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Christmas College *Class of 2012*



The Sisters of the Beach have an intrinsic knowledge of what Christmas is about. So much so, they could be professors, teaching others about sharing the spirit of the season. They live by the standards of giving, loving and celebrating, daily. The annual SOB Christmas Luncheon is much like a college reunion, and the campus is at Flounder's Beach. There were foreign exchange students, incoming freshmen and tenured SOBs. The toasting Sisters are (front row, L to R): Sandy Watkins, Dawn Drees, Lori Howard, Beverly Sarasua, Pam Jewell, Jayne Drees Redmond, Kathi Lewis, Christine Hewardine, Patrice Friant, and Monica McVay. Middle row, L to R: Yoko Jimison, Mary Sweeney, Samantha Yoko, Loretta Browder, Carole Bell, Janice Morgan, Maggie Black, Cathy Kress, Carleen Wheeler, Diane Tyson, Melanie Waite, Gloria Skaggs, Jennifer Beasley, Jane Peaden, Melissa Overlade, Dee Riley, Shirley Blake, Kim Schmitz, Peggy Henshall, Mary Claus, Bobbi Cunningham, Deborah Burke, Kathy Christoff and Chris Hill. Back row, L to R: Lois Jernigan, Shari Strain, Gail Petty, Marie McLellan, Becky Shearman, Lila Cox, DJ Zemenick, Judy L'Oignon, Deb Friedman, Danah Gibson, Gwen Gibson, Shelly Geier, Millie Davis, Rita Love Perry, Amy Depew, Lisa Busby, Jane McGrath and Ebba Dampier. Not in photo: Liz Hewson, Melody Spink, Robin Taylor. If you want to learn more, turn to page 2.

Sisters Share Love and Lessons

Class is in session. The Sisters of the Beach are the teachers. The curriculum includes lessons on sharing, loving and celebrating, which, when perfected, earn you a place on the honor roll at Christmas College. If the magical institution of higher learning existed, it would be an all-girls school; open one day per year on Pensacola Beach with a festive dress code and an impressive list of scholars.

"Although she does not make it to class because she is busy in the North Pole, Mrs. Claus is an honorary Sister of the Beach," said Professor Kathi

Lewis. "Not everyone can join us on the first Sunday in December, but we know they share the love."

Sharing the love is one of the things the Sisters do. They embrace each other and reach out to strangers. It's not a hard lesson to learn and one that they practice daily.

Yoko Jimison, who has lived on the Beach for thirty years, says she is a loner at heart, but makes an exception when it comes to spending the day with the Sisters of the Beach. She credits Becky Shearman for encouraging her to attend. This

year Jimison brought Carole Bell and Samantha Yoko, who were visiting from overseas. Although they would be considered foreign exchange students in most colleges, they were embraced like long-time SOBs.

"I always am welcomed and appreciate the honor," said Jimison, who receives high marks for her kind spirit.

Shelly Geier and Jane Peaden were the most tenured Sisters at the gathering. They would be the history professors, for those who want to know how it started and why. Much has changed, but the spirit of the SOBs has not. As Geier anticipates her young daughter, Air Force Captain Crissi Geier Kolomaznik, leaving for Afghanistan, she says, "I wish for Peace, and Goodwill to all; especially my fellow SOBs."

Shelly Geier knows that her Sisters will support her, and stay in touch with Crissi while she serves her country. The Sisters have prepared care packages for deployed military many times before. And, they will gladly do it again.

There are second and third generation Sisters of the Beach,

who carry on the family tradition. Gloria Skaggs arrived with her daughter Melissa Overlade. Her granddaughter Terese, who ordinarily attends, was under the weather. Among the SOBs are siblings like Gwen and Dannah Gibson, and Millie Davis and Dee Riley. But, many of the SOBs are only related by a golden thread of friendship that ties them together in spirit. A non-traditional family sharing the burdens and the joys that life brings them.

No Sister is alone and no cup goes empty. The love and gratitude for that friendship was echoed by many.

Rita Love Perry said, "The experience of being with my Sisters is like no other. I am thankful to each and every one of you."

The lessons at Christmas College can be taught in many ways. Some are gentle like a sweet hug or a genuine smile. Most are not that subtle and are oftentimes delivered while standing on a table top. Honoring others with a heartfelt speech or stealing the stage in a moment of comedy, the Sisters do not censor their emotions.

The ordinary decorum in a classroom is never observed by the SOBs. The boisterous chatter and unending laughter is punctuated by the rousing song made beach-famous by the SOBs. The Sisters celebrate, they love and they do it with all their hearts.

When reaching a significant birthday, the Sisters bestow a gold, silver or custom designed bracelet on the celebrant. It can be worn daily or saved for special occasions because SOBs need no reminders to enforce their sense of membership.

Kathi Lewis asks a finance and economics question of her Sisters, "How poor would my spirit be without the SOBs?"

She followed with this answer, "The riches that they confer on me today revive my soul and remind me why I call this place not only Paradise, but home."

If the signal to begin classes is a Christmas Bell jingling, then the sounds of dismissal include popping champagne corks and clinking glasses. The true spirit of Christmas is celebrated by the Sisters on this day and always, lessons they never grow tired of sharing.



United States Air Force Captain Crissi Geier Kolomaznik, who was raised on Pensacola Beach, is a second generation Sister of the Beach. Sisters of the Beach can be found in all walks of life. Yes, even military officers. Crissi will deploy overseas this month.

Cool Cats And Brave Bears To Take New Years Plunge

Some scurry and some swim, others leisurely wade through Santa Rosa Sound during the Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce's Polar Bear Plunge. The event, which is hosted at Paradise Bar and Grill begins at 2 p.m. on January 1.

The registration table opens at noon where adults bears can pay their \$7 entry fee. Each entry comes with a chance to win one

of the three prize drawings supplied by Paradise Bar and Grill, and a free serving of black eyed peas and cornbread.

"We have to start the New Year off with some good luck," said Renee Mack, Paradise General Manager. "It's tradition to eat at least one black eyed pea."

Island Times sponsors the Best Plungewear Contest. Prizes will go to the top costumed en-

trants.

The event is family-friendly and children, fifth grade and younger, can become members of the Polar Bear Cub Club. The Cub registration fee is \$5.

Children will be given a special membership card and a goodie bag for joining.

For more information, call 850-932-1500 or visit www.PensacolaBeachChamber.com.

Season Your Holidays Events

December 16:

Christmas Cantata Beach Church, 10 AM

Breakfast with Santa, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 11 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 25

Christmas Day Catholic Mass, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 9:45 am

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.

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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

If you have a feeling you have read this story before, you are probably right. Since we reprint this fantasy every year at Christmastime, it slides comfortably into Beach lore. We believe it should be repeated every year, because it has good thoughts. It's all about a devoted married couple, unbroken friendships, loving, sharing, and living life in the exotic lane. It also reveals the secret that thousands of people who visit Pensacola Beach never want to leave, but like Santa some insurmountable obstacle stands in their way. It teaches us that families all over the world are really just like us, Beach folks in their hearts. And all of us Beach dwellers know the lesson we learn from it - that no matter what issues are lapping at our shores, we will somehow protect our enchanted way of life. We will prevail because every Christmas Eve we are blessed with a sprinkling of elfin dust when Santa stops by to check on his property. Hey, Santa and Rosa, your island is alive and well.

The Day Santa Named The Island

When Santa Claus visits the Island every Christmas, he always brings Mrs. Claus along. She doesn't make many business trips with her husband, but she has a special reason for returning year after year to the Beach.

This legend goes far back to a time when there were few living things on the Island. The white sand glistened for miles and miles, untouched by streets or structures. Or people. Santa, who was making his annual rounds that year, decided the uninhabited white stuff he noticed below would make a safe landing place for his sleigh so he and the reindeer could take a break. He fastened his seat belt, and turned on his twinkling lights. The eight tiny reindeer brought the heavily laden sleigh down easily. It nestled in the soft sand, a distinctly different runway from their usual snowy rest stops. Santa got out of the sleigh, loosened his belt, stuck his boot in the squeaky sand, and exclaimed to

the reindeer, "Hey, we landed in Paradise."

Donner and Blitzen snorted because the snow ball they tried to make wouldn't stick together.

I may relocate my workshop to this Island, Santa mused. We could eliminate the woodcutter section, and add those guys to the toy making division. Think how happy the kids would be if we produced more toys than ever.

He pondered the possibility as he removed his heavy jacket and let the sun shine on his chest. We would never have to arrange for vacations, because no one would want to leave paradise. Our new work uniforms would be long shorts and t-shirts. All our raw materials could come in like magic on the water. We'd never have to thaw out the cans of paint.

Santa pulled off his heavy boots and pants and jumped into the Sound for a swim wearing only his candy striped underwear.

We would have to put up a new sign. That old North Pole

sign is pretty worn out anyway. What can I name this place?

Then a Christmas light exploded in Santa's head. He would name this romantic little Island after his beloved wife and himself. Santa Rosa Island. Santa liked the sound of the new name.

Reluctantly, he put his heavy, red suit back on, and prepared the reindeer for take off. After the worldwide delivery trip ended, and he was resting by a big open fire in his living room at the North Pole, he told his wife, Rosa, about his plan to move the entire operation to a truly, magnificent place surrounded by sparkling water. A place that was warm and cozy. Where the elves could test the water skis, yachts, fishing rods, and sailboards the year round.

"Ah, Rosa, I have found paradise," Santa said. "A romantic place for the two of us."

Rosa pushed her spectacles up on her nose, and Santa knew he was in trouble. She only did that when she was getting ready

to yell at him about major problems like running out of Barbie dolls or drinking too much Coca-Cola.

"Santa," she said in that awful tone of voice, "How could you play such a dirty trick on Frosty the Snowman?"

So, Rosa had the last word, Santa could never move to a place where his old sidekick, Frosty, would never survive. Santa did not move his factory to the Island.

But one starry Christmas eve, he asked Rosa to ride with him, and he landed on the beach for a short time. Just long enough to put a small sign, "Santa Rosa Island."

So that's how the island got its name. And that is the reason Mrs. Claus climbs aboard the sleigh on the night Santa makes his annual visit to Pensacola Beach. After all it's not every wife who has a whole island named after her.

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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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Trivia

Humbug Dan McGrath is about as jolly as the Trivia Master, but he knows his geography. The island in the Indian Ocean with the holiday name is Christmas Island. The place was wild and woolly until Captain William Mynors named it Christmas Day, 1643. He did not go ashore. The English buccaneering ship Cygnet arrived under Captain Swan in 1688, and that was the first recorded landing.

Full of turkey and nearly frost-bitten Gwen Foster from the Wrecked Jersey Shore sent her correct answer, followed by Mike Cook, who has enough frequent flier miles from traveling this year, to book a trip to Christmas Island.

Trivia Tim Pike was on the mark. Trivia Tim spends his days at the Holiday Inn Express while sharpening his brain cells for the next edition of the Beach's newspaper.

Answers bubbled up from players new to trivia but well-familiar names like Sue Garnjobst and Jeff McCain. They were stuffed into the overflowing trivia email box just seconds apart.

Sharon Felder Bernard sent

this answer, "Ho! Ho! Ho! I know this one! Christmas Island is what the Trivia Master is looking for. Crossing fingers, toes and eyes that I'm first."

The TM is not sure how she typed after being so crossed. She admitted being under the influence of an Anti-Grinch Super-Spray. Sorry, no shirt, so uncross your eyes Ms. Super Sprayed Sharon.

Chuck McKenney merrily answered correctly and categorized the Island as lovely. According to the Christmas Island Tourism Society it is a nature lover's refuge.

Kathy Christoff made a prediction of a record number of correct answers being received for this too-easy-trivia question. It was like kids writing to Santa. They were all good!

Sir Morrie Drees of the Trivia Roundtable and the Duchess of the Dunes Joanne Brooks knew it was Christmas Island. Way to go, Sir and Duchy.

Our young friend Pier McMillan from Gulf Breeze who is an outdoorsman and big fan of Christmas revved up his search engine and sent this answer,

"Mauritius is an island in the Indian Ocean that is a known tourist destination especially around the holidays." Give that kid a candy cane, just for trying.

His Mom Angeli went way out in the water thinking it was Diego Garcia. Must have lost something in the translation. Better luck next time.

From Christmas Island to Santa Rosa Island, ring in the New Year with a new *Island Times* t-shirt by being the first person to correctly answer this. A long standing Beach tradition is swimming in the Sound on January 1 in an oh-so-chilly Polar Bear style event. The current host of the Polar Bear Plunge is Paradise Bar and Grill, but they were not the originators. What other Soundfront business, owned by a pair of brothers, encouraged beach bums and babes to dip in the saltwater on the first day of the year?

Hurry and send your answer to islandtimes@bellsouth.net with trivia in the subject line. Include your name and phone number so the Trivia Master knows who you are and how to talk to you. Deadline to answer is December 17.

PEOPLE

WARMER WEATHER

Beach resident and business man David Kelly was in Costa Rica hoping to catch some rays and some waves. Mother Nature tricked him and put better weather at home than at his tropical getaway.

GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Alan Steiff receives his *Island Times* in Brainerd, Minnesota, unless of course, he happens to be eating at Shaggy's on Pensacola Beach when the circulation manager drops the newest edition off. Probably feels good to read the beach's news while on the island.

JOY JOINERS

The Joy for the Beach Concert rocked! Lots of longtime beach residents like Claire and

Norm Cullerton make it a part of their Christmas traditions. Among the sponsors was Gulf Breeze Animal Hospital Doc Tim Gossman.

A WHISP OF SMOKE

The Beach bid farewell to a gentle soul with the passing of Smokey Joe. A well recognized artist and carver, Smokey was equally as famous for being a free spirited Islander who loved his friends. A memorial paddle out was held at Paradise, December 8. His generous love will be missed by his tribe which included family, friends and furry ones. Donations may be made in his honor to the Humane Society of Pensacola, 5 N Q St., Pensacola, FL 32505. Smokey Joe Waitzman, 47, of Pensacola passed away Friday, November 30.



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Island Authority Committees Tackle Tough Topics

Members Tangle on Leashes, Changes To Land Code

Leaseholders may become leash holders. The Architectural and Environmental Committee of the Santa Rosa Island Authority voted in favor of recommending a Gulfside Dog Park be established on Pensacola Beach at their November 28 meeting. Committee Chair Tammy Bohannon along with Member Ed Guernsey recommended that the Full Board set aside a football field sized area, east of Portofino near Parking Lot F. The Dog Park would be open daily from sunrise to 10 a.m. for leashed dogs. The owners must participate in a permitting process to include a veterinarian's approval, proof of vaccination, licensing and a \$50 fee. A special leash or tag would be given to designate permitted pets. Amenities should include a hand washing station and a dog waste disposal kiosk.

Committee Member Thomas Campanella voted against the park. He noted that diseases can be contracted from waste and thought the idea should be held in committee until after the New Year.

"I don't want to establish a reputation for having pets on the beach," added Campanella. "I don't think anyone can control their dog with voice commands all the time. They get focused and away they go."

Guernsey did not see any reason to delay the vote.

"Postponing this won't accomplish much for us," said Guernsey. "I want to see proper signage clearly marking the area, and give this a trial period of one year. Then we can review and re-evaluate the park."

The initial proposal, presented by leaseholder Karen Sindel, included multiple areas for dog-friendly activities. She discussed the single site pro-

posal and asked that the Committee consider allowing dogs off leash except during turtle and bird nesting season.

"As this progresses and does well, could we have the off leash area in the Gulfside?" she asked.

The Committee's vote of 2 to 1 moves the recommendation to the December 12 Full Board meeting agenda.

The Committee received updates on proposed Land Development Code changes from SRIA Director of Environmental Services Paolo Ghio. The first change will provide leaseholders more alternatives for a dock location. The current ordinance only allows for docks to be located in the center one-third of the lot. The proposed change increases the possible dock locations, thus allowing leaseholders to avoid delicate sea grass beds or other obstacles.

Ghio explained that the current ordinance makes it very difficult, time consuming and expensive to have a dock permitted. The limited area for construction makes many leaseholders request a variance or unable to build at all.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the change.

An amendment to the Land Development Code to change the way residential and commercial construction permits are handled in order to expedite the process was met with resistance from Bohannon, who is also a Beach resident. Campanella and Guernsey favored the change which would allow SRIA staff to review and approve projects that currently must receive the Committee's approval.

"I think this speeds up the application process and helps builders," said Campanella.

Guernsey concurred stat-

ing that they do not need to be micro-managers and should trust and rely upon staff's expertise.

Bohannon, who stated that she was totally opposed to the change, felt more review prior to construction was a favorable position. She reminded the Committee that once something is built, it is permanent. She also voiced concerns about over-development and loss of power by the SRIA.

"This is a unique beach with limited size," she said. "We, as a committee, should not be giving up the right of oversight. The developers are circling. They want the caps removed. I represent the people who live on this island and I don't like where this is going."

Newly Retired SRIA Board Member Vernon Prather addressed the Committee to ask if a leaseholder requested the Code be amended. He noted that he did not see this request during his tenure.

"It is your task to continue the oversight of development on the Beach," he said. "You are here to represent the leaseholders not the Board of Commissioners. This is a slippery slope."

The motion to recommend the change passed 2 to 1 with Bohannon opposed.

Ghio requested the Committee approve retaining Mitigation Grant Specialist Jeff Ward to continue his work in assisting leaseholders who qualify for FEMA monies to elevate or reconstruct homes. According to Ghio, Ward would be the project manager for the eight homes which potentially qualify for funding to be elevated. His fee would be paid by the grant, so there would be no cost to the SRIA.

The Committee approved the recommendation, unanimously.

The Development and Leasing Committee will receive a report during their December meeting regarding the lease fee and property tax issue, according to Committee Chairman Ed Guernsey. Guernsey tasked staff to collect data on fees collected by neighboring beach communities along with taxes.

"I want to see property taxes, sales tax rates, add on taxes such as bed taxes, and special assessments," said Guernsey. "We need all this information from nearby areas to use as a comparison."

The Administrative Committee Chairman Thomas Campanella accepted the strong financial report from Executive

Director Buck Lee. Lease fee collections for the year ending September 30 were 5.6 percent higher than the previous year.

"We collected \$7.6 million last year, which is \$406,604 more than the previous year," said Lee. "It's going to be an even better year upcoming."

In other business, committees approved:

▣ Sabine Sandbar's request to retrofit an area to sell sandwiches on their open air deck.

▣ Resort Entertainment's request to operate a family entertainment center at the current Tiki Island property. Development to include a rope course, indoor skydiving, a laser maze and sky trail at a cost of \$1.5 million. Future improvements of kiddie rides, a play area, kiosks for food and retail.

▣ A \$3,500 sponsorship for the Pensacola Beach Relay for Life event.

▣ Past and current Board Members photos to be hung in the SRIA lobby.

The Santa Rosa Island Authority Full Board and Committee meetings will meet Wednesday, December 12 at 5 p.m. in the SRIA boardroom, #1 Via de Luna. The agendas are available online at www.sria-fla.com. All meetings are open to the public.

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by Kathi Lewis

This year's SOB Christmas Brunch was one of the best! I hate it for those Sistahs who were unable to be there. For the Sistahs who missed it because of circumstances beyond your control, rest assured that we sang to all of you. Now if you were just on a planned vacation to New York City, you'll have to catch it next year. It doesn't mean we don't love you it's just a bit harder to have any sympathy. Y'all know I'm teasing because each of you was definitely missed. But you should never, ever do that again!

May God Bless the staff of Flounder's because they definitely earned their money. I believe we had about 50 SOB's and I had made a reservation for 35. One of our waiters, Ronson Stewart, had worked the Brunch last year. He said he went to Biloxi afterwards and immediately won \$500. The SOB's brought him something more than good luck at the casino, because he has no recollection of how he actually got to Biloxi. But hey, with \$500 in winnings you can afford a bus ticket home, right?

Tyler Thompson was the second waiter to be thrown in the deep end of these thirsty and demanding SOB's. I'm sure these wonderful men were very experienced and up until this day, believed they had seen it all in the food service business. I am even more sure that they both learned a lot more than they ever wanted to know.

First lesson: toss away all that stuff you learned before you got to the SOB Brunch.

Second lesson: We are the thirstiest of any customers you'll ever have again. Our first and foremost priority is Champagne (or other cocktails for the SOB's not drinking Champagne) and keep 'em coming. During the Brunch price concerns evaporate; just bring us what we want.

Third lesson: Although some SOB's are already hungry, there are those of us who want to put our food in a box to enjoy later. This year was the first time I've ever gotten home with the food I ordered. They usually get pretty mixed up immediately upon leaving Flounder's. It is sorta like "Musical Chairs" but with take-out boxes instead. That has never stopped me from eating and enjoying it (such a nice

surprise) and declaring it the very best food I've ever eaten.

Fourth lesson: Make sure you practice some sort of leg exercises beginning several weeks before the date of the Brunch. Ronson and Tyler were running so fast they looked like our island Sandpipers.

Thanks to Manager Chase Cole for accommodating and catering to the SOB's including our singing. Just as they opened the retractable walls for fresh air, they had to go right back and close them due to the number of children on the adjacent playground. (The SOB's always try to be conscious and considerate of the babies.) The children all ran up for a look at this amazing room full of Sistahs when the walls opened. Some of them came right back when the walls were again closed. But once they peeked through and realized we weren't doing anything that would entertain them, they quickly headed back to the playground. (The SOB's always try to be conscious and considerate of the babies.) The children all ran up for a look at this amazing room full of Sistahs when the walls opened. Some of them came right back when the walls were again closed. But once they peeked through and realized we weren't doing anything that would entertain them, they quickly headed back to the playground.

Last, but certainly not least – thanks to Chef Shamus Doherty, Brian Wilson and Jacob Roupe for the delicious meals they create and serve. I'm telling you food never tasted so good as it does after spending the day in a Styrofoam box in the trunk of a car - - by 2 or 3 a.m., it is the very best.

We did make one change this year and that was to change our SOB Bracelet from gold or silver to one created especially for that Sistah. We voted to commission our future bracelets to Fire Jewelry Design (Nancy Woody, owner). Two of the gorgeous bracelets were given this year. One to Danah Gibson and one to Audrey and Don Huges, parents of Beverly Hughes in memoriam. Beverly was to receive her bracelet this year and the one created for her included

angel wings. We hope it will bring them some small amount of comfort in having something tangible created, given and remembered with such love.

I need to get my things ready for the Christmas Parade, so we'd better get on with the recipe! This is "not" the fruitcake believed to have been cooked many, many years ago and is still traveling from one recipient to another each year. While it is a very old recipe (calls for #2 cans) you will want to keep this one for yourself!

So, let's cook.....

Best Fruit Cake Ever

2 Cans fruit cocktail (approx. 15-16 ounces)
2 Eggs, beaten
2 Cups All-Purpose flour (do not use self-rising)
1 Cup sugar
½ tsp. salt
2 tsp. baking soda
2 Cups dark brown sugar, divided
1 Cup nuts, coarsely chopped (whatever you like best - I use walnuts & pecans)
2 Tbsp. Vanilla Flavoring

Drain one cup juice from fruit cocktail. Mix fruit cocktail with remaining juice, add beaten eggs and stir in a large bowl. Sift together (I use a battery powered sifter – they are great) flour, sugar, 1 cup dark brown sugar, baking soda and salt. Stir into fruit mixture, adding nuts. Pour into a greased fluted cake pan. Sprinkle top with remaining cup of dark brown sugar. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes, testing for doneness.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas. Enjoy and don't forget to share. Remember to join the Krewe of Wrecks, you'll be glad you did!

See ya in the kitchen.....



Joy For The Beach singers, who performed A Holly Jolly Christmas at Our Lady of the Assumption December 4 are (front row, L to R): Lauren Pinkston, Tracey Pinkston, LiMarie Rodriguez de Stevenson and Deborah Burke. Singers in the back row are Mike Jurkowich and Jane McGrath.

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By Joe Stukey, Your Computer Pal

Q: "Is it OK to look for computer support phone numbers on the Internet?"

A: It is very easy for things to go wrong when Googling technical support numbers on the Internet. The phone numbers of the scammers seem to float to the top of the list. Many of my customers have been tripped up by selecting the computer tech support phone numbers that appear at the top of the search list.

The scammers somehow get away with representing themselves as the technical support website for all of the major computer manufacturers. So, when you search for HP, Dell, etc., the scammer's website will indicate that you have reached the manufacturer's site. Instead, you have connected with an illicit organization that will convince you that you must pay them for technical support, even for products that are still under warranty. After spending

an hour or so on the phone with them, your problem will still be there and your wallet will be a bit lighter.

Almost always they will ask you to let them take control of your computer through the Internet. From there, things just go downhill. They install software on your computer and begin scanning your computer for "problems". Somehow, they always find hundreds of them, insisting that your computer is about to crash. They will point out the problem areas in a very convincing way. Of course it is all fake, so you should not pay them. Hang up and look carefully for the real website that is provided by your manufacturer. The name of the website will be the same as the name of the company.

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

Astronauts Star in Salute To Pioneers At Naval Aviation Museum Event

The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation has confirmed a stellar list of attendees for the upcoming Salute to the Pioneers of Space celebrating the 40th anniversary of Apollo 17, Saturday, December 15.

The events include a free presentation at 10 a.m. about Apollo XIII followed by a Mercury, Gemini and Apollo program at 1:30 p.m.

Learn about the near-catastrophic flight of Apollo XIII, as told by the astronauts themselves. Apollo XIII commander James Lovell (retired Navy captain and fighter pilot) will discuss the harrowing events of that mission with Gemini/Apollo flight director Eugene Kranz and NASA engineer/flight director Glynn Lunney, who were key in successfully bringing the crew home

after an oxygen tank explosion crippled the Apollo XIII Command/Service module.

Mercury, Gemini and Apollo presenters include former astronauts such as David Scott (retired Air Force colonel, Gemini astronaut and commander of Apollo XV, first to drive on the Moon), Thomas Stafford (retired Air Force brigadier general, Gemini astronaut, commander of Apollo X and commander of the first joint U.S.-Soviet space mission), and Richard Gordon (retired Navy captain, pilot aboard Gemini XI which achieved a record apogee altitude, and command-module pilot of Apollo XII), among other potential panelists.

For more information, www.NavalAviationMuseum.org/SpaceEvent.

Beach Woman's Club Centers Meeting Around Gratitude And Good Health

Thanksgiving came early for the Pensacola Beach Woman's Club. Norm Powitzky and Danny Stults fried turkeys. Tracy McDonald made the dressing. Morrie Dress carved the turkeys and hostesses went all out to make sure everyone had a good time at the November 15 luncheon meeting at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Marilyn Powitzky, Ebba Dampier, Ann Hopkins, Diane Black Gail Cook Pat Bernhard, Mildred Price and Carol Stark.

Members brought their favorite dishes to accompany the turkey and dressing.

"Quite a grand feast!" exclaimed Bettie Lee Sundstrom, publicity chairman. "For the old members, it was reminiscent of when Mary and Morrie Dress were the ones in charge of the November meeting. Now we are starting new traditions and with great results!"

Club President Shelby Smith introduced guests: Gail McPeak from Michigan (Ebba Dampier's friend), Sandy Oxford (Kim Harvell's mom), JoAnn Ross (Ginger Pasek's friend) and Maybell Ford brought Carolyn Sumrall and Marsha Brown. Marsha was installed as a member on this day.

The featured speaker was Anna Dyess who spoke on the good effect that Tai Chi can bring to a person's health. She is the Community Health Coordinator for West Florida Hospital and a certified Tai Chi instructor. Anna demonstrated several "meditation in motion" routines to help everyone keep limber and fit.

Sunshine Committee Members Carleen Wheeler, Mary Jo Tibbits, Melba Argentine, and Nancy Crane reported about those who were unable to attend due to health concerns. They are: Carol Forest, Florence Calendar, Doris Hernandez, Letty Johnson and Bettye Davis.

Kay Amberson, donation

coordinator, noted that Christmas awards of \$150 will be given to the Beach Church, Gulf Breeze Hospital Tree of Lights, the Salvation Army, Pensacola Beach School and Favor House.

The annual Card and Game Party is set for March 14. It is the

Club's only fundraiser.

The December Meeting is a Christmas Luncheon set for Thursday, December 13 at Hemingway's. Reservations are required and should be directed to Kathy Christoff, gchristoff@bellsouth.net. The cost is \$14.



Pensacola Beach Woman's Club never misses a chance to celebrate. These members were treated to cake and a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday at the November 15 lunch meeting at the Beach Church Fellowship Hall (L to R) Joan Haydon, Janet Penniman, Pegge Phillips, Bev Dufrechou, Carol Stark and Gail Cook. Not pictured: Patty Lou Kattner, Janet Miller, Luella Reed and Jo Strader.

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The Lizard's Tongue

by elizabeth hewson

The other night I was enjoying a nice glass of red wine while admiring the beautiful Christmas tree that the Colonel and Kid selected. I had finally finished decorating it and couldn't help but think it looked absolutely spectacular. Of course, it would never be featured in Martha Stewart's Living or on the cover of Southern Living, but then again its decorator wouldn't be in Vogue or in the swimsuit edition of Sports Illustrated either. Yes, beauty truly is in the eye of the beholder.

After doing a little research about decorating styles, I am not traditional, contemporary, country, or themed. My tree is a reflection of my life -- eclectic, hodge podge, and a whole lot of love. The oldest ornament on my tree dates back to 1975 and was a gift from my Secret Santa, Heidi Bruha. We were in sixth grade and it was the first Christmas after my parents had separated. It's a "Love is..." ornament. The words have long since faded, but will live on in my memory forever, "Love is...friendship." I can't tell you how many Christmases that ornament has softened the blow that due to circumstances not in my control I have been apart from family.

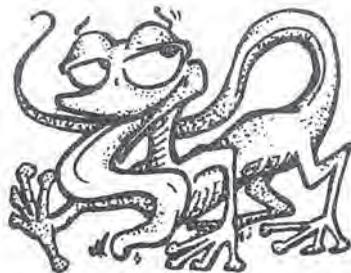
I have a lot ornaments that reflect my life growing up on Pensacola Beach. I have surfboards, sunbathing mice, a Nina Fritz design, and multiple miniature replicas of the "Turn Right Pensacola Beach" sign, one of which actually lights up. I have sand dollar santas and sterling silver dipped seashells. Throughout the years, the one ornament that would always make me homesick and yet bring a huge smile to my face is a Sandy Watkins original -- a clear plastic ball filled with

sand, shells, driftwood, and a sandspur. Both it and I are glad to be home.

I have spent twenty-two years attending Marine Corps Officers' Wives' Christmas parties and always leaving with some kind of ornament. My very first ornament is a plastic apple with gold lettering. It simply states HMLA-367, Christmas 1991. The fanciest is a hand-stitched helicopter on my tree from Julie Jensen from 1993 when her husband was the Commanding Officer of HMLA-367. She spent all summer making those ornaments for the wives in the squadron. Such a treasure -- both the ornament and Julie. I have an ornament given to me by the president of the Retired Officers Wives Club at Camp Pendleton when I was president of the Camp Pendleton OWC. It dates back to 1999. She dated back to WWII. Helen always called me Madame President and it broke her heart, but not her spirit, when we became an Officers Spouses Club. So many wonderful memories wrapped up in these ornaments.

Of course, there is the multitude of ornaments that reflect our holiday travel. Two Christmases were spent at the Hale Koha in Honolulu, HI (Mele Kalikimaka), two at Disney (the Land and the World), one at Universal Studios Florida (Spongebob and friends), and two in the British Virgin Islands (sailboats and rum drinks). Yes, I have cocktails on my Christmas tree!

Finally, there are all the family ornaments -- from handmade to the elaborately store bought. I have a photo ornament of my nephew, Jeremy Johnson, from when he was in fourth grade. It's a school picture glued inside a red stocking. I also have a



card he made the Colonel back in 1989. Technically, it's not an ornament, but I put it out as a decoration every year. Then there are all the ornaments that the Kid has made. His first ornament, a gypsum plaster Eagle, Globe and Anchor dipped in red glitter, graced the 1998 Christmas tree. There are also ornaments he made with his Woo (Jane Waters), her dexterity a bit shaky and his not fully developed on these magic pencil drawings. His kindergarten teacher had her master's degree in Art History. When I hold the ornament made from his fingerprints in 2002, I can't believe his hands were ever that small. Now they are larger than the Colonel's. I have a small raw hide dog bone -- Roy's 1st Christmas. Then there are Sculpey polymer clay likenesses of our dogs, Charlie and Sally. It was always a battle to keep Roy and Charlie from watering the tree; and to stop Sally from delivering the presents. The most exquisite ornaments on my tree come from my sister, Candy Segar. I am not sure where she gets them, but they require only the most sturdy of branches to be hung from. They all light up. Some play music. One tells your Christmas fortune while another quotes lines from a movie. Yet each reflects a moment in time in my life.

My Christmas tree, with its hundreds of ornaments, is truly a reflection of my life. I think Barbie, GI Joe, and Harry Potter who hang precariously from the guide wires, would all agree if they could talk and weren't made from molded plastic.

Until next time.

[Native Orleanian Elizabeth Waters Hewson arrived on Pensacola Beach in 1978 at age 14. Love and careers swept her to other shores, but she returns with The Colonel and The Kid to live permanently on the Beach.]



Alexa McKnight wowed the Joy for the Beach audience with her performance of *Where Are You Christmas* at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, December 4.

McKnight, who also performed at the Chamber's *Taste of the Beach* in September, is a senior at Gulf Breeze High.

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Tickets for Holiday Cabaret are \$17 for café seating and \$10 general admission. Performances are December 19-21 at 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased at the Pensacola Little

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Mon Dieu!
The Maven tips her tiara to the holiday spirited Chamber volunteers who launch the Surfing Santa Beach Parade. Bon temps.

Parade planning is an art that has been perfected by the all-volunteer Krewe of Wrecks board. The tricky part is covering costs. The entry fee of four bills per float is hefty, but necessary. Consider that the badge wearers command a huge sum to keep the revelers in line and behind the barricades. Suffice to say, the right to roll costs a pretty penny.

Parade Wreck and Queen Shugah Jayne Drees has set the safety meetings at the SRIA boardroom for January 19 at 10 a.m. and January 31 at 6 p.m. Attendance at one is mandatory for parading krewees.

Enough of that. On to something far more important - the Wrecks Grand Costume Ball theme is Storybook Characters. Will you be off to see the Wizard or hanging in the hood with Red on February 2? Tickets are \$30 each for members and \$60 each for non-members which includes a free membership. Available at the Wrecks meetings.

Kilted krewe member Rick Crain has been showing off a new dazzling rhinestone crusted trade pin. Unapproved and unofficial

and tres chic. Find one of the St. Pats to see about getting one.

Bananimals were full tilt at their Christmas dinner at Lillo's last week. They deserved it after providing dozens of presents for dozens of kids in foster care locally. Big hearted bunch of party animals.

I came. I saw. I shopped at the new Pensacola Parade People. It's a Mardi Gras mecca. The floor is purple and feather boas are at the front door. They will host a Bubbly and Bauble soiree customized to suit you.

A little lesson about Twelfth Night: January 5. It's twelve days after Christmas. The last day to take down Christmas decorations without suffering bad luck and the official start of the Mardi Gras. I love a party that includes cake and festive drinks made in a punch bowl. Historically, cakes had a bean or favor baked into them. Get the lucky slice and rule the celebration. Alas, King Cake! The Mystic Krewe of Nereids hold fast to the traditions. Their King Kake Party is January 5 at Paradise. Coronation included.

If you buy new shoes, and you should, save the box. It needs to be fashioned into a miniature float. Don't wait. Do it now. Fat Tuesday is a short nine weeks away. Au biento.

Twenty-Five Years Of Fun And Run

The Capt'n Fun Runners turned 25 this month and hosted an anniversary dinner at Lillo's on December 5. Complete with champagne and cake, the party was open to the 150 current members.

According to the history, during the spring of 1987, four Pensacola Beach residents and friends who were also runners, decided to meet for weekly training runs. There was never a plan to start a club - Wednesdays, also known as "hump day" to the working world - was an ideal opportunity to hang out with friends after weekly training runs.

As the group grew, the Island's weekly paper, *The Islander*, aptly pegged the group the Wednesday Night Joggers and Social Runners.

Darkness and cooler weather encouraged the runners to seek a better post run gathering spot, so they moved from the Quietwater parking lot to Capt'n Fun where the first drink was free.

Word spread fast and the running club's numbers grew. The group incorporated as the Capt'n Fun Runners, Inc., with the purpose of raising monies for the community or various charities.

For more than 25 years, the club has sponsored several events, raising \$35,000 for the American Diabetes Association; \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life; \$15,000 for Those Who Gave All for the

9/11 New York firefighters/police officers; and \$73,000 for Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

Besides the Bushwhacker 5K, the Capt'n Fun Runners have coordinated the PENAR 40-miler.

Well-seasoned runners inspire new athletes, and the members have 5K sprinters through ultra marathoners in the group.

The runners have also sparked a walking group, the Jubilee Walkers and a Mardi Gras krewe "Krewe de Feet". Club members still meet at 5:45

Wednesday evenings in front of the flagpoles located in the middle of the Portofino Boardwalk.

Promptly at 6 p.m., walkers and runners take off. The distance and pace varies but the opportunity to hang out with friends after weekly training runs still happens.

Donations to date total \$186,000 to the area's charities. The goodwill and stewardship are priceless.

For information, The Club's website is www.captnfun.net.

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Dear Santa... *Pensacola Beach Elementary School second graders, taught by Debbie Campanella, wrote letters to Santa. Third grade students in Joy McLaurine's class drew the illustrations.*

Madeline Johnson



Dear Santa, I have been very good. I want to spend more time with my family and a remote control car for Christmas.

Sincerely, Connor Graham

Dear Santa, I have been good. I gave my teacher perfume. So here is what I want to for Christmas.

1. Kodak EasyShare CD24 12MP Digital Camera - blue
2. Portable DVD Player
3. Password Journal 7
4. Figure skating dresses
5. Hair bows
6. Quilt - purple, pink, blue

Merry Christmas, Morgan Kronlage

Dear Santa, I've been very, very good this year. What I would like for Christmas is a 3DS XL, a Mertwo EX container, a Gameboy, and Pokmon Red for the Gameboy. Thank you for being so nice to me. Have a very merry Christmas.

Sincerely, Zachary Giovanini

Dear Santa, I want a X-Box, a gold box of go-go crazy bons, a guitar, a shark tooth necklace, cool shoes (black and yellow shoes), Ipod 4, a ton of sandlers, a puppy, a lot of money, a limou, Elf on a Shelf, a pool, silly string, and candy. I hope I am on the good list.

From Kendall McCurdy

Dear Santa, I can't wait til Christmas. It has been a great year. For Christmas I want an RC Boat that can go in salt and fresh water. I've been good this year.

From Aiden Bebout

Dear Santa, I have been very good. I've made a snack for my brother. I haven't gotten my name on the board for a long time. I have a list of what I would like for this holiday.

1. Roller skates
2. Real Hamster
3. Hamster food and water
4. Hamster cages
5. Mini trampoline

That's all for this year. Please say hi to my elf.

Your 2nd grade pal, Eliza Abston

Dear Santa, I have been good. I want an X Box.

Your awesome elf, Daniel Selogy

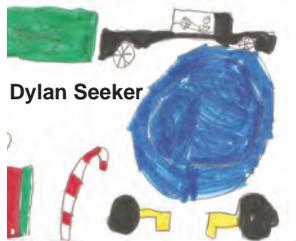
Dear Santa, I have been very good. I helped Jameson clean out his desk and helped him with his homework. The most important thing on my list is an (AG) American Girl doll. Her name is Caroline. I would love to have her. Also, I would also like a reborn doll. I would also like an AG (American Girl Doll) Car. It has a trunk and everything is very cool, I think.

Merry Christmas. Your biggest #1 fan, McKell Spring P.S. How's Jiggles?

Dear Santa, I wish for a sonic tales, and Knuckles. I was very good.

Love, Jon Daniel Ryland

Dylan Seeker



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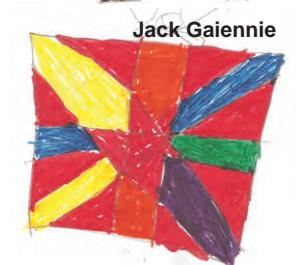
Brianna Dizon



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Metallica Bourgeois

Dear Santa, I have been good. I brought my mom some dark chocolate when she was teacher of the year. The #1 thing I want for Christmas is a stuffed animal Rudolf I saw at Lowe's. Merry Christmas!

Your #1 fan, Katie Turk

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. I helped Jon clean his desk out when he was on the bus. This is the number 1 thing I want - a robotic thing that does all my chores and will defend myself.

Your elf, Hollyn Will

Dear Santa, I have been good. I have been very good. I want an at-at walker.

From, Jameson

Dear Santa, I've been good. I helped Tyler. I want...the new iPad, iPad Mini, iPhone and MacBook Pro.

From your elf, Gracyn Phelps

Dear Santa, I have been very good. I helped my mom and dad put up the tree. I want a girl ballerina and a boy ballerina.

Sincerely your elf, Brenna Linsy

Dear Santa, I have been very good. I've been very good. You are special Santa. I had a real good time at Thanksgiving. You are good. I don't know what I want. I know know is a 3DS and Nerf 1000 and a pack of marbles.

Love, Taylor Jenkins

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I have been very helpful to my mom. I want a half fire Nerf gun. I want a dog. I want some nerf bullets. I want a rampage Nerf gun for Christmas. I want a destroyer dome bey blade.

Your 2nd grade friend, Emery Reid Hasell

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I have helped people out a lot. I would like sticky football catching gloves. I have your elf Billy.

Your friend, Eli Jones

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a monster high dolls and I want 15 UV them and a baby wiener dog named Bolt. Elf!

From Carly Churchward

Dear Santa, I have been very good. I think. I helped my friend when she was sad. This is what I want

1. iPad 2
2. Wii U
3. Littlest Pet Shops
4. Barbie with a camera

Merry Christmas. Hope you have a good Christmas delivering presents,

Baylen Crance.

Dear Santa, I have been very good, I think! I take my dog out for a walk. Here is what I want for Christmas on the top of my list is an iPad Mini.

Your pal, Maggie Feltenberger



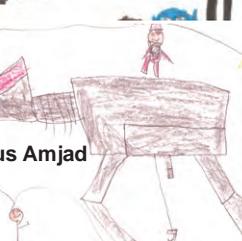
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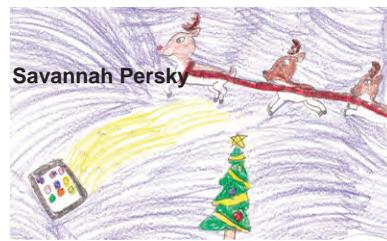
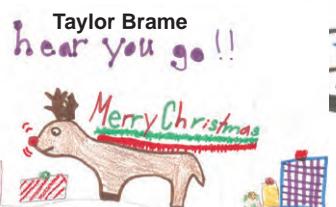
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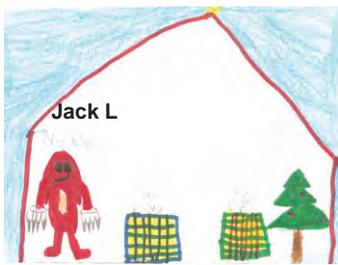


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The kowabunga crew at Surf Burger have declared that Thursdays are Friendly Dog deal day. Dog owners may dine with their furry friend on the deck. A kiddie burger will be complimentary to the pooch whose parents are paying for a meal.

REALLY ROYAL

Catherine Willis was a real princess. Not from a Beach Mardi Gras krewe nor a tribe of wookies. An offbeat book written by George Tate tells all about it. You can get it on Amazon.com. If you are looking for a book filled with royals, Beach history and Mardi Gras stories, you can order a copy of "To The Beat of an Island Drum." for \$16. Checks made payable to Shelley Ink, PO Box 844, Gulf Breeze, FL 32562.

DAY ZERO

The much hyped Mayan End of the World prediction centers around their 5,125 year long cycle circular calendar which ends December 11 - give or take a day or two. In true Beach fashion the ancients at The Islander Lounge are hosting a party to usher out civilization. Free drinks. Food. Survivors welcome.

GOOD GIFT

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The Florida Local Environmental Resources Agencies presented Escambia County Commissioner Grover C. Robinson, IV with the Outstanding Environmental Leadership Award during the 2012 FLERA Annual Award Luncheon. The Outstanding Environmental Leadership Award is presented to a local government elected official who has displayed outstanding

leadership qualities among his peers on environmental issues. Robinson's district includes Pensacola Beach.

BEACH SANTA

If you want to speak to Santa one more time prior to Christmas Eve, attend the Breakfast with Santa at Our Lady, Sunday, December 16. The event begins after Mass at 11 a.m.

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Christmas Mass Schedule

• TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 •

9:45 AM Christmas Day Mass

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Christmas Mass Schedule

• MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 •

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Midnight Christmas Mass (*Music begins 11:30*)

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Poker Players Pony Up Toys At Tourney

With a little holiday magic and some card playing skill, Johnny Redman outlasted forty players to win the second annual Toys For Tots Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun poker tourney, December 1 at The Dock.

Donations and contestants doubled at this year's event.

"This was a huge success," said Terri McKamey, head elf. "Players showed up with bags of toys. We collected 356 toys."

Five full tables of poker players battled over five hours until a winner emerged. Johnny Redman finished in the number one slot followed by Justin Scher.

First prize was a \$100 gift certificate at the Jeff Wheelock Gallery. Additional prizes were awarded throughout the afternoon.

"On a personal note I cannot begin to express my gratitude and pride in this beach family," said McKamey. "From Saltwater Rick who handled the tourney, my co-workers who helped make this possible, dealers who donated their time, beach merchants who donated prizes and this wonderful family who answered the call and made Christmas possible for so many children. Merry Christmas to you all!"

United States Marines ar-

rived in uniform to accept the donations.

From The Chip Stack

□ Todd Lentini was crowned the Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun Player of the Month for November for amassing five first places and two second places.

□ Pensacola State College professor Deb Friedman started playing at the weekly Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun games to learn more about the game. Her goal was to play at a Tunica casino during Thanksgiving vacation. Her mentor, 4444 Fun's Rick Uzdevenes, is pleased to report that Deb placed fourth and eleventh in the two Tunica tourneys she entered.

Friedman has returned to the Beach tables to wear the champion's crown. She won the first two December Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun games in December.

Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun is open to all who have a basic understanding of the game. The shuffle up and deal begins at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Sandshaker and Thursday at Paddy O'Leary's. Games are played on Saturday at 2 p.m. at The Dock and Sunday at 4 p.m. at Paddy O'Leary's.

For more information call the poker hotline at 850-324-2667.



Johnny Redman, center, received a handcrafted Wild Willet Beach Original for his win at the Toys for Tots Texas Hold 'Em 4444 Fun tourney December 1 at the Dock. Poker Promoter Rick Uzdevenes, left, and Terri McKamey congratulate the winner.

Salty Skiers Head To Virgin Islands

The Pensacola Ski Club is planning the trip of a lifetime on the sea instead of the slopes. A British Virgin Islands Catamaran Sailing Trip is set for May 25-June 1. This is one of many travel opportunities the Club sponsors.

All trippers must also be active members in the Pensacola Ski Club. The trip application, trip payment and membership application (if you need to join), with payment information, can be found on links within the Pensacola Ski Club website at <http://www.pensacolaskiclub.com/>



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Drop Me A Line...

Readers asked, "What is going on at the water tanks by the toll booth?"

ECUA is replacing the current 2.75 million gallon steel potable water storage tank with a new 3 million gallon concrete tank.

According to Thomas Dawson, ECUA director of water production, "The current steel water storage tank is in need of significant repairs due to the corrosive saltwater environment." After reviewing several options, the decision was made to replace the existing steel tank with a concrete tank of similar size as the most cost effective option, minimizing corrosion issues in the future.

The demolition takes three weeks. The construction of the new concrete tank is anticipated to begin the first week of January 2013, and projected to be completed within four-months.

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Jingle Bell Run Raises Funds And Spirits

Hundreds of runners and walkers lined up at the starting line in front of Crab's on Saturday, November 24 for the Jingle Bell Run. The foot race benefits the Arthritis Foundation.



Elves Katon and Landen Baker walk with Sue and Steven Campbell. They were the merriest racers on the route.



Photo Left: University of Miami student Anthony Ricketts heads for the finish line in third place. Photo right: Isabella Pawloski, 10, earned third place in her division. Her time 22:43.



Decked out in his Santa Gator running gear, Bjorn Holstrom of Tampa competed in the 10K distance of the Jingle Bell Run. His time of 55:47 earned him a third place finish in his age category.

..... Special thanks to Susi Lyon and Kei Keith of Event Timing for their assistance with the race results.

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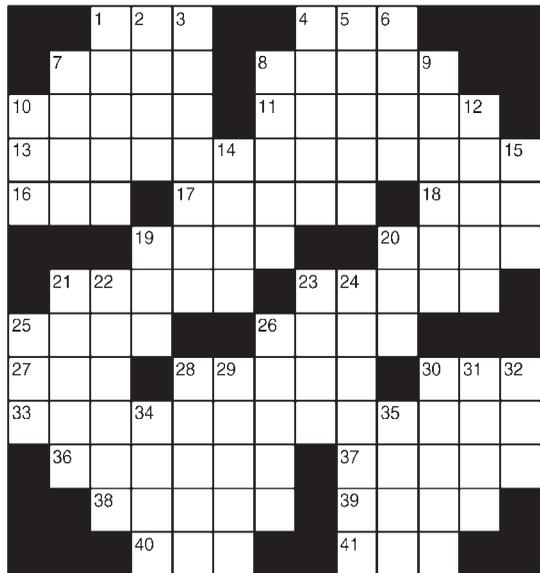


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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Bam!"
 - 4 Altar affirmative
 - 7 Consequentially
 - 8 Dodge
 - 10 Decorate
 - 11 Eateries
 - 13 Good thing with a bad element
 - 16 Pigpen
 - 17 Beet-hoven's "Für —"
 - 18 Slithery squeezer
 - 19 Chow
 - 20 Galley supply
 - 21 Nervous
 - 23 Move laterally
 - 25 Humdinger
 - 26 Finished
 - 27 — Baba
 - 28 Accumulate
 - 30 Witticism
 - 33 Ambivalence of a sort
 - 36 Sir Isaac who developed a short hand method
 - 37 Finish
 - 38 Archaeologists' meccas
 - 39 Best pocket



- pair
- 22 Panacea
- 40 "Monty Python" opener
- 7 Rewrite, maybe
- 23 Mediocre
- 41 Beavers' creation
- 8 Forgo the cue cards
- 24 As an alternative
- 9 — Council ("Survivor" meeting)
- 25 Felon's flight
- 10 Mornings (Abbr.)
- 26 Curses
- 12 Sleep soundly?
- 28 Fess up
- 14 Sad
- 29 Wherewithal
- 15 Petrol
- 30 Web surfer's need
- 31 Responsibility
- 19 Wildebeest
- 32 Recipe meas.
- 20 Praise in verse
- 34 Needle case
- 21 Dutch flower
- 35 Bygone Peruvian

DOWN

- 1 Substitute
- 2 Shrek is one
- 3 Is curious (about)
- 4 Wall-climbing plants
- 5 Thickly populated
- 6 Mined-over

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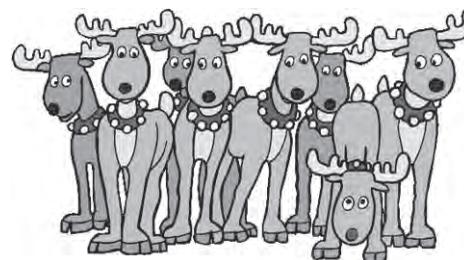
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DECEMBER

- 12: SRIA Meeting, 5 p.m. #1 Via de Luna
- 14: Beach School Christmas Program, Our Lady. 6:30
- 16: Beach Church Cantata 10 a.m.
- 16: Breakfast with Santa, Our Lady Catholic Church, 11 a.m.
- 17: Krewes of Wrecks, Paradise, 6 p.m.
- 24: Candlelight and Carols, Beach Church, 6 pm
- 25: Christmas Mass, Our Lady, 9:45 am
- 31: New Year's Eve Fireworks, Midnite

JANUARY

- 1: Polar Bear Plunge, Paradise, 2 pm
- 5: Krewes of Kids Sign Up, Beach Church 2 pm
- 5; Krewes of Nereids King Kake Party, Paradise
- 7: Krewes of Wrecks, Hemingways, 6
- 14: Krewes of Wrecks, Flounder's, 6 p.m
- 18 Moonpie Party, Shaker
- 19: WigWacker Party, Shaker
- 21: Relay For Life Meeting, 5 pm, Beach Church House.
- 21: Krewes of Wrecks, Shaggy's, 6 p.m
- 26: Krewes of Nauga Champagne Breakfast
- 28: Krewes of Wrecks, Elk's, 6 p.m.
- 28: PBES Board of Directors Meeting, 6 p.m. School Campus

FEBRUARY

- 2: Double Bridge Run
- 2: Kids and Kritters Parade, 2 pm
- 3: Super Bowl Sunday
- 10: Krewes of Wrecks Parade, 2 p.m.
- 11: Red Bean and Rice Luncheon, 11 a.m. Casino Beach Parking Lot. Free.
- 12: Krewes of Coma Coronation, Shaker
- 12: Shoe Box Float Contest Paradise
- 13: Ash Wednesday
- 14: Valentine's Day

MARCH

- 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17: St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl
- 31: Easter Sunday

APRIL

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Seeing Stars...

your horoscope for next week

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make a start on that new workplace challenge. But get more information before you find yourself too deeply involved without knowing in which direction you should go.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might find things becoming tedious as your schedule slows down for the holidays. Use this time to get information about a possible post-New Year job change.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The creative Twin finds outlets for her or his ideas in the early part of the week. The practical Twin takes it a step further and rallies support to turn the ideas into reality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's time to stop being intimidated by someone's negative behavior. Start taking positive steps on your own to help strengthen your position down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Look closely at that so-called golden opportunity. Best to be

a cautious Cat who approaches things slowly, than one who pounces without knowing where you'll land.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your apology can resolve that personal situation before it overshadows the holidays. You'll feel better, even if you're only partly to blame for what happened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Avoid overtaxing yourself, even if your energy levels are high and you feel that you can do it all. Best to pace yourself so you won't run yourself down before the holidays.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your sense of humor helps get you through a stressful period. Some of your quick quips can take the edge off any remaining negativity being aimed at you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your artistic talents not only help you express yourself these days, but they also set up a line of communication



between you and someone very special.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's fine to appreciate the importance of "proper form" for doing things. But relax a bit in order to allow newcomers on the project to feel less intimidated by you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Use your boundless reserve of optimism to persuade others to work with you to resolve a difficult workplace problem before it can ruin your holiday fun.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You brim over with self-confidence as you begin to tackle a new challenge. And, before you know it, you're not alone: Others have taken the plunge with you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a highly defined sense of commitment to others. You would make a fine social worker.

Mostly



By Candace Segar

All the designers and crafts people on television don't hold a candle, let alone an ornament, to my neighbor Marilyn. I walked into my friend's house and was dazzled by her Christmas displays. She showed me beautiful, delicate Christmas figurines that had once belonged to her Mom. As we walked around the room I saw Santas, snowmen and a train that she designed and built herself. She taught crafts including how to create a Santa from a Chlorox bottle and a snowman from dryer vent tubing.

Believe me when I say Marilyn is the "McGyver" of Christmas decorations. She is always

saying to me, "You can do it. It's easy."

My response to that is, "Oh no, it isn't."

I think my mind cannot tell my hands what to do. Or maybe my hands don't want to do it. Or maybe there is a craft gene, and I did not inherit it. Probably all of the above. At least that's my excuse; I'm just not crafty!

As I looked at everything she had done to decorate her home, she pointed to her rafters. Hanging proudly inside garland were ornaments which had belonged to my Mom.

I had given Marilyn and her daughter Loretta some of my Mom's Christmas things because I wanted to find the perfect home for them. Loretta had taken a Christmas cottage as well as some other items and turned it into a Christmas Village underneath her tree. I was so touched that my friends would do this in memory of my Mom. These two beautiful women are really Earth angels who know the true meaning of Christmas. What a wonderful beginning to the Christmas season!

Merry Christmas *Island Times* readers!

Saenger To Show Holiday Movie

The Saenger Theatre will show "It's A Wonderful Life" Saturday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m. The holiday classic will be premier on the big screen as a holiday treat.

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Fly away into the world of Antoine de Saint-Exupery with the Gulf Breeze Book Club. They will discuss *Wind, Sand and Stars*, an award winning adventure filled memoir of an aviator, Monday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge meeting room.

There is no charge to attend and the public is welcome.

"We always welcome visitors," said Donna Jones, club member. "Please read the book so you may join in the discussion."

For more information, contact Donna Jones at 932-8620 or donnaljones@hotmail.com.

Jimmy Buffett Lounges At The Lagoon

Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band will perform at the Pensacola Bay Center for one night only, Tuesday, February 5 at 8 p.m., as part of Jimmy Buffett's "Lounging at the Lagoon" Tour 2013.

Local Parrotheads won't want to miss their chance to soak in the full Margaritaville experience.

"We are thrilled to welcome Buffet back to Pensacola for the first time in 25 years. This is not just a concert, but will be the event to attend in 2013," said Cyndee Pennington, General

Manager of the Pensacola Bay Center.

This summer Buffett released a new CD/DVD on his own Mailboat Records label called *Welcome To Fin City*, which was recorded at two Las Vegas concerts in October last year. It contains 14 songs and 15 videos which includes the previously unreleased bonus video of "Elvis Presley Blues."

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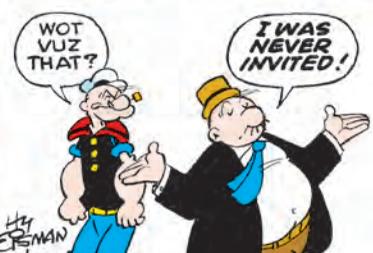
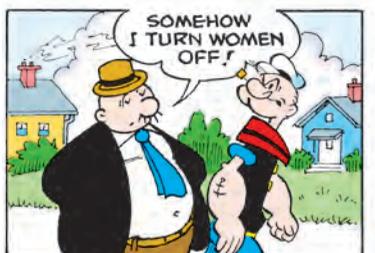
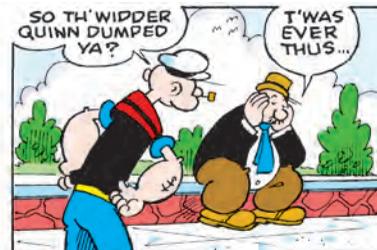
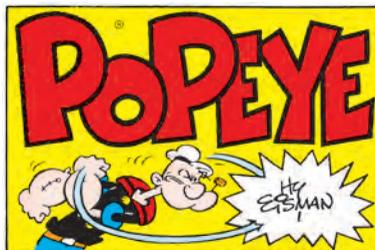
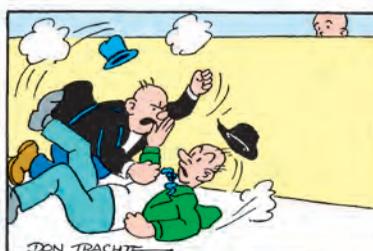
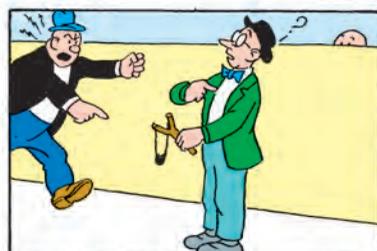
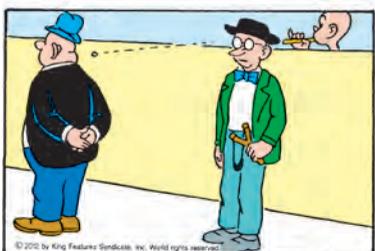
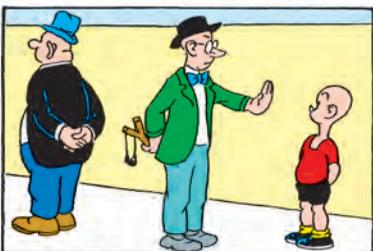
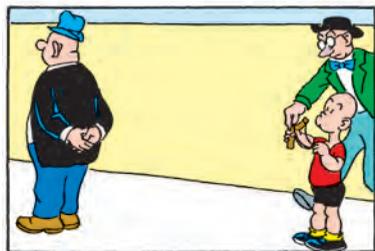
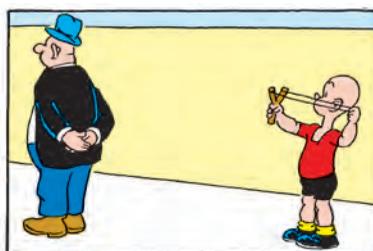
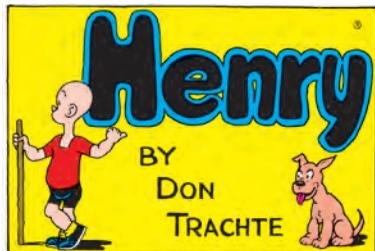
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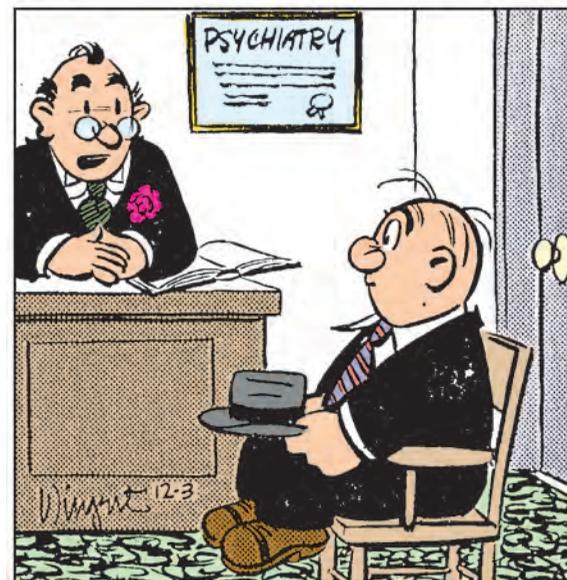


Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"According to my findings, you're so normal it practically amounts to a complex."

LAFF - A - DAY



"I think that was a rather mean way to break off our engagement, Alice!"

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps





Big Money
Pensacola Beach Chamber of Commerce representatives accept the ceremonial check for \$281,500 in BP grant monies awarded from the Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotion Fund, November 27. Attending the ceremony at Pensacola State College are (L to R): Board Member Nan Harper, President Nicole Stacey, BP Fund Administrator Patrick Juneau and Chamber Chairman Elect Beverly Campbell. The grant will be used to support and promote Taste of the Beach, September 14-15.

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The School Bell Rings

HIGH MARKS

Island Times congratulates the following Gulf Breeze High School students for being named to the Honor roll for the first nine week grading period:

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A/B

Eric Post, Michael Lillo, James Baynes, Chase Dupuis, Thomas Fitzgerald, Kyle Fogel, Paige Ritter, Harley Taylor, Oceane Ziegler.

Juniors

All As

Savannah Dunne, Mitchell Robbins, Bailey Trzcinski

A/B

Christopher Brandon, Reghan Elliott, Kylie Feltenberger, Cate Hodges, Kimberly Stilson,

Sophomores

All As

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John Grigsby, Mary Klisart, William Royer, Morgan Armstrong

Freshmen

All As

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A/B

Jace Amberson, Shane Imm, Lia Lampone, Emily Larsen, Lexi McNamara, James Seabrooke, Gage Smith, Cassidy Stahl, Alexandra Slobodian, Marley Taylor, Hannah Watson, Trey Wright.

JINGLE BELLS

The talented students at Pensacola Beach Elementary School present their annual Holiday Concert, Friday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. The concert is open to the public and offered at no charge. Music teacher Mary Holway is the director.

TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE

The National Geographic Bee preliminary round was held at Gulf Breeze Middle School December 7. Ten students will emerge from the field of 30 participants. The ten contestants will participate in the Final Bee which takes place on Friday, December 14. The contests are hosted in the Middle School library. The winner will take a written test administered by JoAnn Considine, Bee Coordinator, with hopes of qualifying for the State Bee.

GET IN THE KREWE

The corral is open for kids to join the Krewe of Kids. Sign up at 2 p.m. January 5 at the Beach Church. Ten dollars to join. The Krewe Captain Diana Harvey invites all kids fifth grade or younger to be part of the fun. Pre-schoolers are welcome with an adult partner.

ON THE CALENDAR

December 19 - January 2: Semester break for Pensacola Beach and Gulf Breeze Schools.

Sandpipers Add To The Flock

By Katie Turk
PBES Correspondent

The Pensacola Beach Elementary School Sandpipers are lucky to welcome Connor Graham! Connor is lucky because

he has joined Mrs. Campanella's second grade class! Connor's family moved to the beautiful beaches because his dad coaches the Ice Flyers hockey team. Besides watching hockey Connor

enjoys playing kickball, football and with Legos. When he grows up he wants to be a firefighter.

We'll have to take him to the fire station across the street. Mrs. Campanella and Conner are sure to get along because they both love math. Pensacola Beach Elementary School is thankful to the Ice Flyers for bringing Connor's family here.



New Beach School Second Grader Connor Graham, left, being interviewed by Island Times Junior Reporter Katie Turk under the bulletin board created to welcome Graham to school.



Gulf Breeze High School ROTC Cadet Corps Leader Parker VanTassel marches with precision down Shoreline Drive during the Gulf Breeze Chamber Christmas parade December 1.

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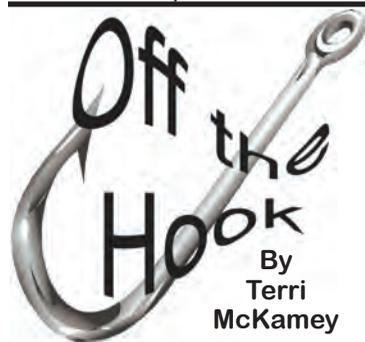
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Soundside Snorkeling Area Receives Rock And Reef Materials

Pensacola Beach's soundside snorkeling reef just got more interesting for visiting people and wildlife. Three concrete reef modules and 10 tons of faux "ballast rock" were deployed at the Bay Snorkeling Reef located approximately 100 yards north of Park West on November 30.

SeaRest, Inc., donated the materials to Escambia County to provide additional habitat within the snorkeling reef. The faux ballast rock is the first phase of an Escambia County project to simulate the remains of a centuries-old shipwreck.

"It's common to find ballast rock at shipwreck locations," said Director of Escambia County Marine Services Robert Turpin. "The ship wrecks, the wood can wash away, but the ballast rock remains. These rocks are replicas of what would be found."

Plans include adding items of interest such as replica cannons, according to Turpin.

He added, "This creates visual interest. It's just cool. And attracts more marine life"

The reef is located in Santa Rosa Bay (Lat. 30-19.673', Lon. 87-10.870') about 100 yards due north of Park West. Immediately after construction, swimmers and snorkelers can access this reef from the parking lot on the north side of Ft. Pickens Road.

This new addition will complement the current 80 foot by 80 foot reef of 49 prefabricated concrete modules, ranging from 375 pounds to 4,200 pounds each. The four corners of the



The barge and crane crew begin to deploy three concrete reef modules and ten tons of ballast rock replicas at the soundside snorkeling reef, November 30.



Robert Turpin, Escambia County Marine Resources, holds one of the replica ballast rocks. The rocks were added to the soundside snorkeling reef, November 30.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. If you think the fishing over, think again! The Reds are still around for anglers like you to go after. Even though November has come and gone, don't worry, if you still want to do some of the finest inshore fishing around you've got time. December is another great month for the "Monster Reds."

Forecast: With the tides this week, the upper bay areas should stay productive. As for the Big Reds, well this has been the winter of the "Monster Reds."

We may be getting some more rain this week, which is okay; some is needed to help the fishing.

If you are looking for Bull Redfish, the place to be seems to be along the beach between Pensacola and Perdido Pass. Those fishing Pensacola Pass at night have also been catching their share of fish. Once you have found a school feeding on the surface they will eat just about anything, but a fairly heavy buck-tail jig is always a good choice.

You can pretty much bet on being able to catch some White Trout around the Pensacola Bay Bridge, but the consensus has been that many of them are small. They can be caught using a variety of both natural baits and artificial lures.

Sheepshead have been another pretty consistent find for inshore anglers lately. Look for them around structures with barnacles like bridge pilings, rock jetties, or deep docks and sea walls. Fiddlers crabs have been hard to find, so most anglers have been using live shrimp.

Bonita have been all over the piers. Seems like every time you throw out there's another one. Good fun with these fish.

So in between all the holiday festivities take a little time out to grab a kid and go fishing! See ya out there.



Robert Turpin, Escambia County Marine Resources, left, is assisted by Rick O'Connor, Marine Sea Grant Extension Agent during the November 30 reef material deployment.

reef area are marked by pilings. There is ample parking and no charge to access the snorkeling reef.

There are a few rules. Florida Law requires use of "Divers-down Flag." The Snorkeling Reef is not patrolled by lifeguards; use at own risk. Be aware of Vessels, dangerous marine life, strong wave surge and currents. Always dive with a buddy. Use a personal flotation device, snorkeling vest or other buoyancy aid. Snorkelers and divers should adhere to beach warning flags.

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