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And The Brrr Continues



Photo by Leigh Clifton

Wearing her Ugg boots, Gulfport resident Susan McCaine pushes three bundled up kids at the Tuesday Morning Market, where the weather was a Chilling 40 degrees. McCaine, who has a daycare business took her son Cobia, (left) Analise Pinney (center) and toddler Jack Dempsey (rt) for a stroll up Beach Boulevard in search of fresh produce. The frigid weather has everyone pulling old coats, hats and gloves out of the closets. Its expected to stay very cold for the rest of the week.

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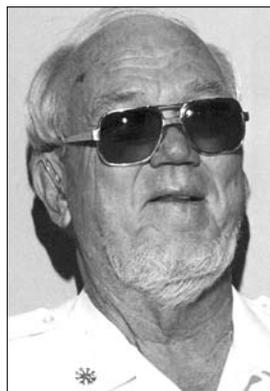
City Approves Boca Ciega High School Site Plan

GULFPORT- After much deliberation and a series of meetings, city council approved the Boca Ciega High School site plan. After the unsuccessful November 17 meeting where council had a different site plan than the one the School Board representatives presented, Gulfport's Community Development staff met with the Pinellas County School Board.

"The school board has, at least to staff satisfaction, ironed out the issues that were in question," Myra Schwarz, a planner with the city, told council.

"I know this is basically a verbal agreement because once this property is yours, it's yours," Councilman Sam Henderson said, adding that he wanted to hear someone from the school board assure council that they would not install

Gulfport Park Named After Nathan L. White



Gulfport Legacy
Nathan White

Volunteer fireman and Chief, former councilman, and Little League President Nathan L. White will soon have a park named after him. City council unanimously agreed to rename the park at the corner of 53rd Street and 23rd Avenue South in White's honor.

When this item came before council Tuesday evening, several councilmembers shared memories of White throughout his life.

As a Boy Scout, Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington said, White served as a volunteer firefighter when the older adult men served in the armed services in World War II.

"Anyone would be proud to call him a friend," Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington said. Councilwoman Judy Ryerson agreed and recalled White's sense of humor.

"He said, as a child in the summertime they lived on mullet and grits and in the wintertime they lived on the tourists," she remembered. "I can hear those words," Mayor Mike Yakes said.

Gulfport Centennial Musical Celebration!

It isn't every city that kicks off its centennial celebration with an original musical written especially for its birthday, but that is exactly what Gulfport Florida is doing. A little over a year and a half ago, a Gulfport resident and well-known playwright, Gil Perloth, teamed up with Gulfport Historian, Lynne Brown to create a never-before-seen musical. This tremendous effort on both their parts is premiering January 9 and will run through January 24 at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater in a play entitled,

"Gulfport: The Musical".

The play is a joint effort by the City of Gulfport and the Gulfport Community Players to kick off the City of Gulfport's Centennial Celebration. It is based upon some of the many historical highlights of the unique City of Gulfport, Florida.

Under of very able direction of Daniel Harris and musical direction by Bill Bryant and backed by a cast of 26 actors, this play is a history of the ups and downs of this small Florida coastal town by the bay.

Many years ago, The Great Hurricane of 1921 destroyed and changed the character of Gulfport forever. What

was once a small fishing village was wiped out by that storm. People were starving and there seemed to be no way to make a living. Then later prohibition arrived, and what was left of the fishermen turned to bootlegging. Time marched on to 1980 when undesirables virtually took over the waterfront.

Today Gulfport has the feel of a small town, unlike some larger cities around the state. Gulfport is an extremely laid back community and the residents like it that way.

The Gulfport Centennial Celebration of events will continue through 2010, but, for now, enjoy a bit of history and see a great musical about this very special city by the bay known as the Gateway to the Gulf.

Tickets are on sale now for just \$15 each. You can purchase tickets in Gulfport at Eileen's Resale Shop at 5401 Gulfport Boulevard S., The Gulfport Casino Ballroom at 5501 Shore Boulevard S., The Gulfport Chamber of Commerce at 2808 58 Sreet S. and The Beach Bazaar at 3115 Beach Boulevard S. Get yours while you still can! For more information, call 727-322-0316.

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Site Plan, from front page

stadium lighting. Representatives said they had no plans to do so.

"I appreciate Sam's concerns about the lights. What concerns me is that we don't seem to be consistent in the city," Margarete Tober told council, saying she noticed that the lights for Hoyt field and the tennis courts are on at night. She also reminded council that the Little League stadium used to have lights on at night as well.

The council approved the site plan unanimously.

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Gulfport Lions Club Spaghetti Supper

The Gulfport Lions Club will be hosting their Spaghetti Supper on January 9. All their events support community outreach programs in sight conservation; four Pancake Breakfasts, a Shrimp Boil in March, along with our Fish Fry (September), our Spaghetti Suppers (October and January) and Journey for Sight (March). Some of the entities that they sponsor are The Florida Lions Camp for the Visually Impaired, The Watson Center for the Visually Impaired, the Conklin Center for the Multi-Handicapped Blind, the Central Florida Eye Bank, Southeast Guide Dogs, WUSF Radio Reading Service, the Florida Lions Foundation, our local eyeglass and examination program, local Scouting and Little League programs, and many more. So please come out and support your local Lions.



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4-7 p.m. Directions: go south on 49th Street to the stop sign at the water, turn left and follow the road around to the Lions Club. Their next event will be a Pancake Breakfast on February 6.

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Seniors' Chat Room

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

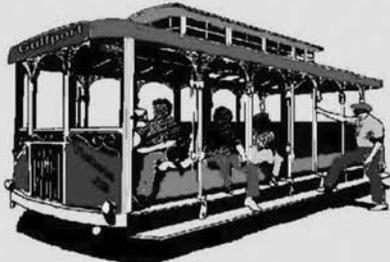
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The extended cold weather has stressed supplies at the shelters, which are now in a serious position of running out. Items needed desperately include food, coffee, disposable dinnerware (plates, napkins, forks, etc.), money and gift certificates to grocery stores. Warm clothing, such as jackets (for men), gloves, and hats are also needed.

Supplies may be dropped off at the Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless office, or brought directly to the closest cold weather shelter. Monetary donations should

be made to the Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless and can be made through the website www.pinellashomeless.org or by check sent to the organization at 5180 62nd Ave. N. in Pinellas Park, FL 33781. The phone number of the Coalition is (727) 528-5763.

The shelters are used by homeless residents seeking a warm place to stay. The network of cold weather shelters is operated by churches and non-profit organizations and staffed primarily by volunteers. With the current economic crisis, budgets have been cut and many more people have become homeless, creating an even greater challenge this winter.

For more information, contact Michael Amidei at (727) 543-2600, Cliff Smith at (727) 464-8448 or Sarah Snyder at (727) 424-1355.

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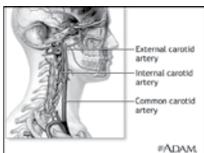
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Taoist Tai Chi Society. Call Marjorie Grudzinski at 345-6708.

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Expand your Boating Knowledge and Skills

The America's Boating Course presented by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron is available to anyone 12 or older. Instruction is free. Cost of the materials is \$25 per family. Classes are held once a week (two hours each Monday), for seven weeks. Completion of this course

will enable the student to skipper a boat with confidence. Because most skippers will attend only one safety course, we believe it should be as comprehensive as possible. Plus, graduates are eligible to join the squadron and take advantage of all the other great educational opportunities afforded to SPSPS members. The class starts Monday, January 11 from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Ave SE, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. Pre-registration is required. You may do it online at www.boating-stpete.org or call 727-498-4001. The course chairman will contact you for confirmation.

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Howard Troxler at Main Library Today

St. Petersburg Times columnist Howard Troxler will speak at the Main Library, 3745 Ninth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg on Thursday, January 7 at 2 p.m. His appearances usually fill the auditorium so plan to come early to get a good seat.

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Association to Hold Wine & Cheese Party

South Pasadena Civic Association will hold its annual Wine & Cheese party on Wednesday, January 13 at 1:30 p.m. Come see "Elvis Presley" in person. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members. For tickets call Agnes at 347-5292.

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Thanks from Operation Santa

The Gulfport Police Operation Santa would like to thank all those who made 2009 Operation Santa a success by making donations. This year Operation Santa helped put a smile on the faces of 189 children in 60 families. This is only possible through the donations of toys and money from organizations, businesses and individuals. Santa and his elves would like to thank all who contributed. Every donation, whether large or small, makes a difference to the children in Gulfport who might not have had much under the tree at Christmas. Santa would like to acknowledge those who made donations of \$100 or more than 20 toys.



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Town Shores Red Hatters

Bunko will be played tomorrow, Friday, January 8 in the clubhouse lounge at 1 p.m. Bring \$2. Also, \$5 dues for 2010 will be collected. If you are planning to attend please call Petie at 343-6450 or Judy at 344-7558.

They have been invited to attend the musical "Anything Goes" with the Nottingham group. The musical is at the St. Petersburg Little Theatre on 31st St. S. Price is \$17 for a Sunday matinee on January 31. Reservations can be made by calling Margaret at 345-4675.

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Genealogy and Family History Series

A free series of talks on Genealogy and Family History is held on the second Saturday of every month from 10-11 a.m. at the West St. Petersburg Community Library at the corner of 8 Avenue N. and 67 Street. Next meeting is January 9. Items discussed include GEDCOM and computer genealogy programs and converting family data into genealogy reports. Learn how to turn family history into an

interesting and exciting hobby. Call Charlie Grandmaison at 343-2776.

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Massachusetts Society to Meet

The Massachusetts Society's next meeting is Wednesday, January 13 at 1 p.m. at the Lions' Club on Tifton Drive in Gulfport. This month's event in their auction. Bay State neighbors are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served.

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For more information on monthly meetings, diverse activities including

arts and craft projects, monthly excursions, book discussions, weekly sewing and card games or rental information of their clubhouse, please call 822-4982. Guests are welcome to attend all our events. GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club has been serving the community since 1913.

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Book Discussion Group at Woman's Club

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard NE, has scheduled the next "Book Nook" discussion group on Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. The book to be discussed is "Keeper of the

House" by Rebecca Godwin. Guests are welcome to join them. Questions can be directed to Andi Barlow at 521-9888 or email andibarlow@tampabay.rr.com. GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club has been serving the community since 1913. For more information please call 822-4982. Guests are welcome to attend all their events.

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Grief Support Group Starts Friday

Each Friday beginning January 8 from 10 a.m. until noon GriefShare DVDs will be shown at Cornerstone Community Church at 6745 38 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Everyone who is experiencing the loss of a loved one is welcome. You may begin at any time throughout the thirteen weeks. Cost is \$1 at each session to help pay for the workbooks. Professionals who work with grieving people will be most helpful to you. For more information please call 727-343-7747.

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"A Night in Italy" at the Senior Center

Bellissimo! Come join The Gulfport Senior Center for "A Night in Italy" on Friday, January 29 starting with a Spaghetti Dinner at 6 p.m. and followed by a performance in the Hickman Theater by the Italian-American Society of St. Petersburg. Tickets (\$10) are available now at the Senior Center. Proceeds benefit the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

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Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on January 19 at 1 p.m. when we will discuss "Please Don't Feed the Wild Birds". Anyone who has a group can contact me at 384-0701 to tour the park.

Please remember no dogs are allowed in this park due to the birds feeding on the ground. Barbara Gilberg Habitat is located at 1600 Pasadena Avenue.

Friday Open Air Market in Treasure Island

The Treasure Island Chamber of Commerce announces that the Friday Open Air Markets has started every Friday until March (excluding holidays) from 9-2 p.m. at the Community Center, Market features arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, music, free parking. Rain or shine.

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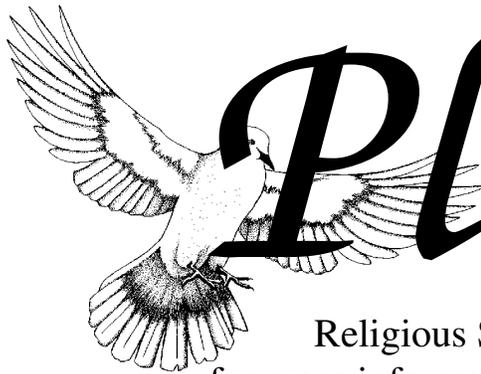
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Hog Heaven Barbecue Dinner

First United Methodist Church of Gulfport will hold their 3rd Annual Hog Heaven Barbecue dinner on Saturday, January 9 from 5-7:30 p.m. John "Ribdog" Verville, Master Kansas City Barbecue Society judge, will be cooking his championship pork. In addition to generous portions of competition quality hickory-smoked pulled pork, dinners will include hickory smoked baked beans, cole slaw, bread and dessert. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance or \$8.50 at the door. Hot dog dinners for children under 12 are also available for \$3. Purchase tickets at the church office located at 2728 53 Street S. in Gulfport or call 321-3620 or 727-488-9031.

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St. Alban's Presents "Godspell"

St. Alban's Episcopal Church presents Broadway on the Beach at St. Albans. The first production is the musical, "Godspell", one of the biggest off-Broadway and Broadway successes of all time. Performances are Friday, January 8 at 8 p.m., Saturday, January 9 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, January 10 at 3 p.m. All performances will take place in the church sanctuary located at 9451 Blind Pass Road in St. Pete Beach.

Based primarily on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, "Godspell" features a sparkling score and boasts a string of recognizable songs, led by the hit, "Day by Day". St. Alban's choirmaster and organist, Edward Crader, who starred in the original off-Broadway production in 1971, is directing "Godspell." The cast

consists primarily of voice students from the Marcia P. Hoffman Performing Arts Institute at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets are available each Sunday morning at St. Alban's Episcopal Church and the Church office and at the door. Call 363-4113 or 360-8406 for tickets and information.

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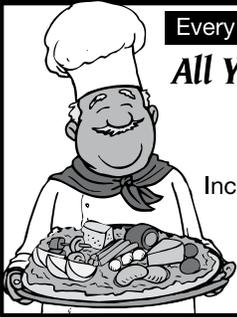
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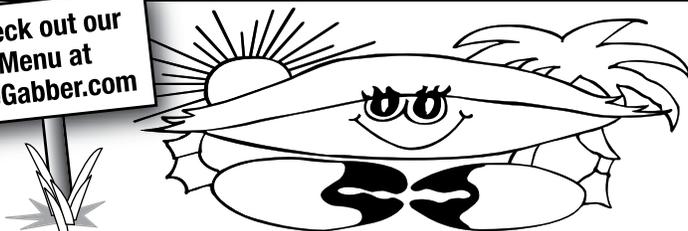
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Registration will be at 7:45-8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be available after checking in with a committee member. Checks should be in by Monday, January 25 and made out to Terra Ceia Bay Country Club. Please get checks to Gene at 345-4483, Chet at 345-2093, Lew at 343-3046 or Jim at 343-0459.

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Republican Club to Meet

The next meeting of the St. Petersburg Republican Club will be held on Wednesday, January 13, at 7 p.m. in the Piccaddilly Cafeteria, 1900 34 Street N. in St. Petersburg. An invitation is extended to all registered and unregistered Republicans as well as Independent voters who wish to join with them as they work to elect candidates pledged to support smaller government and fiscal responsibility.

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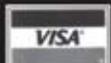
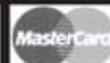
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It saddens me to no end that this person did not stop. Badly injured, Rudy was left to crawl home. I would like to thank the kind strangers that stopped and helped him those final steps. I know he would not have made it with out you. Your willingness to help, to call emergency personnel, and your obvious compassion meant a lot.

When I pulled Rudy over the threshold, he wagged his tail. We rushed him to the emergency vet, but the impact of the car had caused extensive internal injuries. We brought him home, and he passed away in the early morning.

Thank you again to those who stopped. We need more like you.

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New Mat Pilates Exercise Class

Classes will start the first week in January. This class will be offered Monday and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. and Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Classes will be \$8 dollars each. Please contact the instructor Lisa at 639-9277 or John at the Rec. at 893-1079 for more information. Also for more details on all their classes please visit the Rec. center link on

http://www.mygulfpport.us/City_Departments/Leisure_Services/Rec_Center/NEW/index.htm.

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Want to Join the Band?

If you have never played an instrument or did in the past but are out of practice, now is your chance to join a "New Horizons Band" at Eckerd College. There are now over 150 of these bands around the country especially designed for musicians or "would be" musicians over 50 years of age. The program's message is simple: "you are never too old to play an instrument."

An information meeting will be held at Eckerd College Continuing Education Center on Tuesday, January 12 at 7 p.m. Contact the band director, David Irwin, at 864-7968 or irwinDE@eckerd.edu for further information.

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German Speaking AA Meeting

There will be a German speaking Alcoholic Anonymous meeting every Saturday, from 4-5 p.m. at 7815 Blind Pass Road in St. Pete Beach (above the coin laundromat).

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In “Horton Hears a Who”, an adaptation of one of Dr. Seuss’s children’s books, Horton, the Elephant struggles to protect a microscopic community from his neighbors who refuse to believe it exists. Great voice over characters: Jim Carey and Steve Carell. At any age, you will laugh out loud and enjoy this hilarious Dr. Seuss movie!

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Boar’s Head Festival

St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 738 Pinellas Point Drive S. will perform their 2nd annual Boar’s Head Festival on Sunday, January 10 at the church. It is a colorful ceremony of Christmastide and Epiphany. The entertainment includes a Boar’s Head Procession. The main story is an elaborate restaging of the Nativity Story with Madrigal singers and soloists. Join them for a fun evening of mirth and merriment.

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Gulfport Elementary Gears Up for Yard Sale

Gulfport Elementary is rescheduling their yard sale that was slated for Saturday, January 9 to Saturday, March 20. This will be on the same day as the City Wide Yard Sale, The Nautical Flea Market and the Clam Bayou cleanup.

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The City of Gulfport Celebrates Arbor Day

On Friday, January 22 at 2 p.m. The City of Gulfport celebrates the life of trees and their importance through honoring Arbor Day. This event will be held at Veteran's Park (corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 54th St. S.).

The Gulfport Recreation Division has included the children from the School Year Child Care Program to read excerpts, The Gulfport Teen Council will provide refreshments and the Parks Department will plant a Live Oak in Veteran's Park and pass out free Live Oak and River Birch seedlings to the guests who attend. The Mayor and Council will also be there during the celebration.

They invite everyone to attend to show their commitment to environmental stewardship.

Register for Clown School

The Suncoasters of St. Petersburg are now accepting registration forms for the 2010 Festival of States Clown Alley Clown School sponsored by All Children's Hospital.

This popular program has been a tradition of the Festival of States since 1972. Christine Davison, a graduate of the famed Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Clown School, teaches character definition, make-up, costuming and performance techniques during the five week series.

Both children and adults are welcome to participate and all graduates will

be invited to show off their new skills in the Festival of States Illuminated Night Parade on Thursday, March 25 and the Festival Day Parade on Saturday, April 10.

The five classes will be held on Thursdays February 11, 18, 25, March 4 and 11. All classes are held at All Children's Hospital Education Conference Center, 710 Fourth Street S., St. Petersburg from 6-7:15 p.m.

The cost is \$17 per person, plus \$5 for each additional family member. Fee includes instruction for all five classes and a Clown Alley T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at festivalofstates.com. For additional information, call 727-821-9888.

Artist Reception for Don and Christina Williams

Meet Ruku Artists Don and Christina Williams and enjoy demonstrations and gallery talk on Saturday, January 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. Vincent William Gallery, 320 Corey Avenue in St. Pete Beach. Call 727-363-1334.

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The New Year will start off with a program and tour given by the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary on January 14 beginning at 10:30 a.m. This is the largest non-profit wild bird hospital and sanctuary in the United States and is located at 18328 Gulf Boulevard in Indian Shores.

The sanctuary uses many ordinary items in its daily operations. Some of the items on their "wish list" include laundry detergent (any type), liquid dish soap, AAA and AA batteries, liquid bleach, old newspapers, bath and hand towels, gas cards for rescuers, postage stamps, office supplies, etc. If you can supply any of these items, please bring them to the program on January 14.

This will be a very interesting and informative way to begin the new year. Call your friends now if you need to make arrangements to carpool.

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

Has the recent airline terror event on Christmas Day affected your attitude about flying?



Stephanie Chivers and Ben Russell, visiting from Connecticut: **Stephanie:** “No, we flew down here from Albany, New York and everything seemed really normal; I didn’t notice much of a difference in the security measures. Of course, it’s Albany and not a major hub. But I did notice a few more police officers, who seemed to ask a lot of people about their flights, where they were from, how the weather was, that kind of thing. I guess the reasoning is to ask a simple question and see who gets nervous about answering it. True vacationers will answer truthfully automatically because it’s a normal, friendly question and response. Anybody who seems hesitant or jumpy might warrant a second look. It seems like a smart way to assess people.”

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Ben: “I go to school in Mississippi, my parents live in St. Pete and Stephanie lives in Ft. Lauderdale, so I fly often. It doesn’t bother me and I feel safe enough. I didn’t notice any more intense scrutiny than normal. I always thought that airport security has always been pretty thorough. I think that one person going through the security checkpoints wouldn’t be noticeably inconvenienced but I think a family or large group could be much more difficult. At least we don’t have to walk through naked yet anyway!”

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Tammy Burrell, Gulfport: “It hasn’t but I think that people are crafty; if the terrorists want, they can certainly figure out a way around the most strong of security measures. Even if they start beefing up the precautions at the airports, the terrorists have been able to change their methods of attack; they seem very adaptable. I mean, we went from bombs in shoes to bombs in underwear, so what’s next? I think people have this preconceived notion that all terrorists look like Bin Laden, but I don’t think that’s necessarily true. In reality, it could also be some grandma who’s disgruntled with the government. You just never know. So the so-called profiling that people complain about may or may not help. But overall, I feel pretty confident to fly, even more so now with all the extra security.”

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Sabrina Hart, St. Pete: “No, it hasn’t really affected my thinking, but then again I don’t fly a lot. If I had to fly, I’m sure I would have some hesitation, but I would still get on the plane. I feel the security measures can be a bit extreme and that it may cause some people just to stay home. But personally, I’d rather take the extra time to go through a very thorough security check than just get on a plane. It’s definitely better to be safe than sorry.”

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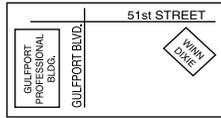
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Local Obituaries

In Memoriam
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Here's a little birthday wish, I'm sorry I did not write in September. Ole ladies like me need to write it down, or ya just don't remember!

The wrinkles are catching up to us, aches and pains, a new one each day. I guess that's what happens as you get old, but I still wish you had never left us that day!

I took a ride down the bayou, there was a guy at the table cleaning fish. And for a fleeting moment, I had a really big wish. It looked like you cleaning goats or maybe a mullet or two, but when I snapped backed into reality I knew it wasn't you!

Anyway, I wish you were here to buy ya a beer, but that's not what was meant to be. Happy Birthday Wheatie...from everyone, especially me!

Love, Debbie

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Rehearsals Begin for Show

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 738 Pinellas Point Drive S. is beginning rehearsals for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on Saturday, January 9 at 10 a.m. at the church. They need singers of any age, but especially men. This is a fun musical that is easy to learn and a delight to perform. Two performances will be given in March. Call Barbara at 864-6796 or email at bcoun@tampabay.rr.com for more information.

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1960 Class of Largo High Reunion

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

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Excerpts heard at the January 2, 2010

Gulfport City Council Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

"I'm impressed by the difference between what we hear and what we do...At the same time we talk about clean energy we have an essentially empty bus spewing fumes and spilling cadmium onto the streets."-Al Davis

"Ordinance 2009-16, which was written in deference to one organization... was delayed. It appeared to be a rather well-orchestrated decision. I was wondering, Mayor, if you could indulge us about how that came about?" -Margarete Tober

"I will on the 12th." --Mike Yakes

"So you're not going to tell us how that came about?" -Tober

"I will on the 12th." -Yakes

"It is my intention to allow public input at the meeting," -Mayor Mike Yakes, about the workshop slated for January 12. He then asked Councilwoman Michele King if she agreed...

"No," King responded "Let me explain--"

"No, I asked you yes or no," Yakes said

"Let me explain what I think a workshop is," King said

"I know what a workshop is." Yakes told her. He then asked the other council members for a yes or no on allowing public input. All the other councilmembers said yes; Yakes explained that this would change the workshop into a special council meeting. King added that she had no problem with allowing public input at a council meeting.

"Irregardless of what they may tell you when you call in, that is the bottom line. Believe me, we would all like to have a choice, but we don't, so please don't blame the city," -Councilmember Judy Ryerson, about a recent City Whys question from a reader as to why the city of Gulfport would not allow other cable companies to service the cities. Ryerson reiterated that the city does not prohibit cable companies from servicing the residents and businesses in Gulfport.

"If it wasn't for the people of Gulfport and our neighbors, that wouldn't have happened," - Councilwoman Michele King, who reported that Operation Santa helped 189 children and 60 families.

"You have done a tremendous job ... on every level," - Mayor Mike Yakes, about exiting councilmember Bob Worthington's concern about the environment.

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Do you love visiting with people? Volunteers teach touring visitors and assisting in the gift shop. You represent to the public a friendly, inviting experience!

By contributing your time and sharing your wealth of experience the Museum will continue it's proud tradition of being an "all volunteer operated" organization. No special skill, talent or knowledge is needed, other than an interest in our island history. The rewards of volunteering are many, including the friendships you'll make.

As a Pinellas County Volunteer you will receive special benefits, invitations and rewards for committing six hours a month. Training is provided at the Museum. It is their goal to place volunteers into activities they will enjoy. They couldn't open our doors without the help of volunteers! Please join today!

If you would like to be a part of this vital group please leave a message at the museum, 727-552-1610. Gulf Beaches Historical Museum is located at 115 10 Avenue in Pass-a-Grille, St. Pete Beach.

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Solution on Page 18

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- 8 "Back in Black" rock group
- 12 Biblical food
- 14 Study for finals
- 15 Actress ___ Flynn Boyle
- 16 Director who won three Oscars
- 18 Composer Khachaturian
- 19 Wool, or its source
- 20 Swiss river
- 21 Lunch orders, briefly
- 22 Means of comm.
- 23 Unhappy
- 25 TV listings
- 27 Fake pillow cover?
- 29 Seed container
- 32 Talker's gift
- 35 Disconcert
- 38 Comic-strip Viking
- 39 Oklahoma city
- 40 "Black Magic Woman" singer
- 42 Physicians' org.
- 43 Clothes
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- 47 It rides the rails
- 49 Russian ruler
- 51 Capital of Yemen
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- 58 Sound from 4 Across?
- 60 Capital of Eritrea
- 63 Criticize severely
- 64 Co-winner of 1978 Nobel Peace Prize
- 66 Taj Mahal site
- 67 Singer k.d.
- 68 Conform
- 69 Mountain lake
- 70 Helper
- 71 ___ longa, vita brevis

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- 1 Rhea's role on "Cheers"
- 2 Fasteners or cookies
- 3 Records
- 4 NBC's parent company
- 5 Hungarian monarchy founder
- 6 NPR's Liasson
- 7 Intelligence
- 8 Mobile's state
- 9 Host of TV's "Cosmos"

- 10 Undeleted expletive
- 11 Machinery parts
- 12 Museum-curator's deg.
- 13 Pedigree org.
- 17 Muskmelon
- 24 Iowa commune
- 26 Grand ___ Island
- 28 King of Morocco
- 30 Incarnation of Vishnu
- 31 Native of 51 Across
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- 33 Bede or Arkin
- 34 Hall-of-Fame quarterback
- 36 They cross aves.
- 37 ___ la vista, baby
- 41 Winston Cup org.
- 44 Hindu caste
- 48 Occult religious philosophy
- 50 Hotel chain
- 52 Chess pieces
- 54 Airport equipment
- 55 Gambling game
- 56 Sophomore's exam.
- 57 Seaweed
- 59 Collections of anecdotes
- 61 Medicare org.
- 62 Lawyer: abbr.
- 65 Rep.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Resolution No. 1: No More Denial

The word "acceptance" gets a bad rap. Acceptance is not resignation. It's not defeatist or complacent. Acceptance is powerful and progressive -- a symbol that marks that point in time when a person seizes control of their life. Acceptance is the antidote to denial.

Denial fuels paralysis. It destroys relationships, drains bank accounts, limits potential, inhibits progress, wreaks havoc on our health and leaves questionable politicians in power for far too long. And it's certainly no way to deal with a dog.

An acquaintance of mine is having trouble with his neighbors -- if you ask him. If you ask them, they're having trouble with his dogs.

I asked him what the problem was, and he said, "My neighbors say my dogs bark when I'm not home, but I don't think they do."

Not "but I know they don't because I recorded them while I was out."

Not "but I know they don't because I pretended to leave and then caught the neighbor red-handed provoking my dogs."

Nope. For him it was enough to simply deny the possibility outright and assume his neighbors are lying. The irony is that he is an elementary-school teacher. No one is more familiar with the frustrations of denial than a teacher of young children.

"Thank you for coming in, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Your son hid a dead squirrel in my desk drawer today."

"Oh, but our Bobby would never do that. He loves all God's creatures."

Barking is a behavioral problem that frequently gets blown all out

of proportion because of denial. Yes, barking is communication, it's natural, it's protection. But it's also annoying and disruptive when excessive.

Barking isn't the problem. Excessive barking is the problem. And if your dog is accused, the first step should be determining whether he is an excessive barker. If so, there are a multitude of options available to help manage or cure the problem behavior. But if we're too busy denying it exists, they'll be of little help.

The simple truth is that training your dog is a whole lot easier than dealing with all of the long-term difficulties denial ultimately presents: cold wars with neighbors, legal battles, court fees, time away from work, surprise visits from animal control. And then there are those pets that mysteriously disappear from the backyard or meet their maker suddenly and under questionable circumstances.

Of course, barking isn't the only problem made worse by denial. I recently spoke with a man who had just adopted a dog from a shelter. He was distraught because the dog kept attacking his cats. I asked him what the folks at the shelter told him about the dog's personality prior to the adoption. He said, "They told me he doesn't like cats."

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Horoscope Guide

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because of your ambitious nature, you often find yourself single-handedly pushing the action along. You may wonder, if you weren't the one nudging a project forward, would anything happen at all? Maybe not. But this week you'll do well to back off. Trust that everything will happen at the perfect time, and it will.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Build a few treats into your week -- not just good ones, either; make it something juicy! Trying to be too disciplined will backfire. There's a child inside you who won't feel like getting with the program. When you realize that your behavior will be powerfully shaped by immediate rewards, you make this work for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In the past, there were certain habits you wanted to break and changes you wanted to make that seemed impossible to conquer. So you dropped the futile effort, and wisely so. This is a new decade and a fresh chance to succeed. Pick one of the changes, and work on it once more. You'll progress quickly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The legalities of an issue will affect you. Gather as much knowledge as you can about your case and similar ones. It may be worth the expense to hire an expert. When you know more, you can avoid a long battle over what is rightfully yours. Instead, you will simply ask for the right thing in the right way and get it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your cheerful handling of stressful situations will attract lovely scenarios. People will open up to you. They'll see you as someone they can trust. Your leadership will net financial and professional opportunities. Establish healthy boundaries. You will serve others best by teaching them to serve themselves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are more intuitive than you often give yourself credit for, and you'll do well to lean on that strength this week. There is too much information to weed through and intellectually process. Just because an argument makes sense doesn't make it right. Look beyond the logic of things to try to feel the truth.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's not always apparent what you must do in order to grow. It's likely that your childish ideas are closer to the answer than your mature ones. So embrace silliness, and believe the wisdom of seemingly random events. Advancement may feel at first like a lateral move. But make no mistake, you're moving up in the world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Wherever you go, a loyal partner will accompany you, one who has looked out for you for years. That person is you. The company can be inconsistent -- you're a part-time cheerful supporter and a part-time cynical and reluctant traveler. But this week your relentless encouragement ensures a pleasant journey.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you throw yourself completely into an endeavor, there will be no one left behind to witness, judge and impartially assess. That's the point. You don't need to apply critical thought to every process, especially not when the activity is a labor of love. Be fearless. Trade your sense of reason for a fuller experience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are constantly reacting to your environment. This week you will have keen insights about how you can better motivate yourself to succeed. Become an observer of your senses. You'll home in on one thing that makes you feel sluggish and reticent, and also on one thing that makes you feel excited to move forward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't get too comfortable. Risk is a necessary element in a fulfilled life. There are those who will try to convince you that your plans are too ambitious. They're probably right. Then again, they don't know what you're capable of. And neither will you unless you throw yourself at the big plan and try to make it work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A little bit of spice will make this week delicious as long as you keep it all in the correct proportion. So go ahead and indulge in a zesty diversion or a guilty pleasure. But do recognize when you've had enough. Make the activities that give you soulful sustenance your main dish.

This Week's Birthdays: It's your year to be noticed. You will masterfully communicate your intentions, needs, wants and opinions to the world without saying a word. Your presence will read loudly to all around you. The response of others will help you hone your strategy. You will attain a big goal in February. Romance is on the agenda for April. You'll become closer with a loved one through shared travel in August or October. Money comes from the sale of a product or idea in March and again in July.

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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.

Rescue Group Needs Foster Homes for Dogs

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

There are many advantages to fostering a dog. Foster homes are not responsible for any vet bills or

expenses. The rescue will transport the dog and take care of any veterinary needs. The rescue has a trainer available for you to use. In addition, they act as a support system that you can call anytime - day or night, if you have questions about the dog's behavior, health, etc... You are not alone! But the best reason of all to foster is the reward of knowing that you saved a life.

Please fill out a volunteer application

at www.floridadoggiepaws.com or call Florida Doggie Paws at 813-283-1695 and open your heart and your home to one of these poor dogs that just needs a place to stay for a few weeks until they can find their forever home.

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ACTIVITIES

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

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

PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information

• Dog Obedience - Call Lisa at 772-3631.

• Fencing - Wed., 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.

• Floral Design-Starts Wed., Jan. 13 thru Jan. 27th. Call Laurie at 289-4818

• Gymnastics - Fri., 5:30 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

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

• Knitting Class- Thurs. 10:30 a.m. Call Latoya at 823-0437

• Mat Pilates- Mon. & Wed. 10-11 a.m. & Tues. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Lisa at 639-9277

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

• Noisemakers - Mon., 6 p.m. Call

Gabe at 345-7472.

• Sumyie -NEW DAY Wed., 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 Aletta 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 with Margo - Tues. 10 a.m.- Noon. Call Margo at 347-1859

• Watercolor with Patsi -Beginners/Intermediate- STARTS Thurs., Jan. 7th at 6:30 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.

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

• Weight Loss 4 Week Workshop-call 893-1079 if interested.

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



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Library Closed: Monday, January 15 for Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

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

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.

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

Retrospective Exhibit of Paintings by James Scalse: Through January 27. Opening Reception: Friday, January 8, 5:00-7:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, January 9, 1:00 pm. Make beautiful pages of memories.

Legal Puzzles Study Group: Monday, January 11, 1:00 pm. Presented by local chapter, Brandeis University Women.

Suncoast Computer Users Group

(SCUG): Thursday, January 14, 6:00 pm.

The G & O Book Club: Saturday, January 16, 1:30 pm. Philosophical discussion group based on the works of mystic G. I. Gurdjieff and philosopher P. D. Ouspensky.

Coffee/Talk: Thursday, January 21, 10:00 am. Discussion of Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson and David Relin. Books / discussion guides are available at the Reference Desk.

Coffee/Talk Movie: "Cut From Different Cloth: Burqas and Beliefs" (Red Door Video, 2005). Thursday, January 21, 1:30 pm. This documentary film by Cliff Oloff and Olga Shalygin explores the struggle for equal rights for Afghan women. (1 hr.)

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

History of Gulfport Tour for Seniors:

The Senior Center and Senior Advisory Committee are planning a special tour for seniors on Mon. Jan. 25. Includes refreshments and a trolley tour of Gulfport with a special guide to explain points of interest. Meet at the Senior Center at 1:30pm. Call to register

"A Night in Italy" at the Senior

Center: Come join us for "A Night in Italy" on Friday, January 29 starting with a Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm and followed by a performance in the Hickman Theater by the Italian-American Society of St. Petersburg. Tickets (\$10) are available now at the Senior Center. Proceeds benefit the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

Folk Dance Class for Beginners:

The Italian American Society of St. Petersburg will teach Folk Dance Classes for beginners for those who want to be a part of their dance group. Class for newcomers is on Thursdays at 7pm.

Weight Loss Management Classes:

Did you make a resolution to lose a little weight after the holidays? Why not join our Weight Loss Management Classes to get started. The series of four classes will start on Thurs. Jan. 7 at 1pm. More classes may be added if there is an interest. Provided by Pinellas County Extension Service and made possible by the Senior Center Foundation.

Spanish Classes: Spanish classes will meet on Mon. Jan. 25 (4pm beginners; 5:10pm Advanced) and starting on Mon. Feb. 1 there will be three classes. Beginners at 3pm, Advanced at 4:10pm and Conversation at 5:20pm. Classes are free to all registered Senior Center members.

Electric Cars - History of Investment Possibilities:

Our Investment Discussion Group is hosting a special presentation by Cliff Ruffner on Electric Cars: A Quick History of Investment Possibilities on Wed. Jan. 13 at 10:30am. Newcomers welcome.

Senior Center Health & Beauty

Fair: Mark your calendar for our 4-day Annual Health & Beauty Fair starting Tues. Jan. 19 thru Fri. Jan. 22. Each day 9am-noon. Includes Door Prizes, Opportunity Baskets, free round trip trolley ticket to St. Pete Beach. Sign up for free History of Gulfport Tour scheduled for Mon. Jan. 25. Don't miss out!

Free Health Screenings: Free Vision/Glaucoma Screenings, Hearing Screenings, Memory Screenings, Skin Assessment, Blood Pressure, etc. on Tues. Jan. 19, 9am-noon.

Phone Distribution for Hearing Impaired: will be available at noon

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following the Health Fair on Tues. Jan. 19.

Beauty Treatments: Free manicures, facials, haircuts, massages, etc. Also, see the display of beautiful wigs. Wed. Jan. 20, 9am-noon.

H1N1 Vaccines: The H1N1 Vaccine will be given out free of charge on Thurs. Jan. 21 from 9am-noon during the Senior Center's Health Fair courtesy of the Pinellas County Health Department.

Health Info & More: Free 911 cell phones, Info on Medication Discounts, Free Sign-ups for qualifying participants for Medicaid, Food Stamps, Info on Helpline, SHINE, Arthritis, and much more on Thurs. Jan. 21, 9am-noon.

Shingles Seminar: You heard about Shingles and you don't want it! Come to our free presentation and learn more on Thurs. Jan. 21 at 10:30am. Call to reserve space as seating is limited.

Flea Market: Mark your calendars now for our Flea Market on Fri. Jan. 22, 9am-noon. Always great bargains at the Senior Center!

Fashion Show & Lunch: A Fashion Show will be held on Friday Jan. 22 at 11:30am followed but a sub sandwich lunch for only \$3.00. Get your meal ticket in advance. Fashion Show clothing and accessories on loan from the Gulfport's St. Vincent's Episcopal Thrift Shop.

Legal Assistance: The Community Law Program will provide free legal assistance to qualifying residents 60 yrs. and older on Fri., Jan. 15 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 341-0130 to register and fee info.

Wii Bowling: Wii Bowling: Every Thurs. at 1pm, and Jan. 19 at 6:30pm.

Chair Yoga: The Senior Center will once again be offering Chair Yoga. Classes will be held at the Gulfport Casino starting Wed. Jan. 20 at 1:30pm. Free but must be registered as a Senior Center member.

Movie of the Month - Cocoon: Mon. Jan. 25 at 12:45pm.

Bone Strengthening Exercise: Every Tues. at 11:15am

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

Ongoing Support Groups:

Diabetic Support (Every Mon. at 10am)

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

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8:30-10:30pm Milonga

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

7-10pm-**Salsa Dance**
7-8:30pm Lessons,

Pinellas County to offer H1N1 Vaccinations To General Public

The Pinellas County Health Department announced Monday that the public can get vaccinated for the H1N1 virus, more commonly known as "Swine Flu," at five health department locations.

The main health department center located at 205 Dr. Martin Luther King St. North in St. Petersburg will offer vaccinations from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

Four other locations will offer vaccinations weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. They are:

- Pinellas Park: 6350 76th Avenue North
- Largo: 12420 130th Avenue North
- Clearwater: 310 N. Myrtle Avenue
- Tarpon Springs: 301 S. Disston Avenue

For more information, residents can visit the health department's website at www.PinellasHealth.com.

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Dealer Arrested Near Law School Campus

GULFPORT – Officers arrested Carlos J. Stephens, 25, of St. Petersburg on Wednesday (12/31) afternoon following an undercover operation that took place near Stetson University College of Law. An ongoing investigation revealed that Stephens had been delivering cocaine to a St. Pete Beach resident at a designated meeting place on 13th Avenue South, which is the northern boundary of the law school's campus.

After the transaction was observed by the undercover officer, a containment team moved in and apprehended Stephens without incident. Police recovered three "rocks" of crack cocaine, and they initiated proceedings to seize the 2000 Cadillac he drove to make the sale.

Stephens is charged with three counts of selling cocaine, two of which are elevated to a higher level because the transactions occurred within 200 feet of the college campus. Wednesday's deal was the third observed by Stephens at this location in less than one week.

Police have notified the administration and public safety department at Stetson, although there is no evidence at this point to suggest that Stephens ever had any interaction with students.

During the investigation and takedown, the college campus was sparsely populated due to the winter break between semesters.

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Free All About Puppies Seminar

Discover everything you need to know to have a healthy, happy puppy. Seminar will cover nutrition, training, grooming and overall health care. Guest speakers will be Dr. Alvarez and Pamela Borres. Seminar is Saturday, January 23 from 10-12 at the SPOT Spay & Neuter Clinic, 4403 62 Avenue N. in Pinellas Park. Everyone who attends will receive a free Animal Planet training DVD and puppy guide. Limited seating, RSVP by calling 727-329-8657 or sign up online at www.SPOTusa.org.

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Keeping Your Resolutions is Easy!

ST. PETE BEACH: You've made the resolutions to become a healthier, slimmer you – We can help you keep them! The St. Pete Beach Community Center has everything you need to lose weight and stay healthy, even when the weather is cooler. The Community Center offers a workout room with treadmill, elliptical, stationary bike, free weights and a flat screen TV as well as an indoor basketball gymnasium. The heated pool is perfect for lap swimming, water aerobics classes are taught seven days a week, and the brand new craze Aqua Zumba will help you get fit in a whole new way. There are many weekly classes to help people of any age and fitness level stay in shape, such as Body Overhaul, Boot Camp, many different styles of dance, Kickboxing and Tae Kwon Do, stretching and toning classes, Zumba, and Yoga classes. Adults can also join a variety of sports leagues or stop by for Pickleball, Social Volleyball and Open Gym. Let the St. Pete Beach Community Center help get you make all of your resolutions a reality. Visit www.spbrec.com for full class descriptions and class schedule. Call 363-9245 for more details or visit the Center at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive.

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Gulfport Fresh Market Grows

GULFPORT: If you haven't been to Gulfport's Tuesday Fresh Market lately, you will be pleasantly surprised to see a growing contingent of vendors. The size of the market has slowly grown in size over the past several weeks as "the season" approaches and Florida welcomes its "snowbirds" back into the fold. Lining a full block of Beach Blvd., there is something for nearly everyone at the Market this season.

So far, the ever-expanding line-up includes an extensive variety of fresh fruits and veggies, fresh cheeses, fresh bread, bagels and scones, seafood, local honey, nuts, herbs and herbal teas, live plants, homemade candy, astrological readings and consultation, homemade sauces, flavored olive oils, hand-made jewelry, hand-painted accessories and objects, hand-made pet accessories, and tie-dyed clothing. Astrological readings
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and consultations are now featured periodically. Live music by and for "men (and women) of a certain age" is provided each week, courtesy of local singer/guitarist Frank Hewlett, aka "The Geezer." New vendors are appearing each week as the Market continues into its fourth year.

The Fresh Market takes place each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the heart of Gulfport's Waterfront Arts Village on Beach Blvd. below 29th Ave. S. They are proud to be Pinellas County's first year-round open-air fresh market.

A Gulfport information tent is set up during each Market to offer information about Gulfport's frequent Art Walks and other events, as well as its shops and restaurants. At the Gulfport tent, donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs are accepted for the Gulfport Senior Center Pantry. For more information about Gulfport and its many events, visit www.GulfportFlorida.us, www.ExploreGulfport.com or www.GulfportMA.com.

Vendors interested in participating in the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh

Market can contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086. Vendor information and applications for the Market and other Gulfport events can be found at www.GulfportMA.com.

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Learn to Use a Mariner's Compass

Are you ready to expand your boating knowledge and skills? Mariner's Compass, a two hour class presented one evening only by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron, is available to anyone 12 or older. Who couldn't take advantage of an opportunity to better understand how to use this valuable tool? Instruction is free. Cost of the materials is \$20 per family. Class is on Wednesday, January 20 from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Ave SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at www.boating-stpete.org or call 727-498-4001. The course Chairman will contact you with confirmation.

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Mardi Gras to Benefit Kiwanis Charities

TREASURE ISLAND-The Kiwanis Club of Gulf Beaches, is sponsoring a Month of Mardi Gras February 6-14. Saturday, February 6, features a 5K/1Mile Run beginning at the clock tower on Central Avenue to benefit the Trevor Miller Foundation. A Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball will take place at the Gulfport Casino on Friday, February 12 at 7 p.m. The

Miracle League Poker Run will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 13. The Beach Midway on Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14 will feature over 100 of Florida's best arts and craft vendors, food, a Budweiser Tent, live entertainment and a Kids Zone.

The Kiwanis Club of Gulf Beaches was the Florida District 2006-07 Club of the Year. They are involved in many worthwhile projects including Ronald McDonald House, Locks

of Love, Every Child a Swimmer, and K-Kids at Madeira Beach and Sawgrass Elementary Schools, Miracle League of Gulf Beaches and Pinellas Village.

Miracle League of the Gulf Beaches is a baseball league that plays on a state-of-the art playing field and allows children with a variety of disabilities to participate. There is one field located in Pinellas County, the Kiwanis Club of Gulf Beaches is raising money to build in a second location and has their eyes on Hillsborough County.

The Kiwanis Club is currently seeking sponsors and vendors for this charity event. For more information about A Month of Mardi Gras, please visit <http://KiwanisGulfBeaches.com/>. For vendor or sponsorship information, call Suzanne King, 727-322-5217. Sponsorship and Vendor applications can be downloaded at <http://SuzieKing.com/>.

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Floral Design Class

A new Floral Design class is coming to the Gulfport Recreation Center in January. Laurie Marino, floral designer and instructor, is bringing her popular floral design class back. You will learn basic floral design and make an arrangement in this new week long session starting Wednesday January 13 and ending January 27, all materials and flowers (fresh) are provided. All you need to bring are your scissors. Step by step instructions-no experience necessary. Pre-registration with deposit required. Call Laurie directly at 727-289-4818. She can also be emailed at makeitandtakeit@yahoo.com. Only \$22 per class or \$60 dollars for the full 3 week session.

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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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Take the Gabber on Vacation...



This is a picture of my Aunt Jean celebrating her 80th Birthday (Nov. 28) on the Island of St. Maarten. We had a fantastic time. We are both Gulfport residents and love the Gabber! -Submitted by Linda Rock

Send us your picture with you and your Gabber on vacation.

Include a brief description and your name.

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Tampa Bay Job & Career Fair

Looking for a new job? How about a new career? Come on out to the employment event of the season, the Tampa Bay Job & Career Fair on Thursday, January 14 from 10-3 p.m. at The Coliseum, 535 Fourth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. You'll find loads of resources for career development on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at the Coliseum in St. Petersburg.

Meet local companies who have immediate employment needs, from entry level positions to skilled trade, health care jobs and even top managerial positions. The Tampa Bay Job & Career Fair covers all areas of business and is open to everyone. This is a special event designed to put you face to face with companies that have open positions which they are looking to fill immediately.

This January event will also include a Career Fair. Several of the area's top schools, universities and vocational/technical institutes will be on hand. You will be able to meet with various representatives of these local institutions and hear about their courses and programs. It is a great opportunity to examine ways to further develop your skills for the jobs of today and prepare for the bright career prospects of tomorrow. Expand your skill set or even learn a whole new career.

Dress for success and come prepared with a stack of resumes. You'll find on-site hiring, testing, screening, helpful tips and advice, and great job opportunities. You could be to work by the end of the day. Or even on your way to a whole new career. Free admission, free parking, no pre-registration required.

For more information contact Dave LaBell at 727-893-8523 or visit www.tampabayjobfair.com.

Foster Homes Needed

There are more than 3,500 dependent children in Pinellas and Pasco counties due to child abuse, neglect or abandonment. Many of them need loving foster parents. For more information on becoming a foster parent, please call Eckerd Community Alternatives Recruitment Line toll-free at 1-866-271-4705 and press "7".

Farewell Java Nirvana



Kirt Kleiner (left) and Carolyn Bruszer, (center) holding Sunshine, chat with Java Nirvana barista Jenny Lovato (right) Tuesday afternoon. Bruszer and Sunshine visit "Aunt Jenny" every Tuesday after going to the Gulfport Farmer's Market.

"Aunt Jenny always has treats for the neighborhood dogs," Bruszer said. But soon the neighborhood puppies and their owners will have to get their treats and coffee elsewhere; Java Nirvana, a staple of the Gulfport Courtyard, is scheduled to close down January 16th, after the Saturday evening Art Walk, another victim of the recent economic downturn sweeping the country. Gulfportians will miss that smell of whole roasted coffees, flavorful pastries and sandwiches and the eclectic atmosphere, comradery and comfy chairs that made Java Nirvana feel like you were sitting in your own living room. Kleiner, who works part-time at Java Nirvana, is sad to see the place go the way of other small businesses and Lovato unfortunately will soon be looking for a new full-time job. "Sunshine will really miss stopping here," Bruszer said a bit sadly.



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Photo by Leigh Clifton

Partiers dance to the tunes of the band Caliente at the Gulfport Casino's New Years Eve party last month. The Casino was dressed up like a girl at the ball, with the tables decorated with sparkly party favors, hats and tiaras. Food was catered by Ecco Bistro and the Casino provided the cash bar. Over three hundred tickets were sold, according to Andrea Royce, board member for City of Imagination, who, along with the City of Gulfport, sponsored the event.

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Gulfport Beach December 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
December 1	12	7
December 8	2	21
December 15	2	7
December 22	2	7
December 29	2	7

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Hang on to Your Wallet

I don't like starting out the New Year like this, but what is, is. And "is" is that government still has its unrestrained hands in your pocket. Or, if you prefer it has your wallet and won't give it back.

I think I wrote about this last year about this time - I'm not going to bother to check. At the time, congress had just finished bailing out (about \$700 billion) some that

should have been and some that shouldn't. Then they were getting ready to - and did - pass an economic stimulus package of around \$785 billion, wrapped tightly in earmarks and pork.

Maybe we Floridians got some and maybe we didn't. Whatever, it didn't seem to affect the 12 per cent unemployment rate. The federal government grew, however, and it

isn't likely to shrink. I don't think they've spent all of it yet 'cause those ready-to-go projects weren't. Now, to start the New Year, congress has invested another \$174 billion in stimulus money, mostly for creation of government jobs. Anyway, it's all for the good of everybody and so far it's free. No taxes, no cuts in spending, just debt.

Oh, yeah. Debt. I think the deficit (the amount spent over the amount taken in) for this year is going to be well over one trillion dollars. That reads, \$1,000,000,000,000. That brings the total U.S. debt over \$12 trillion or something like that. That in itself might not be too bad depending on what the sum total of our national production is (GDP). If our economy is growing it's o.k. - maybe. Problem is, it's not growing fast enough. But, maybe it will. After all, the government is subsidizing mortgages, cars, appliances, some banks and car companies.

A little problem here: for the next budget period congress is going to spend 14 per cent more than they the prior period before. The Republicans did this in 1998 (12 per cent) and counted on growth. They eventually got it, but it locked the feds into spending more. Democrats don't want to disappoint by showing they can spend more and more and more.

Of course, we got more coming: health care reform, which does mean more government dollars, and cap and trade which won't mean more government dollars, but will mean more of your dollars picked from your pocket. In the meantime, it should be pointed out, the federal government is investing millions upon millions of your dollars in private business ventures. No sense waiting for private capital. In fact, with the unlimited resources of the taxpayers, the feds can compete successfully with private capital. Hardly have to worry about risk. Oops, I forgot. It's not your dollars yet. It's borrowed money. It's free.

That's it for starters. Sorry to be so cynical. Just thought I'd get it off my chest to start the New Year. I expect to be mellow as the year moves along.

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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 Monday nights. She has a strong following. Wednesday is our special dinner offerings.

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

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

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Gulfport's Centennial

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

In just 40 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:

Shown in last week's photo, the Bayview Terrace, a restaurant at 5441 Shore Boulevard (directly east of the Aqua Bella building), was opened in the late 1940s. Their specialty was a sandwich of fish caught and sold by the Aylesworth brothers, along with freshly squeezed orange juice from a nearby stand. The restaurant lasted throughout the 1950s.



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On February 9, Joy Katzan-Guthrie will return with another music program. Save the date. For more information, call Wendy Risk at 572-9854.

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Beginner's Watercolor with Margo

Margo is back for her yearly winter watercolor session at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Classes are on Tuesday mornings from 10-noon. Session starts January 12 and ends February 16. Cost is \$60 for the six week session and is payable at first lesson. For more information, call Margo at 347-1859 or John at the Recreation Center at 893-1079. Bring soft pencil, eraser and 8-1/2 x 11 drawing paper to first class.

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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). They encourage those interested in becoming members to attend as a guest.

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

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New Knitting Class

Always wanted to knit, but never understood purl or cast on? Or enjoy knitting but not sure how to make that certain project? Now here is your chance! New themed knitting class for beginners and advanced students now at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Classes are on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. until noon, and cost \$35 per month. Materials will not be included. Call the instructor, Latoya at 823-0437 for more information and a list of materials.

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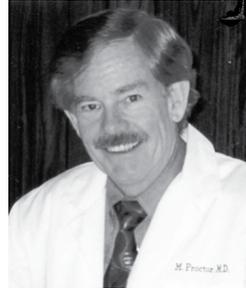
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By Mary Hunt

6 Ways To Find Unadvertised Jobs

Looking for a job these days is a lot like participating in a treasure hunt with thousands of other "hunters." You don't want to dig where everyone is digging. You want to scope out places others are not searching so you have the best chance of scoring a real find.

That does not mean you should give up your current plan of attack, but in addition to sending resumes, consider these ways to strengthen your network and expand your job-hunting horizon.

-- Search bankruptcy filings. Many companies that file for bankruptcy protection go through "reorganization" rather than liquidation. It is not unusual for a company to emerge from this process stronger than it was before. Usually, the old management is gone. What a

great opportunity for someone like you to show your management and survival skills!

-- Volunteer and nonprofit organizations. While you are searching for employment, why not give back to your community by volunteering your services and talents with a nonprofit organization? Besides the obvious benefit of helping others, you will meet all kinds of influential people from the community, including leaders of successful companies around town who sit on the boards of nonprofits or who volunteer their time as well. Build relationships with these people and you might find yourself employed at their company.

-- Awards ceremonies. Check the local paper and chamber of commerce for scheduled awards ceremonies. If they are open to the public, plan to attend. You will discover that people in decision-making positions

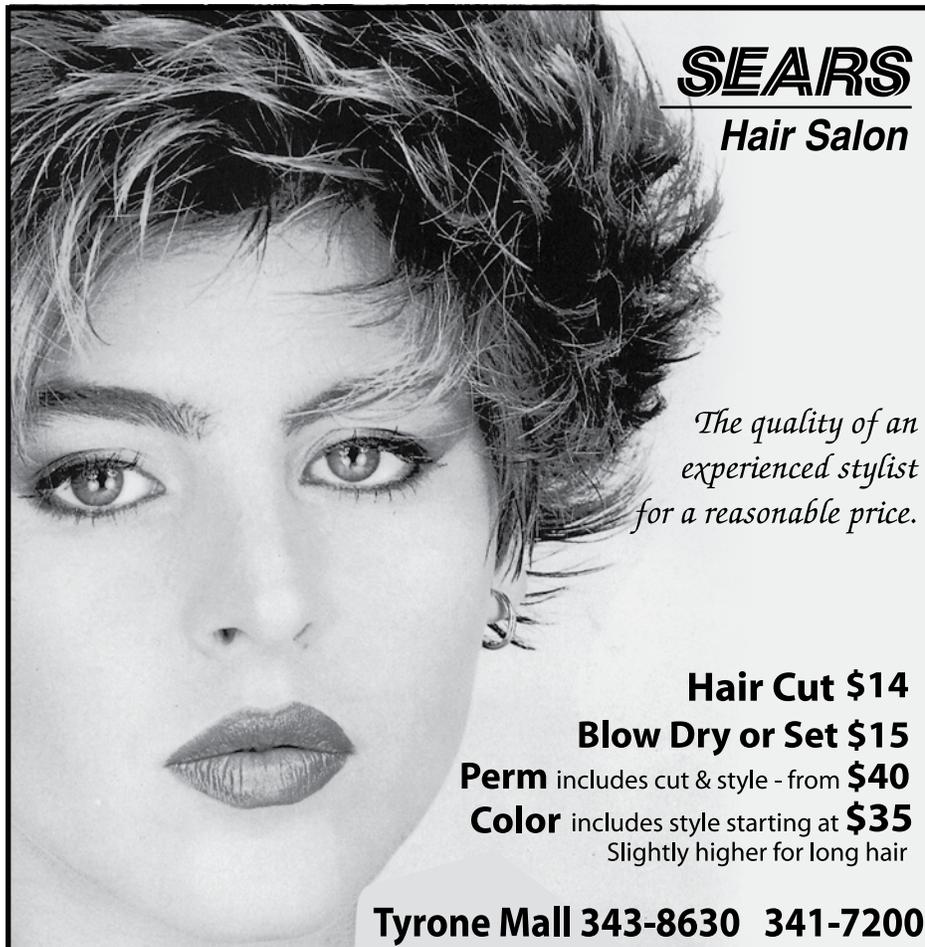
from other companies will also be in attendance because they want to be seen and associated with winners. Attend the banquet and you might find yourself seated next to an influential individual. Reach out. Introduce yourself and begin conversation. Each person you meet is a new addition to your network.

-- Small companies. One advantage of a small company over a large corporation is the lack of layers. Many times, they have the flexibility to create new jobs on the fly if you present yourself in a way that compels them to think you would be a great addition to the team.

-- Trade journals. It's possible the trade journals for your industry are available at your local library. If not, you may want to subscribe. These journals can be a great resource to scope out unadvertised jobs. Read between the lines of stories. Are there technological developments in your field? Are there changes in the way your industry is funded? Are there new programs, products or services that are being developed or launched? All of these developments could mean job opportunities. If you come across an interesting article, contact the author as a starting point to launch a conversation.

-- Company websites. Companies often advertise job openings and have career information posted on their websites, and that can open up a world of positions that aren't advertised in the classifieds. Use Internet search engines to identify companies in your area that are of interest to you.

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Meet the Candidates

Gulfport Candidates Vie for Ward 1

By Cathy Salustri

This March, Gulfportians across the city will elect a councilperson for Ward One. Although the candidate will primarily represent Ward One, every resident of Gulfport- no matter where they live- will decide which of the following candidates will win the race for Ward One.

We asked the candidates for Ward One to answer the same set of questions. *The Gabber* presents the candidates' answers and their interpretations of our questions exactly as they sent them to us. Between now and the March 9 election, *The Gabber* will provide more coverage of each candidate at the end of February.

Candidate Rosalie Barbieri left the country after the qualifying period ended and had not yet returned at press time.

She did not provide an e-mail address on her qualifying paperwork. Anyone with questions for Ms. Barbieri should direct them to the phone number she listed on her paperwork, (727) 384-9269. At press time, her phone did not appear to accept messages.

Initially, Gulfport had three elections scheduled. The mayor, Mike Yakes, had no candidates qualify to run against him. He retains his seat without having to run a campaign. Likewise, Jennifer Salmon was the only candidate who qualified for Ward 3, vacated by outgoing councilman Bob Worthington.

Next week *The Gabber* will run profiles of Yakes and Salmon.

Contact Cathy Salustri at
CathySalustri@TheGabber.com.

The Candidates For Ward I:

Rosalie Barbieri (unreachable for this article) • David Hastings • Judy Ryerson (incumbent)
Stanley Solomons • David Steinke



Judy Ryerson
(incumbent)

Occupation: Retired

Employer: N/A

Education: Graduation Boca Ciega 1958, some college and life experience

How long have you lived in Gulfport?

Off and on since 1953

How long have you lived in your ward?

The past 35 years

What experience do you bring to the office?

Worked for the City of Gulfport for 20 years and have spent the past 45 years in public service through different organizations.

What two issues do you think are the most important for Gulfport?

#1 the Budget and fiscal responsibility.

#2 the repair and upkeep of the City infrastructure If our water and sewer lines break down we are in deep trouble.

#3 Keeping our own police and fire departments.

Where do you stand on the mooring field?

This question is not as cut and dried and some might think. There are pros and cons on both sides however, the fact remains that some of those boats sitting off shore are being lived on and they NEVER move. So were are they dump-

ing their waste? Yes, we send out the police boat but you must catch them in the actual act of dumping to do anything about it also, they are anchored in sand for the most part and tend to wash ashore during storms often ending up on private property causing major problems for everyone. I know the boaters do not want any restriction on their live styles but the fact remains that in todays world with the population so dense, we must have control over our environment on water as well as land. If a mooring field is the only way to get control the I guess I am for it.

How do you think the city can maintain its level of services without raising taxes, or do you believe a tax hike may be necessary?

To be honest, I really don't know until we get into the next budget. Anything can happen. If a tax hike becomes necessary we would still be below the 4.2 we had for 20 years until they dropped it in 2007.

How well do you think the city has reflected the changes in the economy in the last few fiscal years?

Very well. The City has applied sound fiscal judgment and practices to maintain the tax level, services and still be able to give us a balanced budget with lower expenditures. We have not had to lay anyone off, as people leave, only the most necessary or specially trained positions have been filled. The City actually has lower general staffing now than back in 1982. So as of this time we have reduced expenditures, staffing and still maintained all basic services and public safety.

How can voters contact you with any questions they may have about your positions, affiliations, and candidacy? Please feel free to call me on by cell phone which is always with me at 727-743-9276.



David C. Hastings

Occupation:
Licensed Certified Public Accountant

Employer: David C Hastings, CPA, PA

Education: BS in Accounting from Virginia Commonwealth University

How long have you lived in Gulfport?

Since 2000

How long have you lived in your ward?

Since 2000

What experience do you bring to the office?

Licensed Certified Public Accountant 1974 to present.
Board Member and President of Pasadena Yacht and Country Club Master Association 2000 to present.
President Bay Estates Homeowners Association 2000 to present.

Citizen volunteer board member of the City's General Employee Pension Board 2003 to present.

Citizen volunteer board member of Gulfport's Planning and Zoning Board 2007 to present.

What two issues do you think are the most important for Gulfport?

Controlling fees and expenditures to maintain needed services in this and future economic scenarios, in order to make Gulfport a safe and attractive city to live, work, and own a business, while attracting business growth and tourism.

Develop the 49th St. corridor through the recommendations of EDAC, in order to promote the wants and needs of the community at large.

Where do you stand on the mooring field?

In an effort to be fiscally responsible, at a time of economic unrest for the city of gulfport, any consideration of the mooring field will have to be met with considerable scrutiny as to the cost and effectiveness towards future revenue growth for the city.

How do you think the city can maintain its level of services without raising taxes, or do you believe a tax hike may be necessary?

City Council needs to get more involved in the Budget process. We need to compare actual expenditures to Budget rather than take Staff's expenditure recommendations. We need to constantly evaluate our needed level of services. We need to approach the City as if we are running a business as opposed to budgeting from the expenditures to determined what revenue is needed.

How well do you think the city has reflected the changes in the economy in the last few fiscal years?

When our economy was booming the City's revenue and expenditures accelerated greatly but when the economy soured it seems as if the City was too slow to respond in cutting expenditures, thereby reducing the needed revenues.

How can voters contact you with any questions they may have about your positions, affiliations, and candidacy?

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Stanley Solomons

Occupation: Retired.

Employer: I was a financial and budget analyst for Credit Suisse in Zurich, Switzerland and New York City before retiring.

Education: I have a B.A. in Anthropology from the

University of Alabama and I completed post-graduate work in Human Resources Administration.

How long have you lived in Gulfport?

I have lived in Gulfport for 6 years.

How long have you lived in your ward?

I have been a resident of Ward One for 4 years.

What experience do you bring to the office?

I created budgets for Credit Suisse in excess of \$400 million annually and personally found cost savings of over \$1 million in communication expenses for the company. I also created and reviewed contract terms as a senior contract analyst.

Prior to my work at Credit Suisse, I worked for the San Francisco Department of Social Services, connecting citizens with the medical assistance they needed.

What two issues do you think are the most important for Gulfport?

As an elected official, I feel my most important responsibility will be to make sure that our neighborhoods are safe places for our families and seniors. I will work to ensure that our emergency services – police, fire and EMS – have the funding and equipment they need to accomplish that goal. I also believe that we need to be good stewards of our city budget so we can avoid raising taxes and fees in these tough economic times.

Where do you stand on the mooring field?

The cost of creating a mooring field needs to be weighed against the cost of moving and cleaning up those ships which have broken anchor and wound

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up in the swimming area or on the beach. I am concerned that this project may be an excessive burden on our city's taxpayers at a time of declining property tax revenues.

How do you think the city can maintain its level of services without raising taxes, or do you believe a tax hike may be necessary?

In the short run, the council needs to look for more places to realize savings without cutting essential services. It will not be easy to accomplish, but I think we can do it. I know I have done it in my career. In the long run, we need to support our local businesses and encourage new businesses to locate in the city, particularly along the 49th Street corridor. This will help increase our tax base and improve the long term outlook for tax rates in our city.

How well do you think the city has reflected the changes in the economy in the last few fiscal years?

Generally speaking, I think our city has done a good job of maintaining services despite the years of leaner tax revenues. Some of our local businesses have been hurting, but Gulfport still has some of the best restaurants and shopping opportunities in the county, and we need to make sure that people know about them. The weaker economy puts a greater burden on the city to promote Gulfport as a destination for nearby residents, and that is one of the things I intend to do if elected to the council.

How can voters contact you with any questions they may have about your positions, affiliations, and candidacy?

I can be contacted by email: stansol@hotmail.com or by phone: 727-492-0895.



David Steinke

Occupation: Owner/
President Mariners Cove
Marina (over 32 years)

Employer: Self employed

Education: St. Pete
College, U.S. Navy Tech
Schools, Flight Training,
Yamaha, Mercury & OMC
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How long have you lived in Gulfport?
23 years

How long have you lived in your ward?
23 years

What experience do you bring to the office?
Over 40 years of successful business management, common sense and integrity!

What two issues do you think are the most important for Gulfport?

- a. Environment : Clean water, clean air
- b. Budget concerns: Budget needs to be reevaluated and appropriate adjustments made to deal with the current economic times.

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Where do you stand on the mooring field?

The Mooring Field should be put on hold until many questions are answered. I would not oppose the Mooring Field if it could be done without damaging the water quality of Boca Ciega Bay.

How do you think the city can maintain its level of services without raising taxes, or do you believe a tax hike may be necessary?

I am sure that if we reevaluate the budget and make appropriate adjustments there will be no need to raise taxes. I believe taxes should not be raised! Perhaps we should look at alternative ways to cover services such as outsourcing.

How well do you think the city has reflected the changes in the economy in the last few fiscal years?

I am not sure that the council has done enough. Spending could be less. They should not have raised our taxes!

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Friday 12/25

- Burglary-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5000 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 5500 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Saturday 12/26

- Noise Complaint-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 700 Blk 60th St. S.
- Theft-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 6300 Blk Pasadena Pt. Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1600 Blk 54th St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5800 Blk 27th Ave. S.

Sunday 12/27

- Reckless Driver-** 2500 Blk 49th St. S.

- Noise Complaint-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5400 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Call for Officer-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5300 Blk 21st Ave. S.

Monday 12/28

- Throwing Deadly Missile-** 4900 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 1200 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Battery-** 5200 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.

- Theft-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.

- Burglary-** 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.

- Burglary-** 5700 Blk 15th Ave. S.

- Theft-** 5700 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Tuesday 12/29

- City/County/Code Ordinance Violation-** 1400 Blk 61st St. S.

- Suspicious Vehicle-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.

- Suspicious Circumstances-** 2800 Blk Upton St. S.

- Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk 52nd St. S.

- Prowler-** 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

- Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk 12th Ave. S.

- Theft-** 5100 Blk 25th Ave. S.

- Theft-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.

- Theft-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.

- Recovered Stolen Vehicle-** 900 Blk 55th St. S.

- Trouble with Individual-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Wednesday 12/30

- Animal Complaint-** 1100 Blk 54th St. S.

- Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.

- Domestic Verbal-** 2200 Blk Horan Way S.

- Theft-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

- Stolen Vehicle-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd S.

- Theft-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

- Burglary-** 2800 Blk Tifton St. S.

- Criminal Mischief-** 2200 Blk 51st St. S.

- Trouble with Individual-** Tomlinson Park.

- Trespasser-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.

Thursday 12/31

- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.

- Street Obstruction-** 1300 Blk 49th St. S.

- Fight in Progress-** Tomlinson Park.

- Battery-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.

- Burglary-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.

- Criminal Mischief-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.

- Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

- Domestic Verbal-** 1800 Blk 52nd St. S.

- Suspicious Vehicle-** 2600 Blk Upton St. S.

- Noise Complaint-** 2800 Blk Kipps Colony Dr. S.

- Arrest on Warrant-** 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

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Crime Awareness Meeting

Submitted by Jeri Reed

The next Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention Meeting will be held on Monday, January 11 at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center located at 1617 49 Street S. This meeting is citywide so all can share.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and would like to offer some tips in that area (these tips are a combination of info received from local police departments)! Avoid shopping alone, stay alert to your surroundings, avoid carrying large amounts of cash, never leave purses unattended in shopping carts – keep it close to your body, carry your wallet in an inside coat pocket/front pants pocket or zippered pocket, walk to your car with your keys in your hand, lock your car doors immediately once you get inside.

When shopping on-line you should only use companies you know and trust, keep your personal information private and your password secure, use secure websites for purchases by looking for the icon of a locked padlock at the bottom of the screen or “https” in the URL address.

If your family participates in gift giving, be aware that by putting the boxes out front for trash pick up, you are alerting passerbys that you have “new toys”. Consider disposing of the packaging by other means. When you get the “new toys”, record the brand name, description, model and serial number for your records – just in case!

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

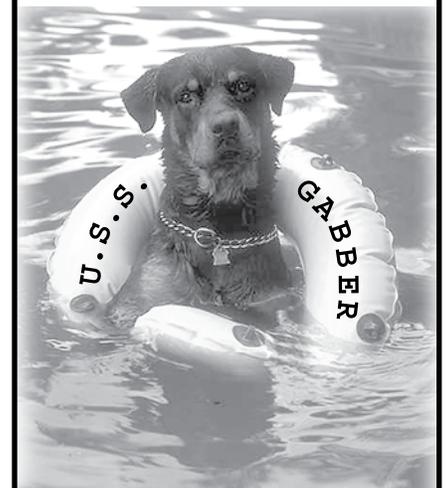
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West Coast Orchid Society to Meet

The Florida West Coast Orchid Society will hold their monthly meeting, on the second Thursday of the month, January 14, at the Pinellas County Cooperative Extension (Botanical Gardens), 12175 125 Street N. in Largo. An educational class with Michael Polin will be held at 7 p.m., with a short meeting at 7:30 p.m. followed by a presentation from Francisco Miranda on Brazilian Orchids. An orchid sale, raffle, and refreshments follow. Visitors are welcome. Free admission and parking. For more information, please call 727 733-8167.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Sunshine City Council's Ways and Means annual Spaghetti Dinner/Cook-off and Dessert Auction will be held on Saturday, January 16 from 5-7 p.m. at Five Towns Magnolia Club House, 58th Ave. and 79th St. N. Members and guests will enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner complete with homemade desserts. A Dessert Auction will be held featuring a variety of homemade desserts. The winner of the spaghetti sauce competition will be awarded the "Golden Spoon" for the year. Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$3 for children 2-10 years old. For reservations contact Kay Ansel at 343-5117 or Linda Wilmoth at 498-7359.

Laureate Epsilon Theta's next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13 at the home of Janet Taylor at 7 p.m. Sharon Ingram will present the program.

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

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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.

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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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Gulfport Women's Club Annual Fundraiser

The Gulfport Women's Club will hold their Annual Card/Game Party on Wednesday, January 27. It will be a noon luncheon at Town Shores Auditorium with games beginning

at 1 p.m. Event includes door prizes and an auction of generous donations given by local businesses. It is best to book a group table for your game so book early. Public groups are invited. Donation is \$12 with proceeds to be donated to schools and seniors. For information or tickets call Petie at 343-6450 or Julie at 343-6587.

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City Whys? Have you got a question for your city government?

Email your request to News@theGabber.com

City of Gulfport

By Cathy Salustri

Q: Gulfport tests the water along its beaches every week for enterococci and fecal coliform. One week out of every month the counts are much higher than the other weeks. How come?

A: No one seems to know. According to Gulfport's Public Works Director, Don Sopak, city staff can "find no pattern to explain why sampling values are higher in one week of the month."

As Sopak points out, "the week of the higher reading varies from month to month." He also suggests the weather and the tides have some effect, but the test results don't indicate the time of day staff took the sample, so there's no way to check the results against the tides.

Sopak reminded The Gabber that, except for one week in February 2009, the enterococci bacteria remained in the "good" range (under 35). That week in February the results fell in the moderate range. The fecal coliform samples, despite the higher readings, all stayed in the "good" range (under 199) as well.

For more information on what these numbers mean, look over this month's water quality report in this week's paper. For more information on beach sampling, visit the Florida Healthy Beaches program's web site at (<http://esetapps-doh.doh.state.fl.us/irm00beachwater/terms.htm>)

City of St. Pete Beach

By Kate Bradshaw

Q: Hey, the other day, when I was driving to Fort De Soto, I saw one of those flashy electronic signs just before the Bayway tollbooth – the best tollbooth, hands-down, in the state, by the way – announcing that I would soon be approaching said tollbooth. This sign seemed to have recently materialized out of nowhere. Now, I have successfully passed through the booth for years now without any help from a gigantic and expensive-looking electronic sign. Why is it there? Don't these signs usually announce things like construction and other potential road hazards?

A: The answer is simple. This taxpayer-funded type of signage made headlines last year when a number of brilliant and courageous individuals in Austin, Texas hacked into a handful of the signs and programmed messages like "CAUTION! ZOMBIES! AHEAD!!!" into their display screens. And just last month, Gainesville hackers posted "ZOMBIE ATTACK!! EVACUATE" during the morning commute. While announcing an upcoming toll is not nearly as awesome, the sign does serve a purpose, says Florida Department of Transportation spokesperson Kristen Carson. There was once a plain, non-electronic sign advertising the toll, albeit more nonchalantly, from the side of the road at that juncture, she says. "We have a sign replacement project under construction right now," she says. "There used to be a permanent sign structure there, which has been removed due to construction." One may then wonder why what seems like a perfectly effective road sign would need to be replaced. "The signs are being replaced to bring them up to codes for hurricane strength," Carson says.

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

Recession Buster for Seniors

Seniors in Service provides a tax-free income of up to \$425 per month to income-qualified volunteers who serve as Foster Grandparents. This income does not affect eligibility for food stamps, housing, Medicaid or any other assistance. Volunteers must be 55 years old or older and serve for 15 - 40 hours per week.

Foster Grandparents serve in public school classrooms, Head Start centers and after-school programs. They spend their time one-on-one or in small groups with at-risk children.

Volunteers make a significant difference in the lives of the children and elders they serve! Learn more at www.seniorsinservice.org or call (813) 932-5228 for more information and an application.

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Telephone Reassurance Program

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

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

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Old Cell Phones Can Be Lifeline for Seniors

Donate your old cell phones to the Senior Safety Phone Project, which provides seniors in Pinellas and Pasco counties with free emergency cell phones. The Area Agency on Aging of Pasco – Pinellas collects donated cell phones, tests and charges the phones, and then distributes them to seniors in the community. For a full list of the donation and distribution sites in Pasco and Pinellas counties, please call the Senior Helpline at 1-800-96ELDER (1-800-963-5337).

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WellNEWS

All the news that's fit.

By Scott Lafee

No TV Changes Daily Program

It's easy to assume that if folks watch less TV, they naturally become healthier, spending more time exercising or eating better.

That's not necessarily true.

A recent University of Vermont study of men and women who were overweight or obese found that when their normal TV viewing hours were dramatically slashed, the participants' calorie consumption and sleep habits did not change. On the other hand, they burned more calories per day, about 120 more than a control group that continued to watch as much TV as always.

The extra calories burned did not generally come from exercise. A few participants reported walking their dogs more or taking a yoga class, but most of energy spent came from doing ordinary activities, such as reading more, playing board games with children or doing household chores. The researchers concluded that even minor changes in daily activity levels could produce measurable effects. They estimated that the folks who watched less TV and simply moved around more added the equivalent of walking about 8 miles a week.

The control group, meanwhile, became fatter and more sedentary,

burning 100 fewer calories than before the experiment began.

BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

Newborns cry in their mother tongue.

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In a recent survey, seven of 10 Americans said they would like to die at home. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, only one in four Americans actually do.

NUMBER CRUNCHER

A ham and cheese sandwich (146 grams) contains 352 calories, 139 from fat. It has 15.5 grams of total fat or 24 percent of the recommended total fat intake for a 2,000-calorie daily diet. It also contains 58 milligrams of cholesterol (19 percent); 771 mg of sodium (32 percent); 33.3 grams of total carbohydrates (11 percent) and 20.7 grams of protein.

BEST MEDICINE

A doctor put a stethoscope to a patient's chest.

The patient said: "Doc, how do I stand?"

The doctor replied: "That's what puzzles me."

OBSERVATION

Cocaine isn't habit-forming. I should know. I've been using it for years. -- Actress and bon vivant Tallulah Bankhead (1902-1968). Bankhead died of pneumonia, complicated by emphysema. Her last coherent words were "codeine ... bourbon."

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Dismantling Christmas...



Photo by Leigh Clifton

Jerry and Ann Murray started dismantling their 58th Street lawn Christmas display last Sunday. Ann has collected penguins for almost 15 years and the Murrays have long been known for their use of many penguins for their Christmas displays every year.

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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Find a Yoga Class That's Right for You

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

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USCG Safe Boating Classes in Gulfport

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

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A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

Garden Resolutions

With the start of a new year, we get to reflect on the changes we want to make in our lives. Many of us are gardeners because we enjoy the seasonal transformations in the landscape and can make changes to our gardens. Even in the middle of winter, we are thinking about gardening and plan to make changes as we get each new garden catalog in the mail.

One of the ways to make garden changes a fun project is to resolve to keep a photographic journal of your garden. Use your cell phone camera or other digital camera to take pictures of the areas that need adjusting. You can print the pictures at your leisure. Write notes what you plan to do in the garden that goes with the picture in an album. Planning ahead will make all of your gardening tasks easier.

Another fun resolution is learning more about gardening. Resolve to take a gardening class with your local extension office, which is part of your state university. All year long, they offer local classes on many gardening subjects. Another aspect of the learning process is to go and see what others are doing.

Resolve to try new plants in your garden. Don't just replant red geraniums in the flowerpot on the patio. Skip the dracaena spike and asparagus ferns by the front door and try mixing up the flowers in new combinations.

In the vegetable garden, try at least one new vegetable that you have never grown. Not that adventurous? Then try at least one new variety of tomato.

To help your garden and landscape grow better and healthier this year, I have a few more suggested resolutions. Repeat after me.

I resolve to add more mulch to my flower beds where it will decrease weeds, saving me money on weed killers and protecting the environment from useless weed killer applications.

I resolve to take the money-wasting mulch off the trunks of my trees, so it stops looking like the mountain of mulch is holding the tree up. Mulch piled on tree trunks kills trees; it doesn't help them.

I resolve to save time and money by pruning my trees and shrubs in their natural shapes, not goofy squares and balls.

I resolve to find out what disease or insect is affecting my plant before I pollute my yard with poisons that

are used for treating something else. Saying "It can't hurt" isn't really true.

I resolve to mow my grass at a higher height. The longer leaves will support a better root system -- it will need less water and can fight off weeds better.

I resolve to order more catalogs from www.mailordergardening.com, as it is the source for the most comprehensive list of gardening catalogs.

And lastly, I resolve to enjoy my garden by eating outside more often, strolling through the yard to smell the flowers without pulling any weeds and having at least one party with family and friends over.

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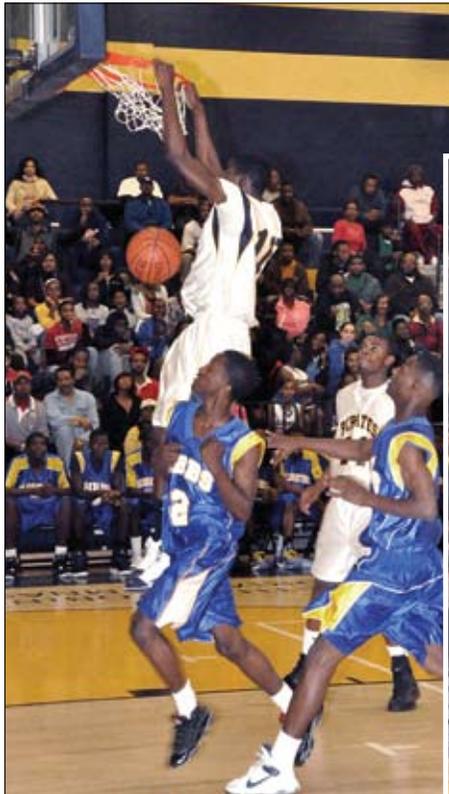
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Bogie forward David White tackles Gibbs guard Jahar El-Amin as White slices through for two.

Bogie Varsity Boys Lose a Tough One to Arch Rival Gibbs



By Leigh Clifton

In a very loud and very packed Robinson gym Tuesday night, the Bogie Varsity boys and Gibbs squared off to play a friendly game of basketball. But whenever these two teams meet, it's never friendly, it's always physical and Tuesday night's game certainly lived up to the hype. From the opening tip off, Bogie was dominating, but Gibbs answered with the lightening fast speed of Gibbs' 5'9" guard Charlie Brooks, who aggressively charged his way through the Bogie defense, trying to wear it down.

At the half, Bogie led by one, 25-24 and the teams stayed neck in neck. Bogie's Norman Williams' massive rim-hanging dunk got the crowd on their feet, but Gibbs answered with a tough man to man defense that bottled Bogie up and made for several turnovers. There were some questionable calls by the referees on Bogie, especially at the four minute mark, when Williams was called for traveling. The Bogie crowd booted and Coach Truman looked sideways at the ref. Gibbs took full advantage and eventually pulled away 47-42. It was a tough loss for the Pirates who are now 9-5 overall and 1-2 in their conference.

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Boca Ciega High School Scoreboard

Boys Varsity Basketball

12-18-09	Boca Ciega	63
	Largo	78
12-28-09	Boca Ciega.....	105
	Dunedin	26
12-29-09	Boca Ciega.....	56
	Tampa Catholic	53
12-30-09	Boca Ciega	71
	Gibbs	73
1-05-10	Boca Ciega.....	42
	Gibbs	47

Girls Varsity Basketball

12-17-09	Boca Ciega.....	75
	Largo	32
12-28-09	Boca Ciega.....	47
	Riverview	30
12-30-09	Boca Ciega.....	55
	Sarasota	49

Girls Varsity Soccer

1-05-10	Boca Ciega.....	1
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Boys Varsity Soccer

1-05-10	Boca Ciega.....	1
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By Shawn Dell Joyce



Too Much 'Stuff'

Most of us are surveying the damages right now. All the packages are unwrapped and scattered under the tree; the credit cards are maxed out; we're exhausted. Now we have to decide where to put all the new stuff, especially those new gadgets for which we waited in line during the wee hours after Thanksgiving because we just had to have them.

"Less than 1 percent of all the consumer goods bought and sold during the holiday season will be in use six months from now," says Annie Leonard in "The Story of Stuff," a short film produced by Free Range Studios and available for free at <http://www.StoryOfStuff.com>.

"The Story of Stuff" chronicles the life of consumer goods from the

"cradle to the grave" and offers an alternative vision to our consumerist culture. Leonard points out that we have lost our identities as mothers, farmers, firemen, teachers, etc.; we have become consumers.

Indeed, we are defined by what we consume and are targeted demographically by stuff peddlers from infancy to old age. In our culture, we feel awkward if we don't have "the right stuff" -- fashionable clothes, flashy "bling" and the newest techno-gadgets. What we often don't see are the consequences of our national addiction to stuff.

Many of us see more advertisements in one year than our grandparents did in their whole lifetimes. We consume twice as much as they did as a result. Our houses are twice

as big; our waistlines are bigger; and our savings accounts are considerably smaller. The U.S. has 5 percent of the world's population but consumes 30 percent of the world's resources and creates 30 percent of the world's waste, according to "The Story of Stuff." We already have used one-third of the world's natural resources and quickly are chewing our way through the rest.

Melissa Everett, executive director of Sustainable Hudson Valley, defines "sustainable living" as "not filling a spiritual need with a material thing." People buy stuff for many reasons, but for a substantial segment of our population, shopping is an addiction.

"Compulsive shopping or spending can be a seasonal balm for the depression, anxiety and loneliness during the December holiday season," says professor Ruth Engs of Indiana University.

If living more simply is one of your New Year's resolutions, here are a few suggestions:

--Author and therapist April Lane Benson, who wrote "I Shop, Therefore I Am," recommends that before you make an impulse purchase, ask yourself: Why am I here? How do I feel? Do I need this? What if I wait? How will I pay for it? Where will I put it?

--Buy used or borrow things from friends and neighbors before buying new things.

--Repair and mend rather than replace; upgrade computers instead of buying new ones.

--Develop habits of zero waste. Use both sides of paper; carry your own mugs and shopping bags; get printer cartridges refilled instead of replaced; compost food scraps; avoid bottled water and other over-packaged products.

-- "The average person in the U.S. watches TV for more than four hours a day," notes "The Story of Stuff." "Four hours each day are filled with messages about stuff we should buy. Those are four hours that could be spent with family, friends and in our community."

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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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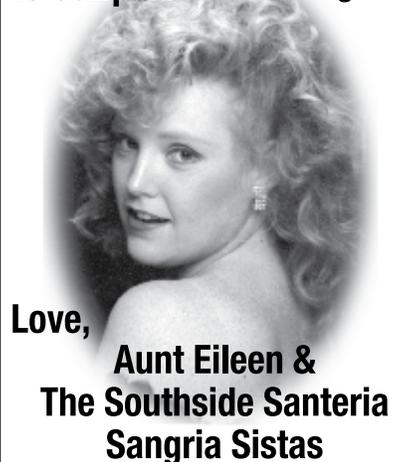
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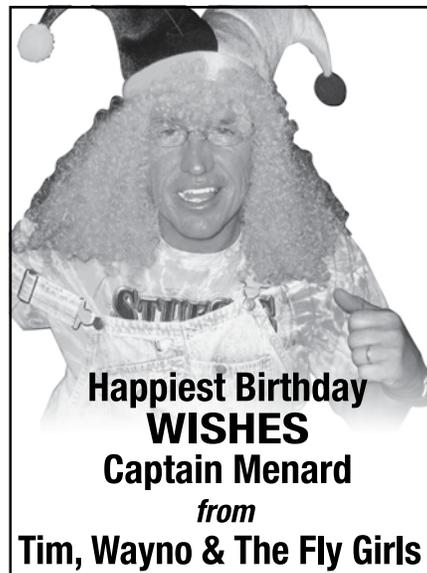
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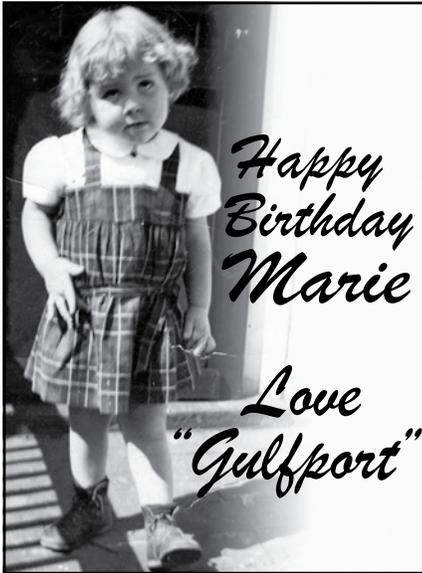
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GROTON #304 - 2br/1ba, eat-in-kitchen, newer windows, carpet, fresh paint, storm shutters. Great waterviews. Very inviting at **\$129,900**

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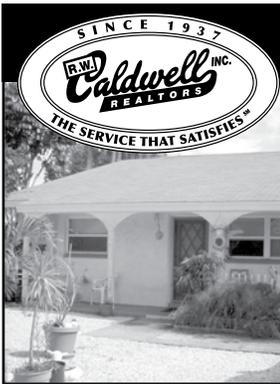
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1868 Shore Dr S #601	South Pasadena	\$275,000

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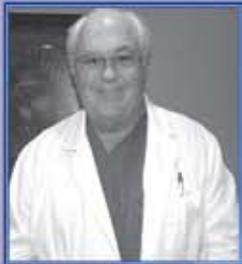
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