with the latest hot TV series. Anyway I digress.

Harry is a wizard with electronics. He can set up the Bose stereo with his iPod, work on his program on the computer and text message his friends pretty much simultaneously. Somehow he managed to get his Geometry homework done. I don't know how he fits homework into his busy schedule. He manages though.

I thought about what had changed for teenagers today versus what we experienced as teenagers. In some ways not much has changed. We slept late, played our music loud and watched movies on television. I marvel at my nephews' minds and capabilities. I appreciate their insightful thinking that includes both Ralph and me.

And now Barrett, Jeremy and Rachael's son is following in their footsteps. (Now, he is only ten months old.)

Well, he has a penchant for good music. I sing the Beatles songs, and Barrett sings right along with me. And by the time he is a teenager he will probably be dragging Ralph and me further into the Twenty-First Century electronics. And who knows there may be a little Harry by that time and the beat goes on!

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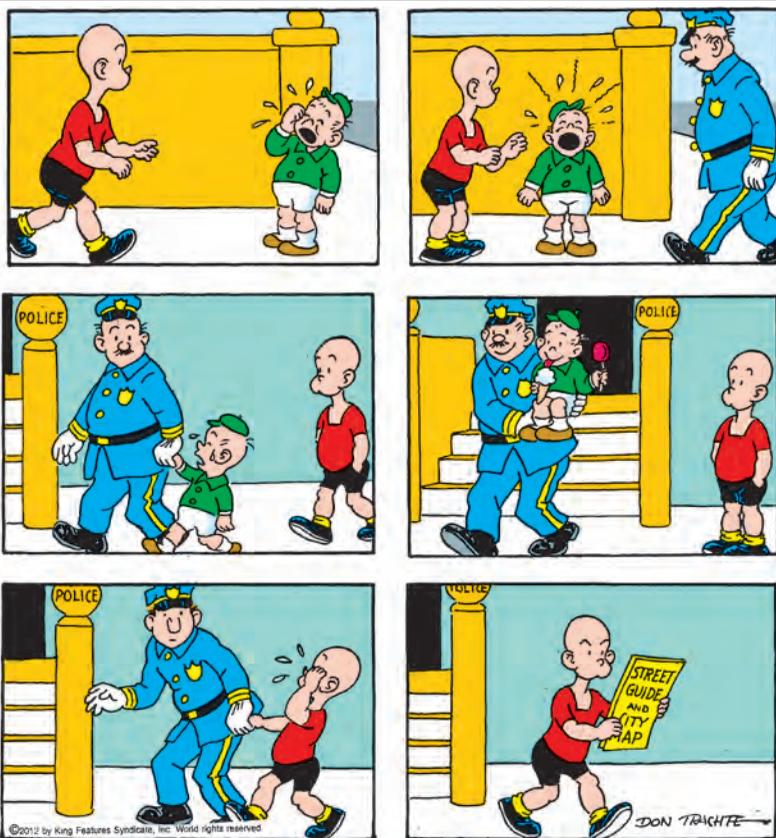
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Holiday Inn Express Receives Prestigious Award

Pensacola Beach's Holiday Inn Express received the InterContinental Hotels Group 2012 Torchbearer Award and the Kemmons Wilson Spirit of Family Award during the IHG Americas Investors and Leadership Conference in Orlando, Oct. 24-26.

The Holiday Inn Express Pensacola Beach is one of only two hotels to receive the Kemmons Wilson Spirit of Family Award. It honors the vision, the values, and the memory of the Holiday Inn brand founder Kemmons Wilson. The hotel selected for this prestigious award must be a recipient of the 2012 Torchbearer award, which was presented to only 102 hotels within the Americas chosen from the IHG system of more than 4,500 hotels. The hotel must also demonstrate a consistent and ongoing commitment to its guests, its employees and its community.

"To receive the Torchbearer Award is a testament to the hard work of our staff" said the hotel's General Manager, Beverly McCay. "But to receive the Kemmons Wilson Spirit of Family Award is an acknowledgement of the team's honorable character and core values. It is a huge privilege to receive the award on the 60th anniversary of Kemmons Wilson's founding of the first Holiday Inn."

The hotel is a good steward of Pensacola Beach, most recently sponsoring and hosting the Sea Turtle Baby Shower.

McCay, who was raised on Pensacola Beach, has been the General Manager since 1986.



Pensacola Beach Holiday Inn Express General Manager Beverly McCay accepts award from Bob Morse, Chief Operating Officer, The Americas, IHG.

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# The School Bell Rings

## TOP HONORS

Pensacola Beach Elementary School is a top notch place to begin your education. After fifth grade, Beach students can attend Gulf Breeze Middle. Former Beach School students who earned a place on the Gulf Breeze Middle School honor roll during the first nine week grading period are:

### 6th Grade A Honor Roll

Austin Earle, Devon Elliott, Annabel Jacobs, Hannah May, Nicole Niven, Sophia Slobodian, Sydney Truax and Emily Wang.

### 6th Grade AB Honor Roll

Carlee Amberson, Olivia Chaney, Katarina Denton-Lytwyniuk, Ariel Deputy, Jesiah Fitzgerald, Chloe Huntley, Kyle Imm, Cayson McCurdy, Harrison O'Daniel, Ashley Price, Ethan Roberts and Joshua Thompson.

### 7th Grade A Honor Roll

Kedron Burt, Heidi Elkins, Abigail Jacobs, Macy Mateer, Meredith McCurdy, Katelyn Stahl, Lauren Stokes, John Sweet and Zofia Uszok.

### 7th Grade AB Honor Roll

Blair Amberson, Bryce Callahan, Morgan Churchill, Taylor Duhe, Kelsey Gallagher, Avery Gibson, Joseph Goodroe, Hanah Mabire and Larissa Medve.

### 8th Grade A Honor Roll

Colin Adams, Benton Byrd, Michele Dunne, Richard Earle, Mary Elliott, Kylie Finkbone, Jack Flores, Maddie Grace McCurdy and Reilly Thompson.

### 8th Grade AB Honor Roll

Parker Baynes, Angelica Dempsey, Justin Fruitticher, Daniel Green, Patrick Hodges, Reddon McLaurine, Kirk Pennewell and Joshua Priest.

## HO HO HO

The very talented students at Pensacola Beach Elementary will present their Holiday Concert, Friday, December 14 at Our Lady at 6 p.m. Open to all. No charge, but plenty of good holiday spirit.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

Island Style Navarre is hosting the Season Your Holidays Coloring Contest. Entries are available at the Beach VIC beginning November 29.

## ON THE CALENDAR

Semester break will be from December 19 through January 2. There will be no classes at Pensacola Beach Elementary and Gulf Breeze Schools.



Sarah Streater and Joseph Bello of the Fort Lauderdale Yacht Club, left, finished in fourth place at 2012 U.S. Multihull Championships for the Hobie Alter Trophy, November 15-18. Dynamic Sailing's Team of Eric Witte and Tyler Holmes, center, took home a third place trophy, while Pensacola Beach's Kirk Newkirk and Andrea Zern, right, earned fifth place. The races were contested in Santa Rosa Sound.



Sarah Newberry, Miami Yacht Club races with crew Kenny Pierce in Santa Rosa Sound during the 2012 U.S. Multihull Championships for the Hobie Alter Trophy, Saturday, November 17. As she passes the two committee boats, she was on her way to a historic victory, the first ever for a woman skipper. The event is hosted by the Key Sailing and the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club.

### 2012 U.S. Multihull Championships for the Hobie Alter Trophy Results

1. Sarah Newberry/Kenny Pierce, Miami Yacht Club
2. Sandra Tartaglino/Glenn Holmes, NENSA
3. Eric Witte/Tyler Holmes, Dynamic Sailing
4. Sarah Streater/Joseph Bello, Lauderdale Yacht Club
5. Kirk Newkirk/Andrea Zern, Pensacola Beach Yacht Club
6. Tom Whitehurst/Mike Pedersen, Pensacola Beach Yacht Club

*Newberry and Pierce were undefeated Nov 15-18 on Santa Rosa Sound. They won all 14 races, including four on Saturday. The 2012 edition of the U.S. Multihull Championship was hosted by the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club.*

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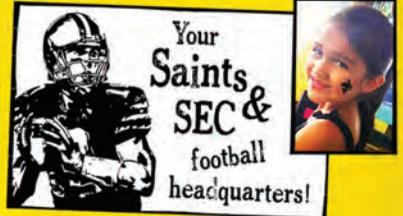
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# Off the Hook

By Terri McKamey

Cold weather means huge Redfish! With the much colder weather finally here, the Bay is cooling. The big Reds have invaded our waters. Some of these schools are so big that at times the waters look copper and it seems as if you could almost walk across the water on their backs.

We've all been hitting Fort Pickens for these babies in the afternoon. For the Bull Redfish what can I say, if you want to catch some very large Redfish there are plenty around and it's easy, easy, easy. Denver Dillard caught a real beauty on a six pound test line. Nice!

Hope you anglers have been taking advantage of this perfect Flounder weather, too. You know if you get out there it's addictive, just ask Nathan Wheeler who's a bartender at the Dock. He went on his first night out with the boys gigging, and, boy did he have fun! Congrats on your very nice flounder catch Nate!

### Pier reports

Navarre Pier anglers have

been catching plenty of Whiting.

Gulf Shores Pier fishermen have landed Pompano, Whiting, Sheepshead and Flounder.

Pensacola Pier reports catches of Bonito, Sheepshead, Red Fish, and Black Drum.

What can I tell you except you have to hit the early mornings for the best shot at Pompano and late afternoon for those Reds. Let's not forget Whiting, a few Spanish, Flounder and Sheepshead. Plenty of fishing still to be had even though the temperatures are dropping.

How can you not love this beautiful and plentiful paradise we live in? So get off the couch; grab a kid and get fishing! See you out on the water.



A little bit of a fight makes this catch so much sweeter for Denver Dillard. He landed this Redfish on six pound line. Bull Reds are keeping anglers busy in the waters near Ft. Pickens. Late afternoon fishing times have been the most productive.



Expert angler Fran Cox of Gulf Breeze took home a bunch of Flounder for his dinner table. He was flat fishing at Fort Pickens November 17.

## Bring A Toy To Hold 'Em Tourney

It's all fun and games at the December 1 Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun poker tournament at the Dock. The event is in its second year and benefits Toys For Tots.

The entry fee is two new toys, one suitable for a girl and one for a boy. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Registration opens at 1:30; play begins at 2 p.m. A thirty minute Rookies and Rusties session is held at 1:30 p.m. for those who need to learn a little more or brush up on their game.

Prizes will be awarded to the top players, according to Terri McKamey, who organized the event.

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