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After Many Years, St. Pete Beach Building Height Agreement in Sight

ST. PETE BEACH – It has been one of city hall's biggest points of contention for years, but an attempt at mediation between the city, the citizen group Save Our Little Village (SOLV) and the group Citizens for Responsible Growth (CRG) could move the parties toward a solution.

CRG has been fighting the city on its building height and density policies. The group formed in 2004 after the city passed a comprehensive plan allowing for greater density. The group's aim was to get the city to give voters a say in all proposed changes to the city's comprehensive plan.

In 2008 the comp plan, proposed

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Construction Site Requirements Pass

ST PETE BEACH – The City Commission passed an ordinance setting requirements for construction sites that the city hopes will enhance the safety of areas that surround properties on which residential homes are being built. In addition to submitting a construction plan that outlines nearly every aspect of a project, the ordinance also requires a builder to provide for parking, put up a temporary construction fence and deal with wastewater correctly and maintain a standard of cleanliness at the construction site, among other things.

The full scope of the new requirements can be viewed at stpetebeach.org.

Friends Repay Years of Giving with a Benefit



Photo By Leigh Clifton

Coach Steve Jurczik sits in his living room surrounded by every kind of sports equipment, most of which he donates to the Madeira Beach and St. Pete Beach Rec Centers. His yellow college baseball jersey hangs alongside Tampa Bay Rays and Bucs jerseys and there is a plethora of sports memorabilia hanging on every wall.

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Gulfport Council Maintains Current Tax Rate

By Cathy Salustri

At Thursday evening's council meeting about the coming year's budget, Gulfport city council opted not to raise taxes. This decision reversed last week's meeting where council, responding to citizen input, voted for a higher tax rate.

The city can keep the same tax rate for the coming year, Interim City Manager Jim O'Reilly said, because the city saved over a million dollars this fiscal year.

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Chili CookOff This Saturday

Friends and neighbors are pitching in to make Saturday's Industrial Strength Chili Cookoff a success! Barney & Leta of the Urban Gypsies have volunteered to provide the entertainment and Java Nirvana is baking cornbread that will be on sale to compliment the tastebud tingling chilis -- more than a dozen at press time.

New entries include Alice Kohl, who says this is a great way to support Gulfport's innovative non-profit teaching facility. Owen Pach has also thrown his chili into the ring.

The music and tasting starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Industrial Arts Center, 2902A Beach Boulevard S. in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard. Tickets will be on sale at the gate, \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids.

For more information, visit the IAC online at www.industrialartscenter.org. Call 727-289-9365 or email info@industrialartscenter.org.

Bring the Kids to Fabulous Final Friday

The St. Pete Beach Community Center hosts a "Fabulous Final Friday" on the last Friday of every month for area kids in grades 1st through 5th. Final Fridays are a great chance for parents to have a night to themselves while being guaranteed their kids are having safe and supervised fun. Each Final Friday runs from 6-9 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, and costs \$5 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$6.50 for non-residents. Activities include gym games, contests, a pizza dinner and much more! All reservations must be made the Wednesday before each event. Call 363-9245 today for more information and to sign your child up for a fabulous evening! Fabulous Final Fridays are proudly sponsored by Papa John's in South Pasadena.

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Admission is \$5 and includes one small item for appraisal. You may bring up to three items, but each item will require a \$5 ticket. Each furniture piece is \$20. The event will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Community Center at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Mark your calendar now, and keep looking for those garage sale treasures! Contact Spencer at 727-743-8866 for more information.

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Join the Senior's Chat Room

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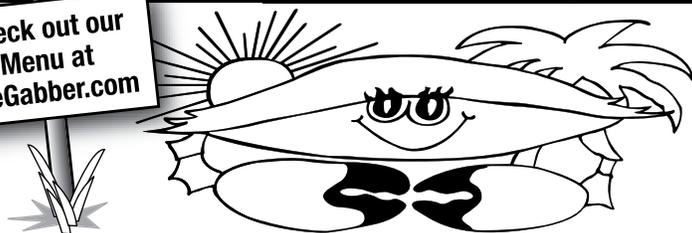
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by the development interest-backed SOLV, passed by large majority – around 60 percent. CRG then sued over the plan's compliance with state law.

The city hopes the mediation will put an end the litigation.

"These lawsuits are breaking our city," said Commissioner Bev Garnett.

The cost of the lawsuits have taken their toll on the city in the form of hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees. This year alone, the city has already spent nearly 90 percent of its litigation budget, a budget that the city had increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000, Commissioner Jim Parent said. It was enough to compel Parent to suggest increasing the slightly city's millage rate to cover costs.

"Obviously we'd like to agree on something to have the lawsuit go

away," said St. Pete Beach City Manager Mike Bonfield.

The comprehensive plan breaks the city up into several different neighborhood types.

"It takes several character districts and allows for a variety of (building) heights," Garnett said.

Bonfield said that the four big issues that are likely to be the focus of the mediation are CRG's concerns over how the city will handle beach access, impact fees, aesthetics of redevelopment and the new plan's impacts on infrastructure.

"All things we have to deal with anyway," Bonfield said.

The hearing, which takes place on October Sixth and Seventh, is not open to the public.

"I'm very upset that you're having discussions in the back room," Pass A Grille resident Rosemary Manning told the commission during the public comment session at a recent Commission meeting. "You can't change the vote of the citizens. Not one word."

The Commission hopes that this will be the beginning of the end for a conflict that has lasted for years.

In the meantime Coral Reef Hotel owner Robert Fleeting will be discussing his plans to redevelop the 46-year-old hotel, ultimately transforming it into a \$60 million, 12-story hotel or timeshare. The discussion will take place Thursday, September 24 (tonight), 7:30pm at the Warren Webster Community Center in Pass-a-Grille.

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Folkfest St. Pete Director Jenny Baxley Lee is proud to welcome an incredible, world class line up of musicians featuring Donna the Buffalo with opening act Have Gun, Will Travel on Sunday and the New

Familiars headlining with Ben Prestage on Saturday. "The festival has really outdone itself this year", says Lee, "with extra special thanks to I Want a Walk Pet Services, Hungry Howies Pizza, the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg, and Bank of America for making the pipe dream of a national performance act a reality. If we are going to make the festival a success, our community will have to come out and buy art, drinks, and t-shirts by Creative Clay to demonstrate that festivals like Folkfest St. Pete are vital to the cultural life of St. Petersburg."

The festival also features an annual all-artist Tribute show which is

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2nd Annual Tangerine Blues Fest

If you are looking for good food and great music join the fun at the 2nd Annual Tangerine Blues Fest on Saturday, September 26 from 4-8 p.m.! This annual event is organized by the 49th Street South Business Association, Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and the cities of Gulfport and St. Petersburg. The festival will be held on 49th Street South along the Tangerine Greenway. Gates open at 3 p.m.

This year there is a killer lineup featuring local favorites The TomKats (www.thetomkats.com) and blues legend Sterling Magee & the Harlem Blues Band (www.myspace.com/sterlingsatanmagee)

and talent from the east coast of Florida, Art Harris and the Z-Tones (www.ztones.com).

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St. Pete Beach Accepts Budget at Final Reading

ST PETE BEACH – They had passed them at their prior readings, and not much concerning the 2010 budget and millage ordinances has changed since. Last Monday the City Commission voted to adopt the proposed \$13.8 million general fund budget, which reflects approximately a 4.79 decrease. The city’s total operating budget rounds out at \$20, 890, 034. To compensate for a decline in taxable home values the Commission also approved a millage increase to 2.4834 (or \$2.4834 per \$1,000 of assessed property value) – which is an increase of .107 mills over the 2009 rate. Commissioner Jim Parent had also suggested increasing the millage rate by .025 mills (25 one-thousandths of a mill) to help the city cover legal fees for the number of lawsuits it is facing – and anticipates facing – over land use issues. Commissioner Christopher Leonard cast the sole dissenting vote on both the millage and the budget ordinance.

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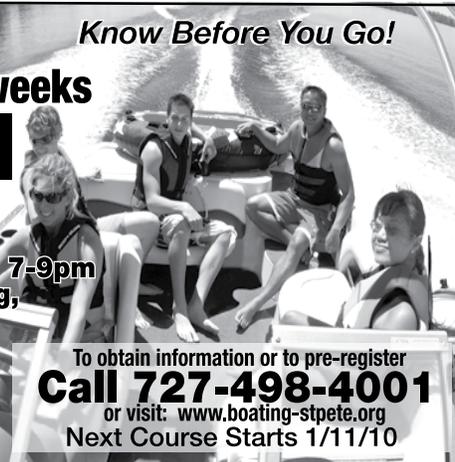
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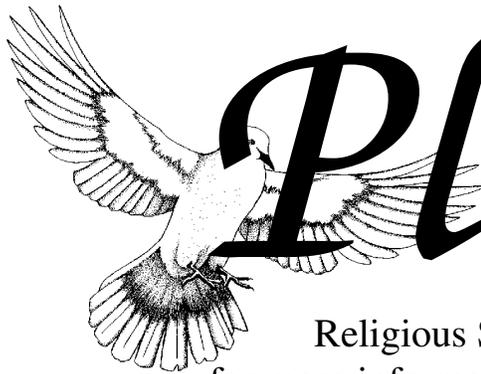
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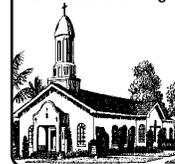
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City Whys?

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Question for the City of Gulfport

By Cathy Salustri

Q: What's going on with the half-built houses behind O'Maddy's? Are they in foreclosure? Is there any sort of code that prohibits half-built structures from remaining incomplete indefinitely?

A: "There are a number of legal issues involved with these properties," Gulfport Community Development Director Fred Metcalf told The Gabber. "The City continues to work with the bank and owners to resolve this situation." Metcalf said the building permits for all five houses on Essex Way expired. Gulfport's building code requires the structures either be completed or demolished when a permit expires.

The owners, Metcalf said, have not complied with code enforcement violation notices regarding the expired permits, meaning they have not extended the permits, completed construction, or demolished the buildings.

Currently the city has five active code enforcement cases (one for each house) even though the owners remain in contact with the city regarding these properties. The owners secured the properties, Metcalf told The Gabber. This means that the owners boarded the windows and otherwise controlled who can get in the buildings. However, the city cuts the grass and tries to control the weeds. The city placed a lien on the properties in hopes of recovering the costs associated with this.

"To the best of our knowledge all five properties are in the initial stages of foreclosure," Metcalf said. Once the bank forecloses and resells the properties the city can recover its costs.

However, these properties involve more than a simple foreclosure.

"Right now we're trying to keep track of who are the players," Metcalf said. "There's owners involved, there's banks involved, there's attorneys involved. I believe the State Attorney's office is involved." Metcalf said the State has started an investigation revolving around these properties, but said he didn't know who the state was investigating.

Question for the City of St. Pete Beach

By Kate Bradshaw

Q: The shuttering of Shells Seafood Restaurant at 6300 Gulf Blvd. has left a gaping hole in the heart of St. Pete Beach's restaurant/hotel strip. What is going to replace the restaurant and when will it fill in the gap?

A: The unmistakable logo has long been gone from the front of the seafood joint's former St. Pete Beach digs. In September of last year, Tampa-based seafood restaurant chain Shells, which was the first restaurant in Florida to offer a salad bar, filed for Chapter 11 – and later Chapter Seven – Bankruptcy. The closing of the eatery may momentarily make the place look a bit darker, but the hotel is still open.

St. Pete Beach City Manager Mike Bonfield says that the hotel's proprietors are riding out the economic storm. "The owners of the property are investing a good amount of money for a few years as a holdover," he said.

In a recent City Commission meeting, Commissioner Jim Parent referred to the "refurbishing" taking place at the Travelodge, the hotel that formerly housed the St. Pete Beach Shells, stating that the update is "nice to see."

As for the restaurant space, it appears as though the B.R. Guest chain Wildwood Barbeque will occupy the area in the coming months. The company has listed job openings on Craigslislist.org as well as a job fair by way of a sign on the property, but there is no apparent word on when the "multi-regional American barbecue in a rustic urban setting" will open its doors.

Have a question about local government? Send it to News@TheGabber.com.

Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

It's that time ... summer is turning into fall, many members have returned from cooler parts of the country and the Garden Club is beginning its 69th year!

Their first program will be on October 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the Clymer Park shelter (Gulfport and Beach Boulevards). The basics of creating a Bonsai will be presented by club members Theo Janea and Phylliss Swift. Please bring a chair and picnic lunch to enjoy after the program.

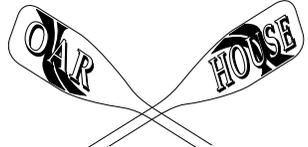
There will also be a "Grow and Share" plant exchange. If you have an overabundance of plants, flowers, seeds or cuttings you want to part with, here is the perfect opportunity.

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City of Gulfport Birthday Bash

You are all invited to join in the City of Gulfport's 99th Birthday Bash on Saturday, October 10 from 4-9 p.m. And what better way to celebrate than to have a good old fashion Gulfport Birthday party at the Historical Museum? Children can sign up for a Chalk Art Contest and enjoy other free activities. You can check out crafters and flea

marketers along 28th Ave. S., take a guided trolley tour of Old Gulfport and try your hand at the popular Mullet toss. Grilled hot dogs and a yummy traditional fish fry dinner are available for purchase. Music will be provided by the Island Boys and The Bobby Tess Trio at 5 p.m. in the newly renovated Scout Hall right next door.

During this event, take an inside tour of the Gulfport Historical Museum and pick up your new

Historical Society Gulfport Centennial Calendar. It has all the important Gulfport numbers and event dates for 2010. It is a bonus 15 month calendar with the dates of October 2009–December 2010. Calendars will be ready for purchase for \$5 at the birthday bash and orders are already coming in, so be sure to get your calendar or call the Gulfport Historical Museum at 727-327-0505.

Also, be a part of History as Gulfport historian, author and artist, Lynne Brown releases her new book, "Gulfport, A definitive History." She will be at the event for book signings.

So call your old friends and meet some new ones at the 99th Annual City of Gulfport Birthday Bash at the Historical Museum at 5301 28 Avenue S. on Saturday, October 10 from 4-9 p.m. Come and have a piece of cake to celebrate Gulfport's 99th birthday! A true Gulfport tradition!

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As a kickoff to these festivities, the City of Gulfport and the Gulfport Community Players jointly will be staging a brand new Gil Perlroth musical at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport entitled, "Gulfport: The Musical".

The director for this play will be Daniel Harris and he needed a total cast of 24 people with some very special talents. The auditions were held on Sept. 14th and 15th at the Back Door Theater at 7 p.m., at which time the Players got all the adults they needed for the cast, but they still need some more young men and children (ages 6 through 12) to fill out their cast requirements, so they will be holding a final audition

on Wednesday, Sept. 30th at 7 p.m. at the Players' Back Door Theater, located at 4919 17 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

These young people will have to be able to sing, even a little. Bring music in your own key to the auditions, A pianist will be provided by the Players. Be prepared to sing a "bright" number (no love ballads, please!). Be advised that this final audition is only for kids ages 6 to 12 please!

Rehearsals will begin a week after the auditions end. The actual play will run for 3 weeks from January

8th through January 24th, 2010. Make sure that you have enough free time for all the rehearsals required.

This play took over a year and a half to write, with the able assistance of Lynne Brown as the historian to help out. It is based on fact, although some poetic license has been taken to make it more enjoyable for our audiences. This is a unique musical, both entertaining and educational, and fit for the whole family.

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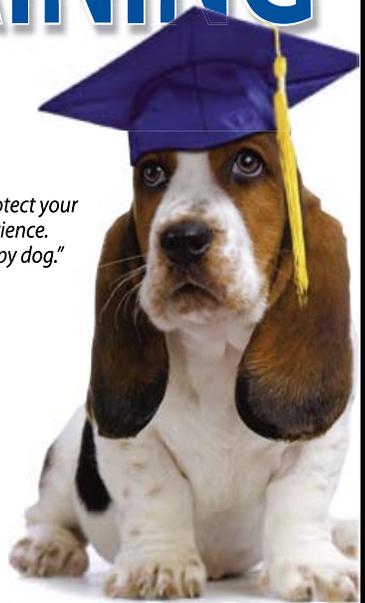
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Treasure Island



By Fred Wilder

Paintings will be accepted from members of The Art Guild for the October art show on Thursday, October 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are not a member we invite you to become one and enter a painting. The reception for the winners of the show will be on Saturday, October 10 at 1 p.m. There will be an art demonstration on drawing by Douglas Laird. All artists are invited to attend. All the above will be at The Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108 Avenue. For more information, call Fred at 360-8390.

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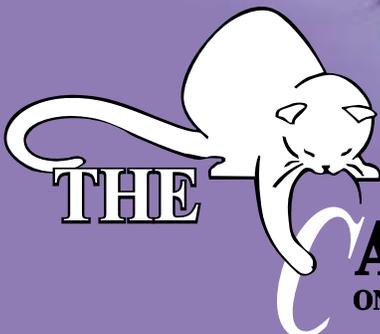


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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

What do you think about the idea of a water taxi that would connect Gulfport to St. Pete Beach?



Pat Case, Gulfport: "I personally think it's a great idea. Whatever we can do to bring people into Gulfport will be a positive move for the city. St. Pete Beach is a very cool place to go and ties in well with the Gulfport style. But the issue in the long run could be how to fund it. Obviously it would have to be funded with taxes or else a private contractor. But I would vote for it because Gulfport is such a well-kept secret. We're not like other beach communities. We have a lot to offer and we shouldn't just keep it to ourselves. As a homeowner, I would expect to pay a little more in taxes to fund it, I guess, but I think it would be worth it."

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Thomas Morgan, Gulfport: "If it's a private enterprise, I think it would be great but if it was funded by tax payer money, then it would be a waste of it. With such hard economic times, I don't think anybody can afford more taxes on what many would consider a luxury. I'm not sure how much revenue it would generate; I'm sure that during Art Walk and our other festivals, it would probably do well. But is that enough to justify paying full-time for what would amount to be part-time service? I don't think so. But a private enterprise investment, that might be the way to go. That would be the dilemma for the investor; whether it would succeed or fail and how good it would be for the City."

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Frank Hewlett, Tampa: "I love the idea because I live on the Hillsborough River and they've started a water taxi service where I live. It's really growing in popularity. I had actually thought about starting a water taxi service myself in Tampa. I mean, how cool would it be to go to work by boat? You take your briefcase, get on a boat, go to work. I can't think of a better way to commute, can you? I think it would work here; maybe if it was funded by PSTA and not the city, Gulfport might go for it. We could call it the Park and Float. But if I had to, I could probably accept a tax rate hike by the City to fund it. After all, this is a tourist community. If you're a business owner, you need traffic and the only way to get traffic is to find an innovative way to bring it to your business. I think it's a great idea."

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Cindy Fultz, Indian Rocks Beach: "I think it sounds fabulous. As a vendor at the Tuesday morning Market here, the idea that it would bring more people here is just good for business. Some people who wouldn't normally come to Gulfport from St. Pete Beach might take the boat over, especially since it's so close. The water taxi would give them incentive to come here and shop, visit the restaurants and spend money here. I also think it would be a very green thing to do because all the people that might drive here could come by water. You definitely will get better gas mileage on the water and it would reduce carbon emissions. As to how to fund it? If it was funded by the City and we had to pay extra taxes, I might think differently. It would really depend on how much the taxes would be and the cost of weekends vs. weeknights usage. Whoever ends up running it will probably start out on weekends to see if there's a demand for it and if it would work. But it's a great idea and I think a good one for Gulfport."

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Luther King Jr. St. North is open to the general public and free of charge.

Local area businesses, including American Clinical Solutions, Anytime Fitness, Bank of America, Dairy Dream, Graul & Orga, P.A., Rimmel Wellness Center, St. Pete MRI, St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Village Green and others will have tables and booths set up with give-aways and information. Aneillo's Italian Restaurant, Duncan Donut and Quizno's [Parkside Mall] will have free samplings off of their delicious menus. Emily's Produce

Market will have fresh fruits and vegetables available for purchase.

This family friendly event will have face painting and a bouncy house for the kids, lunch provided courtesy of Bryan Caulfield and Matthew Noyes, Personal Injury Attorneys, bottle water provided by Winn Dixie, music and drawings to win free prizes! Florida Blood Services will also be present with the Blood Mobile and the candidates for mayor of St. Petersburg have been invited. Dogs on leashes are welcome.

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BPW to Meet

The Pinellas County School Board will be the topic during the Business and Professional Women (BPW) meeting on Thursday, October 1 in St. Petersburg. Please check the website or call the phone number listed below for the location. Peggy O' Shea, Chairperson of the School Board, will be the speaker. Active in Pinellas County public schools for many years, most recently O'Shea was a member of the Choice Reform Technology Task Force. She also served on several district task forces and school advisory councils.

Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 12 noon. Meetings are open to the public but reservations (see below) must be made by the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Cost: \$16 for members and \$21 for visitors.

BPW St. Pete Pinellas is the local chapter of Business and Professional Women/USA. Founded in 1919, the organization is multigenerational and nonpartisan. The local organization's mission is to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information.

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City Approves Community Center Rate Raise, Preferred Caterers' List

ST. PETE BEACH – The City Commission approved the third reading of an ordinance that will raise the St. Pete Beach Community Center's rental rates. For non-residents, the Friday and Sunday rates will now be \$1,500 for four hours, \$2,000 for six, \$2,500 for eight and \$3,000 for ten. Residents will receive a 10 percent discount, and civic associations will still be able to hold their monthly meetings for free at the center. One resident expressed dissatisfaction at the resident discount, saying that taxpayers built the facility, and should be able to reap its benefits at a nominal cost. The same speaker complained about a subsequent ordinance up for first reading Monday evening, one that allowed the city to come up with a list of preferred caterers to provide to those renting the community center. According to the ordinance, those who opt not to go with a preferred caterer will incur a 35 percent premium charge.

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Have Fido's Picture Taken

Friends of Strays 31st Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday September 26 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Best Buddies Boutique, 400 Beach Drive in downtown St. Petersburg. Event features professional pet photos and raffles. Raffle tickets will be on sale throughout the month of September. Win a one-of-a-kind designer pet couch. Make your reservations for pet photography, only \$10 sitting fee. All proceeds go to Friends of Strays No-Kill Animal Shelter.

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Pinellas Coastal Cleanup 2009

The City of Gulfport and Keep Pinellas Beautiful will be hosting the bi-annual fall Pinellas Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at Clam Bayou Nature Park (49th St. S. to 29th Ave. S. east to Miriam St. S.) in Gulfport.

People with non-motorized vessels (kayaks and canoes) as well as people traveling via land based are encouraged to sign up at the Clam Bayou the day of the event for an enjoyable day while lending a hand to help keep the Bayou clean.

Beverages and lunch is provided to all dedicated volunteers. It's a great way to enjoy being outside, meeting your neighbors and helping the Bayou. For more information on the cleanup, please contact 727-893-1092 or 727-893-1118.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Is More Merrier?

When it comes to dogs, one isn't necessarily the loneliest number.

The "only dog" gets all the toys, all the turf and all of your attention. You may worry that all of your attention isn't enough, but dividing that attention by two, three or more only serves to shrink the only dog's piece of the pie.

For you, the dog owner, one dog means one mouth to feed, one series of vaccines to schedule and pay for each year, one personality to bond with, one body to exercise and one brain to train. Think long and hard before deciding to double or triple that. Multiple dogs mean more money, more time and, often, more trouble.

Have you ever noticed the domino effect of a single bark on a neighborhood? One dog barks, the dog next

door responds, the two down the street chime in, setting off the one across the way. Now imagine all that under one roof -- yours. Excessive barking is a common problem for the owners of multiple dogs.

Another problem is not having the time to give each dog sufficient individual attention. Whenever you bring home a dog, bonding is top priority. If you're starting from zero and decide to adopt two new puppies at the same time, that bonding must be done individually to be effective. Bonding won't work as a package deal. Dogs are pack animals. Given the choice, they'll bond with each other instead of you. That is their instinct.

With multiple dogs, multiply the work you have to do to establish yourself as the pack leader by the number of dogs. When people adopt dogs in pairs, one pup is inevitably more outgoing than the other. Shy dogs natu-

rally gravitate toward their species, which means, if you haven't made the case for yourself as pack leader, they'll follow the other dog and all of his peccadilloes, for better or worse.

Two or three times the pooch also means two or three times the training. You can't train them together because they'll distract each other. For example, if you have a responsive dog that is submissive to a stubborn dog, training will be that much harder because the responsive dog is more likely to follow his stubborn, dominant counterpart than your commands.

Food aggression is a common cause of dogfights in households with multiple dogs. This makes separate feeding areas for each dog a must. As with feeding areas, so with food bowls, water bowls, food and toys. Each dog must have his or her own chew toys, blankets, etc. Sharing, much like loneliness, is a human construct.

Taking all of that into consideration, if you are steadfast in your desire to own multiple dogs, there are ways to do it that will minimize the potential for regret. Here are a few:

-- Adopt two dogs of the opposite sex. As with humans, dogs of the opposite sex don't have as much in common and, therefore, don't have as much to fight about. Owning dogs of the same sex increases the odds for dominance issues, particularly among female dogs.

-- Along those lines, if you are going to get more than two dogs, go with one spayed female and two, three or more neutered males. Whenever possible, avoid having multiple female dogs under the same roof.

-- Dogs should always be introduced to one another on neutral territory.

-- If possible, space out the acquisition of new dogs by two or three years. This gives you the chance to bond with and train one dog at a time.

If you do it right, having a family that includes multiple dogs can be a source of enduring joy and entertainment. But it requires work and diligence to ensure that more really is merrier.

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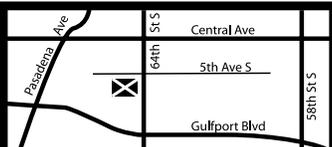


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Horoscope Guide

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a visionary. You have ideas that will improve conditions where you work and live. Someone with a more conservative point of view might be holding the purse strings tightly closed. Luckily, you can sway this person with your vivid descriptions. It will be a minimal expense for you to brighten the whole scene.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In many ways, you cater to the needs of your loved ones. It's often appropriate and easy to do so. But lately you feel constricted and tense about your contributions. It's a sign that enough is enough. You can't keep compromising your soul without repercussions. Get some time to yourself even if you have to steal it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Conflict resolution will be your thing. You won't be the one arguing -- more likely, you'll be an innocent bystander whose astute observations are the key to creating peace on earth. It's all in how you say it, and when. With your diplomacy, you can moderate between even the most difficult personalities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you have to, you do your best. If there's no pressure, you'll take breaks you don't need, phone calls from people you don't even want to talk to and way too much time to finish the job. So if there's no incentive for you to work efficiently, build one in. Declare a deadline and a consequence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Are you still enthusiastic about a project now that you're in the middle phases? Anyone can get psyched about a fresh project, but those who maintain a high level of excitement even when the newness wears off will earn the respect of all. Prove that you have what it takes with your consistent actions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There may be a slight imbalance of work, or someone may owe you money -- not enough to turn into an issue, though.

Score keeping would only drain the sweetness out of the personal rapport you've worked so hard to establish. If you basically trust the other person, things are sure to even out soon. Have faith.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A new endeavor has your interest this week. There are those who make it look easy, but you can appreciate the numerous steps involved, the trial and error process, and the years of practice that it takes to master any skill. Because you understand what it takes, you'll do well with this activity. Your ideal teacher is a Leo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is a big deal to work through. You'll be mustering up some enthusiasm for the task at hand, though excitement may not be your first response. That's what makes you a classy individual. You're able to choose the most effective emotion for the situation you're in instead of letting your feelings control you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are getting along well with those you see daily. In fact, the more time you spend with a certain person the more you like him or her. This is because of something called the "mere exposure effect." Use it to your advantage. Make sure you are spending plenty of time with that person you want to like you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are a master transformer. No, not a character in a comic book, though you do wield a kind of superpower when you think about it. Just remember that difficult time in your past and how you really turned the situation around. Use that memory as a touchstone to help you stay in touch with your strengths this week.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You won't be sure of what you want until you try it on. Growing requires experimentation. There's a fine line between stretching yourself and trying to be someone you're not. It's hard to tell the difference between

these two dynamics now, but if you keep your sense of humor, you'll learn and do great either way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No matter how great you've become at multitasking, trying to do more than one thing at a time will be detrimental to you this week. However, you're likely to create happiness, health and wealth when you slow down and concentrate on one action, stick with it until its completion and then move on to the next.

This Week's Birthdays: The year is filled with perks, pleasures and conveniences. You'll be wise to celebrate each small wonder -- they just keep multiplying when you do. A special relationship shines bright through the fall. In January, you could make a big commitment with this person. Legal issues are resolved in March. Finances take a turn for the better in April. A spring fitness kick or a change in your diet has you looking and feeling better than ever. An investment opportunity in June is very lucky.

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Donations are needed that are in good condition. Furniture, collectibles, books, household goods and other items will be accepted. Call 895-2512 for further details. Items can be delivered to the school Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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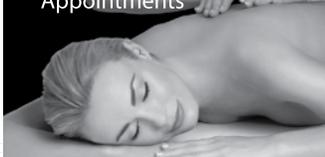
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SPECIAL EVENTS/SERVICES

Mon. Sept. 28, 12:45p.m.
- Movie in Theater
(It Could Happen to You)
Wed. Sept. 30, 1p.m.-
Outreach for Veterans
Tues. Oct. 1 & 8 12:30p.m.-
AARP Driving Classes.
Call 867-7888 to reg.
Wed. Oct. 7, 10-noon-Flu Shots
Mon. Oct. 12, 9-noon-Flea Market
Mon. Oct. 12, 10a.m.-Wii
Birthday Bowling
Mon. Oct. 12, 11a.m.-"The Gail
Biron Show"
Mon. Oct. 12, Noon-Birthday Luncheon
(\$5 Meal ticket in advance)
Tues. Oct. 13, 11:15a.m.
Medicare Made Easy Presentation
Tues. Oct. 16, 9:30a.m.
Community Law Program
(call on eligibility)
Tues. Oct. 20, 9:30a.m.
Phones for Hearing Impaired
Wed. Oct. 21, 2-5p.m. Flu Shots
Thurs. Oct. 22, 11a.m.
Stroke Presentation (Nurse Core)

Mon. Oct. 26, 3p.m.
Cruise Day Trip Party (refreshments)
Thurs. Oct 29, 7p.m.
Italian Performance
(Theater), Tickets \$7

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4p.m. Beginning Spanish,
resumes Oct. 19
5p.m. Spanish Conversation,
resumes, Oct. 19
5p.m. English for Speakers of
Other Languages
begins Oct. 19

Every Tuesday

10a.m. Quilting Club,
resumes Oct. 20
10:30a.m. Blood Pressure Screenings
10:45a.m. Chair Exercise with Phil
2p.m. Bridge
6:30p.m. Euchre

Every Wednesday

9a.m. Harmonica Club
10:30a.m. Investment Discussion
1:30p.m. Yoga, resumes Oct. 21
3:45p.m. Chair Yoga, starts Sept. 30
6:30p.m. Pinochle, Canasta,
Beginning Bridge
7:30p.m. AA Group

Every Thursday

9a.m. Art (resumes Oct. 15)
9:30a.m. Line Dancing
(resumes Oct. 1)
1p.m. Wii Bowling
2p.m. Bridge Club
6p.m. Italian Beginners Class
7p.m. Italian Intermediate & Advance

Every Friday

9a.m. Knitters Group
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Special / Monthly Programs

Thursday, October 8 at 10 a.m.:
• Socrates Café: Philosophical
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Thursday, October 8, 6 p.m.

• Suncoast Computer Users Group

Saturday, October 10, 1 p.m.

• Scrapbookers Club for Teens &
Adults: Make beautiful pages
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Thursday, October 15, 1:30 p.m.

• Coffee/Talk: Discussion of Galileo's
Daughter, by Dava Sobel.

Thursday, October 15, 10 a.m.

• Coffee/Talk Movie: "Galileo's Battle
for the Heavens," (WGBH/
NOVA, 2006, 2 hrs.) based on
the book Galileo's Daughter.

Saturday, October 17, 1:30 p.m.

• The G & O Book Club: Philosophical
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ACTIVITIES

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PROGRAMS

School Year Child Care Program - Grades K-5, (up to age 14 on in-service days).

Teen Night - Teens, age's middle school to 17. Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m.

Tot Time Program - Ages 3-5 year old, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

AAYA Cheerleading - Tues., 6 p.m. Call AAYA 813-885-2292.

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information

- AAYA Dance - Thurs., 6 p.m. Call AAYA 813-885-2292.
- Body Sculpt - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Billie at 239-313-0876.
- Dog Obedience - Wed., 6:30 p.m. Call Lisa at 772-3631.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Gymnastics - Fri., 5:30 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
- Karate - Mon. & Fri., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Nia - Wed., 9:00 am. Call Kaluwa at 729-9410.

• Noisemakers - Mon., 6 p.m. Call Gabe at 345-7472.

• Sumyie - Wed., 6:30 p.m. Call Mike at 320-5035.

• Tai Chi - Tues. & Thurs., 9 a.m. Call Oletta at 344-5181 or Marge at 345-6708.

• Tennis - Tues., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call Jack at 430-0690.

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

• Yoga - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Maureen at 381-2166.

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Sat. Oct 3, 7:30pm-12am-**70's Dance Jam**
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Mon. Oct 26, 7-10:15pm- **USA Ballroom Dance** \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members

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7 - 11pm- **Argentine Tango** \$7
7-8 Lesson, 8-8:30 Practice,
8:30-11 Milonga

Every Wednesday
6 - 11pm- **Swing Dance** \$7
6-8 Lessons, 8-11pm Swing Dance

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Local Obituaries

MIGA, HELEN M., 81, of South Pasadena, passed away Friday Sept. 18, 2009. Helen moved to the area in 1976, with her husband Henry from Long Island, NY. Henry preceded her in 1994, they were married 46 years. She is survived by 2 sons, John of Maumee, OH and Steven of Franklin Square, NY; grandchildren Daniel, Timothy, and Matthew Miga; step grandchildren Grace, and Lillian Mahar. Helen was an active member of the Shore Plaza Condo Association. Beach Memorial Chapel, 727-360-5577.

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POE, JAMES ALAN, 61, of Gulfport, passed away Sept. 16th, 2009 due to illness and medical complications. He was born in Columbus, OH to parents Earl and Mae Poe on Jan. 30, 1948 but lived in Gulfport, FL for the last 30 years or so. He was an environmentalist with scrapping out material, doing hauling work from time to time and had been a roofer for many years prior to illness. He is and was a wonderful person and a good man. He leaves behind those he loved and loved him, Tasha Wells of Gulfport of almost 20 years, his beloved dogs, Buster and Casper, his 3 children, James A. Poe, Jr. and Michelle Poe both of Columbus, OH, Matthew Poe of Missouri, brothers Robert Poe, Randy Boggs and sisters

Pam, Shirley Poe, four grandkids and many friends. He will be truly missed very much. The viewing was held at David C. Gross Funeral Home Sept. 21, 2009 between 3-5 p.m. with a service following at his home in Gulfport.

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RUTHERFORD-REGAN, RUTH, of Town Shores, Gulfport, Florida and Bellerose, New York passed away in New York on August 26th, 2009. She was 93 years old. She was predeceased by husband F. Donald Rutherford (1968) and husband Dennis Regan (1994). She was predeceased by sons, Donald (1966), Robert (1988), and Thomas (1990). Her survivors are daughters, Susan Mare and Mary Ellen Layne, grandchildren James Mare and Jennifer Mare Alleyne, Christine Layne Ross, Kimberly Layne Miller, Melissa Layne DelRosso, Meredith Rutherford and Dana Rutherford Uvanile. She has 18 great grandchildren. She was laid to rest with her husband F Donald Rutherford at St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York.

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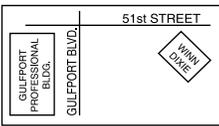
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Support Our Troops

St. Pete Beach American Legion Post 305 welcomed Mayor Mike and his wife Terri Finnerty to their membership meeting in September. This was at the invitation of their member Augie D'Alessio who has been actively working with the City of St. Pete Beach's "Support Our Troops, Inc." of which Terri Finnerty is Chairperson. Terri described the packaging of the Care boxes being sent to our men and women stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan and the critical efforts to raise funds to support this effort.

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Blessing of the Animals in Gulfport

King of Peace Metropolitan Community Church's annual Blessing of the Animals event will be held for the first time in Gulfport at Clam Bayou Nature Park, 29th Avenue S. and Miriam Street S. from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, October 4.

In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of peace and animals, Senior Pastor Candace R. Shultis and Associate Pastor Lorraine Brock will bless all creatures large and small. In addition to a blessing, animals will receive a treat and their owners, a St. Francis holy card and medal.

This free annual event is popular with pet owners, so come early and enjoy the fellowship and the fun.

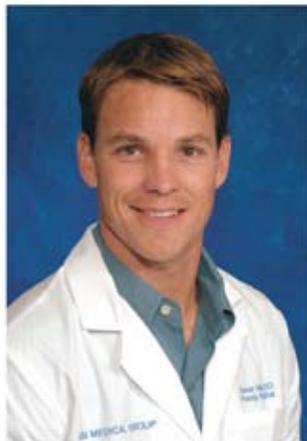
King of Peace Metropolitan Community Church is a Christian church established in 1975 as part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches primarily serving the GLBT community and celebrating and sharing God's love for all.

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Fall Concert Series

The Fall Concert Series will take place the second Friday of October, November and December on the waterfront 'point' behind the recreation center at 7:30 p.m. Beer/wine and hot dogs will be for sale. Sponsored by the Gulfport Merchants Association, City of Gulfport and Gulfport Chamber of Commerce. Free.

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**Gulfport Centennial
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With Gulfport's 100th year as a City coming closer, the Historical Society has brought back a special 15 month Gulfport Centennial calendar to commemorate the occasion. All dates of special events from October 2009 to December of 2010 will heavily line the calendar. This is a must have in every Gulfport home as even the images reflect the years of Gulfport's past.

Along with important event dates, you will find club numbers, including the local Scouts and the holiday trash pickup schedule available in this handy calendar. The calendar is \$5 and after printing costs, the remaining proceeds will help support the local Gulfport Historical Society.

The Gulfport Centennial Calendar will be available for its big debut on October 10th, during The City of Gulfport's 99th Birthday Bash at the Gulfport Historical Museum at 5301 28th Avenue S. The party starts at 4 p.m. If you would like to order the Centennial calendars in advance please call the Gulfport Historical Society at 727-327-0505 between 2 -4 p.m. M-F.

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For more information or to obtain a vendor application, call market manager Richard Kendler at (727) 733-4215 or email greenmarketmanager@verizon.net.

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Calling All Crafters

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Interested crafters can contact Bonnie Carter at 727-521-4049, email dincwaz2@tampabay.rr.com or Helen Butler at 727-526-9977. Proceeds raised from this event will be used to fund the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program.

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Bayfront Gift Shop Needs Volunteers

The Bayfront Medical Center's Gift Gallery is in need of volunteers. There are three convenient 4-hour shifts daily. You will receive a meal ticket to their cafeteria, and free parking at the hospital when you work. If you are interested in becoming a Gift Gallery volunteer or would like more information, please contact Cyd Hendrick at 893-6878.

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Legion dinners will resume Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17 following the October 11th Sunday Blood Drive.

Post 305

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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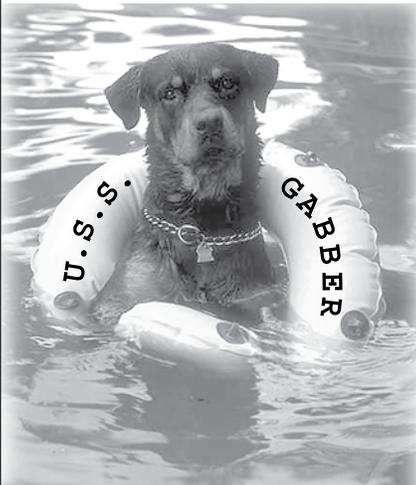
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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Beware Garage Sales

Forget about medical reform, cap and trade, marches on Washington, ACORN, G-20, Iran, Korea, or whatever bothers you, the big issue affecting nearly every household, particularly around here, is ... garage sales.

Well, not garage sales directly, but items placed out on the tables (or lawns). Specifically, the problem is, or the problems are, children's toys (as distinguished from adult toys) that contain lead. That might mean old, lead containing toys, or toys with lead paint. Or, it might mean not so old, but recalled toys, that were painted with lead paint. Then there are toys that might have loose items that children could swallow.

If you're not worried about this, consider that the fines could be as much as \$100,000 per infraction with some fines (on companies, or big re-sale organizations) as much as \$1,000,000. These come from the Consumer Product Safety Commis-

sion which IS concerned about regular garage sales and ARE prepared to monitor them, according to news reports. No one has specified what kinds of fines might be applied, but it would have to be proscribed by a law that would have to apply equally to all.

While the reports mentioned children's toys and lead paint, the range of products includes clothes and electronic devices, cribs, masks and much, much more. Hazard concerns include choking, strangulation, lacerations, burning, falling, tripping, toppling, breaking. Reportedly there is a 24 page booklet that addresses re-sale products and concerns. Unfortunately, I couldn't find reference to it at the internet site cpsc.gov/. I spent about a half-hour searching. However, it's probably there.

The site is interesting. There are 4,500 products described that are or might be dangerous. Whether you are responsible for knowing about

all of these, I couldn't determine. However, I don't doubt that we all have some products that are now considered unsafe from clothes to bicycles to children's safety gates, to basketball hoops, and whatever. Old is what we usually put out and old-recall may not have gotten to us.

Not that any of this is wrong. It's good to have someone looking out for the consumer. I'm just not sure the enforcement should extend to garage sales. Consignment shops, maybe. What about the large flea markets? Will there be product police there? The fines are huge and the government seems serious. Will we be swatting flies with baseball bats?

In the meantime, I'm wondering what they're going to do about those curly light bulbs full of mercury. Is it dangerous to sell lamps with those light bulbs in them. And, are the bulbs dangerous themselves? Can the government recall what it has mandated? Maybe you can find mention of it on the consumer site.

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This telecommunications access program is funded by a surcharge currently on all Florida telephone consumers' bills. Equipment is available by appointment Monday through Friday at the Deaf and Hearing Connection's main office located at 7821 Seminole Boulevard in Seminole or at satellite locations throughout Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. For a complete list of distribution locations or to schedule an appointment, call 727-399-9983 (Voice) or 727-399-9422 (TTY).

The Deaf and Hearing Connection, Tampa Bay's only non-profit hearing center, also offers free hearing screenings by appointment, low cost hearing aids, cleanings and repairs. The Deaf and Hearing Connection specializes in communication access for deaf, hard of hearing or late deafened people.

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Telephone Reassurance Program

Did you know that volunteers from the Gulfport Senior Center make a morning telephone call every day of the week except Sundays and holidays to make a welfare check for many Gulfport seniors? They constantly hear from those they call who live alone how reassuring it is to hear that friendly voice on the phone to start their day.

If you are a person who would like to add your name to the list of Gulfport residents who already enjoy this service, call the Senior Center and speak to Susan at 893-2237 or Cynthia at 893-1231. This service is free to all Gulfport residents.

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Spanning the Generations for a Good Cause



Boca Ciega Center of Gulfport shares a tender moment with the kids from Gulfport Recreation Center. They delivered their hand-made Grandparent cards which the residents really enjoyed. The shared popsicles and a sing-along. The residents could not have smiled any harder. They have invited the kids back on a regular basis for special events.

Thank you Gulfport Recreation for bringing such happiness to the residents at Boca Ciega Center. Hope to see you soon! Also, thank you to Tracee Hartman, Memory Care.

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Think you know the answer?

Send us an email with your answer, name and phone number to News@theGabber.com

In just 55 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We'll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, places, and above all the decade of each picture as it comes along. To make it a little bit of a challenge, we won't publish the correct caption until the following week.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

In 1947, Howard Snyder, shown in last week's photo, built his Gremlin Golf Course on the waterfront across from the Casino, at 5513 Shore Boulevard. Howard's main business was sign painting, which lasted much longer than the miniature golf course.

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USCG Safe Boating Classes

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous cycle of Safe Boating Classes every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Warren Webster Community Center, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (1 mile south of Don CeSar) Start at your convenience. First class, come at 7 p.m. to register. Begin any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to 2 years to finish.

Classes include: "Your Boats Radio" Sept 29; "Boating Safety" Oct. 6; "Which Boat is for You" Oct. 13; "Equipment for Your Boat" Oct. 20; and "Trailing Your Boat" Oct. 27.

Cost is \$40 for 13 weeks and includes a new 400-page manual. Call Jim at 360-4846, or Warren at 321-7801, or Phil at 865-2226.

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Attention Artists!

Several artists are needed to participate in the new adventure of Gulfport Galleria.

They are attempting to get together a group of eclectic artisans to share in a semi-co-op gallery in downtown Gulfport. They will man the shop, and you just bring your art to sell. For as little as 200/month you can be in on the ground floor of a much needed Gallery in Gulfport. Gulfport is growing in stature as an artist

community. More and more folks are coming to the downtown area to see art. Also the art walk is booming so twice a month the customer base at the Galleria is increased. Plus Gulfport has several festivals and events nearly every month besides the art walk.

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Gulfport Taxes,

from front page

That savings came from a number of vacant positions in the city and cost-cutting measures in city departments, O'Reilly explained.

City council asked O'Reilly to prepare a balanced budget without cutting services, which O'Reilly presented to council in July. At last week's meeting, several citizens said they didn't feel relying on a surplus would help the city's budget in coming years. Council voted 3-2 to raise the millage rate to 3.85, with Michele King and Judy Ryerson voting against the higher tax rate.

At Thursday night's meeting, Mayor Mike Yakes asked the audience for a show of hands as to who supported the higher tax rate and who did not. According to the show of hands, people in attendance favored maintaining the current tax rate of 3.4742.

While many residents spoke out against the tax hike, Margarete Tober and Bob Newcomb, regular attendees at city meetings, both encouraged the city to keep the higher tax rate. Tober expressed concern over losing two police officers with the existing budget.

"Personally I'm concerned about crime and the fact that we're eliminating two police officers (in the original budget) concerns me greatly," Margarete Tober said.

Gulfport Administrative Services Director Dan Carpenter said that the budget will cut the police department's Youth Resource Officer position as well as a police lieutenant position. Both positions remain vacant, Carpenter explained and stressed that "the number of officers on the street will not suffer."

The city has one of its

two lieutenant positions vacant because the two lieutenants, Howard Coombs and Rob Vincent, have alternately filled in as the Interim Police Chief. If one of these two men becomes the Police Chief the second lieutenant position will go away. The budget does not have provisions for funding a second lieutenant position if the city chooses a police chief who is not one of these two men.

"We'd probably have to go to council and ask for the first adjustment to the budget," Carpenter said, adding, "however, there is a better than average chance we could make it through the next 12 months

without a budget adjustment. I have confidence that we have the correct amount of money budgeted for the expenditures."

Some residents suggested that the services the city provides didn't warrant an increase.

"I'm on the board of Skimmer Point, so I think I can speak for pretty much everybody, which is about 380 residences. We're all against this. You don't fix our roads, you don't fix our curbs, you don't address our sewers, pick up our trash. It's an unreasonable tax increase," Frank Crupi told council.

Others spoke in favor of maintaining the city's 3.4742 tax rate.

"The city manager presented to council a balanced budget at 3.47 mils. I think that's pretty impressive. If you've got a balanced budget at 3.47 I cannot see an increase coming in," Art Padula told council.

While some praised O'Reilly for creating a balanced budget, others suggested that the city had not presented council with a balanced budget because the proposed budget took monies from the city's reserve funds.

"I don't think it's right when you have a budget that is purported to be balanced to take a million dollars, maybe a million one, out of that reserve," Bob Newcomb said.

O'Reilly explained that the money saved in the current fiscal year had to get moved to the reserves before the city could access it, so the city did not take any existing money from the reserves.

According to Carpenter, before this fiscal year the city had almost \$4.5 million in its reserve fund. After moving the \$1 million-plus from the reserve to the general fund, the city will have almost \$4.5 million in its reserve fund.

When it came time for the council to vote,

2008 Property Taxes Around Pinellas County

How does Gulfport stack up? Of the 24 cities in Pinellas County Gulfport had the 10th highest millage rate in 2008. St. Petersburg had the highest millage rate at 5.9125 mils and Belleair Shore had the lowest at 0.5256 mils.

Source: Pinellas County Tax Collector.

City	2008 Millage Rate
Belleair Beach	1.98
Belleair Bluffs	3.9997
Belleair	4.5605
Belleair Shore	0.5256
Clearwater	4.7254
Dunedin	3.5597
Gulfport	3.4742
Indian Rocks Beach	2.0
Indian Shores	1.6
Kenneth City	3.9902
Largo	3.8448
Madeira Beach	1.7954
North Redington Beach	0.7511
Oldsmar	4.05
Pinellas Park	4.5478
Redington Beach	1.941
Redington Shores	1.8016
Safety Harbor	2.783
St. Pete Beach	2.4425
St. Petersburg	5.9125
Seminole	2.4793
South Pasadena	1.4886
Tarpon Springs	4.5738

council members Michele King and Judy Ryerson explained again why they opposed the increase.

"If we're raising them just to put an extra \$300,000 (the amount the increased millage rate would provide) to put in that reserve, it's foolish because it hurts too many people. Let's give the economy a chance to catch up a little bit," Ryerson said. King agreed, saying "We don't need to raise taxes; we've already raised fees."

Bob Worthington, who voted for the increase last week, also remained steadfast in position. Worthington reminded council and the audience that Gulfport had a tax cut for the past two years but said he feared that maintaining the millage rate would harm the quality of city services.

"We have been trying to do what we can do. This year the county took away almost \$300,000 from our EMS system. Now, You want to keep seeing that red truck rolling? The money's got to come from somewhere to replace it. We've got to keep those fire and EMS people out on the street we've got to keep our city police department up to staff, and our police officers trained and properly ready. If you don't want the increase, who am I to argue with it? But just remember when you call and you need help and it takes a little extra time, think about the \$100 you saved last year," Worthington said.

Sam Henderson and Mayor Mike Yakes, who voted for the increase last week, voted against it Thursday night.

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Excerpts heard at the September 17, 2009

Gulfport City Council Special Tax Meeting Public Comment & Council Quotes

"This year 347 properties in Gulfport did not pay their property tax and tax certificates were sold on their properties. 140 of those properties were homesteaded properties; 104 of those properties had prior tax certificates issued to them and they could lose their properties within next year if they do not pay their taxes plus interest in full. The total value if the taxes on those 347 properties that did not pay was \$951,927.85. Raising the taxes the small amount you have proposed may not seem like a big deal to you but for those 347 properties who already cannot pay their taxes, it is a big deal. If you leave the millage rate where it was you may have to lose the trolley. If you raise it you may cause residents to lose their homes."—David Stoats

"My taxes is already \$2000 a year. Ruins my Christmas."—Helen Black

"I'm paying \$87 a year to the city of Gulfport. I'm ashamed of that."—Jennifer Salmon

"I want to say I'm not part of Gulfport Watch or Water Watch... and I have no ulterior motives as was printed in The Gabber today."—Margarete Tober

"I commend you for your prior vote. I think it was a courageous vote."—Bob Newcomb

"When the employees of the town did exactly what you ladies and gentlemen asked them to do, they deserve more than 'Good job, we're raising it to 3.85'."—Henry Goldsmith

"I also believe that he has a handle on 2011 and I take offense at the fact that there are a lot of people in this audience that thinks that our staff acts willy-nilly and doesn't look at the future."—Councilwoman Michele King

"Number one, I certainly have all the faith in Jim O'Reilly and I resent that you would say that. Number two, I would encourage all the members in this audience to come back for a meeting once in a while."—Margarete Tober

"I think we should protect that surplus; I think it's a form of self-insurance."—Bob Newcomb

"What came to me on first reading was somewhat unusual... Residents that care, that come to all meetings and participate in the everyday business of our city in good faith and good honesty of their belief. We can never laugh, look at, or not appreciate the person who's going to come up and offer their opinion. It just upsets me tremendously to find criticism in a person that has the courage to speak of their peace."—Mayor Mike Yakes



Following are some of the calls that Gulfport Police responded to during the past week.

Friday 9/11

- Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Traffic Stop-Failed to Stop-** 4900 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1700 Blk 58th St. S.

- Animal Complaint-** 2000 Blk 56th St. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd S.
- Robbery-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Saturday 9/12**
- Burglary-** 2000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.
- Noise Complaint-** 5900 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Prowler-** 5400 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Sunday 9/13**
- DUI Investigation-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

- Violation of Court Order-** 2600 Blk 44th St. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Soliciting-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1700 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Monday 9/14**
- Noise Complaint-** 1400 Blk Gray St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2100 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Battery-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Theft-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 5400 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2500 Blk York St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1700 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Tuesday 9/15**
- Violation of Court Order-** 5600 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 2600 Blk 46th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd S.
- Trouble with Individual -** 6200 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5600 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Traffic Stop-Failed to Stop-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Wednesday 9/16**
- Prowler-** 6200 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 5000 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Threatening Bodily Harm-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Accident without Injuries-** 1300 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Theft-** 2000 Blk 57th St. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 2600 Blk 45th St. S.
- Thursday 9/17**
- Domestic Battery-** 5600 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 4900 Blk 23rd Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.

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Community Band to Perform Free Concert

The South Pasadena Community Band will present the first concert of the 2009-2010 season on Thursday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Galatea Garden. The band is a community relations initiative of the City of South Pasadena and is free to the public.

According to Max Millspaugh, the band's Musical Director, the concert title is "Strike Up The Band". "We will of course perform the title song and we will include several spirited marches including the always popular "Stars and Stripes Forever" said Millspaugh. The program will also feature several big band favorites made famous by music icons such as Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, and Woody Herman. "This program is full of audience favorites", he said. "We will also honor former mayor Dick Holmes for all of his support during the concert," concluded Millspaugh.

Kathleen Peters, Mayor of South Pasadena, commented that "the band and the setting in Galatea Garden are treasures for the city. We always look forward to welcoming the people who come to enjoy the evening. We invite everyone to bring a chair or blanket, get comfortable in the serene park, and relax as our band weaves its magic under the stars in the night air". Mrs. Peters noted that ample free parking is available and that in the event of rain the concert will move indoors at the city hall, which is adjacent to the garden.

Galatea Garden is located at 7015 Sunset Drive South in South Pasadena, which is behind (north) the new Publix Grocery at the corner of Pasadena Avenue and Gulfport Ave.

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Women's Drum Circle

Join the Women's Drum Circle when the meet every Friday at Gulfport Beach from 7-10 p.m. Bring your drums, percussion instruments or just yourselves as they continue the tradition of woman-led drumming circles. Bring your own chair or blanket and water to drink.

Beginners and experienced drummers are welcome to join this empowering, healing circle.

They meet on the west side of the beach (toward the Rec. Center), near the boardwalk. For more information contact Dena Lebowitz at denaleb@gmail.com or 727-289-3380.

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Seamstress Needed

Do you like to sew? We Care for Paws Foundation is an animal shelter that needs the help of a seamstress. Several dog beds have been donated, but they all need new,

removable covers. They can supply the materials if you would like to help them to help the dogs be more comfortable.

Any and all items for cats and dogs are also needed, so if you have crates, bowls, beds, scratching posts, cat condos or any other dog and cat-friendly items, they would be greatly appreciated. Pick-up could easily be arranged.

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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The Garden Club of St. Petersburg

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg will hold a Coffee & Garden Crafts Workshop on Monday, October 5 from 10-12 noon at the Garden Club Center, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. A materials fee of \$3.50 for Garden Club members and \$4.50 for guests and the general public will be charged to cover supplies. The workshop will be on "Decorating Cupcakes for all Those Special Occasions".

All craft workshops are open to the general public, potential new members and guests. Please bring your own scissors, pencil and small paint brushes. Coffee and tea will be furnished. For more information, call Betty Martin at 343-2255..

They will hold its Horticulture for Weekend Gardeners (aka the "Night Bloomers" Circle) on Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. at the Garden Center. The program will be on "Orchids" by Glenn Gross of Gross Orchids in Lakeland. Orchids will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Derri Davisson at derridavisson@hotmail.com or call 727-423-7644.

Meetings are open to the public but there will be a nominal charge for nonmembers of the Garden Club to help cover speaker expense.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Sunshine City Council is planning a social event to introduce Beta Sigma Phi to prospective members. The "Rush to Tropical Adventure" is planned for Saturday, October 10

at 2 p.m. at the Oleander Lake Club House, Five Towns. We are seeking women of all ages who would be interested in becoming a part of Beta Sigma Phi.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural sorority organization for women. There are 12 chapters in Sunshine City Council with members who would like to share their experiences as part of this sorority. They are an international organization of a variety of women who enjoy the many activities of their chapters and council. If you would like to learn more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Sharon Melton at 595-9625.

The next regular meeting of Sunshine City Council will be Monday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the ROTC Room at Dixie Hollins High School.

Laureate Epsilon Theta's members and guests will meet on Saturday, September 26 at 11:30 a.m. at PoFolks Restaurant, 2001 34 Street N. for their monthly social. Hostesses for this social will be Elaine Penner and Paula Roberts.

The next Ways and Means meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30 at 7 p.m. at the home of Val Rankin. They will be painting Christmas mice ornaments.

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

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ST. PETE BEACH: The St. Pete Beach Community Center is proud to announce its 2009 "Concert in the Park" Series taking place on the first four Friday nights of October from 7-9 p.m. Each concert features a different genre of music and is free and open to the public. All concerts take place in Horan Park at the Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. The schedule is as follows: October 2: TFOXX (jazz); October 9: De Leïed Parrots (carribbean); October 16: Downtown Possum (rock) and October 23: Charlie Morris Band (jazz).

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

My Grandma Rae died last week.

She spent years living in a reality in which the rest of us were not welcome, something that tore at my father and his brothers.

Rae had Alzheimer's. A couple of Thanksgivings back she was convinced my grandfather died when the Mayflower sank. My father tried in vain to convince her that the Mayflower didn't sink. That didn't work. He tried to explain that, for my grandfather to have been on the Mayflower, we would all have to have lived 400 years or so earlier. No go. Finally, he told her: "Ma, look. There were no Italians on the Mayflower. There was one Puerto Rican busboy, but that was it."

Success. My dad did what he had to so that he could deal with his mother's illness. Her disease didn't just touch her; her brain's decay touched us all, left all of us feeling a little less whole and each of us dealt in our own way. Some of us couched ourselves in denial, others seemed to forget her after a fashion.

But I was lucky. I had things to remember.

Rae and my Grandpa John moved from New York to my parent's home in Florida when I was 17, a week before I graduated from high school. Rae raised four boys and I was the first granddaughter, and despite my mother's ever-vigilant eye, Grandma Rae felt the need to watch over me, too. I went from having one military-strict mother to two. I couldn't do anything.

In between us bickering, she taught me things, like how to make macaroni from scratch. As I got a little older, I got to see a side of her my other cousins never would. She talked about her family the way she never would to a young child. She talked about her childhood, told me about her courtship with my grandfather. One afternoon, to my father's distress and my horrified delight, she talked about the more intimate details of her marriage.

I remember my grandfather telling me of hearing notes from my grandmother's viola drift down from a second-story window. He loved her so much then, and again when he, about to die from lung cancer, told me that story. They fought; horrible, yelling, mean fights, but that passion carried through to every part of their marriage. This was no lukewarm love; she loved him with everything she had.

When doctors diagnosed my grandfather with lung cancer and he declined treatment, I was the grandchild who watched her grieve at close range for a man not yet dead. I was the one who offered not nearly enough comfort as her life shattered around her. I saw her lose her will to live, not little by little but all at once when he died. I always felt like her Alzheimer's came about because without my grandfather she didn't want to remember anything.

Little things started to go, like beans left on the stove or an ingredient left out of a recipe. Then larger things, like the morning she fell out of bed and didn't call out for help because it didn't occur to her.

I remember the day the doctors finally convinced my parents they couldn't care for my grandmother anymore. She sat on the ottoman in our living room, her big purse over one arm and wearing brown slacks and an orange and brown print polyester blouse. She didn't understand exactly where she was going but she knew she did not want to go.

Seeing her at the nursing home was awful. The public relations spin on these places has stopped us from calling them nursing homes, but their new labels don't mask the continual decay within their walls.

Rae was lucky, because most of the time she didn't know she was in a nursing home. Except for a few horrible moments of clarity, she didn't

know she was hanging in a limbo between the world of the living and dead.

Rae was lucky. One nurse, Louise, cared for her like Rae was her own mother. When I would bring Calypso to visit and my grandmother, who had no clue who I was, refused to see us, Louise would scold her and told her in a thick Jamaican accent that she needed to see her granddaughter. Louise stopped to see Rae when she worked other wings of the nursing home. Louise took a day off of work to come to the memorial service.

When we went through my grandmother's things at the house we found letters from her grandchildren and pictures we had drawn her. Among those letters were packets of love letters from my grandfather, passionate expressions of love that made me understand how completely they loved each other and how she couldn't, after so many years, bear to remember a world without him in it.

It broke my father's heart to watch his mother fall apart. Mine, too, but more than that I hated seeing what watching his mother dissolve into a shell of a person did to my father. When my grandma went to the hospital Friday I almost felt a sense of relief. If her body was going to try to catch up with her brain it would end a decade of her not remembering her children, crying every time she realized her husband had died, and, in thankfully rare moments, sobbing because she all of a sudden realized what was happening to her.

I was lucky. I don't feel it right now, but I know I am. I have a piece of my grandmother no one else does. Long before she died I felt her with me every time I made her tomato gravy or saw an older couple arguing with each other. When I read a love story I think of those letters she kept, sent long after she and my grandfather wed.

She has been gone for years, really. She's been with me all that time, too. I watched her die but I also got to see her live. I knew her as my grandmother but also as a woman.

I was lucky.

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Fences Strong Opening For American Stage's Season

By Cathy Salustri



Jayne Trinette and Evander Duck, Jr. star in August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize and Tony award-winning drama, *Fences*.

August Wilson's collection of 10 plays, called the Century Cycle or the Pittsburgh Cycle, chronicle the lives of black people in 20th-century America. American Stage made a brave commitment to produce all 10 of these plays over 10 years. *Fences*, the third of these plays produced at American Stage, opened this past weekend. This production affirms the company's ability to do justice to Wilson's works.

Fences tells the story of the Maxson family, a poorer family living in Pittsburgh's Hill District in the late 1950s. The cast in this production does a superb job drawing the audience into the family's lives, triumphs, and tragedies.

The play deals with issues specific to being black in mid-century America. Instead of creating a play about black people and black issues, though, director Timothy Douglas crafts a story about a family who happens to be black and the issues they face as a family, and in doing so he makes the story relevant to everyone rather than those touched by the specific issues the play addresses.

Troy Maxson (Evander Duck, Jr.) and Jim Bono (Kim Sullivan) open the show with a rambunctious after-work bull session in Maxson's yard. While Duck gives a consistent, strong performance, in this scene he lacks the energy and emotion he brings to the rest of the show. As the performance continues Duck warms to Maxson, showing the audience the different facets of the man who loves his wife, spent time in jail, and always endeavors to be a better father than his own. Duck's silent performance in the final scene more than makes up for any shortcomings in the show's first moments.

Sullivan, a repeat performer with American Stage's productions in the Century Cycle, is utterly believable as Bono, Troy's best friend. He delivers a charming performance that is a delight to watch. Ron Bobb-Semple plays Gabriel, Troy's brother rendered mentally deficient after a war injury. Bobb-Semple's sincere portrayal of the gentle man who loves his brother and his brother's family is both divine and heart-wrenching.

Jayne Trinette, who plays Troy's wife Rose, handles the complexities of her character's marriage and family issues with carefully decisiveness. As her marriage and family changes and rearranges itself, so does her character, drawing from a well within to hold her life together.

The younger cast, consisting of Travis LeRoux (Cory), Reginald Robinson, Jr. (Lyons) and Trinity Edwards (Raynell) all do an exceptional job. The young Ms. Edwards, appearing only in the final scene, won over the Saturday night audience with her youthful exuberance and charm. Although the audience may not like Robinson's character at the start of the show, Robinson does an amazing job of making the house empathize with the struggling musician by the show's end.

LeRoux's character Cory struggles with his father throughout the play, and at times LeRoux struggles to match Duck's energy and emotion, which overshadowed the younger actor. In scenes with other actors LeRoux turns in a dynamic performance. His gripping final scene with Ms. Edwards reveals the maturity and depth of his talent.

Jeffrey Dean's set, with equal attention paid to the large and small elements, provide a spectacular backdrop. Todd Olson's sound design doesn't intrude on the performance but subtly adds to it, something few sound designers in this area manage to achieve.

Other than the somewhat stilted first scene the entire cast does an exquisite job with the show. American Stage's *Fences* would make August Wilson proud.

Fences runs through October 11. For ticket information and show times, call American Stage at 823-PLAY (7529) or visit AmericanStage.org.

Cathy Salustri works periodically as a stage manager for professional theatre companies in the Tampa Bay area, although she never reviews the productions with which she's involved. You can contact her at CathySalustri@TheGabber.com.

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Art- Oberfest

“Art-Oberfest: A Fall Arts Festival” will be held on Sunday, October 11 from 12-5 p.m. at St. Anthony’s Park, 1200 Ninth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Event will feature work by numerous local artists and will benefit the Historic Uptown Neighborhood Association’s Crime Watch and other community based efforts. Guests are invited to come enjoy the creativity and vote for their favorite exhibiting artist or crafts person. Work on display will include watercolors, acrylic paintings, block and screen prints, fiber arts, hand poured candles, printed clothing, original jewelry, unique plush creations, hand sewn tote bags, aprons, and much much more! Admission is free.

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Fashion Show to Benefit St. Anthony’s

St. Anthony’s Hospital Auxiliary is presenting its 57th Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show on Wednesday, October 21 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Social hour is 11 a.m. with lunch served at noon. The women’s fashions will be presented by Chico’s and White House/Black Market, and the men’s clothes will be from Sacino’s. An individual ticket for this event is \$50 and includes valet parking. The cost for a Patron ticket is \$100 (includes program listing). Proceeds from this luncheon and fashion show will benefit St. Anthony’s Hospital. Chairman for the event is Pat Howells. For reservations, please call 384-6133.

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Donate to Indoor Yard Sale

The American Legion Auxiliary St. Petersburg Unit 14 will be holding its annual indoor yard sale (Trash to Treasure) on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 16, 17 and 18. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Commanders Ballroom at Post 14, 1520 Fourth Street N. in St. Petersburg. Proceeds help fund the Girls State Program.

If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Bonnie Carter at 727-521-4049 or email her at dincwaz2@tampabay.rr.com. Pick-up is available anytime before October 15.

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YMCA Opens New Corporate Office in Downtown St. Pete



By Leigh Clifton

Noted members of the community, St. Pete Chamber of Commerce and the YMCA Board of Directors and staff met last Tuesday to dedicate the new YMCA corporate offices in downtown St.Pete. The ribbon cutting ceremony honors to open the offices were shared by current YMCA Chairman Stephenson Anderson and David W. Jeseck, YMCA President and CEO.

The YMCA took a moment to recognize two unique visitors, Mrs. Kennedy Brandimore and her son Darrell Brandimore. Mrs. Brandimore is the wife of the late Mr. Stan Brandimore, an honored YMCA Board Member and Chairman of the Board who stepped in to run the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg in the absence of a President. The large conference room located in the Corporate Office was re-dedicated to Mr. Brandimore at the ceremony.

The new offices will house the executive staff, accounting, human resources, marketing & communications, child care, financial development, partnership development, FAB Families, and staff development training.

Legion 305 Honors POW/MIA’s



On Saturday, September 19 the St. Pete Beach American Legion Auxiliary Unit 305 paid tribute to our POW/MIA’s from all conflicts. The solemn ceremony began at 6 p.m. Auxiliary President, Dee Bell explained the importance of honoring those who gave all for the freedoms we enjoy. Members of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion participated by placing memorial flowers in honor of each branch of service. Poppies were distributed to all those in attendance as a physical reminder of the sacrifices that were made. A POW/MIA commemorative table and chair to honor our lost and missing heroes is now a place of honor in our Legion Hall. Dinner and piano music followed the touching ceremony. Thank you to all who participated.

New Clam Bayou Study Shows Elevated Toxins

By Cathy Salustri

Clam Bayou has elevated levels of some pesticides as well as some petrochemicals and heavy metals, a recent study says. However, scientists at the Hillsborough Environmental Protection Commission say that the impact on sealife isn't as bad as it seems.

"We are seeing elevated levels of contaminants, but the impact on the biota doesn't seem to be as significant as you would expect," Karlen says.

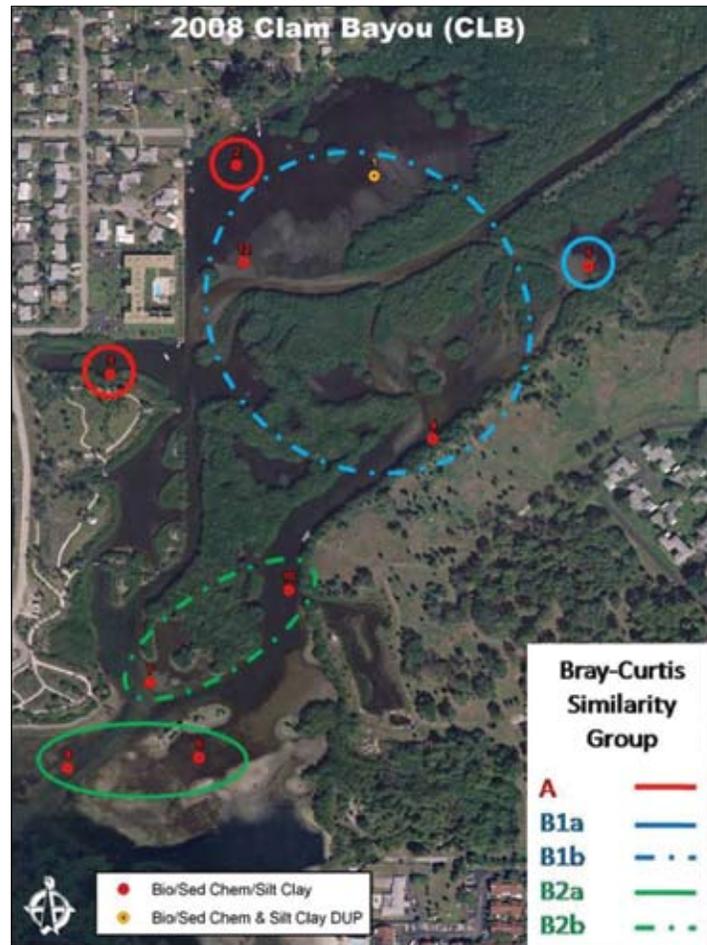
The study, coordinated by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, showed elevated levels of DDT and other chlorinated pesticides; metals such as lead, cadmium and copper; and hydrocarbons from automobile-related runoff.

Clam Bayou has higher levels of metals like lead, copper and cadmium than it did when the Florida Department of Environmental Protection tested for them in 2001. Prior to the 2008 testing no agency had tested the Bayou sediments for the other contaminants mentioned.

The Bayou has more petrochemicals associated with automobile-related runoff, including compounds like Chrysene, Benzopyrene and Fluoranthene, than sediments found in Tampa or Boca Ciega Bays. David Karlen, the general manager of Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission's Benthic Monitoring Program, says that those elevated "have a lot to do with the sediment type."

"Mangroves leave organic residue as their leaves decay," Karlen says "That decay adheres to these compounds, hence the elevated levels."

As for the elevated levels of DDT and other pesticides



The two most contaminated sites in Clam Bayou, shown here circled, are also the deepest ones tested as they "are two sites historically dredged for boating access," Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission Benthic Monitoring Program's General Manager David Karlen told *The Gabber*.

found in Clam Bayou's sediments, Karlen suspects they might come from atmospheric deposits from countries that have yet to ban the pesticide's use.

Tampa Bay Estuary Program Outreach Coordinator Nanette O'Hara offers another explanation: the DDT remains from when people could legally use it in the states.

"It's not unusual to find chemicals like DDT in waterways all over the United States. Although DDT has not been used in the United States in decades, it is a very persistent substance and it stays in sediments a very long time," O'Hara said.

Despite a rise in heavy metals and the presence of

pesticides and petrochemicals in Clam Bayou's sand and mud, the study also found that the number of living organisms went up since the 2001 study.

"That's kind of a mystery," Karlen says "The best I can explain is that a lot of times the sediment acts as a trap for the contaminants. The system acts as kidneys for the Bay."

The study also says that fewer organisms exist in Clam Bayou than reference sites in Boca Ciega Bay and Tampa Bay, but Karlen says that the two reference sites "have a higher diversity (of life) than many other areas in Tampa Bay" and called the differences "statistically insignificant."

Depth also relates to contamination in Clam Bayou, the study suggests.

"The areas where we see the worst sediment are areas (that have been) dredged out," Karlen says. "Dredged areas end up your more contaminated. Creating deeper channels and deeper holes, your finer sediments will settle there."

Southwest Florida Water Management District (often called Swiftmud) plans to dredge as part of their Clam Bayou restoration.

"Dredging can redistribute the contaminants to other areas," Karlen says, adding that the deposits might settle quickly. "I think the best plan of action—and I think Swiftmud is doing this—is restoration. If you take out contaminants now but don't eliminate the source it's just going to happen again."

The Tampa Bay Estuary Program coordinates a bay-wide monitoring program, which involves looking at water, air, and sediment quality for Manatee, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Every three years each county gets to choose a special study area.

Pinellas County chose Clam Bayou as a special study area for additional sampling, Tampa Bay Estuary Program Outreach Coordinator Nanette O'Hara said.

"The consortium of experts in the benthic community decided that Clam Bayou would be a good special study area," Pinellas County Watershed Management Division Director Kelli Levy said. The Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission tested the Clam Bayou's sediments as part of its relationship with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program.

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Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale

Florida West Coast Orchid Society will hold their Fall Show and Sale "Fall Orchid Frenzy" on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 2, 3, and 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Orchid classes and potting booth Saturday and Sunday. Vendors, free parking, displays, and refreshments for sale.

Entries for AOS judging are accepted 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. Vendors will be able to register beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday. Show is located at the Honeywell Minnreg Building, 6340 126 Avenue in Largo. Admission \$5. Contact Brett Finke at 727-460-4606.

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St. Petersburg Writers Club

The Club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the West St. Petersburg Library, Eighth Avenue and 67th Street N., adjacent to St. Petersburg College. Anyone interested in writing, whether a seasoned professional or a beginner is welcome to attend.

The purpose of the St. Petersburg Writers' Club is to encourage every member to write more effectively and to be published appropriately. Most of the reading time is devoted to members' reading from their works-in-progress and hearing other members' critiques.

Membership is open to writers of all ages and all levels of writing skills, working in any literary genre. Dues are \$10 per year.

Guests and new members are always welcome. For more information, call Marthat Dupes at 736-3355 or Pat First at 397-8833.

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Polish American Society Summer Dances

Polish American Society of St. Petersburg located at 1343 Beach Drive SE (next to the Coast Guard commissary) is open for dancing and dinner on Sundays through May 31 from 3-7 p.m. Dancing from 4-7 p.m. Dinner from 3-4:30 p.m. Call 894-9908 or visit their web site at www.polishsociety.org for more information.

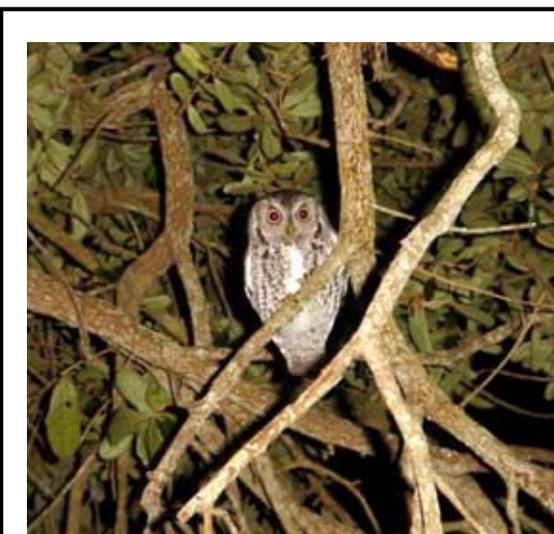
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GYC Fall Racing Series Kicks Off



Gulfport Yacht Club's Fall Racing Series kicked off this past Saturday with a good turnout of boats. Winds were light to moderate and the sailors got in 3 races with 3 different winners. Rush Bird captured the overall points lead to win for the day with Robbie Daniel taking 2nd and Bob Johnson placing 3rd. GYC's fall series continues on October 17th.

Also on tap soon for GYC is the F16 Global Challenge which is the World Championship Regatta for the F16 Catamaran Class. Approximately 30 boats from across the US and the world will be competing in this prestigious event. The races will be held from November 10th through the 14th on Boca Ciega Bay off of Gulfport Beach. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Gulfport. Come on down to see the action. For more information about GYC, please visit their website at www.gulfportyachtclub.com.



Shutterbugs

We just love to see these little screech owls! This one is in our front yard.

-Kelli LaPuma
Gulfport

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Boca Ciega High School Scoreboard

compiled by Leigh Clifton

9/16/09

Boys Junior Varsity Football

Boca Ciega High..... 21
Northeast..... 8

9/17/09

Boys Varsity Football

Boca Ciega High..... 14
Lakewood..... 34

9/17/09

Boys Varsity Golf vs. Lakewood,
Northeast, Dixie Hollins
David Ustic low round: 54 for nine
holes
Tyler Hall low round: 59 for nine
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9/22/09

Boys Varsity Cross Country

-Thurston Invitational
Boca Ciega High -211
5th place finish out of 13 schools
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Bogie Pirates Fall to Arch Rival Lakewood 14-34



Bogie Senior running back Jovantae Johnson looks up field after the handoff from quarterback Shaquille Bradford.

By Leigh Clifton

On the back of two fumbles, Bogie varsity football fell to the Lakewood Spartans last Friday night at Lakewood. With a standing room only crowd outside the fence and a definite home-team advantage, Lakewood capitalized on several costly Bogie mistakes, including the two fumbles that allowed the Spartans to score three times, including a running touchdown, in a little over six minutes. Although Bogie drew first blood on a safety from a blocked punt that flew out of the end zone, the Spartans were continually in Pirate quarterback Shaquille Bradford's face all night and effectively shut down the dynamic speed of running back #1 Latavien Washington, who was double-teamed the whole game. Washington broke free and was able to catch a pass a short touchdown pass from Bradford but was closed out the rest of the game.

There were sparks of a comeback, when #81 Joseph Lynn found a corner of the end zone, diving for the six.

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Hurley Mediation Services: Solving Problems

By Cathy Salustri

After a quarter of a century as a trial attorney in New Jersey and New York, Rick Hurley decided he'd had enough and he wanted to return home to the Tampa Bay area, and put his trial and advocacy skills to a different use, one that could benefit people who are "knee deep" in a dispute. Hurley decided he wanted to become a mediator.

Hurley decided to become a mediator.

"As a trial attorney, I was always a proponent of mediation or arbitration as a means of resolving disputes rather than through litigation," Hurley explains, "and today the mediation process serves as an even better tool to resolving disputes; whether they are in the civil court or family court."

Hurley states, "Mediation is a process whereby two or more disputing parties or entities participate in a process of discussion to obtain a mutually agreed upon resolution that serves the parties' interest."

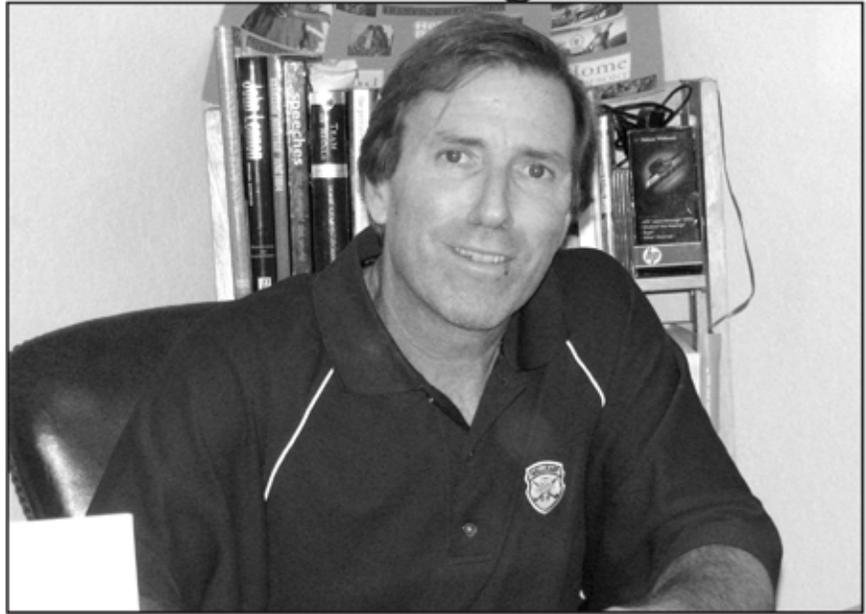
Of course, the mediator is at the center of the discussion helping the parties come to a self-determination. While mediation is being used in the court system and in the legal process as a mandatory procedure prior to trial, Hurley believes it is best suited when the disputing parties voluntarily pursue mediation.

"Once the daggers are drawn and the lawyers are involved then the dispute becomes more adversarial; consequently, the dispute becomes more costly and stressful," says Hurley.

"Our current legal system has become overly burdensome and unreasonably costly," Hurley says. "People believe that the law will provide them with their desired result or adequate restitution."

Not so, he says. He uses Shakespeare as an example.

"In *The Merchant of Venice* Shylock sought his "pound of flesh" from Antonio over the collection of a debt. Shakespeare was mocking the English justice system which the American justice system initially used as a model. Unfortunately, these systems have not improved. They have only become more complicated and more stressful," Hurley says.



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How does mediation work?

Take the example of a family going through a divorce. Going to trial can cost tens of thousands of dollars, but if the married couple seeks mediation before going to their attorneys they can resolve a lot of issues, like custody, child support, mortgage payments, and who gets what without paying attorneys to spend time in court.

Attorneys send letters, make phone calls, get involved with mounds and mounds of discovery or information about the dispute, and eventually go to court two, three or four times before the matter is resolved." Hurley understands the necessity of the lawyer's billing process having been an attorney for twenty-five years but he suggests that mediation can circumvent much of that cost.

As a mediator, Hurley will sit down with both parties, both separately and individually, and ask them what they want and what would make them happy. Because a mediator lacks the emotional connection to the problem he can see solutions the other parties cannot, and he can work with people until everyone gets some of what they want, if not all of it.

Anyone can seek mediation; it can be pre-suit.

"You don't need to file a law suit to start the mediation process," he says. He also works with landlord-tenant

disputes, contract disputes, and construction and development disputes. He also uses his mediation practice in collection disputes. He calls this "Collection through Mediation."

Mediation costs less than hiring attorneys, although often times people who hire attorneys also seek a mediator. The biggest benefit, though, is that people can leave situations satisfied, Hurley says. The parties resolve the dispute and settle on an agreement that they can live with and abide by rather than a judgment or court order compelling them to abide by certain terms.

"I call it 'divorce with dignity' in cases of divorce, but in any sort of mediation the best part is that people leave feeling better," he says. "People feel like the law is helping them instead of working against them or feeling cheated by the system."

"It is an informal and non-adversarial process intended to help parties reach a mutual acceptable agreement or solution to their disputes," Hurley explains.

Hurley believes in this day and age, with the economy the way it is and the backlog in the court system, people can't afford not to mediate.

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Friends Repay Years of Giving with a Benefit

By Leigh Clifton

Early last year, Madeira Beach Elementary P.E. Assistant, St. Pete Beach After-Care Coach and Madeira Rec Center Supervisor Steve Jurczik began to notice he had a lot of colds and sore throats that didn't quite seem to go away. Then he developed a lump on the side of his throat, but dismissed that as a swollen lymph node. When the then very noticeable lump grew to the size of a golf ball in just two months, Steve finally took himself to the doctor and was greeted with some very bad news. After an ultrasound and biopsy, the tests came back positive for throat cancer; stage 4. To say he was shocked would be an understatement.

"I've been an athlete all my life," Steve said. "I've stayed in shape; I kayak, I've never smoked or used any tobacco products. That's why I originally put off going to the doctor. I wish now that I had gone much sooner, but I was just always so busy working and coaching the kids; I didn't want to take the time."

Because the cancer was so advanced, Steve immediately underwent surgery to remove the lump and any surrounding tissue. But because of a TMJ jaw problem, the doctors were unable to get to his tonsils to remove them, even though they too showed signs of cancer. The decision was made to undergo aggressive chemo

and radiation, but the consequences were something that Steve just wasn't prepared for.

"Initially I was told that I would lose all my teeth; that was really hard to hear. But a friend of mine's wife is a dentist and she figured out a way to save them. The first few radiation treatments didn't really affect me," he said a bit ruefully. "I'm the kind of guy that does everything by myself and for other people. So I thought Hey, I can handle this. Then all of the sudden, the radiation really kicked in and I got so sick and weak. It was awful."

One of the costs of the radiation was the total destruction of Steve's salivary glands, so he is under constant challenge to keep his throat moist with sips of water. He heard about a spray that might help, but the damage to the glands is permanent. His throat is still incredibly sore and he isn't allowed to eat any food and has a feeding tube that he must use three times a day. He hasn't eaten real food since April. He lives by himself and has some residual eye blurring and loss of taste and hearing; all after effects of the surgery. One of his biggest aspirations is to kayak to a local island and drink a cold beer.

Despite all the pain, Steve has remained incredibly optimistic and upbeat. His blood-work has come back clean and he hopes to get back to work at Madeira Elementary by November.

Through it all, he credits his students and many friends who have stood by him during this ordeal with keeping him focused and positive. Those friends, kids and parents have organized several fundraisers for him to help defray some of the daily living costs. Although Steve has insurance through the school system, he hasn't worked in five months and the generosity of his friends overwhelms him. The school has let him take an unpaid leave of absence and has guaranteed him his job back when he is well.

"The bills don't wait for you, even if you're sick," he smiled. "But I still feel truly blessed."

He credits the joy he gets from working with kids as the major incentive for him to get better.

"I've coached some of these kids from T-ball all the way through high school and beyond. It's great to watch them grow up and know I had a part in their lives that's positive and productive."

One of Steve's former students is Gulfport Rec's supervisor Johnny Lapham, who became his boss for Friday nights. Johnny called Steve and asked him to be the score keeper for the women's softball games in Gulfport. The girls have all asked about him and invited him out to the championship game on October 9th.

On Sunday, September 27th, Steve's many friends are sponsoring a fundraiser at the American Legion Cross-Bayou Post 252 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a dinner and silent auction and all proceeds will go towards helping Steve get back on his feet and out on the field coaching again. The \$35.00 donation will include dinner and live music, with raffles for overnights stays at local luxury resorts. If you know Steve, stop by; for those who don't, stop by anyway.

For more than 20 years Steve Jurczik has played ball, coached hundreds of kids and donated his time to his community. He has donated athletic equipment when none could be purchased because of shrinking school budgets. He's donated countless hours to after-care and Rec Center programs. But even through his scary ordeal, he maintains a happy and bright attitude.

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Card of Thanks

POWERFUL PRAYER TO HOLY SPIRIT - Holy Spirit, you who solves all problems, who lights all roads so that I can attain my goal, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me, I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you, in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. J.M.



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D.D.

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C.A.

NEVER FAILING PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL - St. Michael, the Archangel, Defend Us In Battle; Be Our Defense Against the Wickedness and Snares of the Devil. May God Rebuke Him We Humbly Pray; and Do You Oh Prince of the Heavenly Host, By the Power of God, Thrust Into Hell Satan and the Other Evil Spirits Who Prowl About the World For the Ruin of Souls. Amen. St. Michael, I Resort to Your Protection and in My Faith, Offer This Light Which Shall Burn Every Tuesday. Comfort Me in My Difficulties and While Lodging in the House of Our Savior Intercede for Me and My Family That We Will Be Able to Hold God Close to Our Hearts and Be Provided for in All of Our Necessities. I Beseech You, to Have Infinite Pity in Regard to Favors I ask of You (Name Them) So That I May Be Able To Overcome All Difficulties as You Did the Dragons at Your Feet. Our Father (Say 3 Times). Hail Mary (Say 3 Times). Glory Be (Say 3 Times). This Prayer is to be Said 9 Tuesdays, in Succession and Each Tuesday a Candle Shal Be Lighted and a Copy of This Prayer Lft in the Church to Help Another Soul in Distress and Support the Devotion to St. Michael. This Miraculous Saint Grants Everything, No Matter How Difficult, Before the Termination of 9 Tuesdays.

G.F.

Happy Talk

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City of Gulfport Public Notices



CITY OF GULFPORT MEETINGS

City Clerk's Office
OCTOBER 2009

- October 6, 2009 **City Council Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- October 7, 2009 **Planning and Zoning Board/LPA**
***Meeting to begin at 6:30pm
- October 14, 2009 **Board of Adjustment**
***Meeting to begin at 6:30pm
- October 20, 2009 **City Council Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- October 21, 2009 **Historic Preservation Committee**
***Meeting to begin at 5:30pm at the Historical Society Museum
- October 29, 2009 **Council Workshop**
***Meeting to begin at 2:00pm

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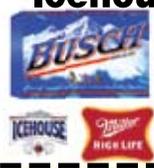
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