

**Dog Receives Pardon From Mayor**



By Cathy Salustri  
This inflatable dog received a pardon from St. Pete Beach mayor Steve McFarlin, who called on the city code officer to make "discretion the better part of valor." City staff cited the dog's owner, Alan Ronay, for having a prohibited sign. "It's an honorary pardon," Ronay said.

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**Sex Crime Arrests on Upham Beach**

By Cathy Salustri

St. Pete Beach police have made two separate arrests less than 10 days apart for sex crimes on Upham Beach.

On December 14 police arrested 44-year-old Guillermo Trejos for sexual battery on a boy over the age of 12 but under 18.

Trejos performed sexual acts on the sleeping teen on Upham Beach, according to police.

"The child was not a willing partner," St. Pete Beach Police Captain Dean Horianopoulos said.

Police started investigating Trejos early in December.



Guillermo Trejos, arrested for sexual battery on a teen.



Salvatore Cordovano, arrested for exposure and lewd and lascivious acts.

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The Senior Follies played to a sold-out house in Gulfport last week, and tap dancer Addie Spicuzza epitomized the energy and verve felt on stage and in the audience. Ms. Spicuzza, 70, took her first tap lesson at 58 and has tapped away to the music ever since.

"I've had two knee replacements over the past two years," she said after running through her number backstage before the show. She's also survived breast cancer. Neither of these things stop the energetic "senior," who won the 2004 Miss Florida Senior America crown.

She entered the pageant, she says, because of "God giving me a second chance on life."

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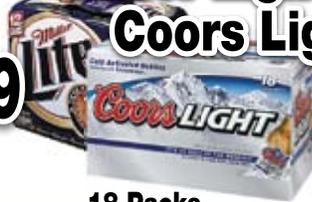
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## Celebrate New Year's at the Casino Ballroom!

Dance into 2012 at the Historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom at 5500 Shore Blvd. S. on Saturday, December 31. The doors open 7:30 p.m. and dancing is from 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

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## Walking Club Returns

It is almost that time of year for the Gulfport Walking Club to begin. The walking club meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. From there they travel to different parks to do their walking. The first meeting and registration

will be on Thursday, January 5th at 9 a.m. Cost is \$2 per trip. Call John at 727-893-1079 if you are interested.

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## Give the Gulfport Historical Calendar

Are you looking for the perfect Gulfport holiday gift that keeps on giving throughout the year? The Gulfport Historical calendar is packed full of events and happenings in Gulfport at your fingertips.

Looking for a local club or organization? The calendar lists local organizations, addresses and phone numbers. The price is \$5 for the calendar.

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., the Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. and Small Adventures Book Store, 3107 Beach Blvd. S. Don't miss out on this limited edition calendar!

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## Lithuanian-American Lunch this Thursday

The Lithuanian-American Club is serving lunch on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. Today's lunch is koldunai (meat dumplings). Also available to buy is Lithuanian beer. Call Vida at 866-7936. Everyone is welcome.

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## After-Christmas Sale at Sophie's Attic

Going to a party? Sophie's has lots of New Year's Eve apparel to make you ready for the New Year to start. Plus, 10% will be taken off your total bill to thank you for shopping at Sophie's.

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.

Sophie's Attic is a mission outreach of the First United Methodist Church of Gulfport.

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## Annual Wine & Cheese Party

The South Pasadena Civic Association will hold its Annual Wine & Cheese Party on Wednesday, January 11 at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall. Come see "Elvis Presley" for an entertaining afternoon. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Call Agnes at 347-5292 for tickets.

## January 3 is Deadline to Register to Vote or Change Political Parties

### for January 31 Presidential Preference Primary

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark announces that Tuesday, January 3 is the deadline to register to vote or change political party affiliation for the January 31 Presidential Preference Primary.

Only the Republican Party is having a presidential primary, because the Democratic Party selected President Barack Obama as their nominee. Since Florida is a "closed primary" state, only registered Republicans are eligible to vote for the Republican presidential nominee.

In addition, five municipalities will have elections on January 31: Clearwater, Kenneth City, Safety Harbor, St. Pete Beach (Districts 1 and 3) and Tarpon Springs. The city elections are nonpartisan, so all voters in those cities or districts are eligible to vote.

Voters who are already registered to vote in Florida do not need to re-register.

A change in election law now requires that address changes from another county that are made at the polls will require the voter to vote a provisional ballot, except for active military voters and their families.

Address changes can be made by calling 464-VOTE or emailing election@votepinellas.com with date of birth included. Name and party changes may be made by sending a signed, written statement to the Supervisor of Elections and including date of birth or voter ID number. Any updates, including signatures, can be made by completing and signing a voter registration application and returning it to the Supervisor of Elections. All new applications or party changes received by mail must be postmarked by January 3 in order to be eligible for this election.

Residents may register to vote or update their voter information at any Supervisor of Elections office, public library, driver license office or government office handling social services. Some public libraries have evening and weekend hours.

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**NEW YEAR'S DAY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012**  
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**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012**  
No Change in Schedule

**MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012**  
No Change in Schedule

**INDEPENDENCE DAY - WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2012**  
No Yard Waste pickup on Wednesday, July 4, 2012

**LABOR DAY - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2012**  
No Change in Schedule

**VETERAN'S DAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012**  
No Change in Schedule

**THANKSGIVING DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2012**  
Thursday's Pickup will be on Wednesday, November 21, 2012  
Friday's Pickup will remain on Schedule  
No Yard Waste Pickup this week

**CHRISTMAS DAY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2012**  
Tuesday's Pickup will be on Wednesday, December 26  
No Yard Waste Pickup this week



## Gulfport Lions Club Spaghetti Supper

The Gulfport Lions Club will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper on January 7th and the event is open to the public. The menu will consist of spaghetti & meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee or tea. This is an all you can eat supper, so bring your appetite, your family and friends. Cost is \$7 per ticket. Children under 10, \$4. It is also a BYOB event, so bring your wine if you like. All of their Gulfport Lions Club members have tickets, so if you want to prepurchase them, ask any local Lion. Otherwise, they will have an adequate supply of them at the door. The Gulfport Lions Club is located at 4630 Tifton Drive S., right behind the Gulfport Marina. They will be serving from 4-7 p.m. Directions are as follows: go south on 49th Street to the stop sign at the water; turn left and follow the road around to the Lions Club.

All their events support community outreach programs in sight conservation; four Pancake Breakfasts (Nov., Dec., Feb., April), a Shrimp Boil in March, along with their Fish Fry (September), and our Spaghetti Suppers (October and January). Some of the entities that they sponsor are The Watson Center (Lighthouse) for the Visually Impaired, the Conklin Center for the Multi-Handicapped Blind, the Central Florida Eye Bank, Southeast Guide Dogs, WUSF Radio Reading Service, the Florida Lions Foundation, local eyeglasses and examination program, local Scouting

and Little League programs, and many more. So please come out and support your local Lions.

Their next event will be on Saturday, February 4th with their Pancake Breakfast.

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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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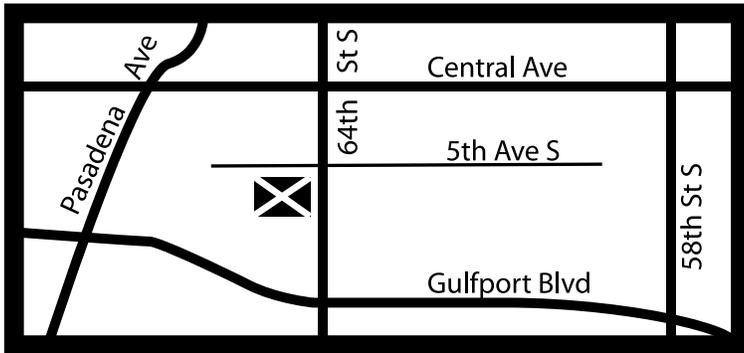


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## Natural History Speaker Series

Don and Lorraine Margeson, Naturalists, will speak at the Natural Speaker Series on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way S. in St. Petersburg. The topic is "Robins as Far as the Eye can See: Roost Rings in St. Petersburg". The St. Petersburg roost ring is the largest recorded roost ring in the nation three years running according to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The area has had over a million birds winter here in the past. What attracts them to come here? Where are the best places to observe them? Come and learn more about them as the speakers discuss their diet, habitat requirements, potential survival threats and conservation status.

The Speaker Series are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., September through April. Programs are free of charge and open to the general public. Call 727-893-7326 or visit [www.stpete.org/boyd](http://www.stpete.org/boyd).

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# Gulfport Community Players presents *The Curious Savage* by John Patrick Directed by Eileen Navarro



The cast of *The Curious Savage* portray the heart warming comedy about Ethel Savage, who has been committed to a "genteel asylum" by her children, so they can bring her to her senses and get their hands on the fortune her husband has left her.

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January's program includes: "Rules of the Nautical Road" January 3, "Boating Safety" January 10, "Piloting Your Boat - Part A" January 17, and "Piloting Your Boat - Part B" January 24.

Cost is \$40 for 13 weeks and includes new 400-pages of materials. Call Jim

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## South Pinellas Youth Baseball League

TIERRA VERDE- The Tierra Verde Tarpons, an affiliate of Dizzy Dean Baseball, will open registration for its spring season of youth baseball on January 1st. Registration will run through February with play beginning at the end of the month.

Tierra Verde Dizzy Dean is an instructional league with both recreational and competitive teams for youth ages 5-12. Its home field is located at 1420 Pinellas Bayway, Tierra Verde, next to the fire station. The league welcomes players from throughout South Pinellas.

Registration may be accomplished online at <http://www.eteamz.com/tarpons>. Contact Lou Wycoff, Lou455@aol.com, or Mike Rieth, splimbandbrace@aol.com for more information.

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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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## **“The Curious Savage” Opens Soon!**

The Gulfport Community Players will open a heart-warming comedy by John Patrick entitled, “The Curious Savage”, on January 5th at the Hickman Theater of Gulfport. The play tells the story of Ethel Savage, who has been committed to a “sanitarium” by her children. It is their hope that this act will “bring her to her senses”, allowing them to get their hands on the \$10 million her husband left her upon his passing. The play is set in The Cloisters - a genteel asylum for guests struggling to cope with various mental problems.

The play is being directed by Eileen Navarro, who won a Cathy Award for Best Director for last season’s Noises Off! She has a great cast of 12 people to work with, including a few people you might know from their past plays. The cast includes: Linda Hamrell, Jessica Barthle, Guadalupe Gagnon, Linda Rosenfeld, Ross Johnson, Mitchell Le Vine, David Mathias, Maureen Kilroy, Corey Kramer, Janell Kramer, and Ellie LeVine

Join them and your friends for another great evening or afternoon of live theater at the Hickman Theater. This play will run for three weeks, with curtain times of 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are only \$15 each and are available at Eileen’s Resale Boutique, the Gulfport Beach Bazaar, the Gulfport Casino, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, at the door, or by calling them at 727-322-0316 for advance sales.

For more information about this play or the Players, please visit their website at: <http://www.>

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## **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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## Coyote Sighting in Gulfport

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This Coyote was pictured in front of the house on 59th Street. and 29th Avenue S. in Gulfport three blocks South of the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club back gate. The gate guard said she had complaints of a coyote hanging around the tennis courts at the clubhouse.

## 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. For information call 727-343-7747. The facilitator is Vivian Killion, Parish Pastor.

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## Town Shores Billiards

The annual Town Shores Billiard Tournament will take place beginning January 4th at the clubhouse. This tournament, open to any resident of Town Shores, (male or female) consists of singles and doubles matches in eight ball, nine ball, straight pool and snooker. There is no entry fee other than the annual club dues of \$2. There will be no losers in this tournament as the enjoyment of the games, mild competition and socializing make everyone a winner, plus, you may get your name on the "Board of Champions". All skill levels are welcome with free lessons in pool shooting fundamentals available. For those interested, just stop by the billiard room most any afternoon 1-4 p.m. A club meeting is scheduled for January 4th at 1 p.m. in the billiard room.

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## Sex Crime,

from front page

The investigation revealed that Trejos routinely took photos of minors surfing, skim boarding and skateboarding on Upham Beach and possibly in nearby areas. He then downloaded his photos to his private web address, although Horianopoulos stressed that taking such photos is not crime.

"We concentrated on the crime," Horianopoulos said, adding that police hoped to find out of other victims, if any. "If there's other victims out there, that's part of the reason we want this out there."

Nine days later police made another sex-related arrest on Upham Beach. Shortly past 5 p.m. on December 23 two teenage girls reported seeing Salvatore Cordovano expose and fondle himself as he watched them; when they moved away he followed and continued his actions. They called the police, who arrested the 53-year-old offender for one count of lewd and lascivious behavior and two counts of exposing his sexual organs.

Officers approached Cordovano from the rear and developed probable cause to arrest Cordovano.

Cordovano has nine similar arrests in three states (New York, Florida, and Maryland). Police investigated further and found out a 13-year-old boy also saw Cordovano fondle himself.

"How many times did this occur that it did not get reported to law enforcement?" Horianopoulos said. "You can't help but wonder that."

Horianopoulos says the two crimes on Upham aren't the norm for the beach, but they aren't a rarity, either.

"I wouldn't say it's normal, but I wouldn't say it's not uncommon. Sometimes people gravitate towards the beach, (people like) exhibitionists... in the sea oats," he added.

Trejos's arrest record lists him as a transient St. Pete Beach resident. Cordovano lives at 521 68th Avenue on St. Pete Beach. At press time both men remained in the Pinellas county jail.

Police encourage anyone who may have further information about Trejos should contact police at either (727) 363- 9215 or (727) 363- 9200 after business hours.

# City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of St. Pete Beach: *Bridge Woerk*

**Q:** What's the construction on the Corey Bridge, who's paying for it, and when will it end?

**A:** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is cleaning, repairing and painting parts of the bridge, mainly the structural steel, according to the scope of work. State funds will cover the cost of the work.

FDOT spokesperson Kris Carson said work would wrap up in late January.

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## Holiday's with a touch of Red and Purple



On December 14th, the Red Hot Beach Nuts of Gulfport enjoyed a beautiful Holiday luncheon at Spinner's in the Grand Hotel Plaza on St. Pete Beach. They even offered a Beach Nut burger in their honor as one of their entrees. They had 32 ladies attending and the season celebration was a joy for everyone. There was a gift exchange, raffle drawings and a birthday cake to celebrate their Red Hatters December birthdays.

Their next outing will be The Old North East Tavern on January 18th.

## Students can get a Look at County Government

Have you ever seen a medic respond to a heart attack? Do you know how large a traffic signal is or what it's like to be behind bars?

Teens Behind the Scenes is a new program that takes an exclusive look at the inner workings of Pinellas County government. Once a month from January to April, teens will go behind the scenes to experience first-hand what goes into keeping the county running.

Presented by the county's Youth Advisory Committee, Teens Behind the Scenes was created by students for students and is modeled after the popular Pinellas Citizens University. The sessions will meet the fourth Wednesday of the month from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the site of the featured department.

Program line-up is as follows:

Survivor ... Public Works on January 25. Take a trip to the public works building and explore traffic control, engineering and more.

Law & Order on February 22. Investigate the roles of law enforcement, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys and the judge.

Most Wanted! on March 21. Take a tour of the Pinellas County Jail. Learn about intake, maximum security, and direct supervision. (Parental release required to participate.)

9-1-1 101 on April 18. Get an up-close look at the Pinellas County EMS system and get the chance to participate in a first responders' demonstration.

Awards Night (6 p.m.) on April 24. Be on PCC-TV with your County Commissioners and receive your certificate.

This free program is open to high school students who are at least 14 years old. The registration deadline for each session is two weeks before the program date. Don't delay, class size is limited!

To register, go to [www.pinellascounty.org/yac](http://www.pinellascounty.org/yac). For more information, call 727-582-2656.

The Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee is comprised of high school students who provide input and assistance to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners. Membership is open to high school students who reside in Pinellas County.

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There are five seats left on the bus for the January 12th bus trip to the Morse Museum in Winter Park.

The cost is \$20 (this includes 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.

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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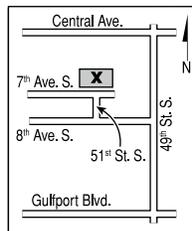
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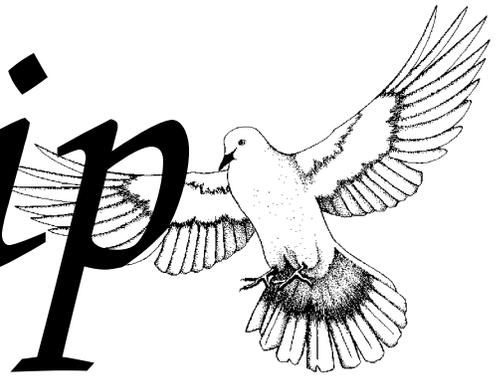
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Solution on Page 18

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- 5 Priam's son
- 10 Vaccines
- 14 Sister of Charles
- 15 U.S. rocket
- 16 Earnest
- 17 Play the lead
- 18 Clever
- 19 Aper
- 20 Modern-day emperor
- 22 Small eggs
- 24 Competent
- 25 Lulu
- 26 Asian attire
- 29 Ancient Jewish stronghold
- 32 Worship object
- 33 Most underhanded
- 35 Half of MCII
- 36 Eta follower
- 38 Nashville sch.
- 39 Loathes
- 42 Carry on
- 43 Rank
- 44 Fighting art, of Japan
- 47 Actress Lolobrigida
- 48 Barcelona bears
- 49 Flowering tree
- 52 WWII fighter

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- 1 Knife mar
- 2 Con
- 3 Growl
- 4 Certain spray
- 5 *The Godfather* actor
- 6 Chalcedony specimens
- 7 Clinton cabinet member
- 8 Travel stop
- 9 Tokyo farewell
- 10 Japanese warrior
- 11 Wrongdoing
- 12 Encrust
- 13 Citrus products
- 21 *Star Wars* Solo
- 23 Suit piece
- 25 Skip
- 26 Famous pirate
- 27 Kills time

## 28 Dewy

- 30 Coup \_\_\_\_
- 31 Orgs.
- 33 Moines leader
- 34 Dance frock
- 36 Tidal waves
- 37 "For \_\_\_\_ jolly good . . ."
- 40 Eastern towers
- 41 Suffix meaning disease
- 42 Not as safe
- 44 Kerns, of *Growing Pains*
- 45 Shipping mode
- 46 Half a court game
- 49 Aromatic spice
- 50 Computer image
- 51 Temperate
- 52 Start for sack
- 53 Jason's ship
- 54 Turns sharply
- 55 Latin I verb
- 58 \_\_\_\_ *You Lonesome Tonight?*

## Looking East

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# Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

## Puppy Presents

Every year, I caution people against giving the gift of a puppy for Christmas. There are many reasons for this, from the chaos of the season to the coldness of the climate to the fact that it is such a personal decision -- essentially the only time you get to choose a family member. Who wouldn't want a part in that?

But every year, people do it anyway.

So this column is for all the people who pull off a ribbon and open a box to find an adorable, wiggling, wide-eyed puppy.

When you get the gift of a power tool, an appliance or a gadget, the first thing you reach for is the manual. But puppies don't come with manuals, and they can't tell you what they need. So what do you do?

Well, the first thing you do is most likely instinctive: You bond. You reach into that box, lift your pup into your arms and hold him. You cuddle with him. You stroke his fur and scratch behind his ears. You reassure him and make him feel safe and loved in his new world. You keep doing this for the rest of his life.

Where it goes from there depends largely on his temperament and your environment. If he strikes you as scared or skittish, you'll want to protect him from any chaos. If he bounds around the room brave and game to play, engage with him while beginning the process of puppy-proofing your home.

Puppies need three things right off the bat: love, patience and boundaries. Training can wait. That's not a typo. Day One with your new puppy is not the time to lay down the law. So if

you got a puppy for Christmas, make one of your New Year's resolutions to eliminate the word "no" from your vocabulary.

Here are a few more tools and tips to get you off on the right paw:

-- Invest in a baby gate and a crate. No dog under the age of 2 should have free rein. His crate should be large enough for him to stand up, stretch out and turn around. It also should offer good visibility. The idea is to create a safe haven that is comfortable and inviting. Deck it out in soft chew toys and a warm blanket. Your dog's crate is not a place for punishment or timeouts. You want him to love his crate, to willingly retreat there when you have to be out of the house or even out of the room for a while.

-- Begin a housebreaking routine. This is not the time for training, but it is the time to get into a routine. The basic idea: feed, water, walk. Feed your pup, provide water for your pup after he eats, and then immediately take him outside. When outside, praise him effusively the moment he eliminates. If he accidentally goes inside, clean it quickly and thoroughly and then take him outside. No pointing, yelling, spanking, rolled-up newspapers or "no"-ing.

-- Puppies teethe and puppies chew. To relieve the pain of teething while satisfying the natural urge to chew, keep an army of frozen washcloths in your freezer. If your pup is mouthing or chewing on hands, shoes or anything else you'd rather he not, swap the unwanted item for a frozen washcloth. He'll love you for it.

-- Don't forget the basics: stainless steel food and water bowls, puppy food, leash, collar, ID tags, microchip, puppy treats, chew toys and a blanket.

For more information on raising your new puppy, check out my book "I Just Got a Puppy. What Do I Do?" or visit [www.unclematty.com](http://www.unclematty.com). Happy holidays!

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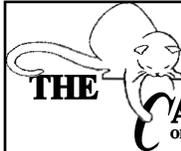
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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

If you get the sense that life is ripe fruit hanging on a low branch, all yours for the taking, you're right. The new year brings opportunity and momentum from the start. All planets are moving forward, and the moon will be waxing toward next week's full moon. As tempting and easy as it is to seize the moment, it still requires action. Some are so mired in old conditioning that they won't reach up. Ultimately, your happiness is up to you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You value yourself, and you know what you have to offer is worthwhile. Therefore, it's not necessary to try too hard or really even to try at all. You simply offer what you have. If there are takers, great, and if not, that's great, too. It just means more for you and yours.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Take things step by step, one at a time. It's what will be most satisfying to your standards. You may find that some of your goals are too ambitious or perhaps just undefined. Give more thought to what you want, and then write it down. Writing it down will bring it to earth.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no use in pretending to be someone others will need and want, because if the real you isn't feeling needed or wanted, the victory will be hollow. You understand this attraction secret well, and you'll get the opportunity to embody it this week. You'll be loved for who you are.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You have a way of bumping into exactly the person who has been on your mind. You'll do this again before the week is up. You have a strong feeling about the person you soon will encounter, and in some way you're getting ready for it in the early part of the week. Every impression matters to you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Just because you are an honorable and decent human being doesn't mean you always take the best action. You

will spend moments in retrospect this week, wishing you had made a different choice. But it won't end there. You'll have the chance to do things differently, and you'll seize it.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Be careful about how you define your experience. If you see your life through a lens of negativity, it will only bring more of the same. Find the absolute most positive way to think about your activities. Do this not because it will make you a better person, but because it will make life easier for you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Note where your thinking is limiting, and put it to the test. You can question the idea without questioning your own mind. Also, just because you recognize certain lines of thought as irrational doesn't mean you can stop yourself from thinking them. But it's a start.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You have taken risks in the past and come out ahead. Past perils spring to mind, and you realize that things turned out much better than they might have. You'll mentally be adding new items to a long list of blessings. Each day the week progresses, you will think of more reasons to be grateful.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can program yourself to some degree, but not completely. You're not a robot. You can't help but have human feelings, so don't try to suppress them in favor of strictly logical choices. Just because something is logical doesn't make it intelligent. Remember that the body has its own kind of genius.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be flattered by the attention you receive from someone who has very little time and many choices about where to invest it. When you see things from this person's perspective, you'll realize what you need to do to move your life toward one of your cherished goals.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your solo efforts will be halted. There will

be someone to assist you in getting things done. This person may not seem to be much help at first. He or she needs to be taught what to do. The instructive period will be minimal, though, and soon you'll fall into a productive groove.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). True, there's a bit of an ego rush in knowing that you tried really hard to accomplish something and were finally able to do it. But the struggle of "trying hard" isn't as necessary to the process as you think. You'll be happier when you skip the drama of an activity and simply get it done.

**This Week's Birthdays:** You'll become an expert at something this year and will find many relationships that benefit your journey toward mastering a skill. In February, finances will pan out as planned, so be sure you have a solid plan in place. You may crave solitude in March, feeling as though you need to be alone to set yourself right with the universe. April brings a more communal time. You'll be among those with complementary skills and resources and will create a happy rhythm of give and take.

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport: Smoking Tickets

**Q:** How many tickets has the city issued for people violating the smoking ban on Gulfport beach?

**A:** According to police chief Rob Vincent, none, although when an officer stopped one smoker to ask him to extinguish his cigarette, the officer discovered that the smoker had an outstanding warrant on another charge. Officers arrested the smoker for the warrant, not for smoking.

Additionally, Chief Vincent says, officers will ask people to put out their cigarettes instead of ticketing smokers until such time as the city puts up appropriate signage alerting people to the city's laws about smoking on the beach.

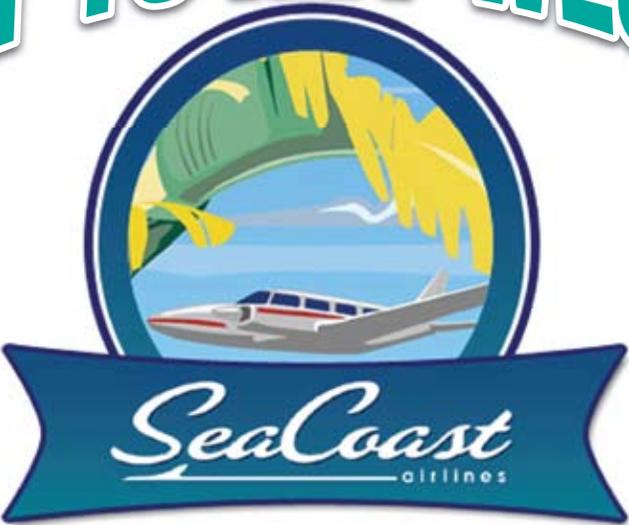
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Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge, located at 14020 Marguerite Dr. in Madeira Beach, recently received \$1,545 in donations from the Suncoast Riders Chapter of the Widows Sons Masonic Bikers Association. The Suncoast Riders are all Freemasons who love riding their motorcycles, as well as putting on fund raisers to support charitable work in the community. Information on their Chapter can be found at the following web address <http://www.suncoastriders.com/index.html>.

## Seniors' Chat Room

Join others as they experience table topics with the Gulfport Senior Center's Chat Room every Friday at 2 p.m. The Center is located at 5501 27 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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## Temple Beth-El Game Day

Temple Beth-El, 400 S. Pasadena Avenue is having a Game Day on Thursday, January 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please RSVP to Jean Diamond, 727-360-5359 as soon as possible. She needs to know how many there will be in your group and what game you will be playing. The cost is \$15 per person. Lunch will be at noon and there will be door prizes. You do not have to be a member of Temple to attend.

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## St. Pete Beach Classic Returns

The officials at the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida announce the details to the 2012 St. Pete Beach Classic/ Wendy Johnson Memorial Run. The 9th annual road race is slated for the weekend of January 13 -15. The event includes a race for every level of participant.

The 5k, 10k and Kids' races will be held on Saturday, January 14. Making its debut in 2012 is the half marathon scheduled for Sunday, January 15. The races will take place on the streets of beautiful St. Pete Beach. The race courses are flat, fast and certified by USATF.

The event venue is the Sirata Beach Resort and Conference Center located at 5300 Gulf Blvd. All activities, including the start and finish lines for all races, are located at the Sirata. The three-day weekend event kicks-off with a health and fitness expo on Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14 and will feature many local and national vendors.

Registration is now open at [www.stpetebeachclassic.com](http://www.stpetebeachclassic.com). Visit [raceinfor@runmsm.com](mailto:raceinfor@runmsm.com) or call 727-367-2730.

Proceeds from the three-day event will benefit the St. Pete Beach Community Center. The St. Pete Beach Classic/ Wendy Johnson Memorial Run is a partner event for St. Jude Heroes to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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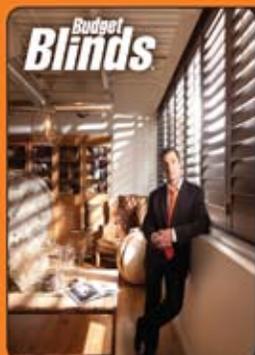
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## Retired Officers Wives Club to Meet

The Retired Officers Wives Club of St. Petersburg will meet for luncheon on January 10th at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd, in Pinellas Park. Social hour will be 11:30 with lunch at 12:15 p.m. The program will be dances by the Florida Beach Girls. Call for reservations 347-7976 or 399-1272.

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## SPCREA to Meet

The South Pinellas Retired Teachers Association (SPCREA) meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of each month from October through May at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 19th Ave. and 34th St. N. Meetings are open to all who have worked in the field of education whether here in Florida or elsewhere, including teachers, support personnel and administrators. The meeting begins at 12 noon with an activity planned by the hospitality committee.

At the January 12th meeting AARP speaker Anne Marie Flannery will talk about the benefits available to

them as members of this organization. The meeting adjourns by 1 p.m. SPCREA often plans fun field trips of interest to the group. Email Joyce Walters at jellen1943@yahoo.com for more information.

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## Register for Co-Ed Adult Dodgeball

ST. PETERSBURG- Fulfill one of your New Year's resolutions by joining a co-ed adult dodgeball team at Wildwood Recreation Center, 1000 28th Street S. Adults will learn and enjoy the fundamentals of dodgeball

while participating in a social, fun and physical activity. Registration begins January 11 for the January 26 through March 1 season. Games are played on Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost for a team of 10 players is either \$150 without shirts or \$190 with shirts. St. Petersburg ADVANTAGE Card Membership is required, \$15 for resident of St. Petersburg or non-residents pay \$38/season pass or \$125/annual. Players must be 18 years or older. Call 727-893-7750 for information.

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## Jewish Genealogical Society to Meet

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd. in Clearwater on Sunday January 8, at 2 p.m. for a genealogy problem solving session – what to do when you bump into a “brick wall”.

The problem-solving panel will include Debbe Hagner and Emil Isaacson, their resident experts. In this working session a panel of experienced resident genealogists will assist those who have come up

against a dead end in their family research and don't know what to do next. The solutions presented should be of value to anyone doing family research.

Those who present a “brick wall” problem by e-mail to [jjgstb@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jjgstb@tampabay.rr.com) prior to the meeting will be given priority by the panel. Time permitting; problems presented from the floor will also be addressed.

The pre-program social with refreshments and library access begins at 1:30 p.m., and the featured program starts at 2 p.m. For information about the organization

or directions to the meeting, call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

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## Sign the Kids up for Archery

ST. PETE BEACH- This January, sign the kids up for archery classes with Coach Dan McKaeg. Archery classes are for kids ages 8 to 15 and students will learn the proper techniques of archery and have fun doing it. The winter program runs from January 9th to the 30th with classes held every Monday at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Cost is \$30 per student for the 4-week session. Contact Coach Dan McKaeg at 727-536-6207 for more information and to register.

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## Take America's Boating Course

Are you ready to expand your boating knowledge and skills? America's Boating Course will be presented beginning Monday, January 9, from 7-9 p.m. and continue for an additional six weeks on Monday nights. This program, presented over seven evenings by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron, is available to anyone 12 or older. It covers Required Safety Equipment, Boat Handling, Rules of the Road, Navigation Aids, Anchoring, Adverse Conditions, Communications, Trailing, PWC Operation, Knots and Lines, Introduction to Charts and more. This is an essential course for 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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## **Pardon**, from front page

He's not a real dog. If you ask store owner Alan Ronay, he's not a real sign, either. According to St. Pete Beach Code Enforcement Officer Heidi Hartsock, he's not only a real sign, he's a violation that Ronay needs to move or remove.

"He" refers to the giant inflatable dog perched atop the bright pink Best Buddies van at the southwest corner of Gulf Boulevard and 65th Street. Best Buddies, a dog accessory and bake shop, caters to dogs. Hartsock says the inflatable dog is a sign and told Ronay to move it. When he refused, she cited him for violating the city's sign ordinance.

That's when Mayor Steve McFarlin stepped in. Monday afternoon he issued a "Puppy Pardon."

"By the common sense and community spirit vested in me," he wrote in the pardon "I... hereby grant this puppy an honorable pardon."

The pardon goes on to say that he hopes "the bureaucratic actions against its master in no way hinder the holiday joy it has bestowed upon our city."

When told of the pardon Tuesday afternoon, Hartsock took a moment to reply.

"I don't know if he can do that," she said.

The festive dog – he's wearing a red ribbon collar, a red Santa hat, and holding a Christmas stocking in his fangs – violates the city's code dealing with prohibited signs (section 26.4), Hartsock said.

"When the inflatable dog is attached to a vehicle, it becomes signage," she explained, adding that if Ronay removed the dog from atop his van and placed it on his property, it would be a decoration and no longer in violation.

The problem, Ronay said, is that he has no room. He can't block the sidewalk or his entrance, and he won't block a parking space. Hartsock told him she would allow him to place it on the side of the shop, even though it would block the sidewalk on the dead-end 65th Street, but he declined.

"There's no law against what she's telling me. There's no language (in the city ordinances)," he said. He pointed to other shops on the beach that he claimed had similar signs.

Scoops, an ice cream shop a few blocks north, has a giant ice cream cone on a car. Hartsock said the cone can stay because its owners permanently attached it to the car.

"It's going nowhere. He can drive with it," she said.

PJ's Oyster Bar has an inflatable Santa in its courtyard. That, too, is OK, because it's not a sign, she said, it's a decoration.

Ronay says there are plenty of others who are allowed and he should be, too. Hartsock is standing firm, despite the mayoral puppy pardon.

"As far as I'm concerned, he's still going to the magistrate next month," she said.

Ronay said he hadn't received his official notice of a hearing yet, but he told the Gabber he had no plans to take the inflatable puppy off his car.

"The magistrate will decide," he said.

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# Gulfport Leisure

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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.

**NEW CLASSES- Interested in teaching a class? Call John at 727-893-1079 for more info**

#### **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

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**Library will be closed for New Year's Day: Monday, Jan. 2**

**Search for/request books and other items on our online catalog: <http://pals.polarislibrary.com>**

#### **Pinellas County Food Council:**

Thursday, January 5, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Discussion leading to strategy and action regarding sustainable food issues. FMI, call 407-595-8103.

#### **Suncoast Hospice:**

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

#### **Coffee/Talk Book Club:**

Thursday, January 19, 10:00 am. Discussion of

*The Waste Land*, by T.S. Eliot, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a discussion guide and a copy of the poem. Call 893-1073 FMI.

#### **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!

# Services 893-2237

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### Senior Center

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Closed for Holidays:** The Senior Center & GEMS will be closed on Mon. Jan. 2 in observance of New Years. It will also be closed Mon. Jan. 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).

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

**Coupon Club:** Our Coupon Club meets every Fri. at 11am. Bring unwanted coupons for an exchange and learn ways to save money at the grocery store.

#### January: Pain Management

**Presentations:** A series of presentations on Pain Management will be held at the Senior Center every Thurs. in January at 1pm sponsored by Palms of Pasadena Hospital. Free & open to the general public. Topics include: Different levels of pain; remedies for pain medication addiction; the role of nutrition; adaptive equipment/energy conservation and joint protection, etc. Watch for more health presentations in February!

**Memory Workshop:** Sign up now for a fun Memory Workshop with Peg Stella on Mon. Jan. 9 at 1pm. Call now to reserve a spot.

#### Great Backyard Bird Count Presentation:

Be a part of this national event by participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count! A presentation will be offered by Jane Ogilvie on Tues. Jan. 17 at 1pm. Educational and fun!

**Annual Health & Beauty Fair:** Our annual Health & Beauty Fair will be held on Mon. Jan. 23, 9am to noon. Sponsored by Palms of Pasadena Hospital. Includes health screenings and lots of good info; free haircuts, manicures, beauty tips and massages (first come, first serve). A hamburger and hot dog lunch on the grill will follow. Must purchase meal ticket in advance: \$3.00. (No NCN lunch served).

**Senior Talent Show Auditions:** Have a talent? Auditions will be held on Wed. Jan. 11, 1-5pm at the Senior Center. Must be 50 or over. Compete for cash prizes.

**Senior Talent Show:** Don't miss the Senior Talent Show on Wed. Jan. 25 at 1pm in the Hickman Theater. Tickets: \$5.00. Refreshments will follow in the Senior Center Dining Hall.

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

**Senior Trips:** Start your new year off with

some great day trips: Dale, Dali & Delightful Dining, \$79 on Thurs. Jan. 12; Hard Rock Casino, \$20 on Jan. 15 and 26; Glenn Miller Orchestra, \$54 at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Tues. Jan. 17 (includes box lunch; Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for more info.

**Holiday Dance:** A Tea Dance will be held on the last Tuesday of every month at 2pm with live music by Chuck and Friends. Admission: \$2.00. Next dance: Jan. 31.

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

#### 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 for fee and registration info.

**Elder Law Clinic:** Volunteer attorneys will assist clients 60 and over with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, and health care surrogates on Fri. Jan. 20 at 9:30am. Must meet income criteria. Call for more info.

**Phones for Hearing Impaired:** Come to our Health Fair on Mon. Jan. 23, 9am-noon. Deaf & Hearing Connection will be present and will distribute free phones for hearing impaired Floridians at the conclusion of the fair.

#### 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>".

**Neighborhood Center**  
**1617 49th St. So./893-1070**  
**Faith Cathedral International Church:**  
 9:30am, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays;  
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**Every Wednesday**  
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 7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson  
 8-11pm Swing Dance, \$7

**Every Thursday**  
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## Bark for Life

Come join the American Cancer Society in Gulfport's first annual Bark for Life Event. On January 21st, dogs and their owners can come out to Gulfport Recreation Center field to help raise funds and awareness for the fight against cancer. The event begins at 2 p.m. with registration and a walk honoring survivors and concludes at 6 p.m. with a doggy parade down Shore Blvd. (so bring your pups dressed to impress!). This noncompetitive walk is a fundraising opportunity that honors the caregiving qualities of canine companions. It is \$10 to register and all proceeds go to the American

Cancer Society to help find cures, fight back against cancer and help the world celebrate more birthdays. There will be music, doggy giveaways and plenty of fun.

Canine participants must be kept on a leash at all times (max. 6 feet), have proof of current canine vaccinations and be six months old or older. Only canines and their humans may participate and should respect each other's space at the event.

Gulfport Recreation Center is located at 5730 Shore Boulevard S. Contact Sandy Valentine at 727-320-2069 or like them on Facebook at Bark For Life-Gulfport.

If you have a canine caregiver or survivor story that you would like to

share, please email it to leah8907@gmail for a chance to be highlighted in the *Gabber*.

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## Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show/Sale

The members of the Pinellas Geological Society and other local Gem and Mineral Clubs will be showing their cut gems, silver and gold jewelry, wire wrap, beading, cabachons, ornamental mineral eggs and collections of rocks and minerals at their 36th Annual Show and Sale on January 13th, 14th and 15th in the Parkside Room at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park in Largo one block east of Seminole Blvd., south off East Bay Drive.

The hours of the show are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. Call Hugh at 727-894-2440.

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## Club to Hold Annual Card/Game Party

On Wednesday, January 26th the Gulfport Women's Club will be holding its Annual Card/Game Party at The First United Methodist Church on the corner of 28th Ave. S. and 53rd St. S. in Gulfport. The Card/Game Party is the Club's largest fundraising event with proceeds to be awarded to help the schools and Gulfport's senior residents.

Most tables are sold for games of four, six or eight. It is open to the public. Typical games played are bridge, canasta and tiles. Using your imagination and start your own game with a few friends (Scrabble, Boggle, etc.). If you don't have a group they will put you with one.

Door prizes will be given and an auction for additional prizes. Hold the date and join them on January 26th for fun, friendship and a great lunch.

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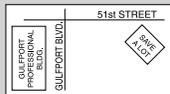


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## Local Obituaries

CUNNINGHAM, GEORGE P., 83, of Gulfport, died Dec. 23, at home. Graveside at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29th, at FL National Cemetery, Bushnell. Details and guestbook at [www.VeteransFuneralCare.com](http://www.VeteransFuneralCare.com).

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there will be plenty of giveaways for all participants. The cost is \$25 per team and includes 18 holes of competition, lunch by Chipotle Mexican Grill, an instructional clinic and player's package complete with a new disc and many more giveaways. Teams can register for the event at the Azalea Recreation Center, in Azalea Park, 1600 72nd St. N. For more registration information [www.stpete.org/recreation](http://www.stpete.org/recreation) or call Cory Kapes at 727-893-7150 to sign up.

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## Attorney Keith Sanders, Handles Foreclosure Defense and Bankruptcies with Experience and Sensitivity

**Y**ou could say my motto is 'been there, done that,' says Keith Sanders, from Sanders Law, P.A.

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."

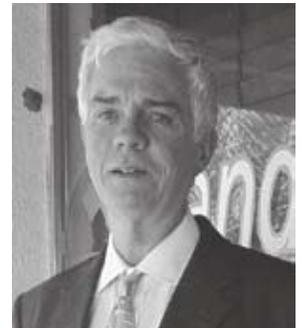
"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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.

**Keith Sanders, Esq.**  
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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## The Deep Hole

Congratulations USA, Democrats, Republicans, fellow citizens, and to whom it may concern (not sure if anyone is concerned) we're closing out the year \$15 trillion ( \$15,000,000,000,000) in debt. Not personally, of course, just collectively. That is, it's government debt. Plus we got another trillion coming up for this year. This doesn't include future anticipated liabilities for government pensions, Medicaid, Medicare or Social Security. It doesn't include state and local government debt, nor does it include any personal or business debt. I think that comes out to \$50,000 per man, woman and child.

Oh, about the Social Security. It looks like we've decided to ditch the concept of a trust fund for Social Security. Anyone who thinks that the present two per cent cut in payroll taxes for two months won't be extended for another year is on political pot. Not only is it going to be extended, it is so popular that no politician, Republican nor Democrat, will be able to resist extending the cut year after year. Oh, well, the so-called Social Security Trust Fund is full of government IOUs anyway. Future payments to retirees will come from general revenues, if there's any money left. With a third less money coming into the Fund each year, whatever is in there will be depleted quickly. Might as well get to the general fund quickly.

By the way, unemployment benefits will also be continued to 99 weeks from 26 weeks. It sounds like a compassionate give-away, but eventually businesses will be taxed to pay for the program. It's borrowed from the unemployment fund that is funded by taxes on employers.

All this is politically popular. The rich guys are going to pay for it. Right now there'll be a \$17 a month tax on any mortgage above \$200,000 that is held by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae (that's most of them) and the idea of putting a 2.1 per cent or is it 3?) surtax on people earning more

than a million dollars a year is very popular. If I recall correctly, it takes 10 years of one of these taxes, one or the other or both, to pay for one year of the payroll tax cut.

Politicians for both parties are so used to giving away money, that it's not easy to change. Economist Robert J. Samuelson, writing for the Washington Post, pointed out that "taking away" - in the form of taxes or cutting benefits is just not on anyone's political "how-to-do-list". No one can remember doing it. He also points out that rapidly declining military costs and high economic growth, made up the difference in the past. Military spending as a percentage of the federal budget remains flat, but slower economic growth, an aging population, and high health costs are taking away that escape route. In addition, sooner or later we run out of rich people to tax.

Change can't happen over night. Anyone who's run any size business (or even your own household) knows that "cuts" don't take effect immediately. It's a slow process like stopping a huge oil tanker. Tax hikes do get immediate results but also tend to do two things: slow growth because people and businesses have less to invest and two, tempt government to spend more.

Taxing without significant and direct spending cuts won't slow the ship; and, spending cuts without some tax increases won't stop deficit spending. Clearly, the spenders have to quit spending first and the tax cutters need to agree to some tax increases to cover the interim. Tax increases, by the way, include reducing or taking away tax breaks or deductions or preferences or whatever you call them.

In addition, reforming the system of benefits (instead of expanding the base and lessening limitations) is critical. However, people don't care for change, particularly if it might, even remotely, limit what they see as their "entitlements".

This isn't going to be a pretty fight. The problem is that this has to be

a fight now rather than later when things are in crisis mode.

Right now, individually national politicians are focused mostly on keeping themselves in office regardless of their age or their length of service. Change, therefore will be slow unless people are thrown out. Not a bad idea, of course, but usually very disruptive. The Tea Party movement is an example. It has been disruptive because the movement is anti-system. However, without that movement we probably wouldn't even be arguing the issue now.

As for the future, I'm mildly optimistic, or pessimistic, that we will approach a long view solution. I also expect an economic revival, even a boom, centered around energy - if government will permit it. Then the problem will be two fold: preventing inflation and capping a boom which is inevitably followed by a bust.

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## Post 125

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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.

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.

## Post 305

**6999 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach 367-1596**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7 pm Food served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm  Barry Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	New Year's Eve Party	New Year's Day  Closed	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm  Dee Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	Harry 7-10pm	Legion Dinner 6-8pm

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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  - Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Fight in Progress-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk 17th Ave. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 2900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
  - Suspicious Circumstances-** 3000 Blk 59th St. S.
  - Noise Complaint-** 1300 Blk 57th St. S.
  - Open Door/Window-** 2600 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Saturday 12/17**
- Noise Complaint-** 5600 Blk 16th Ave. S.
  - Drunk Person-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.

- Disabled Vehicle-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 5300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
  - Suspicious Circumstances-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 6200 Blk 10th Ave. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Sunday 12/18**
- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
  - Domestic Verbal-** 5200 Blk 13th Ave. S.
  - Noise Complaint-** 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
  - Suspicious Person-** 6300 Blk Pasadena Pt. Blvd. S.
  - Criminal Mischief-** 5000 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Monday 12/19**
- Animal Complaint-** 1300 Blk 49th St. S.
  - Theft-** 4900 Blk Newton Ave. S.
  - Call for Officer-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
  - Domestic Battery-** 5100 Blk 9th Ave. S.
  - Criminal Mischief-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

- Trouble with Individual-** 3000 Blk 59th St. S.
  - Theft-** Tomlinson Park.
  - Theft-** 2800 Blk 54th St. S.
  - Call for Officer-** 2800 Blk 50th St. S.
- Tuesday 12/20**
- Call for Officer-** 5400 Blk 29th Ave. S.
  - City County Code Violation-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Suspicious vehicle-** 1400 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Theft-** 2900 Blk 49th St. S.
  - Hit & Run-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
  - Animal Complaint-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
  - Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 13th Ave. S.
  - Suspicious Person-** 1700 Blk 52nd St. S.
  - Burglary-** 5200 Blk 6th Pl. S.
  - Suspicious Circumstances-** 2800 Blk 50th St. S.
  - Domestic Verbal-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Wednesday 12/21**
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 1500 Blk 51st St. S.
  - Theft-** 1800 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Arrest on Warrant-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Theft-** 5200 Blk 18th Ave. S.
  - Animal Complaint-** 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 6300 Blk 7th Ave. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 1200 Blk 53rd St. S.
  - Call for Officer-** 1100 Blk Fremont St. S.
- Thursday 12/22**
- Call for Officer-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.
  - Suspicious Circumstances-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd S.
  - Violation of Court Order-** 2500 Blk 50th St. S.
  - Burglary-** 5600 Blk 19th Ave. S.
  - Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
  - Domestic Verbal-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Suspicious Vehicle-** 5900 Blk 20th Ave. S.
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## Gulfport Celebrates Arbor Day

On Friday, January 20th at 10 a.m., the City of Gulfport celebrates the life of trees and their importance through honoring Arbor Day. This event will be held this year at Tomlinson Park (corner of 54th St. S. and 19th Ave. S.). The Gulfport Recreation Division have included the children from the School Year Child Care Program to read excerpts, the Gulfport Teen Council will provide refreshments and a new tree will be planted in Tomlinson Park. Free Pecan and Myrtle Leaf Holly seedlings will be available to the guests who attend. The Mayor and Council will also be there during the celebration. All are welcome.

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## County Landscapers Need Certification

Landscapers and those providing fertilizer application in Pinellas County are reminded that the grace period to be certified to work in Pinellas County has now ended. This includes those who provide fertilizer application and those who provide mowing, edging, pruning and debris management services.

A county ordinance passed in January 2010 requires certification of any person or company providing fertilizer application or landscape services in Pinellas County. Companies must display the appropriate decal on all service vehicles. Every landscaper is required to have a decal, either for fertilizing or for landscape maintenance.

To assist those who still need to obtain certification, several classes have been scheduled during January and February, a typically slow season for landscapers.

There is a three-step process for fertilizer applicators to obtain certification:

- Complete a state-approved training course, such as Green Industries Best Management Practices (BMP), from a University of Florida Extension office.
- Submit your GIBMP certificate with your application for the FDACS Limited Commercial Fertilizer Applicator License.
- Submit your fertilizer applicator license with a completed affidavit

to Pinellas County's Watershed Management Division to receive your individual fertilizer applicator vehicle decal.

There is a one-step process for landscape maintenance staff to obtain Pinellas County certification:

- Complete the Pinellas County Landscape Best Management Practices course and your certificate and vehicle decal are provided at the end of the class.

For information on classes and requirements visit [www.pinellascounty.org/environment/watershed/fertilizer.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/environment/watershed/fertilizer.htm).

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## Single Seniors to Meet

The Senior Singles Friendship Club meets every Monday at 4:30p.m. at different restaurants in the St. Petersburg area. This gives a person the chance to meet new friends, enjoy conversation and they don't have to eat alone. Please call Estella at 548-9181 or Mary at 688-9270.

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## The Second Annual

### J. West Prostate Cancer 5K Run & Walk For Awareness

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## Market Offers Non-Profits Free Space

GULFPORT- The Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market has announced it will set aside one free vendor space each week for community non-profit organizations. Groups may use the space to offer free information, promote upcoming events and community outreach, to raise funds, or to sell items for fund-raising. Any items to be sold must be pre-approved by Market managers. All funds raised in any manner must be for the benefit of the non-profit organization, rather than any individual(s).

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## Masters Program at the Aquatic Center

ST. PETE BEACH- The Perform Coaching Group is now hosting their Masters Program at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Taught by Coach Hank Campbell, this program is for swimmers of all fitness and training levels. The program's workouts are tailored to the individuals' goals, such as pool competitions, triathlons or open water races. The program is held Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 5:30-7 a.m. in the Aquatic

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## The J.West Prostate Cancer 5K Run & Walk 2<sup>nd</sup>. Annual 5K Run & Walk For Awareness Benefiting Education - Detection - Counseling For Prostate Cancer

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### Date/Location

Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## What Steps are Involved in the Probate Process? (Part 1)

### I. LOCATING AND FILING THE WILL

The first step in the probate process is to determine whether the deceased left a will, that is a legal document prepared by a person before death directing others how to distribute his or her property after death. If a will exists, the person is said to have died "testate."

Although determining that a will does exist might be fairly easy, finding the will may be more difficult. It is important to locate the last will and any amendments (called "codicils") to it. Among the places where people commonly keep wills are strong-boxes, file cabinets, desk drawers, and safe deposit boxes.

If you have agreed to serve as the Personal Representative for someone's estate, it is essential to learn in advance where the person keeps the will. If the will is in a bank's safe deposit box, please keep in mind that the law requires the box to be sealed at the owner's death. Because you need to get a court order to open

a safe deposit box, it is not the best place to keep a will.

Within ten (10) days following death, the will should be filed by your attorney with the probate clerk in the county where the person lived at the time of death. In most cases, however, there is no need to rush to the probate clerk's office. If you have recently lost a spouse or other loved one, this is a stressful and vulnerable time. You might want to wait a few months, until you are feeling settled, to begin the probate process. With the passage of a few months' time, you may be in a better position to tackle the decisions and details of probate.

### 2. INITIATING THE PROBATE PROCESS

Any person entitled to the deceased's property as an heir, as a beneficiary named in a will, or as a creditor (known as "interested persons") can file a written request at the probate clerk's office to begin a probate proceeding. This written request is typically called a "petition for probate administration."

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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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## Host Families Needed

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Call 239-1548 if you wish to donate, volunteer or assist or if you may want to use the shelter.

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## Enter the Scholastic Art Awards

In partnership with the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing the nation's most talented teen artists and writers, the Pinellas County Region has launched its call for entries for the 2012 Scholastic Art Awards. The national awards competition, entering its 89th year, is the nation's longest-running, most prestigious scholarship and recognition program for student achievement in the visual and literary arts. Locally, the awards competition is sponsored by the Suncoasters of St. Petersburg and Raymond James.

Creative teens in grades 7-12 are invited to submit work in several categories of art including architecture, comic art, ceramics & glass, digital art, design, drawing, fashion, film & animation, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography,

printmaking, sculpture, video games, art portfolio and photography portfolio.

The Pinellas County Region, one of 115 affiliate organizations nationwide, administers The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in Pinellas County. The submissions are first judged locally with top winning works then presented to national panels of creative leaders to determine which receive the highest honors. Fifteen graduating high school seniors will be awarded

with Portfolio Gold Medals, which include a \$10,000 scholarship for each winner. Additional scholarships are made available to Portfolio Silver Medalists and through sponsored awards and stipends to summer arts programs.

For more information about the Scholastic Art Awards, how to enter, reconnecting as an alumni or exhibit details, visit [www.artandwriting.org](http://www.artandwriting.org). Plus, find the Awards on Facebook and Twitter.

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SHINE is a free service of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, operated locally through the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco- Pinellas, Inc. SHINE provides free and unbiased Medicare information and counseling. For more information or to learn how you can volunteer, please call the Elder Helpline toll-free at 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337), contact Susan Samson at [samsons@elderaffairs.org](mailto:samsons@elderaffairs.org) or visit the SHINE website at [www.FloridaSHINE.org](http://www.FloridaSHINE.org).

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# Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

## Thanks, Mom!

I am 99% certain the nurses made some sort of mistake with my wristband when I was born. They must have switched mine with another pruny little baby's when they were bathing us. Sounds like a movie, I know, but I cannot otherwise explain the fact that my mother and I are two very different people.

She is a wonderful woman and an ideal mother, don't misunderstand, but we have very little in common. From a young age I challenged her; by the time I hit high school I'm fairly certain she'd made some discreet inquiries into the white slave trade. Honestly, I can't blame her. I never passed up the chance to try her patience, sometimes unintentionally but quite often on purpose. You know all those mothers who say their child was a "delight" to raise? My mom chokes on her coffee whenever she hears that.

As an adult, I didn't make her life any less stressful, making essentially the opposite of every decision she made for herself. My mom and dad have been together since the British Invasion, while I lasted seven years in a marriage before my spectacularly dramatic divorce. My mom devoted her life to raising a child, staying home with me until I went into

middle school. I look at babies with a detached curiosity at best. My mom has worked at the same doctor's office for 29 years, while I held more than 29 jobs before settling on the less-than-secure career of "freelance writer."

She retires Friday, ending almost 30 years of haggling with insurance companies, doctors, and people who, for whatever reason, can't or won't pay their medical bills. She's leaving a job where they received memos about what types of snack foods they could bring to work. She's leaving the sort of place where she had a new boss about every year. She's leaving the world of the working, where you have to get to bed at a reasonable hour because you've got to get up the next day and do it all again. Think Office Space with doctors and you've got a pretty accurate picture of her job, and she gets to walk away forever Friday afternoon.

I don't envy her.

It's not just that I can't see a time in my life when I will retire – one, I love what I do and two, I hear 401K and I think "really long footrace" – it's that I don't think she's expecting all that time.

You see, the one thing we have in common is that neither of us gets bored. The difference is I don't get bored because when I'm not working I take the dog for a walk on the beach, hop in my kayak, or go bug my friends.

My mom, on the other hand, doesn't get bored because she hasn't had time. She's worked full-time since I was in 6th grade, and, her being a good wife and my dad being a proper Italian husband, she still does most of the cooking, cleaning, and shopping, even after my dad retired almost nine years ago. I'm not quite certain how she's going to handle 40 extra hours to do laundry and shop for the best deal on milk.

My dad's also not exactly sure what to think. Since his retirement almost 10 years ago he's carved out a rigorous schedule of sleeping and watching TV, and he and I are both

pretty sure my mom has other plans for him. I've already discovered she wants to take a more active part in local government, and there's also been talk of volunteering her dogs as reading dogs at the local library. The poor dogs will never know what hit them... one moment they're dozing in the sunlight, the next minute they're caught up in a flurry of activity.

I make fun, but, really, no matter what she does, she's earned it. I remember when I started kindergarten I fretted about what my mom would do all day without me – I thought she'd be bored. She told me not to worry, she'd simply sit around and have ice cream sodas. I was jealous, yes, but secretly still worried she'd be lonely. Of course, I was four, but here we are again, only I'm 35 years older and I'm still worried my mother's going to be bored.

Well, if she is, that's her right. My dad worked so I could have what I needed; she worked so I could have the things I wanted, like a car or a special stone in my class ring, or clothes that hid the physical shortcomings – real or imagined – of a high school freshman. Because my dad worked, I could attend college; because my mom worked I didn't have to hold a job while going to school full time. What did I give her in return? Sleepless nights and every gray hair on her head.

On a selfish note, I look forward to her not working. I've already asked her if we could do certain things together, like playing Scrabble (yes, I know how to party) with friends who play or having lunch with my friends. She looks at me like I've lost my mind – I love her and she loves me but we still mix like a pigheaded German (I say that with great affection, mom!) and a wise-ass kid who knows better than she does – and just says, "Don't make plans for me."

So, OK, I won't. I mean, I'm pretty sure she's going to be bored out of her skull, driving my dad crazy, and inventing projects to fill her spare time, but hey, that's her right, isn't it?

After all, she's earned it.  
Thanks, Mom.

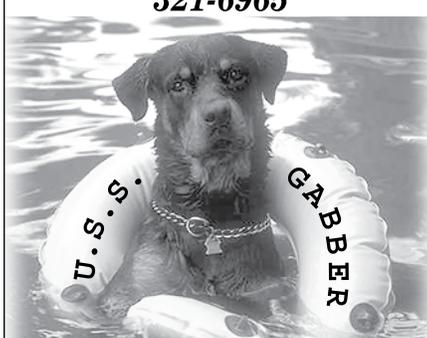
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# A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

## Great Gardening Books for Winter Reading

Winter is beginning, and most of us are just starting to dream about next summer's garden. To help get your own ideas flowing or for the gardener on your gift list, I have a few books that you can read by the fireplace to warm your green thumb.

"No Guff Vegetable Gardening" is a fun approach to vegetable garden books. Written by a pair of

Canadians, it's still appropriate for all U.S. gardeners. Donna Balzer is a boomer-generation gardener from Calgary who has had her own gardening television show. Steven Biggs is a gen-X gardener from Toronto. Together they use a he-said/she-said approach to explaining gardening techniques.

The "guff" referred to in the book's title comes from conventional wisdom, such as that often dispensed by the neighbor who looks over the

fence to offer unsolicited advice. Very often, this advice is worth what's paid for it: nothing. But, conventional wisdom persists, even when it's not particularly useful.

Donna and Steven take on Mr. Guff's dogma in a lighthearted but scientifically accurate manner. Because many aspects of gardening are not cast in stone, the two authors don't always agree, but reading two sides of an issue can help the reader better understand his own gardening situation.

The artistic team of Bryan and Mariko McCrae created the unconventional graphics for the book. For instance, the table of contents is a garden map. You begin the gardening journey in the first chapters of climate and soil and end in later chapters on maintenance and harvesting. The book is packed with photos and illustrations. If you can't find it locally, it is available in printed and electronic form at GardenCoachesChat.com.

On the opposite end of the graphic scale is "Vertical Gardening" by Derek Fell. The author of more than 80 gardening books, Derek's new book covers how gardeners can produce a larger harvest in both vegetables and flowers while using much less space.

The beginning chapters cover the structures used in vertical gardening. The middle chapters cover gardening techniques, and the last couple hundred pages cover many species of plants and how to grow them.

Rick Baker's "The 7-Minute Organic Garden" explains a system for gardeners that uses no chemical herbicides and saves up to 80 percent on water use. Even if you don't know what an organic garden is, you should read this book before you start planting your garden next spring. Written in collaboration with a group of organic producers from across the world, the book is easy to read and very well-photographed. Find it at EvoOrganic.com.

"How Carrots Won the Trojan War" is an unusual book by Rebecca Rupp about the curious but true history of vegetables. With chapter titles such as "Melons Undermine Mark Twain's Morals" and "Corn Creates Vampires," the book is hard to put down. Each chapter includes many short stories from the past and present that make for entertaining reading.

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## Classic Car Show to Benefit Charities, Teens

A Classic Car Show is coming on February 4th on the Tangerine Greenway (49th St. and 18th Ave. S.) in Gulfport from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show fee is \$30 per vehicle and there will be trophies awarded for Best of Show, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Mayor's Choice. Event features food and crafts, live music all day, moon walks, bungee jump and rock wall for the kids and 50/50 drawings and raffles. Motorcycles are welcome; same fees apply. Email [jsrtraining@aol.com](mailto:jsrtraining@aol.com) for vendor information and competition entry forms. Call Phil at 727-327-3509 for vendor and sponsorship opportunities.

Proceeds will benefit Sun Coast Law Enforcement Charities, Gulfport Teen Council and the Gulfport Police Explorers.

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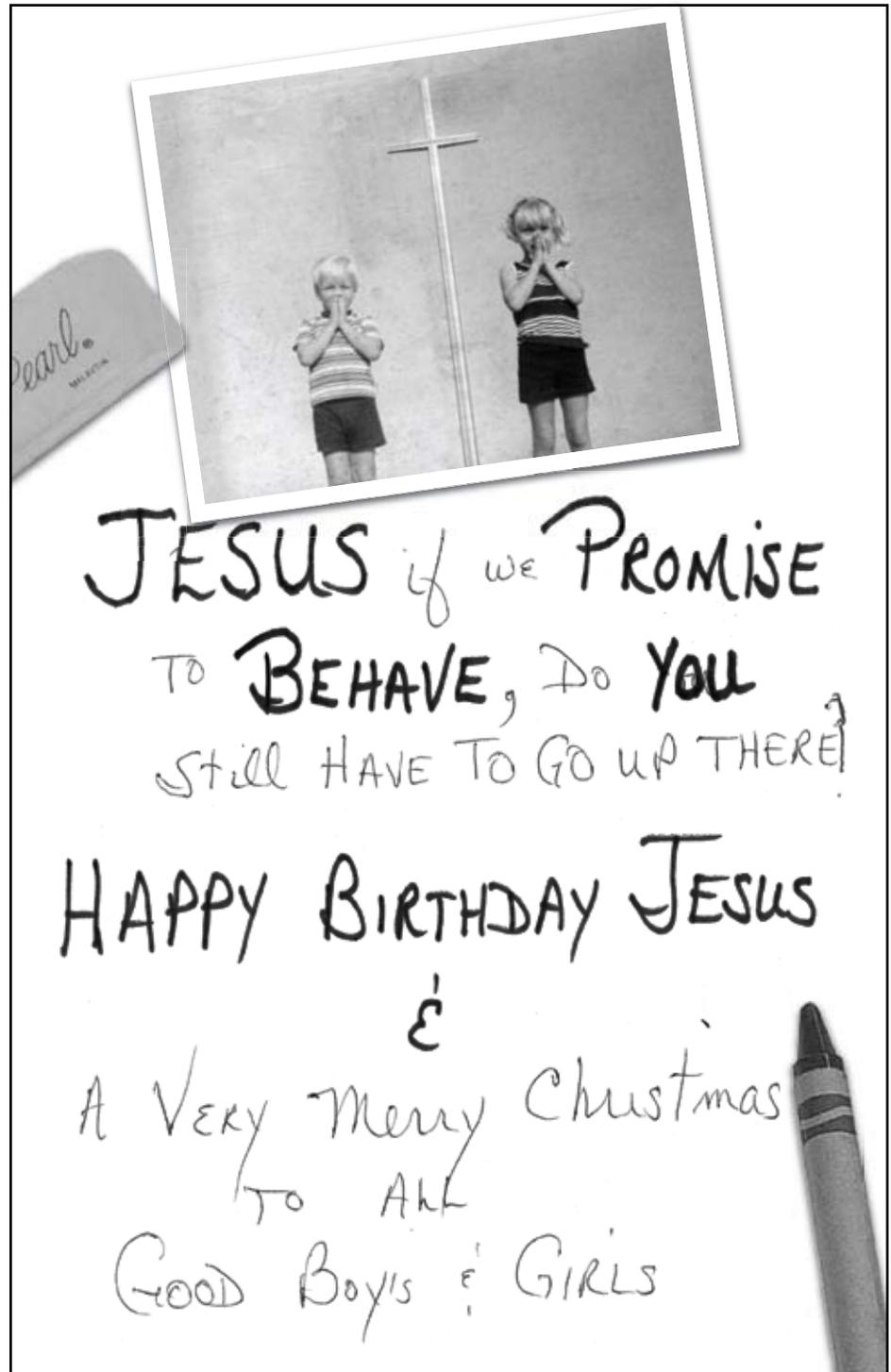
Donors interested in claiming tax deductions should keep records of each donation. Goodwill provides donation receipts, but the donor determines the value of each item.

Generally, an item's value should be based on fair market value – what the item would sell for in a thrift store.

The Goodwill-Suncoast website features a chart to help you estimate the value of your donations. Look for the "Value Your Donations" link at [www.goodwill-suncoast.org](http://www.goodwill-suncoast.org).

You can find the closest Goodwill donation site by using the handy locator feature on the Goodwill-Suncoast website.

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# Christmas Turkey Emergency Averted Thanks to Two Gulfport Restaurants

*This is the story of how two Gulfport family restaurants honored the spirit of giving at Christmas by helping us out over an unhappy incident concerning a turkey gone rancid, and is now part of our family Christmas story.*

*Here's what happened.*

With great anticipation that built over months, on Christmas Eve our family prepared to gather, some journeying from afar. We travelled from Ontario, Canada to spend Christmas in Gulfport with our new American family living in St. Petersburg. The highlight being that my sister, Bunny and I were spending Christmas together for the first time in 40 years. Until five years ago she had lived in London, England and I in Toronto, Canada. This year was a lifetime opportunity for in-laws, nieces and friends to share our Christmas celebration together. It was to be a joyous, fun, bonding and yes, a healing time.

Christmas Eve day, three of us, my husband, my sister and I set up the Florida room with a dining table fit to seat 12 complete with linens, napkins perched in wine glasses, the tabletop adorned with flowers and candles. Prepping required peeling of potatoes and parsnips, two trifles were made. Meanwhile family and friends were cooking side dishes and creating platters of dips and crackers.

Having finished at 7.00 p.m., we took a dip in the Town Shores pool. Returning to the condo we smelled a foul odor emanating from the kitchen. We each took turns sniffing the turkey, hoping against all reason that the origin of the odor wasn't the turkey. Unfortunately it was.

What to do? We had 12 family members coming for dinner and no turkey. The supermarkets had closed, as were the specialty shops. It was a crisis.

Flash back. During the week my husband and I had walked through Gulfport and stepped into two restaurants to see their menus and talk to the owners. At The Village Pub, we were delighted to discover it is owned and operated by an English couple—Maggie and Dave. The Village

Pub is complete with soccer games playing on the big screen TV, serving good traditional English pub food, prepared by chef Dave while front-of-house is ably managed by Maggie. We'd hit it off by talking about our teen years seeing the Merseyside bands play in Liverpool. We dined there a couple of times, answering a craving for fish and chips, and curry. The food is authentic and the way I remembered it.

La Cote Basque is the other restaurant. And it couldn't be more opposite – romantic, cozy, intimate, eclectically European and serving the finest in French and Continental cuisine. My husband and I planned to have a romantic dinner during our winter stay in Gulfport. We promised ourselves, this was the place to dine.

This Christmas Eve with hearts in our mouths and stomachs dropping through the floor, my sister and I called both restaurants with the tale of our turkey emergency. Not knowing whether we would succeed or fail, we band of three set off in search of our Christmas dinner

At The Village Pub, Dave asked, "What can I do for you love?"

"I'm having a bit of a wobble", I replied.

Dave went back into the kitchen and emerged with two large boxes filled with prime roast beef in one and sage rubbed roast pork in the other. Accepting only a token payment we were wished a Merry Christmas and given hugs by Maggie. While Bunny left a large tip for the staff to have a Christmas drink at the end of their busy shift - another English pub tradition.

We took this moment to remind each other of the common history we Brits have from experiencing the deprivation of WWII. It was a time when we shared what little we had. The Christmas spirit validated and rekindled in our hearts we set off in search of turkey.

Over at the La Cote Basque, the dinner service was noisy and busy in full "go" mode. Waiters were whizzing past with plates of delicious food. People were lined up at the door. In this place, we had no such familial bonds.

Just then a woman came to us and said, "Are you the person who phoned about the turkey?"

"Yes we are", I replied.

"Wait here", she said.

She flashed into the kitchen and emerged with a box filled to the brim with fresh roasted turkey breast.

As I reached for my wallet, she kissed me on the cheek, she said, "Merry Christmas."

That's right, the turkey was given to us for free.

As we walked back to our parked car on Beach Boulevard, tears of gratitude welled up in the eyes of my sister and I. We were speechless to receive such kindness from strangers.

As we gazed out the window at the marina, our Christmas Day dinner in Florida couldn't have been more perfect. Only after the meal and before we served our English trifle did we tell our family and friends the true story of the dinner they had enjoyed.

We lifted our glasses and my husband gave a toast to, "Gratitude and people with big hearts." Spontaneous applause rippled throughout the room.

But there's more. We were reminded once again of the classic scene of Charles Dickens' iconic Christmas story – "A Christmas Carol", when Scrooge is forced to look through the window and witness Bob Cratchit and his family enjoying their festive Christmas dinner.

We had lots of food leftover. We shared it with two family members suffering through this "Scrooge" of an economy and whose food stamps hadn't arrived before Christmas. So they were given more than enough food to tide them over for a few days until their food stamps arrived.

Because of the generosity of strangers, our faith in the invisible bonds of friendship is reaffirmed. In Dickens' words, "We [I] will honor Christmas in our [my] hearts, and try to keep it all the year." And we have a story that we can tell all the generations of our mutt of an Anglo-Canadian-American family for years to come.

A big "thank you" to The Village Pub and Le Cote Basque restaurants for everything -- we've come away with feelings of gratitude. We love the community spirit here in Gulfport!

Frances & Bob Reilly,  
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**December 2011**

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| Jan 2, 2012  | <b>City Hall Closed</b>  |
| Jan 3, 2012  | <b>City Council Meeting</b><br>7:00pm  |
| Jan 4, 2012  | <b>Planning and Zoning Board/LPA</b><br>No Meeting                           |
| Jan 11, 2012 | <b>Board of Adjustment</b><br>No Meeting                                     |
| Jan 16, 2012 | <b>City Hall Closed</b><br>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day                       |
| Jan 17, 2012 | <b>City Council Meeting</b><br>7:00pm  |
| Jan 18, 2012 | <b>Historic Preservation Committee</b><br>5:30pm - Historical Society Museum |
| Jan 26, 2012 | <b>City Council Workshop</b><br>3:30pm - Catherine Hickman Theater           |

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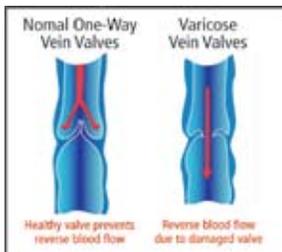
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