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The 49th Street South Business Association, also known as So49.org, has donated \$5,000 to All Children's Hospital, the money culled from the organization's highly successful Tangerine Blues Fest. So49.org, consisting of independent businesses along 49th Street South in Gulfport and St. Petersburg, increased its donation from \$1,200 in 2010.

Organizers are grateful to their sponsors — the City of St. Petersburg, City of Gulfport and Gulfport Chamber of Commerce — as well as the many volunteers who gave their time.

So49.org will present its \$5,000 check on the Children's Miracle Network Telethon in June.

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## Three Cheers for Christmas



Sierra Chatterton, a late addition to the St. John Vianney cheerleaders, practices her cheers.

In preparation of St. Pete Beach's holiday parade, the parade-makers put the finishing touches on their routines. Almost 60 girls from St. John Vianney's varsity cheer team and spirit club fluffed their pom-poms and practiced their smiles as they waited for the parade to start.

## Gulfport Council Race is On

By Cathy Salustri

Four Gulfport residents will compete for two seats on the city council.

Ward One, currently represented by David Hastings, has two contenders – councilman Hastings and Dan Liedtke.

Mr. Hastings is an accountant. Mr. Liedtke and his wife own a consulting business. Both contenders live in the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club.

James Perry will run against the Ward Three incumbent, Jennifer Salmon.

Dr. Salmon lists four sources of income on her qualifying paperwork: promoting the arts at Ruth Eckerd Hall, social security, her salary as a councilmember, and Eckerd College. Mr. Perry owns his own business and earns his living as a cabinetmaker and finish carpenter.

Voters in both those districts will choose their representative on Tuesday, March 13. Councilmembers serve two-year terms and earn \$7,200 per year.

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## Revised Ballot Mailing Schedule

On December 15, the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections will mail approximately 1,000 ballots to absent military and overseas voters requested to date for the January 31, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary. State law requires ballots for absent military and overseas

voters to be mailed at least 45 days prior to an election.

Absent military and overseas voters include all active-duty military, their spouses and dependents, currently absent from their places of residence; and civilians who are U.S. citizens residing outside the United States.

Additional mail ballot requests will be fulfilled daily as received. To request a mail ballot, visit www.votePinellas.com, call 727-464-VOTE (464-8683), or email absentee@votePinellas.com.

Daily ballot requests and ballot mailing updates are posted to the Supervisor of Elections Web site, www.votePinellas.com, under the Current Elections tab, once mailings begin.

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## Montessori School Donates to Library

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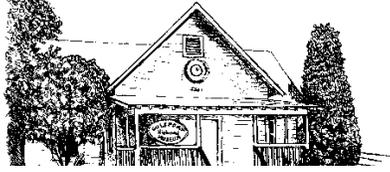
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News from the  
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## Christmas Potluck Dinner Tonight

The Gulfport Historical Society will hold its annual potluck dinner on Thursday, December 15th at 6 p.m. at the Historical Museum, 5301 28th Avenue S. The Society will furnish ham and soft drinks.

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All Neighbors living in the Zone 1 Crime Watch area are invited to the 3rd Annual Holiday Pot Luck to be held Saturday, December 17th from 5-7 p.m. The address is 1513 Gray Street S.

Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share and enjoy the camaraderie with your fellow neighbors during this special time of year.

For more information or to join the Zone 1 Crime Watch e-mail

list, send contact information to:  
Stevenkarbowski@msn.com.

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## Free Family Movie Day

The Gulfport Public Library is offering a free family movie day on Saturday, December 17th, starting at 11 a.m. Movies include "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" [G] at 11 a.m., then "Rango" at 11:30 a.m. followed by "Cowboys and Aliens" [PG-13]. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by the Library. For more information, call 727-893-1074.

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Bob Worthington prepares burgers for Gulfport's employee luncheon.

Sam Rivera, the city's Information Technology director, coordinated this year's appreciation luncheon at Scout Hall.

When the city disposes of derelict boats, Bob and Louie Worthington harvest the lead in the keels and sell whatever else remains of value on the vessel, according to Rivera.

"That money goes into the city coffers specifically for employee appreciation," Rivera said. This past Friday, city enjoyed the benefits of the Worthington's labor: hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken wings, and all the fixings.

## First Annual Ornament Exchange on Saturday

Grab your friends and warm your hearts for the holidays on Saturday, December 17th from 3-6 p.m. at the Gulfport Arts Center, 2726 54th Street S. in Gulfport for the First Annual City of Imagination/Gulfport Arts Center Ornament Exchange. You can bring a handmade ornament, a retired favorite or a commercial one which will be exchanged through the objectivity and magic of numbers. If you also want to join the friendly competition (complete with prizes) that ornament must be handcrafted. The judges will be all who bring ornaments. They will be treats and maybe even some spontaneous caroling. Artists may also bring their handcrafted ornaments to sell on the Arts Center Community table.

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## Chamber wants you to Shop Locally

'Tis the season...to shop locally. The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce joins the campaign to focus on local businesses this holiday season. The Chamber office will have gift certificates from local retailers to help you with your gift list. They'll even put it in a gift bag, and add a tag-your shopping is all wrapped up!

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## Community Band Announces Free Holiday Concert

The very popular South Pasadena Community Band holiday concert will be December 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gulfport Casino. The annual concert celebrating the festive time of the year has become a staple in the area's holiday fare and this year features a wide variety of music of the season. The concert is free.

Max Millspaugh, Musical Director of the band said "We have titled this concert 'Holiday Time is Here' and the band will present a program including everything from the holiday standards like 'A Christmas Festival' by Leroy Anderson to a unique little arrangement called 'Stars and Stripes Christmas'. Along the way we will play a very nice chart entitled 'A Chanukah Celebration' and 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas'. Truly we have something for everyone in this concert", he concluded.

Mike Yakes, Mayor of Gulfport, noted that the Casino venue provides adequate free parking and handicapped accessibility. The Mayor also said that refreshments will be available throughout the concert. "The City of Gulfport is pleased to host this holiday concert for our city residents and the neighboring communities. The Casino as well as the entire downtown will be decorated to reflect the celebration of the holiday season. All of the area restaurants will be open for everyone to have

dinner on their way to the concert or to stop for refreshment following the event. The band always presents an outstanding concert and this concert is one of the highlights of the season in Gulfport," he concluded.

Seating capacity has been increased for the concerts at the Casino. The City of Gulfport and the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce sponsor the concerts by The South Pasadena Band which is a community relations initiative of the City of South Pasadena.

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## Corey Fresh Market

The new Corey Fresh Market on Corey Avenue will host "Lindy Romez" with her "Healing Through

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## Carols by Candlelight

By Lion Jim Minder

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Norman Xanders, Lions Past District Governor, plays our Christmas carols on his many musical instruments. Many of you who have attended one of our many pancake breakfasts

fundraisers have heard Norman before and you know how good he is. For those of you who have never heard Norman Xander's music before, allow me to tell you that you are in for a treat.

After our third set, you will be able to enjoy some of our baked goods prepared by our Gulfport Lions Club members. We will have complimentary cookies, cakes, pies and other pastry goodies. We will also serve coffee and punch.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2012.

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## Seeking Donations for the Homeless

GULFPORT- A collection site has been established for donations of shoes, socks, jackets and blankets to be distributed to homeless individuals and families in Pinellas County. Y Not Ministries, a Gulfport youth services group, is organizing the collection. New and gently used items can be dropped off at T and Me Tea Company, 2908 1/2 Beach Blvd. S. in Gulfport's Art Village Courtyard. Donations will be accepted through December 23rd and items will be distributed on Christmas Eve. For more information, contact Tania Morrison-Clark at 727-331-9262 or email tandmetecompany@aol.com.

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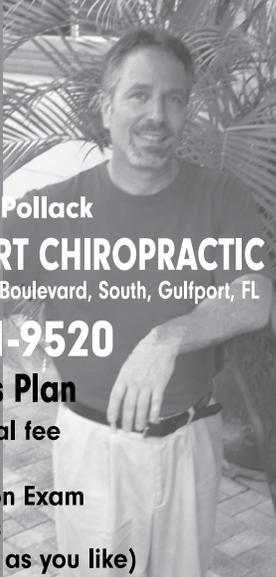
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## Christmas Duck?

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## 2012 Bark for Art Calendar

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### THIRD SATURDAY EVENTS:

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December 17 - Ornament Exchange, 3pm  
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## Sculptural Welding Course Starts Tonight

Today is the last chance to register for the new 12-hour Sculptural Welding class at the Industrial Arts Center December 15-18. This in-depth basic class is limited to only four students ages 12 to adult. Students will make one or more finished pieces. "Sculptural Welding is a terrific way to cultivate creativity.

This beginning course is designed as an introduction to the techniques necessary to explore this medium," says Schork, who will be opening the Schork-Munsell Studios 2 in Gulfport in mid-December.

The Industrial Arts Center is located at 2902 A Beach Boulevard South in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard. For more information, call the IAC at 727-289-9365 or visit [www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org](http://www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org).

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## City of Gulfport Holiday Decorations Contest

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Contest. Stop by the Gulfport Recreation Center or City Hall to pick up an application to enter your home or business. "Santa and his Elves" will be judging on Monday evening, December 19th. No one knows what time the big red sleigh will travel through the City of Gulfport, but please be ready by 6 p.m. Deadline to enter the contest is noon, Monday, Dec. 19th. There are two theme categories: general and commercial. The general theme is for single/

joint home only and the commercial theme is for single/joint business and professional locations, including home occupations. Winners will be announced in the Dec. 22nd edition of the Gulfport Gabber. Winners will be recognized and presented plaques at the Gulfport's City Council meeting (televised) on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7 p.m. It's time to show off your fantastic holiday creation! Call 893-1068 for further information.

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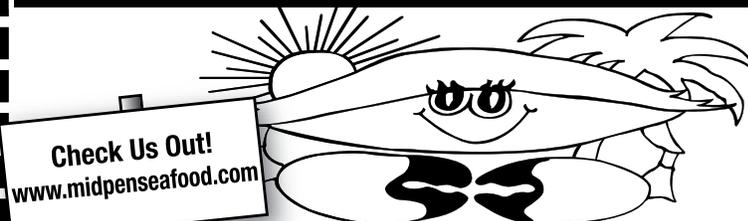
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# Letters

## “What’s Wrong, you having a bad day!”

**Dear Editor:** The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) came to my place and took stuff out of my back yard. How can he do that? How could this happen, didn’t you have any warning. I got a notice that my grass was too tall, that there were construction materials lying around and that I had golf car parts in my back yard.

The reinspection date was Thanksgiving, and by then the grass had been mowed, the wood picked up and I left the golf car parts where they were in my backyard. But Thursday, according to my neighbors the CEO and a crew came to my house and hauled off my golf car body that was in my back yard, mowed down all my lilies growing by the side of my garage and mowed down all my wild flowers and plants growing along the curb (I might add legally allowed in GP) into a foot from the street.

I feel violated as I conformed to the code violation requests and yet the CEO still felt compelled to come to my property, bring along a crew and “clean” up my property. First off I could not understand how a golf car body in my back yard could be a violation or any of his business since he is supposed to keep the neighborhood tidy and my back yard should be off limits.

But it goes further back than that. The CEO and I never hit it off as buddies. In actuality, probably the reverse is true. He developed a close to vengeful relationship with me. He could always spot when those few strands of grass would struggle between the rocks in my rock yard. He knew exactly when my car tags expired and even marked them before the state said the renewals were due (only once though). In 2005, he told me the daisies and grasses growing over the curb were in violation of city ordinance. I protested, because there is no such ordinance in Gulfport, and after reluctantly agreeing with me, the Community Development Department submitted just such an ordinance to the city council. Subsequently the proposed ordinance was defeated and yet the

CEO continued to violate others in town for the very same fictitious ordinance. The CEO is what got me involved in city politics. His injustices were pointed out by me to the city council whenever I got word that the CEO had been over zealous in his violation curriculum. This is what representative democracy is all about.

But his attention to me did not wane with time, on the contrary it increased. When I opened a business in Gulfport, he never failed to tell me when things weren’t quite right around the store. Finally due to the economy and lack of business I moved my shop to Seminole. I continued to do business with my Gulfport customers from my shop in Seminole. One day a city official called one of my Gulfport customers and told them that if they continued to do business with me they would be given code violations. The customer demanded his car back that I had in for repairs, for they did not want to have to deal with code violations. That is when I knew that the attention would never stop and that being active in the city was not helping the situation one bit. The CEO had proved to me that he was willing to win at all costs and a subsequent conversation with the City Manager confirmed that he supported the CEO’s actions and things weren’t likely to change.

So for over a year and a half I have done everything possible to remain below the radar, the CEO continued his surveillance of my property and would stop whenever he saw me in front of the house to talk about one violation or another that I was accused of. I remember one particular day when he pointed out to me a code violation and when I asked him why he didn’t bother one of my neighbors across the street who had a code violation in plain view, he told me “we don’t want to piss him off”.

After I found out about the CEO taking my golf car body, I went to the police department to file a report. I filled out a little strip of paper with my name address and phone number on it. Within minutes the receptionist says I need to go talk to code enforcement about this.

Did I miss something here? So here I am requesting help from our police department and they send me to the people responsible for taking my property.

I called the city attorney and asked him two questions. First I asked what law gave the CEO the right to come into my back yard. Secondly I asked him what law gave him the right to take my personal possessions. He told me both were legal activities and I asked him to email me the laws. He said he would. He emailed me the law on the first but not on the second question.

The city attorney cited Gulfport Code section 12-6.1. Which reads: “Any police officer, environmental safety officer or other official of the city designated to enforce the provisions of this article shall have full authority to enter in or upon any property in which a violation of this article is suspected, as provided by law.”

I looked up another law that seems to be in conflict with that code section. United States Constitution Amendment 4 which states: “The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

So which is it citizens of Gulfport, will we continue to live by code section 12-6.1 or the other lesser known law? The city council should be ashamed of what is happening to some of the people in town who are on the CEO’s hit list.

And my neighbors say that my house looks no better or no worse than before the CEO’s crew worked over my property. SO WHAT WAS THE POINT?

Jim Greenwald

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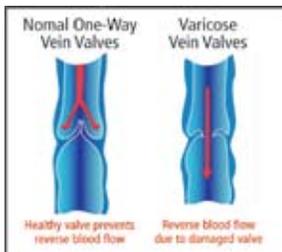
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The January 12th bus trip to the Morse Museum in Winter Park is fast approaching. So far about 20 people have signed up to view the Tiffany Glass collection. The bus holds 32 people and must be filled or the trip will be cancelled.

The cost is \$20 (bus, entrance fee, taxes and tip for the driver). Checks should be made out to the Gulfport Garden and Bird Club and sent to Barbara Dye, 2613 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport, FL 33707 by December 15th.

It is not necessary to be a garden club member to go on the trip. For more information, call Joyce McMahon (321-9029). Plans call for the bus to leave from the Senior Center on January 12th at 9 a.m.; please park in the library parking lot.

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**Tiffany Anderson-Taylor, Gulfport:** "Pizzelle."  
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**Patti Jagisch, St. Petersburg:** "Snickerdoodles."  
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**Rhonda Riccio, Wesley Chapel:** "They're Italian cookies - I'm not sure what they're called. They have figs on the inside and a very thin frosting and sprinkles."  
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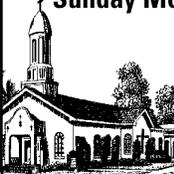
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## Players Audition for "An Inspector Calls"

The Gulfport Community Players will be holding auditions for a J. B. Priestley drama entitled, "An Inspector Calls", on Monday, January 2nd and Tuesday, January 3rd. The auditions will be held at 7 p.m. at the Players' Back Door Theater located at 1619 49th Street S. in Gulfport. It is suggested that you show up a little earlier than 7 p.m. to fill out a short audition form.

Robert Colwell will be the director for this intriguing 3-act drama that takes place on a single night in 1912. Robert will need three females, ages 23 to 60, and four males, ages 18 to 65. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. All interested people are urged to try out for a part, regardless of their level of experience.

The play focuses on the prosperous middle-class Birling family, who get a surprise visit from a man calling himself Inspector Goole.

The Inspector questions the family about the suicide of a young working-class woman named Eva Smith. As the family is interrogated, it comes to light that this family has been responsible for the young woman's exploitation, abandonment, and social ruin, effectively leading to her death. But, there is a bit of a twist at the very end of the play!

This play has long been considered part of the repertory of classic "drawing room" theater and has been hailed as a scathing critique of the hypocrisies of Victorian/Edwardian English society.

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7:00 p.m. Carols and Candles  
11:00 p.m. Carols, Candlelight & Communion

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# Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 24

## Chew the Fat

### ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_-Croatian
- 6 Rushed along
- 10 Send forth
- 14 Composer of *The Merry Widow*
- 15 \_\_\_ Rider
- 16 Precedes arm or kick
- 17 The Omni, e.g.
- 18 Short holiday
- 19 Russian despot
- 20 Face the music
- 23 Six games
- 24 Galley propellers
- 25 Liner location
- 28 \_\_\_ *Doubtfire*
- 29 Paul Bunyan's tool
- 30 *Xanadu* rockers
- 31 Kenyan tribe
- 34 Travis Bickle drove one
- 36 Egyptian sun god
- 37 Derisive retort to one's rival
- 40 Palm cockatoos
- 41 Monstrous Scottish loch
- 42 Articles
- 43 Drivel
- 44 "\_\_\_ not what your country..."
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- 46 Cause of weakness
- 48 Prevaricated
- 50 Pages from *Newsweek*
- 53 Difficult to accept
- 56 Dr. Frankenstein's aide
- 58 Let sleeping \_\_\_ lie
- 59 Ingenuous
- 60 Uprising at Folsom
- 61 Place
- 62 Birdie's cry
- 63 Rooney role
- 64 Otherwise
- 65 Famed surrealist

### DOWN

- 1 Hunks of meat
- 2 Creepy
- 3 Scarlett fever cause?
- 4 Ruin, to Keats
- 5 Handel opus
- 6 Merlin, at times
- 7 Sonnet segments
- 8 Jacob's twin
- 9 Reading impairment
- 10 Cosmetician Lauder
- 11 Amorous plant?
- 12 Author Tarbell
- 13 AK, once
- 21 Possesses

### 22 Potassium hydroxide

- 26 Guts
- 27 Dos and \_\_\_
- 28 Say Hey Kid
- 29 Lines in geometry
- 31 Stiller's partner
- 32 He finished with 755
- 33 Colorado acquired in it 1876
- 34 *Star* \_\_\_
- 35 Signs of comprehension
- 36 \_\_\_ boy!
- 38 Remove burden
- 39 Good \_\_\_
- 44 Precedes force and mail
- 45 A \_\_\_ *Good Men*
- 47 1955 Paddy Chayefsky film
- 48 Seats at the Bijou
- 49 Point of concern
- 50 1979 Sigourney Weaver thriller
- 51 Symbols of peace
- 52 Took the series without a loss
- 54 Work away
- 55 Cowardly Lion portrayer
- 56 *Rosemary's Baby* author Levin
- 57 \_\_\_ rummy

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## This Weekend at the IAC

This weekend brings more opportunities to gift yourself and someone you love at the Industrial Arts Center. This is a wonderful time of year to give yourself the gift of learning a new artistic medium and create a one-of-a-kind glass art gift for a loved one while you're at it. Gulfport's community hot shop will be open Friday night, December 16 for the monthly Glass Blowing Ladies Night, from 6-10 p.m. The Kids Art Club starts at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, December 17. After a break, the IAC glass blowing team will return Saturday night for the Gulfport Art Walk. The Fun with Hot Glass all day workshop follows on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For information about any of these classes visit [www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org](http://www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org) or call 727-289-9365.

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## Stretch and Tone Returns in January

Stretch and Tone will be back in January at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Come check out this fun class full of great people lead by Jean. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. The fee will be \$3 for each class. Bring mat and light weights. Call John at 893-1079 with questions.

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Today, December 15th, the Lithuanian-American Club is holding an ethnic Lithuanian Christmas Bazaar at 4880 46th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg beginning at 11 a.m. Event features ethnic homemade baked goods, straw ornaments, amber jewelry and decorations as well as imported Lithuanian alcohol and beer will be available to purchase. At 1 p.m. the club will serve its Thursday luncheon of Cepelinai (potato meat dumplings) with bacon and sour cream. Dessert and coffee are included in the \$7 price. Call Vida at 866-7936. All are welcome.

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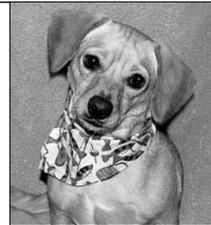
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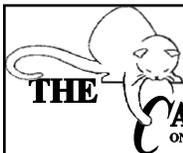


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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The early week brings the disorienting sensation of wandering in the dark, as the nights leading up to the longest night of the year can have a kind of blinding effect. You might enjoy this time as a child enjoys a game of Pin the Tail on the Donkey. December 21 brings the winter solstice, a time to celebrate the joyous return of the light. The Capricorn solar journey will remind us how important it is to keep striving toward the sun.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you heed the whispering wind, your wanderings often bring fantastic serendipity. However, there are weeks like this one when the wind doesn't seem to be telling you anything in particular and you'd rather have a good plan. So you'll carefully plot your intentions, and fortune will find you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Having compassion for others helps you live peaceably. Turning that compassion toward yourself will make you resilient, strong and able to deal more easily with the setbacks that are a normal part of the human condition. You'll enjoy your experience as you move through the ups and downs baggage-free.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll do what you do for the love of it. There may be money involved this week, but that's not a significant motivator for you. What really excites you is that you keep finding beauty in your activities. The more you commit yourself the more beauty keeps showing up.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Some say humans can see about 10 million different colors. Others say the number is infinite because each color changes depending on its viewing condition and who is observing it. This week brings colors you've never seen before, and you'll enjoy the changing scenery.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You understand what it means to be committed to your passions. In order to say yes to your goals, you have to say no quite a lot to the things

that are not in line with them. New inspiration comes into your life this week that motivates you to continue to choose in favor of your dreams.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). It takes a certain amount of planning to expand your mind. You'll investigate two topics of interest in particular over the course of the week. Consider participating in related gatherings and discussions in the new year. Not only will you make friends there, but it won't be long before you're a star of the scene.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll stretch in a way you can be proud of this week. At times, you may wonder whether the discomfort you feel is worth the effort. Your fellow Gemini said it best: "Happiness is neither virtue nor pleasure nor this thing nor that but simply growth. We are happy when we are growing." -- W.B. Yeats

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You may not have the tools or resources needed to succeed in a venture. But if you can manage to stay relaxed, your imagination will fill in the gap. Also, being bold enough to ask for help will make a difference. Your intention to do your best is a constant. Keep going forward no matter what.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). About 5,000 asteroids are discovered each month. Of course, they've been there all along, but so have a lot of things that are yet to be discovered. You'll make at least five juicy discoveries this week, as your mind is more curious than it has been in weeks, and your internal compass will lead you to answers.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some feel a pressure to go through life comparing and contrasting their efforts and outcomes with those of everyone else. You feel sorry for them. Not everything has to be judged, and most things are best understood through nonjudgmental observation. If you have to make an assessment, it will be positive.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In order to keep connected with a friend, you'll have to make an effort to extend yourself. It may seem

that you are always the one to facilitate connection, but it's always worthwhile for you to do so. You don't mind being cast in the role, as it's a talent of yours to think of others and find ways to include them.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As much as you desire to find love and contentment with someone who can be a meaningful partner, it's not your primary focus right now. And that's precisely what brings love nearer to you. You're so magnetically attractive as you pursue interests that are centered in your individual curiosities and passions.

**This Week's Birthdays:** You have realistic goals, and yet you are most motivated by one that's slightly unrealistic. Go for it regardless of your chances. Challenges bring out your best. The new year will shift the way you view family. Changing priorities in January flip your schedule topsy-turvy, too. Things normalize in February. Something you planted long ago will finally mature in March. Loved ones show appreciation in surprising ways this summer. You'll travel in May and October.

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## Music at Gulfport Beach Pavilion

**Monday, 1-3:30 p.m.**

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**Tuesday, 1-3:00 p.m.**

Entertainment by Mark Blackwell & his harmonica

**Wednesday, 1-3:30 p.m.**

Karaoke by Arlene & Len - The Melody Tunes

**Thursday, 1-3:00 p.m.**

Karaoke by Cookie and Dave

**Friday, 2-4:00 p.m.**

Entertainment by "Geno"

**Saturday, 1-3:00 p.m.**

Music for listening & dancing by Chicago Rich or by Overdue Bill

**Sunday, 1-3:00 p.m.**

Entertainment for dancing by Woody & his accordian

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## December Jazz Concerts

The Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will sponsor two December concerts. On Thursday, December 15th, Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps will play from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Bilmar Beach Resort in Treasure Island. Admission is \$7. Call 727-522-6877.

On Sunday, December 18th, The Dixie Chaps will play from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo in conjunction with the Gardens Light Show. Park admission is \$2, concert is free.

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## Concert at Pasadena Community Church

Pasadena Community Church invites you and all your friends, family and neighbors to the Community Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18th at 7 p.m. It will feature the Choir, Camerata, Florida Orchestra Brass Quintet and other guest instrumentalists. With narration by Tracy Alan Hughes, the Christmas Story is told with wonderful new settings of many Christmas favorites including: "Sweet Little Jesus Boy", "Mary Had a Baby", "O Come, All Ye Faithful", "Shepherd's Pipe Carol", "Go Tell It on the Mountain", "Do You Hear What I Hear" and many others. There is no admission charged, an offering will be taken.

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### ACTIVITIES

**Open Gym**- Tues., 6-9 p.m. and Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res./\$22 non-resident

**The Game Room**- Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$20 non-res.

### PROGRAMS

#### **2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

The School Year Child Care Program is for children entering Kindergarten thru age 14. It is also a quality program which provides a nurturing atmosphere where each child has the opportunity to experience many recreational, social, creative and enriching activities at a cost affordable to families. The program is licensed by the Pinellas County License Board. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

#### **2011-2012 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM**

The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 18 (if still in high school). It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the

gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

#### **2011-2012 TOT TIME & VPK PROGRAMS**

The Tot Time & VPK Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who have turned 4 years of age by September 1st. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten. The Tot Time Program cost is a non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents with two, three and five-day monthly options available. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The VPK Program is FREE but parents must apply at Coordinated Child Care to receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Both programs are limited to 10 children each. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Hours for registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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#### **CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.**

- Cheerleading- Starts November 3rd. 5:45-6:30 p.m. Call Alison at 410-2227.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.

• Gymnastics-Fri. 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

• Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.

• Stretch N Tone Returns in January. Call John at 893-1079

• Tai Chi - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.

• Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 280-4276.

• Walking Club Returns Thur., Jan. 5th. Call John at 893-1079

• Watercolor with Patsi - Beginners/Intermediate - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.

• Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., from 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

• Yoga-Wed., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

• Zumba- Call Valerie at 557-4258.

#### **TOMLINSON SKATE PARK**

Effective October 1st, all skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a new City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson Lake Skate Park. Stickers MUST be visibly placed on the helmet. Annual fee for stickers is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Also, all skaters/bicyclists 17 years of age or younger MUST have a signed parental consent form filed at the Gulfport Recreation Center which is located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Availability to register: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Stickers valid from October 1, 2011 - September 30, 2012.

Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



## Gulfport Library

**5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074  
or fax 893-1072**

**Pinellas County Food Council:** Thursday, December 15, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Organizational meeting. FMI, call 407-595-8103.

**Free Family Movie Day:** Saturday, December 17, starting at 11:00 am, The Grinch Who Stole Christmas [G]; 11:30am Rango [PG]; 2:00 pm Cowboys and Aliens [PG-13]. Enjoy with free popcorn provided by the Library! FMI, call 893-1074.

**Suncoast Hospice:** Tuesday, January 10, 10 am - 2 pm. Recruiting new volunteers in this area. FMI, call 773-7124.

**Winter Crafts Program:** Saturday, January 21, 1:30 pm in Youth Services area. Enjoy making seasonal creations with Pat. All ages welcome.

**Kill-a-Watt Energy Saving Program:** Saturday, January 28, 10 - 11 am. James

Stevenson of Pinellas County Extension Service will instruct on use of the devices, which will also be available for loan from the Library.

**Read to Linda, one of our staff members:** Mondays, 2:00-3:00pm. Sign up for a 15-minute time slot at the Circulation Desk. All ages welcome.

**One-on-One Computer Instruction:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 am-1:00 pm. First come, first served.

**Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step) Meeting:** Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. FMI: Call 727-323-7660.

**Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers:** Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

**Game on! Teen Board Game Afternoons:** Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30pm. Stop by after school to challenge your opponents!

**"World Harmony" Art Exhibit:** Display of artworks by Sri Chimnoy. The late artist was renowned worldwide for his colorful paintings promoting peace. Frances Purdy Friends Room Gallery Walls.

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# Services

## Senior Center

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Gulfport Historical Calendars** for 2012 are now on sale for \$5 at the Senior Center.

**Wanted: Used Cell Phones & Batteries:** Please send your used cell phones and phone batteries our way! We make good use of them!

**Coupon Club:** Come join our Coupon Club on Fridays at 11am. Bring unwanted coupons for a coupon exchange and learn some tips on how to better save money at the grocery store. Bring a friend.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

**Senior Trips:** Want to enjoy some day trips with other seniors? Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for more info on 1, 2 or 3 day trips.

**Holiday Dance:** Come to our next Tea Dance on Tues. Dec. 20 at 2pm with live music by Chuck and Friends. Admission: \$2.00. The dances will be held once a month. Mark your calendar now for Tues. Jan. 31.

**Line Dancing** is offered every Thurs. at 9:30am at Scout Hall (5315 28th Ave. S.). Great exercise and fun!

**Trolley Night Light Tour:** Last call for Gulfport seniors to participate in an open trolley tour of Gulfport's holiday light displays on Mon. Dec. 19. Meet in the Senior Center lobby at 6pm for hot chocolate and cookies. The trolley tour starts at 6:30pm. Call the Senior Center if you would like to join us!

**Holiday Senior Follies:** Sorry, no more tickets available for the Joe Koehler Senior Follies Holiday Show on Wed. Dec. 21.

### SPECIAL SERVICES

**Transportation Service:** GEMS Door-to-door transportation service for Gulfport seniors 55 and over is available Mon. thru Fri. 8:15am to 4pm. Annual registration fee is \$55 and each one

way ride is \$1. Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more info.

**AARP Driving Class:** are offered on the first two Tuesdays of every month at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. Call 727-341-0130 to register for January.

**Elder Law Clinic:** Volunteer attorneys will assist clients 60 and over with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, and health care surrogates on Fri. Dec. 16 at 9:30am. Must meet income criteria. Call for more info.

**Phones for Hearing Impaired:** Phones will be distributed at no cost to Floridians who are hearing impaired on Tues. Dec. 20 at 9:30am. Courtesy of Deaf & Hearing Connection.

### Coming in January

**Mon. Jan. 9 at 1pm:** Memory Workshop (call to reserve)

**Tues. Jan. 17 at 1pm:** Great Backyard Bird Count Presentation

**Mon. Jan. 23, 9-noon:** Annual Health & Beauty Fair. Lunch Ticket: \$3 (must purchase in advance)

**Wed. Jan. 25, 1pm:** Senior Talent Show in Hickman Theater, Tickets \$5.00

### Support Groups

**Diabetic Support** on Mondays at 9:30am

**Hearing Support** 1st & 3rd Mon. at 2pm

**Visually Impaired Support**, 2nd & 4th Mon. at 2pm.

**Caregivers:** Every Wed. at 2pm

**More Activities:** To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety, please log onto [HYPERLINK "http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org"](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org) www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org.

**Neighborhood Center**  
**1617 49th St. So./893-1070**  
**Faith Cathedral International Church:**  
9:30am, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays;  
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**Overeaters Anonymous:** Sun.  
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**Friday, Dec. 16**

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all boaters. Graduates qualify for a Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card and may qualify for insurance discounts.

Course will be offered at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$35 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at [www.boating-stpete.org](http://www.boating-stpete.org).

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## Use These Tips for a Greener Holiday

The holidays are a season for giving, but we often end up giving too much to the landfill. Gift wrap, packaging and party goods add up to truckloads

of extra garbage. Start your own traditions to reduce, reuse and recycle your holiday trash.

Green holiday tips:

- Save holiday wrappings such as gift bags, ribbons, bows, boxes and plastic peanuts to use again.
  - Replace incandescent Christmas lights with energy efficient LED lights.
  - Give eco-friendly gifts such as a fishing license or movie tickets instead of "stuff" that will ultimately be tossed.
  - Buy rechargeable batteries and a battery charger to accompany electronic gifts.
  - Draw names for family giving so everyone just gives one person a gift instead of buying for everyone.
  - Find a new home for usable items that have been replaced by visiting the A to Z "Get Rid of It" Guide at [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/getridofit](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/getridofit).
  - Entertain with reusable dishes, silverware and cloth napkins instead of disposable items.
  - Recycle gift wrap, tissue paper or greeting cards with "mixed paper" at curbside or drop-off. For a list of local recycling programs, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/recycle](http://www.pinellascounty.org/recycle).
  - Buy paper items, such as greeting cards, with recycled content.
  - Set up a recycling bin for cans and bottles if you host a holiday party.
  - Reuse an artificial tree, or recycle a "real" Christmas tree. Most cities in Pinellas County collect trees for recycling either at curbside or drop-off sites.
- Visit [www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/holidays](http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/holidays) for more valuable tips to cut holiday waste. For information on recycling, contact Pinellas County Solid Waste at 727-464-7500, or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/recycle](http://www.pinellascounty.org/recycle).

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## Circle of Friends News

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library has a great stocking stuffer available for purchase. The Book Lover's Calendar provides a year's worth of good authors, good books and good reading in a convenient page-a-day desktop calendar. The calendar is attractively packaged and at a price of \$10 is a real deal. Please purchase the calendar at the circulation desk of the Gulfport Library. Limited quantities available so don't delay.

Most books are priced at \$2 or less. They accept donations of books, audio books, CDs and DVDs in good shape; they don't accept 8-track tapes.

Library hours are Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Gulfport library is located at 5501 28th Avenue S. For information contact the library at 727-893-1074.

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## Democratic Club to Hold Holiday Party

On December 15 the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will hold its annual Holiday Party and meeting. Entertainment will be provided by "J & J Express", a delightful musical act that has played all over, from Broadway to Las Vegas. "Toys for Tots" will be collected as well at this festive and timely event. This is a great way to celebrate the end of the year on a high note of camaraderie and optimism.

The meeting, to be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. in Pinellas Park, will start with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m. followed by a delicious buffet dinner at 6:30 (\$15, reservations please) and concludes with their wonderful entertainment. Don't forget to bring those toys for the kids. Everyone is welcome. Reservations and questions can be directed to Betty Morganstein at 727-360-3971.

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## 20 Pets get a new Home for the Holidays



Jacob Aunspaugh came to the Pinellas Paws Cause Saturday with his family. His dad runs the Fire Monkey food truck and they were there as part of the rally. He ended up going home with an early birthday present: a puppy. "I couldn't pass it up," said Jacob, who turns 12 on Tuesday. "I fell in love. Definitely." His father agreed.

There were 20 families who felt the same way, which event organizers said was the best measure of the event's success. In addition to the adoptions, animal lovers came to Pinellas County Animal Services to have fun, get photos with Santa Paws and to enjoy the truck rally, live music and vendors.

## Junior Sungoddess Scholarship is Open

The Suncoasters of St. Petersburg are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2012 Annual Junior Sungoddess Scholarship Program. The Junior Sungoddess program, which began in 1956, is a scholarship-based program which recognizes high school Junior and Senior girls in Pinellas County who display community awareness and involvement, academic achievement, and embody the values and poise to represent the Suncoasters of St. Petersburg as goodwill ambassadors.

Keonna Welch, a freshman at Florida A&M is the current Junior Sungoddess. Keonna was selected last spring while a senior at Gibbs High School.

Over \$7,000 in scholarships and awards were provided to the winner and two runners-up last year.

Applications are available in the Guidance Office at all Pinellas County high schools or by calling the Suncoasters office at 727-821-9888.

All applications must be completed and returned to the Suncoaster office by January 13, 2012. Applicants must be the daughter of a family residing in Pinellas County with plans to further her education after high school and must be 16 years of age by March 1, 2012.

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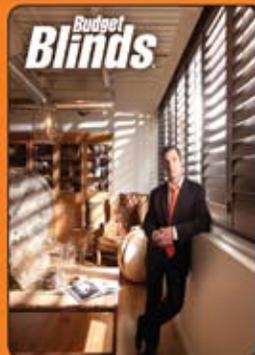
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## Learn How to Play Bridge from the Best

Leslie Shafer, a nationally renowned bridge teacher, will be spending the months of January and February at St. Petersburg Bridge Club to teach several classes.

Leslie is a past president of the American Bridge Teachers Association, a Certified Master Teacher and a national columnist with the American Contract Bridge League. She conducts an excellent and extensive bridge teaching program in Maryland. Leslie's dramatic flair has earned her a reputation as one of the most entertaining bridge teachers in the United States. Her enthusiasm, humor and passion for bridge are contagious.

Leslie, who involves her husband in many of her classes said, "We believe that the more hands you play, the faster you'll learn. We are not lecturers! Rather, we give you a short lesson (usually no more than 10-15 minutes) and then get you playing hands as soon as possible. Playing as many hands as possible in class (and on your own) will give you the confidence and skills you need to succeed. And besides, playing bridge is a lot more fun than hearing a long, dull lecture.

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Leslie will be teaching a beginner's class on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. starting on January 11. The first lesson will be free. She is also teaching classes on Monday and Tuesday mornings for those who have some bridge experience. The classes will be held at the St. Petersburg Bridge Club, 8800 49th Street N., Suite 110, in Pinellas Park starting the week of January 9.

An open house will be held at the club on Monday, January 9 from 6-7 p.m. Visit [www.stpetebridge.org](http://www.stpetebridge.org) or call 727-363-1136.

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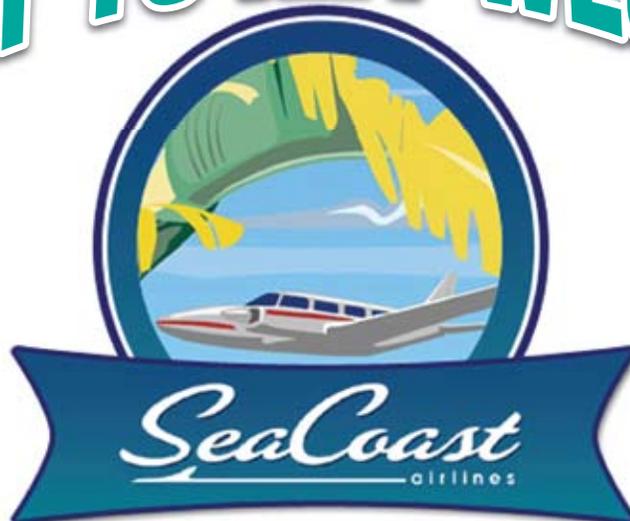
Santa arrived not in a sleigh but by boat Friday night. As he heard the wishes of beach children, sail and power boats showed their holiday spirit as they made their way south along Boca Ciega Bay. Trees and wreaths, decorated for charity, adorned Horan Park as live music set the tone for the city's Christmas party by the bay.

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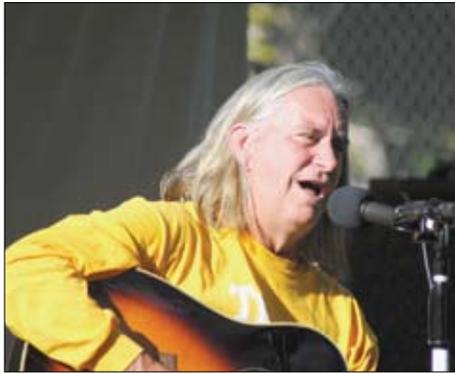
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## A Folksy Winter Wonderland



Despite smallish crowds, the folk musicians played on at last Saturday's Winter Wonderland at Boyd Hill. The event, which benefitted the park, showcased folk artists including Gulfport local Dan Stevens, who was long-listed for this year's Grammy awards.

Folk musician Ronny Elliott sings about Jack Kerouac's last days in a house at the edge of Gulfport.

## A Purple Puppy From Santa



When Santa arrived on his golf cart, Skyla Cooper asked him for a "real dog", specifically a purple one. Skyla met up with Santa at the Gulfport Merchant's Association's Holiday Hoopla. Skyla's mom said she thought Santa might be able to make half that wish come true.

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The calendars are available at: The Gulfport Historical Museum at 5301 28th Ave. S., the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce at 4926 Gulfport Blvd. S., Gulfport City Hall at 2401 53rd St. S., the Gulfport Public Library at 5501 28th Ave. S., the Gulfport Casino at 5500 Shore Blvd. S. and the Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. Don't miss out on this limited edition calendar!

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## Sierra Club to Hold Auction and Potluck

Come to a fun filled evening and join in our Wacky Auction and Potluck Fundraiser given by Suncoast Sierra Club of Pinellas/West Pasco County. On Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m., bring a dish to share and an item to auction to Moccasin Lake Park in Clearwater, just off of Drew Street and Hwy. 19. Items auctioned in the past have included tents to televisions, hiking boots to high chairs. Money raised will be used for environmental causes supported by the club. The public is invited and all are asked to bring their own eating utensils to recycle. If you have any questions, call Joyce at 727-526-5065.

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## 43rd Street Seniors Club to Meet

The 43rd Street Senior Citizen's Club meets on the third Friday of each month at 12 noon at Christ Lutheran Church, 3451 30th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg September through May. Bring a covered dish and a \$1 donation. Public is welcome for fun and games. Call Mary Ann at 727-595-8648 or Beverly at 727-328-1266.

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Excerpts heard at the December 13, 2011

## St. Pete Beach City Commission Meeting Public Comment & Council Quotes

***"Merry Christmas, everyone!"*** – Commissioner Al Halpern

***"We're done doing this. We're into this for over \$100,000...for one person not liking our comp plan... I don't want to negotiate with him."*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin, about the city's negotiations with attorney Ken Weiss over the remaining lawsuit with Mr. Anderson, whose wife is running against Commissioner Marvin Shavlan for the District Three seat

***"There's a couple of things I'd like to say to you all that I can't say in public, and I can't say in private, either!"*** – Commissioner Marvin Shavlan, explaining his reasoning for requesting a "Government in the Shade" meeting about the Anderson lawsuit

***"I personally think it's a good idea to save the hotels in your district."*** – Commissioner Marvin Shavlan, to Vice Mayor Bev Garnett, about Pass-a-Grille

***"I don't know how you do that without destroying the fabric of Pass-a-Grille."*** – Vice-Mayor Bev Garnett, about Commissioner Shavlan's suggestions about traditional hotels in Pass-a-Grille

***"The ABC Liquor store looks terrible on Gulf, too."*** – Commissioner Jim Parent, about the city's fencing requirement for vacant land.

***"If you're driving in Pass-a-Grille at night you'll see a lot of the parks are lit up."*** – Vice-Mayor Bev Garnett, about the citizen-driven effort to decorate Pass-a-Grill parks.

***"I want to thank the staff. It's a great city and we're blessed to have the staff we have."*** – Vice Mayor Bev Garnett

***"Our hats off to city staff as they made it a nice holiday for all us."*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin, about staff's efforts with the boat parade, holiday party and land parade.

***"Of the 20, 14 of them are on St. Pete Beach."*** – Commissioner Jim Parent, about a Creative Loafing article featuring Pinellas beaches dining.

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# Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



## 'Tis the Season to Cut Down on Stuff

Black Friday looms, and thousands of Americans will soon be waiting in line for the latest gadgets and gizmos during the wee hours after Thanksgiving. Sadly, less than 1 percent of all those new gadgets bought and sold during the holiday season will be in use six months from now, according to Annie Leonard

in "The Story of Stuff," a short film produced by Free Range Films and available free online at StoryOfStuff.com.

"The Story of Stuff" chronicles the life of consumer goods from the "cradle to the grave," and offers an alternative vision to our consumerist culture. Leonard points out that we have lost our identities as "mothers, farmers, firemen, teachers," and we've simply "become consumers."

Indeed, we are defined by what we consume and are targeted demographically by stuff-peddlers from infancy to old age. In our culture, we feel awkward if we don't have "the right stuff," fashionable clothes, flashy bling and the newest techno-gadget. What we don't often see are the consequences of our national addiction to stuff.

We see more advertisements in one year than our grandparents did in their whole lifetimes. We consume twice as much as they did as a result. Our houses are bigger, our waistlines are bigger and our savings accounts are considerably smaller. The U.S. has 5 percent of the world's population but consumes 30 percent of the world's resources and creates 30 percent of the world's waste, according to the Story of Stuff. We have already used one-third of the world's natural resources, and we're quickly chewing our way through the rest.

A few suggestions for surviving the holidays with less stuff ...

-- Develop habits of zero waste: Use both sides of the paper; carry your own mugs and shopping bags; get printer cartridges refilled instead of replaced; compost food scraps; and avoid bottled water and other over-packaged products.

-- Watch less television. "The average person in the U.S. watches TV for more than four hours a day," notes the Story of Stuff, "Four hours each day filled are with messages about stuff we should buy. Those are four hours that could be spent with family, friends and in our community."

-- Recycle. It saves energy and reduces both waste and the pressure to use more resources. Unfortunately, many cities still don't have adequate recycling systems and need public pressure at the local government level to get it put into place. Start "pre-cycling": Buy the least amount of packaging, or skip buying it at all!

-- Realize that shopping is not the solution to personal or environmental problems. The real changes we need just aren't for sale -- not in even the greenest shop. Learn to live more simply so that others may simply live.

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## Climate Change: Political Pick-Pocketing

**Y**ou've probably been too busy to notice, or to care, or Christmas shopping has over taken you life, but while you haven't been paying attention the sky is falling. That's right. We are running out of time to save the planet, and probably, in the short run, Florida, because geologically speaking, we're at the bottom of the barrel. That is, we're not many feet above sea level and those levels are going to rise rapidly and flood us.

I'm writing, of course, about what was known as Global Warming and is now known as Climate Change because there was some debate about the consistency of the "warming". Anyway, the Climate Change people have been meeting in Durban, South Africa, working on a stop-the-warming strategy to replace the Kyoto accords that never were fully implemented by the nations that matter namely: the U.S., China and India. Europe initiated some anti-carbon moves, but not to the extent thought to be needed.

What is needed, for instance, is for the rich and developing countries to subsidize under developed countries' Green movement, plus throw in a ton

of dollars to make up for the damage already done to them. There are lots of dollars involved and the rich (relatively speaking) and developing countries are going to provide them. Other than that, we have to get rid of coal. Unfortunately, coal provides 80 per cent of the fuel for electrical plants. Gas is replacing coal, but there is a long way to go.

Obama, in his 2008 campaign endorsed a plan for no more coal fueled plants - making them too expensive to operate - and the former head of the United Mine Workers, Rich Trumka, now head of the AFL-CIO agrees with the strategy. Only problem: how do we generate enough electricity to fuel the nation? Wind and solar don't cover the increased need. The recession/depression has been a good thing because energy use declined, but it's not enough.

The problem is, recession/depression or not, carbon deposits in the atmosphere have increased world-wide. Another problem is that temperatures have not risen correspondingly. There's a bit of controversy about that. In fact, a global warming skeptic Richard Muller, a physics professor at the University of Berkley, re-studied the temperature data and confirmed that temperatures have been rising

and determined that the correlation between temps and carbon dioxide was real. Problem: Judith Curry, at the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at Georgia Institute of Technology, a colleague of Muller's, in the study said he left out the bit that temps haven't risen in the past 13 years in spite of spikes in the carbon dioxide levels. Oops. We just went from certainty to uncertainty again.

It is true that thousands of scientist agree with the theory of man-caused global warming (if it really is still warming). It is equally true that some scientists - reputable scientists - don't agree and argue that studies haven't included the effects of the sun nor the effects of moisture in the atmosphere. Others argue that the computer models on which the catastrophic predictions are based are flawed. Slight variations make wide swings. Science is not about a vote. Science is about science. All science should be careful questioned.

Eugenics, the science of controlling the quality of mankind by eliminating those with defects or breeding for selection, was popular and scientifically and politically supported at the beginning two or three decades of the 20th Century. Get rid of or push to the side those with mental or physical defects for the common good was a mantra. The Nazi's really liked the ideas. I guess we wouldn't have had the Americans With Disabilities Act back then although there might have been support for Get Rid of the Disabled Act.

Global Warming/Climate Change - particularly the latter - is not, probably, all wrong. We should be concerned about what we put into the air and water. However, the Earth and its climate change constantly. The Earth is a moving, breathing, body. Climate does change - note ice ages and warming periods of the past. Note the effect of solar eruptions. If the Earth is 14 billions year old as claimed, our few hundred or even a few thousand years, is a blip in time.

Go back to your shopping. Quit worrying - if you did. Just watch out for the political pick-pockets.

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Lunch Served 11am-3pm  Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Kitchen Open 11-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Dinner 5-7pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Breakfast 8:30-11am Kitchen Open 2-5pm	No Lunch Served	Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Euchre 1pm Bingo 6pm Kitchen Open for Bingo

New Year's Eve Party 7-? Prime Rib and all the fixins \$35. Continental breakfast after midnight. Come after 9pm for just the party and Continental breakfast for \$20. Music by Southern Nights. Champagne toast and party favors included.

The Ladies of Auxiliary are taking donuts to the Vets at Bay Pines every other Saturday morning which they thoroughly enjoy. We have bought Christmas for 2 military families and are having a bake sale Dec. 16th, 4p.m. Bring your sweet tooth!

We invite Auxiliary members to attend our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. We welcome your ideas. Please plan to join us on Sunday's starting at 1p.m. for Steak-Ums games. Have fun and win great food!

Service Officer, Bob Cannon is at the Post on Thursday's from 9a.m. till noon to offer assistance.

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Bar Bingo 7 pm Food served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm  Barry Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	Steak Dinner 6-8pm  Sound Unlimited 6:30-9:30pm	Sports & Pizza 12-6pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm  Dee Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	<b>Reg. Post Mtg.- 6pm</b>  Harry 7-10pm	Accordion Club Buffet 6-8pm  <b>Exec. Com. Mtg. 6pm</b>

New Years Eve Party: Steak & Lobster Dinner, Appetizers, Champagne Toast. Music by Barry. Tickets available at the bar, \$32.50 each.

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# Local Obituaries

**AMATO, ANTOINETTE M.**, 91, of South Pasadena, passed Dec. 3, 2011. Survived by husband Natale and a loving family. Holloway Funeral Home, Oldsmar, 813-855-2439.

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**HIMES, MARJORIE C.**, 88 of Gulfport passed away Dec. 7, 2011 at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. Born in Collins, New York, she was a long time resident of Gulfport. Mrs. Himes is survived by loving son, Jeffery R. Himes and his wife, Diane; long time companion: Jim Nuhn; two grandsons and three great grandchildren. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday, December 16, 2011 for a Memorial Service to be conducted at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers family request donations to the St. Jude Childrens Hospital. R. Lee Williams & Son Gulfport Chapel, 727-345-7798.

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**NAPOLI, EDNA HOLLWEG**, of St. Petersburg, passed away Saturday, December 10, 2011. She was born in Newark, NJ and moved to Gulfport from Belleville, NJ in 1970. Edna did volunteer work with cancer patients and their families in Old Bridge, NJ and attended Old Bridge Lutheran Church until moving to St. Petersburg. She was a member

of the Order of the Eastern Star, Belleville Chapter, NJ; a member of Mended Hearts, Chapter 43-St. Petersburg and was a member of Gulfport Methodist Church, where she was active in Martha's Circle until her health and eyesight failed a few years ago. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 32 years, Thomas "Tommy" Napoli, who passed in 1977. Edna is survived by her son William (Susan), her grandson, Tyler, and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and long-time friends who cherished her and enjoyed her caring heart and wonderful sense of humor. A visitation will be held Friday, December 16 at 12 p.m. until the Memorial Service at 2 p.m. at ALife Tribute-5601 Gulfport Blvd. South followed by interment at Royal Palm Cemetery South, next to her beloved husband, Tommy, for eternity. In lieu of flowers, Edna's son requests memorial donations to be sent to The American Macular Degeneration Foundation.

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**PERELA, YRMA DU-BREUIL**, 89, St. Pete Beach, died Dec. 12, 2011. Survived by sisters Mirta Menendez and Otilia Perril. Abbey Affordable Largo, FL, 727-517-2340.

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**PISANO, EVA I.**, of St. Pete Beach, died Dec. 4, 2011. For a full online tribute go to beachmemorial.com. Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Pete Beach, 727-360-5577.

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**STREBLER, CONNIE**, 76, of St. Pete Beach, died Dec. 7, 2011. Survived by her loving family. Services from Bay Pines National on Dec. 11, at 10 a.m. Veterans Funeral Care, 524-9202.

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**WATSON, DOROTHY T.**, 93, of St. Pete Beach, died Sunday Dec. 4, 2011 at Palms of Pasadena Hospital, South Pasadena. Born in Newark, NJ she moved to Florida in 1972 from Madison, NJ. Dorothy had a B.S. degree from Maryland College for Women and was active in the Girls Scouts of America and was a Life member and past President of the Pass-A-Grille's Women's Club from 1979-1981. Her survivors include Dean Watson of St. Pete Beach, and Martha De Biasse of Loveland, OH, & 2 granddaughters. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Pass-A-Grille Women's Club, P.O. Box 46763, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706. www.beachmemorial.com.

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**WRIGHT, DAVID**, 54, of Gulfport, passed away on Nov. 30, 2011. David is preceded in death by his mother Cheri and brother, Douglas. David is survived by his father Hugh, loving sister Denise (Baldwin); brother-in-law Charlie; nieces Kristen and Kathryn; loving sister Kimberly (Chandler); brother-in-law Steven; nephews Wesley and Evan and soul mate Elizabeth Webster. David was born in Flint, MI, attended Groves High School, where he was an All American swim team diver. He was a graduate of Purdue University from the School of Aeronautical Engineering and received his Masters degree from USC in Engineering Management. David was employed as an aircraft design engineer at Rockwell International, an USAF pilot, restaurant entrepreneur and most recently a mathematics and computer aided design instructor at St. Petersburg College. At Rockwell, he was the lead engineer for the X-31 test fighter. David was also an avid RC Helicopter operator/builder. A memorial service will be held Dec. 17, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Sun Coast

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**CAPTAIN FRANCIS (FRANK) A. ZAMPIELLO, MD, USPHS**, died on December 1, 2011, in his Philadelphia home in the presence of his husband, John Shirley, and close friends. Dr. Zampielo had been under hospice care for liver failure complications of auto-immune liver disease, and had received a liver transplant at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 2010. He died on what would have been his father's 100th birthday. He was 75. A tireless advocate for healthcare improvement nationwide, Frank spent his entire professional life trying to make sure that as many people as possible could access the best care possible. Frank was born in New Haven, CT on October 4, 1936 to Albert M. Zampielo and Rose DelCorte Zampielo. He earned his pre-med degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1958 and an MD degree from the University of Maryland in 1962. After many years of private practice, he joined the Public Health Service in 1978 and served until 2002. In the Public Health Service, he was medical director of two clinics: first, as the only healthcare provider in what was then the small Cape Cod fishing village of Provincetown, and then for Boriken Health Center, serving a large urban Hispanic community in New York City's Spanish Harlem. Frank studied directly with W. Edwards Deming, Stephen Covey and Donald Berwick, using their strategies as a key leader in initiating the HRSA Health Disparities Collaborative in 2001 and as Co-Director of the US Organ Donation and Transplantation Breakthrough Collaborative beginning in 2003. The ODTBC is dramatically streamlining the identification of potential donors, the coordination of matches, and the efficient delivery of donor organs to those needing transplants. To

date, that work has resulted in an additional 4,000 organ transplants annually across the US. Frank's friends and colleagues found it appropriate that he would benefit from that effort when he wound up needing a liver transplant himself. Among his myriad other professional accomplishments, he advised international organ donation initiatives in Canada and Australia since 2006 and was President of Quality Reality Checks (a healthcare consulting group) from 2002 until his death. In 2010, he published an incisive piece about why healthcare for all is so urgent and necessary, "Health Reform and You - Let's Just Talk the Facts: My Story and Why You Need to Hear (Really Hear) It". John and Frank got married in Provincetown in September 2009 after falling in love there thirty years earlier. They have residences in Philadelphia, PA and Gulfport, FL. Frank is survived by John, his brother Al, sister Terry O'Connor, brother-in-law Joe Vitale, their families, countless friends, and his beloved Burmese kitten, Alfie.

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## In Memoriam MARJORIE HIMES

8-12-23 - 12-7-11

My Magee, it is so heartbreaking lose you. You have been a part of my life for almost 50 years. How can my car not want to turn down your street to pick you up for Bingo or take you all the food you love. It's hard to believe I talked to you on a Monday and you were gone on a Wednesday. You are at peace now and not suffering and for that I am happy. Your "extended family" will miss you too. So from my heart to yours, I would like to add the person that has been your Pal for almost 30 years, Jim. You've been there for her all these years and have done so much. So, thank you. To Annie who lives next door, thank you for all you've done. To all your Bunko players of 40 years. They will miss you and glad you already had your Christmas get-together. There will be a service Friday at 4:00 p.m. at R. Lee Williams, 5730 15th Ave. So. My Magee, I love you and will miss you so much. You and my little mother can now play bingo together.

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- Narcotics/Drugs-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Accident with Injuries-** 5100 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Call for Officer-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 4800 Blk Del Rio Way S.
- Drunk Person-** 1700 Blk 59th St. S.

**Saturday 12/3**

- City County Code Violation-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 59th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1000 Blk 59th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 1100 Blk 59th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 6200 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Call for Officer-** 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 4900 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 4900 Blk 28th Ave. S.

**Sunday 12/4**

- Trouble with Individual-** 2000 Blk 59th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 700 Blk Freemont St. S.
- City County Code Violation-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Call for Officer-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 6100 Blk Kipps Colony Dr. W.
- Trespasser-** Tomlinson Park.
- Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Call for Officer-** Beach Restrooms.

- Noise Complaint-** 5500 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2000 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Monday 12/5**
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 2600 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.
- Burglary-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** Tomlinson Park.
- Burglary-** 5000 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Burglary-** 900 Blk 61st St. S.
- Burglary-** 5200 Blk 6th Pl. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5500 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** Clymer Park.
- Trouble with Individual-** Tomlinson Park.
- Open Door/Window-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Tuesday 12/6**
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 1300 Blk 49th St. S.
- Fight in Progress-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** Tomlinson Park.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Burglary-** 1200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5700 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 4700 Blk Coronado Way S.
- Theft-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** City Hall.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** Beach Front.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 2100 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Burglary-** 5600 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Call for Officer-** 1800 Blk York St. S.
- Wednesday 12/7**
- City County Code Violation-** 5700 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** Wood Ibis Park.
- Theft-** 2900 Blk 59th St. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 700 Blk 60th St. S.

- Drunk Person-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 1000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Street Obstruction-** 2100 Blk 58th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 4700 Blk Baywood Pt. Dr. S.
- Fight in Progress-** 5900 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Thursday 12/8**
- Noise Complaint-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5700 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 2600 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 4900 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 6300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 900 Blk 61st St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 4500 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** Tomlinson Park.
- Suspicious Person-** 1700 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1500 Blk Gray St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

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Course will be held on Wednesday, January 18 from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$25 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at [www.boating-stpete.org](http://www.boating-stpete.org).

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## Cast Party to Benefit Animal Shelter

Join Pet Pal Animal Shelter for an enchanting evening of traditional Russian dance and cuisine to save homeless animals' lives at the St. Petersburg Nights Cast Party & Silent Auction with the performers of the Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker on Monday, December 26th at 9:30 p.m. at 6800 Sunset Way in St. Pete Beach. St. Petersburg Nights owner Illona Sakovich has

been hosting the Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker's Cast Party for several years. This year when the Moscow Ballet partnered with Pet Pal Animal Shelter, a local non-profit animal organization to raise money for its homeless animals, Sakovich wanted to join the cause by offering a donation to Pet Pal Animal Shelter for every St. Petersburg Nights dinner/ballet package sold.

St. Petersburg Nights Ballet/Dinner packages include one ticket to The Great Russian Nutcracker

performed by the Moscow Ballet at the Mahaffey Theater in downtown St. Petersburg on December 26th, an exquisite Russian feast at St. Petersburg Nights before or after the ballet, and reserved seating at the cast party to meet the performers as well as bid on ballet memorabilia in a silent auction to benefit Pet Pal Animal Shelter.

Prices per ticket range from \$75 to \$110 depending on Mahaffey Theater seat location. Tax, tickets fees and donation included. To purchase St. Petersburg Nights Ballet/Dinner packages, contact the St. Petersburg Nights at 727-363-3832. To make a donation to the care of homeless animals, call Pet Pal Animal Shelter at 727-328-7738.

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## Christmas Sale at Sophie's Attic

Santa's helpers have been busy at Sophie's and have lots of great gift ideas, beautiful new decorations, holiday clothing and warm sweaters waiting for you at low thrift store prices.

Sophie's is always accepting donations which may be dropped off at the church office M-F, 9 a.m. to noon at 2728 53rd Street S. or the Thrift Store Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, or call the church at 321-3620 for pick up at your convenience.

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## Beta Sigma Phi

"Laureate Epsilon Theta members and guests gathered for the Annual Couples Christmas Social on Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sharon and Rogers Ingram. The hostesses were Sharon Ingram and Val Rankin. The members and guests attending enjoyed a meal prepared by the hostesses and host. There was a Christmas Ornament exchange as well as an exchange of gifts for those not participating in the ornament exchange. Everyone had a very festive time and enjoyed the friendship of the evening.

The next executive board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Elaine Penner.

For more information, please contact Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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## My Christmas Wish List

1. That we put the Christ back in Christmas. After all, we don't refer to a mosque as a form of architecture, we don't refer to a Menorah as a candelabra. Since when did Christianity become fair game for intolerance?

2. That presidential campaigns not last two years. If the wannabes really want to win votes, they wouldn't appear until six months before the election, like say May or close to it.

3. And keeping with that theme, that every piece of campaign mail delivered be hit with a distribution surcharge sufficient enough to bring back next day mail delivery service from the USPS.

4. That Roe v. Wade would never be brought up again. If men could get pregnant, this would never be an issue, and the vast majority of people have much more important things on their minds.

5. That we could have one December, just one, where everyone wasn't standing around and scratching their heads trying to think of a way, any way, that the Bucs could win a game.

6. That my cat would lose her voice (at least temporarily) when her food bowl happened to be empty.

That's it. It's a lean year(s) and so I'm gonna cut my list short. Now those are things that I know aren't gonna happen mostly because if reindeer tried to land on my roof, there would be structural damage that wouldn't be covered by anyone. So here's what I'm gonna do to celebrate this Christmas season.

1. I'm not gonna stress over my Christmas tree and weigh the pros and cons of carbon footprints or anything like that. Artificial trees

pay for themselves in time but they decompose I'm told at the rate of styrofoam, and live trees rape the landscape and I suppose the very least I should do is compost or recycle it. I never even thought of this stuff years ago and so I'm just gonna do what I'm happy doing. I'm gonna get a live tree coz I love the smell and drag it out to the curb after New Years. I may even throw some tinsel on it.

2. I'm gonna give a little money to our kids. Gone are the days of jammies and slippers and underwear and Nerf rockets and Bratz dolls. The older two really need it just for basics, and the youngest will spend it on things she actually loves without the hassle of returns caused by a well-intentioned mom.

3. I'm gonna bake. Cookies and breads and coffee cakes because I enjoy it and I love the smell.

4. I'm gonna remind myself to appreciate the amazing people surrounding me, yet even more, and tell them so. These include:

4a. My parents who just celebrated their 60th anniversary. He's 84 and he cares for his 80 year old wife with Alzheimers and limited physical ability on a 24/7 basis. He does this with honor. These two alone epitomise the strength and conviction of traditional values, and, at least when I'm around, they don't seem to fight much more than they did was I was 10 years old. To say that they've given me and my siblings a solid foundation from which to live is an understatement, and I am forever in their debt.

4b. My sister has been sick for what seems like forever with a neurological disease, yet she has the sunniest disposition (always has) and manages to keep her hair and makeup perfect as she leans on her walker. I quite simply admire and adore her.

4c. My brother's wife was on the brink of death more than a few times

over the last six months to the point where it almost seemed merciful to pull the plug, and yet here she is, out of the hospital, out of rehab, home, now unemployed because of the ordeal, and still has the spunk to fight with insurance companies. But I think the most humbling thing about her is that she now really appreciates the ability to do laundry, dishes and cook. Now that's someone worth celebrating!

4d. My beloved husband of 22 years who survived a stroke four years ago now and has since lived in a nursing home, who still lights up every time I walk into his room and stubbornly refuses to cut his hair. It's so long now that when it's braided, Willie Nelson would have nothing on him. Now how he didn't just roll over and curl into a ball and die I'll never know, other than he's just never been that way. While over the years I've sometimes felt the walls caving in on me and longed to get out of the house and away from the kids and pets for just a bit, the highlight of his week is coming home every Sunday to see the kids, the pets, and well, the house. Hmm.

5. This is a stand alone pride of our resilient kids who have grown up knowing all of the above people and so have a perhaps more compassionate view of those around them and acceptance and even celebration of folks who appear to be different yet get out and about. Our bonds make us better people, I think.

6. And finally, to my boisterously annoying cat (whom I've nicknamed Visa coz she's everywhere I want to be) for teaching me and the kids that it's perfectly fine to care for someone who no one else would want and give them a safe home, and at least on the kids' part, even grow to love a little bit. Privately, I sometimes regret the microchip and personally, I will only commit to tolerance. But I must say it is heartwarming to see her sleep with my son every night. And she does have pretty coloring, after all. Hmmm.

That's all I've got. I won't say Peace on Earth but I'll push more for at least Good Will toward Men. Here's wishing you and yours an especially appreciative and blessed Merry Christmas!

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## How Should my Business be Set Up? (Part 2)

In our last article, we examined together the general legal requirements of a sole proprietorship and general partnership. In this article, we will examine the general legal aspects of a limited partnership and a Florida Corporation.

### A. Limited Partnership

1. A limited partnership is similar to a general partnership. The primary difference is that some partners are designated as “limited” partners and, as such, are normally not personally liable for the debts and obligations of the partnership, except to the extent of their contribution of capital to the partnership. A limited partner is a passive investor, and is prohibited from participating actively in the management of the partnership business. If a limited partner participates in management, she/he can lose the benefit of limited liability and, instead, be treated as a general partner for purposes of determining liability for partnership debts and obligations.

2. A limited partnership must have at least one general partner and at least one limited partner. The general partner of a limited partnership has unlimited liability for the partnership’s debts and obligations.

3. Like a general partnership, the income of a limited partnership is passed through to the partners, and

reported on their individual income tax returns.

4. A limited partnership is organized by filing a written certificate of limited partnership in the Office of the Secretary of State in Tallahassee, Florida. Normally, the limited partners are specified in the certificate of limited partnership and in a separate limited partnership agreement, which may be more detailed than the certificate of limited partnership. A Florida limited partnership must file an annual report and pay an annual fee to the Florida Secretary of State, and receive a certificate of authority to conduct business as a limited partnership.

### B. Corporation

1. A corporation is a separate legal entity or “person” for purposes of both state law and federal income tax law. A corporation may be formed by any number of individuals, other corporations, or other entities.

2. The owners of a corporation are “shareholders.” Normally, business policies are dictated by a board of directors, which is elected by the shareholders. In Florida, a corporation may have as few as one director. Normally, directors are elected annually, at an annual meeting of shareholders.

3. Normally, the routine operations of the corporation are managed by the corporation’s officers, who are elected periodically by the board of directors. In Florida, a corporation must have a president, secretary, and treasurer, and may have one or more vice presidents or assistant officers. One person may hold two (2) or more offices.

4. Corporations are required to hold annual meetings of shareholders, at which the shareholders may elect directors.

5. For federal income tax purposes, a corporation is taxed as a separate

entity, and income and losses of the corporation are not passed to its shareholders, unless the corporation makes an “S election.”

6. A corporation is formed by filing a corporate charter, known as “articles of incorporation,” with the office of the Secretary of State in Tallahassee, Florida. The articles of incorporation must contain various information specified by statute, including a unique corporate name, a statement of the number of shares of stock that the corporation is authorized to issue, the par value (if any) of the stock, the duration of the corporation (if other than perpetual), the general purposes for which the corporation is initially authorized (which may be stated to include in the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under Florida law), the name of an initial registered office, the street address of an initial registered office where service of process can be made upon the corporation, the name of directors, and the name and street address of the incorporator. The corporation is required to file an annual report and pay an annual fee to the Secretary of State in order to maintain its standing as a corporation.

7. After the articles of incorporation are formed, the board of directors holds an initial organizational meeting, at which it elects officers, adopts bylaws, and takes other organizational actions. The bylaws consist of a written document specifying the “rules” under which the corporation will be governed and managed.

8. Generally, ownership interests in a corporation may be transferred through a sale of stock, although the transfer of stock may be restricted by agreement or by law.

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## Visit Oakdale Christmas Light Display

The 35th annual Oakdale Christmas Light Display is open through Tuesday, January 3 from 6-10 p.m. nightly. Display includes approximately 400,000 lights, a walking yard tour that includes an 18-train HO scale model railroad, many moving and animated items, lots of inflatable and lit up figures and displays. Hands-on games and bubble machines are available for the kids. Several Christmas trees tower over the one-half acre display rising to 70 feet.

Location is 2719 Oakdale Street S., St. Petersburg. Visit [www.ChristmasDisplay.org](http://www.ChristmasDisplay.org).

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## Antique Vendors Sought for Gulfport Fresh Market & Art Walks

GULFPORT- Two of Gulfport's popular regular events will be expanding in the coming weeks. An area devoted to antique vendors will be added on the first and third Tuesday of each month during the popular weekly Tuesday Fresh Market on Beach Blvd. in Gulfport from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Antique vendors will also be added to Gulfport's popular Art Walk, held on the first Friday and third Saturday of each month from 6-10 p.m.

If you would like the opportunity to offer vintage, retro, and Floridiana items in a beautiful outdoor setting designated for antiques only, please send an email describing the type of items you would like to sell along with your contact information to Sandy Duffy at [sdfree2b@yahoo.com](mailto:sdfree2b@yahoo.com), who will be handling this expansion of the events. Upon receipt of your information, she will contact you to discuss details.

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## Local Resident Wins Diamond Pendant

Philip D'Ellia, owner of Pasadena Jewelers in Pasadena Shopping Center, is pictured here with Muriel Desloovere the winner of the diamond pendant give-away as part of the store's 42nd anniversary celebration last week.

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# A Letter To Santa

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Dear Mr. Claus,

Do you really have rosy cheeks, and a fat belly? Even Reindeer? Is there even a Mrs. Claus? If she's real can I have a cookie? Are you really nice. I really wonder. I'm twelve and I'm in that area of the ageometer where we're brats. So if your real and not a Macy's clerk then you can write me back.

Sincerely,

Rexee Gaugh Age 12



write back!



## Santa is Coming to Newton Avenue

The neighbors of the 5600 Block of Newton Avenue are having their Annual Christmas Walk & Bake Sale. Enjoy the decorations that include scenes from some of your favorite Christmas classic movies, visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, enjoy goodies from the Bake Sale, and make free, fun, kids crafts from 7-8:30 p.m. on December 16th, 17th, & 23rd. They are collecting new and used toys and books for the Christmas Toy Workshop of St. Pete. Call 727-798-2901 or 727-557-6349.

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## Wanted: A Young Playboy

The Gulfport Community Players are currently in rehearsal for a John Patrick comedy entitled, "The Curious Savage", and they need a young boy, around 5 years old, to play a very short, walk-on part. He will have no lines at all, but the boy will have to be available for all performances, starting on January 5th through January 22nd. All performances will be at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport, while the rehearsals will take place at the Players' Back Door Theater, located at 1619 49th Street S.

The play will run on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, with a curtain time of 8 p.m. and also on Sunday, with a curtain time at 2 p.m. The boy only appears at the very end of the play, so he would not necessarily have to be there for the entire performance.

The director of the play is Eileen Navarro and she will have a cast of 12, including the boy. All interested parents may contact Eileen at her store, Eileen's Resale Boutique, located in Gulfport. The phone number of the store is 727-322-1422. She will be glad to talk to all interested parents about the play or the Players.

This unique opportunity may give a child an insight into the world of live community theater that will stay with them the rest of their life!

For more information about the Gulfport Community Players, please visit their website at: <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>.

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## Help comes from Purdue University



Alec Turner, a Junior at Purdue University, was visiting his grandparents at the Embassy of Town Shores with his parents from Maryland. Alec overheard Pop (Embassy President Walter Germack) discussing with Gammy (Rose) of their difficulty in getting assistance from authorities to remove debris from the bay resulting from a recent boating accident. The debris was causing a boating hazard; Walter and Rose had called numerous authorities to remove the debris to no avail. Alec stripped to his shorts and sneakers and tied a tow line to the debris and, with the help of Germacks, Turners and friends, hauled the debris ashore. Included was boat wreckage, boat motor, a battery and most of a handicapped scooter. Hooray and thanks for your help, Alec!

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## Chili Warms Hearts at 25th Annual Holiday Festival in St. Pete



Chef Josh Marlowe, flanked by Aileen Carlson and Jennifer Naster, all associates of The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay, display the first place plaque awarded to Josh at the annual St. Pete Chili Challenge on December 10th, 2011

Naster, a Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay Sales Associate and Rotary member joined Chef Josh and Dining Services Director, Aileen Carlson serving the retirement community's prize-winning chili to hundreds of voters throughout the afternoon.

The St. Pete Chili Challenge was part of an entire afternoon of food, live music and fun by the pier. The illuminated boat parade followed the chili cook off. Proceeds from the Holiday Festival benefit the Children's Dream Fund and other Rotary Charities.

ST. PETERSBURG- Executive Chef Josh Marlowe of The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay emerged victorious over ten leading local restaurants competing for the People's Choice Awards presented December 10th at the annual St. Pete Chili Challenge.

The popular cook off at Spa Beach Park was part of the 25th Annual Bruce Watters Jewelers Holiday Festival and Illuminated Boat Parade organized and presented by the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg. Jennifer

## Church to Serve Christmas Dinner

Park Street Baptist Church, 3901 Park Street N., would like to invite you to share a complimentary Christmas Dinner with them on Sunday, December 25 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. You can come anytime between those hours. RSVP by Sunday, December 18 to 727-381-9201.

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## School for the Arts to Present Show

Students of Classical Christian School for the Arts will perform "A Classical Christmas Trilogy Spectacular" on Friday, December 16th at 7 p.m. at Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Avenue N. in Pinellas Park. Come and enjoy the best children's show anywhere featuring tap, ballet, band, strings and voice students. Admission is free but a \$5 donation to the school is suggested. Call 727-547-6820.

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## Town Shores Red Hatters

The December Bunko will be held in the clubhouse lounge on Friday, December 16. If you would like to come at 12 noon with a sandwich you can have lunch together. Drinks will be provided. For planning purposes, call Marcia at 384-0188 or Judy at 344-7558.

The January St. Petersburg Little Theatre play we annually attend will be on Sunday, January 22. This year the play is "Hairspray". Cost is \$19 payable before January 6. If you know you will be attending the play, you may bring your check or money to Bunko on December 16th. Call Judy at 344-7558 or Gloria at 347-4064 for reservations.

Mark your calendars for a short morning gathering for a continental breakfast, share ideas, and pay 2012 \$5 dues. Looking forward to seeing you in the clubhouse lounge on Monday, January 16th at 9:40 a.m.

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By Scott Lafee

## Try Getting Food Past These Gums

For the first time, American and Australian researchers have shown that a hormone involved in telling people when they feel "full" from eating can be delivered into the bloodstream orally.

So what's the value of an edible hormone?

The scientists suggest it might be possible to stick the hormone in a stick of gum, which would make it easier to avoid over-stuffing your face by first stuffing your mouth with hormone-laced gum.

The hormone in question is called human PYY, part of the body's chemical system for regulating appetite and energy. When people eat, PYY is released into the bloodstream. The more food consumed, the more PYY released until the "full" signal registers. Past studies have shown that people who are obese have lower concentrations of PYY in their bloodstream, both when fasting and after eating than their non-obese counterparts.

"PYY is an appetite-suppressing hormone," said Syracuse University chemist Robert Doyle. "But, when taken orally, the hormone is destroyed in the stomach and that which isn't destroyed has difficulty crossing into the bloodstream through the intestines."

Doyle and colleagues solved this dilemma by disguising the hormone using the vitamin B12. Now, they report, the ingested hormone gets into the bloodstream in significant amounts. The next step is to figure out how to make a chewing gum with it, presumably one that keeps your breath hormone-y fresh.

### BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

One-quarter of the 206 bones in the human body are located in the feet.

### GET ME THAT. STAT!

A 2010 study by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive

and Kidney Diseases found that American adults, on average, put on one additional pound of weight during the holidays.

It's not a lot perhaps, but the study also concluded that most Americans don't burn off the added pound, allowing the weight to largely accumulate over the years.

### STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

New research suggests that people who are experienced at meditation appear able to switch off areas of the brain associated with daydreaming -- and with psychiatric disorders like schizophrenia.

### DOC TALK

Coag panel -- a blood test used to determine the clotting factors of a patient's blood.

### OBSERVATION

"It should be the function of medicine to have people die young as late as possible." -- American epidemiologist Ernst L. Wynder (1922-1999)

### LAST WORDS

"Oh wow. Oh wow. Oh wow." -- Inventor, entrepreneur and Apple co-founder Steve Jobs' final words, according to his sister. Jobs died on Oct. 5, 2011, at the age of 56 from complications due to cancer.

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Monday, Dec. 19th. Judging will be done after 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19th.  
The judges' route schedule will not be announced.
5. Plaques will be awarded to the winner of each theme. Winners will be an-  
nounced in the Dec. 22nd edition of the Gabber. Winners will be recognized  
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Jan. 3rd located at 2401 53rd St. S.

**GriefShare to Meet**

The GriefShare support group will meet from January 6 through March 30. A professional DVD is shown each week with discussion on Fridays from 10 a.m. until noon at Cornerstone Community Church at 6745 38th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Call 727-343-7747. The facilitator is Vivian Killion, Parish Pastor.

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# Small Spaces

By Christine Brun

## Shrinking Christmas Doesn't Mean Giving up Traditional Decor

I've been looking around my living room and trying to decide how to shrink Christmas. What I need is more open space and less stuff so that I can accommodate an active toddler around the holidays this year. Toss in two huge dogs, and the room is a classic recipe for cracked ornaments, dog tails accidentally removing ribbons from gifts and delicate decorations from a tree.

Honestly, I could really do without a tree and just savor the decorations on the mantel and the antique sideboard in the front hall, but my family would simply rebel. So for myself this year I've decided to squeeze the tree on the raised hearth to the left of the firebox. This will be a trick, and it will require just the right shape of tall, skinny evergreen tree.

Next, I'm removing the coffee table for a few weeks and relocating it to the dining room for the time being. The result should be more space around the furniture and less claustrophobia.

Paying special attention to the mantel is easy and has a big impact on any room. Fortunately, I have an electrical outlet to one side of my fireplace, which allows me to weave twinkle lights in and around whatever I choose to display. This year, I invested in monogrammed stockings for the entire family. I've always wanted them, and there were some good sales on Black Friday that enticed me to pull the trigger.

In previous years, I used an artificial evergreen garland with red berries and pinecones stuck in between the branches and lights. Citrus green can lend itself more effectively to contemporary environments, as can white used with silver or gold.

If you rely on candles to create dreamy light during the holidays, exercise extreme caution while lighting and burning. Always make sure that the candles are extinguished before you turn in for the night. Know that you can pick up battery-operated tea lights that are completely safe. You can buy these at Michael's, CVS Pharmacy or craft stores.

Consider combining mantel decorations with a green wreath over the fireplace. A fresh evergreen will provide enough aroma and perhaps give you the out you need to eliminate the actual standing tree. You might also hang a fresh wreath in the powder bath, the kitchen or the dining room. If you are adept at making bows, use large bows to tie garlands together or to set off the wreath with a color you wish to accent in your space. Ribbons don't have to be red and can initiate a way to tie non-traditional colors to the holiday theme.

Another way to grow space might be to buy several very tiny fresh trees. You might use one in the center of the dining table or on a piece of furniture at the front entry. Another might go in the living room next to

the fireplace or on an end table.

My favorite seasonal decoration remains a huge Chinese red lacquer bowl filled with big pinecones, sprigs of fresh evergreens that I pluck from my own pine trees in the backyard and shiny red ornaments. It's simple and bold.

Remember as you decide how to decorate a room that repetition is effective when you're using small objects, be it a little glass votive or miniature poinsettias. Look for a minimum of three objects that are exactly the same. Decorate in threes, fives or sevens.

And avoid cheap-looking decorations, instead sticking with simple and genuine objects. You can't go wrong with pinecones and evergreens, solid color ornaments and ribbon. If you see interesting seed pods on your morning walk, collect them and insert them into your greens. Nuts, apples, pears or oranges are also lovely as decorations when tied together by greens. Table decor can include artichokes and fruit nestled into the fresh greens and votive lights for sparkle.

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# Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

## COLA News You Might Have Missed

In case you were vacationing in Borneo and missed it, monthly benefits will go up 3.6 percent beginning with January's Social Security checks. That's now old news. But other increases tied into the annual COLA adjustment didn't make most news stories. I'll share them here.

But first, I must get something else out of the way. Every single time I mention the annual cost-of-living increase in this column, I'm flooded with emails from readers complaining that it's not enough. I've explained countless times in this space how the COLA is computed. But it does no good. People still gripe that they should get more money.

So this time, rather than use up half of this column explaining a process people don't want to believe anyway, I'm going to refer you to the source. If you want to know how the annual Social Security COLA is figured, visit [SocialSecurity.gov/COLA](http://SocialSecurity.gov/COLA).

And here's an interesting tidbit about Social Security COLAs that demonstrates the power of the senior-citizen lobby in this country and how politicians will bend over backwards to court their votes: The first increase for 2012 will be paid in January.

On the surface, that may seem to make sense. But remember that Social Security benefits are always paid one month in arrears. In other words, the check that comes in January 2012 is actually the payment for December 2011. So why do folks start getting their 2012 COLA increase on their December 2011 Social Security check?

Well, you have to go back about 20 years or so. At that time, COLA increases were effective with the month they were due. Had that old law never been changed, people would have been scheduled to get their first 2012 COLA increase on their January checks, which are paid in February.

But a couple of decades ago, seniors got all in a huff about this. They mistakenly thought they were being cheated out of one month's COLA because they didn't get their first increase until February. Rather than simply explain the logistics of the one-month delay in benefits, Congress knuckled under and decided that henceforth, COLA increases would be effective with the December payment of the prior year (payable in January of the next).

In addition to increases in monthly benefits, there are other changes to Social Security that are important to many people.

Let's start with people still working and paying Social Security taxes. If you're fortunate enough to be making a six-figure salary, you'll be paying slightly higher taxes in 2012. The Social Security taxable earnings base is going up from \$106,800 to \$110,100. So people making that kind of money will be pumping a few more nickels into Social Security's coffers next year.

One other annual change affects only people trying to get the necessary credits they need to qualify for Social Security in the first place. Most people who are working earn four credits per year. In 2011, you earned those four credits once you made \$4,480. In 2012, you won't get those credits until you make \$4,520. (You actually will get one Social Security credit for each \$1,130 you earn in 2012. But no one can earn more than four credits per year.) To qualify for retirement benefits, you generally need 40 credits. Fewer credits may be needed to get Social Security disability payments or for your family members to get survivor benefits if you die.

Another annual increase impacts people who are getting Social Security checks but are still working. If you're under 66 years old, there's a limit to how much money you can make each year before your Social Security benefits are reduced. In 2012, you'll be able to make \$14,640 per year before seeing any reductions. That's

an increase of only \$480 above the 2011 limits. For each two dollars you earn above the \$14,640 limit in 2012, one dollar must be withheld from your Social Security checks.

There's a higher limit for working retirees in the year that they turn 66. In 2012, they can make up to \$38,880, with no reduction in benefits, from January up to the month of their 66th birthday. Once they reach 66, no limit exists on the amount of money they can make while getting Social Security checks. (The age-66 limit is \$37,680 in 2011.)

People getting Social Security disability benefits get the same 3.6 percent increase as retirees. And one other minor change might impact them. Disability benefits are paid to anyone who is unable to work at a "substantial" level. The law used to define that level as a job paying at least \$1,000 per month. In 2012, that threshold goes up to \$1,010. In other words, if you get disability benefits and are trying to work, you can make up to \$1,010 per month next year, and you'll still generally be eligible for your disability payments.

Another COLA increase impacts folks getting Supplemental Security Income, or SSI payments. The standard federal SSI payment amount will go up in 2012, from \$674 per month to \$698. But many states add money to the basic federal payment. Some states pass along the increase in their state supplement, but some don't. So depending on where you live, your monthly SSI check may or may not go up.

SSI is a federal welfare program managed by the Social Security Administration. It makes monthly payments to low-income seniors and disabled people. As I constantly try to remind my readers, SSI is *not* a Social Security benefit, and SSI payments are not funded out of Social Security taxes.

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The Alumni Singers, founded in 1980, is dedicated to the preservation of the African-American experience through spirituals and gospel music. The organization now comprises some three dozen singers from high schools, colleges and universities from all over Florida and throughout the United States.

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The free space for non-profits is currently being scheduled and any interested and qualified non-profit groups may apply to use the space as available in upcoming weeks and months.

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He says that for two reasons. First, he says his more than 18 years of experience as an attorney specializing in handling "literally thousands" of bankruptcies means that he has dealt with virtually any kind of problem or issue that might arise with them. And, secondly, he had to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy himself. He says that experience makes him very sensitive to the kinds of things people face when making the difficult decision to file.

"Most attorneys have never been in a situation where they have been worried about how to keep the lights on, but I have been there myself so I can really relate to what people are going through," said Sanders. "Plus, many people are very embarrassed when they come to me, but when I tell them how embarrassing it was for me to have to stand in front of judges and colleagues who knew me

and go through the process myself, that usually helps to put people more at ease and understand that I have been there and done that MYSELF."

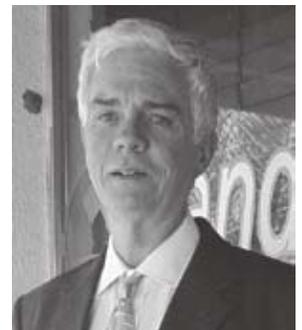
"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

He began his career as a staff attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Atlanta. He is licensed to practice law in both Florida and Georgia.

"I like what I do because I feel like I can help people get a fresh start," said Sanders.

"Since the initial consultation is free, you really don't have anything to lose to meet with me and we can assess your situation and see how it might be best for you to proceed. **Bankruptcy can be one solution to getting back on your feet financially, but it may not be the best or only solution for you.**

Sanders has held a number of seminars and



written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia. **The firm also handles Short Sale negotiations, defense against foreclosures, wills & trusts, civil litigation and loan modification.**

Outside of the courtroom, Sanders lives in an unusual home in Gulfport that was one of the featured properties in a recent Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes. It has a tree growing right up through the floor and up through the ceiling of his kitchen. He has four dogs and a cat.

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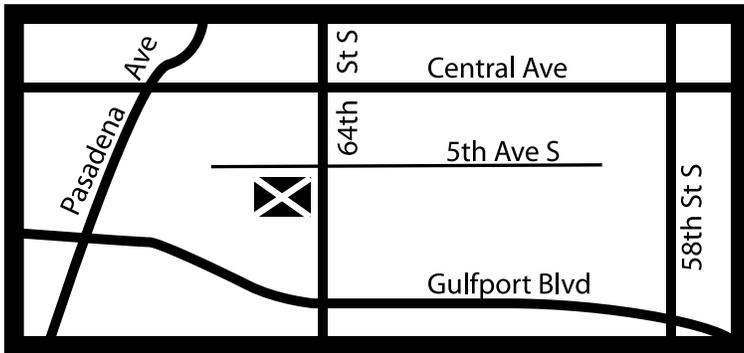


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