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Dream Wedding Comes True for Army Private and his Bride



By Leigh Clifton

Newlyweds Nicole and Zak Lewis stand with their four children in front of the giant Christmas tree at their wedding reception last Friday night. The couple married after a whirlwind romance of less than a month. An Army private, Zak ships out to Iraq December 12th.

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Special Assessments Approved

ST. PETE BEACH - The City Commission approved an ordinance that would allow it to use a capital improvement and essential services assessment, which would establish a framework that would allow the city to propose tax levies that would target specific projects, in this case stormwater. Commissioner Christopher Leonard said he was concerned with the wording of the ordinance. "I find the language quite broad," he said, adding that he thought it would be appropriate to "build a comfort level with residents. Mayor Mike Finnerty provided the other "no" vote. "I think we need to walk before we run with this thing," he said. City Attorney Mike Davis said that proposed assessments would have to go through a multiple-step approval process and would have to have specific benefits for the properties being assessed.

Agreed, Accepted, Applause:

O'Reilly Is Gulfport's Manager

By Cathy Salustri

Gulfport has finally appointed a new city manager: the man who has done the job for almost two years, Jim O'Reilly.



City Manager Jim O'Reilly

Despite O'Reilly's gentle refusal of the position at the last regularly scheduled city council meeting, last Tuesday afternoon Mayor Mike Yakes called a special council meeting for this past Monday. At that meeting, council voted 4-1 on a contract, which O'Reilly accepted.

Council made some changes to the contract to reach a compromise

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Is Gulfport Getting Sued?

By Cathy Salustri

After Tuesday night's council meeting, Al and Cindy Davis approached Mayor Mike Yakes and city manager Jim O'Reilly and allegedly threatened to sue the city.

The alleged lawsuit—which this paper could neither confirm or disprove by press time Wednesday—apparently hinged on Councilwoman King's suggestion that the Tampa Bay Estuary Program send a representative to a council meeting to explain their findings on Clam Bayou.

This reporter heard Cindy Davis express concern that residents would only be allowed a short period of time to speak while the Tampa Bay Estuary Program would have more time. The Davis' mentioned their lawsuit against the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), Tampa Bay Estuary and

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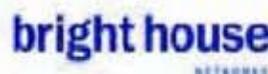
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O'Reilly told Ms. Davis the city was not a party to the lawsuit, to which the Davis' responded, "not yet."

At that, O'Reilly told Ms. Davis that if they intended to sue Gulfport, he couldn't continue the conversation.

Al Davis would not say outright whether or not he intended to sue the city.

"It's (the lawsuit with SWFWMD) now in the federal courts, anything that the city involves themselves with this will be linked to that," Davis told The Gabber Wednesday morning. He referred this reporter to his attorney, Tom Reese. Although The Gabber attempted to reach Mr. Reese, the paper had to go to press before he returned the call.

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

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Doggie Dining to Stay in Gulfport

GULFPORT- City Council permanently changed the city zoning code to allow "doggie dining" in Gulfport. The ordinance initially was a temporary one; at its meeting Tuesday night, Council voted unanimously to make the ordinance permanent.

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South Pasadena Tree Lighting Tonight

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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County Transit and Land Use Workshop

ST. PETERSBURG-Those with an interest in the future of transit in Pinellas County may wish to attend a free Pinellas County Transit and Land Use Workshop Monday, December 7 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, 4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100, in Pinellas Park. St. Petersburg City Council Chair Jeff Danner will kick off the workshop and introduce Tim Garling, the executive director of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, and the keynote speaker, G. B. Arrington. Arrington is an internationally recognized leader in

transit oriented development and has served clients in the United States, China, Australia, Dubai and the Caribbean in resolving politically and technically complex land use and transportation challenges. He is with New York-based consulting company, Parsons Brinckerhoff Placemaking. In addition, participants will take an interactive survey regarding development possibilities for Pinellas, followed by a group discussion.

While attendance is free, participants are asked to register by December 4 by calling Judy Tenison at 893-7117 or judy.tenison@stpete.org.

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Town Hall Meeting to Discuss Public Records

The City of Gulfport will host a Town Hall meeting on Thursday, December 17 at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater, 5501 27 Avenue S. at 6:30 p.m. Steve Lewis, Records Information Management Consultant, is the guest speaker.

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Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

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

Breakfast will be served at the Gulfport Lions Center, 4630 Tifton Drive S. in the Gulfport Marina Area. Ask anybody! Pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs and sausage with coffee or tea to drink, and all you care to eat at the donation price of \$4

per person. Bring your entire family and friends and spend an enjoyable morning overlooking beautiful Boca Ceiga Bay. You might even see some manatees. Children really love these breakfasts.

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

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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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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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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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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Pink Flamingo Tour Home Search

The Pink Flamingo Home Tour date has been set for March 13, 2010! The committee is researching renovated homes from 1910 to 1950, located in the Beach Boulevard area and east and west of Beach Blvd. up to five blocks. If you have a home that you would like the committee to consider, please call Event Coordinator Dolly Tickell at 727-347-4747 or Act1@tampabay.rr.com.

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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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City Council Procedures

GULFPORT- To “create a sense of decorum” at council meetings, city council asked city staff to develop and format city council meeting procedures and protocols, according to city manager Jim O’Reilly.

“I’m glad we’re moving forward on this,” councilwoman Michele King said of the proposed procedures. Tuesday night the council considered Phase I of the proposed procedures. These procedures address how the clerk sets an agenda, how a councilmember can add to an agenda, and how a consent agenda works. It also separates the “Other Business” agenda item with New Business, Old Business, and Council reports. Finally, the proposed procedures will change how the camera focuses on those sitting on the dais and offer a different seating arrangement for council and staff on the dais.

City staff will start implementing these changes immediately, O’Reilly assured council.

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Paradise Grille to Sign on for a Second Year

ST. PETE BEACH - After lengthy discussion the City Commission voted to authorize the signing of a second amendment to a lease agreement between the city and Paradise Sweets, LLC. The vendor currently runs concession stands on Pass-A-Grille and Upham Beaches, and will soon enter into its second year of occupancy. Commissioners said they like the “general direction” in which Paradise Grille, the Pass-A-Grille location, has been headed. Renovations it has already undergone include a new roof. Planned renovations include a ladies’ changing area and the movement of a number of external walls. The lease agreement will also likely feature a \$15,000 annual boost in rent, which the city says will allow it to receive revenue from beer and wine sales. Prior to this year, wine and beer were not sold at the concession stand.

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Join the Walking Club

It is almost that time of year for the walking club to begin. The walking club meets two Tuesdays of the month and every Thursday at 9 a.m. From there they travel to different parks to do their walking. Cost is \$2 per trip. Please call John at 727-893-1079 if you are interested. Once they have formed the club they will put out a monthly schedule with a start date.

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First Friday Art Walk

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Reservations for the December 10 Christmas luncheon at Backfin Blue Cafe must be in by December 7. Please send your \$20 check (made out Gulfport Garden and Bird Club) to Barbara Dye by December 7. Be sure to indicate your entree choice.

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, rolls, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable garnish, dessert, soda, coffee or tea. The cost includes tax and tip.

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.

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

What are you most thankful for this holiday season?



Audrey Brown and Veronica, Gulfport: "I am most grateful for my new little life; my beautiful daughter Veronica. She'll be a year old this December and she has been such a blessing. I graduated from nursing school just before she was born. I'm also really thankful that I'm able bodied and capable. I'm a nurse in the cardiac wing at St. Anthony's and I really love my career. But my job never gets boring because they move us around a bit. One day I'll be in the ER, the next day pediatrics, and then maybe back to the cardiac wing. It stays exciting. I have a great job that I really love. I chose nursing because they're so needed, especially here in Florida. As a nurse, I think I'll always have a jobfor that I'm really grateful."

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Ann New, Gulfport: "Just Life and all the opportunities to make it what you want it to be. I mean, can you imagine living in Afghanistan? Iran? Or even China? They have no freedom; of expression or life choices... they don't have the many chances we're given to improve our lives. We can make our lives anything we want. We can decide to make it happy or we can make it grumpy and miserable. But the main thing is that we can choose how we want to live; we can choose to make it positive. Like today, I'm taking a break here on the beach, reading a good book and just enjoying the fact that we're all so lucky to live here, near the water. I'm very thankful that I can do that."

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Lizzie Litowchak and Matilda, Gulfport: "I'm thankful for being with my mom, my healthy baby and great time spent with my family and friends. My husband and I will be moving to Australia in about 6 months; he has a great job and this will be a great opportunity. We'll be there for five years. It will be a great experience traveling; we were in Puerto Rico for ten years before this. I just wonder if Matilda (the baby) will have an accent after five years in Australia!"

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Leigh Clifton, Gulfport: "Yup folks, that's me and I write this column. But I really wanted to say how thankful I am this Thanksgiving holiday. I had a pretty serious accident behind a bar about five years ago; the accident caused permanent damage to my hand and for almost two years after that, I really struggled just to get out of the house. It's been a long road and I still have a lot of pain. But with the real love and help of friends like Mary Ann and Rob, Beverly, Will, Ricky T, (God Bless him) and countless others I came through to the other side of happy. Then I met Ken at The Gabber and he gave me a chance to jumpstart a dormant career. I found my voice again. But I have to admit, he took some convincing; I kept bugging him so much he finally HAD to hire me! But through this job, I have met some amazing people in this town; people I would probably never have met if I was still working behind a bar. I have been so blessed to interview a lot of you; I feel like I make new friends for life every time I interview someone, or they let me into their lives, if even for a moment or two. I consider it a privilege to talk to all of you and I thank you for not running away when I come at you with a camera, notebook and a glazed look in my eye when I'm WAY past deadline! Thanks for answering my questions and giving me some really great answers. Ken and Debbie will never know much this job means to me and how much of an impact they, The Gabber and you readers have made in my life. For this, I humbly thank you all."

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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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Free Movie - Theater on the Bay

Mark your calendars for the City of Gulfport's next "Theater on the Bay" Friday, December 18 at 7 p.m. at the Recreation Field (the corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 58th St. S.). December's movie is "Deck the Halls". If you want save your space at 6:30 p.m., they have a special holiday screen fire for your enjoyment.

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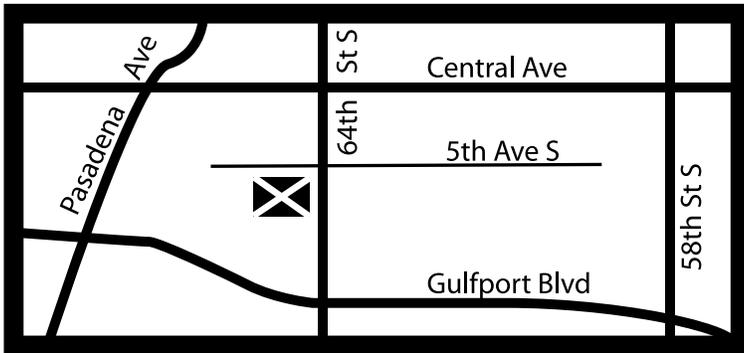


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Holiday Hoopla is a celebration of arts, crafts, foods, live music and roving holiday characters set in a waterfront atmosphere amid bright, twinkling and colorful lights. No running around to different stores or wandering through acres of mall space, 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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- 16 Proficient
- 17 "The Golden Girls" locale
- 18 Soprano Te Kanawa
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- 24 "Happy motoring" company
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- 29 Theater employee
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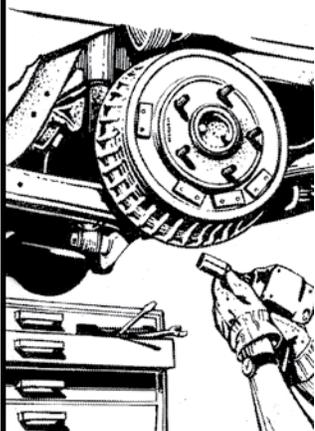
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Doghouse of God

The idea of the church-going canine in not a new one. It is people's receptivity to the notion of dogs in pews that has done a complete turnaround.

The Gonzales (Texas) Inquirer, May 6, 1882 -- After calm deliberation and mature judgment, we have reached the decided opinion that it does not improve the morals, and elevate the manners of dogs, to have them attend church, and we are positive that nothing is added to the comfort of the worshippers by their presence.

In fact, we believe that church-going dogs are the most depraved of the canine family. They generally consider it the time and place to show their (pugnacity) and animosity to the rest of the gang that have congregated there. They make themselves at home in a manner that is supremely exasperating to average mortality.

The manner in which one of the well-trained ones can march up the aisle and scornfully survey the rest of the congregation would make a Texas legislator almost weep for envy.

Fast-forward 127 years, and it seems the canine species is ready to assume its place in the pews of America. Ready and welcome.

Rachel Bickford is the pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church in North Weymouth, Mass. While brainstorming ways to entice congregants to show up for Sunday services, she had an epiphany: Let them bring their dogs.

Her fellow pastors loved the idea.

Writing for Guideposts magazine, Bickford describes the year-old canine-friendly service as being "like our more formal one, but after worship we'd serve biscuits and toss tennis balls with our dogs in the side yard." Dog biscuits, that is.

They dubbed the special service Woof 'n' Worship, and it's a hit. As is Pee Wee the schnauzer. He brought the house down with his performance of "Amazing Grace" -- howled only slightly off-key along with the church choir.

On the other side of the country, the first Canines at Covenant service took place on Sunday, Nov. 1. Rev. Tom Eggebeen is the pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles. His hair-brained concept: a doghouse of worship with the works, including doggie beds, doggie prayers and, of course, doggie biscuits.

In an interview with MSNBC, Eggebeen said, "The Bible says of God only two things in terms of an 'is': that God

is light and God is love. And wherever there's love, there's God in some fashion. And when we love a dog and a dog loves us, that's a part of God and God is a part of that. So we honor that."

Laura Hobgood-Oster, a religion professor at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, told MSNBC, "More and more people in mainline Christianity are considering (dogs) to have some kind of soul."

I'll leave the discussion of souls and God to the pros, but I will say this: The healing power of dogs is witnessed every day around the world -- in nursing homes, in hospitals, in prisons, on the battlefield and in the private homes and lives of everyday people, religious or not. After all, DOG and GOD have much more in common than the letters that represent them.

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Horoscope Guide

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will be ablaze with brilliant ideas this week, and you'll generously offer them up. Your contributions are of great value -- perhaps more helpful than what other people are bringing to the conversation. Just remember that nobody likes to be interrupted. Attention to your tone and delivery will help you be heard.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you know someone well, you can find that person the perfect gift. The question this week is: How well do you know yourself? Are you enjoying and using what you get for yourself? If not, it's time to get to know yourself a little better. The process will be as delightful as getting to know a new best friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). From your shoes to the dining room chair to the wallpaper on your computer, your choice is your style. You'll spend a lot of time making decisions this week because you realize that your choice will communicate to the world who you are. But don't agonize over things. Who you are is, after all, always changing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't really need to improve. There are plenty of people who love, accept and admire you just as you are. But that's not the point. You enjoy growing and developing your interests. And that's what will drive you to endeavor a new program this week. You will get a thrill just signing up for the challenge.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Loyalty is a quality you give to your loved ones, and they depend on you this week to honor the relationship with your faithfulness. You'll be appreciated and praised for your loyalty, though it's not difficult for you to give. In fact, it is both your pleasure and a path to enhanced self-esteem and a sense of purpose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even though you've been doing a certain

task for years, you have yet to master the endeavor. Your training was probably spotty from the beginning, and you had to teach yourself. This week you'll get the opportunity to learn how the pros do it. A few tips and tricks are all it takes to up your game a few notches.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be attractive to all, including some you'd rather not be attractive to. Create barricades so you'll be invulnerable to insidious time wasters. Your time is the most precious commodity you have. One who steals and squanders your attention is a thief. Categorize them as such. Know your purpose and stay on it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The events of this week will have staying power. You'll hold on to the emotional charge. Write a letter to the person who is on your mind in the early week. If it turns out to be an angry letter, then you'll be glad you got those emotions out. And you'll also be glad if you destroy the letter instead of mailing it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). High energy is your trademark. Why walk across the street when you can do a backhandspring into a somersault and finish with a roundhouse kick? Well, at least the "inside you" will be doing this while the "outside you" merely looks confident, vital and ready. Someone new is attracted to your vibrant presence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have many positive experiences associated with a certain person. You may be in love with these memories and the way you feel around this person instead of the actual person. Your relationship will further grow and deepen when you make an effort to know and understand your object of affection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This will be an easygoing week, as soon as you make that your intention. Though

you'll be challenged by unforeseen events, it's nothing worth stressing over. Furthermore, if you choose not to take offense to the weird suggestions and requests made of you, you'll find something of great value in the experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is someone you should forgive. Not forgiving this person may seem easier, but it keeps you from moving forward with your life. It's probable that you don't even have to have a direct communication with this person in order to forgive him or her. You can forgive alone. Create a ritual to make it official.

This Week's Birthdays: Highly creative enterprises engage you, and soon you will be devoted to seeing a project through. You'll be repeatedly praised for your unique approach to life and art. Even seemingly mundane efforts will feel exciting to you because of your winning attitude. This month is busy, but you still find time for romance. Domestic efforts lead to a windfall in January. A career shakeup leads to more lucrative work in March. Travel is featured in May and June. Family expansion happens in August.

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If you are one of the "tough generation" who lived during the Great Depression, here is an opportunity to share your experiences with this young generation.

They will be interviewing at the First United Methodist Church of Gulfport, 2728 53 Street S. on Tuesday, December 8 at 11 a.m. If you are interested in participating, please call the school at 321-7441.

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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.

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Support Our Troops

By Kate Bradshaw

Everyone loves getting mail, bills aside. Being stationed overseas, without convenience stores close at hand, heightens this, to say the least.

Support Our Troops, which operates out of the St. Pete Beach City Hall, is a nonprofit whose sole mission is to pack and send care packages to dozens of troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. With the help of the American Legion, the group sends out 20 boxes per week.

There are two different types of boxes – a food one containing things like hot cocoa packets, ramen noodles and gummy bears and one containing hygiene items like shaving lotion and toothbrushes. “We try to pack one of everything,” says Teri Finnerty, vice president of the nonprofit. “We have about 40 people on our list.”

The list of recipients had originally consisted solely of individuals from Pinellas. “We got names of local people who were stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan,” she says. But when their tours would come to an end, the nonprofit would continue sending packages to their respective replacements. Finnerty says that about half of the program’s overseas beneficiaries are local.

Support Our Troops has called St. Pete Beach home for three years. It had originally been based in Indian Rocks Beach, Finnerty says, but the volume of donated items outgrew the town’s capacity for the program. Finnerty’s husband, St. Pete Beach Mayor Mike Finnerty, brought the program to its current home.

Teri Finnerty says that her husband, a Viet Nam combat veteran, received a care package on Christmas from a third- or fourth-grade girl whom he had never met while he was



overseas, and remembers “feeling so touched.”

The nonprofit relies solely on donations of either money or goods – phone cards, granola bars, sunscreen. Through fund raisers like the fish fry and golf tournament, both recently held, the group has been able to raise several thousand dollars.

Finnerty says that they will go out and buy whatever items on the list that are missing from the packages, usually from a dollar store. Filling those boxes, which consist of either 50 hygiene items or 66 food products, requires finesse, Finnerty says, but having the means to send them is another. “Postage is not cheap,” she says. “To send 50 boxes is \$600.” They cram everything into flat-rate boxes, which cost \$11.95 each.

Support Our Troops asks recipients to send along a birthday wish list, which volunteers do their best to fill. Finnerty says that one soldier asked for a Corvette. The group was able to secure one for him, albeit a smaller, remote-controlled one.

The nonprofit is currently gearing up to send out this year’s round of Christmas care packages, which Finnerty says will go out on December 7th. Anyone who is interested in donating goods, money or time to Support Our Troops should call City Clerk Teri McMaster at 363-9220.

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 Center, 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 is delighted to hear talented students and teachers of all age and levels in performance and is also happy to have discussions and answer questions without performance. Email her with questions or to register and reserve a time for this event at rpinfo@rebeccapenneys.com. Free.

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GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club has been serving the community since 1913. In November, their clubhouse, which is on the State & National Historic Registry, celebrated 80 years since its construction at the beautiful waterfront site on Coffee Pot Bayou. In November they also sent 36 boxes of items collected by club members to the men and women serving in the 37th Engineering Battalion in Iraq, under the leadership of local Florida boy Captain Dane Hanson.

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.

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GULFPORT - The Gulfport Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) gave a financial donation to the Gulfport Senior Center Food Pantry. The CERT Team is aware that this time of year can be difficult for our local seniors and wanted to make the holiday season a plentiful one. The CERT team also hoped to inspire other local organizations to look to Gulfport Senior Center Food Pantry as a place to lend their support.

Recently the CERT team sponsored a car show in Gulfport. The event was very successful and they used part of the proceeds from the event to donate to the food pantry. The rest of the proceeds will be used to purchase much needed equipment. The CERT team relies solely on successful events such as the car show to fund their organization.

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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.

Classes Relocate to Casino: The Senior Center Yoga Class and Line Dance Class have relocated to the Gulfport Casino. Yoga meets every Wed. at 1:30pm and the Line Dance Class meets every Thurs. at 9:30am. Free but must be a registered Senior

Center member.

Diabetic Education Classes: Mon. Dec. 14 at 10am.

Phones for Hearing Impaired: Specialized Phones for the hearing impaired will be available for distribution on Tues. Dec. 15 at 9:30am. Service provided by the Deaf & Hearing Connection.

Legal Assistance: The Community Law Program will provide free legal assistance to qualifying residents 60 yrs. and older on Fri. Dec. 18 at 9:30am. Call the Senior Center for income guidelines.

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

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: Wii Bowling: Every Thurs. at 1pm, and Tues. Dec. 15 at 6:30pm.

Presentation on Medicare Part D: Wed. Dec. 9 at 1pm. Get the facts! Sponsor: Walgreens and Golden Age Radio. Refreshments.

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.

Movie of the Month – Come join us for a free movie in the Hickman Theater on Mon. Dec. 28 at 12:45pm. Movie TBA.

Bone Strengthening Exercise: Every 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.

Art Exhibit: Paintings by Ray Vailancourt. 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 & 30

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.

Coffee/Talk: Thursday, December 17, 10:00 am. Discussion of A Thousand Acres, by Jane Smiley. Books / discussion available at the Reference Desk.

Coffee/Talk Movie: "A Thousand Acres" (Touchstone, 1997). Thursday, December 17, 1:30 pm. Highly-acclaimed film based on Jane Smiley's

bestselling novel. (106 min.)

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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RECREATION WEBSITE-www.mygulport.us and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure services, Rec. Center.

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ACTIVITIES

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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

- Dog Obedience Class TBA - 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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Sunday, December 13
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6:30-10:30pm-**Argentine Tango** \$7
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8:30-10:30pm Milonga

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Local Obituaries

BANGOR, ARVILLA (VAL) DELANO, the loving and devoted soul mate of Dean S. Delano for 50 years, passed away Nov. 20, 2009, at her daughter and son-in-law's home. Val was born in Lewiston, the daughter of Cecil L. Barnes and Alice Campbell. At two years of age, she was adopted by Synette S. Thayer of Hermon. Val was valedictorian of the graduating Class of 1941 from Hermon High School. She was a five-year member of 4-H Club and leader for two years during high school. She later graduated from Eastern Academy of Beauty Culture and State of Maine Aircraft School. During World War II, she was a riveter and plexiglass worker in the sheet metal department at Dow Field with detachment service in Rome, NY and Presque Isle. Val was a past member of Hermon Grange, Penobscot Pomona, Columbia Street Baptist Church and Tuscan Chapter No. 148 of Bangor. She was married to Dean Delano in 1946; they moved to Bangor in 1950, where they lived for 31 years before retiring to Florida in 1981. At the time of retirement, she was a corporate clerk and bookkeeper at Peavey Mfg. Co., Eddington. In Florida, they both enjoyed the same pursuits of landscaping, planting and lovingly tending a small grove of various fruit trees around their home. They returned to Maine when Dean became terminally ill in 1996. She is survived by her two daughters, Renee R. Delano of Port Charlotte, FL, and Ronel Delano-Ellis and son-in-law, Gerald Ellis, of Bangor; foster son, Grayling A. Wiley and his wife, Gail Pacillo Wiley, of Gulfport, FL; grandchildren Amy Bragg Brooks and her husband, Sean Brooks of Orrington, Nicolas Gerald Ellis and Lucas Delano Ellis of Hanover, NH, Gray J. Wiley and Christopher Wiley of Gulfport; great-grandchildren Leah and Audra Brooks; a special nephew and niece, Rodney and Debbie Buswell and family; many nieces and nephews. At her request, there will be no memorial service and all who knew her may remember her in their own heart and own way. Gifts in her memory may be sent to Jerry Ellis Scholarship Fund, care of The University of Maine Foundation, Two Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469, to be awarded to low income, first generation college students.

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CARLIN, GLORIA C., 82, of South Pasedena, died Nov. 23. Survived by 3 daughters, Pat, Carole, & Diana; 5 grandchildren & many friends. Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, Nov. 28th, 11 a.m., at St. Johns Catholic Church.

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COMER, LONNIE B., 66, died on Nov. 28, 2009, at his Pinellas Park home under Hospice care. Lonnie was born in San Francisco, CA. He graduated from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, where he majored in Hotel Management. He is survived by his wife, Linda McDonald; his daughters: Lindsey Wilson, Kristen Comer-Jones and Courtney Comer; his mother Dorothy Blades; his brother, Frederick Comer; five grandchildren and other relatives. A viewing will be held Friday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. until service time at 12 p.m. at ALife Tribute, 5601 Gulfport Blvd. South. Interment will follow at Royal Palm Cemetery South.

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REDMOND, WILLIAM GEORGE, 89, of Gulfport, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009, at Bay Pines VA Hospital. He was born in Amsterdam, NY, and he came to St. Petersburg in 1959, with his wife Dorris and their 3 children. He was a WWII veteran, where he was stationed in India and was a member of the China, Burma, India Operations. He worked in the construction business for 40 years. He was treasurer of the Local Painters Union 233, and was a life member of the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades. He is survived by his wife Dorris of 66 years; son, Richard (Kristi) Redmond; daughter Patricia Leavengood; daughter-in-law Jeanette Redmond; 5 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son John Redmond, and his son-in-law Richard T. Leavengood. There will be a graveside service with military honors at Bay Pines Cemetery at 2:15 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, 2009. Visit the family's personalized online Guestbook @ www.Anderson-McQueen.com.

Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home N.E., St. Petersburg Chapel, 727-822-2059.

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SIEVERS, DR. STACEY J., 46 years old, passed away on October 15, 2009 of a long term illness. She is survived by her wife, Dharma Barbara Rose Guada-Sievers. Although Stacey was born in Missouri, she considered Gulfport, Florida, her home. She lived here since she was 12 years old. She found "home" as she called it with her "chosen" family. Her achievements include a masters in homeopathic as well as Chinese Medicine as a Acupuncturist. A proud member of AA for 27 years, an avid runner, body builder, athlete, reader, scientist and poet as well as traveler. Many will miss this long red haired, leather clad motorcycle woman who loved and revered mother earth, her community, her wife, and hundreds of friends. Dr. Sievers' patients came from all over the world to find wellness due to her famed work in blood analysis. Her last wish was to donate her body to science, her love, in order to help wellness and healthy lives lived with quality. If anyone wants to make a donation of any kind please do so to the Graves Foundation in your area. I miss you babe, you devoted wife, best friend, confidant and familia.

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City Narrows Down Upham Resolution

ST. PETE BEACH - The City Commission has selected to recommend that Pinellas County install four permanent sand stabilization structures at Upham Beach, a beach known for, among other things, its rapid erosion. They would replace the controversial t-groins currently in place with limestone structures similar in shape. The project, which would begin in 2012 at the earliest, is expected to cost the county \$4 million. The option the city is recommending narrowly beat out one that would have consisted of five structures and may have restricted surf break even more than is currently being done. "Time could be of the essence," said nearby resident Bill Pyle. "The funds could go away. Not everyone was happy with the recommendation. Jessica Respondek, Chapter Chair of the Suncoast Surfrider Foundation, said that renourishment is the only way to go. "Today, I'm here for the taxpayer dollars and the surf," she said, deploring how Upham Beach has been "irrevocably altered." "When this fails," she asked the Commission, "do we do this a third time?"

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At the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Gulfport Senior Center, Gail Biron, Media Specialist for The City of Gulfport, received a plaque for "outstanding service" to the Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center. Susan Frank, Senior Center Supervisor, presented this award to Gail for the numerous things she does to enhance the programs at the center. Whether it be making a commercial for



an upcoming event or a slideshow for the center's anniversary, Gail is always there to help. Gail even helps the volunteers when they coordinate special contests or games when they need a particular type of music, such as the twist or the polka. Thanks Gail for all you do and congratulations on your much deserved award!

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Letters

Kudos to Ms. Salustri

Dear Editor: Re: the November 26-December 2 issue of *the Gabber*.

Dear Ms. Salustri: I am a retired community newspaper owner, publisher, and columnist. For over 30 years I have sponsored, and usually judged, the national outstanding column competition in the Canadian Community Newspapers Association. My father and I used to muse about publishing a paper that would be nothing but columns.

One of the criteria for the competition I sponsor is that the winning entries should show a little courage and go a bit upstream.

I mention all of that just to indicate to you that good columns are jewels I treasure.

Your column about how you are thankful for the bad decisions you have made is now one of the jewels in my collection. It was fresh, thought provoking, amusing and evoked sardonic nostalgia regarding some of my own lunacies.

I also enjoyed your piece on the Beach Theater although, as an editor, I would have insisted you be clear about the decision Stacey Whitworth's father made.

My wife and I saw August Wilson's "King Hedley II" at American Stage Theater last winter. We thought it

was one of the finest productions we have seen in a long time. Digital imaging can never replace real characters telling real stories.

Seeing that you are involved with live theater too, is yet more evidence to me that your bad decisions have led to a very rich existence. I am looking forward to seeing "A Truman Capote Christmas" in December.

W.O. Mitchell was one of Canada's most renowned novelists. We see ourselves in his books. I heard him one time railing against a reduction in support for the arts from the Canadian federal government.

"They think they can cut funding to the arts with impunity!" he said. "They think the arts are a luxury. They are not a luxury. They are how we know we're not alone!"

That hit me with the power of universal truth. It also oh-so-perfectly answered a question posed by one of my columnists years earlier.

"What is it about the blues," she asked, "that makes us feel so good?"

Please excuse the rave. Your column made me feel as though I know you a bit.

Here's wishing you continued success with your bad decisions!

David Cadogan

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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.

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Teens Needed for Production

Starlights Performance Arts, Inc. is seeking talented young men ages 10 through 16 to participate in an upcoming production "Where Do We Go from Here?". Call Mrs. Foster at 821-0162 for more information.

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Letters to the Editor

Please keep letters to the editor as brief and to the point as possible.

Letters must be typed in upper and lower case on plain white paper or emailed to publisher@thegabber.com. One letter per author every four weeks.

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Please call for reservations and get your money to any of the following committee members: Gene Marckini at 345-4483, Lew Lamb at 343-3046, Chet Halgas at 384-2093 or Jim Walters at 343-0459.

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I would like to participate in the Holiday Decorations Contest and will abide by the rules of the contest.

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 announced 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.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Get the Flu Shot

As I write this article on Sunday, November 29, 2009, my daughter, Mrs. Liza Beale, lies in a Pittsburgh intensive care unit in critical condition a victim of the swine flu. She is 49-years-old, and we do not know whether she will live or die.

I write this with three purposes: to encourage everyone to get the swine flu vaccine if they can (it is scarce); to pressure the U.S. government to use more modern methods to produce the vaccine so that there will not be a shortage (more on this later); and to encourage the use of Tamiflu (it is scarce in some localities) early in the disease, if it is indicated.

Swine flu, known scientifically as H1N1 virus, has made two passes so far. One was in late spring and early summer and the second this fall. Some areas were harder hit than others. New York City, infected by students who returned from Mexico, had a relatively mild invasion. However, Cleveland and Columbus, OH and Pittsburgh reportedly have been hit hard although I read that Maryland has had 30 deaths so far. Australia and New Zealand were hit hard in their winter months (our summer).

Each wave has been more virulent. A third wave is predicted for late December or early January continuing into late winter - the typical time for

influenza epidemics. This third wave is predicted to be more virulent. Mutations of the virus reported from Norway, the Ukraine and China indicate the possibility of a hemorrhagic lung virus.

Not everyone gets the virulent form. For millions, it has simply been the flu - harsh, but survivable. Medical people report that almost all the flu cases in the last month or so were probably swine flu. The lungs are the principal target of the virus, although the virus can spread to other organs. In my daughter's case it filled her lungs with fluid like a sponge.

It can be spread through the air, as well as contact, and targets children, adolescents and young adults and healthy older adults. Obviously, those with health problems, particularly lung problems, are more susceptible as are those who are obese. Those born before 1950 appear to be resistant because of prior exposure in past epidemics. However, the fatality rate is higher for older patients.

For those who got the virulent form, some have died within a few days of contracting the virus; others have lingered longer; some have survived after weeks in intensive care. The fact is, the medical community knows very little about the effect of this new virus and what methods are effective in treating the virulent form.

In my daughter's case, she is an otherwise healthy adult, who got the "flu" one weekend. Her husband had similar symptoms. After a couple of days, both visited a clinic and were examined and given "meds". Both had fevers and coughs. By Thursday, her husband Bill, was getting better. By Friday she got worse and Friday afternoon, he took her to the emergency room. Her lungs were, as the hospital said, "a mess". She was life-flighted to a Pittsburgh intensive care unit, although with oxygen, she felt fine. By Sunday morning, she had to be sedated and put on a ventilator where she remains.

Neither got the swine flu vaccine because it wasn't available. The reason that it isn't available is that the United States is required to produce vaccines using an egg culture which is slow and fragile. Most of the rest of the world uses an additive, adjuvant, to stretch the supply. The U.S. method is done to ensure that no one gets the debilitating Guillain-Barre Syndrome which was thought to be caused (but never proved) by a 1976 swine flu vaccine. That number is so small compared to those who have and will contract swine flu and the danger of that flu.

Of course, part of the problem, too, is that there is a small group that says all vaccines are dangerous. Then, some of us, including me, didn't take the epidemic seriously. Some also feel that getting the vaccine wasn't promoted strongly because there wasn't enough to go around.

At this point, I'm convinced that the prevalence of the swine flu has been under reported because it is too costly and almost pointless to test everyone. Nor, has there been a national census of those in intensive care. We do know that an estimated 4,000 have died and that just recently the estimates on the number of children who have died has tripled.

Preventative measures other than getting the vaccine include good hygiene and washing your hands regularly or using hand-sanitizers. The virus lasts four to eight hours on clothing, 24 hours on hard surfaces and 48 hours on wet hard surfaces. It may take one to eight days to infect you after exposure. The vaccine may take as long as two weeks to be fully effective.

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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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| 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.

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In just 45 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:

Edna Christman first became an unsalaried Gulfport police officer in 1944. Her title was "town hostess" and she was responsible for overseeing decorum at the beach, particularly among the children. During the war also served as a plane spotter and practiced astrology. She served a two-year term on council in 1946-48, and continued her police position into the 1950s, as shown in last week's picture. William Jopson (police chief 1954-64 and mayor 1967-69) is second from the right.



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O'Reilly, from front page

with O'Reilly. Council now needs four votes to fire the city manager if they can't provide a reason for wanting to fire him. If O'Reilly does something wrong, council may still fire him with three votes.

Council also agreed to give O'Reilly one year's severance if they fired him without reason. O'Reilly initially asked for two but indicated that he would feel comfortable with less if council needed more than three votes to fire him without cause.

After an hour of public comment (which largely criticized the city for taking so long for a one year severance with a four to terminate, I would be happy to accept it," O'Reilly answered.

At that, council made a motion and voted. Only councilwoman Michele King voted against the contract. King later told The Gabber her vote had nothing to do with her confidence in O'Reilly but the terms of the contract.

"I think O'Reilly will make an excellent city manager. It was just a very difficult vote in these economic times to vote for a package like that. It has nothing to do with O'Reilly at all; I think he's a good city manager and I think he will be a good city manager," King said.

King and O'Reilly both told The Gabber they have no problem with one another because of the vote and anticipate continuing a good working relationship.

As soon as O'Reilly accepted the contract, the audience started applauding.

Contract Highlights

- Annual salary: \$108,000
- Monthly car allowance: \$450
- Vacation time: Four weeks a year
- Other benefits: Life, health and disability insurance, as well as a city-paid cell phone, which O'Reilly may use for "incidental personal" calls, according to the contract.
- Severance pay: None if O'Reilly dies, becomes disabled and therefore unable to do his job, or if he gets convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude or dishonesty. O'Reilly will also get no severance pay if he commits an ethical violation, or if council fires him for incompetence or, to paraphrase the contract, doing something wrong.

If council fires him for any reason other than those listed above, O'Reilly gets one year's pay as severance.

He can also cash out up to 1,040 hours of his vacation leave, which works out to 26 weeks or \$54,000.

*How council can terminate employment: If O'Reilly does something wrong or becomes unable to do his job, council can fire him with a 3-2 vote. If council wants to fire him for any other reason, four of the five council members must vote to fire him. This is called a "supermajority."

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Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me on December 15 at 1 p.m. for a tour of the park and learn how to cover your plants for a winter freeze. Anyone who has a group can contact me to tour the park or I will come to your location to give a talk on a wide variety of topics. Please remember no dogs are allowed in this park due to the birds feeding on the ground.

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"A Baby Changes Everything" tells the story of three individuals in the tiny village of Bethlehem. They almost sleep through the first Christmas night until they are awakened in time to experience the life-changing miracle in a manger. Featuring a spectacular arrangement of the title song, made popular by Faith Hill, the musical mixes new theatrical songs with beloved songs of the season, presented by First Unity Choir and soloists.

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.

For more information, call 527-2222 or visit www.firstunity.org.

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

Friday 11/20

- Prowler-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 2900 Blk 57th St. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** Veteran's Park.
- Noise Complaint-** 2600 Blk 54th St. S.
- Trespasser-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 700 Blk Hull St. S.
- Burglary-** 700 Blk Gray St S.
- Theft-** 5600 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.

Saturday 11/21

- Armed Person-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Prowler-** 5100 Blk Pine Grove Terr. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5400 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 5400 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 6100 Balk Pasadena Pt. Blvd. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5800 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 2800 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Burglary-** 5600 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Sunday 11/22

- Burglary-** 3100 Blk 56th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5800 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Robbery-** 2000 Blk 51st St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Drunk Person-** 6000 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Monday 11/23

- Reckless Driver-** 6300 Blk Pasadena Pt. Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 1800 Balk 51st St. S.
- Drunk Driver-** 6000 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Monday 11/23

- Reckless Driver-** 6300 Blk Pasadena Pt Blvd. S.
- Battery-** 5800 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.

- Animal Complaint-** 1400 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 5300 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 2400 Blk 49th St. S.
- DUI Investigation-** 4900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 6000 Blk 7th Ave. S.

Tuesday 11/24

- Burglary-** 1600 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1300 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Robbery-** 5700 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Drunk Person-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

- Animal Complaint-** 700 Blk 58th St. S.
- Theft-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Wednesday 11/25

- Domestic Battery-** 2400 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 3200 Blk 56th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5300 Blk 21st Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5500 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 1100 Ave. Gray St. S.
- Disabled Vehicle-** 5700 Blk 11th Ave. S.

- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5700 Blk 6300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 2200 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5600 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5900 Blk 17th Ave. S.

Thursday 11/26

- DUI Investigation-** 6200 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5100 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Traffic Stop-Failed to Stop-** 700 Blk 58th St. S.
- Open Door/Window-** 5200 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.

- Noise Complaint-** 2600 Blk 54th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5700 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Street Obstruction-** 5000 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 3000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 5300 Blk 10th Ave. S.
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Carols by Candlelight

By Jim Minder

Our Gulfport Lions Club would like to invite you to join us on Friday, December 18 for our 2009 Carols by Candlelight from 7-9 p.m. We will be singing a wide variety of both religious as well as secular Christmas carols from 7-9 p.m. at our Club Den located by the Gulfport Marina at 4630 Tifton Drive S.

We have secured the services of Lions past District Governor Norman Xanders to play our Christmas carols on his musical instruments. Many of you who have attended one of our many pancake breakfasts already know how good he is. For those of you who have never heard Norman Xander's music before, allow me to tell you that your are in for a treat. We will be serving complimentary punch as well as cakes, pies, cookies and pastry treats. Many of you will want to try Mabel's infamous "cheery" crunch. Come prepared to share your memorable past Christmas events in between sets.

We at the Gulfport Lions Club want to inform you about our services to help the visually impaired before this need presents itself so that if it does, you know our help is available to you and your family.

We look forward to having you join us for our Carols by Candlelight. For more information, call me (Jim Minder) at 866-0316. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2010!

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Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

Fight Back Against the Creep Factor

Have you noticed your auto or home insurance creeping up a little bit every year? Rather than just assume there's nothing you can do, take a cue from our first reader tip today. Pick up the phone, and ask the same question she did. If you don't like what you hear, shop around. It just might pay off.

HOME CHEAP HOME. Our home insurance was going up each year, so I called our agent to see whether there was something we could do to reduce the premium. She verified that we had a new roof, a security system and deadbolts, and she noted the age of the heating and air conditioning unit. She asked whether she could pull our insurance score, and I gave her permission to do so. She said we have a superior rating.

Our home insurance cost dropped by half, and the rate on our auto insurance was reduced, as well. -- Lynette L., e-mail

AUTO PRO. I have automatic payments for our mortgage and auto insurance taken out of our checking account. When our paychecks hit the bank, I pay my bills and deduct the amounts for the mortgage and auto insurance at that time. Even though the money isn't taken out until a later date, I know that I have that money set aside and won't spend it on something else in the meantime. -- Birgit N., New York

PRESCRIPTION FOR SAVINGS. I recently learned that you do not need to be a member of Costco to use their pharmacy. Nonmembers can purchase prescription medications, provided they pay with debit cards or cash. I was surprised by how much I can save. The cheapest

price I could find elsewhere for my medication was \$52. At Costco, the prescription is \$43.82. That kind of savings adds up quickly. -- Mary H., e-mail

CARD COPY. I make copies of the fronts and backs of my credit, debit, insurance and other important cards in my wallet. I keep the copies in a few different safe places. If any of my cards ever are misplaced or stolen, I will have access immediately to the companies' telephone numbers so that I can have them placed on hold or canceled. -- Kelly C., Pennsylvania

THRIFTY PHONE. I have had a Traction for years, and rarely do I pay full price for a phone card. I often go to <http://www.RetailMeNot.com> to find codes for extra minutes and promotions. It's the cheapest way to go! -- Debora R., Iowa

NO THANKS. I have received packages that I did not order from book clubs or similar programs that automatically enrolled me after I registered for other things. I do not pay postage to return items that I have not ordered. I call the company and note the name of the person to whom I speak. Then I write "cancel" on the bill and put everything back in the box. On the box, I write: "Refused. Return to sender." Then I drop it off at my post office. -- Sonnie, e-mail

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The Junior Sungoddess program, which began in 1956, is a scholarship-based program which recognizes high school Junior and Senior girls in Pinellas County who display community awareness and involvement, academic achievement and embody the values and poise to represent the Festival of States as goodwill ambassadors. Over \$5,000 in scholarship awards were provided to the winner and two runners-up last year. Applications are available on the Festival of States website at festivalofstates.com

All applications must be completed and returned to the Festival Office by January 11, 2010. Applicants must be the daughter of a family residing in Pinellas County with plans to further her education after high school and must be 16 years of age by March 1, 2010.

The applications will be judged on community service, academic achievement, and three essay questions and will be used to determine the top 20 candidates who will serve on the 2010 Junior Sungoddess Court.

The 2010 Junior Sungoddess will then be selected from the Court based on leadership qualities, personality, poise and their ability to speak comfortably to the judges and large groups.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

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NARFE Chapter 1140 Meeting

All Federal retirees and active Federal employees are encouraged to attend an upcoming meeting of NARFE Chapter 1140 that includes the Gulf Beaches and Southern Pinellas County. Please join us for our meeting and luncheon. The December meeting is being held on Wednesday, December 16 at 11:30 at the Fountains of Boca Ciega Bay, 1255 S. Pasadena Avenue in South Pasadena in the Key West Dining Room. The cost for lunch is \$5 and spouses and guests are welcomed. There will be a discussion of up-to-date issues particularly relevant for active and retired Federal employees.

This will also be their Christmas/Holiday Luncheon & Celebration with special guest recording artist Richie Merritt, lead singer of the Marcels performing "Blue Moon" and other great hits. Bring an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots or another needy organization. Reservations will need to be made in advance by calling (727)368-8569 or 367-5256.

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Soccer Coach Needed

Boca Ciega High School is seeking a Junior Varsity Girls Soccer Coach to begin immediately. The JV season runs from November through December. Please send resumes to the Heather Holloway, Athletic Director, via email at hollowayh@pcsb.org.

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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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How to Minimize Your Federal Estate Taxes

By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

Federal estate taxes can take a big portion of what you leave to your heirs. To lower federal estate taxes, you may want to reduce the value of your estate as much as possible before you pass on. The following tax-effective strategies can be used by you to transfer more of your property to your heirs.

I. Fully Utilize Your Unified Tax Credit.

You are entitled to pass along \$3.5 million worth of property to your heirs tax-free. When utilized properly, this credit could double to \$7.0 million for a married couple. However, you may miss out on this double

advantage if you leave everything to your spouse.

Instead, it may be prudent to consider establishing a bypass or living trust in which you transfer \$3.5 million in assets to be held and managed by a trustee. These assets can remain in trust with all income generated going to the support of the surviving spouse. Upon the death of the second spouse, the assets would then be distributed tax-free to your named beneficiary(ies). In addition, the second spouse's estate up to \$3.5 million would pass along tax-free. For this strategy to work, each spouse must own some assets in his or her name.

II. Start Lifetime Tax-Free Gifts Now.

Current law allows you to give up to \$13,000 free of federal gift tax annually to as many individuals as you like. The gifts can be cash, vehicles, stocks and real estate. If you are considering giving gifts to minors, such as your grandchildren, the asset(s) should be placed in trust for future use when the minor reaches

legal age or at some later age you designate.

III. Transfer Ownership Of Life Insurance Policies.

If a life insurance policy is in your own name upon your death, the proceeds of that life insurance policy will be included in your estate for federal estate tax purposes. A better alternative may be to have ownership of any existing life insurance policies transferred to an irrevocable life insurance trust or purchase new policies in the name of an heir or an irrevocable life insurance trust.

IV. Give To Charity.

Establishing a charitable remainder trust allows you to set aside assets now for a charity upon your death. In addition to reducing the taxable size of your estate, you will receive any income generated from the charitable remainder trust, plus an income tax deduction for the charitable gift.

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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Commission Votes to Reimburse Commissioner Legal Fees

ST. PETE BEACH - The St. Pete Beach City Commission, minus Commissioner Bev Garnett, voted 3-1 to allow the city to reimburse Garnett or legal fees she incurred while serving on the commission. Garnett was a named defendant in a lawsuit filed against several defendants, including the city, the allegedly pro-development group Save Our Little Village (to which Garnett belonged prior to being elected onto the commission) and Garnett. City Attorney Mike Davis said that cities can legally reimburse commissioners who are sued as individuals under this type of circumstance. Commissioner Christopher Leonard expressed support for the move, saying that to not protect elected officials from such costs associated with serving in local government would diminish citizen's interest in serving. Mayor Mike Finnerty disagreed. "Under these circumstances I wouldn't give these to my mother," he said. The suit was filed before she was in office and the city would only cover fees incurred while she was in office. "It was a harrassing tactic against me, she said, later adding, "the reality is that this was done purely for intimidation...They've held the city hostage." Davis said that the plaintiff had threatened to file suit if the Commission voted to reimburse Garnett. Mayor Finnerty's was the only "no" vote on this resolution.

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Maximo Center has Community Information

The Maximo Community Police Resource Center, 4815 34 Street S. has information for you. The Center, staffed entirely by volunteers, provides 2010 Census Employment Applications, free bicycle registration, free "Club" for select automobiles, free cell phones for "911" use only, a collection point for old eyeglasses which are used by health service agencies, lists and free shipment of items needed by our Armed Forces overseas and much more. Call 866-7177.

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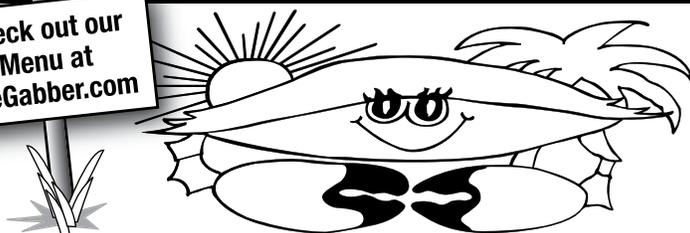
Parents and children alike were thrilled at the innovative program held by Camp Gan Israel of St. Petersburg on Black Friday. A day filled with fun, games and magic-a wonderful way to keep children happy and entertained while parents shopped or worked. Participants enjoyed a wide variety of activities from making challah dough, sports activities, crafts, games, prizes, and an interactive magic show by Stu Lippe. Each child went home with a freshly baked Challah to enjoy over Shabbat. For more information, please call 344-4900.

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Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

A Very Strict Definition of Disability

Q: I have an eye injury and can no longer do my job. I have been declared 20-percent disabled by the state. Can I get Social Security disability benefits? I have heard that the government automatically denies all disability claims the first time around and that you have to hire an expensive lawyer to get benefits. Is this true?

A: I'll take on your second question first. No, it's not true that the Social Security Administration automatically denies all first-time disability claims. In fact, studies show that about 40 percent of all initial claims for Social Security disability benefits are granted.

While even that number may still seem low to some people, it might make more sense when you learn that many people file Social Security disability claims more out of desperation than because they have a serious disability. I'm talking primarily about people who are unemployed rather than disabled. They file for Social Security disability benefits just because they figure it's worth a shot. And I guess you can't blame them for trying.

Put yourself in their shoes: You've been out of work for a long time. You've got a bad back and maybe a little high blood pressure. (Many of us, especially the older we get, have some aches and pains or other relatively minor and treatable medical conditions.) So, they fill out some disability forms at the Social Security office and wait for a decision. And more often than not, that decision puts them in that 60-percent bracket of people whose first claim for disability benefits gets denied. They rarely appeal the denied claim because they never really expected to get approval in the first place.

Having made my point about unemployed people versus disabled people, I don't want to mislead my readers

into thinking that the majority of Social Security disability claimants are out-of-work gold diggers. In fact, just the opposite is true. Most people who file for Social Security disability benefits have some mental or physical impairment and truly believe they are disabled. But what they think of as a disability versus what the law defines as a disability may be two entirely different things.

For example, take someone with an eye injury who has been declared 20-percent disabled by the state. (Can you guess that I'm now getting around to answering your first question?) Social Security law doesn't recognize any degrees of disability. You're either 100-percent disabled, or you're not eligible for Social Security disability benefits.

When it comes to Social Security benefits, Congress wrote a fairly strict and restrictive definition of disability. Although the actual law and its corresponding regulations are more complex than this, in their simplest terms the rules state that to qualify for Social Security disability benefits, you must have a condition that is so severe that it is expected to keep you from doing ANY kind of work for at least 12 months, or one that is expected to result in your death.

Here's an example I've always used to explain how the Social Security disability law works. Years ago when I was an interviewer for SSA, I took a disability claim from a 35-year-old truck driver. He had been in an accident. He was confined to a wheelchair, hurting himself to the point where doctors said he would never drive a truck again. But his Social Security claim was denied. He appealed several times, and his claim was denied over and over again. Although there was no question that he had a disability, he simply was not disabled enough for Social Security purposes. He couldn't drive a truck, but there were many other jobs he could do, even while in a wheelchair.

So, my educated guess is an eye injury, which has been classified as 20-percent disabling by your state,

isn't going to meet the legal definition of a disability for Social Security purposes. And you could hire the best lawyer in your state, but I don't think you're going to change the outcome.

As I said, that's my "educated guess." I never discourage anyone from applying for Social Security benefits of any kind. You certainly have every right to do so. It's just that I don't think you should be lying awake at night waiting for that claim to be approved.

Finally, a quick word about lawyers and Social Security claims. Although you do not need a lawyer at any time during the Social Security disability process, studies show that a higher percentage of claims are approved if you do hire one. But, that is generally only true once you get to the appeal level. A lawyer really doesn't do you any good during your initial claim for benefits. If that claim is denied, lawyers come in handy in an appeal primarily because they know the law and know how to present your case to SSA's appeals judges. That's the good news. The bad news is they are generally going to take about 25 percent of any back-pay benefits you receive.

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Ombudsman Program Needs Volunteers

Florida's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its corps of dedicated advocates who protect the rights of elders residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes. The program's local councils are seeking additional volunteers to identify, investigate and resolve residents' concerns. Special training and certification is provided.

All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents -- who often have no one else to advocate for them -- are encouraged to call toll-free (888) 831-0404 or visit the program's Web site at <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

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Rotary Club of St. Petersburg

The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Suncoast meets every Tuesday at noon at Gigi's Restaurant, 6852 Gulfport Boulevard (Pasadena Shopping Center). Upcoming guest speakers are Linda Ruescher, Lupus Foundation; Susanne Andrew, "Stress Reduction" and much more.

For more information, please contact Jerome Hendrickson at 727-321-8719.

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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

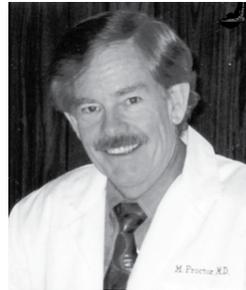
circles. Bring your own chair or blanket and water to drink. Beginners and experienced drummers are welcome to join this empowering, healing circle.

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A Little Help at Christmas from The Gabber and the City of Gulfport

By Ken Reichart

This Christmas, The Gabber wants to try and let one little dog help a needy family.

Gulfport has strong ties to animals. Look at how many rescue groups have events in this city as well as how many people in Gulfport have a soft spot for animals, from the Davis family, who takes in needy rabbits, to the hundreds of people who have pets of their own that they love. With the economy not as great as it could be, many families need help to make ends meet, but charities aren't getting as



much money because of the economy, either.

That's where Calypso comes in. She's a two-year-old long hair black and tan dachshund who lives with one of our writers. She is, we think, pretty darn cute. So much so that we've entered her in the Hallmark Hall of Fame's Cutest Dog of the Season contest. If she wins, The Gabber will give \$1,000 to a local family. The city of Gulfport will help us decide who gets the money. And, \$1,000 will go to Dalmatian Rescue of Tampa Bay.

Because the contest has thousands of entries- some with over 30,000 votes- we need the help of every person who reads this. Please go online and vote for Calypso. You can vote every day.

The link is available on The Gabber's web site, www.TheGabber.com. Scroll to Calypso's photo.

The contest ends December 15, so please vote today and implore your friends and family to do so as well.

Thank you, and Merry Christmas from all of us at The Gabber Newspaper.

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Youth Symphony Holiday Concerts

Young musicians from Pinellas County will herald in the Pinellas Youth Symphony's 52nd Anniversary Holiday Season with two concerts. The Holiday Chamber Ensembles Concert will be held on Saturday, December 12 at 8 p.m. at Ruth Eckerd Hall (1111 McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater). Admission is \$10 adults and \$2 for children and students. Performing groups includes String, Woodwind and Brass Ensembles. The Holiday Orchestra Concert will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 4 p.m. at the Palladium Theater (253 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg). Admission is \$8 adults and \$2 children and students. Tickets are available at the Palladium box office. Performing groups includes Pinellas Youth Symphony, Serenade Strings, Pinellas Youth Philharmonic and Symphonic Strings. Top student musicians from the county and state are well represented in these concerts.

Visit www.pysmusic.org or call the PYS voicemail at 727-438-3149.

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City Buys Sewer Trailer

GULFPORT- The city will buy an emergency sewer unclogger, called a Tandem Axle Trailer, for just over \$56,000. The item, budgeted for in the city's annual budget, will serve as an emergency sewer cleaner for clogs and is called a jet rodder. It replaces the existing jet rodder, which the city has had for about eight years.

The city budgeted \$70,000 for this item.

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Dave Steinke To Serve on Historic Preservation Committee

GULFPORT- David Steinke will now serve as the alternate member on the city's Historic Preservation Committee. Steinke replaces alternate member, Andre Keith Sander, who could not complete his term. The term will expire in April 2011.

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City Vies for Tradewinds Conference

ST. PETE BEACH - The City Commission voted unanimously to support the TradeWinds Island Resort in its attempt to host the 2012 National Association of Regional Councils Conference. If the resort, located on St. Pete Beach, hosts the conference, commissioners say that the event could attract around 500 people to the area. This, they say, would boost business in the area in general and therefore benefit the overall economy.

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City Approves Holiday Bonuses

ST. PETE BEACH - Citing "no pay raises, no merit raises and no cost-of-living raises," the City Commission elected to award city employees Christmas bonuses in the amount of \$250 for full-time employees and \$125 for part time city employees. City manager Mike Bonfield told the commission that higher revenues and reduced expenditures resulted in this opportunity. "We ended (fiscal year 2008-2009) with approximately \$450 thousand to the good," he said.

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St. Pete Beach Community Club

St. Pete Beach Community Club will hold their annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 15 at 12 noon at the Warren Webster Building, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way. They will exchange a \$5 gift with those who wish to do so and have a covered lunch.

St. Pete Beach Community Club provides recreational activities and assists with civic projects. New members are welcome. You do not

have to be a resident of St. Pete Beach to join. The club meets every third Tuesday of the month at noon from September through June. Call 363-9245 for information.

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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 Domsday 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.

Jewish Genealogical Society to Meet

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Boulevard in Clearwater on Sunday, December 13. Library access and a social with refreshments begin at 1:30 p.m., and the program starts at 2 p.m.

The program will include a celebration of the 10th year of the Society's existence and will include lighting of the candles to celebrate the third night of Hanukkah. Refreshments will be served appropriate to the Hanukkah holiday and will be followed by a "Show and Tell" segment by members Lynn Arroya, Carol Jaffe, Deborah Radstrom, Barbara Smith and Linda Zolinsky, all of whom have experienced a breakthrough or an amusing incident in their personal research. Each will relate the circumstances of their experience and the success or failure of their effort. These "show and tells" will provide insight and give encouragement to others on how they too can achieve success in their family research. Bring a success or interesting research story with you, and tell us about it.

Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogical research is invited to attend. Beginners as well as experienced researchers are welcome. For further information on the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay or directions to the meeting call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

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The deadline is December 15, 2009. Applications may be obtained online at <http://soroptimist.org/pdf/woonlineapp.pdf> and must be mailed to: SIHI P.O. Box 66073 St. Pete Beach, FL 33736 or e-mailed to: siholidayisles@soroptimist.net.

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USCG Safe Boating Classes

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

Classes include: "Piloting Your Boat-Part A" December 8; "Piloting Your Boat-Part B" December 15; Christmas vacation December 22 and 29.

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Rescue Group Needs Foster Homes for Dogs

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Dream Wedding Comes True for Army Private and his Bride

By Leigh Clifton

P.F.C. Zak Lewis met Nicole Gordy online through Myyearbook.com in September of this year; September 11, to be exact. It was a fateful day of memories that, because Zak was military, held special meaning to him. He and Nicole chatted online and then agreed to meet at an ice cream shop in Madeira Beach. They ended up walking the beach and talking until after 2 a.m. After texting and emailing all week, the following Saturday they went out on a second date, going to the movies. By the third date, Zak had fallen totally in love with Nicole, so on the beach that night he asked her a question he had had on his mind.

"He asked me to marry him, and I just laughed at him," Nicole smiled at the memory. "But I knew he was the one; he was great with my four kids and he was the kindest person I ever met. So I said yes!"

Zak says of Nicole, "From the moment I saw her, I knew she had "it"; I saw it in her eyes. I knew I wanted to marry her right then. People kept telling me it would be hard, especially with her four kids. But I said if I can survive the Army, I can do anything. The kids are easy!"

Zak's mother Carol Howard put together a wedding on the fly. Time was of the essence, because Zak was due to ship out to Iraq December 12th.

"He was sure she was the one, and he didn't want to wait. He wanted to be married before he left for Iraq. So I put the word out and got so much wonderful help. The Sirata donated a room for the Honeymoon; we had photography and DJ services donated. We all brought food for the reception. It was put together so

fast, but it turned out so perfectly!"

JSR Training owners Jeri and Phillip Reed had recently renovated their building on 49th St. where they teach nursing certification as well as a host of other ventures. Jeri read an article in the St. Pete Times about the couple and decided then and there to donate the hall for the reception. She was so happy to be able to help.

"I just thought this was a way for Phillip and me to give back to our soldiers. They needed a space for a reception and we had one. Carol, the groom's mom, is a nursing student here so we knew we were helping one of our own. Phillip and his family are retired military, so it just fit for us. It worked out great!"

The hall was beautifully decorated with a giant 13 foot Christmas tree and long banquet tables. The Reeds offered full use of the facilities, including the massive kitchen. Relatives brought food and decorations.

One woman, Heidi Wincek, drove all the way from Palm Harbor and brought food to donate to the reception dinner. She had been to the VA for a sick relative earlier that day and felt it was important to help, even though she didn't know the couple at all.

"I want to support my troops and I couldn't sit by and watch these kids struggle to put on a wedding. I saw the story in the paper and called Carol this morning, telling her I wanted to help. So here I am."

The newly married Lewis' looked around happily as people snapped picture after picture of them. The four kids did what all kids do; they got into everything. But somewhere along the way, their new dad had a wistful, contented smile on his face. I asked him if he wanted children of his own. He looked at them and smiled, "I already do...."

Massachusetts Society to Meet

Massachusetts Society will meet on Wednesday, December 9 at 1 p.m. at The Lions Club, 4630 Tifton Drive in Gulfport. They will have a Yankee Swap. Bring a wrapped gift (\$5-\$7), no tags. All Bay State neighbors and friends are cordially invited to take part in their activities.

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Holiday Happenings on Treasure Island

TREASURE ISLAND-The Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 5 at the Treasure Island Community Center and Park, Gulf Blvd. at 106th Ave. There will be a parade sponsored by the Treasure Island Chamber of Commerce at 4:30 p.m. which starts at Treasure Bay Golf and Tennis Center, 10315 Paradise Boulevard, down 107th Ave. around the Clock Tower to 1st Street East, right on 106th Ave. to the Community Center. The parade will feature Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Admiral Farragut Band, antique cars, floats, various local clubs and organizations and much more. After the parade, children will be able to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Community Center and join Santa Claus and Mayor Minning in the lighting of all the City's holiday decorations at approximately 6 p.m. Additional activities will include face painting and balloon twisting elves; singing Jack Frost; juggling snow flake; holiday choir and much more Refreshments will be served. The event is free to the public.

Santa's Mailbox continues through December 15. Santa will answer letters from all boys and girls who drop off or mail letters to his mailbox located in front of the Treasure Island City Hall at 120 108th Avenue. Santa's elves remind everyone to have a return address on their letters.

The Christmas Boat Parade and Holiday Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, December 13 at the Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club, 400 Treasure Island Causeway. The Holiday Celebration begins at 4:30 p.m. with the Boat Parade leaving the Yacht Club at 6:20 p.m. Bring a new toy to the Recreation Department at City Hall or Treasure Bay on Paradise Boulevard between December 1 through December 11 to receive a pass to watch the parade from a spectacular vantage point and participate in the events at the Yacht Club. The toys will be donated to the Edwards Family Foundation. Holiday music and complimentary hot dogs, chowder, hot cider and cookies will be served poolside. Santa will make an appearance. A rain date is scheduled for Monday, December 14. For

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additional information, please call the Yacht Club at (727) 367-4511.

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City of Gulfport Holiday Decorations Contest

Gulfport residents, are you ready to get in the holiday spirit and brighten up our City for the holiday season? Then it's time to enter the City of Gulfport's Holiday Decorations Contest. Stop by the Gulfport Recreation Center or City Hall to pick up an application to enter your home or business. "Santa and his Elves" will be judging on Friday evening, December 11. No one knows what time the big red sleigh will travel through the City of Gulfport, but

please be ready by 6 p.m. Deadline to enter the contest is noon, Friday, December 11. There are two theme categories: general and commercial. The general theme is for single/joint home only and the commercial theme is for single/joint business and professional locations, including home occupations. A plaque will be awarded to one winner of each theme category and certificates will be presented to them at the Gulfport's City Council meeting (televised) Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m. Winners can pick up their plaques at the Recreation Center on Friday, December 18. It's time to show off your fantastic holiday creation! Call 893-1068 for further information.

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Gulfport Beach November Water Quality Report

By Cathy Salustri

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

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

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

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

You can reach Cathy Salustri at
CathySalustri@TheGabber.com



| Sample Date | <i>Enterococcus</i> | Fecal Coliform |
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Public Comment & Council Quotes

"The city attorney has certainly gotten better looking since yesterday!" –Jim Greenwald, about the Salzman firm's replacement of interim attorney Salzman with interim attorney Caitlin Sirico

"I went to Pinellas Park and looked at their bench signs and one word describes them: ugly." –Margarete Tober, about the proposed bench sign ordinance that she said she heard was based on the Pinellas Park program. The city will discuss the ordinance at the December 15 meeting.

"I do think that you should consider... making it available just to nonprofit groups." –Jennifer Salmon, about the bench sign ordinance

"I have it on my television all the time: John Morgan and Morgan and Morgan. The last thing I want to see when I come out of my house is him." -Jerry O'Reegan, about the proposed bench sign ordinance

"Are we looking for one other than the two who are kind of swapping off every now and then?" –John Freiburger, about the police chief position

"It was a phenomenal event. We had sailors from all over the world." -Bob Feckner, about the recent multi-hull regatta, the 2009 Global Challenge

"We've got karaoke this year. I want to see you, Mr. Mayor." -Lori Rosso, about tonight's Chamber mixer at the Casino

"In order to save money in the long run and possibly the health of our employees, I believe we need to address the cause of the problem." –Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington, about the mold problem in city hall

"Where are we with the Governance group that is supposed to be investigating? I believe they've been given an inordinate amount of time." –Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington, about the city attorney position

"If you're going to give to a charity this season, give to this one. If you're going to give to a charity, consider giving at home." -Councilmember Michele King, about Operation Santa, which gives to Gulfport families

"Maybe we should invite the water management district also." –Councilmember Sam Henderson, about Councilmember Michele King's suggestion that council invite the Tampa Bay Estuary Program to discuss its report on Clam Bayou and Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington's idea that council also address the Southwest Florida Water Management District's 1995 report on Clam Bayou

"Be sure you get your tickets. It goes from January 9th through the 24th. You'll see some of your friends and neighbors in the cast, including yours truly. Little Elizabeth Brown Worthington is playing her five-times great aunt... you'll also see the mayor and the city manager on the stage." –Councilmember Judy Ryerson, about the upcoming Gulfport: The Musical

"That ought to be good—we can go from a musical to a comedy." –Mayor Mike Yakes, about his upcoming appearance in Gulfport: The Musical

"I'm not satisfied with Governance...I am asking them to come to the next meeting we have here and give us a full report." –Mayor Mike Yakes, about the search for a city attorney and the consulting firm the city hired to address the

"It's great that they're coming. Unfortunately, this will be their third trip to Gulfport and they charge us traveling expenses. I don't think we need to keep enduring the expense." –Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington, about Governance

"I am proposing to them is that they come down on their dime, not ours." –Mayor Mike Yakes, about Governance

"We're not closed Friday and Monday; we'll be operating out of council chambers." –City Clerk Lesley DeMuth, about the comment that the Clerk's office would be closed for mold treatment.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Cherry Crusted Nut Bars

You know, you've got to hand it to Gulfport's mayor, Mike Yakes. The city has some true cherry-crusted nut bars, and this guy doesn't even blink. If you've watched Gulfport council meetings, you know who I mean. For those of you outside Gulfport, if you've watched any council meetings anywhere in the world, you have your own nut bars.

No matter what these people say, Mayor Mike keeps a straight face. No matter how ridiculous their request, he nods thoughtfully. He addresses most of their concerns.

It's really a shame that the people addressing council cannot offer the same level of respect. Somewhere along the way, people have started to believe that it is ethically acceptable to treat elected and appointed officials like idiots, criminals, or both. People are rude, accusatory, and condescending, and exhibit behavior often found when a three year-old has a tantrum.

Here's a sample of what you might see and hear at council.

Tuesday night one lady who may or may not need medicine that she may or may not be taking accused the city of ethics violations, interrupting the city's clerk's response to her question, and standing up in the middle of the attorney's response to insinuate the attorney didn't understand the Sunshine Law. In the past this woman repeatedly accused an acting city clerk of hiding records, the interim attorney of ongoing unethical behavior, and the council in general of behaving unethically. She does not understand the Sunshine Law, yet she insists on spouting out her twisted version of the law as if it were fact.

One man continues to accost council about the city's decision to allow a smoker restaurant on 49th Street. He continues to obsessively accuse council of polluting the air and poisoning him, despite a marked lack of evidence. He wrote

a letter to *The Gabber* referencing the smoke going up to the heavens and raining down on the pirates. Trust me, I'm nowhere near "well-adjusted" myself, but from what I've seen, yelling at council and accusing them of poisoning people isn't how well-adjusted people handle their grievances.

Others accuse the elected councilmembers of conspiring to make secret deals or violate Sunshine laws. Mike just sits there, stoic, and looks at them like these people aren't in competition for the cover of the Fruit Loops box.

Attention, nut bars: listen up, and listen good. I'll say it slowly so you don't miss anything.

Gulfport is great, and I know you love it. I do, too, but I do realize something you seem to be missing: Gulfport ain't Chicago. Nothing here is worth the level of conspiracy you suggest. The mayor is not making any secret deals, no one is trying to poison anyone, and no, even though I think sometimes she does get a little fiscally-obsessive about the city's finances, Michele King isn't trying to sell Veteran's Park to a mall developer. You people want to make this city into a John Grisham novel, and it just isn't that kind of place. The entire council could conspire to sell every city block to developers and Clam Bayou to Waste Management and it wouldn't net enough money to matter.

Oh, I'm not saying things that are inappropriate don't happen, because I believe that they do, and whether you believe us or not, we do look for those things. We just need to be somewhat responsible about what we print, so that rules out just about everything I've mentioned above as a viable news item.

I've gotten to know four of the five councilmembers pretty well, and while I frequently disagree with them, I can say to you that each really does want to do what

they believe is best for Gulfport. Sometimes they're misguided and sometimes they're so passionate that it can get tiresome, but they really do want to see good things in your city.

While we're on the topic, please remember that just because you stand up at council and say something over and over again doesn't make it true, and it certainly doesn't mean council has to act on it. I know that's a hard pill to swallow, but give it a shot. Sometimes what you're saying is just so completely out there that the most prudent thing for council to do is ignore you. Some of you seem to be operating within the confines of your own reality and, well, to be frank, we're just not ready to board the train to Crazy Town, Population: You.

Also, let's take a hard look at city council, but instead of looking for the secret deals and malfeasance, let's look at some of the good they do and have done since before they ran for office. Mike's raised something like 27 children that weren't biologically his and Judy's volunteered just about everywhere someone can volunteer in the two and half square miles that is Gulfport. Bob would have heart palpitations if he couldn't give time to CERT and before that the volunteer fire department, and Michele will take up just about any benevolent cause and work towards it just because she thinks it's the right thing to do. Sam? Well, Sam's new and he hasn't really been as receptive to *The Gabber* as the rest of council, but I'm sure he must do something of value as well.

Finally, try treating council and staff with a lot more respect. They've got a hard enough job without you treating them like pedophiles. "Public session" isn't a license to treat people like dirt, and despite how some of you treat your council, they are people. Your behavior embarrasses me on behalf of carbon-based life forms everywhere.

So lay off, would you? These are people like you and I—well, maybe a little more sane than a handful of you—just doing the best they can.

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Holiday Boat Parades

One of the best things about Florida in December is the profusion of lighted boat parades. Cities up and down the Gulf Coast indulge in this holiday-themed event revolves around a series of boats, literally lit up like Christmas trees that make their way through a leg of the Intracoastal Waterway. Festivities usually ensue among boaters as well as spectators, who can watch the parade from a variety of spots along the waterfront. Here are a few of the places and times you can catch one of these – or, if you're really ambitious, catch all or most of them. Most occur on different days, which means that you can see more than one this holiday season.

Saturday, Dec. 5

St. Pete Beach. Held in conjunction with South Pasadena, this holiday boat parade goes from 6 to 9pm. It starts at Merry Pier in Pass-A-Grille and heads north. Those who check this one out from the shores of the SPB Community Center can also witness the city's tree-lighting ceremony and holiday celebration. As of press time, no boats have officially registered for this one, even though the boat that sports the most impressive decorations will win \$1,000. Questions? Call 367-2735.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Tierra Verde. This midweek installment of this most excellent celebration of both boats and Christmas lights goes from 6 to 9pm, and is visible from Tierra Verde's miles of waterfront.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Gulfport. This one starts at the Marina and goes around the bay, toward St. Petersburg. It then turns around and heads past Gulfport Pier, Town Shores and Pasadena Yacht and Country Club before heading back to the Marina. Check it out from 6 to 9pm. Spot the passing boats from various waterfront spots throughout Gulfport. Call 893-1000 for details.

Downtown St. Petersburg. Beginning at 6:30pm, this gigantic celebration is also known as the Bruce Watters Jewelers Illuminated Boat Parade. It will feature the most fabulous boats in town, decked to the brim with dazzling holiday lights. The best place to view this one is from St. Pete's extensive downtown waterfront, like Spa Beach, for example, where a holiday celebration will run from 3 to 10pm. Call 821-6443 for more details.

Sunday, Dec. 13

Treasure Island. The illuminated boats will leave the Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club at 6:20pm. If you bring a new toy to the Recreation Department at City Hall or Treasure Bay on Paradise Boulevard from now until December 11 you will get a pass to the best spot in town for viewing the parade. The toys will be donated to the Edwards Family Foundation. The Yacht Club celebration will also feature cider, corn chowder and other items to warm you up. Call the Yacht Club at 367-4511 for more details.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Madeira Beach. There'll actually be two boat parades in the water this evening. The first, which consists of smaller boats, starts at John's Pass at 6:15pm and heads north, making its way through all of the channels before ending at the Tom Stuart Causeway. The second starts at 6:30 and will consist of larger boats, which will not be entering the canals. It starts at the Tom Stuart and will end at John's Pass. Both will end at 8:30pm. For more information call 391-9951.

Indian Rocks Beach. Madeira Beach boat parade attendees who are so inclined can then high tail it up to Indian Rocks for this northern installment of the lighted boat parade. Call City Hall at 595-2517 for more details.

Sunday, Dec. 20

Redington Beach/Indian Shores. This Redington-Indian Shores joint will happen from 6 to 10pm and, as of press time, serves as the last installment of this year's boat parade series. Call 391-3875 to find out more.

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Craft Fairs and Holiday Bazaars

There is no getting around it: cookie cutter Christmas gifts are generally lame, some books and music aside. For the most part the appeal is more on the part of the giver than the receiver, and it comes in the form of convenience. To take it to a cheesy extreme, items made by hand tend to have exponentially more heart. Of course, finding the perfect handcrafted items for those on your list is likely to be quite a time-consuming process. Luckily, however, there are tons of options this year when it comes to craft fairs and holiday bazaars. Here are a few of the Tampa Bay area's best bets for those of you who want to give original gifts this year. We're including some options from greater Tampa Bay because we couldn't resist, but we know that there are many other quality craft fairs and bazaars out there.

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 5 & 6.

St. Pete Beach Corey Area Craft Festival. This one's coming up quickly. It will feature hand-crafted jewelry, spa items and gifts for pets, among other things. Plus it's got the appeal of being proximal to the shops and eateries of Corey Avenue as well as the beach. This event, now in its 15th year, is free and goes from 10am to 5pm both days.

Saturday, Dec. 6.

Gulfport Holiday Hoopla. This is the quintessential Gulfport holiday festival. Beach Boulevard will be packed with vendors and entertainers, plus the shops will of course be open for those interested in taking a leisurely stroll. Available goods will range from clothing and jewelry to wood and glass décor. Plus there'll be tons of live music, carolers and street performers. What mall has street performers? Holiday Hoopla goes from 11am to 8pm along Beach Boulevard.

Saturday, Dec. 12.

Downtown St. Pete. 22nd Annual Deck the Halls Sale. Located at 501 Central Ave., this sale features locally-made holiday decorations. All proceeds benefit the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast, so, you know. All items are \$5, and cash and checks are accepted (no plastic). It starts at 5:30pm and goes up until 8:30pm. Call 821-7391 to find out more.

Saturday, Dec. 13.

Boyd Hill, Christmas Jamboree. This is the Pioneer Settlement's holiday offering. It will feature carols, crafts and other festive accoutrements. Goes from 10am to 4pm. For more info on this old-timey celebration call 893-7326.

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 12 & 13.

Sarasota Municipal Auditorium. Atomic Holiday Bazaar. Yes, this is all the way on the other side of the Sunshine Skyway, but for those interested in checking out one the Tampa Bay region's most interesting holiday bazaars this one is a must. This is not the kind of thing you'd see in Wasilla, so those seeking God's eye Christmas ornaments and sweatshirts featuring iron-on poinsettias may want to save themselves a trip. This one features dozens of mold-busting crafters as well as food, drink and entertainment. Saturday night's installment, which takes place from 5 to 11:30pm, is for grown-ups only and will feature a burlesque performance (18+; \$7 admission). Sunday will be more of an all-ages event and goes from noon to 6pm. Admission is \$5, and children under 12 get in free. Visit [atomic holidaybazaar.com](http://atomic.holidaybazaar.com) for more info.

Saturday, Dec. 12.

Cuban Club, Ybor City. WMNF's Annual Holiday Bazaar. Not only is WMNF one of the coolest media outlets in town, but they also put on some killer events within the community. This event will feature a wide variety of vendors selling locally-crafted wares including soaps, jewelry, glass, and knitting as well as records, CDs and books. Plus: live music all day. This event goes from 8:30am to 5pm. Admission is \$3. Call (813) 238-8001 to find out more.

Beta Sigma Phi

Sunshine City Council will hold the annual Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 5 at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., 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.

Beta Sigma Phi is an international sorority which provides women with a social and cultural outlet. The 12 chapters of Sunshine City council meet at various times depending on the chapter format. Chapters may participate and support a variety of service project in the area. If you would like to learn more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Sharon Melton at 595-9625.

Laureate Epsilon Theta's next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9 at the home of Joyce Keller at 7 p.m. Val Rankin will present the program. This will be the annual Christmas Party meeting and members will bring a variety of sweets and non-sweet items to sample. An exchange of "Beta Buddy" (secret sister) gifts will take place. The chapter sweetheart will be voted on and crowned at this meeting.

The Annual Couples' Christmas Social fill be held on Saturday, December 12 at the home of Sharon and Rogers Ingram. The meal will be prepared by hostesses Val Rankin and Sharon Ingram. There will be an ornament exchange among the ladies and the men will exchange a variety of snack food items.

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season. For more information contact Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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The St. Petersburg Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8 at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1900 34 Street N. Emma Florescu who has played with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will present a program of violin music. Bring a small, unwrapped inexpensive toy or game to be given to an organization for distribution to needy children. Call Wendy Risk at 572-9854.

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Aimed at America: Bible Codes That Shoot Down Deceivers

Vince Carthane may just be the next big thing because he's discovered a system of secret messages in the King James Bible.

This discovery is documented in his newly-released book called *Aimed at America: Bible Codes That Shoot Down Deceivers*.

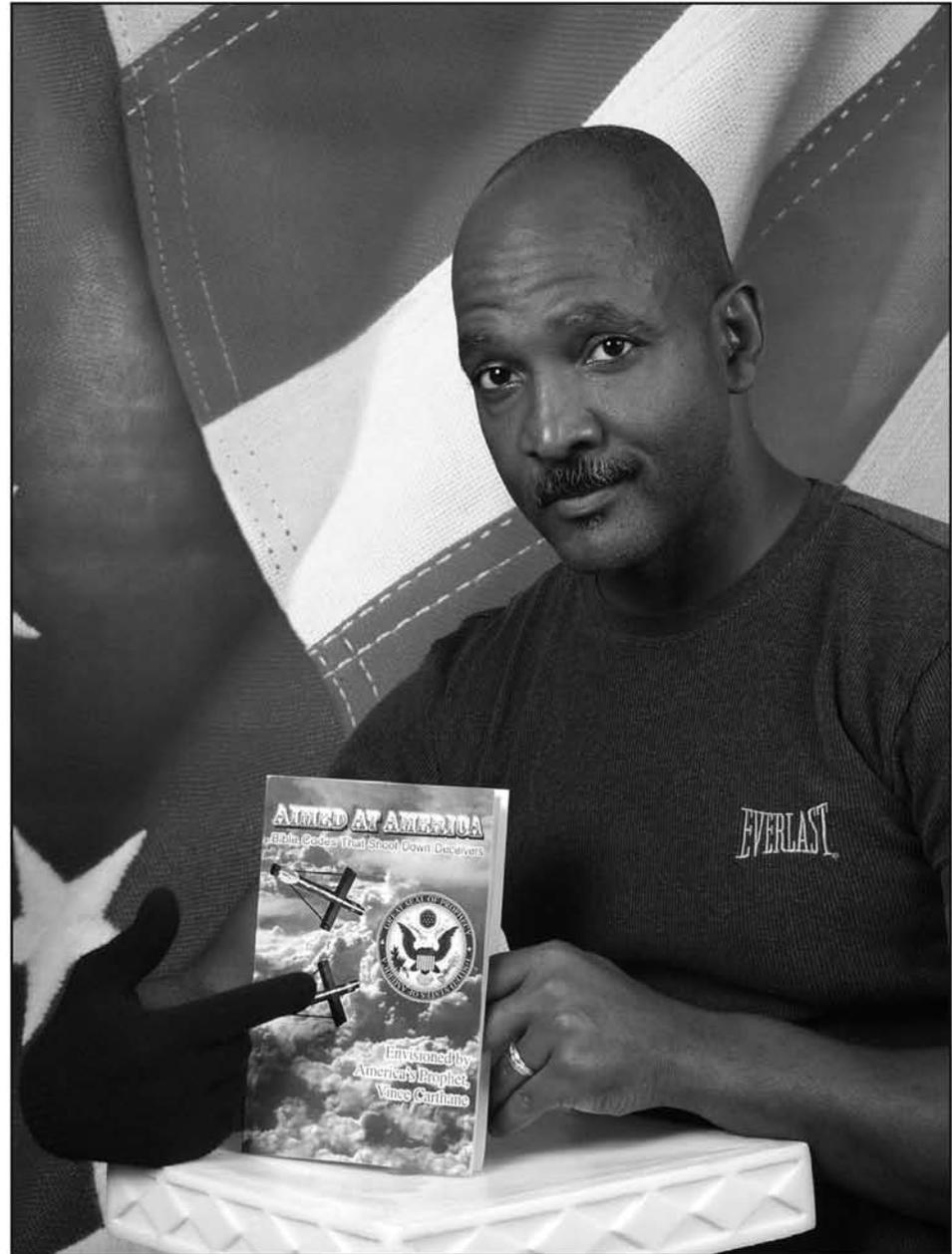
Students of the Bible can now be armed with *actual* proof that the King James Bible is the authorized word of God, Carthane says.

How? Carthane says that his book *Aimed at America: Bible Codes That Shoot Down Deceivers* repeatedly lines up parallel patterns to reveal how the Bible contains *specific* secret messages about the United States, Martin Luther King, ancient and modern racism, Islam, television, and other significant topics in the news.

Vince Carthane discovered these Bible codes while seeking to use his time constructively during his many years of solitary confinement while he was imprisoned.

Since his release from a 30-year prison sentence on November 10, 2008, Carthane has only been able to get part-time employment at Tropicana Field during the Rays games. He has used his small checks to self-publish *Aimed at America: Bible Codes That Shoot Down Deceivers*.

Now that there's no work at Tropicana Field, this homeless veteran is attempting to turn his



The Gabber Features Vince Carthane

Bible code discovery into a career as an inspirational author and speaker.

Carthane says he dedicated his book to the glory of God because "it reveals that something (the Holy Ghost) had to inspire this ghost writer to compose these Masterpieces."

Currently, you can buy Carthane's book, *Aimed at America: Bible*

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The Life of Mike Corcoran Honored by Gulfport Little League

By Leigh Clifton

Gulfport Little League honored one of its "own" last week, as the organization unveiled a plaque honoring Mike Corcoran was installed on the wall of the concession's stand at the Little League field. Corcoran, a long time Little League supporter and friend to many, died suddenly of an aneurism earlier this year. More than 50 people, including Corcoran's wife Darlene, their daughter Emily and their two sons, Mayor Mike Yakes, Councilman Sam Henderson and two-time Olympic Gold Medal Winner Softball player Michele Smith attended the ceremony. Gulfport Little League President John Harker had wonderful praise for Corcoran. "He was a great friend, a great coach and he worked really hard for Little League. Everybody loved him," he said, tearing up at the memory. "In fact," Harker said, "on the weekend of December 11, Northeast is going to donate the \$50.00 entrance fee from their Major and Minor Softball and Junior Baseball tournaments to the Corcoran family."

The gathering of friends was a fitting tribute to a life well-lived, but tragically cut short. Contributions are being accepted by Regions Bank in Mike Corcoran's name or can be made by visiting the Gulfport Little League's website at GulfportLL.net.



Councilman Sam Henderson stands with the Corcoran family next to the plaque on the wall of the concessions stand. The plaque reads "On these fields and in his life, this man gave fully of himself to the youth of our community through the game of baseball."

Boca Ciega High School Scoreboard

By Leigh Clifton

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Girls Junior Varsity

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Locks of Love fall for Gina Burke

By Leigh Clifton

They say the true worth and character of a person can be judged by the love of their friends; it that's true, then Gina Burke is a woman well-loved, by this Gulfport community and far beyond. On Sunday morning, people who didn't know her or had only read her story in *The Gabber* about her courage in the face of illness, lined up in front of Salon M, on Beach Blvd in Gulfport to get haircuts, massages and manicures. They didn't line up out the door and onto the porch of the salon because the services were on sale; they lined up to donate the cost of those services to a woman most hadn't even met. Some were survivors with inspiring stories that only others who have lived through the hell that cancer is can understand. Some were from Tampa, some from Madeira Beach and some way beyond the Gulfport city limits. Some were her friends, most did not know her. But if love and compassion can be measured by the amount of hair on a salon cutting room floor, then Gina is indeed a treasured friend among many.

"We've had full chairs all day, since 10:45," said Angie Alsina, whose mother Bobbie was sitting in Salon M's owner Marta Woodhead's chair. Angie was volunteering manning the front desk, where she showed a notebook with all the names of people who had already been in. There were pages after pages of names. She says that people were there at 10:45; they had coffee and waited for the doors to open at 11. Tampa stylist Tina McIntosh, a good friend of Gina's, is pulling Gina's daughter Allie's long brown hair into a pony tail. Allie is sitting in a salon chair, looking all business, although her naturally wide smile belied



Gina's daughter Allie holds up her newly liberated ponytail, while older sister Zoe smiles. Younger sister Lula can be seen in the background (left) getting her hair cut and watching it all.

her serious intent.

"Ahhh, eight inches," she measured and smiled. "That's the minimum length for hair donation."

Allie is donating her hair to Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for cancer victims who lose their hair due to chemo treatments. Allie is ten and it's a big deal to cut off your hair. She doesn't flinch. When Tina gives her the pony tail, minus the person, she holds it up proudly. It's what she can do for her mom and she is proud.

Tina is wearing a shirt that says 'Viva la Cure'; it's from her salon, Shear Art, in Tampa, who threw her a benefit after she was diagnosed in July with breast cancer. She was 43.

"If the current rules about mam-mograms had been in place in July when I was diagnosed, I would be dead by now. I found my lump myself and then had a mammogram which confirmed it." Tina is thoughtful about her statement; it is so matter of fact.....

The fact that Tina and Gina are fellow cancer victims seems a bit strange, until you realize that approximately

one in eight women will get breast cancer in their lifetime. Looking around the salon, it's hard not to get scared about statistics that are alarmingly accurate.

Tina and Marta are friends, so when Tina asked fellow stylist and Salon M owner Marta Woodhead about a place to hold a cut-a thon fundraiser, Marta never hesitated.

"I said, with a business, you have an opportunity to do good things for people," Marta said. "I think it's our obligation to help if we can."

Marta doesn't even know Gina; just met her that Sunday for the first time. But woman always bond together in crises; the crowded salon was an out-loud testament to that.

Even Gina got into a new style on Sunday. She had visiting stylist Darlene Loder from Madeira Beach, cut her blond hair into a cute, pixie cut. Darlene owns Salon Darlene Marie. She also knows Tina, so when she called, Darlene was there at 11 am. There was already a line out the door.

Gina loves the new do, but is quietly resigned to the fact that she will probably lose

her hair... and soon...

"They told me that on day 17 of chemo, it will all fall out," she said, almost serenely. "That's next Sunday. For some reason, they have this down to almost an exact science. So my mom is now in charge of my headgear," she laughed. "I put her in charge of that because she was a pit pushy with the nurse at Moffitt and all I could think of was that if she upset the nurse, they might not treat me too well! But my nurse Susan is fabulous, my mom gets to buy me scarves for my head and everyone is balanced out! Who knows? I may even go bald; it might be cool!"

Gina has an unflappable single mindedness of purpose that is amazing to see. She has an amazing, upbeat attitude but even she admits sometimes it's hard to maintain it all the time.

"Today is a good day," she says, referring to her reactions to chemo treatments. "Last week was tough, but now I'm getting the routine down. Now, I'll know that I'll only have one real bad week, then two good ones. I can live with that. There's been some pain with the port surgery, but I can manage it." Gina says all this with a smile that lights up the room; she is like an angel among the rest. She shows no pain, only a bit of grateful weariness as the morning rolls on.

"All of these people here, it's overwhelming that the community would come together for someone they don't even know! Everybody has a story; they all know someone who's had cancer or is a survivor. They tell me that's why they came today. It's amazing that such a horrible disease can bring out the best in people."

At last count, the cut-a thon raised over \$2000.00; Gina just inspires people like that.

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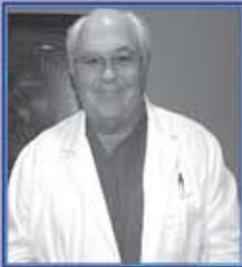
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G.B.

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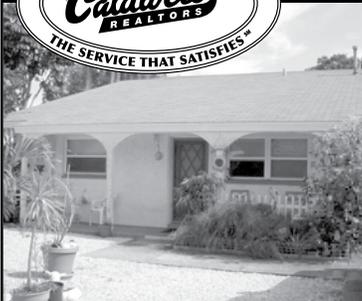
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