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The Great American Teach in at Gulfport Elementary



Pinellas County Sheriff Forensic Officer Alex Intravichit shows Ms. Stanger's third grade class how to find a fingerprint during the Great American Teach In last Thursday at Gulfport Elementary.

By Leigh Clifton

Gulfport Elementary participated in the Great American Teach In last Thursday as volunteers from all walks of life donated their time and expertise to show students a glimpse at what they do for a living. Firefighters and policemen from Gulfport brought their vehicles and the kids were shown, class by class, how the equipment worked.

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O'Reilly "Respectfully Declines" Gulfport City Manager Position

By Cathy Salustri

Despite lengthy negotiations, Interim City Manager Jim O'Reilly withdrew his name from consideration as city manager at a special meeting Monday morning.

"At this point I think it would be best interest of the city and myself to respectfully decline," O'Reilly said after council spent 30 minutes debating O'Reilly's severance package.

The debate hinged not on salary but on how much council would pay O'Reilly if they fired him without cause. O'Reilly asked for two years pay but council offered him one. Council also debated whether or not to change the number of votes needed to fire a city manager. Currently a majority can terminate the employment contract, but the proposed contract said that only a supermajority, or four out of five councilmembers, could fire a city manager without cause.

Interim City Attorney Andy Salzman explained that the council could still fire the city manager with a smaller majority if the city manager was doing a poor job. Only if the council had

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Treasure Island Draws Sculptors From All Over U.S.

By Kate Bradshaw

Dan Doubleday had a different design planned for his entry in this year's Sanding Ovations sand sculpture competition. Upon hearing of the death of a friend two days before the event, which entails building a towering, unique sand sculpture with only 24 hours of allotted time, Doubleday scrapped his plan.

The new design, titled "The Folly of Life," took first prize.

Doubleday, a resident of Treasure Island, was competing with sand sculptors from across the continent. From far away,

See *Sculpture*, page 5





City of Gulfport's
Tree Lighting
Ceremony

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Santa Visit

Monday, November 30, 2009

7 p.m.

Clymer Park

(Gulfport Blvd. S. & Beach Blvd. S.)

Teach-in, from front page

Seabird Sanctuary sent George, a one-winged white pelican to illustrate how a discarded fishing line can severely injure birds and marine animals. Handler Greg Slutzky explained to the classes how George lost his wing when he got tangled up in a fishing line left carelessly hanging off a dock.

David Hernandez, a third year law student from Stetson told his audience of how, while stationed at sea in the military near Iraq, he decided he wanted to be a lawyer. He took classes online, even while actively serving and was able to enter law school with his good grades when he got back stateside. He is in his final year.

"I wanted to show these kids that you don't have to necessarily do things the traditional way. I followed my dream and they can follow theirs no matter what the circumstance," he said.

The Pilgrim Pipers, a recorder and flute group, made up of senior musicians entertained classes in the library, playing several sing-a-long

Christmas carols. The Gulfport Senior Center's Harmonica Chorus also put on a show in the Music Lab. Boca Ciega Yacht Club Sailing Instructor Joel Heyen brought two small sail boats for the kids to sit in and simulate using a tiller. There was also a tennis instructor who lobbed balls for the kids to hit. Pinellas County Sheriff Forensic Officer Alex Intravichit, who has two children at the school, brought his fingerprint kit and let the kids dust for their own prints, showing the kids how law enforcement does it.

Community Liaison Debra Rhahma was very pleased with the turnout of volunteers; she even had a surprise guest for everyone. "Elvis" arrived in full regalia and sang a few songs. Most of the kids had no idea who he was, but the adults thoroughly enjoyed a walk back through music history.

Said Gulfport Elementary Principal Lisa Grant, "This really gives the kids a close up glimpse at professions they usually only hear about. Touching a police car or fire truck seeing a live animal up close, is a big deal to them and it's something they'll remember

as they grow up. The hands-on experience is just priceless."

Pinellas County Schools put on the Great American Teach In every year.

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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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Pinellas County Parks Closures

Pinellas County operated parks will be closed on Friday, November 27, (the day after Thanksgiving) and on Friday, December 25, (Christmas Day) this year. Otherwise, parks are opened from 7 a.m. until dark.

As an additional cost-saving measure, some restrooms in county parks are closed weekdays. However, facilities near most popular user areas remain open during all hours of park operation. Restrooms in all county parks will be open on weekends.

For more information about Pinellas County Parks, visit www.pinellascounty.org/parks or call (727) 582-2100 (select 0 from menu).

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Operation Santa Deadline Nears

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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Join the Seniors' Chat Room

The Senior Chat Room wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. They will not meet this Friday but will resume December 4 at 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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Sculpture, from front page the sculpture looks like the bust of a frowning clown. Up close, you can see that the clown's face consists of man, hunched over, vertebrae protruding. The clown holds a cracked egg, out of which spills what looks like a tiny person.

"It's probably the hardest thing I've ever done, structurally," Doubleday said. "But easiest in terms of inspiration."

Doubleday said that the sculpture is a fitting tribute to George, the sculpture's inspiration who recently passed. Maggie, George's wife and a good friend of Doubleday's, agreed. "It's very apropos," she said.

Spectators had a range of takes on the winner. Some could not deduce the double meaning, while others saw the man before they saw the clown. "The majority of people walk by and see an ugly clown," he said.

One attendee asked him how he got into the art of sand sculpting, which he does professionally. "I don't know," he told her. "Just

never grew up."

Doubleday was in his forties when he first began to take sculpting seriously.

As a single father living in California in 1996 he started to make sand sculptures during trips to the beach with his kids. Someone came up and asked him if he'd ever thought about competing. Within about half a decade he had competed at the national and international levels. By 2001 he won the world championship twice.

This year he competed with other artists of similarly heavy caliber. The mounting sculptures on display at the beach behind the Bilmar showed a wide range of talents. Some sculptures were contemplations of things like time and gratitude. Another was a playful tribute to King Kong.

Doubleday said that, in the wake of the loss of a friend, he was happy to have been able to pay a timely and meaningful tribute.

"It's a beautiful thing," he said. "Couldn't have worked out better."

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Cut-A-Thon To Support Cancer Victim

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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CORRECTION

The name of the Commander of American Legion Post 125 is Ray Cartmell. It was misspelled in an article last week.

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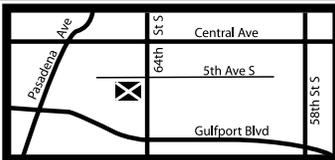


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Retro-Rama Antiques & Collectibles Show

GULFPORT - The 6th annual Retro-Rama Antiques & Collectibles Show will be held on Saturday, November 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom, 5500 Shore Boulevard S. in Gulfport.

Whether naughty or nice, everyone will enjoy this sale of "anything that's old but cool" antiques and

collectibles from the 1900s through 1960s, plus fun lectures. Dealers will be selling everything vintage, including old home goodies, holiday decor and ornaments, textiles and linens, fashion and accessories, jewelry, mid-century decor, pin-up art, postcards, art, books, tin toys and vintage games, dolls, kitchen smalls, movie posters and memorabilia, ceramics and glassware, Aloha shirts, old state souvenirs and more. Positioned on the prime holiday

shopping weekend, this is a chance to get some unique gifts with a retro flair.

Ready to get started on your own vintage collection? Three lectures are also included in the price of admission:

- 11:30 a.m.: Mechanical Tin Toys 1900 to 1960 (presented by Dr. Gary Moss);

- 1:00 p.m.: Collecting Christmas (presented by Corey Adams);

- 3:00 p.m.: Rock n' Roll Memorabilia from the 1950s & 60s (presented by Dr. Gary Moss)

Other features include retro tunes played all day or take a break from shopping and enjoy screenings of vintage holiday flicks between lectures.

Admission is \$6 adults, children under two years old are \$3. Parking free.

For information call 727-421-0441 or visit www.hulahula.biz.

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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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Exchanging original artworks has long been a popular way to collect very special mementos, and the Gulfport Arts Center is reviving the custom for this holiday season. All are welcome to participate; just bring two hand-made ornaments to the party, one for trade and one for a donation. Each guest can then choose another artist's contribution to take home and cherish for years to come. The second ornament will be offered for sale by the Arts Center, to help support a busy schedule of classes, programs, and exhibits.

The Center will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. on the Friday Art Walk evening. For more information, email info@gulfportartscenter.org.

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Breakfast with Dali

The Salvador Dali Museum is pleased to announce the Breakfast with Dali program for children 6-12 years old and their families on Saturday, December 5 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Enjoy an interactive tour through the galleries before it opens to the public followed by a breakfast buffet and crafts.

General admission is \$15 per adult and \$10 per child. Limited to 20 children plus their parents. To register and pre-pay to secure a spot, call 823-3767, ext. 3024 or email Bethany Mead at bmead@thedali.org.

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Christmas Tree Lot to Benefit Local Charities

Sunshine City Kiwanis Club has partnered with Palm Lake Christian Church for their annual Christmas tree lot. The address is 5401 22 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The lot opens on Friday, November 27 and will be open every week day from 5:30-9 p.m., Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 1-8 p.m. until all the Christmas trees are gone. One hundred percent of proceeds from the lot will go to local charities, ministries and outreach programs.

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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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City of Gulfport Holiday Decorations Contest

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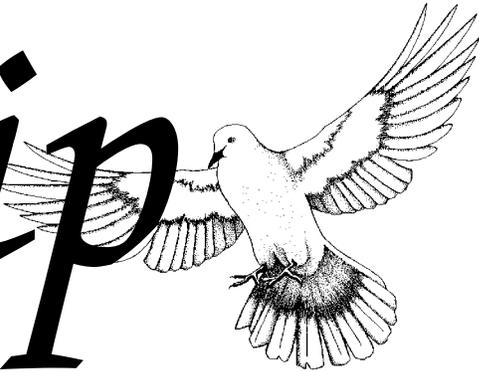
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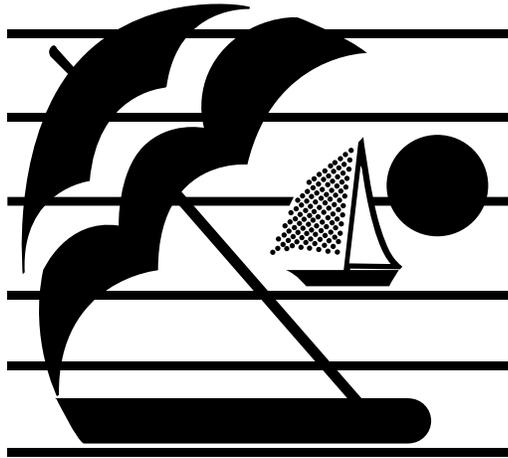
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event will be used to ship donated items to the troops. This is a free event. For more information on SHOP MOM AND POP, go to www.GulfportMA.com or call 727-322-5217.

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.

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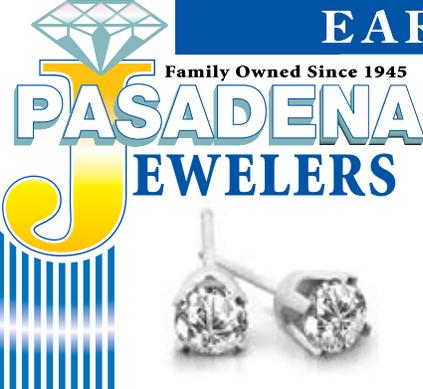
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This year the Thanksgiving boot camp will raise food and monetary resources for ASAP Homeless Services in St. Petersburg. Participants will be encouraged to submit donations online to support charitable relations for the poor during the holidays. The 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 physiquesp@yahoo.com or call (727) 320-7952.

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

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 barbeque 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

How do you feel about the newest guidelines regarding mammograms announced last week? Would you alter your current method of care?



Gail Bledsoe, St. Pete: “I would definitely not alter my care; I get a mammogram every year. While I’ve never had an irregular one, it still gives me peace of mind. What if you waited three years and went back to the doctor and they found something wrong? You would always wonder if it could have been prevented if you had gotten to it sooner. Would there be a way to sue the insurance company? No, you would be left with nothing, because they would say that they only followed the recommended guidelines. I didn’t start getting mammograms until I turned 50, but that was my decision. I kept putting it off. I think it’s a definite possibility that the insurance companies are just setting themselves up for when health care does finally get reformed. If they can get out of paying a claim, either by saying it’s a pre-existing condition or the patient just dies, I think they would just love that. By switching to every three to five years for tests, they don’t have to pay nearly as much for benefits and the costs of tests. It would be less money out of their pocket.”

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Clara Oliverii, So. Pasadena: “I have always had a yearly mammogram; in fact I just had one recently. I happen to have some irregularities that my doctor has to keep an eye on. I would think that those guidelines aren’t right for everybody; every woman has to do what’s right for her. I also think women should get a yearly pap, no matter what those guidelines say. It’s better to catch a potential problem early, where it can be treated rather than wait like “they” say. By that time, it might be too late. As to self exams, that’s how I found a lump I had. I called the doctor immediately and was scheduled, at first for a mammogram, then a sonogram, where they found the lump. I was lucky it was benign. But statistics prove that early detection saves lives. Those new guidelines are ridiculous, especially because so many young people are so easily influenced by the media. There’s already a bit of fear attached to an exam and when they hear this, they’ll just put it off or not have it done at all. I think the insurance companies are behind it. It will reduce the number of benefits they have to cover for the exams and it would reduce the amount of payouts, because they wouldn’t be getting as many claims. You don’t get tested, you get cancer, and then you die. They don’t have to pay the claim. It’s just wrong.”

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Mary Ann Tuchol, St. Pete Beach: “This week women were dealt a serious blow for equality. Subterfuge has occurred when it comes to women’s health care. Women, as most of us know, are the caretakers not of ourselves but of others. To get all of us to adhere to the former guidelines for mammograms and pap smears was probably a stretch. Every year, come on. When do we ever think of ourselves when we have to care for the others in our lives? I know that I thought my last mammogram was just a year ago. But when I went to get it done, it was almost two years. The scary thing was that after never having been called in for more extensive testing, I was this time. Awful was how I felt when I waited for the next test. Immense relief happened when all was fine... So now women have the opportunity to wait longer. It is no longer imperative. That means we can now stretch it from 1 year to maybe 5 years. And now it’s okay not to get a pap smear every year? Now we can wait 5 years if we are under 50. I guess those women who were diagnosed this year after regularly getting a pap smear every year should have waited another 4 years. Oops, they would have been dead. I haven’t even broached the political web of intrigue that might be involved whether with the Republicans or the Democrats. Most of them are men, most of them are supposed to get yearly prostate checks. Gee, I haven’t heard anything about their criteria for testing being changed. Could it be that women are being treated like second class citizens? When men are told that they don’t have to have a yearly checkup, maybe then I will revisit my opinion.”

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Letters

Seabird Sanctuary Denied Expansion

Dear Editor: The Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, Inc., and Helen Heath, Redington Shores property owner, have been denied permission to build another aviary at 18323 Sunset Boulevard by town officials. They are requesting variances from the Town of Redington Shores Planning and Zoning Board on Wednesday, December 2, at 2 p.m., at Town Hall, to enable them to continue their life-saving work with the birds.

In recent years, the Sanctuary has received record numbers of injured birds-of-prey, especially babies, including eagles, hawks, ospreys and owls. The SSS is the only bird-of-prey rehabilitation center in Pinellas County and needs to build a flight aviary to continue its operation to care for these birds. The aviary will essentially be a shed, as it will have no electricity, plumbing, or floor and consist of a great deal of screening.

The Sanctuary was incorporated in May of 1972 at the same address, and has continuously operated since as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) wild bird sanctuary and hospital. It built still-standing aviaries on the property in 1978 to house injured birds, and the later expanded to property next door.

The Sanctuary has grown into the largest nonprofit wild bird hospital and sanctuary in the U.S., rescuing

and rehabilitating an average of 8,000 to 10,000 birds each year. It has over 16,000 national and international members and over 100,000 visitors come from all over the world each year, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars at local motels, restaurants and shops. The Sanctuary has always had free admission, along with free educational programs that teach thousands of people respect for wildlife and our environment. World-wide media features the incredible success rates of the Sanctuary .

The Sanctuary's work is essential to our wildlife and habitat. Wild birds are a key indicator of the health of our environment, and approximately 85% of the injured birds admitted to the SSS are a result of direct or indirect contact with humans; fishing lines, hooks, autos, boats, trash, cruelty and more.

The Sanctuary is asking for the public to show support for local wildlife and attend the meeting, or to write a letter to the Planning and Zoning Board, Town of Redington Shores, 17425 Gulf Blvd., Redington Shores, FL 33708.

A Non-Conforming Variance, along with a Set-Back Variance must be granted at the meeting, for the bird-of-prey aviary to be built. Please visit seabirdsanctuary.com, or call Michelle Simoneau at 727-391-247.

Michelle Simoneau

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Art Guild's December Art Show

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Estate Sale at Gulfport First United Methodist

The Gulfport First United Methodist Church, 2728 53 Street S., will hold an estate sale on Saturday, December 5 from 9-2. Items include jewelry, tableware, china, household goods, kitchen items, and dress clothes. The United Methodist Men will offer hot dogs and drinks for lunch.

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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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SPC Piano Master Class

St. Petersburg College will offer a Piano Master Class with Rebecca Penneys on Saturday, December 12 from 10-2 at the SPC Music Cener, 6605 Fifth Avenue N in St. Petersburg. A renowned pedagogue, Rebecca has received extensive recognition for her ability to teach keyboard technique that allows pianists to achieve individual performance goals without physical strain or injury. She

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1st Annual Holiday Hoopla in Gulfport

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.

Holiday Hoopla is a celebration of arts, crafts, foods, live music and roving holiday characters set in a waterfront atmosphere amid bright, twinkling and colorful lights. 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. Live entertainment will include Gulfport Elementary School, John Hopkins Middle School, Osceola High School,

Next Exit, Gypsy Joe, and more! And the big guy in the red suit and Mrs. Claus will be there, too, from 3-6 p.m. Downtown restaurants, pubs, and cafes will be open during the festivities.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit Operation Santa and Gulfport families in need. Operation Santa is a program in which toys are donated to needy children that live in the City of Gulfport. The Gulfport Merchants Association will collect donations for Operation Santa from now until December 10th. Donations may be made in the form of cash, checks, gift cards or new unwrapped gifts. Collection boxes are located at Domain Food and Spirits on the corner of Shore and Beach Blvd., at the Gulfport Police Station and at the Main Stage during the Holiday Hoopla event. Any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about Operation Santa, please call either Francine Whitten at 893-1653 or Cynthia Hayes at 893-1049.

Brighten your holidays and those of others with a visit to Beach Blvd. in Gulfport at the Holiday Hoopla, on December 5th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free.

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- 5 ___ end: over
- 9 Daniel or Pat
- 14 Joie de vivre
- 15 Misplace
- 16 Let out, as stock
- 17 Da Vinci's Mona
- 18 Journey
- 19 Eating regimens
- 20 Bad luck?
- 23 Goof
- 24 Indy measure
- 25 Thermometer indication
- 30 One-hoss shay's owner
- 35 Feliz ___ nuevo
- 36 Derision object
- 38 Michener opus
- 39 Ram, bull, and lion
- 43 Grape pits, e.g.
- 44 Type of blue
- 45 Corrode
- 46 Quit
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- 54 Superstitions

- 61 Place to spend obols
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- 70 Today's home for 67 Across

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- 2 Landed
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- 4 Caught
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- 8 Kathmandu's land
- 9 Hungary's capital
- 10 Words with step or sleep
- 11 Cartel in the news
- 12 ___ Antilles: Carib. islands
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- 21 Long-winged sea eagle
- 22 Like Anthony Wayne

- 25 Honduran houses
- 26 In reserve
- 27 Syllogistic reasoning
- 28 Type of computer ware
- 29 Fills up
- 31 Pertaining to bees: prefix
- 32 Small role for a big star
- 33 Indian, for one
- 34 Table groupings
- 37 "The Mouse ___ Roared"
- 40 New Orleans to New York dir.
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- 42 November event
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- 49 Pedro's aunt
- 50 Deli meat
- 52 Stop, at sea
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- 55 Canter's cousin
- 56 Mild euphemism
- 57 Nobelist Wiesel
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- 59 At any time
- 60 Pop
- 61 The law has a long one
- 64 Skin problem

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

For the Love of Dog, Be the Pig

The best places to shop are those with the most lenient return policies. Nothing sets the alarm bells off like an "all sales are final" sign. "Store credit or exchange only" isn't much better. But full permission to return a lamp that deeply offends my wife's sensibilities means full discretion for me to take it home and give it a whirl.

A dog is another story. A dog is not a lamp. If you're going to get a dog, it should be for keeps.

There's a saying that the difference between involved and committed is like a ham and eggs breakfast: The chicken was involved; the pig was committed.

If you're going to get a dog, be the pig.

Recently, a man called me for advice about a problem that's not uncommon. The dog is causing a rift in my marriage, he said.

He and his wife can't have kids. She wanted a dog to fill that void. He went down to the local shelter and brought home a dog that looked a lot like their last dog. It didn't take long for the couple to realize the similarities did not extend beyond the looks department.

The dog is phobic, unruly, unsocialized, fearful and completely without training. The husband now contends that they bit off more than they can chew with this beast. The wife's response? You don't understand the power of love.

Neither is quite right.

Love is powerful, but it's not an education. Its warm rays won't radiate the ABC's into your child's brain. Nor will they weave a heart-shaped glossary of human terms like "sit," "stay," "heel," "down" and "come" into your dog's limited vocabulary.

But how do you know that you've taken on more than you can handle if you haven't made even the most basic attempt at gaining control of a situation?

Yes, this tale got off on the wrong foot. There is no logic to bringing an unknown dog into your home to stay just because he looks like your former dog's doppelganger. It makes as much sense as buying a used car over the phone.

If they had it to do over, I'd advise them to first research breeds for one or two that are likely to suit their lifestyle in terms of space, time and energy. I'd suggest they prepare their home for a dog and agree on a training method. Then I'd tell them to visit a few different shelters, together, and spend time with several dogs. They'd administer the personality tests that determine whether a dog has any neuroses they might find intolerable. Only then would they bring home their dog, but with vastly improved odds of him indeed being the dog for them.

As it stands, this dog isn't dangerous; he's just uneducated. So I'd suggest two things: that they get serious about training, and that they become the pig.

For detailed information on administering personality tests and preparing to bring home a new dog, read my book "I Just Got a Puppy, What Do I Do?" or visit unclematty.com.

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Horoscope Guide

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If this week had a consistent musical beat, it would be Reggae -- earthy and easy with a basic happy groove. You'll be content for the most part. Sure, there are changes you could make, but they aren't urgent. People envy your ability to enjoy your life without stressing too much about it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's important to surround yourself with energetic people. You can't always be the one pushing the others up a hill. Sometimes you need to be pushed yourself. This week you'll do a little pushing and a little pulling, and by Saturday you'll make it to the top where the view is stellar.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't keep track of people's faults. You tend to give everyone the benefit of the doubt until proven otherwise. And even then you assume the best. You will use your natural tendency toward optimism to help two opposing parties come to an agreement. It is well within your power to heal the damaged relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're so socially conscious -- a wonderful way to be, as long as you don't take on unnecessary grief. Assume that your words and actions are just fine unless people tell you otherwise. Also, accept kindness at face value without imagining what people expect of you in return. Graciousness means staying lighthearted.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are someone who gets things done -- and not through fear or intimidation. Rather, people respect your high standards and want you to be pleased. This week you will turn in work that is consistent with the impressive trend you've established. Your friends will want to tap into your talents on Saturday.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A champion of the underdog, you will go

out of your way to help someone you perceive to be less fortunate, even to the point of overexerting yourself. In the end you might decide that this person actually has more than you, but that's not the point. For you, generosity is its own reward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This week you'll take action that will surprise your colleagues and cohorts and perhaps even yourself. You've fantasized about making this rebellious move, and it's as though a secret part of your character took over to make it all happen in real time. Consider giving this alter ego of yours a zesty nickname!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Even though you might check your phone messages, mailbox and e-mail just a little too much this week, it's only because you're so interested in the people in your life. You love interaction. And, thankfully, people love interacting with you. Thursday, a gesture of affection creates ripples beyond the act itself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Certain relationships come so easily to you that they take no work whatsoever to maintain. You'll also be dealing with more difficult connections this week and will have to look harder to see the merit in them. The exercise will be well worth the effort. If you can see beauty in everything, you'll always be surrounded by beauty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will create outstanding fortune by giving your best to whatever you've got going on. You will honor your various responsibilities by giving your all. If you are a mother, you'll be an outstanding one. If you are a poet, you will be profound and resonant. If you are a car salesman, you'll sell solid vehicles for a fair price.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There will be a change in your heart.

You don't feel the same about a certain someone. Perhaps you were projecting an image onto that person that is different from who he or she really is. This doesn't have to ruin your relationship. Stay open-minded. You will also enjoy this new state of being if you give it a chance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You won't be inclined to color between the lines. You'll mix it up and keep it fresh. Maybe you'll stay up super-late, eat pancakes for dinner and forgo the news to watch a silly movie. Maybe you'll take a personal day from work to embark on a spontaneous day trip. Living outside the norm will lead to outstanding luck.

This Week's Birthdays: You go into this new era of your life full of determination. You will get more accomplished in the next 10 weeks than some people do in 10 years. The key is to focus on your No. 1 priority and be relentless in its pursuit. To heal a relationship will be a worthy cause and will open up other areas of your life. A new friend comes into the picture in February. You'll do well with a March investment. June brings family together. You'll rally for a team and win in August.

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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.

When you come and support their fund raising activities, you are doing much to help those in need. Gulfport Lions is a service organization meeting the needs of those less fortunate, especially at this time of the year.

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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. The South Pasadena Community Band is a community relations initiative of the City of South Pasadena.

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A view looking north from the beach that fronts the Don CeSar. The swath of beachfront land just south of here has become the subject of the most recent lawsuit that has been filed against the city. Earlier this month, Pass-A-Grille resident Chet Chmielewski and his wife filed a suit alleging that the city illegally took land from them and surrounding property owners, and has been encouraging public use of the beach. Legal disputes over land and development are costing the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees.

Craft Heroes Launch the Holidays



Shannon Shafer shows off her felt Christmas ornaments and beaded Christmas jewelry.

By Cathy Salustri

This past weekend's Second Annual Hand-Made Holiday Bazaar did more than offer holiday crafts made by local artists: this bazaar, organized by Craft Heroes, gave a portion of its proceeds to its host, the Studio@620. The Studio, a nonprofit venue, promotes diversity through artistic and educational efforts and offers its space to various groups.

The event organizers, Coralette Damme and Shannon Schaefer, say they try to choose nonprofits to partner with for craft fairs. In the past, Damme says, Craft Heroes has partnered with agencies such as the Red Cross.

Local crafters sold everything from handmade felt ornaments to wall art created with spoons. The Studio also offered lunch at the event. Craft Heroes organizers said they felt good about donating a portion of the vendor fees to the Studio.

"This is a perfect fit because the Studio is all about promoting local creativity and building communities," Damme said.

For more information about the Studio@620, visit its web site at Studio620.org. To learn more about Craft Heroes, visit CraftHeroes.com.

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Many Moods of Christmas Concert

The annual "Many Moods of Christmas" concert to benefit St. Petersburg Free Clinic will be presented on Sunday, December 13 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. This year's concert will feature the First Presbyterian Chancel Choir, the Chancel Handbell Ringers, the Spirit Song and Joyful Noise Children's Choirs and an orchestra made up of players from the Florida Orchestra. The featured musical work is "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi, and there will also be lots of traditional Christmas carols. There is no charge to attend the concert. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit St. Petersburg Free Clinic.

First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg is located at 701 Beach Drive NE. To learn more about the concert, call (727) 822-2031 or visit fpc-stpete.org for more information.

The St. Petersburg Free Clinic is located at 863 3rd Avenue North and provides temporary assistance for families and individuals in need of the basics of food, shelter, health care, limited financial assistance and referral information. To learn more about the Free Clinic visit www.stpetersburgfreeclinic.org.

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St. Alban's DaySchool Hosts Holiday Market

St. Alban's Episcopal DaySchool is hosting a Family Holiday Market on Friday, December 4 from 5-8



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p.m. The Market will take place in St. Alban's Parish Hall located at the corner of Boca Ciega & 85th Avenue in St. Pete Beach. The parents will serve pasta and juice for the children and wine and cheese appetizers for the adults. There will be a Santa's Workshop provided by Fair Time for the kids to buy for everyone on their holiday list. No items above \$5.

For more information contact lisa.marone@earthlink.net or 432-6481 or call the St. Alban's Church office at 360-8406.

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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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**Senior Center 5501 27th Ave. So. 893-1231
or 893-2237**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Yoga Class Relocates: The Senior Center Yoga Class has relocated to the Gulfport Casino and meets every Wed. 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.

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. 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!

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.

Coping with Holidays after Loss of Loved One: Please join us on Wed. Dec. 16 at 10:30am. Free refreshments.

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: Tues. at 11:15am

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)
Vision Support (2nd & 4th Mon at 2pm)
Caregiver Support, Wed. 2pm



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or fax 893-1072**

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.

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

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

Art Exhibit: Paintings by Ray Vail-lancourt. Through December 30.

Crafts Club for All Ages: Saturdays, December 5 and 12, 2:00 pm.

Presented by Pat Brinkley.

Suncoast Computer Users Group (SCUG): Thursday, December 10, 6:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, December 12, 1:00 pm. Make beautiful pages of memories.

Legal Puzzles Study Group: Monday, December 14, 1:00 pm. Presented by local chapter, Brandeis University Women.

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.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs and meetings are held in

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Tomlinson Skate Park Sticker Purchase New Sticker due Oct. 09

Annual cost \$5 res./\$10 non-res. Registration: Age 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent, have proof of residency and fill a consent form. Availability to register: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Open Gameroom - Tues. & Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Adult Basketball - Mon., Wed. & Fri, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Thurs., 6-9 p.m.

PROGRAMS

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

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

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information

• **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.

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

• Nia - Wed., 9:00 am. Call Kaluwa at 729-9410.

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

• Sumyie - NEW DAY, Mon., 6:30 p.m. Call Mike at 320-5035.

• Stretch and Tone - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10 a.m.

Call Jean 302-9423

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

• Tennis - Tues., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Call Jack at 430-0690.

• Watercolor NO Class in DEC.-Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.

• Watercolor- Art for Living Call Judith at 328-7490.

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

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Overeaters Anonymous: Sun. 6:30pm

Dog Obedience Training: Wed. (beg. 12/2), 6-7pm, Adult dogs 6mos.+ \$75 (6-weeks). Pre-registration only. Lisa 772-3631



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SPECIAL EVENTS

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6:30-10:30pm-**Argentine Tango** \$7
6:30-8pm Lesson, 8-8:30 Practice,
8:30-10:30pm Milonga

Every Wednesday

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



Happy Holidays

From the City of Gulfport

Local Obituaries



BOWMAN, FRANK E., 49, of Morriston, passed away Oct. 30, 2009. Born in Wheeling, West Virginia. He worked for Little League Southern Regional for 13 years

and then became a self employed painter. He is survived by his wife, Robin, two children, Frank and Krysta Bowman, four grand-daughters, his mother, Barbara Stineford, two sisters, Billie Jo and Betty Jo Bowman. He is loved and sadly missed by family and friends.

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CHERRY, JANE, 76, of South Pasadena, went to be with the Lord Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009. She was born in Oxen Hill, MD and moved here in 1966, from Lake Wales. She was the Principal's secretary at Boca Ciega Sr. High School in Gulfport for many years. She was a member of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church and the Joint Heirs Sunday School class, a former member of First Christian Church of Lake Wales, and long time member of Central Christian Church of St. Petersburg. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Carl; son, Clif; daughter, Jeannie; grandsons, Eric and Ben; and sisters, Charlotte and Bessie. Friends may call 10 to service time at 10:30 am Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, at E. Dale Gunter Funeral Home 4100-16th St. No. with Dr. Mike Ramage officiating. Interment will be at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell on Monday. The family requests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association 9365 U.S. Highway 19 North #B Pinellas Park, FL 33782. Online memorial and guest book at www.gunterfuneralhome.com. E. Dale Gunter Funeral Home St. Petersburg, 727-528-2880.

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LANGILLE, GORDONSEYMOUR, 85, of Gulfport, formerly of N. Attleboro & Marstons Mills, MA, died Nov. 15th, after a brief illness. A retired WWII veteran, he was a volunteer at Palms of Pasadena Hospital.

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ROBERTS, PHYLLIS CLEGHON, 95, of Gulfport, passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 6, 2009 after a long illness. Born in

Clearwater, FL, she lived in West Virginia during her high school years. Her family eventually settled in Gulfport in the late 1930s. She met her husband, Steele Roberts, at the Gulfport Methodist Church where she served as the the Sunday School superintendent. Steele was a pianist at the church and also at the Gulfport Casino in the Merrymakers Orchestra. She was a doctor's assistant in St Petersburg. She and Steele were caring foster parents for the Children's Home Society. She spent many years as a Brownie and a Girl Scout leader and many hours working in church nurseries. She liked reading, camping, traveling, Bible study and Gulfport beach. She was an accomplished seamstress. She loved her family and friends. Mrs. Roberts was preceded in death by her devoted husband Steele, her parents Glen Ray & Clara McPeck Cleghon, brothers Thomas & Jack Cleghon, sisters Nan Kasel & Joyce White, and dear friend Emma Carr. Survivors include her daughter, Alice Janisch, son-in-law, Doug, and her beloved grandson Jeffrey. Memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Gulfport or the National Parkinson Foundation. Services will be held at a future date at the First Methodist Church of Gulfport.

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SEAY, LORETTARUTH LATHAM, born on Aug. 30, 1916, and a resident of Gulfport, passed from this life on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009, at Hampton Sentara Careplex, surrounded by her loving family. Before moving to Gulfport, she was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the Grady Circle, the Buckroe Womens Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 31, Home Demonstration Club, and volunteered at the James River Convalescent Center. In Gulfport she was a member of NARFE Chapter 1140, the Garden Club, and the Florida Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. Ms. Seay was preceded in death by her husband, Harry deRuiz Seay, her parents, Rolla and Effie Latham, sisters Dorothy Latham, Ethel Bauer, and Thelma Jenkins, and a brother Charles Latham. She is survived by daughters Sandra Ray, husband Victor, Hampton; Anita Moseley, husband Luke, Yorktown; Beverly

Jones, husband Merwin, Fairfax, VA; Margaret Ramos, husband Rudolfo, College Park, MD; and a son Barry Seay, wife Alease, Hampton, VA; grandchildren, Mark and Todd Ray, Christopher Seay, Meredith, Robin and Brett Jones, Louis, Michael, Maria, Carlos, Rudy, and Josephine Ramos, and Holly Ensio, Christopher and Phillip Moseley; 14 great grandchildren, the youngest girl her namesake. She will be missed by pets Katie, Chloe, and Buffi, who loved to lay on her shoes. Viewing will be on Nov. 19, 2009, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home, 245 S Armistead Ave., Hampton. Services will be conducted on Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home Chapel followed by interment in Hampton National Cemetery, Hampton site. In lieu of flowers donate to your favorite charity or the Peninsula National Kidney Foundation or the American Lung Association. Special thanks to the staff of DaVita Dialysis Center in Hampton for the love and care they provided our mother. Also a special thanks to the doctors and staff of Careplex Emergency and 5th Floor Oncology, Heartland Hospice, and the Commonwealth Assisted Living Center for their care and support during this difficult time.

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SNYDER, GEORGE C., of South Pasadena, found eternal rest Saturday Nov. 14, 2009, at age 54. He was born Nov. 24, 1954 in Norwalk, OH and was a man with an iron will who excelled at anything he put his mind to. He loved to hear and tell stories/jokes about those things in life which make us all laugh. Sadly, he was deprived of his final wish, to be run over by a beer truck on his way to the liquor store. George was a voracious reader and a true culinary master. Many a taste bud will be missing his cooking skills. Ribs from the 2004 Snyder family reunion was his ... peas de ribsistans. George's love of the sea was a large part of his life, and was truly in his blood, a Sailor's Sailor with a natural affinity for the sea and ships. George started out as a deckhand on the Great Lakes and traveled worldwide as a AB (Able Bodied) Seaman. A good man who will be missed by many. Mr. Snyder is survived by wife Maggie of South Pasadena; sister Jill of San Francisco,

Obituaries (con't.)

CA; bothers Bob, Shawano, WI, Bill, Bowling Green, OH, Harry, Ft. Smith, AR; & numerous nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

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STUSAK, WILLIAM, 61, So. Pasadena, died Nov. 10, 2009. Survived by Judy S. Ayers, Tracy Nalley, & James Ayers. Sole owner of Quik Promotions & Quik Promotions & Printing. ALife Tribute.

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I would like to participate in the Holiday Decorations Contest and will abide
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I DO or DO NOT wish my name and address to be in any publication.

Circle one theme: **General** **Commercial**
 Single or Joint Single or Joint

The General Theme is for single/joint home only. 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. Only one plaque will be
awarded for "joint" home or business participants.

**Judging will be on Friday, December 11, 2009. All participants MUST
be prepared by 6 p.m. A judging schedule will not be announced.**

Please return this application to: Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore
Blvd. S. Call 893-1068 for more information.

Contest Rules

1. All entrants must be City of Gulfport residents or businesses.
2. Each participant shall select one theme and so indicate above.
3. Businesses are urged to participate.
4. Applications **MUST** be submitted for participation and received by NOON,
Friday, Dec. 11th. Judging will be done after 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11th. The
judges' route schedule will not be announced.
5. Plaques will be awarded to the winner of each theme. Winners will be an-
nounced in the Dec. 17th edition of the Gabber. Winners will be recognized
and presented certificates at the Gulfport City Council meeting on Tuesday,
Dec. 15th located at 2401 53rd St. S. Winners can pick up their plaques at the
Recreation Center on Friday, Dec. 18th.

USCG Safe Boating Classes

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78
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Classes include: "Powering Your
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Your Boat-Part B" December 15;
Christmas vacation December 22 and
29.

Cost is \$40 for 13 weeks and includes
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Phil at 865-2226.

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Salvation Army Seeks Angel Tree Volunteers

The Salvation Army of
St. Petersburg is seeking volunteers
to staff the Angel Tree table located
inside Tyrone Square Mall beginning
November 20 through December
11. Volunteers are needed to help
members of the public select, register,
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For information contact Gail Stark
at (727) 550-8080 ext. 332 or by email
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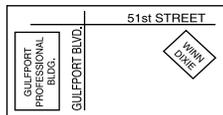
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Free Foreclosure Prevention Workshops

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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Women's Drum Circle

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

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

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City of Gulfport to Provide Residents with Easy-to-Use Program that can help Save Money on Prescription Drug Purchases

In current economic climate, where people are watching their spending, prescription discount card can offer average savings of 20 percent off retail price

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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Putting a Cap on Cap and Trade

The world is not on fire. The creek ain't rising. The globe is not warming and hasn't been for over ten years.

The big tidal wave coming is in federal regulations, higher utility bills, government spending, and a gang of speculators, investors, and opportunistic money men who will feed on this thing called Cap and Trade.

Producers who don't use much fossil fuel (and thus have a smaller carbon footprint) will sell their credits to producers who do. There will be trading then amongst speculators and investors. Big producers whose output and costs threaten to pour more CO2 into the air will pay the big bucks and pass them onto the consumers except in the cases where politicians have granted exemptions to their favorites. Investments will and have

headed toward the energy saving industries. As they say in the detective shows, "follow the money, follow the money".

Where will the money come from? Out of citizens' pockets. It's our way of making a sacrifice to curtail Global Warming. Except that the warming isn't happening and it doesn't make any difference anyhow since China and India won't be participating.

Is the world warming? There appears to be some sort of consensus that it isn't and hasn't since 1998. The argument is that this is only a lull and the Artic is warming and the ice cap melting. The latter is true and the former might be true, might not. Computer models could show either is true as well as show that the world is cooling. Real temperature recordings show some places warming,

some cooling and there is a problem with sensors not being in the right places. At any rate, Global Warming skeptics are gaining.

On the other hand, it might be a good thing to curtail burning fossil fuels. We already have with the recession - less economic activity, less carbon footprint. We could save the world by working the earth with shovels. And, "green" power should be good and cheap except when it's subsidized by government money as it is.

Oh, by the way, going green isn't always so green. Think ethanol. It takes more energy to produce than it saves and it reduces gasoline mileage as well as drives up the price of corn. Not a good deal. Wind power requires manufacturing gigantic fans powered by Chinese made turbines that spin big propellers causing some damage to birds and some visual pollution. It is interesting that Nantucket islanders won't allow them.

I guess I'm just being cynical as in "the sky is falling" scenario. At any rate, hang on to your pocketbooks.

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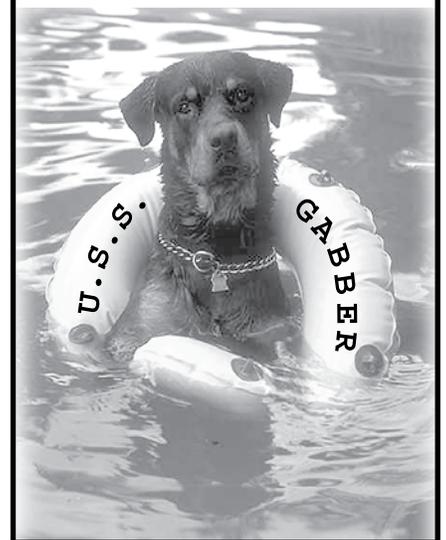
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Lunch Served 11am-3pm Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Southern Knights Band 7-11pm Kitchen Open 11am-5pm Dinner 5-7pm	Southern Knights Band 7-11pm Free Pool 'til 5pm Dinner 5-7pm	Breakfast 8:30-11am Kitchen Open 2-5pm	No Lunch Served	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Ron's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

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
Thanksgiving Day	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	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.

Note: All meals, unless otherwise noted, are served from 6-8 pm and entertainment is from 7-10 pm.

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Gulfport had its first lady police officer a very long time ago. Who was she, and when did she serve? Answer next week.

Think you know the answer?

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

In just 46 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:

Last week's picture, taken in March 1934, shows the Casino construction well underway. A sign to the left designates it as a CWA (Civil Works Administration) project. The CWA was about to be disbanded, and so work on the Casino stopped until FERA (the Federal Emergency Relief Act) took over projects in progress a few months later.



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Sixth Annual Chanukah Extravaganza

Join Chabad in a public display of unity at this exciting "Fire on Ice" Menorah Lighting Ceremony at South Straub Park. The event will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 13 and admission is free. Bring your children and make this your special Chanukah celebration! For corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities, please contact the office.

Featured will be a giant 8-foot Menorah carved out of a huge block of ice - keeping up the tradition that the Chabad Jewish Center has become known for - original and fun structures for the menorah that can actually be kindled! Other exciting facets to the event include a Bohemian Fire show featuring fire juggling, fire eating, and fire dancing, a hands-on olive oil press, face painting, hot latkes, fresh homemade donuts, music, crafts and dreidels.

For more information, contact the Chabad Jewish Center of S. Petersburg at (727)344-4900 or www.ChabadSP.com.

Pink Panther Auditions

Auditions for "The Pink Panther Strikes Again" are scheduled 6:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday, December 13 and 14, to be produced by Island Community Theatre in February 2010.

Inspector Jacques Clouseau (a role originally created by Peter Sellers) fights for the future of all mankind in the greatest caper of his brilliant and utterly clumsy career. Former boss Paul Dreyfus has gone off the deep end, and is holding a mad scientist and his lovely daughter hostage as part of a nefarious scheme. A wild assortment of assassins and the dreaded Doomsday machine complete this comedic romp by William Gleason, based on the film by Blake Edwards and Frank Waldman.

Needed are seven males and seven females ranging in age from 16 to 60s. Come prepared to move. Readings will be from the script (contact the director for sides). Also looking for crew, including stage manager, costumes, props, lighting and sound. (No experience? No problem - they'll train you!)

Auditions and rehearsals will be held at 286 107 Avenue in Treasure Island (the first drive on right after crossing last bridge onto island; the green stilt building next to Malyn Motel.) Leave a message on the Island Community Theatre hotline for more information: (727) 430-2328.

"The Pink Panther Strikes Again" will run for 12 performances February 4-21, 2010, at the Catherine Hickman Theater in Gulfport's Arts District (5501 27 Avenue S.). Shows at 8 p.m. Thursdays through

Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. Tickets \$15; students \$10; two for \$20 Thursdays. Available online at www.islandcommunitytheatre.com.

Bipolar Support Group

A Bipolar Support Group meets every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. at Suncoast Community Mental Health, 4024 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg. All are welcome. Free admission. Call 564-6561 with questions.

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Local GYC Member Wins Global Challenge



Robbie Daniels and Taylor Reiss look down wind to the next mark. They won the Global Challenge last Saturday. Reiss is only 14.

By Leigh Clifton

Local Gulfport Yacht Club racer Robbie Daniels and his 14 year old mate Taylor Reiss from Panama City won the overall Global Challenge Championship last week, as GYC and the City of Gulfport sponsored the international catamaran race on Gulfport Beach. Despite a bit of rough weather courtesy of Tropical Storm Ida, the 40 racing participants enjoyed some of the best sailing around. The race was highly competitive, featuring US Sailing Association Multi-Hull Champion John Casey and Viper 16 designer Greg Goodall as just two of the star quality sailors competing for the Global Challenge trophy. Billed as an international race, the last turns around the yellow racing buoys nonetheless belonged to GYC local Daniels and Panama City's Reiss, with Casey and Dalton Tebo finishing second. Greg Goodall of Australia and his mate Kelly Kreuger from Iowa finished third. In all GYC had four finishers in the top ten. Bob Feckner of GYC said that his club could not be more pleased.

"All week long, racers talked about how great it was to race in Gulfport. Everyone was just amazed at the hospitality, the accommodations the City had for us and the high quality of racing," Feckner said. "We had five days of great wind; almost too much at times from the storm and there were several broken masts and halyards breaking. It was challenging but exciting."

GYC was also fortunate to have as the Principal Race Officer Paul Ulibarri, who designed and set the race courses out on the water. Ulibarri is a racing guru and is the top Race Officer of catamarans in the world. He also ran the last four Olympic Cat races.

"His presence here added a lot of prestige to our event," Feckner said. He is respected the world over. And on behalf of myself and GYC, we really want to thank the City of Gulfport for their commitment to Catamaran racing and for all their help in putting together this prestigious event."

In addition to the Viper 16, other multi-hull designs included Blades and Falcons, designed by Matt MacDonald, of Merritt Island, Florida and the Hans Geissler-designed G-Cat rounded out the field.

Gulfport Offers Boating Amenities

Submitted by Daniel Hodge

Gulfport, Florida offers many amenities that fit the needs of boating enthusiasts. Situated on Boca Ciega Bay it offers a protected basin from the Gulf of Mexico. Several World class racing regattas have utilized the launch conditions from the beach with wide stretches of open waterfront for racing. Most recently, the Formula 16 Global Challenge was hosted by the Gulfport Yacht Club, November 10-14.

The City Council just approved that the 15 guest slips at the Gulfport Municipal Marina allow dockage for up to a two-week period of stay. This Marina is fully equipped to handle the requirements of distance sailors and is only blocks away from a vibrant downtown with shops, restaurants and services. Local businesses also provide a full compliment of marine services.

The Gulfport Chamber of Commerce supplies complimentary boater packets with helpful information on where to find services.

For day trippers, at the rear of the historic Gulfport Casino, there is ample free dockage for dinghies to large vessels for up to eight hours, and within walking distance to the waterfront village of shops, restaurants and night spots.

The Boca Ciega Yacht Club has often worked in conjunction with other clubs to form raft-ups just off the coast. Gulfport Beach has pavilions and other amenities for group events. Weekly, monthly and annual events, festivals and Art Walks are a hallmark of Gulfport's quirky and entertaining "Old Florida" charm.

From an individual sailor to groups looking for new places to explore, Gulfport is an inviting host for boaters. With three Yacht Clubs within its city limits: Pasadena Yacht and Country Club, Gulfport Yacht Club and the Boca Ciega Yacht Club there is representation for all types of watercrafts.

For more information on what Gulfport offers, contact Dennis Frain, Harbormaster, 727-893-1000 or go to www.exploreulfport.com and www.gulfportflorida.us.

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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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Corey Avenue Sunday Market Returns

The Corey Avenue Sunday "European Style" Market is back and boasts new hours this season: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Corey Avenue is blocked between Blind Pass Rd. and Boca Ciega Dr. featuring over 35 local vendors. Many Corey merchants and restaurants are open during the market offering relaxed dining and shopping pleasures while live music is being played for your listening enjoyment. Plenty of free parking and all within walking distance. Corey Avenue is located just off Gulf Blvd. between 73rd and 75th Avenues. Free admission. Visit www.coreyave.com or www.suntanart.org, or call 727-498-8778.

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USCG Safe Boating Classes in Gulfport

Boating Skills and Seamanship is a 13-week course offered every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-16 located at 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport. Lessons include a 400-page manual and a class covering basic charting in local waters. For the \$40 fee you also are awarded a certificate at the end of the course and a chance to learn everything you need to know to feel secure on the water.

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

Friday 11/13

- 5100 Blk 11th Ave. S.-** Suspicious Vehicle.
- 4900 Blk 13th Ave. S.-** Animal Complaint.
- 5900 Blk 19th Ave. S.-** Civil Matter.
- 5300 Blk 21st. Ave. S.-** Civil Matter.
- 5200 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.-** Animal Complaint.
- 2400 Blk 53rd St. S.-** Civil Matter.
- 2600 Blk 56th St. S.-** Criminal Mischief.
- 1400 Blk 58th St. S.-** DUI.
- 6100 Blk 8th Ave. S.-** Animal Complaint.
- 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.-** Noise Complaint.

Saturday 11/14

- 2700 Blk 49th St. S.-** Theft.
- 1700 Blk 53rd St. S.-** Code Violation.
- 5500 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.-** Suspicious Vehicle.
- 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.-** Open Door/Window.
- 5500 Blk 27th Ave. S.-** Trouble with Individual.

Sunday 11/15

- Throwing Deadly Missile-** 5100 Blk 24th Ave. S.
- Vessel Stop-** Water Front.
- Noise Complaint-** 2600 Blk 47th St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 1500 Blk Gray St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** Beach Front.
- Drunk Person-** 5400 Blk 28th Ave. 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.

- Trouble with Individual-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5700 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Prowler-** 1300 Blk 59th St. S.

Monday 11/16

- Theft-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Criminal Mischief-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Stolen Vehicle(Attempted)-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Trespasser-** 1600 Blk 54th St. S.
 - Lost or Stolen Tag-** 4600 Blk 29th Ave. S.
 - Theft-** 2700 Blk Kipps Colony Dr. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 4800 Blk 26th Ave. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 5400 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 2000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 2600 Blk 54th St. S.
- Tuesday 11/17**
- Arrest on Warrant-** Trail Spur.
 - Animal Complaint-** Trail Spur.
 - Theft-** 5900 Blk Pelican Bay Plz.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk 17th Ave. S.

- Animal Complaint-** 1500 Blk 55th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 2500 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 6000 Pasadena Pt. Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- DUI Investigation-** 2700 Blk 52nd St. S.

Wednesday 11/18

- Animal Complaint-** 700 Blk 58th St. S.
- Truant-** 5000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1600 Blk 54th St. S.
- Theft-** 2000 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 6300 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5800 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Soliciting-** 2000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Theft-** 5200 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 700 Blk 59th St. S.
- Drunk Driver-** Beach Parking.
- Animal Complaint-** 5500 Blk 19th Ave. S.

Thursday 11/19

- Noise Complaint-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 700 Blk 59th St. S.
- Soliciting-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Vessel Stop-** Boca Ciega Bay.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Recovered Stolen Vehicle-** 5200 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** Wood Ibis Park.
- Suspicious Person-** 5500 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2400 Blk Premier Dr. S.
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- Animal Complaint-** 2200 Blk Beach



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BPW Breaks Ground on Scholarship House

Seventeen deserving young women will soon be going to college at St. Petersburg College enjoying affordable housing thanks to a group of state and local businesswomen.

The Educational Foundation of the Florida Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Incorporated (BPW) and Business and Professional Women St. Petersburg/Pinellas in cooperation with St. Petersburg College (SPC) and the St. Petersburg College Foundation broke ground on Friday, November 20 for the Helen K. Leslie BPW Scholarship House at 7001 Burlington Avenue N. on the SPC Gibbs campus.

The Helen K. Leslie house is named for a BPW past national president and local businesswoman who is also a SPC board member. It will house female students who have demonstrated a financial need and a history of academic and community leadership.

Projections are that the 5,000 square foot, \$700,000, two story facility, will be completed in 2010. The house will include rooms with closets, a bathroom for every four women, a communal kitchen and living area and a laundry room. It will be completely furnished and BPW is even trying to provide bicycles for each of the students. Susan Reiter, SPC Vice President of facilities planning and institutional services said that this was the first on-campus student housing at SPC and she added, "We are completing Phase 1 Development and expect construction to begin after the first of the year. Our goal is to have the house completed by August of 2010."

This scholarship house will be the fourth BPW scholarship house in the state. Other such facilities are at FSU, FAU and UCF. For more information about the scholarship house or to donate to BPW scholarship houses in Florida visit www.educationfoundationbpwfl.org.

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For more information on monthly meetings, diverse activities including arts and craft projects, monthly excursions, book discussions, weekly sewing and card games or rental information of their clubhouse, please call 822-4982. Guests are welcome to attend all their events.

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge Presents Awards

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge, located at 14020 Marguerite Dr., Madeira Beach, presented awards this week to two of its members. Brother Charles 'Chuck' Adams, who became a Freemason in 1969, received his 40 year certificate and pin and Brother Ed Pinkham, who became a Freemason in 1949, was presented his 60 year certificate and pin. The presentations were made in the presence of 35 members by Brother Tom Willmot, Senior Warden, on behalf of the Worshipful Master, Shawn Rae.

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization for men ages 18 and older which provides an outlet for good men to be a part of an organization which is charitable, brotherly and morally sound. For more information about Freemasonry, please visit the Lodge's website at www.gulfbeachlodge.org or email to secretary@gulfbeachlodge.org.

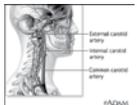
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O'Reilly "Respectfully Declines" Gulfport City Manager Position

What Council Said About the Contract

In order of comment, here's what council initially said about the revised contract.

"I'm a little embarrassed right now because I do not have that document here."—Sam Henderson, who said he was on vacation since the last meeting and didn't have a copy of the contract in front of him.

"If he says it to you he means it and it gets done. I think that if we lose this opportunity to take on this very worthy person that we're going to spend a lot of money. We know it's going to cost us \$30,000 right off the get-go for a headhunter to go out and find us a new city manager. And then we've got to pay the expenses for those chosen people to come here and be interviewed. And then if we choose one of these people from out of town we will be paying their moving expenses, which will be a considerable amount of money. I think we're fighting over nickels and dimes. Maybe the bird in hand is better than what's in the bush. I do not think six months is adequate."—Bob Worthington

"I think six months according to what city managers gets is adequate... What I would not like to see in here is that it takes a supermajority to terminate employment... I'd like to see some of the salary based on performance."—Michele King

"I think the biggest single question is the severance pay and I'm comfortable with anything between six months and a year... I think we just need to know which way Jim is thinking."—Judy Ryerson

"I find that within the six months and the one year is very fair as presented by councilmember Henderson with the six months and the accrued not to exceed one year. I find it very unlikely that he would cross the line."—Mike Yakes

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no performance-related complaints would it take a vote of four councilmembers to fire the city manager.

Residents Margarete Tober and Al Davis spoke in favor of giving O'Reilly two year's pay as severance.

"I think (council) should review what happens when someone falls in disfavor with these folks. I think there is a history in this town of at least one person going to the city manager and using intimidation. I have no faith in this board acting as individuals after the next election," Davis said.

Council ultimately made a motion to offer O'Reilly one year's severance. Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington made the motion and Judy Ryerson seconded it.

"I still think this should be a six-month severance with an escalation up to one year," Council woman Michele King said. Mayor Yakes said that he didn't believe the city would ever have to address the issue with O'Reilly.

At this point O'Reilly said he respectfully declined. Yakes said he wished to continue the negotiations, but O'Reilly said he wanted to put a stop to them.

"I don't believe that would be in the benefit of the city. I believe at this point we should just move forward," he told council.

At least two other council members expressed their disappointment. Worthington, who made the motion to offer O'Reilly one year's severance, took the motion off the table.

"I'll withdraw the motion... reluctantly," he said. After a few seconds of silence, Salzman reminded council they needed a second to withdraw the motion.

"Against my better judgment I'll withdraw," Ryerson said.

O'Reilly then told council he would contact the two search firms that sent in proposals to help Gulfport find a city manager.

"I also haven't received an adjustment to my base salary since January 2008," he told council. He makes roughly \$103,000 and has not received a merit increase or a cost of living adjustment in almost two years, although other city employees had gotten such increases. He told council he would not request the increase retroactively.

Once the city finds a city manager O'Reilly expects to return to his position as Leisure Services Director.

"I've been blessed I had the chance to lead the city for 18 months," O'Reilly said after the meeting adjourned. With a big smile on his face, he talked about his return to Leisure Services.

"I think it's the greatest thing in the world. I look forward to going back".

Two firms will present their qualifications and proposals to help Gulfport find a new city manager at the December 1 council meeting. Colin Baenziger and Associates wants \$22,000 to conduct the search and Waters-Oldani wants \$25,000.

You can contact Cathy Salustri at
CathySalustri@
TheGabber.com.

Editor's update: Late Tuesday afternoon Mayor Mike Yakes called a special council meeting to try again to create a contract both the city council and O'Reilly can agree upon. The meeting will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, November 30 in council chambers.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

When I was little I really believed that Thanksgiving was about the pilgrims and the Indians (that was back when you could call them Indians and school-children didn't learn about the smallpox blankets and the STDs the Europeans gave them) and that they sat down at a picnic table and ate corn and turkey.

I hate turkey. Always have. It's a nothing bird; it tastes like nothing until you jam it full of stuffing and smother it in jellied cranberries and yams and potatoes. That's exactly how I felt about Thanksgiving, too: it was a nothing holiday, a false celebration of an imaginary kinship when what we were really celebrating was the beginning of the end of hundreds of cultures.

Of course, my granola-sucking, tree-hugging, self-righteous take on the holiday changed when I realized that it may be a sham of a holiday and the ultimate spin on a series of horrific events, but there isn't anything intrinsically wrong with giving thanks.

I really don't see the point of saying things like "I'm thankful for my health" or "I'm thankful for my family." That sort of "giving thanks" makes me want to throw up, because,

well, of course I'm thankful for my health and while I love my family, to be honest some days I want to choke them. Just a little bit. Plus, if I need to set aside one day a year to let them know I'm thankful for them, I'm doing a pretty crappy job the rest of the year.

The things I'm really thankful for, the things that I think about every year on this day, are all the bad decisions I've made. I'm not talking about the little bad decisions, like eating sushi at a bowling alley buffet or forgetting to pack a tent for a camping trip. I'm talking about the types of decisions that were so cosmic in nature that they spun my life in an entirely new direction each time I made one.

I am the queen of bad decisions. My life between the ages of 20 and, oh, 35 or so could read as "The Complete Idiot's Guide of What Not To Do." That is what I'm thankful for.

These bad decisions may actually be the best decisions I've made, because they served as the stepping stones to get me where I am.

I am thankful I got married too young and too stupid to know better because otherwise I would never have done it and I would never have known it wasn't for me. I'm delirious-

ly happy, too, that I married a man who cheated on me with, among others, my best friend. If he had been a better husband I would have not left a marriage I had no business being in in the first place.

I am thankful that I fell in love with the "wrong" man who showed me that there was more to life than a quietly desperate existence where you do what people expect of you, because even though he broke my heart I learned what it meant to love somebody. I am thrilled that I chose him over friends who abandoned me when I fell in love with that man, because it showed me who I could count on and who was just window dressing.

I cannot ever thank my old boss enough for making my work life so incredibly miserable. If she hadn't pushed me to the breaking point I would probably still be there, writing press releases about household chemicals and wanting to hang myself with my pantyhose.

I am thankful that I quit that job in what I call a "fit of self respect" even though I had no backup plan or savings account, because it made me figure out how to survive as a freelance writer. If I'd thought it out and had a plan I would have gone right into another nine-to-five job and I'd never have found the courage to live the life I dreamed about.

It was, it turns out, a good decision to turn down the \$50,000 a year job writing about car audio components and take a part-time job working as boat crew. The good job would have meant giving up almost everything I love about my life and the boats... well, I'm not making anywhere close to \$50,000, but I'm not making it on a sailboat.

Moving in with an ex-boyfriend when things got rough in my own neighborhood? Hee. Even I don't know what I was thinking. However, it did settle some issues permanently and allow me to move on.

More than anything, I'm thankful for where I am and who is in my life. And I'm thankful I had the courage to make those bad decisions, because they are the ones that led me to the life I love. I am thankful, as Douglas Adams said, that "I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be."

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Hebert Re-elected Local GOP President

Gail Hebert, long-time civic and Republican activist was unanimously re-elected president of the St. Petersburg Republican Club at their November meeting. Mrs. Hebert

said, "It is my honor to serve and lead our membership into the crucial 2010 election cycle. I urge all Republicans, registered or unregistered, to join with us as we work to elect candidates who support smaller government and fiscal responsibility".

Joining Mrs. Hebert as officers for 2010 are: Vice-Presidents, Deborah Begin, Anna Aycock; Secretary, Bill Peterson; and Treasurer, Shauvon Powell.

The St. Petersburg Republican Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Piccadilly

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What are the Responsibilities of a Successor Trustee?

By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

The use of a revocable living trust allows the beneficiaries of a trust to receive the assets of a deceased trust settlor without requiring formal Probate Court approval. A named successor trustee in a trust document has certain responsibilities which should be performed in the administration of the trust. Some of the ordinary and necessary steps which a successor trustee should take in lawful and proper trust administration are:

A. The trust document should be reviewed for legal sufficiency and

interpretation as well as each trust amendment;

B. The implementation of the substitution of the successor trustee should be accomplished;

C. Interested persons concerning the administration of the trust should be served with the required notices in a proper and timely fashion;

D. A successor trustee has a legal duty to protect, insure and manage trust assets and may have liability for the improper accomplishment of these legal duties;

F. A successor trustee has an affirmative duty to invest trust assets in accordance with the prudent investor rule;

G. A successor trustee is responsible to make any contributions due to the personal representative of the deceased settlor's estate in order to pay for creditor claims, administrative expenses and/or estate taxes;

H. A successor trustee has an obligation to inform and account to beneficiaries of the trust in a manner that is lawfully documented;

I. A successor trustee has a responsibility to make payment or compromise any claims made by creditors against trust assets;

J. A successor trustee is required to identify and file all tax returns in a timely and proper manner and is liable to ensure that all due taxes are paid;

K. A successor trustee is required to obtain a nontaxable certificate if the personal representative of the deceased settlor's estate has not obtained the nontaxable certificate from the State of Florida;

L. A successor trustee is required to distribute income and/or principal to beneficiaries of the deceased settlor's trust and is required to fund any further trusts provided for in the trust document; and

M. A successor trustee is obligated to perform all trust administration responsibilities as a fiduciary and should avoid self-dealing, prejudice or conflicts of interest. A successor trustee has a duty of impartiality in the performance of obligations to the trust beneficiaries.

The above is only a partial list of the duties of a successor trustee after a settlor of a trust passes on. Most of the successor trustee's duties should be accomplished with the guidance and assistance of competent legal counsel.

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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Beta Sigma Phi

Sunshine City Council will hold the annual 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 of celebrating the beginning 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.

Laureate Epsilon Theta members were entertained on Saturday, November 21 by Alpha Delta Gamma members at the home of Lisa McInnis. Refreshments of fruit, cheese and crackers and assorted cookies were delicious and a real treat. A game of Chinese Gift Exchange whereby each person picked a gift to open or could choose to "steal" something from someone else was played. After a very lively exchange, each person ended up with two gifts each to take home. Thank you to the sisters of Alpha Delta Gamma for a fun afternoon.

Laureate Epsilon Theta members will have their regular holiday meeting on Wednesday, December 9 at the home of Joyce Keller at 7 p.m. The executive board will meet on Tuesday, December 1 at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Pinellas Park at 7 p.m. Donna Smith is the hostess. The Couples Christmas Dinner will be held on December 12 at the home of Sharon and Roger Ingram. Val Rankin and Sharon Ingram are the hostesses.

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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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Hickman Theater Hosts Artist Stephen Schatz



By Leigh Clifton

In the continuing series of artist openings sponsored by City of Imagination, the Catherine Hickman Theatre is hosting artist Stephen Schatz this month. His colorful, vibrant paintings represent an emotional connection to his subjects that few artists capture. His portraits are of real-life people; some he knows, some he

just stopped on the street, asking them to sit for him. All of the portraits have deep, searing eyes that seem to follow one around the room and the vivid oils with which he paints are often layered, and then removed until the artist is happy that he has captured the structure of his subject. The paintings can take him weeks; some take him hours.

“It all depends on how I relate to the subject,” he said. “My art is a constant state of construction and deconstruction. I have to be attune at the time; I can’t just sit down and think of what I want to paint. I attempt to capture the structure that’s in front of me. Any emotional content is not a conscious thought. It’s like a visceral reaction to what I see. I paint until I see the same thing in the painting that I see from the subject.”

Schatz’ use of bold, vivid colors also comes from his subconscious.

“I have no literary explanation of why I use the colors I use. They just emerge from differing and conflicting emotions. I find that most portraits are empty; I want my art to be much more than that. I want you to really see my subject.”

While Schatz may not think his portraiture is emotional, it often evokes a wide range of emotions from the viewer. The use of such bright colors and intense eyes coupled with the interesting textures left when he has added and taken away the paint makes an instant impact on the observer; one is drawn into the story of the painting, even if there isn’t one.

Schatz studied in France for a year, going to different academies, dropping in on their classes, much like an auditor.

“That gave me a lot of freedom,” Schatz explained. “It also exposed me to a lot of different styles.”

Schatz is from Albany, Georgia and earned his Masters in Painting from Florida State. He is currently also an Online Adjunct Instructor with St. Pete College, teaching Art History and History Appreciation. He said that teaching online actually gives him more time for his students, rather than the typical classroom venue.

“Online teaching lets me have the one on one time with a student that you just can’t get in a larger, class setting. I’m always accessible instantly via email and the students can use the internet to look at the art we are discussing and see it better than a textbook. I really enjoy that.”

Because Schatz teaches online, he never gets to see or meet his students. At the reception for his gallery opening, he was approached by several people, who turned out to be some of those students he teaches. They came to see his work and meet the teacher who opened their eyes to the art of the world. Funny enough, once he met them, he recognized them by their personalities and stories. Joshua Stone is a high school student who is taking Schatz’ online course. His parents came to the gallery opening to thank Schatz for the wonderful impact the course has had on their son.

Stephen Schatz’ art will hang at the Hickman Theatre until November 27th.

St. Petersburg Writers Club

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

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

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

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

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St. Pete Beach Community Club

The St. Pete Beach Community begins its 70th year of service this year and is always looking for new members to continue their charitable work. Founded in 1939, the club has grown and evolved into a position to give financial support to such projects as the Summer Recreational Program and scholarships for children to the rec center, Elementary School Discretionary Fund, Gulf Beach Historical Museum, fire and police departments, stuffed toys to be given to children in times of crisis, library, CASA, Hospice, Goodwill, Salvation Army, Free Clinic, Happy Workers Day Care and many other projects.

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Gulfport Sea Scouts Host Florida Regatta



Photo by Leigh Clifton

Members of Sea Scouts administer emergency first aid to a "victim", using only the items one might find on a boat; scarves, towels, rope, etc. The kids are timed and checked for accuracy

By Tony Angel

Last weekend the Gulfport Sea Scout Ship 915 teamed up with The Eckerd College Scout Ship 912 to hold the second annual "Cat's Point Regatta" for West Florida Land and Sea High School "Venture Scouts." The event was praised by leaders and scouts for the imaginative creation events that mentally and physically challenged the teams of young men and women who traveled from all over Florida to compete at Boca Ciega Yacht Club.

There were spirited sail boat races on Boca Ciega Bay in 18 mph winds and other activities included marine geocaching and timed and scored navigational problems on shore. In one event each team of 4 kids was challenged to raise an 800 lb tank of water 10 feet in less than 4 minutes utilizing a mixed up pile of pulleys and line which had to be untangled and set to gain the purchase.

The members of Gulfport Yacht Club teamed up to provide the scouts with exciting sailing on their highly competitive multi hull sailboats on both days of the weekend. As she hopped off of a ride Ms. Jenna Donnley from Orlando summed up the experience in the same words of many others, "That was like, what a rush"!

After a long Saturday that started at 7 a.m. the kids "chilled" and chatted by the fire until 10 p.m. to the sound of a Sea Scout Band. When "lights out" was called there were no complaints because the first event on Sunday started at 8 a.m.

Our local Sea Scouts did well in the overall awards. Eckerd College, "Ship 912" took first place and Gulfport "Ship 915" took second.

Three weeks earlier the Gulfport Boatswain (Youth Leader) Krista Chapin, and the Boatswain's Mate, Karissa Kasper traveled south to the US Sailing Center in Jensen Beach, Florida as a sailing team to compete in the Southern Regional trials for the bi-annual World Sea Scout Regatta known as the "Koch Cup".

Our young women were successful and they will represent BSA South East scouts next August in 5 days of demanding sail boat racing at the US Coast Guard Academy. They will board at the Academy and sail against teens from all over the world. Ms. Chapin expects to earn a position on the USF sailing team soon.

Youth sailing events like the Cat's Point require one adult for each 2 teens to provide a safe program and that requirement was met by Eckert College and Boca Ciega Yacht Club. The captains of BCYC even

opened up their large sail boats to provide lodging for the 80 scouts and their adult advisors. One member commented that this is like offering the keys to your house to a group of teens who you don't know, and won't meet. But he went on to say that "in fact the members do know one very important thing about this group of young Americans. They are disciplined kids who believe that accepting responsibility is a life requirement."

Another member commented, "When they take their gear out of my boat on Sunday they will leave it cleaner than I ever do."

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Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

Using a Debit Card Online Is Dangerous to Your Wealth

Dear Mary: I saw in a recent article that you do not like debit cards, especially for online purchases. That makes me nervous. I have a debit card that can be used as a credit card. I use it online all the time. Is my card different from the kind of debit card you mean? Why do you not like debit cards? -- Theresa B., e-mail

Dear Theresa: There is no such thing as "a debit card that can be used as a credit card." Funds are withdrawn directly from your account with a debit card. When you use a credit card, you are creating a short-term debt. I'm sure that you, like millions of others, assume that your debit card is also a credit card because when you use your card in bricks-and-mortar stores, merchants

ask you, "Debit or credit?" Merchants don't know what kind of card you have, so if they see a card with a MasterCard or Visa logo, they need to know whether you will be signing or using your PIN.

When you use your debit card but say "credit" when the merchant asks, that means you opt for a signature-based transaction. The paperwork is processed through the merchant's bank with all of the credit transactions. It does not create a debt for you. You do not receive a statement at the end of a billing cycle asking you to make a payment to cover the purchase. The money comes directly from your account. A signature-based debit card transaction can take two to three days for the funds to be removed from your bank account.

When you say "debit," you are asking for a PIN-based transaction. In this case, the funds are removed from

your account immediately and put into the merchant's account.

Theresa, your debit card is no different from other debit cards, and you are foolish to use it online. Anyone with your debit card number could empty your bank account in a New York minute. Online, a thief needs neither your signature nor a PIN to complete a transaction. Suddenly, the money is gone and your bank account is empty. That creates a horrible hassle, which includes filing a police report, dealing with your bank, proving that you are not the one who drained the account and then waiting to see whether you can get your money back. Some issuers are touting "hassle-free" restoration of funds, but that is a marketing campaign, not a requirement by law. Those promises can disappear anytime. Credit cards are regulated by different federal laws, which make card issuers responsible when cards or card numbers are stolen.

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Childcare will be provided, and a love offering will be taken. This event is the Creative Arts Ministry's major fundraiser of the year, with all proceeds benefiting First Unity.

First Unity Church is located at 460 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. For more information, call 527-2222 or visit www.firstunity.org.

Recession Buster for Seniors

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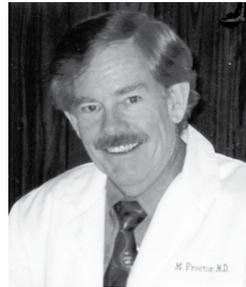
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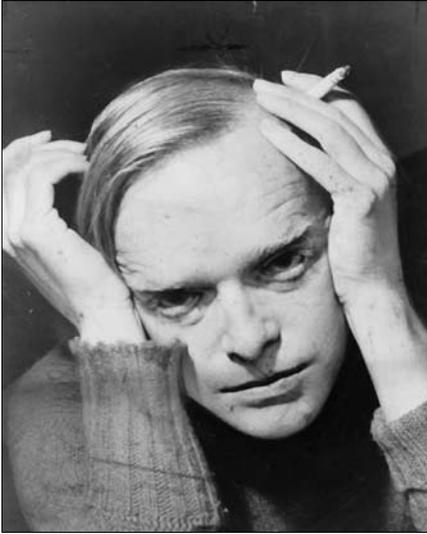
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A Truman Capote Christmas



Truman Capote's *A Christmas Story* is based on a Christmas from the author's youth.

By Cathy Salustri

American Stage continues its *After Hours* series with a holiday show this week: *A Truman Capote Christmas*. While Stephen Ray does a phenomenal job with this one-man show, theatergoers should be warned that this heart-rending show doesn't send you home from the theatre feeling ready to decorate the Christmas tree.

In *A Truman Capote Christmas*, Ray plays an older Capote who tells the story of traveling from his Alabama childhood home to spend Christmas with a father he's never met. This holiday takes Capote far from the only family he's ever known, both

in terms of distance and experience. Ray, who plays Capote, talks about the fear of being far away from home with a stranger on Christmas, but he also remembers the unpleasant discoveries he made about his father during that visit.

During the 40-minute show Ray takes the audience through a gamut of emotions, from joy to sadness. His performance lacked nothing and he put forth a flawless portrayal of a grown man remembering things through a child's eyes. Supported onstage only by the three-person group *Not From Texas*, Ray carries the storyline clearly from start to finish.

Despite the show's lack of elves, reindeer, and holiday cheer, *A Truman Capote Christmas* is still a Christmas show. Ray and *Not From Texas* present elements of a recurring holiday theme, one involving love, Santa Claus, and family. Ray's talent shines onstage, as does the talent of *Not From Texas*. *A Truman Capote Christmas* may not be a traditional Christmas show, but Ray makes it one worth seeing.

A Truman Capote Christmas runs Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights at 9:30 and at 6 p.m. Sunday evening. Call 823-PLAY or visit AmericanStage.org for tickets. All tickets for this show are "pay what you can."

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Cathy Salustri works as a stage manager for professional theatre companies in the Tampa Bay Area. You can contact her about this review at CathySalustri@TheGabber.com.

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Do not go out in bad weather or when it is threatening. Keep a weather eye and go home before you need to do so.

Always have the required U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) equipment in good working order and not outdated: USCG approved life jackets for each passenger that fit properly and wear them, appropriate fire extinguishers that work, visual distress signals (flares, etc.), navigation lights that work properly, an appropriate anchor with sufficient line and a marine VHF radio that works.

Always appoint a lookout to help watch for other boats, crab traps, shallow water, etc.

Always carry sufficient water/gator aid to prevent dehydration, hypothermia, and sunscreen to prevent burn.

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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



Local Thanksgiving

Eating local embodies the spirit of the first Thanksgiving, when Puritans and Wampanoags sat down together to share a meal, which consisted mainly of shellfish, eels, wild fowl (including swans and eagles) and other local foods that they could gather or grow.

When we source our foods locally, we eat in season and celebrate what's available locally. Absent from the first Thanksgiving feast were modern traditional dishes, such as corn on the cob (all corn was dried by that time), pumpkin pie (they had no sugar), cranberry sauce (no sweetener other than maple syrup) and stuffing (they served pudding).

We have altered the menu over the years to the point that we rehash and serve the exact same dishes over and over. This year, have a real Thanksgiving by celebrating the local harvest and the hardworking hands that grew it. Buy your dinner ingredients from local farms, and prepare what is seasonally available in our area. Your food dollars will stay local, nourishing farm families, farmhands and your community. This is an act of gratitude that bolsters your local economy during tight times.

Right now, you can find turkeys that live the way nature intended, chasing bugs, scratching in the grass and frolicking in the fall leaves instead of penned up one on top of another in factory farms. These turkeys will cost a little more than their supermarket counterparts because they are not mass-produced or government-subsidized. They also taste more "turkeyish" because they are not force-fed unnatural diets. As a result, free-range birds are healthier and better for you, as well.

When you pay a little more for local produce, it is because you are paying the full cost to grow the food at a fair rate. Large farms that wholesale to chain grocers are subsidized by our

tax dollars, lowering the costs of goods on supermarket shelves. This makes nonlocal food items appear cheaper than locally grown foods, but there are hidden costs that must be paid in the long run by someone else -- such as the loss of soil fertility, social costs of cheap labor, and environmental devastation of shipping food long distances.

We Americans are used to cheap and plentiful food; we spend less on food than any other developed nation in the world. On average, Americans spend only 2 percent of their disposable incomes on meat and poultry, compared with 4.1 percent in 1970. This quest for cheap and plentiful has seen the average size of a farm bloat while the number of farms and farmers has decreased. In the 1960s, one farmer supplied food for 25.8 people in the U.S. and

abroad. Today that same farmer feeds 144 people.

This policy has led to a decline in farming; farming even was removed as an occupation from the census. Our hope for food security lies with the next generation of small-scale agriculture. Younger farmers are opting for organic and smaller farms that retail directly to the public through farmers markets and specialty shops. Eighteen percent of organic farmers are younger than 35, compared with 5.8 percent in conventional agriculture.

For farming to be an economically viable profession, we must make it more profitable for the farmers by eliminating the middleman. Right now, farmers get about 8 cents of every dollar we spend on food in chain groceries. When you buy directly from the farm, the farmer gets the whole dollar, and that dollar has the economic impact of \$2 in the farmer's community.

To find local Thanksgiving dinner ingredients, go to <http://www.LocalHarvest.org>, <http://www.EatLocalChallenge.com> and <http://100MileDiet.org>.

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Beth Dolan and her poodle Tootsie get advice from fellow knitter Ronny Brown at Saturday night's Late Night Knit.

By Cathy Salustri

If you walked into Needles and Knobs Late Night Knit Saturday night you wouldn't have seen a circle of grandmothers talking about their latest cookie project. You also wouldn't have seen a bunch of expectant mothers making baby booties.

What you would have seen was a group of women, one man, and two small dogs—none of whom could have been much past 50—working on sweaters, hats, blankets, and dog sweaters.

Knitting, once reserved for the retirement crowd, has gained popularity with younger generations as well. Needles and Knobs owner Audrey Dantowitz says that she has customers as young as ten years old.

"There's a lot of schools that have knitting groups," she says. She also credits knitting's popularity with people's connection to their past. "I think it's just that people remember their parents and their grandparents used to do it and now want to do it."

Twice a year Needles and Knobs hosts a free Late-Night knit. Knitters bring a canned good for charity, food to share, and a knitting project. Last week's knit lasted until 2 a.m.; the shop will host another knit in April.

Can't wait until April? The couches and chairs in Needles and Knobs are open to anyone and their small, well-behaved dogs. While the shop has knitting classes and yarn, knitters can bring their own projects and ask Dantowitz or fellow knitters for help.

Drowsy Driving Danger

The American Association of Safety Councils and the Suncoast Safety Council are issuing a warning about the dangers of driving while drowsy. A U.S. Dept. of Transportation poll says that 37% of the driving population says they have nodded off for at least a moment or fallen asleep while driving at some time in their life. According to the National Sleep Foundation, driving while drowsy may be just as deadly as driving drunk.

If you are about to fall asleep you will experience some or all of the following: You yawn a lot or need to rub your eyes. You have trouble keeping your eyes open and focused. You nod and can't keep your head up. You daydream or have wandering, disconnected thoughts. You find yourself tailgating or driving at irregular speeds. You miss road signs, drive past your turn or can't focus on your route. You feel irritable, restless or impatient. You drift off the road and hit the rumble strips or cross into another lane.

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Holiday Dangers to Pets

Holidays can create special dangers for your pets. Each year during the various holiday seasons, thousands of pets are seriously injured and/or become deathly ill. Here are some holiday safety tips for pets.

Hang your treasured ornaments higher on the Christmas tree. Use wooden, medal, resin-cast or the like on the lower branches in case curious little paws want to play with bright and colorful ornaments. Tinsel isn't toxic, but if ingested, intestinal obstruction and choking are potential problems...please don't use.

All other decorations should be carefully placed so that the pets can't pull or scratch off any small pieces to swallow.

Supervise all candles - pets are attracted to the bright "lights" in a darkened room. Not only could they receive serious burns, but they could knock the candles over, spilling hot wax onto furniture and carpeting. Don't leave candles unattended for their sake and for the obvious fire hazards.

Don't leave the candies out - most animals love the sweet taste, especially chocolate. Chocolate is often fatal to animals, especially cats, if consumed in a large quantity and/or over a period of time.

Bones are dangerous! Please, please don't feed your pets bones, especially poultry bones. Poultry bones splinter easily - each year thousands of pets are treated for consumption of splintered bones, causing pain and sometimes death.

Other holiday treats, alcoholic beverages, rich, fatty food scraps and bones can be harmful or toxic to pets. Keep your pet on his regular diet and caution visitors against giving your pet "special treats."

New Year's brings other pet hazards such as fun noise-makers and confetti which can very easily pose a serious threat to your pets' sense of well-being and health. Noise-makers can frighten your pet causing the pet to bolt out an open door window, or leap to a precarious area in search of safety. Confetti can be ingested, wreaking havoc to the digestive tract.

Please do not give any animal or any pet as a Christmas gift.

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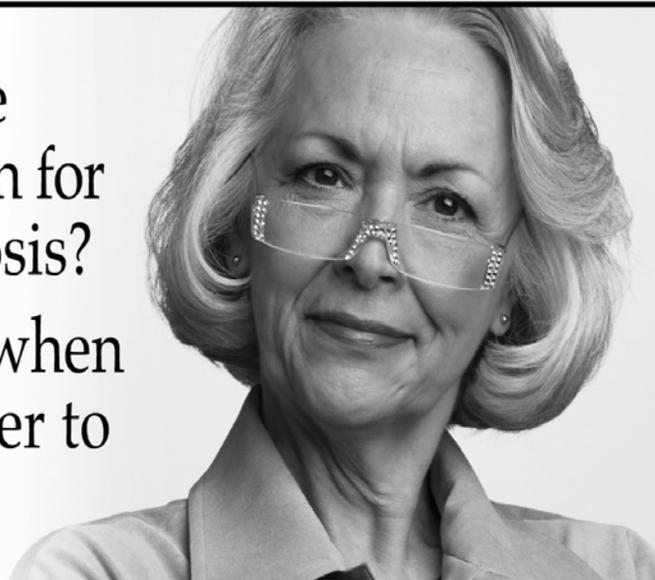
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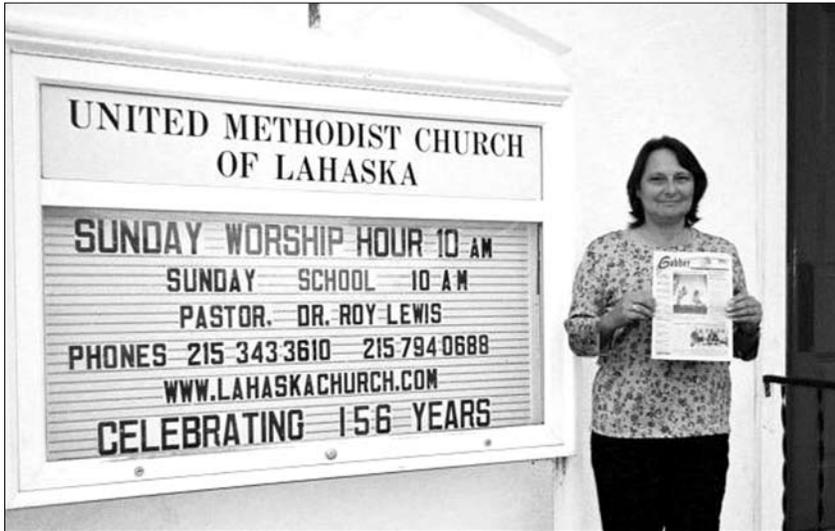
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Korean War Veterans Association

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KWVA Chapter 14 is dedicated to preserving the historical contributions of our military who have served and sacrificed in the Korean theater from 1950 to the present.

They participate in numerous charitable contributions to the memory of our veterans such as the creation and dedication of the beautiful and inspiring granite Korean War memorial at Freedom Lake Park in Pinellas Park. In addition to parades, they serve as honor guards for military funerals including those veterans without families or friends; folding flags to be later used at funerals; serving as color guards for Tropicana Field and other events, rendering support to members in need and participation in other patriotic and charitable endeavors. They also participate in a number of youth oriented events and sponsor youth scholarships. Of course there is always time for a number of enjoyable events such as outings, dinners, get togethers, etc.

President Clarence Dadswell represented the KWVA at Bay Pines VA Hospital as an organizer of young volunteers for the hospital. This was followed by our Honor Guard participating at the funeral of a fellow Korean War veteran.

Their meetings reflect a relaxed yet formal format which concludes with sharing coffee, tea, sandwiches and pastries while engaged in pleasant conversation and socialization with members and guests.

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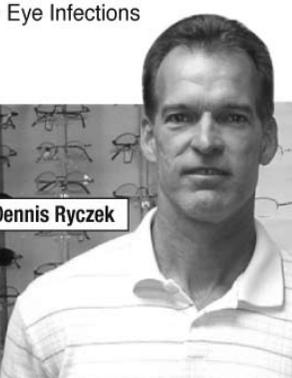
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City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

Q: At the past few Gulfport city council meetings, city staff has asked council for approval to sell things on Gov Deals. What is Gov Deals? How much does it cost to list equipment on this web site, why does staff need council approval, and why can't the city sell trucks and such through conventional means?

A: According to Dan Carpenter, Gulfport's finance wizard, GovDeals.com is a web site that allows any government to sell surplus equipment and confiscated items through an online auction. The city pays a percentage of the sales price; the percentage varies depending on the items and the rules for that particular auction, Carpenter added.

So why does the city need permission to sell on this web site? It's simply city policy, Carpenter said. Gulfport's Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, last updated in 2006, says in "most cases assets will be auctioned on GovDeals."

That doesn't mean Gulfport has to sell its old trucks and equipment and the like on this web site. "We certainly could sell them through other means," Carpenter says, but "GovDeals has proven to be the best resource for convenience and access to buyers."

An example of how well this works for the city is the last items sold on this web site. In August the city sold seven bicycles for \$105 (total) and paid less than eight dollars to do so.

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Boca Ciega High School Scoreboard

By Leigh Clifton

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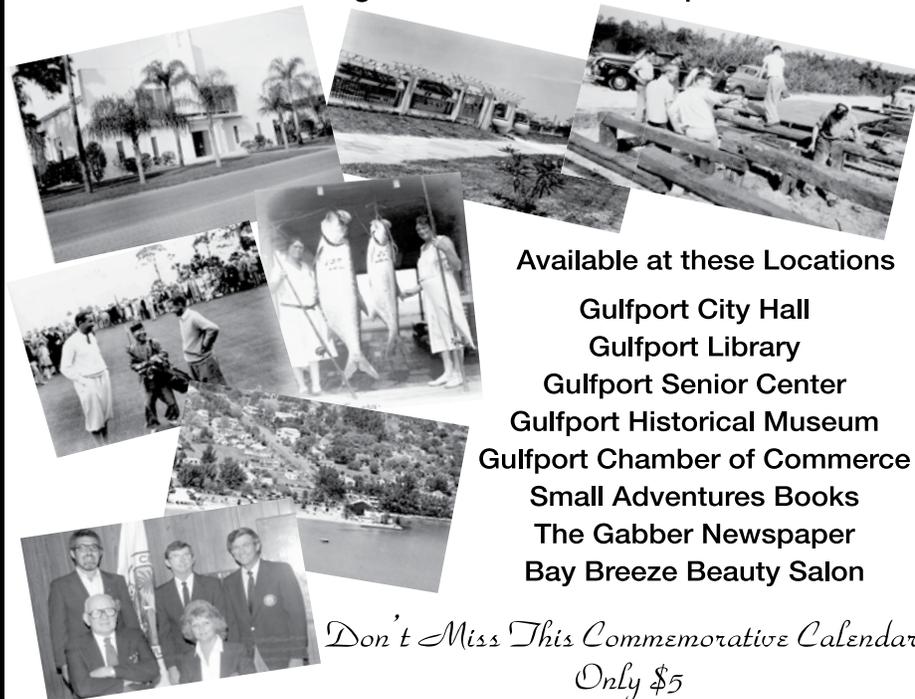
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Asta Grinis, D.D.S.: Compassionate Dentistry

By Cathy Salustri

When Gulfport dentist Dr. Stephens decided it was time to sell his practice and retire, he got pretty fussy about who he wanted to sell it to.

"He wanted to sell the practice but he wanted to sell it to someone who had values in line with his own and would treat all his patients with the same care and respect," Gloria Standish remembers.

Gloria worked for Dr. Stephens before Dr. Asta Grinis purchased his practice. She remembers Dr. Stephens telling her, "I want to wait until someone nice comes along so you'll have someone nice to work for," Gloria remembers.

Eventually Dr. Stephens decided Dr. Grinis could treat his patients with the respect and compassion they deserved. Gloria still agrees 12 years later. She works as Dr. Grinis' dental assistant and office manager. Together, this dynamic duo takes excellent care of Dr. Stephens' patients and a bevy of new ones as well.

Maybe because they're women, or perhaps because they both have a giant soft spot, or perhaps just because they're good at what they do, but Dr. Grinis has a faithful following of clients who come to her for everything from cleanings to teeth whitening.

Dr. Grinis, the daughter of an Army Reserve medical officer, inherited her father's desire to care for people but says she was drawn to dentistry because she felt it had a "mother's edge."

One of Dr. Grinis' specialties builds on that nurturing instinct: she and Gloria work well with patients who are scared of the dentist. Everything about her practice is designed to put people at ease, from both of their easygoing, calm demeanors to the soft lavender walls.

As for the time patients spend in the chair, Gloria and Dr. Grinis do



Dr. Asta Grinis (left) and Gloria Standish (right), her dental assistant and office manager, have a reputation for compassionate dentistry. Mimi offers moral support.

their best to put patients at ease then, too. Part of the reason patients feel so comfortable and welcomed is that this twosome works well together and they both show their patients the same respect they show each other.

Dr. Grinis' compassion for all living things also comes through when she talks to her patients. Her tiny little poodle, Mimi, was rescued from a breeder. One of Dr. Grinis' patients rescued Mimi from a lady who kept her in a cage and planned to make her into a breeder dog. At two years, Mimi's still a little shy, but instead of a life in a cage or in a shelter somewhere, she spends her days in the lap of luxury.

Aside from her reputation as a nurturer in the community, Dr. Grinis is also known for her skill with teeth. She says that she sees her work as a dentist as an artistic profession, and she also believes that an effective dentist has creative skills when it comes to treating a patient.

Dr. Grinis practices family dentistry, which means that she's comfortable treating patients of all ages. From time to time Dr. Grinis

brings the Tooth Fairy (who looks suspiciously like Gloria) to local schools to help allay any fears young people may have about visiting the dentist. Together, Dr. Grinis and the Tooth Fairy show children what to expect from a visit to the dentist.

By re-enacting a mock examination, the twosome finds they can make a visit to the dentist less traumatic for young children. Of course, they also want to make it easy on the reticent adult. Their advice to anyone looking for a dentist?

"Find a dentist you trust enough to share your fears with," Dr. Grinis suggests. That, she says, makes going to the dentist less traumatic on everyone involved.

Dr. Grinis does all aspects of general dentistry including cleanings and checkups to bonded fillings, crowns and bridges implant crowns, dentures and partials, mouthguards and tooth whitening and more.

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Beach Theatre: Keeping Local History Alive



By Cathy Salustri

The true mark of a great movie house is the buttery stuff in the middle of the popcorn bag. Most modern movie theatres make customers to butter their own popcorn, robbing patrons of a complete popcorn experience.

People seeking the complete popcorn experience—as well as a traditional moviegoing one—know about The Beach Theatre, the last movie house of its kind in Pinellas County. Built 70 years ago—the same year that introduced the world to classics like *Gone With the Wind*, *Wuthering Heights*, and *The Wizard of Oz*—the Beach Theatre serves a small but dedicated group of moviegoers. This diverse group ranges from the die-hard Rocky Horror fan to the soccer mom bringing her kids to see Flash Gordon to a free Saturday morning show.

To say that the Beach Theatre has survived because they put butter in the middle of the popcorn bags is somewhat simplistic, however true. The Beach Theatre remains not

only as a tribute to history but a testament that more isn't always better. Sometimes better isn't even better.

"Back in 1968, there were more movie theatres like this," owner and screenwriter Michael France says of the theatres of his youth. France used to come to the Beach Theatre as a teenager. "I liked the fact that it was a single screen. That mattered to me, even when I was 15."

The theatre isn't perfect. Things have aged since the theatre opened with *Dust Be My Destiny* in 1939. Seats break. The popcorn machine occasionally goes on the fritz, and the new projector was a long time coming.

But that's just the thing: people don't seem to care about the seats or the projector or the times when they can't get popcorn. No one complains that they only have one screen and no children's playroom or a bevy of video games in the tiny lobby.

What does seem to matter, though, is that the theatre is dedicated to movies rather

than the frills commonly associated with modern movieplexes. The Beach Theatre isn't a movieplex; it's a movie house.

France, who bought the Beach Theatre in spring of 2007, understands the importance of a movie house. As a screenwriter (he's written *The Punisher* and *Hulk* as well as many other screenplays) he understands the movie business. Although he must, as a working screenwriter, want his films shown on as many screens as possible, he doesn't want as many screens as possible at the movie house on Corey. Instead, he wants to keep the theatre as it stands: a standalone single screen.

"I was really worried that nobody would buy it and it would get torn down and turned into a restaurant or bikini shop of something," France said. Shortly after he bought the theatre he started offering free Saturday morning kid shows.

"That was something I remember as a kid that seems to have gone away," he says. France looks for sponsors so he can run movies. His requirements for movie to run as the free Saturday morning show are simple: they must appeal to kids and the film must be at least 10 years old.

Although the Beach Theatre bills these shows as "kids" shows, the crowds are often anything but. When the theatre shows a Ray Harryhausen or Sinbad, it's not uncommon to see grown-ups of all ages in the theatre.

France said owning the Beach Theatre was the realization of a dream.

Once he bought the theatre he realized there was more to his dream than he thought.

"I figured it would be fun to own a movie theatre. It was more work than I thought. I thought I'd be walking around and saying 'Whee! This is the movie we'll be running this week'," he says, grinning. "Everything had

to be fixed the year I bought it, from the plumbing to the sound system."

Even so, France said he's glad he owns the theatre. He's got a small but passionate staff and a loyal following of patrons. Every show brings in different crowds. Just before Halloween, the theatre showed the original *Night of the Living Dead*. Among the theatergoers was Stacey Whitworth, a horror film junkie. To Whitworth, though, this movie was special.

When her father first asked her mother out on a date, he took her to see *Night of the Living Dead*. Her mother, though, lacked her father's enthusiasm for zombies and poor writing and got up and walked out of the theatre. Her father was forced to choose between watching the rest of this future classic and going after the love of his life. Whitworth remembers hearing this story over and over while she and her sister were growing up.

Every time she can catch a showing, she goes to see the film. Even though her father died several years ago, she can always remember him when she sits down in a less-than-perfect chair at the Beach Theatre and watches the zombies attack Barbra and Johnny.

It may not be a Norman Rockwell memory, but it's the kind of memory that makes the Beach Theatre special. It's one of the many reasons France keeps the theatre open despite the problems. It's why he spends money on a new projector and tears up the lobby floor to fix the plumbing and lets kids watch free movies on Saturday mornings.

It's a type of history not found in textbooks or taught in the schools, but in many ways it matters more. It's local history, and every day when France opens the doors and turns on the projector, he's keeping it alive.

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DBSA Support Group

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-Submitted by Denise Diaz

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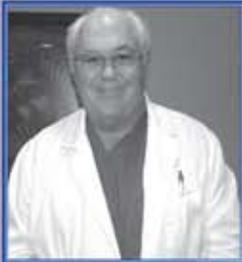
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Attorney Keith Sanders Handles Bankruptcies with Experience and Sensitivity

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 SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

A Back-Door Plan to Keep Disabled Daughter on Medicaid

Q: My husband is turning 66 and will soon apply for Social Security retirement benefits. He's scheduled to get about \$2,000 per month. We have a 35-year-old daughter living at home who has been severely retarded since birth. She currently gets \$900 in monthly SSI payments. I am 58 years old and have stayed home all my adult life to care for our daughter. So, I never worked to earn my own Social Security.

I have four questions. One: Will our daughter be eligible for benefits on her father's Social Security account -- and how much? Two: Are we required to apply for those benefits? Three: If so, will she lose her SSI and her Medicaid coverage? Four: Am I eligible for any benefits on my husband's record?

A: Here are the quick answers to your questions. One: yes. Two: yes. Three: maybe. Four: maybe. But it will take the rest of this column to explain the issues in detail, to clarify those wishy-washy "maybe" answers and to offer you a "back door" plan to keep your daughter on Medicaid.

One: Your daughter is eligible for a dependent child's benefit on her father's record. Normally, children's benefits cannot be paid after age 18. But the law says a disabled child can receive benefits, even into adulthood. And she'll get those benefits for the rest of her life. She'll be eligible for an amount equal to one-half of your husband's full Social Security benefit -- in other words, about \$1,000 per month.

Two: Yes, your daughter must apply for these benefits. Normally, no one would be forcing you (on behalf of your daughter) to file for Social Security benefits, but you said she is getting Supplemental Security Income. SSI is a welfare program that pays a monthly stipend to low income senior citizens and to disabled adults and children with limited

means. Because SSI is a welfare payment, it's supposed to be an income of last resort. So, the law requires you (again, on behalf of your daughter) to file for any other government benefits for which she might be eligible.

Three: You're right. Your daughter would lose her SSI and possibly her Medicaid coverage if she gets Social Security benefits. There is essentially a dollar for dollar offset between her Social Security benefits and her SSI payments. When she starts getting \$1,000 per month from Social Security, she will lose all of her \$900 in SSI payments.

On the one hand, that sounds like good news. Your daughter is coming out \$100 ahead. But on the other hand, I know from talking to many parents in your situation that the Medicaid coverage is far more valuable to you than the monthly cash payments. The law says if your daughter is getting SSI payments, even if it's only \$1 per month, she's automatically eligible for Medicaid. Conversely, if she isn't getting SSI (because her Social Security benefits offset her SSI payments), then she will probably lose her Medicaid. I say "probably" because the Medicaid rules vary from one state to another. A few states allow people to keep their Medicaid coverage even if they lose their SSI eligibility.

Four: Now things get interesting. Generally, a woman can't collect benefits as a wife on her husband's account until she is 62. But as the mother of what the law terms a "disabled adult child," you are eligible for benefits even at your current age. You would normally be due the same rate your daughter gets, or \$1,000 monthly.

But then we bump into another law that sets a maximum amount that can be paid on any one Social Security record. These "family maximum" provisions really get messy. For simplicity's sake, I'm going to say the maximum on your husband's account is \$3,000. In other words, your husband and daughter would already be getting the maximum family

rate. He'd get \$2,000 per month and she'd be due \$1,000 per month.

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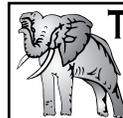
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- December 16, 2009 **Historic Preservation Committee**
***Meeting to begin at 5:30pm at the Historical Society Museum
- December 17, 2009 **Town Hall Meeting - Public Records**
***Hickman Theater – 5501 26th Avenue
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- December 25, 2009 **City Hall Closed**

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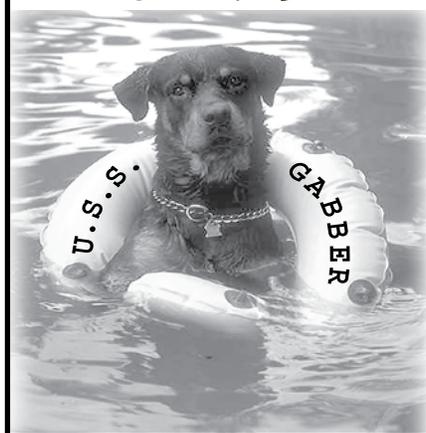
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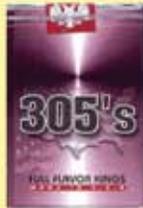
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