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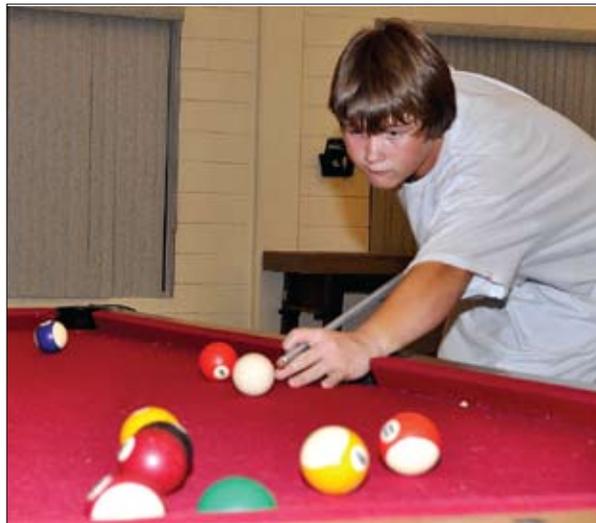
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Teen Night Offers Fun, Safe Haven



Cody Dewberry sets up to shoot a corner shot during Teen Night at the Gulfport Rec Center.

By Leigh Clifton

For more than ten years, the Gulfport Rec Center has hosted a Teen Night on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. that has become a favorite place for local kids looking for something fun to do. The program has been becoming increasingly popular,

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Vice Mayor Bob Worthington Will Not Run For Re-Election

By Cathy Salustri

GULFPORT - Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington has announced that when elections come around next March, he will not run for reelection. Worthington, who has served on



council for eight years, says that he wants to focus on his family.

"I'm going get on with retirement and my wife and I can do a little relaxing traveling around Florida," Worthington, 63, told The Gabber. "My grandkids are always wanting to go out on the boat. I enjoy fishing very much and snorkeling and that sort of thing; I want to be able to do those sort of things while I'm plenty healthy and can do them."

Worthington has seven grandchildren, ranging in age from five months to 18 years old.

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American Legion Post 125 observes Veteran's Day

By Leigh Clifton

The America Legion Post 125 commemorated Veteran's Day last week with a gathering on the grounds, a rifle salute and speeches about the importance of remembering the brave men and women who fought to keep America free. About 50 people listened as Post Commander Ray Camtrell's speech came from the heart in his address to the crowd.

"The ceremony today was a little more touching because of the recent circumstances in Texas. I think everyone

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Post 125 Chaplain Justine Morrison gives the benediction at the Legion's Veteran's Day observance last Wednesday.

Veterans, from front page

was touched because it happened so close to home. Those other conflicts may be thousands of miles away, but they're just as close to home to us. Those who serve now and those who served before us deserve our respect and gratitude."

Gulfport Mayor Yakes was also a speaker and thanked those who served.

"Every one of those soldiers who has served gives us the opportunity to be better. Their sacrifice means our freedom. Freedom isn't free."

A three volley round from the legion Color Guard was followed by the mournful taps, played by Color Guardsman Rick Lallier. After the ceremony, the legion invited everyone to stay for hot dogs and hamburgers.

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Theater on the Bay

The City of Gulfport's next "Theater on the Bay" will be held on Friday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Recreation Field (the corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 58th St. S.). November's movie is "Ice Age: The Meltdown". Cartoons are offered before the special feature at 7 p.m.

The Teen Council will provide concessions for purchase. Movie will be cancelled in the event of rain with no rain date. Free. Call 727-893-1118 for additional information.

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Gulfport Will Apply for Energy Grant

GULFPORT—With Gulfport City Council's blessing, Interim City Manager Jim O'Reilly will apply for an Energy Efficiency Block Grant. This grant will help cities fund ways to reduce energy consumption. If the city wins this grant it could pay for a multitude of changes, ranging from installing LED lights to installing solar panels in government buildings.

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Signs Abound

GULFPORT—Despite the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation against it, Gulfport city council approved a sign ordinance that will allow bench signs and bus stop signs. Representative Rick Kriseman spoke on behalf of the program, which would allow nonprofit groups to provide benches as well as advertising for the benches.

According to Kriseman, the organization would provide the benches and place them where the city wished. He said the city would bear none of the costs but have discretion over where to place them. He also said that only nonprofit organizations could advertise on the benches.

Jennifer Salmon pointed out that Kriseman's description differed from what the Planning and Zoning board saw on paper.

Councilman Sam Henderson intimated he would prefer the bus stop signs not be lit, but Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington explained the

lights were low density and would offer comfort to women and children who had to wait for the bus at night. Worthington suggested people consider whether or not they wanted their wives and children waiting at an unlit bus stop at night.

Ultimately council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance.

"The way this is set up is good," Councilwoman Michele King said.

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New Police Cars for City

GULFPORT—When police cars reach 80,000, the city replaces them. Tuesday night at council meeting the city council approved the purchase of three new Dodge Chargers. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency these 8-cylinder vehicles will not only get the same gas mileage as their 6-cylinder cousins, they will also get better gas mileage than the Ford Crown Victoria Flex Fuel vehicle.

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Police Pension Board Members Reappointed

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Operation Santa

If you are a Gulfport resident and could use a little help, the Gulfport Police Department is now accepting applications for Christmas assistance through November 30 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2401 53 Street S. in Gulfport. Each family's head of household must bring photo identification, proof of Gulfport residence as well as the name(s) and age(s) of child(ren) living in the home. Operation Santa will collect Christmas gifts for children ages 0 to 10 years of age.

There will be no home deliveries and you must pick up your gifts at the Police Department between December 14 through 18, so it's important that we hear from you right away. For more information on Operation Santa, please call either Francine at 893-1653 or Cindy at 893-1049. A home visit is required.

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Arts Council to Host Author Craig Pittman

The South Pasadena Cultural Arts Council will host guest speaker Craig Pittman, author of "Paving Paradise", Florida's Vanishing Wetlands and the Failure of No Net Loss on Thursday, November 19 at 5 p.m. at South Pasadena City Hall, 7047 Sunset Drive S. Mr. Pittman has covered a variety of newspaper beats and quite a few natural disasters including hurricanes, wildfires and the Florida Legislature. Since 1998 he has reported on environmental issues for the *Times*. His work won the Waldo Proffitt Award for Distinguished Environmental Journalism in Florida in 2004, 2006 and 2007 and a series of stories on Florida's vanishing wetlands that he wrote with Matthew Waite won the top investigative reporting award in both 2006 and 2007 from the Society of Environmental Journalists.

Shop local Nov. 21

By Kate Bradshaw

Speeding through the frenzied mall crowd, picking up China-made cookie-cutter goods for those you love seems to be ritual these days, but there are numerous reasons that it doesn't have to – and perhaps shouldn't – be. Consider the following: leisurely wandering down Beach Boulevard, Corey Avenue or Pass-A-Grille's Eight Avenue, checking out boutiques and patronizing local restaurants. Sure, the outcome of such a stroll may be less predictable than those of frantically perusing a mall, but what you find will be more meaningful and hard to find elsewhere.

Then there's the local economy to consider.

Doing as much of your Christmas shopping at locally-based retailers will serve as an investment in your community.

Substantially more money remains within a given area when you shop local versus when you give your money to a retailer whose corporate headquarters are in Ohio or California.

A study by the Austin Independent Business Alliance found that \$13 of every \$100 spent at a chain store stayed in the community, while \$45 of every \$100 stayed in the community when shoppers bought from local retailers.

On Saturday, November 21, the American Independent Business Alliance is encouraging consumers to do all of their shopping and dining out at locally-owned establishments. This may be harder than it seems. For more information, visit <http://www.amiba.net/Unchained.html>.

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Male Dog Neuter-a-thon

In celebration of Thanksgiving SPOT...Stop Pet Overpopulation Together's non profit spay/neuter clinic is having a male dog neuter-a-thon from November 10 through the 25. Male dogs are \$40-\$75 depending on the weight. Call 727-329-8657 to set up an appointment. For more information and holiday hours visit the website at www.SPOTusa.org.

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Doggie Dining Stays In Gulfport

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All Breed Cat Show

The International Cat Association will host an all breed cat show November 21-22 at the Minnreg (Honeywell) Building, 6340 126 Avenue N. in Largo. The show features beautiful breeds of cats and judging for household pets.

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6th Annual Art Market

An eclectic mix of 22 area artists will come together in Gulfport on November 21 to present a show and sale of their work. The fluid core committee, composed this year of Jill Oldenski, Karen Colett Frank, Pat Lamb and Linda Dawson are fiber and mixed-media artists who call themselves "Eclectic & Then Some". Each year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, the group rents a hall, hangs out silks and quilts one a line, sets out homemade cookies and punch, strings up twinkle lights and fills the hall with a wealth of unique art and hand-crafted items. Works include paintings, ceramics, jewelry, dolls, wearables, wood furniture, fiber art, handbags, mixed media folk art, home decor, lampwork beads, holiday items and much more. Event takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 5313 27 Avenue S.

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Gulfport Holiday Tree Lighting

The Gulfport Holiday Tree Lighting is on Monday, November 30 starting at 7 p.m. in Clymer Park located at Gulfport Blvd. S. and Beach Blvd. S. Bundle up for an evening of music, festivities and a true Gulfport tradition. There will be refreshments and festive cheer as the Mayor lights the tree for another holiday season.

Luminaries with personal messages will brightly light up the park. To purchase luminaries for \$2, call the Senior Center at 893-2237 or 893-1231. Also, look for the luminary form in this week's Gabber. For general information, please call 893-1118.

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Black Cat Adoption Fees Reduced

November is Black Beauty Month at Friends of Strays. The shelter does not adopt out black kittens in the month of October and they have a huge selection of black cats. Adoption fee is reduced to \$20 and all cats are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and have a county license. Adoption Center is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10-3 p.m. at 2911 47 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Call 727-522-6566 or visit friendsofstrays.com for more information.

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Please contact Jon at 727-656-8472 or email to jharker40@yahoo.com or Kim at 727-688-4878 or email to harker0804@yahoo.com. All items are greatly appreciated.

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South Pasadena Holiday Tree Lighting

The City of South Pasadena's Annual Tree Lighting ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Galatea Garden, 7015 Sunset Drive S. An open house will follow in Hibiscus Hall with refreshments. For more information, call city hall at 347-4171.

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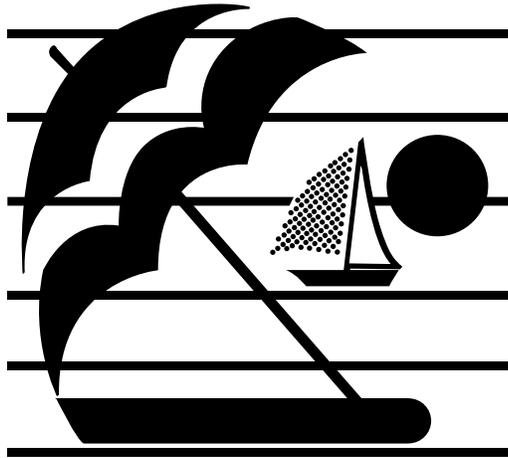
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St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing Thanksgiving dinners to Gulfport residents again this year. Donate a food item such as can vegetables and fruit, soups, instant potatoes and stuffing or personal items. Exchange for a raffle ticket to win great prizes.

Please call Marjorie Hynish at 347-8611 for information or the church office at 347-9989. First prize will be a weekend at the Tradewinds Resort on St. Pete Beach. Must be registered to receive the prizes. Dinner will be at the Maria Center at Holy Name Church, 5800 15 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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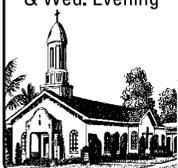
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This year the Thanksgiving boot camp will raise food and monetary resources for ASAP Homeless Services in St. Petersburg. Participants will be encouraged to submit donations online to support charitable relations for the poor during the holidays. The Charity Thanksgiving Boot camp is open to the public and welcomes those who are new to the boot camp environment to join in. For more information, email physiquespt@yahoo.com or call (727) 320-7952.

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Uncertainty Abounds Over BCHS Site Plan

GULFPORT—Pending the city's approval the Pinellas County School Board will build a ball field and more parking as part of its new site plan for Boca Ciega High School. However, the seven suited representatives who arrived at Tuesday night's council meeting didn't have enough answers to satisfy council. Additionally, the representatives had a different site plan than the ones council and city staff received from the school board earlier in the day.

Councilman Sam Henderson expressed concern about lighting a ball field close to homes. School board representatives said they had no intention to light the new ball field but could not promise that the school board would not install lights at a later date.

"We just want to be on the record, we want someone from the Pinellas County School Board say we agree with you, we're not going to light the ball park," Interim City Manager Jim O'Reilly told the school board representatives when they admitted that if the school raised the money they would approve lighting the ball field.

Vice mayor Bob Worthington noted that the school board plans put a ball field in an area that was a swamp. Worthington said he had concerns that the clay infield would wash away in heavy rains, but school board officials said the ball field would have a grass infield.

"Somehow I know you must believe this deep in your heart but I just don't," Worthington said.

"You need to do some core sampling. You may be surprised. It's definitely nothing to build a building on," Councilwoman Judy Ryerson said, adding that she attended Boca Ciega High School and knew from experience the field would flood. At one point, she said, the field had fill added over quicksand.

Both Worthington and Henderson said that they also had concerns about relocating the Gulfport spur of the Pinellas trail and creating a dark, closed-in area that provided an ideal place for crime.

The school board and Gulfport city hall have copies of the site plan available.

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Star-gaze and people-watch while strolling under the lighted trees in this seaside village. No chain stores, no malls, no parking meters; just small-town charm.

Live entertainers, including Double M Band, Liz Penneck & Dr. Blues and the Paul Anthony Band will be appearing at venues throughout the Village. And don't miss free glass-blowing demonstrations by award-winning artist Owen Pach at the Industrial Arts Center, also offering "Blow Your Own" mini-classes in glass blowing.

Something special for the November 21st event will be a "Cooperative Art Walk Extravaganza." Gulfport is working with St. Petersburg's newly opened Flamingo Resort to bring you two Art Walks on one day. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Studio Mares at the Flamingo Resort (4601 34th Street S. in St. Petersburg) will exhibit art from renowned local, American and international artists. Displays will be set up surrounding the court yard of the resort, billed as the largest GLBT resort in the Southeast. The fun continues with Gulfport's popular Art Walk from 6 to 10 p.m. In addition to the local artists and crafters set up along Beach Blvd., an exhibit of art sponsored by Studio Mares will take place at Gulfport's Peninsula Inn in the heart of the Waterfront Art District during Art Walk hours. Water taxi rides will be available for participants to travel back and forth from the resort to Gulfport for a nominal fee. For more information about Studio Mares at the Flamingo Resort, contact Greg Powers by email to nativebounty@yahoo.com.

Gulfport Art Walk takes place on the First Friday and Third Saturday of every month, year-round. Parking is always free and free trolley rides are available from off-site parking areas, including nearby Catherine Hickman Theatre and Gulfport Public Library. Pet and family friendly! Experience a unique dining, shopping and cultural experience unlike any other. Once you discover Gulfport, Tampa Bay's "best kept secret," you'll want to come back for more.

For information on many other Gulfport events, go to www.exploreulfport.com, www.gulfportflorida.us, or www.gulfportma.com. The Gulfport Art Walk and event recorded information line is 866-ART-WALK. Artists and vendors interested in participating can find more information and download an application at www.SuzieKing.com.



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**Upham Project
Discussion Postponed**

By Kate Bradshaw

ST. PETE BEACH – The Beach Stewardship Committee was due to hold a meeting to discuss the county's proposed plans for a beach stabilization project that would start in 2012 at the earliest.

The county hopes to start replacing the beach's T-groins with more effective mechanisms for holding in the sand at Upham Beach in 2012 or 2013. The state will provide half of the project's funding while the Pinellas County Tourist Development Council (bed tax) funds will cover the other half.

Andy Squires, Assistant Director of the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, says that permanent rock structures will replace T-groins.

The county has proposed four different options for doing this; each had a different price as well as a different impact on certain key Upham Beach characteristics – like beach width and surf break.

Upham Beach, which had once been one of the Gulf Coast's most popular surf spots, lost much of its surf after the T-groins were installed, to the chagrin of local surfers.

City of St. Pete Beach Public Services Director Stephen Hallock says that there has been much public concern over the issue.

The City of St. Pete Beach will hold a Beach Stewardship meeting this Monday, November 23, at 6:30 p.m. - one week after its scheduled date and time. Hallock says that the committee will make its recommendations on the project to the City Commission. Stakeholder comments are due to the county by November 24.

To view the county's presentation, visit www.stpetebeach.org.

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Soccer Coach Needed

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South Pasadena Band Holiday Concert

The South Pasadena Community Band has announced that the annual free holiday concert will be December 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Boca Ciega High School Auditorium.

"This is the most popular concert in our season," said Musical Director Max Millspaugh. The title of the concert is "Happy Holidays". "This year we have some newly published arrangements that will include Canadian Brass sounds, LeRoy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride", the always enjoyable "March of the Toys", and from the pop charts of days gone by "Baby It's Cold Outside", he said.

Mayor Kathleen Peters commented that the Holidays are for friends, and families. "We always look forward to this concert because it brings out so many of our neighbors and creates such a festive atmosphere. We are very pleased that we can share this with the community. It is a highlight of the year and the band is always in top shape for the concert," she concluded. "The music of the season does lift everyone's spirit. This is our gift to our citizens", the Mayor said.

Boca Ciega High School's new auditorium is on the north side of the school campus and it is handicap accessible. Parking is available in front of the school or in the parking lot adjacent to the auditorium. People will be on hand to direct arriving patrons to parking and to the bus unloading points. The concert is free.

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Gulfport Has New City Manager- Almost

GULFPORT—City Council voted unanimously to appoint Interim City Manager Jim O'Reilly as the permanent city manager but could not come to terms on how much money they would pay him should they fire him at any point, rendering the vote to make O'Reilly the permanent city manager temporarily powerless.

O'Reilly asked for two years pay if the city fired him, something some councilmembers said asked too much of the city.

Councilwoman Judy Ryerson said the 24-month severance clause did not bother her because if the city fired him for cause they would not have to pay it. However, the two-page letter of employment did not stipulate that, saying only that if the city fired O'Reilly it would have to pay out two years worth of salary, roughly \$216,000.

"This severance is not based on performance or cause," Councilwoman Michele King said. "If for any reason at all if he was let go, he would get two years of severance. If he embezzled a million dollars we would have to pay him two years of severance... that's not right." King added that the contract should have a performance standard.

Councilman Sam Henderson said that he had concerns about the 24-month clause because a new council may not want O'Reilly to serve, for whatever reason, and that the city would have to foot the bill.

"I can't do 24 months. I don't know where that puts us. It saddens me to say that, but I can't accept the terms on behalf of the city," Henderson said.

Worthington said he understood the request for the severance because the council can dismiss a city manager "at the whim of three" of the five council members; council does not need to have cause to fire the city manager.

"If they want to fire the city manager... they just fire him. So I believe the 24 months is not out of the question. It gives him the ability where if he comes in at the next meeting and they decide to fire him, he needs to have time to get out there, find a job. I think it's only fair because he has no guarantees, no protections under federal labor laws like everybody else has," Worthington said.

City Council will meet Monday morning at 10 to continue negotiations. Anyone can attend the meeting, held in council chambers.



City of South Pasadena Florida

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION AND QUALIFYING PERIOD

The City of South Pasadena, Florida, will hold a municipal election on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 for the election of Mayor and two commissioners. Qualifying begins at 12:00 noon on November 24, 2009 and ends at 12:00 noon on December 14, 2009.

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They had a wonderful time at Sacred Lands on the Anderson Estate. Mr. Anderson gave a very informative presentation and tour to the 25 attendees.

Well, it's hard to believe, but it's holiday time again. On that note, Sarah Kelly has made special arrangements with Backfin Blue Cafe to host their Christmas luncheon on December 10. There are three entrees to choose from: lump crab cake seasoned Maryland style and basted with garlic infused olive oil; Southern barbecue rubbed salmon served with guacamole and roasted corn salsa or special recipe meatloaf. Entrees are served with salad, rools, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable garnish, dessert, soda, coffee or tea. The \$20 cost includes tax and tip.

Reservations and checks must be received by Monday, December 7. Checks should be made out to the Gulfport Garden and Bird Club and sent to Barbara Dye. Please indicate your entree choice on the check.

This is also a time when they remember residents at the Boca Ciega Center. Bring your gift-wrapped present to the luncheon - indicate if it is for a man or a woman. Gifts may include lotion, small stuffed animals, stationery, stamps, slippers, socks, candy, tee shirts, deodorant, liquid bath soap, large-print books, games, etc.

Please do not miss this festive holiday gathering on December 10 at 12 noon at the Backfin Blue Cafe, 2913 Beach Boulevard S. in Gulfport. Send in your check right away.

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

Two cases under appeal in the Florida Supreme Court, in which two juvenile offenders who committed rape and armed robberies but did not commit murder were sentenced to life in prison without parole at the respective ages of 13 and 16. Do you think that that should be constituted as cruel and unusual punishment?



Dr. Peter Berry, educator/Principal: “Yes, I look at the criminal justice system in two lights; it’s their job to dole out appropriate punishment to fit the crime. If they’re trying to set an example by saying these crimes fit the criteria for life imprisonment, especially for juveniles, then there has to be an appeals process in place to help overturn individual cases. I have faith in our judicial system; I applaud it, but as an educator, I think we can’t discount the opportunity for a child to reform. You can’t throw the baby out with the bath water. We should be at the point of trying to teach people, especially juveniles about the circumstances of their actions if they commit a crime. Even murderers have a chance at parole. If the sentence is life without parole for a crime that wasn’t murder, then I think that is a bit cruel. But there are always unknown circumstances. A judge is intelligent and he allows prosecutors to build their case, based on evidence. A major factor that a judge should consider is that a juvenile doesn’t have the legal capacity to serve as an adult. They can’t vote; some can’t even drive yet. If a case has mitigating circumstances, like a violent assault, the judge has to weigh the safety of the public against the content of the crime, regardless of the age.”

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Pauline LARBalestrier, St. Pete: “I think it’s wrong because they’re too young to go to an adult prison. A sentence for life is very cruel, especially without the chance at parole. Putting them in prison with adults will only turn them into better offenders, not better people. There are some really bad people in prison who have done a lot worse, including murder. If they are offenders, they should go to juvenile jail, where they might at least get a chance at rehabilitation. Then when they’re old enough, they should be re-evaluated and if they can’t seem to be rehabilitated then they should go to adult prison. But life without parole is just wrong; what does that do for a child? Certain factors should be looked at like, do they need psychiatric help? How was their childhood? Could they have been a better kid with the proper help? Even if the crimes are really bad, if they’re in prison for life, there’s no chance for help for them. They need help, just don’t put them away and throw away the key. A lot of these young criminals just run the streets unsupervised, just looking for trouble. If we can reach them young, we might be able to keep them safe down the road. I do feel bad for the victims, but I just don’t think that prison for life is the answer for a kid.”

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Derrick Clark, Stetson law student: “Absent murder, to be sent to life in prison without parole is extremely harsh especially for a juvenile offender. However, I do feel that there can be exceptions and should be reviewed on a case by case basis. The offender’s background, mental state, and family dynamic should all be taken into consideration in the evaluation. As a hard and fast rule, I don’t think that life without parole should be liberally implemented. The goal of a sentence should be to rehabilitate an individual. Some people who commit crimes still have a lot to offer and with the proper tools can become contributing members of society. Everyone has the potential to grow and change. Our society has free will, which means we have to be a society that has compassion. The remedy of sending a kid away for life is just not judicially proficient. It’s a quick fix; we’ll never know what we could have gotten from that kid if they had the opportunity to get help.”

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Another Quirky Old Guy

Dear Editor: I guess I must be another uneducated quirky old guy who enjoys Bill Northrop's masterpieces. In fact, I first read his column when my quirky sister-in-law mailed it to me and I forwarded it to all my friends who have similar quirky views.

After years of reading opinions expressed in headlines on the front pages of the local newspapers, it is interesting to read the other view on issues, even if I have to search through the middle of a free publication to find it. Keep up the good work and thank you.

John Orlandella

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Keep an Open Mind

Dear Editor: I would like to commend Mr. Northrop for his most recent columns on our educational system and the attack on our soldiers at Fort Hood. I do not presume to speak for anyone in Gulfport but it needs to be known that there are many of us here who fully support what he says and his right to say it. Isn't this the American way - all views need to be respected and welcomed. If we keep an open mind maybe we might even learn something!

V. Rauckinas

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By Mary Marsh

Time for Memories

For the holiday season members of the Treasure Island Art Guild have a colorful show at the Community Center, ongoing until December 31. Today we introduce the works of Lynn Carhart, Bruce Fallender and Helen Mullins, saving those of Louise Garriques and Rita Gould for next time.

Newcomer Lynn Carhart, retired educator from New Jersey, offers her eclectic water media pieces for our enjoyment. Particularly inviting is her "Lazy Daze," a soft landscape painted entirely in grays, the sky, mountains and lake, with a tiny, white-sailed boat in the distance.

Bruce Fallender, award-winning artist, shares four of his intriguing abstract works. His colorful watercolor, "Dance of the Sun God" demands attention. Flaming hot reds ease into golds, then fade into shades of lovely cool blues, all filtered through lacy patterns of white.

Helen Mullins' oil, "Florida Fifties," shows us a '57 Chevy at an open air Florida welcome center that seems to have grown around a majestic palm tree. Helen's vibrant colors and careful detail, such as the puddles from an afternoon shower, inspire a warm feeling of 'Welcome Home.'

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Teens, from front page

with as many as 25 to 30 teens showing up at the door. According to Rec Center Director John Lapham, more are joining every week mostly after hearing from their friends about how much fun they have there. Dues are a modest \$2.00 for Gulfport residents and \$20.00 for non-residents.

"We offer a safe, fun environment for the kids to hang out in," Lapham said. "We stress respect for others and for the counselors, who take the time to talk to the kids if they have problems or questions."

The Rec Center facilities offer the teens use of a large room with a comfy couch and chairs, a TV, a small kitchen and game tables. The basketball courts are next door, where the kids play hoops and other ball games. One student, Cesar Lopez, brought his guitar with a small amp and the strains of Iron Butterfly's In-A-Godda-Da-Vida could be heard throughout the Center. The fact that his parents might not have been born yet when the song first came out in 1968 had absolutely no bearing on his ability to play a pretty respectable version.

Rec Center Counselor Jared D'Alessio, a teacher as well, thinks the Teen Night is a great alternative to having the kids home alone or just hanging out.

"We have so much for these kids to do here; we have a Wii game hooked up to a large flat screen TV, a pool table, a foosball table, shuffleboard,

ping pong, you name it. The kids can go to the gym next door (there's direct access from the game room) and shoot hoops, if they want."

The gym is also the place for one of the kid's favorite activities; dodge-ball. These guys are serious competitors. Almost everyone, even the girls, gets in the game and the throws those kids send across the court are definitely not for sissies. They're hard hitting and physical; just what teenagers need to expend some of that nervous energy they're so known for.

"This is definitely their favorite game here," D'Alessio said laughing. "They get to get out a lot of aggression and just pummel one another, but the ball is so soft, nobody gets hurt!"

The Teen Night program also has a Lock-In three times a year, where the teens go on a field trip, like bowling or batting cages, then come back to the Center and cook dinner in the small kitchen. After that, they set up camp on the game room floor with sleeping bags and

basically have an all night pajama party. The doors are locked; (no one goes in or out) and the kids and their counselors have the opportunity to address issues, get advice or just try to beat Rec Center counselor Justin Shea at ping-pong. Shea is a music student at St Pete College, but calls his Rec Center job his calling.

"I'm actually happy to come to work here," he said, smiling at a few of the kids sitting on the sofa, playing Wii games. "I feel so close to these kids and this is such a great alternative for them to have a place like this. Instead of sitting around a mall or the house, they come here and have positive social interactions. And they genuinely like each other."

While that may not sound unusual to some, the fact is these kids' ages range from 11 to 17, yet they all relate to one another in a kind, thoughtful way, atypical for most teenagers. And that's a good thing.

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special opportunity on the Saturday after Thanksgiving to avoid malls, chain stores and parking meters. Instead, why not support local shops, artists and vendors who are offering one-of-a-kind gifts you won't find anywhere else?

During SHOP MOM AND POP, collection boxes for our American troops stationed overseas will be located at Domain Food & Spirits on the corner of Beach and Shore Blvds., as well as Gulfport On The Rocks, across from the Pier on Shore Blvd. Everyone is encouraged to bring items needed and desired by our service men and women, including toiletries,

phone cards, snacks, puzzles, books, magazines, DVD's, etc. No cans or glass, please. Vendor fees from this event will be used to ship donated items to the troops. This is a free event. For more information on SHOP MOM AND POP, go to www.GulfportMA.com or call 727-322-5217.

The Peninsula Inn & Spa located at 2937 Beach Blvd. is hosting its own benefit on the evening of Saturday, November 28 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. CASINO NIGHT will feature professional dealers at tables of black jack, roulette, craps and poker. A nominal fee will be charged for "play" chips, and a portion of proceeds will benefit needy families in Gulfport. Participants are also encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and new or gently-used clothing to be distributed to the families. At 8 p.m. a fashion show featuring the latest designs from Gulfport's own Bo-Tiki will be a part of the evening's entertainment. And a wine tasting featuring vintages from the Karadeci Group will be offered. The Peninsula Inn & Spa offers casual dining indoors or on the verandah at Isabelle's, offering new American and Southern favorites. And Tampa Bay's top Zagat-rated restaurant, Six Tables, is the Inn's elegant and delicious fine dining experience. An extensive wine list and full bar are available at the Inn. For more information, call (727) 346-9800 or go to www.innspace.net.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Some Promises Are Better Broken

The notion that a promise is a promise is born of the very worthy goals of building character and integrity in young people, infusing trust into personal and professional relationships, and generally encouraging people to hold up their end of a bargain. But as countless wedding vows and campaign rhetoric prove, a promise isn't always so simple and is sometimes better broken.

Most legal contracts have a clause built in to cover circumstances of force majeure -- "superior or overwhelming power." Legal meaning: an unanticipated and uncontrollable event that releases a person from a contractual obligation.

And while some will scream "but a promise is a promise" regardless, the vicissitudes of life make clear that at times the humane and compassionate thing to do is to release a person from their promise.

Or a dog, as the case may be.

Recently, a reader asked me to weigh in on a disagreement between she and her husband. Here's the issue:

"My husband and I have a 10-year-old Labrador-Rottweiler mix. We love her to bits, but will most likely need to put her to sleep due to an extremely fast-spreading mammary cancer.

"She's a bit shaky in the hind legs, it's impossible for her to walk up stairs anymore or jump into the car, and sometimes she yelps in pain if we rub her on her back.

"Because of her inherently gentle nature, she has been a volunteer dog, making regular visits to a senior care facility.

"In light of her pain, which still shows even with the painkillers we are giving her, I want to stop doing the visits and call it her official retirement. I understand that no matter how gentle a girl she is, if she is hurt, even inadvertently, she could potentially snap at the offending hand.

"My husband, on the other hand, believes otherwise. He feels that as long as she is able to stand, and since we are right there with her, we should make her go, as "we made a commitment to volunteer and said we would do a full year's term." We have three more months to go.

"Is my husband insane? Am I being selfish and overprotective of our dog? Is either of us right? Or is there no right or wrong here?"

Let's be clear: There is most definitely a right and wrong here.

Wrong: "Making her go" despite the fact that she is gravely ill and in pain. While it's nice that the wife is considerate of the possibility of injury to one of the seniors at the care facility, it'd be nicer still if she would insist on equal consideration of the dog's care and comfort in her final weeks.

The husband's argument is akin to forcing a terminally ill patient with a chronic pain disease to complete a 10K simply because they had signed up. "Insane" isn't quite the word. "Unconscionable" works, though. Or even "inhumane" or "ridiculously out of touch with the real issue."

The right thing to do would be to give this wonderful dog the respect she has earned and allow her a comfortable and peaceful retirement -- both from the job and from the world. Any one of us would want the same for ourselves. And I'd bet every one of those seniors she's brought so much joy to would insist on it.

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Horoscope Guide

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Try not to be petty. Judging people takes too much time, and it makes you miserable in the end. Be loving. Let the small stuff go. You probably won't get the respect you deserve from everyone early in the week, but if you stay upbeat, the difference will be more than made up by the end of the week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The difference between trash and treasure is often both subtle and highly personal. You'll become attuned to the objects, people and other dynamics that hold meaning for you. Recognizing what you value, you'll be inclined to let go of what you don't. Saturday is an excellent time to shed the dead weight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're on a quest, and it feels like the galaxy is depending on you to get this one right. A personal change is part of the adventure. Breaking out of a mold was a problem for Han Solo, but thankfully, you haven't been cryonically frozen. You can do it, more easily if you have a friend who can help you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You loaded up your proverbial plate with plenty, but now that you've had a few filling bites, you realize that it's all a bit much. A serious administrative session will help you get things into perspective. Prioritize your goals, and schedule the time needed to achieve them. A few hours of planning will rock your world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The golf course appears to be an unbroken, solid sweep of green, but in fact, each blade of grass twists and bends in its own particular way. So it is with the people in your life. Up close, they are real characters, each with his or her own funny quirks. It's nothing to try to control. Just enjoy the collective effect.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even if you find it easy to be emotionally close to others, you may find

yourself backing off a bit now or wondering whether you can depend on someone. Choose self-sufficiency whenever possible this week. It's most important to know whether you can depend on yourself. From there, closeness with others is richer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you've been granted the wisdom to recognize what you can't change, then you already realize how futile it is to try to get anyone to do what he or she doesn't want to do. Move past it. Make other arrangements. Be happy that everyone has a different style. Your joy will attract an even better arrangement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll get one of those so-called "nice problems to have," which probably includes choosing between two pleasant alternatives. Whether it's sorting out a trip abroad, maneuvering lifestyle upgrades or picking a name for your new family addition, life is full of win-wins. A Leo will be instrumental in your decision-making.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Take charge of your inner vocabulary. When you talk to yourself about yourself, use the right words. You are not hasty, just spontaneous. And when you feel hesitant, it's not because you are timid, but because you are cautious and gentle. A conscious shift in perception will make you feel like the winner you really are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be busy. Probably too busy. But instead of trying to stave off the aggravation, expense and fatigue of living your lifestyle, fling yourself into it full force with everything you've got. Living passionately is your forte, and you attract amazing luck by doing so. Plus, by the end of the week, you'll have a great story to tell.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Basic physics tells us that a body at rest tends to remain at rest and a

body in motion tends to remain in motion. You use the principle to your advantage. It's easy for you to exercise daily and keep several projects in motion at once. You'll be the busy person everyone wants to engage in one way or another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll get some raised eyebrows this week -- so unlike you. Good. Being silly and weird is fortifying for your soul. If you are really having fun, chances are you're also behaving in a way that is not socially acceptable to some. Do as the French say -- *epater le bourgeois*, loosely meaning "shock the middle-class."

This Week's Birthdays: The year is bustling with fun and bursting with creative opportunities. A project you've put your heart into gets public praise in December. February seals a deal. March has a cozy, romantic feel until the end of the month, when you'll be traveling outside your comfort zone -- an exhilarating ride! A financial risk pays off in June. Family additions happen in August. September heals a relationship. Love signs are Leo and Libra. Your lucky numbers are 1, 7, 35, 51 and 30.

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Submitted by Tina McIntosh

Please join us on Sunday, November 29 from 11-7 for a day of fun, friends and style while we support one of our own. Gina Burke is beginning her battle against breast cancer but she is not alone. Help us raise her family's spirits as we raise money and celebrate life's many blessings. Salon M at 2820 Beach Boulevard in Gulfport is hosting a Cut-A-Thon. Hair cuts will be performed for a \$25 donation. Also scheduled are manicures, pedicures and chair massages. There will be a bake sale, lemonade stand, and items for auction and raffle. All proceeds will go to Gina and her family. Anyone interested in helping or donating goods/services can contact Marta at 323-7870 or palmpass@aol.com or Tina at 424-4294 or tinahair9@gmail.com. Remember the more people who visit the more we can help. So please give this article to friends and neighbors. Thanks for your support!

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Escape to the 1950s at Gulfport's Citywide Garage Sale

By Cathy Salustri

I want a train case and Sunbeam Mixmaster and I believe that the Gulfport citywide garage sale may be just the place to get it. At least, that's what I want to believe as I started trolling the streets last Saturday.

I've wanted an old Mixmaster forever. Years ago I got my Sunbeam, and even though it's made by the same company that made the original, it isn't the same. I was doing fine without a train case—let's face it, this isn't the most practical piece of luggage when you're trying to stuff a weekend's worth of crap in it so you don't have to check a bag—until I saw a scene from 1934's *The Thin Man*. Myrna Loy had a delicious little train case and her little dog, Asta, and I wanted one, too. I already have the little dog, so the only thing left to get is the train case.



Since the train case fell out of vogue quite a few years ago, I can only hope that I'll find one at the citywide sale. One of our other reporters, Kate, vows to keep her eyes open for a Mixmaster and a train case at the beach garage sales. I, in turn, vow to keep my eyes open for retro nautical or old Tiki things so she can decorate her new Sunset Beach apartment. But first I want a train case.

"They're in everyone's attics," one very nice lady who sells me an iron for a dollar says when I ask if she happens to have one. "They'll all end up at garage sales when we die." I think I've hit the jackpot when I see not one but two carport sales in Town Shores—surely someone in this 55-and-over condominium extravaganza has a train case for sale—but leave empty-handed. I



remind myself that "55 and older" is a far cry from "retirement home for people who can no longer travel."

In my quest for the train case I make a quick decision not to get Kate a funky brown mug in the shape of a white-bearded sailor. The man on the mug looks like a cross between the Gorton's fisherman and the dead guy from *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. I regret not buying this as soon as I realize there exists in Gulfport a shortage of train cases, old Mixmasters, and décor that looks as though it came straight from Trade Vic's.

I spend the morning driving around Gulfport and I realize three things: one, in a Gulfport-sized city, a bicycle, scooter, or your own feet are probably a better way to get around garage sales and two, I am very easily distracted.

The best deals of the day came not from garage sales but Sophie's Attic, the church thrift store on 28th Street. There I find an old wok (\$5), two cordial glasses, circa nineteen sixty-something (50 cents for the pair) and—wait, what's that under the suits? Could it be? It IS. It's a train case. It's beat all to hell, has burns in the lining and is missing a mirror, but it's a train case. For two dollars.

Of course, there was no Mixmaster anywhere that I could see, and if anyone out there has a train case they don't want, feel free to drop it by The Gabber, but the sale, as usual, had some great finds. I have no idea how Kate did, but I failed her miserably. I did get her a little bottle with sand and a plastic sword in it, but my mind keeps going back to that mug at Town Shores.

Holiday Hoopla Needs Vendors and Sponsors

GULFPORT-The Gulfport Merchants association presents the first annual Holiday Hoopla! The event will take place on Beach Blvd. in Gulfport from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on December 5. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit Operation Santa and Gulfport families in need.

Holiday Hoopla is a celebration of arts, crafts, foods, live music and roving holiday characters set in a waterfront atmosphere amid bright, twinkling, colorful lights, and Santa Claus. No running around to different stores or wandering through acres of mall space, shopping can be done at a leisurely pace while finding unique items. Featuring art, crafts, jewelry, clothing, glass, wood, music, photography, toys, Christmas décor, and much more makes this a gift buyer's delight. The event will also feature holiday-themed music, holiday carolers, dance performances, and roving street performers. Downtown restaurants, pubs, and cafes will be open during the festivities.

The Gulfport Merchants Association is seeking vendors and sponsors for this holiday themed event. To download the application, please visit <http://suzieking.com/>.

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Town Shores Golf Outing

The December Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, December 12. All residents, owners and renters and guests are invited. Again, they will play at Terra Ceia Bay Country Club in Palmetto. If you need to be paired in a foursome please contact a committee member. If you have your foursome set, just call in the names.

The price is \$35 and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, beverages and prizes. Registration will be at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Make checks out to Terra Ceia and reserve your team now. All money must be in by Monday, December 7. Call Gene Marckini at 345-4483, Lew Lamb at 343-3046, Chet Halgas at 384-2093 or Jim Walters at 343-0459.

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Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project

The Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project is proud to present "Love! Valour! Compassion!", a staged reading in honor of World AIDS Day on Tuesday, December 1 at 7 p.m. at The Studio @ 620, 620 First Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. Doors open at 6:30, curtain time is 7 p.m. Admission is "Pay What You Can" with all proceeds benefiting Metro Charities and Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project, organizations that provide services to people with AIDS.

Winner of the 1995 Tony Award for Best Play, Terrance McNally's "Love! Valour! Compassion!" is a big, generous, haunted comedy that is both very funny and filled with intimations of time's passage, of loss and death. Set in and around a beautiful Dutchess County farmhouse, eight gay men hash out their passions, resentments and fears over the course of three summer weekends. In this beautifully written work, McNally presents humbling evidence of what human love is and can be.

"Love! Valour! Compassion!" will feature professional performers from the community including Jorge Acosta and Eric Davis, all of whom are donating their time and talents for the event. This one night only staged reading is not to be missed.

The mission of The Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project is to raise awareness, provide assistance, and perpetuate a life of dignity for those affected and infected by HIV and AIDS.

For further information contact The Studio @ 620 at 727-895-6620. To learn more about The Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project contact Garry Allan Breul, Artistic Director at 941-758-6399 or garallan@msn.com.

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43rd Street Seniors to Meet

The 43rd Street Senior Citizens Club meets the third Friday of each month at 12 noon at Christ Lutheran Church, 3451 30 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg, September through May. Bring a covered dish and \$1 donation. Public is welcome for fun and games. Call Connie at 343-5454 or Mary Ann at 595-8648 for information.

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Worthington, from front page

Stepping down from council doesn't mean Worthington will take a lesser role in his other city-specific activities. He says he still intends to work with CERT and other city efforts. He said that his time on council helped him appreciate Gulfport.

"I do appreciate being on council and working with the people. I appreciate all the conferences and all the knowledge that I've gained; I've gained a tremendous amount of knowledge on environmental issues and other issues that affect Gulfport directly. I appreciate the citizens of Gulfport in that they supported me in letting me do all these things," Worthington said.

Who would he like to see take his place? He wouldn't name a specific person, but said he wanted to see someone run who would put residents first.

"I'd like to see a person who can come in without their own agenda or without a politically backed agenda," Worthington said. He elaborated by explaining he's been disturbed by the recent trend of candidates to accept money from the Republican and Democratic parties for local nonpartisan elections.

"These parties give not only funds but they're doing in-kind type work that you can't put a dollar on, like telephone solicitation and mail-outs. They're talking the hometown away from it. I think that's wrong," Worthington said. He says that Gulfport should be about Gulfport and not partisan issues. A councilmember should listen to the people, not lobbyists, he added.

"I think the thing I'm probably the most proud of is that I've been my own person. I've listened to the people. I've tried to help everybody in Gulfport in any way I could whether they lived in my ward or not," Worthington said.

Filing As of November 17

The following residents have filed their Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the upcoming March 9, 2010 Municipal Election. Jennifer Salmon, Ward III; and Stanley Solomons, Ward I. Qualifying began November 7, and ends December 14 at noon.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Yoga Class Relocates: The Senior Center Yoga Class will relocate to the Gulfport Casino starting Wed. Nov. 18 at 1:30pm. Free but must be a registered Senior Center member.

Fitness Center: Come try our new fully equipped Fitness Center every weekday, 8am-4pm and Tues. & Thurs. 8am-7pm. Must be a registered Senior Center member and at least 50 yrs. old. Registration/small fee required. Call for more info.

Luminaries on Sale at Senior Center: The Senior Center will join the City of Gulfport in celebrating the holidays. Luminaries will be placed in Clymer Park during the Holiday Tree Lighting on Mon. Nov. 30 at 7pm. You can designate your luminary in one of three ways: In Honor of, In Memory of, or Holidays Greetings from – a dear loved one, friend or business. A program listing those honored will be available at the tree lighting. Luminaries are \$2 each and can be purchased at the Senior Center no later than Mon. Nov. 23. Make checks payable to the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation. All proceeds benefit the Foundation.

A Weekend Wonderland Fundraiser (Friday): Admission (\$5) for the Senior Center's Weekend Wonderland Fundraiser on Fri. Dec. 4, 5-9pm includes one ticket for an opportunity to win the grand prize of a 3 day/2 night stay at the Tradewinds Resort Hotel at St. Pete Beach. The event also includes live/silent auctions with many exciting items such as Disney & Starlite Dinner Cruise passes, art work, restaurant gift cards, etc.

Must be present to win the live auction. All proceeds benefit the Senior Center Foundation. Come join the fun!

A Weekend Wonderland Fundraiser (Saturday): Mark your calendar for Sat. Dec. 5th from 9am to 2pm for the Senior Center Flea Market and Better Boutique Shop. No entry ticket required. Low cost breakfast & lunch available. All proceeds benefit the Senior Center Foundation.

Donations Needed: Donations of new or gently used items with the exception of clothing are gladly accepted for our Weekend Wonderland Fundraiser.

Computer Classes: One-on-one training sessions are available at no cost. Call for an appointment.

Diabetic Education Classes: Mon. Nov. 23 & Dec. 14 at 10am.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

AARP Driving Classes: are held on the first two Tuesdays of every month from 1-4pm. Call 867-7888 to register and fee info.

Wii Bowling: Daytime Wii Bowling has been so successful we are offering two evenings (Tues. Dec. 1 & Dec. 15) at 6:30pm. Stetson students will be here to show you how easy it is! Fun is guaranteed!

Movie of the Month: Come join us for the Movie Yentl on Mon. Nov. 23 at 12:45pm. Oscar winning musical stars Barbra Streisand.

Thanksgiving Dinner Party: Sorry, there are no more tickets for the Senior Center's annual Thanksgiving Dinner Party that will be held on Tues. Nov. 24 at 11:30am.

Presentation: Keep it Safe, Seniors! National Foundation for Debt Management will offer a specialized program to help meet the unique financial challenges of elderly citizens on Wed. Dec. 2 at 10:30am in the Hickman Theater. About 30 Senior Centers throughout Florida will host the Keep It Safe for Seniors program. Refreshments provided. Please call to RSVP.

Presentation on Medicare Part D: Wed. Dec. 9 at 1pm

Holiday Concert by the Love Notes: on Tues. Dec. 15 at 2pm. Free. Please call to let us know you plan to attend. Refreshments provided.

Holiday Night Light Tour: Gulfport seniors are invited to participate in our holiday night light tour of Gulfport on Tues. Dec. 15 at 6:30pm. Call now to make your reservation.

Holiday Dinner Party: Tickets (\$5) are now available for our annual Holiday Dinner Party on Wed. Dec. 23 at 11am. Seating is limited.

Bone Strengthening Exercise: Wed. at 11:15am

Chair Yoga: Wed. at 3:45pm (sponsored by Aetna)

Live Chat Room: Fri. at 2pm (temporarily relocating to the Library)

Ongoing Support Groups:

Diabetic Support (1st & 3rd Mon. at 10am)

Hearing Support (1st & 3rd Mon at 2pm)

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Caregiver Support, Wed. 2pm



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Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers: Every Wednesday, 10:00 am.

One-on-One Computer Instruction: By appointment only--contact Alex Hooks at the Reference Desk, or call 893-1073.

Art Exhibit: Pastels by Paul Nucci. Through November 25.

"Grandma Reads Stories at the Library!": Saturdays in November, 11:30 am.

Coffee/Talk: Thursday, November 19, 10:00 am. Discussion of The Book Thief, by Markus Zusak. Books and discussion guides available at the Reference Desk.

Coffee/Talk Movie: "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport" (Warner, 2000). Thursday, No-

vember 19, 1:30 pm. Oscar-winning documentary about Jewish children transported to Britain to escape the Holocaust, narrated by Dame Judi Densch. (2 hours)

The G & O Book Club: Saturday, November 21, 1:30 pm. A philosophical discussion group based on the works of G. I. Gurdjieff and philosopher P. D. Ouspensky.

Crafts Club for All Ages: Saturday, November 21, 2:00 pm. Presented by Pat Brinkley.

Short Stories Study Group: Monday, November 23, 1:00 pm. Presented by local chapter, Brandeis University Women.

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, November 28, 1:00 pm.

Testing for 2010 Census Jobs: Tuesdays through February, 3:00-6:00 pm. FMI: go online at www.2010censusjobs.gov or call toll-free: 1-866-861-2010.

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information

- Cane Self Defense Class-Mon., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Call Mike at 320-5035
- NEW CLASS Starts 12/2 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.
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Local Obituaries

CLARK, JOHN ALLEN, formerly of Gulfport, passed away Nov. 1, 2009. Memorial donations may be sent to Briarwood Resident Assistance Fund, 65 Briarwood Circle, Worcester, MA 01606.



DAHLSTROM, WILLIAM L. "BILL", 76, of St. Petersburg, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, at home under Hospice care. Bill was born in

Tampa. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served as a Paratrooper. Bill was a station manager for the U.S. Postal Service and was acting postmaster at Bradenton Beach prior to his retirement in 1989. He was a Lutheran and a member of the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing and shooting pool. Bill was a huge fan of the Bucs, Gators and Rays, loved riding his Harley, and doing crossword puzzles. He loved to do woodworking, having done many projects at his home. Bill was a member of the VFW Post 273, the American Legion, Amvets and the Elks. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lea & El Dahlstrom, sister and brother-in-law Lorraine & Carl Hudson, and brother Robert Dahlstrom. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Dahlstrom, sons David E. Zalewski and Linda Anderson of St. Petersburg and Michael and Michelle Zalewski, granddaughters, Marissa M. Carrigan (Morris) and Michaela M. Zalewski (Tater), of Seminole; sister-in-law, Lois Dahlstrom of St. Petersburg and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Dolores and Lawrence

Delmont, brother-in-law Paul Husen all of Michigan and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to either Suncoast Hospice, Gulfoast Oncology or Moffitt Cancer Center. Visit the family's personalized online Guestbook at www.AndersonMcQueen.com.

PRICE, DONALD HOLMES, JR., 52, of Gulfport, passed away November 7, 2009. Survived by his wife Susan Vinson Price; sisters, Susan Conry, Nancy Denicourt; brothers, Tom Price, Gary Price, Roger Price, Mike Price, and Paul Price. Celebration of Life Gathering 4 p.m. Sunday, November 15, 2009 at Ft. Desoto Park.

ROBERTS, PHYLLIS E., 95, of Gulfport, died Nov. 6, 2009. Preceded in death by her husband. Survived by her daughter, Alice (Doug) Janish and grandson, Jeff Janish. NCS Clearwater, 727-536-0494.

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Hearing to Discuss City Lawsuits

ST. PETE BEACH – More than two weeks after a mediator declared an impasse in the mediation talks between the City Commission, a citizens' group and the two residents who filed suit against them in 2005, the public will finally be able to have their say.

Thursday morning (November 19) the commission will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed changes to the city's comprehensive plan that would serve as a settlement among the three parties.

If the commission subsequently authorizes the mayor to enter into a settlement agreement with the parties the amendments would then go to the Planning Board.

But there has yet to be an agreement between the parties as to what is in the settlement.

"The amendment going to the Planning Board includes the items included in the last settlement proposals," said City Manager Mike Bonfield in an email. "If there is no settlement agreement in place, the City Commission will decide at their 11/30 if that amendment will still move forward. The majority of the issues are clarifications or inclusions of items currently only covered in our Land Development Code."

Bonfield added that the proposed amendments to the plan would not contain any major alterations.

"We believe the only two significant changes to what was adopted by the

voters is the formation of a 'Bridge to the Future Committee' 'to look at community aesthetics and review larger scale development,'" he said. "The other amendment being considered is the annual update to our Capital Improvements Element. This is a State requirement for all local governments. It only includes the portion of the City Capital Improvement Program budget that meets the State definition." On Monday the City Commission met to discuss whether or not to accept the latest counter-proposal, which citizen group Save Our Little Village (a named party in

the lawsuit) and the plaintiffs have reportedly accepted.

The city had rejected the previous proposed agreement, Ken Weiss, attorney for the plaintiffs, said, and then submitted its own counter proposal.

"We accepted the counter proposal submitted by the city with very minor changes and SOLV signed it as well," he said.

At a meeting Monday, the city rejected this.

Thursday's hearing takes place at 9am, and will include a session for public testimony.

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The City of Gulfport will soon introduce a program that will provide its residents with a new tool that can provide some relief from the high cost of prescription drugs. The city is making free prescription drug discount cards available to city residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities (NLC). The discount cards offer average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

Available by November 23rd, the discount cards may be used by all residents of The City of Gulfport and has no restrictions based on the resident's age, income level, or existing health coverage. The NLC card can be used when purchasing prescription drugs at approximately fifty one pharmacies around the city, as well as at more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country.

In the current economic climate, where many people are watching what they spend, the NLC prescription discount card will offer significant savings on the purchase of prescription medications for Gulfport residents. Whether or not an individual has prescription coverage, this program can make it easier for our residents to afford the drugs they need to deal with a short-term illness or stay healthy by managing a chronic condition.

NLC and the City of Gulfport are able to make these money-saving cards available to city residents at no cost to the individual. A future announcement will provide information on how and when residents may obtain the cards.

Not only does the NLC prescription discount card help residents save money on their medications, it is easy to use. Gulfport residents only have to show their card when purchasing medication at one of the many participating pharmacies. There is no enrollment form required to get a card, no membership fee of any kind and city residents and their family members can use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance."

The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Government Insanity Again!

In what will be the show trial of the 21st Century, the planners of 9/11 will be tried in American domestic, rather than military, courts and given all the rights of American citizens.

This was announced last week by President Barack Obama in an alleged attempt to show to the world how fair our justice system can be. These terrorists, four in all, will all be presumed not guilty although President Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder, who will handle the trial, have already assured the country that they will be convicted of murder and will face the death penalty.

This all may be a bit presumptuous in itself since neither Obama nor Holder can dictate to the judge or jury. After all, Khalid Sheik Mohammed, the key planner, while confess-

ing that he was the planner, did it under duress - that is, water boarding. In most U.S. courts his confessions would not be admitted. In addition, the defense will have access to all information the prosecution has and that will probably include information and sources from the intelligence community. While it is most likely that there is other evidence (he did confess to an Al Jazeera reporter) and a U.S. jury is unlikely not to convict, is that really justice, or is it show?

Mohammed, by the way also bragged about beheading journalist Pearl. His colleagues have varying degrees of culpability but all are avowed enemies captured abroad during the "war on terror" (oops, not politically correct any longer). Other fellow

travelers, by the way, are being tried by a military court.

Whatever the intent, the effect on the Muslim extremist/terrorists will be exhilarating. Rather than illustrating the wonders of the American justice system, it will be used by these fanatics to show the evil of the western world and the heroism of the jihadists. This will be a world-wide show and a propaganda bonanza for anti-Americans.

Side effects? Some survivors of the victims on 9/11 might be further traumatized and New York could be again the center of terrorist threats. I guess that's just a minor irritant. Worse, this is a declaration that these acts of terrorism are now being considered mere criminal actions, the moral and political equivalent of street murders. Didn't that approach, under the Clinton administration, keep them from taking out Bin Laden and lead to 9/11?

Finally, it is difficult to escape the conclusion that this is being used as much a trial of the Bush administration and its "war on terrorism" and its aggressive interrogation of captured enemy combatants, as it is a trial of the terrorists themselves.

It is a good idea to remind ourselves that the attacks on our Lebanese barracks in the 1980s, the attack on the destroyer *The Cole*, bombing of embassies in Kenya and The Sudan, and the first bombing of the World Trade Center, to name a few of the "incidents", all came before The Bush administration came to power and before 9/11.

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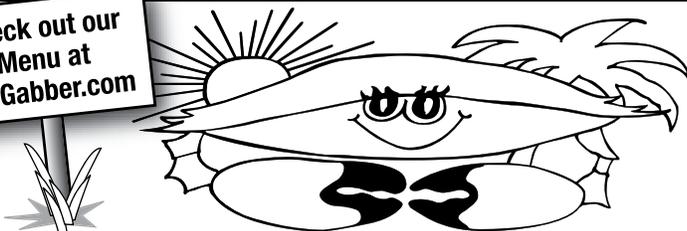
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The \$1,000 drawing will be Tuesday, November 24 at 8 p.m. Better hurry & get your tickets. Thanksgiving Day dinner with all the fixins will be served from 2-5 p.m. for a donation of \$6.50. A sign up sheet is in the lobby.

New Year's Eve tickets are now on sale. The cost is \$30 per person which includes dinner, party favors, & champagne at midnight, followed by breakfast. The Southern Knights band will be playing for your listening & dancing pleasure. A seating chart is located in the lounge.

The Auxiliary is collecting non-perishable food for the St. Petersburg Food Bank. A container is in the lounge, any donations will be greatly appreciated.

We will be taking a bus tour to see Christmas lights on December 14 from 6 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes drinks on the bus. We will also be visiting Post 119 in Largo. Sign up chart is in the lounge.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7pm Food Served	Fish Fry 6-8pm Frank Caine 7-10pm	Steak Dinner 6-8pm Music 7-10pm	Open 12-6pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm Ragtime Annie 7-10 pm	SAL Meeting 6pm Harry 7-10pm	Dee Karaoke 7-10pm

We have Ragtime Annie and her husband scheduled for Monday nights through the season. They play some Dixieland, Ragtime, Oldies and old Standards and great singalongs. We have our great "Bucky Burgers" prepared by the "Bus Boys" along with Vivian's world famous potato salad.

Tuesday nights with Harry are rapidly becoming a jam session again. Last week we had Harry on guitar, Denny on piano, Herman on electronic accordion, Pauli on drums. They put on a great show. This will likely grow as we have a sax player and some others in the wings who pop-in from time to time.

Dee LeBlonc does karaoke every Wednesday night. She has a strong following. Wednesday is our special dinner offerings.

Friday nights we have Frank Caine who sings and does some karaoke using his very rare collection of karaoke video disks. He puts on a great show. Friday night fish dinners will be available.

Geno has returned for Saturday nights which is steak night. He plays a variety of instruments, sings, tells jokes, etc. His creativity will be readily apparent.

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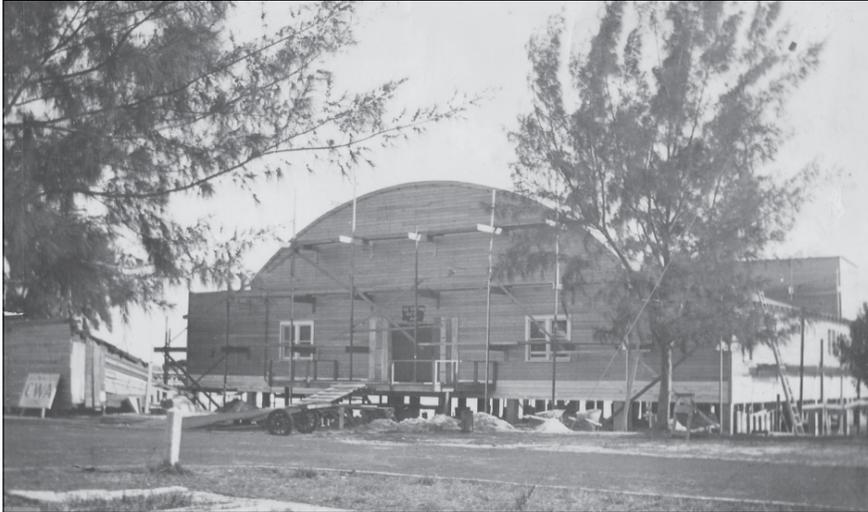
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In just 47 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We'll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, 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:

The commercial block at 2832 Beach Boulevard has been the site of many, many businesses over the years. Around 1930, a pharmacist named "Doc" Hernon hired the Anthonys (Frank is shown in last week's picture) to watch the store while he went away for a summer vacation. Two of Frank's granddaughters are well-known Gulfport residents: Linda Skillen and Rose Sopak.



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A Weekend Wonderland Fundraiser

Hold the Date! The Gulfport Senior Center and its Foundation are sponsoring a Weekend Wonderland Fundraiser on December 4 and 5. Friday, December 4 will feature a live and silent auction and an opportunity raffle for theme baskets and will also include appetizers, beverages, and a chance to win a large door prize give away. Admission tickets are \$5 and are now available at the Senior Center. On Saturday, December 5 there will be a large flea market which will include a Better Boutique. All proceeds support projects of the Senior Center Foundation that directly benefit the Senior Center.

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City of Gulfport Holiday Decorations Contest

Gulfport residents, are you ready to get in the holiday spirit and brighten up our City for the holiday season? Then it's time to enter the City of Gulfport's Holiday Decorations Contest. Stop by the Gulfport Recreation Center or City Hall to pick up an application to enter your home or business. "Santa and his Elves" will be judging on Friday evening, December 11. No one knows what time the big red sleigh will travel through the City of Gulfport, but please be ready by 6 p.m. Deadline to enter the contest is noon, Friday, December 11. There are two theme categories: general and commercial. The general theme is for single/joint home only and the commercial theme is for single/joint business and professional locations, including home occupations. A plaque will be awarded to one winner of each

theme category and certificates will be presented to them at the Gulfport's City Council meeting (televised) Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m. Winners can pick up their plaques at the Recreation Center on Friday, December 18. It's time to show off your fantastic holiday creation! Call 893-1068 for further information.

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Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions will be presenting their second Pancake Breakfast of the season on Saturday, December 5 from 7 a.m to 11 am. Please note these new serving hours.

Breakfast will be served at the Gulfport Lions Center, 4630 Tifton Drive S. in the Gulfport Marina Area. Ask anybody! Pancakes with syrup,

scrambled eggs and sausage with coffee or tea to drink, and all you care to eat at the donation price of \$4 per person. Bring your entire family and friends and spend an enjoyable morning overlooking beautiful Boca Ceiga Bay. You might even see some manatees. Children really love these breakfasts.

This year as in the past, we ask you to bring a toy unwrapped to put into our Christmas Toy Box. We will be making our annual Christmas toys and food distribution soon.

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By Scott Lafee

A Workout for the Head

Exercise really does make you feel good about yourself.

A new University of Florida study found that just the simple act of getting sweaty helped people gain greater confidence, even if the workouts produced no dramatic or even obvious results.

"You would think that if you become more fit that you would experience greater improvements in terms of body image, but that's not what we found," said Heather Hausenblas, an exercise psychologist. "It may be that the requirements to receive the psychological benefits of exercise, including those relating to body image, differ substantially from the physical benefits."

National studies suggest that as much as 60 percent of Americans

are dissatisfied with the way their bodies look. As a result, they spend billions on programs, pills and various cosmetic procedures, albeit not always to good effect.

The Florida metastudy, which analyzed previous research on exercise and body image, is reportedly among the first to significantly address the psychological advantages of exercise.

While frequency of exercise mattered in boosting body perceptions, researchers said, it made no difference how long the workouts lasted, their intensity or type.

Bottom line: If you want to feel better about your body, exercise. You're likely to feel better even if the mirror shows no apparent change.

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DOC TALK

Domino transplant -- an organ transplant in which a donor's heart and lungs are transplanted into second person whose heart, in turn, is transplanted into a third person.

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Anuptaphobia -- fear of staying single

OBSERVATION

Whenever you tell anyone you're an insomniac, you can guarantee what they'll say: "That's funny, because I'm asleep the moment my head hits the pillow." But when I meet a blind man, I don't say: "That's funny, because I can see perfectly."

-- British comedian and novelist David Baddiel

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Their November breakfast at Cracker Barrel was well attended. The popular holiday luncheon will be held at 12 noon on Monday, December 7 at Lee Roy Selmon's. Reservations are being taken by Carol at 345-2303 or Bev at 381-2122. They ask for reservations to be in by December 4. Keep Friday, December 18 open as they are planning a Bunko game or another card game in the clubhouse lounge at 1 p.m.

A cruise informational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 3 at 4 p.m. in the clubhouse lounge. All who are cruising are asked to attend.

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Rescue Group Needs Foster Homes for Dogs

Florida Doggie Paws Rescue needs more volunteers and foster homes for small to medium breed dogs. Their mission is to responsibly rescue, spay/neuter, rehabilitate, foster and find permanent loving homes for unwanted, abandoned and abused dogs in the community and throughout the State of Florida.

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Concert at St. Alban's

St. Alban's Episcopal Church located at 330 85 Avenue in St. Pete Beach will hold a concert on Sunday, November 29 at 3 p.m. Talent from the Pinellas County High Schools and the Marcia Hoffman Institute at Ruth Eckerd Hall will perform in the St. Alban's sanctuary. These students were hand picked from the studio of Edward Crader and will favor St. Alban's and the community with selections from Broadway, operatta and contemporary music. A donation of \$5 is suggested.

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-Submitted by Mark Gildauskas

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 - Animal Complaint-** 1600 Blk 53rd St. S.
 - Street Obstruction-** 4900 Blk 18th Ave. S.
 - Trespasser-** 5200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
 - Soliciting-** 2700 Blk 47th St. S.
 - Domestic Battery-** 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.
 - Drunk Person-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 3000 Blk 50th St. S.
- Saturday 11/7**
- Domestic Verbal-** 5800 Blk 11th Ave. S.
 - Criminal Mischief-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Burglary-** 2200 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Burglary-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
 - Call for Officer-** 5900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Burglary-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
 - Call for Officer-** 5900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Crime Awareness Meeting

The next Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention Meeting will be held on Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center located at 1617 49 Street S. They have a lot of new neighborhood groups that have started and that was one of their goals. This meeting is citywide so all can share.

In the spirit of safety for the holiday season, they will be discussing holiday shopping safety and holiday gift safety.

They encourage everyone to attend and participate. For more information, contact Jeri Reed at 727-548-5566 days and 727-327-3509 evenings or at Jrvolunteer@aol.com.

- Suspicious Circumstances-** 6000 Blk Pasadena Blvd. S.
 - Theft-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Murder/Homicide-** 2600 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Battery-** 5200 Blk Newton Ave. S.
 - Domestic Battery-** 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Sunday 11/8**
- Accident with Injuries-** 2400 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 700 Blk Gray St. S.
 - Burglary-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 2600 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Battery-** 5000 Blk Newton Ave. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.
 - Drunk Person-** 5300 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Monday 11/9**
- Noise Complaint-** 2500 Blk 56th St. S.
 - Narcotics/Drugs-** 5200 Blk 18th Ave. S.
 - Theft-** 5100 Blk Pine Grove Terr. S.
 - Theft-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

- Suspicious Vehicle-** 3000 Blk 52nd St. S.
 - Violation of Court Order-** 5600 Blk 17th Ave. S.
 - Battery-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5000 Blk Newton Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** Town Shores.
 - Hit & Run-** 5800 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Tuesday 11/10**
- Arrest on Warrant-** 190 Blk 55th St. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 2600 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** Trail Spur.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5300 Blk 17th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Burglary-** 2900 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Theft-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Wednesday 11/11**
- Animal Complaint-** 2400 Blk 53rd St. S.
 - Theft-** 1800 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5400 Blk 9th Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 1500 Blk 52nd St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - Drunk Person-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Theft-** 5200 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Thursday 11/12**
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
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In the closing inning the Sons were not be denied as they again tied the score and then went ahead to lead 10-7 for the first time in the game. The home team went quietly in their final at bat and the Sons hung on to prevail 10-7.

This pair of veteran teams are looking forward to a rematch in the near future.

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Free Foreclosure Prevention Workshops

St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Services (SPNHS) will begin offering free foreclosure prevention workshops on a weekly basis effective September 14 at 1600 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street S. in St. Petersburg from 6-7:30 p.m. HUD certified counselors will be on site to provide struggling homeowners an overview of the foreclosure process and offer individual counseling opportunities to develop an action plan to avoid foreclosure. All homeowners, regardless of circumstances, are encouraged to attend. Call 821-6897 for more information.

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Attention Veterans

It's official. DD-214's are now available online. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still

complete the Standard Form 180 which can be downloaded from the website.

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Calling Arts and Crafts Vendors

The Circle of Churches arts and crafts sale on December 5 at St. Bede's Episcopal Church is looking for vendors to display their handmade items. Cost is \$20 per vendor. The sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the parish hall of St. Bede's, 2500 16 Street N. in St. Petersburg. Breakfast and lunch will be available. Jewelry, pendants, baked goods, handcrafted items and much more will be for sale. Those wanting to participate should contact Nancy Morgan at 727-526-8879 or by email at Fla55Morgans@aol.com.

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Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

This Holiday Season, Lighten the Load

Dear Mary: With nine children, their spouses and 16 grandchildren, our holiday gift giving is becoming too much. We have been spending \$35 per person, which comes to almost \$1,200 just for gifts on Christmas. We also host Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. How can we make the holidays more manageable and affordable but still fun? -- Mary Jane H., e-mail

Dear Mary Jane: Nine families sounds like a nine-course meal waiting to happen. Ask each family to participate in creating one large meal, without an undue burden falling on any one person. Plan menus now for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Make the assignments way ahead of time to prevent any surprises. Plan strategically; include specific recipes with instructions so your meals are well-coordinated. It will be as if you

prepared all of it yourself.

Make sure that more labor-intensive parts of the meals do not always fall on the same family. Rotate so that if one family is responsible for the Christmas turkey, that family will bring something easier, such as rolls, for New Year's.

As for gift giving, this is a good year to reduce that dollar figure to \$20 or even \$15 and not say a word of it to anyone. This year, with so many hungry merchants and fabulous sales, you should be able to come up with wonderful gifts for all of your family members for half of what you've spent in previous years. I promise I won't breathe a word of it! As for your big family, why don't you suggest that they draw names so each person only brings a gift for one other person instead of gifts for everyone.

Dear Mary: Our truck is 5 years old. We never purchase factory warranties when we buy cars. We want

to keep our current vehicle, but now we are starting to have repair issues. Do you have any thoughts on extended warranties? If so, do you have any recommendations? -- Janet B., e-mail

Dear Janet: There is not a car or truck in the world that will not have repair issues eventually. That is why I recommend financing a vehicle for no more than three years. You do not want to be making car payments and repair payments at the same time. Once the vehicle is paid for, you should keep making those payments to yourself to cover inevitable maintenance and repairs and to begin saving for the next car.

The key to debt-proof living is a willingness to anticipate future expenses. The more maintenance you do on that paid-for vehicle the fewer costly repairs you will have to make. Eventually, when that vehicle is ready for the junkyard, you will have amassed enough money in your account, even after covering repairs in its elderly years, to buy another vehicle. Over a period of time, payments on a new car always will be greater than repairs on an older vehicle.

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Public Comment & Council Quotes

“I don’t think there’s any dispute that it’s a wonderful program.” – Councilwoman Michele King, about the League of Cities prescription drug program, available to residents at the League of Cities web site. Residents who cannot go online can get a card from Gulfport City Hall, the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, the recreation center, the Gulfport Casino, and the library to get a prescription card.

“I think this whole thing is a sellout to the (Florida) EPA...(Best Management Practices) depend on people doing the right thing and it’s not happening. All the other industries that should be doing the right thing are not doing them under the Best Management Practices rules, and they’re just letting them get away with it. For us, it’s going to take, what \$6,000 and it’s just the beginning.” – Vice-mayor Bob Worthington, about the Tampa Bay Nitrogen Management Consortium. His comments were met with applause.

“The whole bay has changed so much in the past 50 or 60 years that it’s hardly the same place.” – Councilwoman Judy Ryerson

“Shame on council for ‘Black Friday’ October 23 for treating a fine, honorable man like dog-meat,” – Lee Stapella, about the negotiations between council and the interim city manager.

“I want to absolutely thank you for being here. Your position is respected. Please refrain from the applause; it deafens as part of our system.” – Mayor Mike Yakes, when Al Davis’ comments about Clam Bayou were met with applause. Apparently applause and loud noises go through the city’s sound system directly into the city clerk’s earpiece in a most unpleasant manner.

“I don’t want to hear an answer like ‘Well, I wouldn’t buy property in a commercial area.’” – Jane Ogilvie, protesting the city allowing a smoker restaurant on 49th Street

“I’d love to see solar panels on the Casino lighting it up.” – Councilmember Sam Henderson, saying he would not vote to light the Casino year-round.

“I think we need to find a way to light the Casino. I think the businesses downtown need it. It’s not a \$6500 carbon footprint, it’s a \$1500 carbon footprint.” – Councilwoman Michele King, who suggested the city find an energy-efficient way to light the Casino

“Is there documentation anywhere from one of these agencies that says this smoke is hazardous?” – Councilwoman Michele King, about the alleged hazardous smoke coming from the smoker restaurant on 49th Street. Interim City Manager Jim O’Reilly told her no.

“It’s kind of frustrating to sit on the Planning and Zoning Committee and know you’re sitting in on a dress rehearsal. If you are the body who is going to make the decision, let’s cut out that step. We don’t need that dress rehearsal; we don’t need to put those people through this twice. Just because it’s an appointed board doesn’t mean it has to be totally powerless.” – Bob Newcomb

“A few weeks ago Councilwoman Michele King said that Gulfport Montessori needed money to buy supplies. Tonight the school board sends seven suits here.” – Margarete Tober

“Miss Ryerson, I graduated in 70 and it was flooding then, too.” – Margarete Tober, about the school board’s plan to build a ball field in a swamp

“My concern is that if it meets the definition of a wetland—and it does—there is some responsibility.” – Al Davis, about the school board’s plan to build a ball field in a swamp

“It’s not good enough to take down old growth trees... and then replace them.” – Jennifer Salmon, about the school board’s plan

“I’m sorry to invite the suits back, but I think that it’s important that you have all the information.” – Jennifer Salmon, who asked the city to postpone its vote on the school board’s proposed plan

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri



Apparently love has a price. I'm not sure what it is, but according to Gulfport city council love isn't worth \$216,000.

Despite a months-long love-athon for Interim City Manager Jim O'Reilly, city council chose Tuesday night not to appoint him as Gulfport's full time city manager. When I interviewed council a while back about why they were willing to forego a job search, I got the impression they believed that O'Reilly not only walked on water, he turned it into wine at the end of his stroll. They even changed the charter so that he could keep his home mid-county while he worked as city manager. Please note that they did this before they even asked O'Reilly if he would move, so eager were they to have him and only him as a city manager.

So why the no-go on actually making him a city manager?

O'Reilly wants two years pay if council fires him, and that works out to \$216,000. Council can't guarantee they won't fire him, so they won't accept that in the contract.

Why does O'Reilly want so much money?

Seems that O'Reilly wants to protect his family and his career. Go ahead, call him crazy. I mean, come on, just because council can show up one night and fire him because they don't like his tie (and they are kind of boring, so I can see where that would happen), how dare he ask for a severance package of this magnitude.

To be fair, I do kind of choke on how much money he wants. \$216,000 is a lot of the city's money. I mean, it's not like Gulfport's spent that much on other things, like the trolley, or dealing with charter issues, the Pasadena Properties lawsuit, or Scout Hall. And it's not like the city manager has to stick his neck out time and time again to protect the city and its council and, oh, yes, its citizens. The issue at Tuesday night's meeting was that no city manager

gets that kind of severance package.

No city manager gets to live outside the city, either, but council allowed that.

O'Reilly isn't asking for more than the city budgeted for his position; he isn't even asking for monies equal to what other city managers at comparable cities earn. Since he could be fired at any council meeting for any reason (as long as a majority agrees that they want to fire him), he wants the money to protect his family. He says that two years pay would be enough to make sure his daughter would be able to go to college.

Well, at least, that's what he says. It smacks of some sort of bargaining chip, some sort of ammunition. After all, I've met his daughter; she's reasonably bright. I'm sure she'll get some sort of scholarship. I mean, it's not like the state is in any sort of economic trouble; he can certainly count on Bright Futures for her. Also, why on earth would O'Reilly believe that the city would fire him? I mean, they certainly treated the last city manager with respect.

Actually, now that I mention it, city councils can be capricious. And as much as the five on the dais now think that Christ himself couldn't run the city better, there's no guarantee that future councils will have the same level of adoration for this good ol' boy.

I do recall, too, that city managers have a way of getting stuck making the hard choices to help their council, which doesn't exactly put them up there with the cheerleaders and football stars when it comes to popularity. I read somewhere that the average length of time a city manager serves a city is about a year and a half.

O'Reilly's no dummy; everybody loves him now because they're still honeymooning. Technically, it's not even a honeymoon, it's more of a "living in sin" situation since they haven't even formalized the ar-

angement. Once they sign the papers things will change in city hall and O'Reilly won't have the protection of a Leisure Services Directorship waiting in the wings.

I have to wonder, too, why the city's so worried about what's going to happen when they fire O'Reilly. Seems like that severance package would be a mighty powerful incentive for them to make sure they've got the right guy. I'm not sure, either, why they can't work out some sort of tiered severance package where O'Reilly gets the two years if they fire him in the first two years, but less in each subsequent year. This, of course, works on the assumption that any city manager who can hand in a balanced budget could, over the course of the next few years, find a way to save a little money here and there to help defray the cost of his daughter's college tuition.

Or maybe if they don't have the confidence that they're not going to fire him they should consider launching a job search for a city manager. Someone who doesn't walk on water and can't raise the dead or balance a budget but won't ask for such a large severance package.

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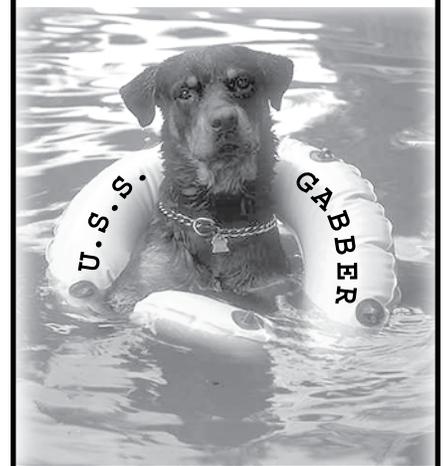
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Attorney Keith Sanders Handles Bankruptcies with Experience and Sensitivity

By Greg Stem

“I guess you could say my motto is ‘been there, done that,’” says Keith Sanders, from the law office of Andre Keith Sanders, P.A.

He says that for two reasons. First, he says his more than 17 years of experience as an attorney specializing in handling “literally thousands” of bankruptcies means that he has dealt with virtually any kind of problem or issue that might arise with them. And, secondly, he had to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy himself a few years ago. He says that experience makes him very sensitive to the kinds of things people face when making the difficult decision to file.

“Most attorneys have never been in a situation where they have been worried about how to keep the lights on, but I have been there myself so I can really relate to what people are going through,” said Sanders. “Plus, many people are very embarrassed when they come to me, but I when I tell them how embarrassing it was for me to have to stand in front of judges and colleagues who knew me and go through the process myself, that usually helps to put people more at ease and understand that I have been there and done that MYSELF.”

“You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people and then they have gotten into a bad situation. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or perhaps someone has just gotten in over their head with debt. It’s very easy in today’s consumer driven society for that to happen,” said Sanders.

Sanders offers a free initial consultation with no set time limit on it. “It might take 20 minutes or it might take two hours, it just depends of the client’s individual set of circumstances,” he said. “We can meet at their home or in my office, we can even do it over the phone if they can provide me with the financial information we need to discuss their situation.” Sanders says that he can often offer other solutions besides bankruptcy such as re-negotiating payment schedules with creditors or reorganizing personal finances. “For example, I often have people who can avoid bankruptcy if they just get out from under the burden of a house they can no longer



afford because of a job loss or some other situation,” he noted.

He moved to the Tampa Bay area in July 2005 from Atlanta where he was a partner/owner of Hamilton & Sanders, LLC a firm specializing in consumer bankruptcy and real estate closings. The firm regularly filed between 40-60 bankruptcy cases a month. Prior to that he worked for three other major law firms in Atlanta from 1992 to 2003. All three firms specialized in consumer bankruptcy cases. He began his career as a staff attorney for the United States Trustee in Atlanta. He is licensed to practice law in both Florida and Georgia.

“I like what I do because I feel like I can help people get a fresh start,” said Sanders. “When you have financial difficulties it can really affect your entire life. It has negative implications on you emotionally and it can even damage or ruin your personal relationships. I do try and encourage people to come see me early on, even if they are just starting to get behind in payments or feel they are in over their head. If you can start working with an attorney from the very start it can really reduce your stress level as I can stop harassing creditor calls. I can also see if we can work out arrangements that a creditor might not consider when working directly with my client.”

“Since the initial consultation is free, you really don’t have anything to lose to meet with me and we can

assess your situation and see how it might be best for you to proceed. Bankruptcy can be one solution to getting back on your feet financially, but it may not be the best or only solution for you. As an experienced professional, I can help you sort through those issues and see what is right for you,” he noted.

Sanders has held a number of seminars and written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

Outside of the courtroom, Sanders lives in an unusual home in Gulfport that was one of the featured properties in last year’s Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes. It has a tree growing right up through the floor and up through the ceiling of his kitchen. He has three dogs and a cat. When he was living in Atlanta he was very involved with helping raise funds for a number of AIDS service organizations. He is hoping to get involved with local charitable groups as soon as possible.

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Your Last Will and Testament

By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

Many otherwise successful and diligent people overlook what could be one of the largest tax-saving devices available to them during their entire lifetimes: a will. Wills are the primary document for transferring wealth upon a person's death. It is the document in which you specify how, to whom and when you wish to have all of your earthly belongings distributed. Although this is a vital document, many people procrastinate or defer having one drafted. Consequently, many people die without the benefit of their specific instructions being carried out.

If you die without a will, you die "intestate" or without a last will and testament. If this occurs, your estate

will be distributed according to the probate laws of the State of Florida if you reside in Florida. More than likely, this distribution will not be according to your wishes. This could also cause problems in your immediate family due to disputes over who was meant to receive what, what proceeds go to your spouse as well as any intended charitable bequests.

In drafting a will, several factors must be taken into consideration. These include, but are not limited to:

- Specific instructions designed to distribute your estate to your intended beneficiaries.
- Provisions for a guardian(s) to serve in your capacity if you have minor children.
- A nomination for a personal representative or executor to carry out your wishes in conjunction with the court.
- Instructions regarding the subsequent transfer of wealth on a tax-free or deferred basis through the Unlimited Marital Deduction or Unified Credit as well as other tax savings strategies.

A competent attorney should be employed for the drafting of a will. While there exist many do-it-yourself products on the market which do provide presumably valid documents, there is no substitute for professional advice and sound legal counsel.

Once your will is finalized, it may be changed as you deem necessary to reflect your ever changing situation. Such changes may be based upon a birth or death in the family, a divorce, change of residence or change of intended beneficiaries. Such changes or codicils must be executed with the same formalities as a will, but are usually not as involved as the drafting of the original document. Even without major life changes, wills should be reviewed every two to three years to ensure that your intentions will, in fact, be carried out upon your death.

Mr. Myers is the owner of Akerson Law Offices which is located at 1135 Pasadena Avenue South, Suite 140, St. Petersburg, Florida. The telephone number is 727-347-5131. Mr. Myers welcomes calls regarding this article and other related legal topics. This column outlines general legal principles and is not intended to give you legal advice. If you have a specific question about the law, please consult an attorney.

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1960 Class of Largo High Reunion

The 1960 Class of Largo High School will hold their 50th class reunion in May 2010. Anyone who knows someone in that class please contact them as they are still missing addresses. Other years may also attend. For information email DKLEAL@aol.com or call Dee at 727-743-3944 or visit largohigh1960.com.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Sunshine City Council will hold a Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 5 at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Boulevard in Pinellas Park at 10 a.m. The committee is planning a fun morning to celebrate the beginning the of the season. Members are requested to bring non perishable food items for the St. Giles Food Pantry.

Sunshine City Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Dixie Hollins High in the ROTC Room.

Beta Sigma Phi is an international sorority which provides women with a social and cultural outlet. If you would like to learn more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Sharon Melton at 595-9625.

Laureate Epsilon Theta members enjoyed a "Dinner Around the World"

on Sunday, November 15 at the home of Joyce and Clarence Keller. Each member attending brought a different dish representing a different country. Some of the countries represented were Czechoslovakia, Germany, Poland, Ireland, China, America, and France. All the dishes were delicious and enjoyed by all.

The next regular meeting of Laureate Epsilon Theta will be held on Tuesday, November 24 at 7 p.m. at the home of Sharon Ingram. Members will celebrate Thanksgiving with enjoying "hobo" stew. Each member will bring a can of vegetables to add to a large pot of a meat and tomato base stew. The program will be presented by Sue Hill on India. Have a wonderful holiday season.

For more information contact Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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By Tom Margenau

Three Big Social Security Mistakes a Woman Can Make

Mistake No. 1: Letting a man fill out your self-employment tax return:

Q: My ex-husband and I used to run our own business about 20 years ago. We did this for about five years. Now that I am about to turn 62 and am thinking of retiring, I'm paying more attention to my Social Security. And I've noticed that there are no earnings posted to my Social Security record for those five years when we had the business. We made pretty good money on the business and always filed a joint tax return.

Why didn't I get credit for my share of our business income?

A: I'll bet a man was your accountant and filled out your tax returns while you had the business with your husband. Or your ex-husband prepared the taxes himself.

Simply filing a joint tax return has nothing to do with the assignment of earnings and credits for Social Security purposes. The Social Security part of a self-employment tax return

is a form called the Schedule SE. And during my 32-year career with the Social Security Administration, I'd guess that on 95 percent of the tax returns I saw involving mom and pop businesses (probably completed by men 99.9 percent of the time), pop's name and pop's Social Security number were listed on the Schedule SE. That means all the earnings and all the credits were posted to pop's Social Security record. And mom got zilch.

Assuming you were jointly running the business, all your accountant (or husband) needed to do was file two Schedule SEs, dividing the net profit from the business between you and your husband -- his name and SSN on one and your name and SSN on the other.

You can check with the IRS to find out if there is anything you can do about this. But because it was so long ago, I think you're going to learn the answer is no. And you, like many women who run businesses with their husbands, will be stuck with a big gap in your Social Security record.

Mistake Number 2: Not putting up with the jerk for another few months:

Q: I was married to my husband for just two months shy of 10 years before we divorced. That was 25 years ago. I never remarried. I always thought I could get part of his Social Security. But now that I'm about to turn 65, I just learned that a divorced wife has to be married for 10 years to collect her ex's Social Security. Is there anything I can do about this?

A: Nothing. You're stuck with a hard and fast rule that says a marriage must last at least 10 years before a divorced woman can be eligible for any benefits on her ex-husband's Social Security record.

I'm sure that 25 years ago, Social Security was the last thing you were thinking about. You just wanted to get rid of the bum. But if you had hung onto the no good, cheating, conniving, lowdown snake for just a couple more months, you'd be able to get some payback by tapping into his Social Security account. Now I'm afraid that tap is dry for you!

Mistake Number 3: Forgetting to read the obits:

Q: My ex-husband and I were married for 25 years before getting a divorce. I never remarried. I pretty much lost touch with him, but I heard he remarried several times. I started getting my own Social Security retirement benefits 10 years ago. I just recently learned that my ex died three years ago, and that I could have been switched to higher divorced widow's benefit way back then. Can I get retroactive benefits?

A: Probably not. Benefits can only be paid retroactively if you can show that the government made some kind of mistake with your Social Security files. But in this case, the ball was in your court. In other words, it was your obligation to file for divorced widow's benefits right after your husband died. That's why I always tell divorced women (especially those who've lost touch with their ex) to read the obituaries and watch for the ex's name -- and then hotfoot it down to the nearest Social Security office to claim what's rightfully yours!

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With so many options among Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans, which vary by location, it is important for seniors to understand what options are available to them. Medicare beneficiaries who have questions or concerns about the upcoming Medicare Annual Enrollment Period have a place to turn and get objective assistance with comparing plans.

Specially trained SHINE volunteer counselors provide free information and assistance at several locations throughout Pasco and Pinellas Counties. SHINE volunteer counselors will be offering information and assistance regarding the upcoming Medicare Annual Enrollment Period beginning November, 15, 2009. Consumers can speak to a volunteer by phone. Subject to availability, we have outreach sites where an in person appointment can be scheduled. Call the Elder Helpline toll-free at 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337) and ask to be connected with a SHINE counselor.

Individuals interested in getting help comparing plans should be

ready to bring to their counseling appointment important information about their health and prescription drug coverage. To provide the best assistance, SHINE volunteers will need a list of medications the individual takes, a list of providers he or she wants to use (e.g., doctor or pharmacy), and any notices from an existing plan (i.e., Annual Notice of Change), Social Security, or Medicare about changes to costs and coverage for next year.

SHINE volunteers are also conducting educational presentations regarding Medicare Part D changes and options for senior groups, churches or other organizations, and will be available after each presentation to answer questions. It is important to request a presentation early; as the Annual Enrollment Period draws near, SHINE counselors may not be available except through one-on-one counseling appointments. To request a presentation, call the

Elder Helpline toll-free at 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337).

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

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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



Deciphering Labels

Surfing the supermarket shelves will yield a mind-boggling array of new labels on our food. But what do these labels mean, and how truthful are their claims? For example, the “organic” label carries the promise that food is grown according to organic farming practices, in which soil is enriched and tested yearly. But what you don’t see on that label are the carbon costs to the environment of transporting organic produce from California or (even worse) Argentina. With such transportation, we quickly lose the environmental benefits of organic farming practices. Locally grown organic produce is best. Locally grown produce is better than imported organic produce.

“Free-range” is another popular label you see, usually stuck to meat packaging. The term conjures up images of happy cows grazing in open pastures of knee-high alfalfa with a cozy red barn in the background. Actually, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has no real definition of “free-range” for beef or pork and slight criteria for poultry. According to USDA standards, “free-range” chickens must have “access to the outdoors” in order to receive the “free-range” certification. Egg and poultry producers can call their products “free-range” merely if their

cages are 2 or 3 inches bigger than the average size or there is a door to an outdoor pen that the animals can use for a few days of their short lives.

According to the USDA, it relies “upon producer testimonials to support the accuracy of these claims.” In other words, the USDA has put the fox in charge of the henhouse. In 2002, USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service proposed “minimum requirements for meat industry production/marketing claims.” This proposal would legally define “free range, free roaming or pasture raised” as “livestock that have had continuous and unconfined access to pasture throughout their life cycle,” except for pigs, which would have “continuous access to pasture for at least 80 percent of their production cycle.” So far, these guidelines remain unenforced.

“Hormone-free,” or “rBGH- or rBST-free,” is a label you may look for when you buy milk but may not see for much longer in dairy cases. The reason is that the label has been so successful in changing people’s buying habits that it is hurting sales of mega-dairies and Monsanto, a giant producer of synthetic hormones. These genetically engineered hormones (rBGH and rBST) have been banned in other countries and linked to human cancers, cow

mastitis and antibiotic resistance by Health Canada in a 1998 study. Monsanto is suing the Food and Drug Administration to remove the label from the marketplace.

Certified Naturally Grown is a nonprofit alternative certification program created for small-scale organic farmers so that they do not have to pay the exorbitant organic certification fees. The label “Certified Naturally Grown” helps identify foods grown on small farms using high organic standards and removes financial barriers that tend to exclude smaller farms that are selling locally and directly to their customers.

“Fair Trade Certified” is a label you find mainly on coffee and other imported commodities. It is more of a social movement than a farming practice and recognizes goods that are purchased for a “fair” price from small producers in other countries. This means that the coffee growers and harvesters can pay their workers living wages for a day’s work. In commodities, it’s usually the middlemen who make the lion’s share of the money. So a coffee grower may get a few cents for a pound of coffee that sells for several dollars, while the middleman pockets the rest. Fair trade certification ensures that the people who grow and harvest our imported foods don’t starve to death in the process.

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December Events at Gulf Beaches Historical Museum

You are invited to the official "first lighting" of the Museum in all its holiday splendor Sunday, December 6. Enjoy holiday cheer along with food, drink and a walk into history. See what's new at the gift shop, buy a gift of membership for a special friend, or check out their volunteer opportunities.

The museum will provide turkey, ham, soft drinks and set ups. BYOB. Please bring your favorite holiday side dish or dessert to share. Cost is \$5 donation. Cocktails at 5 p.m. RSVP by December 3 to 727-552-1610 (leave message).

On Tuesday, December 8 at 1 p.m., the Museum will host Cleo Robertson, who will offer a presentation on the www.SPB2day.com, a new website that is very user friendly and chock full of information regarding the community. Free.

Also in December, they will be actively recruiting new volunteers for an early January indoctrination. No special skill, talent or knowledge is needed, other than an interest in their island history. If interested leave a message at 727-552-1610, or email LPETERS7@tampabay.rr.com.

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Gulf Beaches Historical Museum is located at 115 10th Avenue, St. Pete Beach in the Pass-a-Grille

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sites in Pasco and Pinellas counties, please call the Senior Helpline at 1-800-96ELDER (1-800-963-5337).

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Rotary Club of St. Petersburg

The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Suncoast meets every Tuesday at noon, at Gigi's Restaurant, located at 6852 Gulfport Boulevard (Pasadena Shopping Center). They encourage those interested in becoming members to attend as welcomed guests.

Upcoming programs include Lori Knox from Suncoast Hospice, Richard Clarke from the city of St. Petersburg and the city's Recycling Program and speaker Richard Stahl highlighting Consumer Protection.

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Your Health

By Rallie McAllister M.D.

Got a Cold? Bring on the Chicken Soup

People have been catching colds since the beginning of time -- and for just as long, we've been trying to cure them. In spite of our best efforts, the common cold remains one of the most frequently acquired illnesses in the world.

If you're like most adults, you can expect to catch a cold two to four times each year. With each infection, you'll likely spend around eight to 10 days coughing, sniffing, sneezing and generally feeling miserable.

Colds occur when one of over 200 types of microscopic viruses invades the cells of the nose and throat. The viruses may be tiny, but they're practically indestructible.

Antibiotic drugs capable of stopping bacteria in their tracks can't put a dent in viruses. Medicines strong enough to kill most cold-causing microbes would probably kill their human hosts in the process.

When it comes to battling colds, most of us have come to accept the limitations of modern medicine. Although scientists have developed a mighty arsenal of high-tech drugs to fend off the most dreaded diseases, they still haven't found a cure for the common cold.

Until a cure is found, the best course of action for cold sufferers might be to follow the time-tested advice of mothers everywhere: Get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluid and have a bowl of chicken soup.

As it turns out, our moms were right. In a laboratory study conducted by researchers at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, chicken soup was found to reduce inflammation and slow the migration of white blood cells to infected tissues.

This action is especially beneficial to cold sufferers because within an hour of being infected by cold viruses, the invaded cells of the nose and throat begin to swell. They also release chemicals called prostaglandins, which attract white blood cells

to battle the meddling microbes.

As the disease-fighting cells report for duty, they begin to pile up by the millions in the nose, throat and lungs, producing a massive flow of mucus that leads to sniffing, sneezing and stuffiness. By interfering with the migration of white blood cells, chicken soup reduces the production of mucus and helps alleviate congestion.

Scientists have a few additional theories about how chicken soup works its medicinal magic. Chicken and other poultry meats are rich in zinc, a mineral that is essential for maintaining a strong immune system.

Zinc appears to have potent powers against cold viruses, preventing them from latching onto cells in the respiratory tract and thwarting their ability to multiply. The mineral bolsters the immune system by stimulating the production of a natural virus-fighting substance called interferon.

Chicken is a good source of cysteine, an amino acid that helps break up mucus and facilitates its expulsion from the body. Cysteine is also used in the repair of injured cells and tissues in the respiratory tract.

If your mom's recipe calls for lots of vegetables and a pinch of fresh garlic, the healing powers of her chicken soup are even greater. Carrots and celery are loaded with antioxidants that help protect the cells of the nose, throat and lungs from

virus-induced damage.

Onions are a good source of vitamin C and quercetin, a plant compound capable of killing cold and flu viruses. Scientific evidence suggests that regular quercetin intake improves lung function and reduces the risk of acquiring respiratory diseases.

Garlic has long been used as a treatment for infection. The pungent herb contains allicin, a chemical with powerful antiviral properties.

The fluids in chicken soup help keep your body properly hydrated. When the mucus lining your respiratory tract is moist, it acts like sticky flypaper, trapping and destroying invading viruses.

Some of the cold-fighting benefits of chicken soup have more to do with its temperature than its ingredients. The steam from a bowl of piping hot soup acts as a powerful decongestant, breaking up clogged secretions in your nose, throat and chest so they can be expelled more easily.

Drinking the hot broth brings about a temporary elevation in body temperature, hindering the ability of cold viruses to multiply. A higher body temperature speeds the rate of chemical reactions so that injured cells of the respiratory tract can repair themselves more quickly.

Until a cure for the common cold is found, we should all keep following our mothers' advice: Drink plenty of fluids, get lots of rest and bring on the chicken soup.

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A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

Become a Citizen Scientist as you Feed Birds

It is that time of year again when the weather gets colder. Many people become concerned about the wild birds in their yard and begin bird feeding. This is also the time of year for bird feeders to join the 15,000 other people who are a part of the largest and longest running citizen-science project.

Project FeederWatch began in Ontario in the mid-1970s. After running for 10 years in Canada, it was expanded to the United States with the help of Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology. Project FeederWatch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas and other locales in North America. FeederWatch volunteers periodically count the highest numbers of each species they see at their feeders from November through April. The project helps scientists track movements of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance.

All you have to do is count all the birds in your yard at one time and then report the numbers to the lab. The data collected shows which bird species visit feeders at thousands of locations across the continent every

winter. The results also indicate how many individuals of each species are seen. This information can be used to measure changes in the distribution and abundances of bird species over time.

Each year, the population level and distribution of each species fluctuates. For example, drought and forest fires can reduce natural food sources, so birds may be forced out of the mountains, to lower elevations, where they can find more food, including bird feeders.

If people do not keep track all over the country, we would not see the weekly changes in distribution and abundance. This data is important because it provides information about bird population biology that cannot be detected by any other easy method.

Some of the scientific information that can be collected by using citizen-scientists is not just in the short term -- the long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance as well as the timing and extent of winter irruptions of winter finches and other species can also be seen when the study is repeated each winter. Expansions or contractions in the winter ranges of feeder birds, the kinds of foods and environmental factors that attract birds and how disease is spread among birds that visit feeders can be determined. FeederWatch data is used to gauge the impact of West

Nile virus on wild birds.

Learn more about the project at www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw, where you can see maps, trend graphs and other results generated from FeederWatch data. FeederWatchers receive a Research Kit that includes: the FeederWatch Handbook, a guide to feeding birds; a full-color identification poster of common feeder birds (both Eastern and Western, painted by renowned artist Larry McQueen); a 14-month calendar featuring photographs taken by FeederWatch participants last season; instructions on how to participate; and paper data forms and/or access to our on-line data entry system. In addition, participants receive a subscription to the newsletter of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Since the lab is a nonprofit organization, there is a \$15 annual participation fee (\$12 for members of the Lab of Ornithology) that covers your materials and newsletter subscription, staff support, website support and data analysis. Visit the website or call (800) 843-BIRD (2473).

Before you get started on your path to becoming a citizen-scientist, I can answer a few common questions and myths about bird feeding. First, the birds will not become dependent on your feeder as a source of food. There are many other sources of natural food that they consume each day. They will visit the feeder on a daily basis and become accustomed to its presence. Feeders do help birds find a reliable source of food during heavy snow or ice storms, so you may want to have someone keep it full when you are not available.

Uncooked rice does not expand in the bird's stomach and kill them. Many species of birds eat rice and other grains in the fields where they grow and are not harmed. Peanut butter does not stick in the bird's throat and choke them. You can mix cornmeal, oatmeal, grit or birdseed with the peanut butter to make it less sticky if you want.

A bird's feet will not stick to a metal perch. Birds do not have sweat glands in their feet, and the feet are covered in scales made from material like your fingernails. Just think of all the metal fences and telephone wires they sit on all day long and they don't stick to them.

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For information contact Gail Stark at (727) 550-8080 ext. 332 or by email at Gail_Stark@uss.salvationarmy.org.

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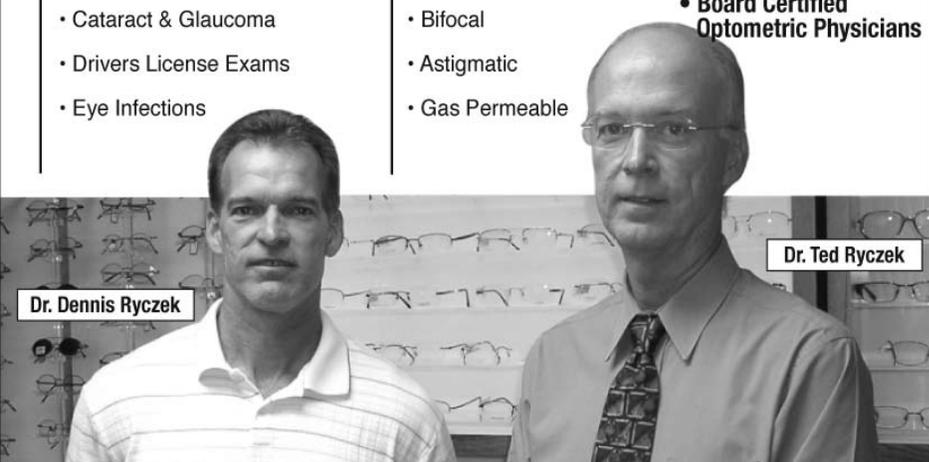
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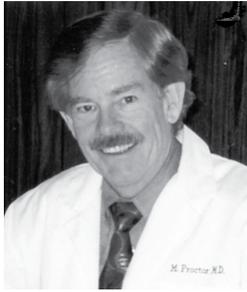
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Pancakes a-Plenty



Photo by Cathy Salustri

Pat Case, president of the Gulfport Lion's Club, dishes up pancakes, bacon and eggs for Jim Greenwald (not pictured) at Saturday's Lion's Club Pancake breakfast. The hearty breakfast gave guests a full stomach to start the day in Gulfport.

The breakfast kicked off a full day of festivities in Gulfport, including the citywide garage sale, antique auto show, the premiere weekend of the Gulfport Community Players' Beau Jest, a crime watch block party, and a plethora of other activities.



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Gulfport Beach October Water Quality Report

By Cathy Salustri

Each week the City of Gulfport tests the water quality in the waters off Gulfport Beach. Gulfport has contracted with the City of St. Petersburg for the tests.

Every month *The Gabber* publishes the results of those tests. If, at any time, the tests show that the water quality poses a health risk, the City of Gulfport will issue a Health Advisory. Gulfport typically receives test results within a week of taking the sample.

Currently, the City tests for two things: *enterococcus* and fecal coliform. Scientists consider *enterococcus* a common bacteria found in animal and human intestines, and, resultingly, in human and animal excrement. Federal standards used to require agencies to measure water quality by the amount of fecal coliform along public beach waters but recently have replaced fecal coliform with *enterococcus* as the standard. Fecal coliform also comes from the waste of warm-blooded animals, including humans.

The City of Gulfport currently tests for both types of bacteria. Test results will help classify Gulfport Harbor as "good", "moderate", or "poor". *Enterococcus* of less than 35 parts per 100 milliliter and fecal coliform of less than 199 per 100 milliliter of saltwater indicate good water quality. For more information, contact the City of Gulfport at 893-1000.

You can reach Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@TheGabber.com



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Gulfport Community Players

Beau Jest: So Impressed

By Cathy Salustri

The Gulfport Community Players set the stage for a hit with their first play of the season, *Beau Jest*. Most everything about this show delights; it's lighthearted comedy and more serious themes make for a great blend of laughter and introspection.

Beau Jest tells the story of Sara Goldman (played by Rebekah Sweet), a Jewish girl with a Gentile boyfriend who her parents believe she no longer sees. To alleviate endless blind dates, courtesy of her mother (played by Rikki Lewis), Sara Goldman hires Schroeder to play her Jewish boyfriend for one night. One night, of course, turns into several and things get more complicated when Sara and Bob—who isn't Jewish, either—fall in love.

The comedy, set entirely in Sara's apartment, plays out over the course of several months. While the first few moments on stage seemed a bit awkward Saturday night, Russell and Sweet quickly establish a rapport and get the audience laughing. Walter Raine and Rikki Lewis play Sara's very Jewish parents, and this foursome spends the most time onstage and set a lively pace for two hours.

Sweet is, well, sweet onstage. Even though her character builds a house of cards throughout the show she still gets the sympathy of the audience. Sara Goldman lies to her parents and cheats on her boyfriend, yet Sweet manages to evoke sympathy and laughter from the audience.

Raine and Lewis both do a great job; Lewis is completely believable as a nagging Jewish mother and Raine is well cast as the slightly standoffish and somewhat cranky father. It's no sacrifice to watch either of them onstage.

While the entire cast of *Beau Jest* does a spectacular job with this comedy, it's Jim Russell who shines throughout this light-hearted comedy. Russell plays Bob Schroeder, the actor hired to portray Sara Goldman's Jewish boyfriend, and he leads the show with his wonderful timing and facial expressions. Russell is completely empathetic and endearing as well as a lot of fun to watch. His sense of comedy lends itself well to this show and director Vic Carr made an excellent decision in casting him. Of all the things Russell's done for the Players, he shines the brightest in his latest role.

Kelly Smith plays Sara's sister, Rachel, who is also a therapist. The lovely Smith does a fine job in her relatively small role and she and Sweet have a nice onstage energy and they easily take on the roles of two sisters who love each other but occasionally find themselves at odds with one another.

Only Ben Sandrovitz, who plays Sara's initial love interest (the strangely named Chris Kringle), could have used more attention from director Vic Carr. Kringle's onstage role is small, but Sandrovitz seems stiff and disconnected onstage. Saturday night he seemed to swallow his lines, which had the audience straining to hear at some points.

All in all, though, Vic Carr, his cast, and the entire production team present a show that is an absolute delight to watch. The sets, lights, and sound all come together nicely, and although the actors occasionally forgot or repeated a line, the pace of the show stayed lively.

After what this critic would call lackluster season last year, the Players introduce this year's season with a strong show that keeps audiences laughing and thinking long after this rich cast takes its final bow. *Beau Jest* is well worthy of your attendance; kudos to producer Eileen Navarro and the whole theatre company for an excellent night's entertainment.

Unfortunately, *Beau Jest* closed last Sunday, but it's not too early to make your reservations for *Gulfport: The Musical*, slated to open in January. Get your tickets by calling 322-0316.

Cathy Salustri has worked as a stage manager and sound designer for community and professional theatre companies throughout the Tampa Bay area. Contact her at CathySalustri@TheGabber.com.

Pasta Every Monday Night

Sons of Italy Lodge, 2500 34 Street S. offers Pasta every Monday night. Served from 4-8 p.m. and includes all the pasta you can eat, two meatballs, salad and coffee for \$6. Other beverages are optional. Look for their flotilla of flags.

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Find a Yoga Class That's Right for You

St. Pete Beach: The St. Pete Beach Community Center is offering three new Yoga classes this Fall, appropriate for all skill levels from beginner to advanced. Yoga Instructor Wendy Hessinger will be teaching Hatha Yoga, Silver Sneakers Yoga for Seniors, and Beach Yoga; interested participants should contact her for class dates and times at (727) 686-0123 or stpetebeachyoga@yahoo.com. All classes are held at the Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive.

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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.

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Thanksgiving Alternatives

A truly worthwhile experience usually involves breaking routine. While holiday traditions help keep families together, some years require that you do something a little different. Every Thanksgiving numerous organizations offer alternatives to the standard, stay-at-home version of the holiday. So if you're strapped for cash, not in the mood to cook, or simply want to lend a hand in this particularly tough year, you have numerous choices for an offbeat Thanksgiving 2009. Here are some of the many options, some of which occur before the holiday, so you can have your enormous feast and eat it, too:

Rosa Jackson Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Ms. Jackson started this annual tradition in 1973. The Veterans Administration employee spent \$1,000 of her own money to provide Thanksgiving to those who otherwise wouldn't have had one. Fifty people showed up to her house, and the next year the event was moved to Campbell Park Recreation Center at 601 14th St. S. in St. Petersburg, where it's been ever since. Individuals can partake as diners or as volunteers. Event takes place Thanksgiving Day from one to three pm. For more information, call (727) 327-7496 or (727) 893-7733.

Thanksgiving Day Buffet

Those in need can also take part in a Thanksgiving feast a little bit further to the north. The People That Love Mission and Church at 817 Fifth Ave. N. will be hosting its 18th annual buffet from 3:30 to 5 pm. The menu includes home-cooked turkey and all the traditional sides. The event is free and open to the public. The mission will also be distributing frozen turkeys to those in need on the preceding Monday. For more information, visit www.peoplethatlove.com.

American Legion Post 252 Thanksgiving Dinner

This one's only open to veterans currently under care at Bay Pines VA Medical Center, but you can be there in spirit. The post is accepting donations to help it put on this huge dinner, which typically serves 150 to 200 veterans

who cannot be with their families this year. To contribute, call 398-2463.

Pre-Thanksgiving Bash

So the extravaganza that happens in Gulfport every Thanksgiving – the one that takes place on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving at the senior center – is sold out. But that doesn't mean Gulfportians can't still have a rockin' Thanksgiving. The following evening – Thanksgiving Eve, that is – revelers can party down at the Gulfport Casino with Swing Time, which will be grooving to the tunes of Steve Arvey. Don't know how to swing? The group will provide shag and swing lessons from 6 to 7 and 7 to 8 pm, respectively, the night of the event. The actual event starts at 8. Admission is \$10. Call (813) 840-3715 for more info.

Thanksgiving Arabian Horse Show

This is probably the most offbeat event in this list, but some years you need to bring in the big guns: horsies. In most circumstances, horsies signify a good time. Yes, horsies. This show may be all the way in Tampa, but it's free. And there are pretty horsies. It starts Thanksgiving Day at 8 am at the Bob Thomas Equestrian Center at the Florida State Fairgrounds (Interstate 4 at US 301 N.). Call 446-6168 for more details.

Total Body Turkey Workout

At the first Thanksgiving, nobody counted calories. Nobody spent Black Friday doing lunges while painfully hungover. Times, as turkey-accommodating deep-fryers may suggest, have changed. This year marks the second annual Charity Thanksgiving Bootcamp Extravaganza, which takes place at 5:30 pm Wednesday, November 25 at 1120 North Shore Dr. NE in St. Pete. Participants are encouraged to burn as many calories as possible ahead of the Big Meal, but must also donate to St. Pete nonprofit ASAP Homeless Services. For more details call 320-7582 or email physiquesstpete@yahoo.com.

Holy Name Thanksgiving Celebration

The Sunday before Thanksgiving, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will provide dinner for Gulfportians at Holy Name Church at 5800 15th Ave, S. Tickets are \$7.50 (\$3.50 for kids under 12) and includes a full-on meal, beer and wine, entertainment and the chance to win all sorts of nifty prizes, including a free weekend stay at the Tradewinds. Call

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Myth #4: My child will pay for college, so my salary doesn't matter. Most need-based financial aid is based on parents' income and assets. The FAFSA form, available online at www.fasa.ed.gov asks for information similar to what you need for your income taxes. After submitting FAFSA, you'll receive a report that shows how much the government expects you to pay.

Myth #5: You can wait until you get accepted to a college before worrying about financial aid. Most financial aid is doled out on a first-come, first-served basis. No one should wait to get started. Looking for financial aid probably isn't a teen's idea of a good time, but it is better than graduating from college in debt.

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