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Beach Commission Votes Down Coconut Inn Rezone

SAINT PETE BEACH - Perhaps one of the most contentious issues to hit Pass-A-Grille in recent memory, the issue of whether the Coconut Inn owner Joe Caruso should be allowed to rebuild in the event of catastrophe or obsolescence has been put to rest – for now. The debate lasted more than six hours, with dozens of residents and other interested parties speaking in favour of and against the change. Neighbors were concerned over a perceived intrusion into a residential area. Most hotels in Pass-A-Grille occur along the area's main thoroughfares; the Coconut Inn sits one lot in from Gulf Way.

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Rusty Ercius, of Pass-A-Grille, a vehement opponent of the Coconut Inn rezone.

St. Pete Beach Remembers Roberta Whipple

By Kate Bradshaw



It takes a lifetime to embody a place, and that's what Roberta Whipple gave.

The vivacious administrator for St. Pete Beach Public

Library recently passed away of ovarian cancer at age 59, but her community will never forget her impact.

"She just exuded St. Pete Beach," said Maryjane Hyatt, who runs the youth services section of the library. "She talked to everybody. She got them involved. She got people interested in the library. She was so enthusiastic and so excited."

Her passion for St. Pete Beach and her knack for research have helped put the town on the map.

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Gulfport Council Says No Bench Advertising

By Cathy Salustri

For now, benches in Gulfport will not have advertising. At a special council meeting Tuesday evening Gulfport city council indefinitely tabled an ordinance that would allow advertising on benches and in bus shelters.

The bench issue surfaced repeatedly during the public comment session of regular council meetings. It started when Representative Rick Kriseman met with several Gulfport councilmembers and proposed giving Gulfport free benches with one caveat- the Lion's Club would be allowed to sell advertising on these benches.

Many Gulfport residents, however, opposed the idea, as did several councilmembers.

"We're inundated by advertising everywhere we go," councilmember Sam Henderson said "The fact is, you can't legislate tacky. It's a subjective thing."

"When this first started I was all for the whole idea," councilmember Judy Ryerson said, but added that the more she considered it and drove through areas where such signs were allowed, the less she liked the idea.

"Not once in the past two years have I heard anybody say that we need benches or that there is a shortage of them," resident Margarete Tober told council.

Earlier in the meeting councilmember Michele King asked if there was a need for benches without advertising; city manager Jim O'Reilly told her yes.

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Coconut Grove,

from front page

Caruso had agreed to limit the height of rebuilt structures, forfeit ancillary use, and that he would not start any rebuild projects for at least five years.

“This case is not about preservation of a mom and pop...we’re talking about redevelopment here,” said David Bacon, the attorney who spoke on the behalf of 33 petitioners who were against changes to the city’s comprehensive plan that would allow for the rezone.

Caruso and his attorney, among others, insisted that the request had more to do with livelihood – and his ability to remain competitive in the future.

Those who spoke at the quasi-judicial hearing ranged from residents who painted dramatic pictures of debauchery to planners and attorneys with in-depth – but not so colorful – understandings of the intricacies of the case.

The commission waited until nearly one in the morning to vote. Mayor Mike Finnerty and Vice Mayor Al Halpern cast the two “no” votes.

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Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale

The Pinellas Geological Society, Inc. will hold their 34th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale on January 15-17 at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Drive in Largo. Hours are Friday and Saturday 10-6 and Sunday noon-5 p.m. Free admission. Features cut gems, silver and gold jewelry, wire wrap, beading, cabachons, ornamental mineral eggs and collections of rocks and minerals. For information, call Hugh at 894-2440.

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News from the
Gulfport Historical Society



Book Tie-In with Musical

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New Museum Acquisitions

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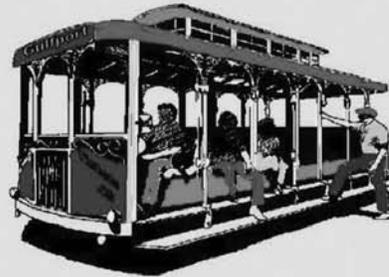
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Benches, from front page

Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington suggested that rather than putting advertising on benches, the city look into using local artists to decorate benches.

"The painted benches I think are wonderful," Councilmember Michele King said, referring to pictures of such benches shown earlier in the council meeting.

Council made no decision about painted benches but ultimately tabled the ordinance to allow advertising on benches.

"I think you should open it up to the public at a second reading. I actually think the changes that staff made are important," King said, adding that rather than tabling the ordinance council should have the opportunity to vote for or against it.

"I really don't see anything good about putting any signs on these benches. I'm for taking a vote and killing it," councilmember Ryerson said, although she voted to table the issue indefinitely.

Henderson and King voted against tabling the issue while Yakes, Ryerson and Worthington voted for tabling the issue.

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Free Movie – "Horton Hears a Who"

Mark your calendars for the City of Gulfport's next "Theater on the Bay" Friday, January 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Field (the corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 58th St. S.). January's movie is "Horton Hears a Who". If you want save your space at 6 p.m., cartoons will be available for the kids until 6:30 p.m. show time.

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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.

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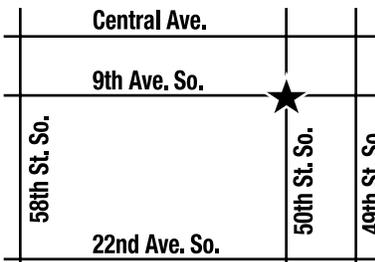
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Fair, sign up for free History of Gulfport Trolley Tour scheduled for Monday, January 25. Don't miss out on this great event!

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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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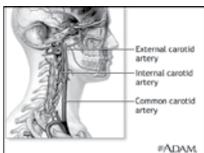
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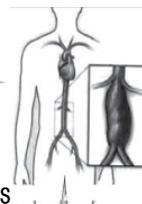
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Pinellas County to offer H1N1 Vaccinations To General Public

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

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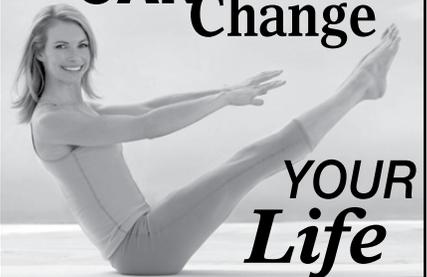
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Gulfport Centennial Musical Celebration!

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 Perlroth, 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. And quite a story it is!

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, please contact the Gulfport Community Players at 727-322-0316.

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By Cathy Salustri

Q: The playground at Tomlinson Park (in Gulfport) is really in disrepair and needs to be addressed before it deteriorates further and/or a child gets hurt there...Does the city have money in the budget to maintain/repair playground equipment? -Dorian Angello

A: This e-mail also included several photos of the broken equipment. According to Bob Williams, who heads up city parks, the city has ordered a new slide and "removed the old tunnel and fixed the crack in the slide until the new one comes in. Everything is safe at this time."

Yes, Williams added, the city does budget for repairs at the skate park and playgrounds as well as benches, shelters, basketball courts, tennis courts, ball fields, and all other park facilities. Every month Dave Bloom a certified playground safety inspector from Playgrounds Plus, gives every city playground a complete inspection. In addition, the Parks Department rakes the surfaces under all playgrounds every Monday and Friday and does a visual inspection then.

Coincidentally, the slide and tunnel this reader brought to the city's attention also caught Bloom's eye on Friday, January 8. According to Williams, Bloom brought it to his attention and asked for permission to order a new tube and repair the slide. Williams authorized a new tunnel but said he didn't think the side could be repaired and so ordered a new one of those as well.

*Have a question about the inner (or outer) workings of your city?
Send it to News@TheGabber.com and we'll get you the answer.*

Letters

Give Verizon a Call

Dear Editor: When looking into cable/internet service providers and finding such limited options, I heard from a couple of people about a "deal" with Brighthouse for exclusive service in the City of Gulfport, which sparked my recent inquiry to the "City Why" section. Thank you for clearing that up and confirming that there is NO deal.

Like Ms. Ryerson indicated in the "Public Comments and Council Quotes" section of the Gabber, I believe that many Gulfport residents would be interested in having a choice and would welcome other providers such as Verizon.

Every resident of Gulfport should call Verizon to let them know that there is a market here, that their company can make money. We should all call even if we do not subsequently choose to switch providers, just having the competition could lead to the Brighthouse rates going down. Thank you.

Rick Allen

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Letters to the Editor

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

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

All letters are printed and edited for length and content at the discretion of the editors.

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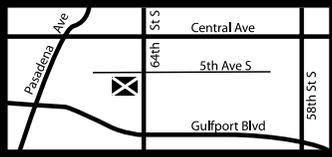
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By Natalie Leggette

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.

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BPW to Meet

Patty Clark, Life Cycle Celebrant, will be the next speaker at Business and Professional Women meeting on Thursday, January 21 at 400 Beach Seafood and Tap House located at 400 Beach Drive NE in



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Motivational Behavior.

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

For more information or for contact information visit www.BPWStPetePinellas.org or to reserve email RSVP@BPWStPetePinellas.org or call 727 471-8248.

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

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

Changing the Order of Things

GULFPORT- Although typically the city of Gulfport allows public comments at the start of a meeting before addressing ordinances and other city business, Tuesday night the city gave a presentation on a proposed ordinance before allowing public comment. The city also did not allow for public comment on any items not on the agenda.

Mayor Mike Yakes responded to people in the audience who seemed

displeased by the change.

"If you want the public session first, we can. It's probably more informative; this is not a trick," he told them.

The city proceeded with the presentation and then allowed public comment on the ordinance.

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Boca Ciega Pirates Baseball Alumni Game

Boca Ciega Pirates Baseball will hold their 1st Annual Alumni Games on Sunday, January 24 at 1 p.m.

at Hoyt Field. Come out and meet the current Boca Ciega Players and coaching staff. Cost is \$50 and includes t-shirt, homerun derby, 7 inning game against former Boca Ciega players. Donations greatly appreciated. Call Jason Szafarski at 716-560-6940 or email to szafarskij@pcsb.org.

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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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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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Mayor Mike Yakes Rejects Extended Public Comment

GULFPORT-Tuesday night Gulfport mayor Mike Yakes rejected a request to allow residents five minutes instead of three to speak. Yakes explained this by saying that if the ordinance proceeded citizens would have an additional three minutes to speak.

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Savannah's is located at 1113 Central Avenue in downtown St. Petersburg, offering a creative twist on "low country" and Southern specialties. The restaurant also offers an outdoor seating area that welcomes canine companions. And if your furry friend is hungry, a specially-designed entrée for dogs will be featured during the event. For reservations, call (727) 388-4371.

Get Rescued...In Gulfport, now in its sixth year, is an annual street festival that takes place on Gulfport's Beach Blvd. Over 60 animal rescue groups from throughout the region are represented at this festive fundraising event that will take place on Saturday, February 27 from 10-5 p.m. Other vendors at the festival will offer pet-related crafts, art, pet treats and other products. The Get Rescued event has become one of Gulfport's most popular and beloved street festivals, and one of the largest such events in the nation. Many attendees bring along their own leashed, well-behaved dogs, creating a fun and unique promenade of humans and canines of all kinds. Proceeds from fundraisers and the Get Rescued festival benefit the non-profit rescue groups. Participants are also encouraged to bring donations of pet food and cat litter to be distributed to the rescue groups. The event is free of charge.

The daytime event will be followed on the same evening by a Get Rescued Celebration to be held at the historic Gulfport Casino from 7-11 p.m., including music and dancing, finger food, cash bar, silent auctions and opportunity drawings. Tickets for the evening event will be \$20.

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For more information about Get Rescued...In Gulfport, call 727-323-3892 or visit www.GetRescuedInGulfport.com.

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Pet Food Donations Wanted

Help pet owners by donating cat and dog food. The SPCA Tampa Bay is asking the community for donations of cat and dog food to distribute to families experiencing tough financial times. For those who need assistance, call for an appointment at 727-586-3591, ext. 144. Cat and dog food drop off times are: Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. - 6

p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Monday closed. Shelter location: 9099 130 Avenue N., Largo. For additional wish list items, view spcatampabay.org.

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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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By Mary Marsh

Show Runs Through March 4

Gracing the walls of our Treasure Island Community Center until March 4 are works by five members of the Art Guild of T.I. Today we feature Jill Hale and Grace Porter.

Skilled watercolorist Jill Hale shows her eye for composition and color in her paintings: "Show Girls," light and feathery, and "Lilies and Ribbons," brightly colored. Jill actually uses acrylic in her strong abstract "California Burning," but returns to watercolor in "School's Out." Here she creates an abstract of colorful, swimming fish, allowing her whimsical side to break through.

Grace Porter, former teacher at Suntan, brings her classical oils to the walls of the Community Center. The brilliant colors of "Arizona Sunset" contrast with the serene "Beach At Caladesi" and her delicate "Purple Iris." Grace's sense of drama appears in "Sails In the Sunset," depicting a lone boat with its two dark, curved sails, silhouetted against the setting sun.

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On Saturday, January 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Arfmann will be presenting a free program for seniors and caregivers - the National Silver Alert Program at the Senior and Caregivers Expo in St. Petersburg (The Sunshine Senior Center). The program is a free online registration modeled after the Amber Alert for kids. Silver Alert is an emergency system in which law enforcement can broadcast regional or statewide alerts for missing seniors and/or other adults with Alzheimer's or other cognitive disorders.

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Town Shores Bocce

What a "new year" this is turning out to be. The courts have been cemented, painted, carpeted and have new side rails installed inside the courts. How great they look, thanks to the Master Association Board of Directors and Gregg, our property manager. However, Mother Nature has not been very cooperative. In fact, the week of January 4th, one match was played between two very hearty teams from the Jamison building and the Hampton building, with the Hampton team winning two of the three games.

Now, we begin a new week and once again Ole Man Winter has come calling. It looks like March may have a lot of make-up games if this weather keeps up.

Your building reps will be contacting residents who would like to support the Bocce Club by donating \$2 dues for the year 2010. Even if you do not play on a team, one can still be a social supporter. Please call your rep if you have not been contacted. Betty Browne at 345-0445 can answer any questions you may have. Please mark March 20 on the calendar as this is the date

for the Spring Dinner Dance.

All the players will be looking forward to seeing a big crowd and hearing from you as you cheer for them.

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Public Comment & Council Quotes

"It's really disappointing, though, to see how many folks have been willing to turn a personal vendetta and make that the city's problem and do it under the guise of city business. That's been really disappointing. Some of the very people who have come up here and talked about how having these tacky things on city benches was the very one that stuck a half naked lady up there and broadcast it to the whole town in prime time I don't know why there's got to be so much ugliness."- Councilman Sam Henderson

"We do not need unnecessary dissension. I wish to work toward compromise. When we, as elected officials, appoint board members and we seem to go in different directions, that's something wrong. We need to find out how to do it better." – Mayor Mike Yakes

"Not to be negative, but advertising, by nature, is misleading."
–Councilmember Sam Henderson

"We keep calling these bus benches, but we're a walking community," – Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington

"I'd like to commend the people on the dais. It's obvious you've done your homework by the questions you ask,"- Margarette Tober

"I think this is a case of allowing the camel's nose under the tent. I think we're about up to the second hump on this...We're here because Representative Kriseman came in here and pitched a commercial endeavor." – Al Davis

"Sam, I think you're the only one who read my e-mail," –Jennifer Salmon

"I believe the city does need more benches and I think they need them with butt cans and trash receptacles...I don't feel we need benches with advertising and I might ask why we don't have advertising on our wonderful trolley." –Jim Greenwald

"How it turns out, at this point, I really don't care. I'm done with it... There was never an offer of money to the Lions of GP for that service. I later found out that there probably would be money paid, but that was never an intention or an enticement." – Art Padulla, a member of the Lion's Club

"Whatever the citizens behind me have made of this, with innuendo, and with calculation and whatever, and taken shots at a nonprofit that does a great deal of good, not only on the world, but in Gulfport, I take offense at that." – Art Padulla

"As I've said when I opened up, things can confuse me"- Mayor Mike Yakes

"I'm ready for it to end." - Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington

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 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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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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Weight No More

Weight No More is a new class forming at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard S. This is a four (4) week workshop, taught by instructor Betty Havey, M.A and is designed to help you with motivational techniques, to help set personal attainable goals and to research effective weight loss. The cost is \$100 for the 4 week workshop. Sign up now. Call 893-1079 to register.

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Pink Flamingo Tour Home Search

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

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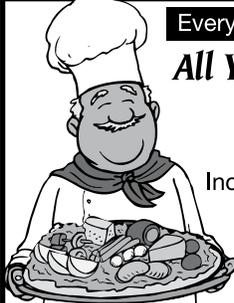
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14 will feature over 100 of Florida's best arts and craft vendors, food, a Budweiser Tent, live entertainment and a Kids Zone.

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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Solution on Page 18

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- 16 Pressing matters
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- 22 Saltpeter
- 23 Building manager, for short
- 26 ___ right: turn
- 29 Tense situations
- 35 Wells or Lupino
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- 43 Road-map feature
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- 8 Greek peak
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- 10 Overhaul an apparatus
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- 18 Latin dance
- 23 Polish partner
- 24 Pakistani tongue
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- 26 Journalist/novelist

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- 33 Crucifix
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- 39 There are three in a third
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- 46 Capital on the Red River
- 47 "The Jungle" author Sinclair
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

One Wrong Doesn't Make a Right, Either

It is a well-known mathematical fact that two wrongs don't equal a right. Lesser known is the surprising notion that one doesn't, either. The following letter from a reader culminates with the explosive assertion of a single disturbing wrong:

"I just got this dog from the pound. She eats well and sleeps with me, and she's very intelligent. But she keeps leaving me little poops and puddles in the house. I leave the door open and she still poops in the house, right by an open door. She is 4 years old or so, and the pound has no history on her. I have not beaten her yet, but I am about to."

Brute force is never an effective teaching tool. Most people, if told their child's eye had been blackened not by a bully but by his English teacher because of his inability to spell, would run to the nearest happy hour full of ACLU lawyers

and scream "civil rights violation!" And the teacher's defense would be embarrassingly lackluster: "No, I never taught him how to spell, but I left the dictionary right there on his desk."

Dogs are not born housebroken. It is not a matter of better breeding, bad genes or big bucks. To date, with all that modern technology affords we humans and our canine counterparts, no breeder has been able to deliver into the world an inherently potty-trained dog. Or child.

If you want your dog to perform his bodily functions out of doors, you have to let him know that. This is done through training. Training is essentially the creation of a shared, albeit limited, language between man and beast.

The good news is that housebreaking is easy to achieve and takes less than a week to accomplish. The bad news is that a lot of people would prefer not to make even that minimal effort. Unfortunately, the headache that results packs enough of a wallop

to lead a person down the wrong path -- toward abuse, squalor and abandonment.

The basics of housebreaking boil down to the regulation of three components: food, water and walks.

If you and your pooch are steadfast in your adherence to what I call the Feed-Water-Walk regimen, he'll catch on remarkably fast: He eats and drinks at the same times every day, and he relieves himself outside immediately after.

Your role? You provide the food and water at the same times every day, and you take him outside immediately after -- simply leaving the door open is not good enough.

To help matters along:

-- Lay down no paper or puppy pads on the floor in any part of your house, as this will only confuse your pup.

-- Confine the dog to one area of the house when you are not home.

-- Allow no buffet-style eating or drinking until the dog is successfully housebroken.

Should an accident occur along the way, proceed in one of two ways:

-- If you catch your pup in the act, interrupt him with a verbal correction, take him outside immediately and praise him when you get there. Then go inside and clean the soiled floor with an odor neutralizer.

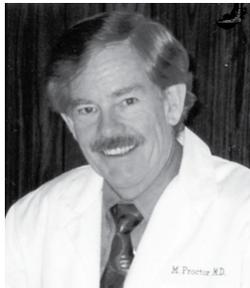
-- If you stumble upon an accident, clean it up and forget about it. Accidents should be infrequent if you are upholding your end of the deal.

Consistent repetition is the key to successful training, and housebreaking is no exception. Beating a dog, on the other hand, will get you nowhere -- except the courthouse or the clink.

For detailed information on the Feed-Water-Walk housebreaking regimen and additional training techniques, check out "Good Dog, Bad Dog," "When Good Dogs Do Bad Things" and "I Just Got a Puppy. What Do I Do?" You'll find these books and more in your local bookstore, public library or at www.unclematty.com.

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Horoscope Guide

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make sure that you want to be with someone because of the person that he or she is today, and not for the person you hope he or she will become. The same goes for employment. Take the job you like and think you can do well, not the job that promises to turn into something you'll like.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Relationships are the gym of life. It's where your soul will get a workout and where you'll tone your emotional muscles. To expect all of your relationships to run smoothly all the time is silly. It's not how humans are. When a bit of conflict touches a relationship, this is your chance to work on yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The measurements of things will seem to matter more than they do. Avoid getting overly focused on numbers. You may be up a few dollars or down a few pounds, but there are better things to celebrate. And if you're down a few dollars and up a few pounds, it's not really a crisis. Focus on feelings, not numbers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are so clear about who you are and what you need to do next that you could be a light to others. Those in the murkier waters will ask for help. Just being yourself and being willing to listen is the greatest assistance you can give. Avoid giving other advice. Each person must find his or her own way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Instincts are keen for seeking lucrative investments, mutually fortuitous business relationships and the perfect locales to execute your plans. In other words, listen to your gut and you'll know what, whom and where your energy is best placed. By the end of the week, you'll be promoted or hired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's painful to be one place when you

feel you should be somewhere else. When you get the sense that you have better things to do with your time, you have two choices: To leave and find the thing you think will be better, or you can stay and create something better where you are. Both are sound. It's up to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The spirit of competition will be an ever-present friend, healthy, brawny and relentless as he pushes you to be your best. Note that there are some games that are best played without trying to win. The prize isn't worth the damage that could be done to yourself and the other players if you were really to dig in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are responsible for your own happiness -- a job you take rather seriously, as you should. Knowing this, it may feel irksome when someone close to you seems to want you to take charge of his or her happiness as well. You can certainly help, though the best way to do so is probably to tend to your own joy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Events align to help you feel the profound nudge of time and gravity's grand tap on the head. Remind yourself that your essence is eternal. Express yourself, assuming that whatever you do will become an indelible mark in the expression of the entire universe throughout the whole of time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Here's a recipe for success: First, stop and think. Then stop thinking. Feel your way through. Take steps to reach a meditative or prayerful state as you focus on your goals. There are so many different opinions zinging around now. Center yourself to avoid falling prey to wasteful misdirection.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone is looking for you. This person just doesn't know yet that

it's you who best fits the bill. Your personality, strengths and abilities are exactly what's needed to help this person accomplish an important aim. All you have to do is live your life in the way that feels good to you and be open to opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is no skipping grades in the school of life. It would be pointless to do so anyhow. You have to be at a certain level in order to understand, appreciate, process and use the information you are given. So embrace your position as you learn a little bit more and get a little bit better.

This Week's Birthdays: You'll assign new definitions to words like "friendship" and "career" this year as you get specific about what it is you want. In the remarkable 12 months to come, you will likely decide that you deserve to be deliriously happy. The next 10 weeks show you getting to know someone as if for the first time. February and March are bursting with romance. Practical matters are solved in April. In May, a work problem is actually a lucrative opportunity. Stay positive and you'll see a way.

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If you are interested in donating your time or items for a great cause to benefit Gulfport Elementary students, call Pat Dunham at 727-224-9771.

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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, contact the Festival of States at 727-821-9888.

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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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Chamber to Host Spring Fashion Show

The Women's Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Gulf Beaches would like to invite you to attend their spring fashion show on February 3 at the Wine Cellar located at 17307 Gulf Boulevard, North Redington Beach. Fashions are from "Patchington". Any questions please call Ruth Szemer at 343-0223.

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

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• 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.

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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.

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 philoso-

pher 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.)

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, January 23, 1:00 pm.

Short Stories Study Group: Monday, January 25, 1:00 pm. Presented by local chapter, Brandeis University Women.

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City Sponsored Activities in the Community

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Closed for Holiday: The Senior Center and GEMS will be closed on Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Weight Loss Management Classes: Did you make a resolution to lose a little weight after the holidays? It's not too late to join our Weight Loss Management Classes. The series of classes are held on Thursdays during January 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.

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.

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 Bone Density Screening, 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 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: H1N1 Vaccines will be available on Thurs. Jan. 21 from 9am-noon during our annual Health Fair courtesy of our Pinellas County Health Department.

Health Info & More: H1N1 Vaccines, 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 by 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.

History of Gulfport Tour for Seniors: The Senior Center and Senior Advisory Gabber January 14 - January 20, 2010

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.

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.

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

"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.

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: Chair Yoga is now being offered at the Gulfport Casino on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. Free but must be registered as a Senior Center member.

Annual Entertainment Fair: Come and join us for a day of entertainment at the Senior Center on Mon. Feb. 15 (Presidents Day). The event includes a Flea Market from 9am to noon, a hot dog lunch for \$2.00 (get your meal ticket now), entertainment by the Love Notes at 1pm and a Tea Dance with live music courtesy of The Nostalgic Band from 3-5pm. The dance and refreshments are free. Free computer training will also be offered from 9:30-11:30am.

Tea Dance: A free Valentine Tea Dance will be offered on Mon. Feb. 15 from 3-5pm. Live music by The Nostalgic Band. Refreshments included.

Stretching for Seniors: Every Tues. at 11:15am

Live Chat Room: Fri. at 2pm at the Senior Center

Ongoing Support Groups:

Diabetic Support (Every Mon. at 10am)
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Every Wednesday
6 - 11pm- **Swing Dance** \$7
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Every Thursday
7-10pm-**Salsa Dance** \$7
7-8:30pm Lessons,
8:30-10pm Dance

Win a Free Lap-Band Surgery

Palms of Pasadena Hospital is sponsoring a contest to win a free lap-band surgery. A Center of Excellence for weight loss surgery, Palms of Pasadena Hospital will offer this minimally invasive weight loss surgery to a deserving contestant in February.

Throughout the month of January, local media will promote the contest asking participants to submit entries for a chance to win the surgery. Visit ObesityNoMoreFL.com to enter. Contestants will be asked about their struggles with weight, how losing weight will improve their lives and why they feel they should be the winner. Five medically eligible candidates will be chosen from the official entries, they will be asked to

attend an educational seminar, and will be seen by a weight loss surgeon and clinical psychologist to confirm eligibility.

The candidates' photos and profiles will be featured on www.ObesityNoMoreFL.com. The Tampa Bay area community will vote for a winner, who will be announced on February 26.

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Clinical experts are available for comments or interviews.

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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.

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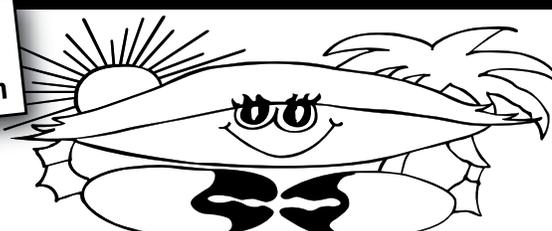


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Whipple, from front page

F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald's stay at the Don Ce-Sar would still be mere rumor. Insisting that the couple had indeed spent some time at the historic hotel in its Depression-Era heyday, she set out to prove the Fitzgerald Society, who said the tale couldn't be substantiated – wrong. She scoured the archives of the St. Petersburg Times until she found reports documenting their 1932 stay – the couple's only known visit to the Sunshine State.

The Fitzgerald Society later held a symposium on the author on St. Pete Beach.

Her love for St. Pete Beach may have partly derived from the fact that she and her siblings, unlike most who currently reside in the Gulf-side community, grew up there. Her father owned Lamb's Pharmacy, which was at the corner of 75th Avenue and Blind Pass Road – where the Christmas shop now sits.

"She had a great, great appreciation for this place," said Beach Theatre owner Mike France at a recent event at the theater that celebrated Whipple's life.

France told the audience who all came out on the coldest morning of the year, that when she was researching her book, *Historic Corey Avenue*, she unearthed several relics from the early days of the old movie house. He said she would excitedly share with him old photos and movie posters; vital relics for the theater, which is now on the brink of its 70th anniversary.

France was one of many speakers who highlighted Whipple's extensive accomplishments and magnetic personality; things like her fostering of a relationship with St. Pete Beach's sister city and her childlike smile. Former local Friends of the Library chapter president Sarah Hogan recalled how Whipple helped revive the nonprofit, which had for years been "dormant and moribund."

Whipple's brother, Larry Lamb, told a number of colorful stories about growing up with his sister, including how she kept a collection of reference books in her room, which her siblings had to "check them out."

"She reminds me of the Cat in the Hat," said childhood friend Spencer Lucas. "She was into so many

things."

Jon Whipple, her husband of 20 years, told the audience that when he first met her – which was, of all places, at a T.G.I. Friday's in Tampa – she impressed him with her knowledge of football and baseball. It was "her wit, her charm (and) her laugh," though, that endeared her to him.

"Maybe she knew, maybe she didn't, but we did a lot of stuff," he said of their time together.

Hyatt said that the Corey Avenue chronicle was Whipple's "crowning glory." The book was published in late 2009, and a signing and discussion were scheduled at the library for late December. Whipple, aware of her condition, asked that the event be moved up – to Halloween. The turnout was so high that they had to move the lecture to a more spacious section of the building, and it was still standing room only.

Those who knew Whipple will remember her for more than her obvious knack for attracting a crowd, her eternal optimism, her ability to

leave no stone unturned, her sense of humor or her love for St. Pete Beach. They can look in any direction in the town she loved so much, and see the many ways in which she's helped make it better.

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If you missed the 3-show season ticket rate because you were not here in November, you can purchase tickets for 2-shows for \$25: single shows are \$15. "Jukebox Saturday Night" will be presented January 24, 3 p.m. at Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78 Avenue and January 31, at Largo Faith United Methodist Church, 403 First Ave.

"Broadway, Opening Night" will be presented April 11 at Pinellas Park and April 18 at Largo, both shows at 3 p.m.

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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



No Impact Challenge

An unexpected side effect of this year's recession-ridden holiday season is that people have discovered that indeed it is more fun to make social connections than to buy new stuff. Americans have been on a consumer high for so long that we have lost touch with many of the simple (and free) pleasures in life.

If you are totting up a list of New Year's resolutions that include things like "losing weight, being healthier, spending more time with family and reconnecting with friends," then why not satisfy the whole list at once by joining thousands of other Americans in taking the "No Impact Challenge." (noimpactproject.org)

This challenge is a week on a low-carbon diet that makes you reassess how you spend your time and money, and consider what's really important

in your life. The challenge is based on No Impact Man Colin Beavan's year-long experience of living lightly in New York City with his small family and leaving no environmental impact. Three months into the experiment, the Beavans stopped consuming new goods (except local food) and discovered that kicking the shopping habit saved them not only money, but opened up time to spend with family and friends, and more space in the house.

Could you avoid buying anything new (besides local produce) for one week? The No Impact Challenge asks you to start by stopping shopping for new things. Instead, repair broken things, make something yourself or find used items at garage sales, Freecycle.com or craigslist. With the time you save by not shopping, host a clothing swap party or a play date with your family.

When Beavan began his experiment, he stockpiled his family's trash for a week to figure out what disposable items they could stop consuming and throwing away without sacrificing their happiness or comfort. He sorted the garbage into categories -- disposables used less than 10 minutes and more than 10 minutes, and things that they could live without. He equipped each family member with their own reusable drinking cup, containers, utensils, cloth napkins and bags. After giving up all disposable products, their level of happiness and satisfaction actually increased.

We drivers spend an average of 1,000 hours annually behind the wheel. What would you do with all that extra time if you found other transportation? Half the trips we take in cars are less than 2 miles away and could be done on bicycle, roller skates or foot with the side effect of improving our health and reducing our waistlines. Look for ways to incorporate public transportation into your day, or share a ride and the expense of gas.

"A big part of the No Impact project was to eat only local, seasonal, unpackaged food. That meant, basically, lots of fresh vegetables. Michelle and I both lost a lot of weight. None of the farmers I talk to at the farmers' market try to jam their food with salt, fat or sugar to get my little Isabella addicted," from Beavan's No Impact Man blog.

Eating local requires more thought and planning than buying prepackaged foods in the supermarket. Find a local farm that retails directly in your area at www.localharvest.org. If you eat lunch outside of the house, make it yourself in a reusable container. If you substitute things grown locally for imports on your shopping list, like apples for bananas, you keep money flowing in your local economy.

The final part of No Impact Man's Challenge involves volunteering for local nonprofits. "The final stage was to me the most important," blogs Beavan. "The final stage was not about conservation. It was about innovation. And it was in this stage that I met new people and made the most friends. It was here that the people were most excited. It was not about doing less harm. It was about doing more good. It was less about limits and more about possibility."

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Contact the band director, David Irwin, at 864-7968 or irwinDE@eckerd.edu for further information.

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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.mygulflport.us/City_Departments/Leisure_Services/Rec_Center/NEW/index.htm.

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City of Treasure Island's Name the Park Contest

The City of Treasure Island announces a "Name the Park" contest for the beach park located at 10400 Gulf Boulevard, formerly the TI Beach Access owned and operated by Pinellas County. All Treasure Island residents, property owners and business owners are invited to

participate. The participant with the winning name will receive a \$200 savings bond which will be presented to the winner at the March 2 Commission Meeting.

Rules of Entry packets can be picked up in the Recreation Department located inside city hall at 120 108 Avenue or on line at www.mytreasureisland.org Deadline for submission is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 5.

For additional information, please call the Recreation Department at (727)547-4575, ext. 237.

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Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

5 Steps To Get Organized

I won't try to kid you into thinking I'm some kind of organizational expert. I am the most disorganized person ever. My professional office is a mess. My home, remarkably, appears to be orderly, as long as you don't open a cupboard, drawer or closet. Being disorganized steals my time, energy and money. I buy things I have already because I can't find them, or I spend too much time looking for things I need. That is going to stop. I am declaring before each and every one of you, my dear readers, that this is my year to get organized.

I have consulted several professional resources and done a lot of thinking, and I've come up with the following steps I will take to achieve my goal.

Step 1. Commitment. I've tried to get organized before, but I never have been fully committed. I trust that making my commitment open and public will make all the difference. Do you hear me? I am going to get organized.

Step 2. Identify the space. Lumping my office and home into a single organizational project is overwhelming. To overcome this, I have divided the task into 12 projects, or spaces, one per month in 2010. My home studio -- where I write, sew, knit, craft and basically create things -- is a sight to behold. It is huge and filled to capacity. Mark it "Project No. 1."

Step 3. Identify recipients. I am committed to getting rid of everything that I do not use on a regular basis or that I do not find to be incredibly beautiful. But I know myself. I will not be able to throw away good things that fit those criteria. Before I get started, I need to identify charitable organizations, selling sites, friends or family members who will appreciate receiving everything that doesn't make the cut.

Step 4. Three containers. I have labeled these boxes "Keep," "Trash" and "Give." That seems simple enough, but to make sure, I did a practice run on the desk in my home studio. Out of six drawers, I ended up with seven things in the "Keep" box and zero to give away, and everything else filled the trash container to overflowing. My desk is clean and nearly empty. The three-container plan worked.

Step 5. A place for everything. I don't practice it, but that doesn't mean I don't know this secret for being organized: There should be a place for everything and everything in its place. Once I have identified what I will keep in each project space, I am determined to identify a specific place for each thing I own. Then I'll get into the habit of returning things to their places.

I have cut out a big job for myself in the coming year. Think I can do it? I do. And I plan to take pictures to prove it. I'll keep you posted!

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Local Obituaries



DUNN, MICHAEL HYLAND, 56, of Gulfport, formerly of Sarasota, died Dec. 28, 2009. Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel, is handling the arrangements. Survivors include his mother, Carol A. of Sarasota; one brother, Shawn C. of Boston; and two nephews, Wesley and Tristan, both of Gloucester, MA. Michael also leaves many fond memories and good friends from his time in Gulfport. Mr. Dunn was a veteran of the Coast Guard.

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KURTZ, MAY LAVERNE, 81, passed Jan. 6, 2010 at home at the Fountains of Boca Ciega Bay in South Pasadena. She was born in Youngstown, Ohio to Agnes and Michael Miller. She is survived by Henry Kurtz, her husband of over 59 years; a son, John (Lynn) and granddaughter, Allison Kurtz of New Jersey; two sisters, Jane Sturdevant of Texas and Ohio, and Jean Schneider of Ohio; 3 nieces; and 7 nephews. No services will be held but donations may be made in her memory to Suncoast Hospice Foundation. National Cremation Society

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WATSON, ROY E., 81, Gulfport, Jan. 6, 2010. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and retired R.R. Engineer. Survivors: sister, Jane Gray, OH; brother, Wilbur Watson, PA. Taylor F. H., 545-9858.

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Calling All Future Big Brothers

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County needs at least 125 Big Brothers to meet the needs of their current waiting list. Make a difference in a child's life. There are several different programs to suit your preferences including their Sports Buddies Program. Take a child to sporting events (like the Rays game) for which they supply the tickets and watch or participate in sports activities together. Not interested in sports? That's OK! Sports Buddies is just one option. You can select mentoring activities to suit your preferences and the child's.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Big Brother, please email your contact information to ShirleyN@bbbspc.org or call 727-518-8860 for more information.

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Town Shores Golf

Now is the time to get your reservation in for The Town Shores Golf Scramble to be held on Saturday, January 30 at the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club in Palmetto which is a short drive over the Skyway Bridge. Get your foursome together or they can partner you with a group. The event is open to all men and women residents and guests of owners and renters. January's price is \$45 and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, beverages and prizes.

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

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Monday, January 25 and made out to Terra Ceia Bay Country Club. They need to let the course know how many people are coming. 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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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.

You may start any Thursday. Course completion may help with insurance discounts. Call 727-686-6940 for more information or leave a message at 321-4455.

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Free Acupuncture Clinic for Veterans

Acupuncturists Without Borders is offering a free acupuncture clinic to provide treatment for veterans, their families, and their health care workers. These acupuncture treatments address stress, insomnia, post-traumatic stress syndrome, depression and anxiety. The clinic is held at Unity of St. Petersburg, 6168 First Avenue N. in St. Petersburg at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday. The clinic is free, donations are welcome. For further information, please call 727-204-5203.

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DBSA Support Group

Are you depressed or bipolar or have another disorder? Come to a support group that meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. at Northeast Presbyterian Church, 4400 Shore Acre Boulevard NE. They also have a teen group that meets from 6-8 p.m. Call Mary at 727-204-9343 for more information.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Is It Global Warming?

Let's talk about the weather. Kind of getting old (and cold) isn't it? As a matter of fact, look at all the hardships this cold weather is causing: shortage of power, even here, homeless threatened and sometimes dying, car wrecks with fatalities, people dying while shoveling snow, ruined crops, people unable to pay heating bills, travel halted, delayed or slowed. Well, the list goes on.

Supposedly, we're in for more, all over the nation. Weather experts predict a winter like the late 70s and early 80s. It was bad then. I remember the Ohio River freezing over and tug boats being stranded and coal not being delivered. I'm told it was cold here, too, kind of like now.

That was the time when scientists were predicting a new Ice Age although we were reportedly already in a "little Ice Age" which followed the warming period which had followed the real old Ice Age of 10,000 years ago.

That prediction has been followed by a warning of a warming age known now as "Global Warming" caused almost entirely by man burning fossil fuels and daring to breathe too much (CO2). And, that was followed with predictions of catastrophic man-made global warming that will, in Florida at least, drown us all.

The problem is that it really hasn't warmed since 1998. That's before we got what we're getting now. The question is what is really happening? Some scientists say sun spots, or lack thereof, have caused the warming, or too much water vapor and cloud cover which trap gasses. Others say that too much cloud cover, as might occur with a major volcano eruption, causes cold spells. If we have a few more winters like this cycle, what will the explanation be for that? And, I ask, which does the most harm: hot or cold?

Just maybe the old Earth with its tilting and spinning, and its winds

and reflections of the sun and pull of the moon and motions of the tectonic plates and the consequent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, does what it wants to.

We may be just fleas on the back of a large shaking and scratching dog. Maybe the Earth will shake so much that the gravitational fields will disappear and we'll be thrown into space. The magnetic fields have moved, actually reversing over the eons. Who really knows?

For the moment, however, whatever the REAL situation, our politicians are preparing to save us all with something called cap and trade. That is, the producers of CO2 have to pay for doing that by buying permits from those who don't put out CO2. This will all be done on a big money/investment exchange where these values will fluctuate and someone (not the public, but most certainly the politicians and financiers) will make lots of money. Of course, the original money will come from the taxpayers to whom the costs of all this will be passed.

Don't think that big business will squeal too much. Already the nuclear industry is supporting the drive as long as the politicians promise more nuclear energy. And, the oil and gas people will go along because part of the deal is that they will be able to drill for more gas and oil. The "green" industry is on board because they're getting billions of subsidies. The politicians will all get campaign contributions, of course, and the finance people will run the whole show.

So, to summarize, supporting cap and trade are the politicians, big bankers, big energy businesses, and small green industries. Do we, the people figure in? Of course we do, we're being saved from Global Warming.

NARFE Chapter 1140 to Meet

All federal retirees and active federal employees are encouraged to attend an upcoming meeting of NARFE Chapter 1140 that includes the Gulf Beaches and Southern Pinellas County. Please join them for their meeting and luncheon. The January meeting is being held on Wednesday, January 27 at the Fountains of Boca Ciega Bay, 1255 S. Pasadena Avenue in South Pasadena in the Key West Dining Room. The cost for lunch is only \$5 and spouses and guests are welcomed. There will be a discussion of up-to-date issues particularly relevant for active and retired federal employees. Also, Officer Denise Nestor from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department will be the guest speaker. She will be presenting a special program on "Seniors & Crime Prevention". Reservations will need to be made in advance by calling (727)368-8569 or 367-5256.

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Maximo Center has Community Information

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

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Our next blood drive will be Sunday, January 24 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Breakfast is free to donors.

Join us for dinner on Friday & Saturday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. The Southern Knights band plays after dinner both nights.

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The Flamingos	Open 12-6 Karaoke or piano music	Steak Dinner 6-8pm Geno 7-10pm	NASCAR/Football Open 12-6pm Wings 3-5pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm Bus Boys Karaoke 7-10 pm	Harry 7-10pm	Frank Caine 7-10pm

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.

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

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In just 39 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We'll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, places, and above all the decade of each picture as it comes along. To make it a little bit of a challenge, we won't publish the correct caption until the following week.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

Last week's overview of the waterfront is dated 1936, between the building of the third Casino and the replacement of the old wooden pier. When the pier was demolished, party boats and commercial fishermen had to use the small pier just east of the Casino. The temporary pier behind the Casino gave way shortly after this, dunking 50 or 60 people. ("Some anglers had to catch their fish a second time.") The Peninsula Inn, the Gulfport Garage, and of course, Stetson Law School are easy to spot amidst the otherwise sparse terrain.

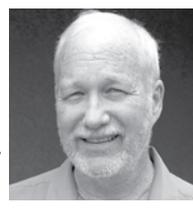
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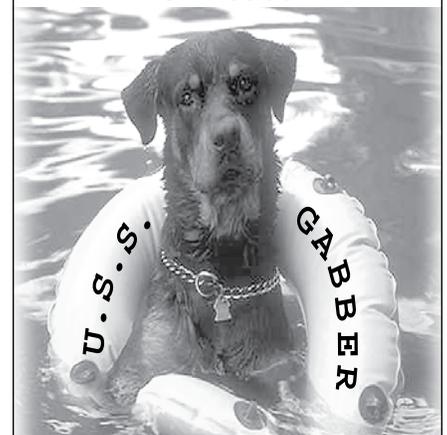
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By Scott Lafee

Armed and Dangerous

Too often, Parkinson's disease, a degenerative age-related neurological ailment without cure, is diagnosed well after irreparable damage has been done. But that may soon change. Researchers at the Penn State Hershey College of Medicine say gait -- the manner in which people walk -- could be an early marker for the disease.

"The disease is currently diagnosed by tremors at rest and stiffness in the body and limbs," said Xuemei Huang, an associate professor of neurology at Penn State University. "By the time we diagnose the disease, about 50 to 80 percent of the critical cells called dopamine neurons are already dead."

Huang and colleagues say clinical observations of Parkinson's patients suggest their arm swing is asymmetrical: One arm swings much less than the other as they walk. The researchers hypothesize that it may be possible to accurately measure arm swing and develop guidelines that could point to the early onset of Parkinson's before other symptoms appear.

"There are wide-scale efforts to find drugs that slow cell death," said Huang. "When they are found, they could be used in conjunction with this technique to arrest or perhaps cure the disease because they could be given before great damage has occurred."

BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

According to "The Odd Brain" by Stephen Juan, hospitalized mental patients rarely complain of headaches.

STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

In the 1700s, it was believed that one way to cure a headache was to tie a piece of hangman's rope around the skull. Fortunately (or not, depending upon one's point of view), public hangings were quite common then and there was an abundance of product, which tended to provide hangmen with a good second income.

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Homichlophobia -- fear of fog

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naturally, there are plentiful links to purchasing running gear, coaching services and the like.

BEST MEDICINE

Completing an annual physical, a doctor asked his patient if he had any questions or concerns.

"Well," said the man, "I'm thinking about getting a vasectomy."

"That's a pretty big decision," replied the doctor. "Have you talked it over with your family?"

"Yeah. They're in favor 15 to 2."

OBSERVATION

No matter how rich you become, how famous or powerful, when you die the size of your funeral will still pretty much depend on the weather.

-- Humorist Michael Pritchard

LAST WORDS

Too late for fruit, too soon for flowers.
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What is a Guardianship? (Part 1)

By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

A guardianship is a formal legal proceeding in which another party has control over the legal rights of a person who is determined by a Court to be incapable of handling his/her own affairs. The filing of a Petition To Determine Capacity is the first step in establishing a guardianship.

Any adult is authorized to file with the Court a Petition To Determine Capacity. The alleged incapacitated person is called the ward. The proposed party who will take care of the ward is called the guardian.

After the Court receives a Petition To Determine Capacity, a committee of two (2) professionals, usually

medical doctors, and a third person is appointed by the Court to question and examine the proposed ward and then report its findings for the Court's review. In the event an examining Committee determines that an alleged ward is not incapacitated in any manner, the Court will dismiss the Petition To Determine Incapacity and the guardianship proceeding is terminated at this time. If the examining Committee determines that an alleged ward is incapacitated in some way, an Incapacity Hearing will be scheduled with the Court to determine the extent of the ward's incapacity. Attorneys for the petitioner and the proposed guardian will normally attend this Incapacity Hearing as well as a Court - appointed attorney for the ward. Generally, a guardian will be appointed upon the conclusion of the Incapacity Hearing.

If a guardian is determined by the Court to be necessary for the protection of a ward's property or person, the guardian has authority to use the ward's property for the ward's sup-

port. It is necessary for a guardian to fully inventory the ward's property and file detailed accountings to the Court on a yearly basis. (To Be Continued In Our Next Feature)

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

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A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

Garden Seed Catalogs

Wow, can you believe we made it through the holidays? The days are getting longer, and we are looking forward to getting out into the garden. The first thing we have to do is plan on what new plants we will be growing this year. It doesn't matter if you garden with annuals, perennials or vegetables -- there is always a new thing to try.

January is National Mail Order Gardening Month. Have you been getting your garden catalogs in the mail yet? If you haven't received enough gardening catalogs, or need more with a specific type of plant, go to www.mailordergardening.com for a list of companies that offer catalogs with plants and gardening tools. You will obtain a direct link to the company's e-mail or Web page, so you can order the catalog. It is time to start the new year with a resolution to get new garden plants that will use less water, be more disease-resistant and make your landscape prettier. Plus, it would be helpful to buy new tools that make your jobs easier.

The best place to get the tried-and-true plants for your local climate is from an established garden center. They have stayed in business by supplying plants that work. Many will try to help you find new plants, but they can't be expected to contain all of the over 60,000 varieties of day-lilies registered with the American Hemerocallis Society. If you want plants that are even slightly unusual, you will probably have to go to a catalog. This is especially true when it comes to vegetables. The tried-and-true varieties will be at your local stores, but the fun items are in the catalogs.

According to the National Gardening Association, around 7 million new gardens were planted in 2009. Many people were looking for organically grown seeds or older heirloom varieties of seeds. Today, let's look at a few catalogs that cover these seeds. All three do not carry seeds that have been artificially genetically modified.

Seeds of Change provides 100-percent certified organic seeds, so the plants producing the seeds for your garden were grown organically. This Minnesota-based company is supplied by organic farmers across the country. They have over 1,200 varieties of seeds, including some annuals and perennials. Their website has more than their catalog at www.seedschange.com.

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds has a farm, village, monthly festivals

and other vacation destination opportunities located in the Missouri Ozarks -- and a seed bank retail store in Petaluma, Calif. They have vegetable seeds found in a variety of small villages and markets around the world. They provide a few herb and flower varieties, but if you want to try a unique vegetable, go to www.rareseeds.com.

The Seed Savers Exchange started back in 1975. You can order from the catalog, but become a member of the Exchange to receive the most variety. For instance, the catalog lists an impressive 56 varieties of pepper -- some of them certified organic -- but members have over 850 varieties of peppers available. Members also have access to fruits, nuts and berries. Check them out at www.seedsavers.org.

The summer of 2009 was not the best for growing vegetable seeds. Some places will be in short supply, so order early for the best selection, no matter where you place your order.

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- Noise Complaint-** 2800 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 2800 Blk 45th St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5600 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Fight in Progress-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 700 Blk 64th St. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Open Door/Window-** 900 Blk 60th St. S.

- Criminal Mischief-** 1500 Blk 55th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1800 Blk 51st St. S.
- Trespasser-** 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Traffic Stop-Failed to Stop-** 1100 Blk 62nd St. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 1000 Blk Hull St. S.
- Saturday 1/2**
- Drunk Driver-** 2800 Blk 56th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2300 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Soliciting-** 1000 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5800 Blk 6th Pl. S.
- Burglary-** 5300 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Sunday 1/3**
- Street Obstruction-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Trespasser-** 6300 Blk Pasadena Pt. Blvd. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2100 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Monday 1/4**
- Burglary-** 4700 Blk Tifton Dr. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1600 Blk 55th St. S.

- Theft-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Burglary-** 4900 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Trespasser-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Tuesday 1/5**
- Burglary-** 2900 Blk 45th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 1200 Blk 49th St. S.
- Theft-** 2000 Blk 57th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 1000 Blk 62nd St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5900 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 700 Blk Freemont St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5700 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Wednesday 1/6**
- Animal Complaint-** 2500 Blk 54th St. S.
- Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 5200 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Thursday 1/7**
- Animal Complaint-** 2500 Blk 54th St. S.
- Theft-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 1300 Blk Royal Palm Dr. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5800 Blk 19th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Disabled Vehicle-** 6100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
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Free Oil Change with Pet Adoption

In January, adopt a cat, kitten, dog or puppy from the SPCA Tampa Bay and receive a coupon for a free oil change*. Adoption specials include fees waived for adult cats (1 year or older) on Win-Win Wednesdays and Feline Friends Fridays. Victory for Veterans allows military members and veterans to adopt a dog or cat (1 year or older) free of charge. Prices may vary of purebreds. Location: 9099 130 Avenue N. in Largo. Hours: Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m. For more information call 727-586-3591 or visit www.spcatampabay.org. (*No diesel or vehicles that take more than 7 quarts).

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Free Foreclosure Prevention Workshops

St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Services (SPNHS) will begin offering free foreclosure prevention workshops on a weekly basis effective September 14 at 1600 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street S. in St.

Petersburg from 6-7:30 p.m. HUD certified counselors will be on site to provide struggling homeowners an overview of the foreclosure process and offer individual counseling opportunities to develop an action plan to avoid foreclosure. All homeowners, regardless of circumstances, are encouraged to attend. Call 821-6897 for more information.

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Meet the Candidates

Gulfport's Unchallenged Council Candidates

By Cathy Salustri

Reintroducing Gulfport Mayor Mike Yakes



When elections come around this March, Mike Yakes' name won't appear on the ballot. That's because, although he was up for reelection, he had no opposition. Despite his unchallenged (this time) role as Gulfport Mayor, *The Gabber* asked him the same questions we asked the candidates who do face opposition. Below are his answers; before that, here are a few facts about the Mayor you may or may not know.

- He worked almost 40 years for the Florida Department of Transportation. When he retired in 1999 he held the title of Safety and Health Manager.

- He was appointed to Gulfport council in November, 1986 and served on council until March, 1991, when citizens elected him mayor.

- He has continuously served as mayor since then, making him the longest-serving mayor in Pinellas county.

- He advocated giving city employees two hours of leave every month if they participated in school-related events like tutoring or mentoring.

- He implemented Gulfport's Teens Summer Jobs Program in 1994.

• In 1998 he started the Gulfport Teen Council.

Below are Mayor Yakes' responses to The Gabber's questions. You can comment on these at the Discussions section of The Gabber Newspaper's Facebook page.

Name:

Michael "Mike" J. Yakes

What is your occupation?

Retired from the Florida Department of Transportation and currently serving as an elected official. My length of office speaks for itself as I have been serving as Council Member and Mayor since 1986.

What is your education?

I have a GED and continue with other business associated continuing education courses

How long have you lived in Gulfport? 63 years

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

1. Maintaining the current tax base
2. Obtaining Federal and State funding through perseverance

Where do you stand on the mooring field?

I support a mooring field that is initially limited to 25 mooring balls for transient usage. I do not support storage or long term anchorage.

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 believe we can maintain and that it is not necessary to increase taxes. We provide a quality service but it may be the hours of service that are adjusted. We need

to prioritize the needs with public safety and health at the forefront.

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

Having been very much a part of it, I think we have done very well.

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

For my length of office, my phone has worked very well. I am also easily recognizable and very approachable.

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Introducing Jennifer Salmon Unopposed Ward 3



When the qualifying period ended for city council candidates, only Jennifer Salmon qualified to run for her ward (Ward Three). *The Gabber* asked her the same questions they asked the candidates for Ward One as well as Mayor Mike Yakes, who is the unopposed candidate for Mayor. You can find her unedited answers on the discussion section of *The Gabber's* Facebook page as well as some of them below.

Salmon fell in love with

Gulfport because of contra dance. Contra dancing is an energetic form of folk dancing that Salmon loves (in fact, she met her husband, Don, at a contra dance), and when she attended a contra dance at the Casino, she discovered Gulfport. She was living in Tampa at the time, but as she describes it, "there was no there there."

Gulfport, she decided, had a definite there, and she knew she wanted to be a part of it. She'd been looking at communities like Dunedin and Safety Harbor, but when she found Gulfport, it was love at first sight. She found a home in the Stetson area one night and showed up with earnest money the next morning.

"It was the best move I ever could have made," she says. Nine years later, she and Don, a systems analyst, still live in that home—with one addition.

Four years, at age 46, Salmon and her husband adopted their son after spending 15 months on a waiting list. Since he was 30 hours old he has lived in Gulfport, and now he attends Gulfport Elementary. On Friday nights they watch movies as a family, courtesy of Netflix. On occasion they trade babysitting with another couple and go dancing. Sometimes they take their son out to eat. She loves her family and says she's glad she adopted her son, a fact they won't keep secret from him.

"We're very proud of that. We feel so lucky," she says.

Starting this spring, Salmon can add Tuesday night council to her list of things to do. She says there are things about the process she'd like to change and she's not afraid to say she doesn't know all the answers.

Because she ran unopposed, Salmon had fewer

campaign expenses than she anticipated. She offered contributors a prorated refund; if they refused she donated the money to charity. Tampa Bay Watch, The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, The Gulfport Historical Society, and the Sonia Plotnick Health Fund all received \$170 from Salmon's campaign fund.

Name: Jennifer Salmon. I am an unopposed candidate for Ward 3 and therefore my name will not be on the ballot. I am glad to have this opportunity to let residents know more about me.

What is your occupation? Research consultant and teacher.

Who is your employer? Self-employed d/b/a Aging Research Group; part time faculty in Eckerd College's Program for Experienced Learners; Courtesy appointment, University of South Florida Aging Studies Department.

What is your education? BA, American Literature, Middlebury College, Vermont, 1981. ML, Librarianship, University of Washington, Seattle, 1984. Ph.D., Aging Studies, University of South Florida, 2001.

How long have you lived in Gulfport? 9+ years (since September 2000).

How long have you lived in your ward? 9+ years.

What experience do you bring to the office? I bring an ability to understand complex information, ask questions to clarify issues, and work with others to achieve

solutions that will satisfy most people of good will. I have worked as a librarian for 13 years and as a gerontologist for 20 years. I am a mother of a young child and have been a volunteer caregiver for many elders.

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

1) City Council needs to have a better process for making decisions so that decisions are based on good information and thoughtful discussion. As elected officials, City Council members have the final responsibility for anything that happens in city government. Therefore, how we get and discuss relevant information should be completely in the sunshine and provided only at public meetings. Decisions should not be rushed but be tabled when necessary.

2) I think our most important decisions are related to land use—those that either preserve or change our city's character or have an effect on the environment. These discussions usually begin with staff and are reviewed by Planning and Zoning but only City Council has the final say. What it decides in one situation will set a precedent for other situations. I want to preserve our city's small town character while attracting useful and clean businesses to our three main commercial streets so we can be proud of every entrance to our city.

Where do you stand on the mooring field?

I don't believe that the proposed mooring field is the proper way to provide safe, temporary anchoring for them. Since July 2005, I

have been a vigorous voice against either a 50 or 100 boat mooring field right off our only public beach. The public spoke out against it in 2005 and yet it is still in the plans even though it does not make fiscal or environmental sense. The return on investment was 10 years in the economic boon years (it would take longer now). Derelict boats are covered under the Needleman law that gives local police the responsibility to fine and tow these vessels. Boats would block sunlight and be a hazard for the sea life below. It will not stop the few boaters who anchor just outside of our jurisdiction. The best solution was the recent decision by City Council to open up unused slips in our certified clean marina for short-term stays.

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 believe that the city budget can be contained without losing the services that matter the most to the most people and therefore should be retained such as: public safety, senior services, library, and parks. I think we should explore the potential to expand some of these services to residents in nearby cities which do not have them but would use them at a non-resident fee. We should review ways to reduce the costs without gouging these important services or increase their revenues. For example, I would add Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten to Tot Time which would increase revenues and extend GEMS to South Pasadena residents at

a non-resident fee. Library hours should be restored. I think we should evaluate the cost-effectiveness and appropriateness of the remaining city services to determine if they could be done less expensively and with better service through outside providers or contractors.

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

I think that the city got it backwards during the last 10 years. We should always focus on the core services and then set the millage rate. If we did that, during the housing boon years, the City would have reduced taxes and still saved for a rainy day. In the lean years, we could have used the rainy day fund. We must always remember that a minority of property owners pay the lion's share of our property taxes. This includes those who bought or re-financed during the real estate bubble, are part-time residents, live in wealthier neighborhoods, landlords, or are businesses. Those of us who live here year round and bought our homes before the bubble, contribute very little to city property taxes (that includes me and most of the current City Council).

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

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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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Rescue Group Needs Foster Homes for Dogs

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

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Corey Avenue Sunday Market

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Holy Name Begins 50th Year Anniversary Jubilee Celebration

By Leigh Clifton

For Most Holy Name of Jesus Christ Catholic Church in Gulfport, 2010 holds a very special significance. It marks the parish's 50th year of service to the community and the church has many wonderful celebrations planned to commemorate the auspicious occasion. The kickoff for the Jubilee began with the groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation of the Blessed Mother grotto on January 3rd by Father Vladimir Dziadek. The



Father Vladimir Dziadek, surrounded by parishioners, officially breaks ground for the renovation of the Blessed Mother grotto at Most Holy Name Catholic Church in Gulfport on January 3rd. The church is celebrating 50 years of service to the community

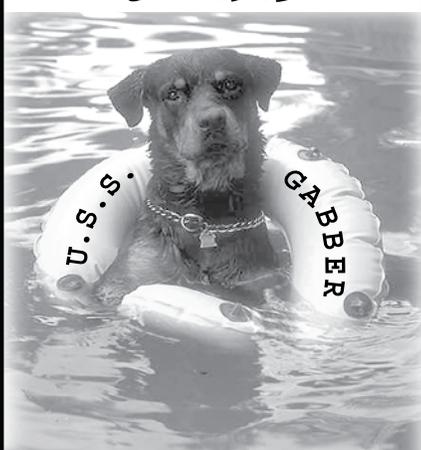
St. Mary and St. Ann Society of Catholic Women, along with parishioners, donated the funds to renovate the statue area, and were present for the groundbreaking. Construction services are being donated by Sheila Eveland and the Eveland Brothers Construction Company and Dan Harte, of Tampa Contracting Services. Dedication for the renovated grotto is scheduled for February 14, 2010. A family picnic will follow the Mass and dedication ceremony.

There will also be many events scheduled throughout the year, with a Gala Ball set for February 13th in the Maria Center. Tickets will be on sale at the Rectory office for \$50.00. Two pilgrimage cruises are planned for April and June, along with other celebrations. For more information on the Jubilee celebrations or information about the church and its services, you can contact the Rectory office at 727-347-9989.

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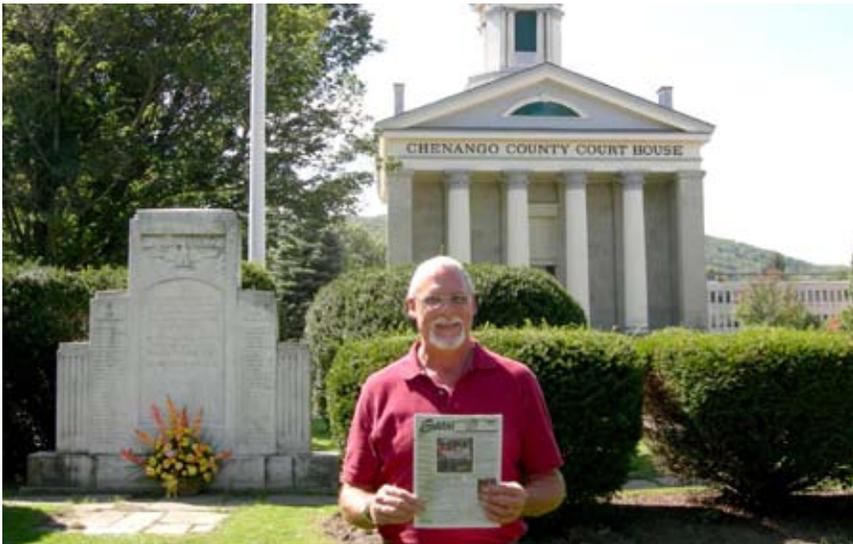
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Pictured: Owners Bonnie and Richard Reale

The City of Gulfport Recreation Division would like to recognize the winners of this season's Holiday Decoration Contest in the Commercial and General theme. All the homes and businesses were glittering with the Holiday spirit, but these outshined the rest! Thank you to all that participated. You truly brightened up Gulfport this season!

Take the Gabber on Vacation...



I traveled to my home town, Norwich NY, in September where I caught up with my daughter Stephanie. We snapped this shot in front of the Chenango County Court House, Gabber in hand! It was nice to see this Norman Rockwell village was as pretty as ever.

-Submitted by Mark St. Denny

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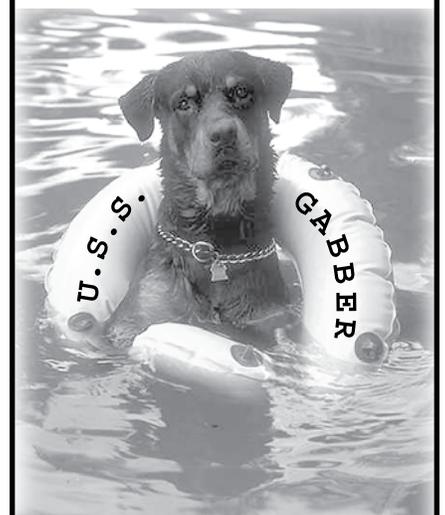
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Dog and Cat Shelter Seeks Donations

The We Care for Paws Foundation, a non-profit dog and cat shelter, currently houses over 45 dogs and 30 cats. Most of the animals are unadoptable due to medical problems, behavioral problems or old age, and they will live out their lives in peace at the shelter. We are always in need of items for the animals, such as cat condos; cat and dog treats, beds and toys; shampoo, flea preventatives such as Advantage or Frontline, heartworm preventative tablets (HeartGuard), towels and blankets. As always, cash is needed to help pay for medical expenses. If you would like to donate any of these items, please call Jan at 896-6315.

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Go "Glow" Golfing

Golfers are invited to "glow" golfing at Treasure Bay Golf and Tennis facility located at 10315 Paradise Boulevard, Treasure Island on Wednesday, January 27 and Wednesday, February 24. Registration and food will be held at 6 p.m. The golf scramble will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. or dusk. Golfers may sign up as a foursome or a single. Hotdog, chips and soft drinks will be provided free of charge. Prizes and fun for all in this Glow-in-the-dark golf outing. Only \$20 per player and pre-registration is required. Call Treasure Bay Golf and Tennis at (727)360-6062 for additional information or to register.

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By Cathy Salustri



A Scene where bikers ruled the Streets of downtown.

Gil Pelroth's musical, based on Gulfport historian Lynne Brown's book, drew crowds to the Catherine Hickman theatre this past weekend. *Gulfport: The Musical* re-enacts Gulfport history, telling the stories of all walks of Gulfportians from the Barnetts to the bikers.

In a departure from the Gulfport Community Players' traditional theatrical fare, this show charms the audience not with impressive theatrical achievement but riveting storytelling and overwhelming enthusiasm. The cast includes not only devoted actors but locals such as the lovely young Elizabeth Brown-Worthington, a seventh-generation Gulfportian who portrays her own many-times great aunt. In the playbill, many actors mention their connection to Gulfport rather than how many shows they've starred in.

Pelroth weaves music into Brown's history, and while even Brown admits the storyline may stray a bit from the facts, *Gulfport: The Musical* interlaces charm with fact and spirit with talent. His music and Brown's history move the audience through pioneer days into modern times, with quite a few wonderful stops along the way.

While they aren't the only magical things about the production, there are two performers worth watching: Annika Fuller, an extremely earnest singer who attends first grade at Douglas L. Jamerson school, and Eriq "EZ" Zetta, who lights up the stage in the second act as a tender loving biker. While the entire cast brims with energy and love for this unique production, these two stand out in the crowd.

Other moments of whimsy include Gulfport's tribute to bathtub gin, Councilwoman Judy Ryerson as a flapper, and Realtor Mike Baggs as an early land agent. These and other happy little touches throughout the show make for a lively evening for any fan of Gulfport. Director Daniel Harris and Musical Director Bill Bryant, both professional directors and performers who volunteered for this production, did a tremendous job of presenting Gulfport history in song and action, and their willingness to depart from traditional theatrical efforts proves well worth it for the city.

Gulfport: The Musical kicks off the city's centennial celebration and runs for the next two weekends (through January 24) at the Catherine Hickman Theatre. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights the curtain parts at 8 p.m.



The Citrus Place: A Slice of Orange Heaven

By Cathy Salustri

Florida is the third largest beef producing state east of the Mississippi. Florida grows most of the houseplants sold in the country. It leads the world, certainly, in theme parks.

But oranges are Florida's liquid gold. 80% of America's orange juice comes from Florida, and Florida is the world's top grapefruit producer.

How, exactly, are oranges (or grapefruit or orange juice) a detour or a diversion?

Well, up until relatively recently in Pinellas history, citrus fans could tour Orange Blossom Groves on US 19 and watch as conveyor belts sorted oranges as they came into the plant from the expansive grove behind it. They could then proceed to a separate tasting room to taste fresh-squeezed Florida orange juice.

Sadly, those days are gone. However, just south of the Sunshine Skyway The Citrus Place still trades in liquid gold.

WHAT: Ben Tillet opened The Citrus Place in the 1970s as a "You Pick" grapefruit business. When citrus canker struck his groves a few years later he could only allow workers to go into the groves. The Citrus Place became a packing house and ultimately progressed to a packing and shipping business. Today, the Tillet family still owns the grove and the shop in front that sells citrus, juice, jams, jellies, and fruit sections.

WHY: Even citrus growers admit that the Florida citrus industry is coughing a death rattle, despite what the Florida Department of Citrus' marketing says. Tropicana and



Minute Maid get much of their juice from Brazil.

Tasting fresh Florida juice, much less unpasteurized and locally grown and squeezed juice, will be something people tell their grandchildren about, not something they take their grandchildren to do. If you've never tried fresh- truly fresh- juice, you might not know what you're missing. Go find out.

WHO: Ben and his wife Vera work the grove and shop with their son, Sid, and two other employees.

WHEN: The Citrus Place is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

WHERE: Find The Citrus



Place at 7200 US 19 in Terra Ceia. They're a 20-minute (roughly) drive from the south end of 275. Take 275 south over the Sunshine Skyway to the first exit, US 19, and bear right. It's your very first left or your next U-turn. If you can't make it across the Sunshine Skyway and need your orange juice fix, you can get their juice at the Bayway Country Store (on the Bayway heading towards Tierra Verde, 867-7507.)

BESTpart: The juice. While it probably doesn't taste like liquid gold, it's how liquid gold should taste. It's worth the short drive for a free sample and the opportunity to buy some to bring home.

WORSTpart: Oddly, the oranges don't come from the grove behind the shop anymore, but the Tillet family still gets their citrus from Florida: Odessa and Parrish. Similarly, the days of picking your own citrus or watching the huge sorting machine do its work are also gone, but the juice is still there, very fresh and still tasting like Florida's "liquid gold."

The Citrus Place is a storefront and doesn't charge admission, although they do offer free samples of juice and fresh fruit sections. Call them at (941) 722-6745 with questions or requests.

Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@TheGabber.com.

Ombudsman Program Needs Volunteers

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

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

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St. Pete Beach City Commission Meeting Public Comment & Council Quotes

"I'm not sure how to respond to that. It's disturbing." -District Three Commissioner Christopher Leonard responding to claims that an applicant for a zoning change had requested a continuance of its case to postpone the commission's vote on the change until Leonard was out of office, and someone who may be more favorable was in.

"Let me assure you that is not the case. I think it's rather presumptuous to try to guess what a new commissioner would do."
-The applicant's attorney in response.

"They're not saying 'bring us a pretty picture of a building.' We're talking about changing the fabric of Pass-A-Grille."
-District One Commissioner Bev Garnett, who said she feared her district would have been impacted by the zoning change.

"I just want the ability to redevelop with no more intensity - less intensity - than there is now...I'd expect this outrage if I took three houses in a row, knocked them down, and put up a hotel."
-Joe Caruso, owner of the Coconut Inn in Pass-A-Grille, who had hoped the City Commission would amend its comprehensive plan to allow him to redevelop his hotel if he needed to do so in order to stay competitive.

"These people have to wake up to a porno shop next door? A topless bar?" -Chet Chmielewski, expressing fear that the allowance of ancillary use for hotels - restaurants, bars, retail - would make it legal for Caruso to have such business on his property. Months ago, Caruso told the commission that he would be happy to waive this right as a condition for the rezone.

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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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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 on 58th Avenue and 79th Street 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.

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

Sunshine City Council Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, January 19 at the home of Barb Dziubinski. The next regular meeting of Sunshine City Council will be held on Monday, January 25 at Dixie Hollins High School - ROTC Room at 7:30 p.m.

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, please contact Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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Myth #3: You can get more scholarships by paying someone to search for you. Scholarship scams are everywhere. Beware of any group or individual that guarantees a scholarship if you pay a fee. Check out www.fastweb.com or www.finaid.org for more information.

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

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

time, but it is better than graduating from college in debt.

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Women's Drum Circle

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

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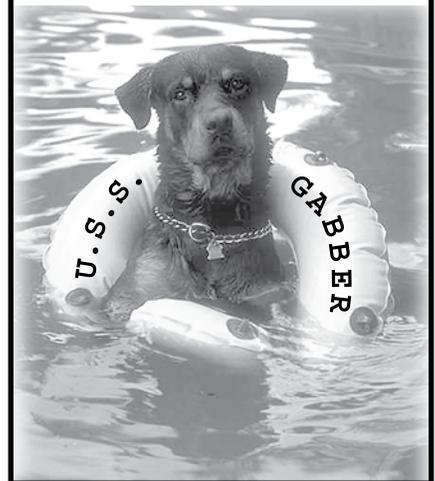
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Diplomat #903, 2/2 open water, Million Dollar view!
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Town Shores - Groton #315 2/2 waterfront,
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The Madison - St. Pete, rare 3/2 - Hip Downtown
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BARCLAY- 2 Bedrooms, 1 bath Florida room, nearly new fridge, newer tile in
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ETON- Town Shores on a Budget! Ground Floor 'Deluxe'; Needs paint;
updates needed reflected in the price. **\$65,000**

GREAT GULFPORT HOMES

FEELS LIKE HOME Spacious Family Room, +LR, 2/1 with Nice Screened Patio +Detached
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UNDER CONTRACT

2630 Miriam St. S. (\$127,900)

Gulfport Marina District dollhouse,
completely renovated inside & out,
new kitchen, bath, windows, flooring.
2 blocks to Gulfport Marina.

6000 1st Ave. S. (\$59,900)

Large 1br, private patio, new paint
& carpet, newer appliances,
lots of closets. Move right in.

1847 Shore Drive S #503 (\$80,000) - Oh what a view - but it needs work-but oh the view is both east and west. Worth the work.
Two bedrooms, one bath plus extra large Florida room.

2502 58th St. S. (\$192k) - Duplex in mint condition. 2/1 & 2/1 & glass room. Double lot detached 2 car garage. Many, many upgrades. Call for info.

5845 62nd St. N. (\$104,900) - Very nice home with lots of character. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath in Pinellas Farms. Extra room with inside utility
room. Wonderful fireplace in living room and screened porch in front. Hardwood floors throughout. The perfect home at the perfect price!
Tons of storage throughout. Very large yard.

3880 37th St. S. Unit 51 (\$109,900) - 3br/2ba, large condo w/private large screened balcony overlooking a park. Close to Fort DeSoto

1847 Shore Dr. S. #309 (\$119,900) - This is the location for your new home! Great location close to trolley and bus stops, shops, the
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1868 Shore Dr. S. #209	Gulfport	\$140,000
1819 Shore Dr S #304	Gulfport	\$ 89,700
1868 Shore Dr S #601	South Pasadena	\$275,000

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Address	Location	List Price
6020 Shore Blvd. #712	Gulfport	\$275,000
7625 Sun Island, 306	Bay Island	\$ 89,900
1113 58th St S	Gulfport	\$299,000
6060 Shore Blvd. S. #904	Gulfport	\$259,000

Short Term or Annual Rentals Bay Island

Building	Size	Floor
Admiral Bldg.	3/2	18th FL
Admiral Bldg.	1/1.5	11th FL
Essex Bldg.	1/1.5	4th FL

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TOWN SHORES JAMISON #507 1 bed/1bath standard unit, furnished, clean & updated w/carport. Priced @ **\$78,900**

TOWN SHORES JAMISON #210 2 bed/2bath standard unit, new kitchen, bath, pool views, carport, move in condition. Priced @ **\$125,000**

TOWN SHORES AVALON #202 2 bed/2bath deluxe unit, updated tile, carpet, paint, carport, move in condition. Priced @ **\$107,000**

SEMINOLE GARDEN APTS 8584 111th St. N. #310 ** 2 bed, 2 bath corner condo, stps to Clubhouse priced @ ~~\$60,000~~ **\$54,900**

Avalon #206 1 bed/1 bath, standard, beautifully updated & furnished. Pets 20 lbs, curb parking. Close to elevator & laundry room, 2nd floor. Priced **\$91,500**

Lancaster House #603, "Marina" water views, 2 bedrooms **CONTRACT PENDING** ery appealing Priced at **\$127,500**

Lancaster #415, 2 bed/2 bath, corner unit, beautifully, updated & furnished. **\$169,000**

Lancaster #304, 1 bed/1 bath, deluxe carport, marina views. **Great Buy @ \$99,000**

Embassy #409, 1 bed/1.5 bath, open water views, furnished. Owners motivated to sell. **\$155,000 Fabulous open waterviews.**

Hampton #310, 1 bed/1 bath deluxe, new carpet, new paint, waterfront marina views. ~~\$149,900~~ **\$99,000**

HOMES

SHORT SALE - Lealman Area - Single Family Residence - 4550 49th Ave. N. 2 bed 2 bath, new driveway, walkway, deck, backyard w/serenity garden & pond. Large updated kitchen, new interior, and terra-cotta tile flooring. Great Buy @ **\$99,000**

Gulfport 1713 59th Street South, Gulfport 2 bed 1 bath block home, updated move in ready. Attached carport, shed, landscaped. Steps to Holy Name Church, Stetson College Campus*** Priced well at **\$139,900**

Eagle Crest 6420 6th Ave. N. 3 bed/2 bath 2,000 sq ft., Beautiful maintained home with "Green" Landscaping, close to beaches, Tyrone Square Mall and Churches Priced well at **\$285,000**

MARINA DISTRICT 2650 Tifton St. S. 3/1 Cape Cod, 1.5 lot, fireplace room for boat/trailer. Priced at **\$139,000**

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Dover #410	1 bed 1 bath annual, furnished	\$750 Month
Kenmore #207	1bed 1bath, furnished	\$750.00 Seasonal
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FAIRFAX #205 - 2br/2ba, laminate floors throughout, beautiful new kitchen, great waterviews, covered parking, pet friendly. **\$131,900**

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

GROTON #101 - End unit 2br/2ba deluxe. Beautifully Furnished. New **CONTRACT PENDING** windows, Room for outdoor Patio Panoramic wtrfrnt, views. Move in Ready **\$139,000**

KENMORE 401 End Unit - 2br/2ba, this spacious condo is very bright due to the numerous windows. Fully furnished which makes this unit very cozy and desirable. Secured bldg. pool in backyard, covered parking. **\$104,000**
JAMISON #414 - This large 2/2 deluxe has a brand new kitchen & updated baths which makes this a great value at **\$105,000**
HAMPTON #402 - 2/2 deluxe. **\$159,000**

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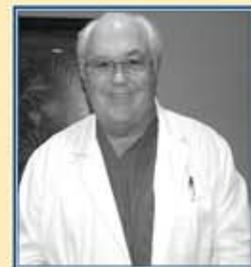
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