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A Goal and a Plan



By Cathy Salustri

Marlene (left) and dietitian Nan Jensen pose for the camera the first week an educational class on controlling weight held at the Gulfport Multi Purpose Senior Center. Marlene's already lost almost ten pounds and says she's enjoying the recipes Nan makes for the class.

The Gabber has some of these recipes on the Notes section of its Facebook page.

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City Insures "Domestic Partners"

ST. PETE BEACH – The City Commission elected to allow the city to allow certain health insurance coverage for domestic partners of city employees, rather than merely spouses. The provision allows employees paid leave in the event they need to take care of sick partners or undergo the bereavement process.

Resolution Opposes "Hometown Democracy" Amendment

ST. PETE BEACH – After some debate, the City Commission adopted a resolution that urges voters to reject Amendment 4 on this year's ballot, a state-wide initiative that would require every change to the city or county's comprehensive plan to be put on the ballot – the "Hometown Democracy" amendment. There was some concern among the commission

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Most Holy Name Youth Group Marches for Life

By Leigh Clifton

The Most Holy Name Youth Group, in solidarity with the National March for Life in Washington, DC, joined other youth groups, volunteers and noted speakers in a March for Life last Friday afternoon. Because of the struggling economy, and small budget of the Church, the Youth Group wasn't able to go to D.C. and join the

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The Youth Ministry Group at Most Holy Name Catholic Church holds up handmade signs they made to carry on the local March for Life in Gulfport last Friday night. The Youth Ministry wanted to be part of the National March for Life rally, the largest of which is held in Washington, D.C.

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from front page
as to whether the resolution would be in violation of a SB, a piece of legislation that make it illegal for elected officials to "electioneer," or try to influence the outcome of an election.

"I think this is not an issue of whether one is in favour of or opposed to Amendment 4," said Dr. Bill Pyle, a resident who has filed suit against

the city over its comprehensive plan. Pyle likened the resolution to the US Congress passing a resolution telling the public who to elect president. But city attorney Mike Davis cited numerous other Florida cities who have adopted similar resolutions. "All you're doing is acting to adopt a resolution, Davis said. "Period." The resolution passed 3-2, with Commissioner Christopher Leonard and Mayor Mike Finnerty voting against it.

"I just don't think that my role is to urge voters what to do," Leonard said.

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Register for Silver Alert Program

Local retired officer, Neil Arfmann has been in the "safety" business his whole adult life - from working with McGruff the dog, taking a bite out crime for children's safety to the National Silver Alert program for seniors and caregivers.

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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Gulfport Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

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Pancakes with syrup, sausage, scrambled eggs, with milk, coffee or tea to drink, and all you care to eat at the donation price of just \$4. Bring your whole family and all your friends! Join them and spend an enjoyable morning overlooking beautiful Boca Ciega Bay.

When you come out and support your local Lions Club, you are supporting their fund raising activities and you are doing much to help those in need in the local community. The Gulfport and St. Petersburg Lions Clubs are service organizations meeting the needs of those less fortunate in their own communities. They are the "Eye Guys & Girls". Please come out and help those a bit more needy than you.

Did you know that the first responder to the Haiti earthquake disaster was the Lions Club International

Foundation (LCIF)? The Gulfport Lions Club supported that relief effort with donations raised during their food events. Their next event will be their Shrimp Boil on March 13. Don't miss it!

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Town Shores Golf Outing

Just a reminder that the Golf Outing will be held this Saturday, January 30 at the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club in Palmetto. If you did not get

your name and check to a committee member, please give Gene a call at 345-4483. If you need directions to the golf course call a committee member. If your name is on the list of players but no check, it must be in by tomorrow, Friday, January 29. Call Chet at 384-2093, Lew at 343-3046, Jim at 343-0459 or Gene for information or questions. Saturday check-in is between 7:45-8 a.m. Play begins at 8:30 a.m.

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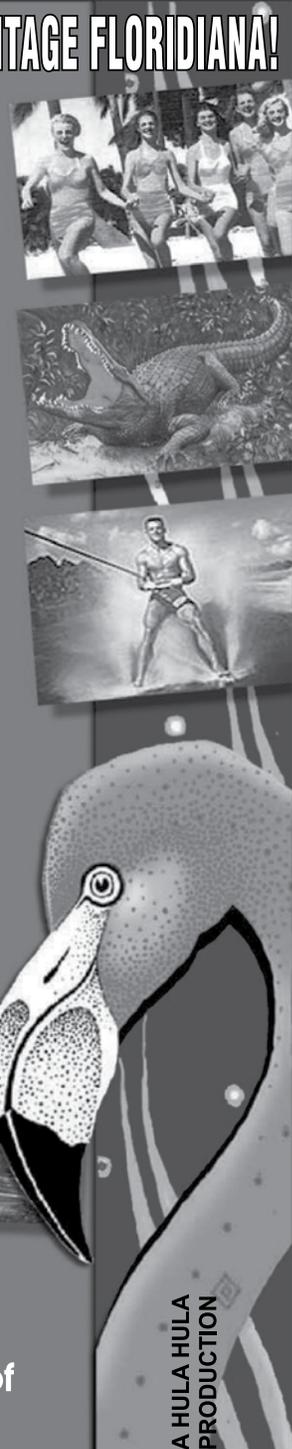
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GP Mayor Makes SPB Cameo, Talks Environment

ST. PETE BEACH – Gulfport Mayor Mike Yakes appeared before the St. Pete Beach City Commission at their Tuesday meeting, and, on behalf of the Suncoast League of Cities, urged the commission to join him in Tallahassee. The purpose of Yakes' trip is to ask the state legislature to oppose offshore drilling. Yakes said that he has hosted community discussions on the merits and drawbacks of offshore drilling, though he strongly opposes it. "This land belongs to all of us and we need to do our part," he said. The trip takes place February 17, and is open only to members of the league.

Tax Service Available at Gulfport Library

AARP Tax Service will be at the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28 Avenue S. This is a free service for seniors or others on low or fixed

incomes on Fridays through April 9. Doors open at 10 a.m. and no new clients are admitted after 3 p.m. This is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring all tax papers and a copy of last year's return. For more information, contact 727-893-1075.

Adam Smith to Speak at Democratic Club

Adam Smith, Chief Political Reporter at the St. Petersburg Times, will be the featured speaker at the February 11 meeting of the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club. The meeting, to be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Boulevard in Pinellas Park starts with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a sumptuous buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., and concludes with Mr. Smith's informative, timely presentation and discussion. Don't miss this chance to hear and discuss the latest in political discourse.

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New individual members who join by January 31 get one \$25 value Blow Your Own Masterpiece certificate, good at any Art Walk until June 30, 2010. Use them any first Friday or third Saturday, from 6-10 p.m.

New and renewing 360 Degree Club members get the best value if they join by February 28 -- two \$25 certificates! For their \$100 donation, 360 Degree Club members also get admission to every IAC special event, plus additional perks from time to time. "Our 360 Degree Club members build the financial foundation for the Industrial Arts Center by donating \$100 at a time" says President Lynn DiVenuti. "All it takes is 360 donations of \$100 to

meet our basic financial obligations for the coming year: rent, insurance, utilities and class supplies."

All members get a \$35 discount on every adult class offered at the IAC. Ongoing classes include Jackie Ballard's Fun with Hot Glass & the new More Fun with Hot Glass, Introduction to Glass Fusion with Vicki Mayer, Found Metal Sculpture with James Oleson Jr., plus lampwork, flute-making, hypertufa containers, jewelry making and more.

Membership information is available online at www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org

org or by calling 727-289-9365. The Industrial Arts Center is located in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard at 2902A Beach Boulevard South.

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The St. Petersburg Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet on Tuesday, February 9. Joy Katzan-Guthrie, pianist, vocalist, composer and lyricist, will return and present a program entitled "Songs of the New Years & New Decades". Call Wendy Risk at 572-9854.

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A Goal and a Plan

"This is not a diet program," Nan Jensen, a registered and licensed dietitian with the Pinellas County Cooperative Extension Service, told the small group gathered at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center. "We're not going to put you on a diet."

The group was meeting for the first of six weekly meetings, and their goal was simple: to control their weight.

"I've always had a weight issue," a woman named Marlene said. "I'm 65 years old, 5'7", and weigh 280 pounds. I have high blood pressure and I don't want to take pills anymore."

Jensen asked the participants to set a goal the first week. She encouraged them to set small and measurable goals, such as walking up a flight of stairs, instead of wide, sweeping goals, like working out five days a week.

Marlene set a goal to exercise three times a week at the YMCA's low-impact water aerobics class. She's also started keeping a food journal. In three weeks she's lost 9 ½ pounds.

"I'm happy. I'm really enjoying it. I understand it's a lifestyle change and not a diet," she said.

Another class member, Jo Ann, said she'd start spending 30 minutes three times a week on an exercise bike, start eating breakfast, and eat a lighter evening meal.

A third member, Scott, wants to gain weight. At 5'7", he only weighs 148 pounds. His goal? He wants to try and remember to eat three times a day.

Every week, Jensen makes a healthy lunch for the class members. The class has three weeks to go; it is free.

*Check out some of Nan Jensen's healthy recipes on
The Gabber Newspaper's Facebook page.*

Go to: www.theGabber.com and scroll down and click on the Facebook icon.

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City Examines Potential Revenue Sources

ST. PETE BEACH – With municipalities – virtually all governing bodies, really, feeling the squeeze on their budgets in the face of declining revenue sources, many are looking for create ways to enhance their coffers. Tuesday the City of St. Pete Beach called on Ken Small of the Florida League of Cities, who presented a municipal revenue overview before the commission.

Small pointed out areas where the city was not maximizing its potential revenue – namely through millage rates and the communication services tax.

But the commission's major concern appeared to be the perceived imbalance between what the city contributes to the county's "bed tax" – 23 percent of the total sum, and what it gets back.

"It just is surprising to me that we can't get what some consider our fair sharer back," said Commissioner Christopher Leonard.

Small said that, due to the hospitality industry lobby's clout in Tallahassee, among other things, getting the state legislature to listen to municipal governments on the matter may be a challenge.

"I don't think we've had a ground swell big enough to get the legislature to pay attention," Small said.

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national march. So Holy Name's Father Vladimir and Youth Minister Collyn Lockamy decided to stage their own March for Life weekend, enjoining the Dioceses of St. Petersburg and Orlando to bring their youth groups to Gulfport and participate in celebration of Life as well.

"The kids decided they wanted to be heard," Lockamy said. "They really wanted to be included in the March in Washington, but opted to have their own March here."

The kids had a "lock in" Thursday night at the Maria Center and Youth Ministry, with parents and volunteers bringing in air mattresses and bedding for the overnight adventure. The girls occupied one part of the building and the boys were upstairs in another area. Friday morning was spent setting up the Maria Center and the Church for the rally and dinner that would follow Friday night's march down 58th Street to Gulfport Beach. There they formed a prayer circle and celebration before returning to the church grounds. The City of Gulfport provided police protection for the demonstrators along the way.

"The City was great, very helpful to us," said Lockamy. "We had no

problem obtaining all of the necessary permits for the event." Lockamy also added that they plan to make this an annual event at Most Holy Name, to coincide with the National March for Life held in Washington, D.C.

After the march, the more than 300 kids and volunteers were treated to the music of John Angotti, a nationally-known Christian singer who was in town for another performance. Spirit FM was a sponsor as well and had announced the march on the air.

The Catholic religion believes that life begins at conception, that abortion is wrong and that every child, no matter how small, born or unborn, is a child of God.

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Join the Fun at Zumba Bash

ST. PETE BEACH: The St. Pete Beach Community Center will be home to Zumba Bash IV on Saturday, January 30 at 5:00pm. Come and experience all the fun of Zumba with the beautiful backdrop of the Intercoastal Waterway. Cost at the door is \$7 per person or \$5 if

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MOU Gives Suntan Arts Center More Control Over Facility

ST. PETE BEACH – The City Commission voted 4-1 to enter into a memorandum of understanding between the city and the Suntan Arts Center, housed in the Don Vista, a city building. The understanding adds to an MOU enacted last year that gave the center control over its own staffing. This year's MOU gives the arts center a greater role

in maintaining the facility through pest control, cleaning, minor maintenance, and electric and water utilities. According to a report prepared by Public Services Director Stephen Hallock, the move can potentially save the city more than \$116,000 annually. The city will continue to cover costs associated with maintaining the building's mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems as well as trash pickup. Commissioner Christopher Leonard, who represents the District 2 (in

which the Don Vista stands), cast the only dissenting vote.

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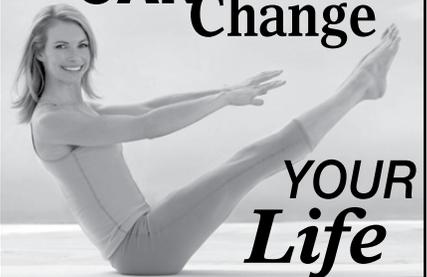
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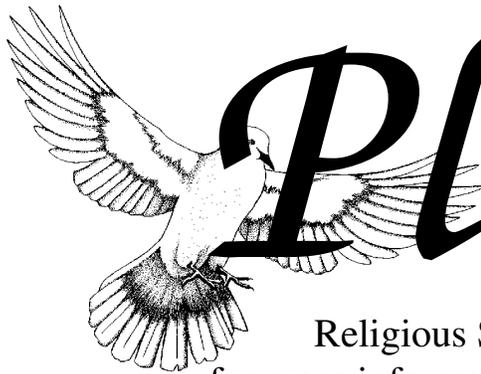
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Trinity UCC will hold a car wash, vendor market and bake sale on Saturday, January 30 from 9-4 p.m. at the Steak and Shake, 4480 Park Street in St. Petersburg.

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Thrift Shop Renovation

Sophie's Attic Thrift Store (a mission outreach of First United Methodist Church - Gulfport) which is currently undergoing renovations, was originally anticipating re-opening the weekend of February 5th. However, with much of the interior work being performed by their volunteers, it is taking a bit longer and they are tentatively moving the opening date to February 13.

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Renew Your Wedding Vows

On Sunday, February 14, Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ will hold a wedding vow renewal ceremony as part of its 10:30 a.m. worship service. The event is free and is open to all married couples who wish to renew their sacred wedding vows. The Reverend Wayne A. Robinson will officiate.

The church is located at 6315 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg. If you would like to sign up to participate in the vow renewal ceremony, please send an e-mail to the church at: pcucc4dosglob@aol.com. For information, call the church at 347-1226.

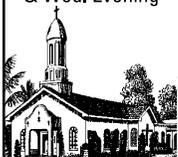
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Floridiana Festival at Gulfport Casino

The 9th edition of the "Floridiana Festival & Highwaymen Artist Show" returns to the Casino this Saturday, January 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrating Florida's cultural and tourism legacies, visitors to the show will find an abundance of old roadside attraction kitsch for sale, as well as vintage Florida art and old tropical decor.

With a range of everything from old alligator ashtrays and flamingo figurines, to postcards and other fun ephemera from the Sunshine State's old parks and hotels, the show brings together premier exhibitors and collectors of Floridiana. Serious collectors will enjoy the selection of citrus and cigar box labels, carved alligator canes, and souvenir sterling silver spoons and hotel china from Florida's "golden age of souvenirs," while more casual collectors of kitsch can find postcards of bathing beauties, alligator purses and other Florida fashion, including vintage Aloha shirts.

A special feature is the chance to meet the Florida Highwaymen artists, who will be selling their beautiful Florida sea and landscape paintings. Artists participating this year include Highwaymen James Gibson, Issac Knight, Robert Lewis, Willie Reagan, Roy McLendon, Sr., and Curtis Arnett, plus artists Roy McLendon, Jr., and Jimmy and Johnny Stoval. Some exhibitors will also have vintage Florida Highwaymen paintings for sale. There will be free valuations of old Florida art as well, so bring your vintage Florida paintings to the show for a professional valuation as to age and worth.

Several Florida authors will be on hand, including Lu Vickers, author of "Weeki Wachee: City of Mermaids;" Larry Roberts, author of "Florida's Golden Age of Souvenirs: 1890-1930"; Wayne Ayers, author of several books including "Tampa Bay's Gulf Beaches" and "Florida's Grand Hotels from the Gilded Age," and Ken Breslauer, who wrote the book on Florida's old roadside attractions, "Roadside Paradise: the Golden Age

of Florida's Tourist Attractions: 1929-1971."

At 1 p.m. there will be a slide/film presentation on Weeki Wachee, one of Florida's original old roadside attractions, and some former mermaids will also be visiting. At 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., a documentary on the Florida Highwaymen will be shown.

Admission to the show is \$6 for adults; children under two years old are \$3. Call 727-421-0441 or visit www.hulahula.biz for more info.

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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.

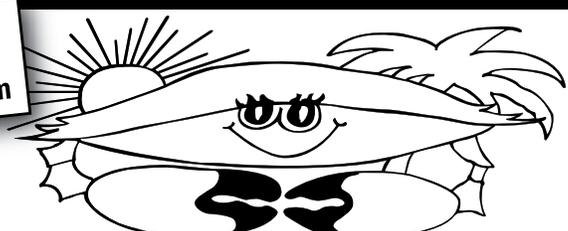
Rules of Entry packets can be picked up in the Recreation Department located inside city hall at 120 108 Avenue or on line at www.mytreasureisland.org. Deadline for submission is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 5.

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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.

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Town Shores Bocce

Their next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3 at 10 a.m. in the clubhouse auditorium. Get information about the upcoming Blast to be held in March or April, depending when the regular season ends and the number of teams. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Your building reps are busy contacting residents who would like to support the Bocce Club with a \$2

for this year. Dues are collected once a year and only during January. All residents, renters and owners are invited to be a member, even if you do not play on a team. The Bocce Club sponsors two dances every year along with the Blast in the spring and helps with improvements to the Bocce courts. Please contact your building rep for information or call Judy at 344-7558.

At this time, the Dover team is still in First Place with 13 wins and 5 losses; Gro/Fax is in Second Place with 13 wins and 8 losses and the Eton team is holding on to Third Place with 16 wins and 11 losses.

Mark your calendar with the spring dinner dance to be held on Saturday, March 20.

... Register for Clown School

South Pasadena Civic Association

The South Pasadena Civic Association will have a Lasagna Dinner on Saturday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Following the dinner there will be 10 games of bingo. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members. For tickets, call Agnes at 347-5292.

On Saturday, February 20 they are going to a dinner theater in Clearwater. Tickets are \$32. Tickets are limited. Call Agnes at 347-5292.



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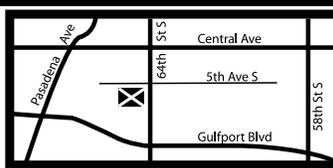
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Letters

There's No Place Like Home

Dear Editor: Re: "Gulfport: The Musical" - Look out Broadway! Thank you, thank you, thank you...to each and everyone who brought is amazing, historical, emotional, enjoyably entertaining and community-bonding 100th "Birthday Present" to our city of Gulfport.

Based on Lynne Brown's Gulfport History Book and musically composed with lyrics and re-writing by the extremely talented Gil Perlroth, the play was astoundingly directed by Daniel Harris. The music was phenomenally directed by Bill Bryant. Each individual cast member was obviously extremely talented and dedicated to our community. The musicians, back stage personnel, lighting crew, the Historical Museum's old photos DVD, the set artists and sound techs... everyone involved deserves acknowledgement, gratitude and an award for such professionalism, dedication and loving commitment.

"Gulfport: The Musical" is fantastically presented with an unprecedented sense of community association; bonding and sincere sense of neighborly "place".

"Gulfport: The Musical" truly reaffirms that - "There's no place like home!".
Bravo!

Dave Falwell

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I've Got Your Folding Table

Dear Editor: I found a note on Saturday, January 23 at my residence along with a folding table which is not mine. The note read: "Sandy, Thank you so much for letting us use the table for the Relay table in Gulfport. Sorry it took so long to get it back to you, but we didn't want to leave it in the rain."

Can someone help me located the owner of the folding table? Please reach me at 727-327-1220.

Flo King

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Letters to the Editor

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Treasure Island



By Bruce Fallender

Silk Screening Demonstration

Sylvia Fell, an award-winning artist from Kings Point at Sun City Center, will be giving a demonstration of the fine art of Serigraphy, also known as Silkscreening on Saturday, February 13 at 1 p.m. at the Treasure Island City Hall located at 120 108 Avenue. The public is cordially invited to this free event which also includes a reception with refreshments to meet this talented guest artist.

A brief Art Guild meeting, at which awards will be presented to the winners in the current art show, will precede the demonstration. Fell will demonstrate the screening technique's versatility which can be done on paper, fabric, wood, etc. and will have samples of her creative works of art many of which were done in multiple colors.

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Get Your Gulfport Centennial Calendar!

Souvenir Gulfport Centennial calendars are still on sale at the following locations:

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- Gulfport Chamber of Commerce
- Gulfport Historical Museum
- Bay Breeze Beauty Salon
- Small Adventures Book Shop
- The Gabber

These calendars are a must-have for all the Centennial events going on this year.

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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Senior Center Food Drive

Town Shores of Gulfport declared the month of February "Give with Love Month" to kick off their food drive for the Senior Center. All residents are encouraged to donate can goods/dry goods for the food drive. Each of the 18 buildings has appointed an Angel of Love to collect food and monetary donations for the drive.

Association Manager Gregg Fata helping with the drive stated that "The Senior Center does so much to help some of our residents and many others in Gulfport. We are so excited about the food drive and we believe it will be a huge success. Our residents are such giving people; they volunteer all over the city, schools and the Chamber. You name a need for help, our residents are there to add their help and support".

The food drive will be for the entire month of February, so check the bulletin boards and find your Angel of Love representative for any further information about the drive or call the office at 345-9491.

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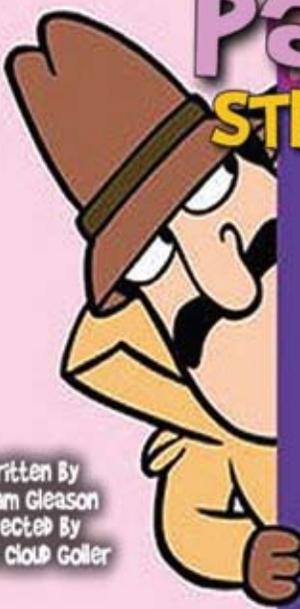
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What Can Brown Do for You?

By Greg Stemm



No matter how dreadful they look now, over the coming months you'll be surprised at resilient your tropical plants really are. You'll be tempted to jump right in and begin pruning things back. It's only natural considering how awful everything looks at the moment. But be patient.

We aren't really out of the woods yet. The brown leaves you see can actually work to your advantage if we do have another cold snap. They act as insulation and will actually protect the

plant from even further damage. Also, pruning encourages your plants to put out new growth, which is very susceptible to severe damage in a frost or a freeze. As hard as it is, the best thing for you to do at the moment as a gardener is wait, wait, wait. You'll have plenty to keep you busy this spring!

Officer Safety Training Course Offered

ST. PETE BEACH, FL: Hyde Tae Kwon Do, operating out of the St. Pete Beach Community Center, is offering a new Officer Safety Training Course on Saturday, February 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The course will cover subjects such as gun safety, take downs, defense against straight and round house punches, and defense against guns. Instructor Master Hyde is a former Police Officer with Pinellas County and a Firearms and Self-Defense instructor for Campus Police from 1986 to 1991. He has studied martial arts for over 30 years and as taught for 20. Police Officers from all over Tampa Bay are invited to take part in this dynamic safety course held at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Call 798-0220 to register.

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February classes include: "Which Boat is for You" February 2, "Equipment for Your Boat" February 9, "Trailer Your Boat" February 16, and "Handling Your Boat" February 23.

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South Pasadena Elections Canceled

By Kate Bradshaw

SOUTH PASADENA – While 2010 is already shaping up to be a contentious and harrowing election year at the state and national levels, some municipalities are not exactly feeling the heat.

This March, South Pasadena was to hold elections to determine who would occupy two open City Commission seats as well as that of the mayor. South Pasadena City Clerk Mary Braisted said that one person applied and qualified for each seat, and that each currently occupies the seat they seek.

Braisted said that all three had been appointed to the commission in June of last year. Mayor Kathleen Peters, who had been elected to the commission in 2008, was appointed mayor when then-mayor Dick Holmes resigned for personal reasons. Commissioner Diane Hauser also resigned at that time because she moved out of town.

Mickey McMenamin and Arthur Penny were appointed to the seats that were left vacant.

Braisted said that that this isn't the first time an election was cancelled – 2009 and 2007 also went without a contested election.

She said she wasn't sure why no one is challenging the three seats.

"I can't answer that question," she said. "I have no idea."

And while things might get testy in places like Gulfport, South Pasadena isn't the only municipality in south Pinellas to see seats go unchallenged.

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The February 11 program will be a trip to Sarasota to visit two garden centers. Tropiflora specializes in bromeliads, succulents and rare plants. Hibbs Farm and Garden Center is a full-service facility that carries a great variety of plants as well as many hard-to-find specimens.

If you have not already made arrangements for a ride, please call Sarah Kelly at 345-5848. She is coordinating the carpools. Plans are to leave various areas between 8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m.

St. Pete Beach Voter Registration Deadline

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

How involved do you think the US and the rest of the world should be with the long-term recovery efforts in Haiti?



Lori Weidner, Gulfport: "I'm just about done with that... as devastated as Haiti is and I feel bad for them, but with the amount of money that they've been given this week, the US could have bailed itself out. I'm even having trouble paying my own bills and I'm not getting any help from the government. Our whole country is in such a deep depression, yet we're sending millions and millions of dollars to Haiti. We've got people here that need help just as much. But if it wasn't the US helping Haiti, I would hope that some of the other countries would step up. We're actually a poorer country now than we've ever been. We need to help ourselves before we help the rest of the world."

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Susan Harris, St. Pete: "I think it's good that we are involved and I know the people over there really need our help. But the thing is, we need to concentrate on our own people, like our troops and our veterans. We've got many orphans here at home; children of our troops that died in the wars and they need just as much help as the Haitian orphans. They're not getting the aftercare and counseling that families need after the trauma of losing a soldier to the war. It's commendable that people want to adopt the Haitian children, but it almost seems like a fashion statement. There are a lot of children right here in the US that desperately need help and I think we need to take care of our own. Look at Texas; I heard it was the first state to send to send aid to Haiti, yet when Katrina happened, they turned the hurricane victims away on the highway and sent them back to New Orleans, Our own people! What happened to Haiti is tragic and I think they deserve help. But we're missing a lot of other important issues right here in America. Every time a global tragedy hits, America rushes in to help. We need to start taking care of our own people, especially the children and the troops. We need to pull together."

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Nick Rose, South Pasadena: "My opinion is that we should help the Haitian government get back on their feet and then get out. We committed \$100 million dollars of our money to Haiti, which by the way, has traditionally been one of the most corrupt in the world. So giving them that much money is like pouring cash down a commode. We should just help them and get out."

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John Rankin, Gulfport: "I think we should help people wherever we can. If we have to go down and help them rebuild, we should. We should help out regardless if it possibly presents an economic opportunity for America. We should just do it. It's the right thing to do."

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• Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth Street N. Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday.

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Below are the following dates and times testing is available in the art room:

Friday, February 5, 2010	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 10, 2010	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Friday, February 12, 2010	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday, February 19, 2010	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 24, 2010	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Friday, February 26, 2010	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday, March 5, 2010	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10, 2010	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Friday, March 12, 2010	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday, March 19, 2010	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 24, 2010	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Friday, March 26, 2010	6:00-9:00 p.m.

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Proceeds from donations to this event will benefit the ongoing maintenance of their historic building. For further information on the above event or questions in general about the club, please call 822-4982.

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News from the Gulfport Historical Society



Trip to Ringling Museum

The Gulfport Historical Society is planning a trip to the Ringling Museums on Saturday, January 30. They will carpool from the Gulfport Museum at 9-9:30 a.m. Museum admissions are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and is well worth the price. The newly opened miniature circus is a fascinating sight, as well as the circus museum with painted circus wagons, etc. The art museum has many treasures. The home of John and Mable Ringling is also well worth a visit. Food and beverages are available on the grounds.

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Centennial Show and Dance

On February 26, the Gulfport Historical Society will host a fun evening at the Gulfport Casino, "100 Years of Music". The popular Bobby Tess group will perform.

Reservations can be made for tables of eight. Individual seating will be available on a first come-first serve basis. All tickets are \$15 each. Free snacks, cash bar. There will be a costume contest; come dressed in your favorite era. Drawing for prizes will be held, including a three-day, two-night stay at the Tradewinds Resort. For ticket information, call 327-8370 after January 31.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Fide Canem

Fide canem: the creed of canine search-and-rescue organizations. These two words often adorn their logos or sit high atop their websites. Reassuring words. They are Latin for “trust the dog”.

“Trust the dog” is the first rule new SAR dog handlers learn. That rule has paid handsomely in Haiti, where SAR teams have been responsible for a record number of saved lives. Debra Tosch, executive director of the Search Dog Foundation, told the Los Angeles Daily News, “When you go on a mission like this hoping to get one rescue, one find, the fact that they’re having multiple rescues is just amazing.”

SDF is a nonprofit organization whose mission is “to strengthen disaster response in America by recruiting rescued dogs and partnering them with firefighters and other first responders to find people buried alive in the wreckage of disasters.”

Since Jan. 12, when a monumental earthquake shook the Western hemisphere’s poorest country to its core, at least 175 SAR dogs and their handlers have arrived on the scene to do their part. Dogs from the Netherlands and China. From Ireland and France. From the United States, Britain and Canada. Mexico, Peru and Taiwan. Dogs from Spain, Iceland, Germany and Venezuela.

What makes these dogs so invaluable?

In the context of a calamity like quake-ravaged Haiti, one certified SAR dog is the equivalent of 40 human beings trained in disaster relief. A certified SAR team -- one dog, one handler -- can accomplish more in these circumstances in 10 minutes than a single person could in several hours.

How do they do it?

By the divine light of their natural-born gifts, in part. Dogs possess night-vision without the funny goggles. Their ears pick up more sound frequencies than ours, and their bodies are more agile. They are smaller, lighter and fearless under conditions that would reduce most of us to nightmares.

The reason behind the credo, though, is that famous canine sniffer. While a person has about 5 million olfactory sensory cells, a dog can have up to 220 million. Canines perceive certain smells in the range of one part in 10 quadrillion. And one-third of a dog’s brain is devoted to olfaction, meaning he is “scent smart.” According to Gary Settles, professor of mechanical engineering at Penn State University, who studied the canine olfactory system for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, “They use scent the way we read the newspaper.”

To put that in normal domestic dog terms, that’s how your dog can mark the same spot on the carpet

repeatedly, no matter how much perfumed cleanser you drown it in. But for bomb-sniffing dogs, cadaver-sniffing dogs or search-and-rescue dogs, this heightened sensitivity becomes the stuff of superheroes. And it is why SAR canine handlers are taught, above all: Fide canem.

Specialized training with an expert handler turns a dog’s unique gifts into a lifesaving skillset. Tosch said of the SAR teams’ role in Haiti, “All SDF handlers are experts in reading their canines! The canines are literally the Task Force’s most precious tool in the hunt for survivors: Their well-being is mission-critical.”

And that well-being is ensured. SDF repays their debt of gratitude to these distinguished dogs by guaranteeing a cushy retirement. Not that these hardworking canines seem overly concerned with their benefits plan.

Terry Trepanier, a lieutenant with the Washington Twp. Fire Department, and his golden retriever, Woody, spent 10 days at Ground Zero after September 11. “To know what they’ve been through and to see how they performed makes you proud. And they never complain,” said Trepanier. “They just wag their tails and say, ‘Let’s go.’”

These remarkable dogs are a part of our lives. We pass them in airports, cruise by them at border crossings and sail past them at our nation’s ports. We read about them when children go missing or when a victim of Alzheimer’s disappears. More than eight years ago, we all sat riveted as they reported for duty when the Twin Towers crumbled in New York City. And today, we stand by as they respond to the cry for help in Haiti.

Next time you encounter one, be sure to issue a much-deserved scratch behind the ears.

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Horoscope Guide

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As you look around, you'll find that there are very few equally balanced relationships. Someone always gives more, but it always works out somehow. Usually that person is getting more, too, from other people in other ways. To live in a state of generosity is a gift to one's own spirit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have been cared for throughout your life, and yet in some ways you were not tended to in an ideal manner. That's why there are some gaps to fill in by taking part in extreme self-care. Create a quiet ritual for yourself this week, one that lets you feel utterly nurtured, and hold it sacred.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The world will play to your strengths this week if you know what they are. Some of your assets are readily recognizable and you use them all the time. You have additional resources that are so obvious to everyone else, and yet you are not seeing or using them. Ask for the opinion of trusted friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's not enough to say this week will start off well. It is exploding like a cork from a bottle of champagne! Whoop it up. It is appropriate to celebrate the progress, even if you cannot find an official milestone to blame for the party. You don't need any reason more official than that life is good and you feel great about it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Changing your ringtone or the outgoing message on your answering machine can seem like such an insignificant effort, but sometimes shifting the smallest details can jog loose new possibilities in larger spheres. Make a few seemingly superficial changes and be surprised at the results.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Good things happen to cheerful people. No one needs to tell you that, though. It's basic to your personality to be upbeat. So don't be too surprised when the thing you've been hoping for happens at the end of the week. Taurus is somehow connected. Stay positive and the positive will stay with you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One way to look at vanity is that some people are bold enough to enjoy themselves to a greater degree than are others. Timid folks are seldom vain, and neither are they as entertaining to those around them. Which would you rather be? You'll experiment with both roles this week and find a comfortable middle ground.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Since the only thing certain in life is change, there is no such thing as a perfect plan. There will always be unexpected information, strange twists and things you never could have taken into consideration. So plan ahead, but don't get married to those plans. And build wide margins of error into your schedule this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a lot to talk about -- much of it delicious and not all of it kind. It would take a superior human being to resist this kind of gossip. And you are just such a person. Vow to show restraint. Be nice, and don't pass along any mean news about acquaintances. Don't join in when the talk is nasty. You'll be a social hero.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are sure of yourself. Because of your deeply rooted inner confidence, you really don't see the need to be right all the time. You might even apologize in order to help someone else (who is clearly in the wrong) save face. Your graciousness will be noted by someone who shares your high level of class.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You strike a difficult balance. You blend in, but you're still very much an individual. You will be able to turn down your intensity in order to match the vibes around you. This causes others to let down their guard and receive you warmly. And when it's appropriate, you turn the intensity right back up again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There is a difference in sensibility between you and a colleague or customer. You can bridge the gap with a sense of playfulness. It's not that you make a joke of things, but you approach with a light heart and a large capacity to be amused by your interactions with others. Humor wins out in the end.

This Week's Birthdays: You'll be cherished by a sweet person who wants nothing in return except to see you happy. Being cared for in this way helps you to realize your innate gifts and share them with a greater number of people this year. In fact, your fan base grows exponentially, thanks in part to someone who helps to broadcast your talent in February. Family celebrates you in April. May brings new financial resources. August is a shift in your lifestyle due to a location change or transportation upgrade.

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ST. PETE BEACH: The St. Pete Beach Community Club announces their annual Card and Game Party, scheduled for Saturday, February 6 from 1-4 p.m. The party will be held at the Warren Webster Building, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, and will feature door and table prizes and light refreshments. A donation to the Community Club of \$4 will be collected at the door. The party is open to the public. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon playing games and cards and supporting a local philanthropic cause. Call Community Club president Marie Friszolowski at 360-8216 for more information.

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Audition for "The Sting"

Island Community Theatre announces open auditions for its next production, "The Sting". Director Elaine Cloud Goller says there are numerous roles for all ages and both genders; at least a dozen each for male and female, ages teen to senior. Many actors will enjoy playing multiple characters.

The story takes place in 1930s Chicago, in a world of small-time hustlers and their girls, their money nonexistent but their ingenuity abundant. Johnny Hooker (a small-time grifter played by Robert Redford in the film) joins a friend in a successful con of a "runner." Unfortunately for them, the runner works for a powerful, vindictive rackets boss, Doyle Lonnegan, who

is infuriated and arranges the killing of Johnny's friend. Hoping to avenge this senseless murder, Johnny enlists the aid of the master con man Henry Gondorff (originally played by Paul Newman). Together they decide to try the big con called "The Wire."

Auditions begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, February 8-9, at the Island Community Theatre Rehearsal Hall, located at 286 107 Avenue in Treasure Island. Arrive on time, as there are several components to the auditions. Dress comfortably

and ready to move. Actors wishing to preview the script should email the director at egoller@yahoo.com. Visit www.islandcommunitytheatre.com or call (727) 235-8719 for details.

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Legal Cases and Issues: Monday, February 8, 1:00 pm. Presented by local chapter, Brandeis University Women.

Suncoast Computer Users Group (SCUG): Thursday, February 11, 6:00 pm.

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Coffee/Talk Movie: "Secrets of Middle Earth: The Hobbit" (Kultur Video, 2003). Wednesday, February 17, 1:30 pm. Illustrated with fantasy art by the Brothers Hildebrandt, and featuring insights of literary experts, this documentary film series explores the mysteries of Tolkien's epic. (60 min.)

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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, Bingo at 10am, computer games 9am-noon, a hot dog lunch (get your \$2 meal ticket now), entertainment by the Love Notes at 1pm and a Valentine Tea Dance with live Big Band music from 3-5pm. Admission to the dance is free but be a sweetheart and bring a can of food for our food pantry.

February Flea Market: Our Flea Market customers are looking for specialized items: Jewelry of any kind (bracelets, pins, rings, watches and necklaces), purses, tote bags, wallets, shoes, belts, etc. If you have such items that you no longer use or need, please drop them off at the Senior Center in time for our Feb. 15 sale.

Free Tea Dance: A Valentine Tea Dance will be offered on Mon. Feb. 15 from 3-5pm with Big Band music by The Nostalgic Band. Refreshments included. Admission is free but be a sweetheart and bring a can of food for our Food Pantry.

Legal Problems?: The Community Law Program will offer free legal assistance at our Senior Center on Fri. Feb. 19 at 9:30am for income eligible residents. Call for more info.

Spanish Classes: Spanish Classes are offered every Monday. Beginners at 3pm, Advanced at 4:10pm and Conversation at 5:20pm. Classes are free to all registered Senior Center members.

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.

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AARP Driving Classes: are held on the first two Tuesdays of every month from 1-4pm. Call 341-0130 to register and fee info.

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.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: If you are a grandparent or any related/unrelated person caring for a child, please come to our new support group that will meet on Tues. Feb. 23 at 10am. The group offers support, counseling, legal support, etc. The meetings will be offered every fourth Tuesday.

Facial with Color Workshop: Ladies, sign up now for our free Facial with Color Workshop on Fri. Feb. 26 at 9:30am. Find out how to enhance your appearance and accentuate your features. Class size is limited.

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

Wii Bowling: Every Thurs. at 1pm, and 1st & 3rd Tues. at 6:30pm. We need more bowlers on Feb. 2 & 16 so please come and join the fun! Thanks to the students at Stetson College of Law for being a part of this activity!

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

Quilting Club: Every Mon at 10am. Great quilting projects! Newcomers welcome!

Young & Restless Seniors: Meets every 2nd Tues. at 6:30pm. Come and discover new places to go, things to see, people to meet!

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Gulfport Elementary Gears Up for Yard Sale

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

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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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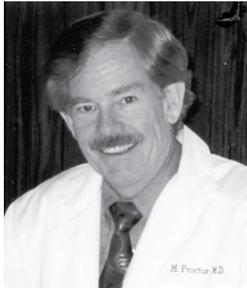
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The fee is \$25 which includes play, goodie bags, prizes, and raffle. Entry forms can be picked up at Treasure Bay, or through the Recreation Department at Treasure Island City Hall.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with coffee, muffins and juices. Play begins at 9 a.m. followed by a raffle and silent auction at 11:30.

There will be a Silent Auction Preview Party at Treasure Bay on Friday, February 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served with wine, beer and soft drinks available. The cost for the event is \$20, and reservations must be made by February 17 either at Treasure Bay or the Recreation Department.

Court and hole sponsors are available at \$100. Call Cathy Hayduke at 547-4575, ext. 238.

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BPW to Offer Career Seminars

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All seminars are affordably priced (\$15 per seminar for members and \$20 for non members. Fees for all six are: \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members) and will be held at the downtown St. Petersburg campus of St. Petersburg College, 244 Second Avenue N. Participants can pay for one seminar at a time or for the entire package of six. Registration is open now. The topics are; Developing You; Hire Me!; Networking the Net; Manage to Lead; Be a Presenting Pro; and Make it Happen!

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According to Max Millsbaugh, the concert will feature a Lincoln portrait set to music and a moving Jefferson portrait with a musical background. "We will also feature some familiar marches and a very interesting Dixieland arrangement that will include several Dixieland standards," said Millsbaugh. "We are planning to present some other selections that will give the audience nice variety and some interesting, listenable fare," he concluded.

Mayor Kathleen Peters said that the community is welcome and that South Pasadena is pleased to be part of making the band available to the entire community. "This is a community relations initiative that we have supported in part for over twenty years," she commented. "When they play the National Anthem or, as they will on this concert, "Ruffles and Flourishes" followed by "Hail to the Chief," I can't help but think of the pageantry of military bands and the connection between bands and the ceremony that has surrounded every president of our great country. This will be a very interesting and inspiring concert," she said.

Parking will be available in front of the school and adjacent to the auditorium. Buses will be accommodated in special parking area.

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Tour of Homes Needs Volunteers

The Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes will be held Saturday, March 13, from 10-4. If you can help with being a greeter at a home, or other duties, please call Beth Armstrong at 344-7674, or e-mail her at birdseyeviewgift@aol.com. If you've volunteered before, you know it's Gulfport's fun day!

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 "GRAMIE", 70, of Gulfport, died peacefully Jan. 25, 2010 under Hospice care. She was born in Stamford, CT and a member of the Order of Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by her son, Edward J. Ashcroft II. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Edward; three sons: Douglas (Angela) of Pinellas Park, Mark of Bonifay and Kevin of Gulfport; daughter Karen Hysell (Robert) of St. Pete; five granddaughters: Danielle (Alex), Christine, Kimberly, Karita and Alexis; five grandsons: Tom Everson, Douglas II, Mark II, Robert II and James; and three great grandchildren: Scott, Megan and Thomas. A Life Tribute Funeral Care - Gulfport, (727) 347-5521.

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UREN, MARY ELIZABETH, 85, of Gulfport, died Jan. 24. Survived by loving family. Guestbook davidcgross.com. Services 11 a.m. Thursday at David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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Grief Support Group Continues

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

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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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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Listen Up!

Listen up Republicans. Scott Brown's winning of the Massachusetts' Senate seat was not about you. And, it isn't just about the Obama agenda. It's about politicians and political behavior, and that covers both parties. Also, big media, you can do all the analyzing you want, but it's way too late. You missed the story early in the year, particularly in September of 2009, and I'm not sure some of you get it yet.

I was in Washington, D. C. for the 9/12 march and can say, as I did in a column right afterwards, that the majority of people who took the time and effort and money to be there weren't whacko right wingers, and weren't funded by any organization. Most were and are sick and tired of relentless raids on taxpayers' pocket books by elitist, professional politicians who don't seem to be representing anyone but themselves.

Smirking elitist politicians, pundits and smug citizens, who ridiculed this "peoples movement" as tea baggers,

whackos, conspiracists, and worse, were shocked by the Massachusetts results. After all, President Obama commented that Scott Brown was just a pickup truck owner and anyone can own a pickup truck. Aren't pickup truck owners kind of nobodies? Well, the nobodies apparently did the voting.

As for the media (*Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, all major networks with the exception of Fox), I wrote on September 16, "if big media is ignoring the trend, we'll see a string of "what a surprise" stories about events that were right in front of their noses." That has happened, and it really is fun to be right.

However, as I noted at the start of this column, this isn't about any one political party. This is about the people speaking up and turning out. Yes, there are organizations out there, but the feeling I get is that even within those organizations people are feeling and acting independently. Consequently,

reading this loose group is difficult. It will be increasingly difficult to predict election results.

Politicians trying to ride the populist wave could get badly damaged.

When the voters get more cynical than the politicians, unpredictable things happen. For instance, being anti-global warming doesn't mean anti-environment. Nor, does being pro-environment mean being against all oil and gas drilling. Anti-illegal immigration doesn't mean anti-immigration. Anti-health care programs as now proposed, doesn't mean anti-all health care programs. And, "bringing home the bacon" could today be considered attempted bribery. After all, the money (bacon) being brought back was taken from my pocket in the first place.

However, I suspect that pro-national security does mean not giving foreign terrorists American citizens' rights, nor condoning outright torture. And, I don't think voters believe creating jobs means creating more government jobs.

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Mardi Gras to Benefit Kiwanis Charities

TREASURE ISLAND-The Kiwanis Club of Gulf Beaches, is sponsoring a Month of Mardi Gras February 6-14. Saturday, February 6, features a 5K/1 Mile Run beginning at the clock tower on Central Avenue to benefit the Trevor Miller Foundation. A Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball will take place at the Gulfport Casino on Friday, February 12 at 7 p.m. The Miracle League Poker Run will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 13. The Beach Midway on Saturday, February 13 and Sunday, February 14 will feature over 100 of Florida's best arts and craft vendors, food, a Budweiser Tent, live entertainment and a Kids Zone.

The Kiwanis Club of Gulf Beaches was the Florida District 2006-07 Club of the Year. They are involved in many worthwhile projects including Ronald McDonald House, Locks of Love, Every Child a Swimmer, and K-Kids at Madeira Beach and Sawgrass Elementary Schools, Miracle League of Gulf Beaches and Pinellas Village.

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

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

Pasadena Card Club

Pasadena Card Club offers duplicate bridge Monday through Friday at 10 Park Street N. starting at 12:30 p.m. and contract bridge and pinochle Tuesday and Thursday at 12 noon. For information, call David at 381-5944.

City Whys?

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By Kate Bradshaw

City of St. Pete Beach

Q: You know that one building, kind of purplish-blue, next to the 7-11 on Gulf Boulevard? The one that housed another one of those one-stop shot glass, snorkel, and hilarious t-shirt shops? Well, it seems like one day the building was just gone. I don't recall any demolition crews or anything; it was just kind of not there anymore one day. What's the deal?

A: The answer is simple, really. While you may lament that the gaping hole at 6255 Gulf Blvd. leaves fully exposed that moustache-glorifying welcome mural, fear not, as property owner Paul Resop said he plans to rebuild on the property – if he can get two small variances. “The building was old and needed to be torn down,” he said. “The beach as got to grow. If we're going to be a tourist destination, we've got to modernize.” He said he plans to build a 3,200 square foot structure on the property, though the tenant is yet to be determined. One variance has to do with parking – the developer wants to put in one less parking space than is required, which would still be more than what was there. The other variance would reduce the rear setback to nine feet – down from the required 29 feet. Planning Director Karl Holley said that the back of the property abuts a gravel parking lot, and that reduced setback requests typically run into trouble only when other structures may potentially be encroached upon. The building that until recently sat on that property was constructed in the 50s, had initially served as a hotel, and had been remodeled many times, Holley said, adding that properties along Gulf Boulevard are uncharacteristically narrow due the widening of that road. If the variances are granted, the City Commission then needs to approve it.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

Are Trusts Only for the Super-Rich?

While it is true that you should have a fair amount of assets before you consider setting up a trust, a trust is no longer the province of the "super-rich."

Simply stated, a trust is a legal document that makes it possible for you to put aside some of your money and direct how it will be used upon your death or in some form of trust, while you're alive. A trust may also ease your tax bite.

A trust generally offers several advantages: among them, the assets don't have to go through probate, which saves time and money. Additionally, you may be able to maintain control over the trust assets

while you're alive and capable; sick and incapable; or as part of an estate plan at your death.

Many individuals and families have found that trusts offer a number of interesting financial planning opportunities. Even where your estate plan calls for all the assets of the first-to-die spouse to pass to the surviving spouse under the unlimited marital estate tax deduction, significant estate tax may be due on the death of the surviving spouse. Proper use of carefully drafted non-marital trusts for the benefit of the surviving spouse and/or children may keep these assets out of the surviving spouse's estate and reduce the overall tax bite on the estate plan.

So-called "living trusts" have become very popular with those interested in avoiding the expense, delay and publicity of probate; while allowing the grantor to maintain control over the trust assets during his or her lifetime, if capable and competent.

The type of trust you use depends on your personal situation and the advice you receive from a legal

expert. Since there are many types of trusts, only a complete evaluation of your family's needs will determine which trust should be used.

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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Blow a Glass Heart for Your Valentine Night

GULFPORT: The Industrial Arts Center will have the glory hole glowing on Saturday night, February 13th, so the public can make special Valentine gifts. Hand-blown and molded glass hearts made at the IAC will also be available for sale to support the non-profit art education center's operating fund.

Master glass blower Jackie Ballard and the IAC staff will be offering this special night to Blow a Glass Heart for Your Valentine, from 6-10 p.m. There will be a choice of colors and every heart will be "blown with your own breath" and a little help from Jackie and her experienced assistants. Hearts will be cooled and ready for pick up on Sunday, February 14. Free gift packaging will be included with each purchase.

The Industrial Arts Center is located at 2902A Beach Boulevard S. in the heart of the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard. For more information, visit the IAC online at www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org or call 727-289-9365.

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Basic Drawing

The Gulfport Recreation Center will be starting a basic drawing class. The class will be on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. The fee will be \$60 for the 4 week session (\$15 each class). The next session will start February 4. Please call the instructor Doug at 727-643-2554 with questions. You will need to bring a pencil and paper to class.

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Love is in The Air!

Love is in the air at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom, so get ready for the upcoming Valentine festivities and beyond! Start making your plans with your sweetie or find that someone special and attend these exciting events!

Enjoy a colorful night at the Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball, Friday, February 12 at the Casino Ballroom, 5500 Shore Boulevard S., 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include lip smacking Louisiana cuisine. Music is Cajun Zydeco, Blues and Jazz. If you choose, dress with flair, with colorful masks and elegant costumes. Ticket sales and a silent auction will benefit a variety of Kiwanis charities including Pinellas Hope, and H.E.A.T. Contact 727-415-8326.

Take your sweetheart to the Centennial Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, February 13, from 8-11 p.m. Door opens at 7:30 p.m. Live Band is Lloyd John's Gulfbay 18-Piece Big Band. Snacks and prizes. Tickets are \$12 at the door. Contact 727-893-1070.

Match Making Festival Tea Dance will be held on Sunday, February 14 from 1-5 p.m., ages 50 plus! Speed dating, relationship coaching, dance lessons and dance. Tickets are \$25 at www.matchmakingfest.com or \$35 at the door. Sponsored by LocalShops1.com. Contact 727-823-0437.

The following week is the Singles Ballroom Dance Party (Partners Welcome!) on February 19 from 7-10 p.m. Dance mixers, door prizes and light snacks. \$10 per person. Contact 727-374-3881.

For more detailed information on The Gulfport Casino Ballroom events or to find out about the Gulfport Casino rental availability for your next event or party, call 727-893-1070.

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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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New Luncheon Excursions Offered

ST. PETE BEACH: The St. Pete Beach Community Center is now offering weekly Luncheon Excursions taking participants to a new restaurant in Tampa Bay each

week. The excursions leave from the Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, at 11 a.m. every Wednesday and return when lunch is over. The cost for transportation and parking is just \$3 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$5 for non-residents. Whether you are new to the area and would like to lunch with new friends or would just like to explore fun, new restaurants in the area, these Luncheon Excursions are for you! Call 363-9245 for more information or to register for upcoming trips.

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- Theft-** 2800 Blk 54th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Burglary-** 1400 Blk 56th St. S.
- Burglary-** 5700 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 1400 Blk 56th St. S.
- Theft-** 1100 Blk Freemont St. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 2900 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 2600 Blk 54th St. S.
- Street Obstruction-** 2100 Blk 58th St. S.

Saturday 1/16

- DUI Investigation-** 5800 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 6300 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 3000 Blk 56th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 900 Blk Freemont St. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 1200 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Threatening Bodily Harm-** 2100 Blk 55th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** Wood Ibis Park.
- Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5600 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5900 Blk Pelican Bay Plaza S.

Crime Awareness Meeting

Submitted by Ernie Stone

The next Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention Meeting will be held on Monday, February 8 at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center located at 1617 49 Street S. This year we are focusing on crime within the city and how we as a community can prevent these crimes from occurring. Also we will be talking on code enforcement issues. You won't want to miss this meeting. Crime awareness and prevention is everyone's responsibility.

- Armed Person-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5600 Blk 17th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Sunday 1/17**
- Noise Complaint-** 5200 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2800 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Theft-** 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk 58th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Monday 1/18**
- Domestic Verbal-** 2600 Blk 56th St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5200 Blk 56th St. S.
- Burglary-** 4900 Blk 31st St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 2700 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Burglary-** 5000 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Battery-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
- Tuesday 1/19**
- Arrest on Warrant-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.

- Burglary-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5800 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk Dupont St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 2800 Blk Tifton St. S.
- Vessel Stop(s)-** Beachfront.
- Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5000 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 2500 Blk 50th St. S.
- Fight In Progress-** 2500 Blk 49th St. S.
- Wednesday 1/20**
- Traffic Stop-Failed to Stop-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Battery-** 5500 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 5000 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 4900 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 5800 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 5100 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Fight in Progress-** 5200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5900 Blk Bayview Cir. S.
- Thursday 1/21**
- Veh Burg Recovered Property-** 4900 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5300 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Burglary-** 700 Blk Gray St. S.
- Battery-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2200 Blk 51st St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 6300 Blk Pasadena Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2200 Blk 56th St. S.



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Join Gulf Beaches Relay for Life

TREASURE ISLAND: The 2010 American Cancer Society Relay for Life® of the Gulf Beaches gets underway at the Bilmar Beach Resort on Treasure Island Beach April 16 and 17.

Relay For Life events are held overnight as teams camp out at an athletic track, beach, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening. Teams do most of their fundraising prior to the event, but also hold creative fundraisers at their camp sites during the event. Relay brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups . . . people from all walks of life – all aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society’s efforts to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping them get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

“Relay is a unique opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember those we’ve lost, and fight back against the disease,” said Christine Hartman, Community Representative of the American Cancer Society. “Many of the participants are cancer survivors, which serves as a reminder that the Gulf Beaches are not immune to this disease and that by participating in Relay, we are joining with the American Cancer Society’s efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays,” Ms Hartman added.

Funds raised at the Relay for Life Gulf Beaches are enabling the American Cancer Society to impact the lives of those touched by cancer within the community.

The event kicks off honoring the Gulf Beaches cancer survivors and their caregivers followed by a reception. All survivors and their caregivers are asked to register for the event as well and relay team captains and their team participants.

Relay for Life’s Luminaria Ceremony takes place after sundown, honoring the community’s cancer survivors and remembering those lost to the disease. Participants will circle a track that is surrounded with glowing luminaria

that bear the name of someone who has battled cancer.

To register your team or register for the survivor activities please visit www.relayforlife.org/gulfbeachesfl. For more information in forming your team, contact Nancy Williamson, Team Development Chair at 727-581-9644 or ACS Community Representative, Christine Hartman at christine.hartman@cancer.org or 727-812-7026.

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Sunshine Questions and Procedural Uncertainty at Gulfport Council

By Cathy Salustri

Two questions arose from last Tuesday night's council meeting: Can one council person discuss a vote with another council member outside of a public meeting, and what appointments can a councilperson make without taking a vote?

Innocent Discussion?

Gulfport Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington spoke to Mayor Mike Yakes and attempted to speak to council member Sam Henderson about an appointment to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Worthington did so outside of a publicly noticed meeting "a couple of months ago," he said after Tuesday night's meeting adjourned.

During the meeting Worthington announced that he had spoken to councilmember Sam Henderson about replacing him on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council when Worthington exits his office in March.

"I had talked to Sam Henderson at one time and he had agreed to fill that position," Worthington towards the end of the council meeting. "Is that still possible for you, Sam?"

"I'd be honored to take that position if that's something that we discuss," Henderson replied, "but I don't know

what the channels are to do that so we can discuss that perhaps in our workshop."

After the meeting adjourned, Henderson clarified his participation in the alleged conversation.

Procedure Questions

While Worthington prepared to hand the reigns over to Henderson, councilwoman Michele King said that the new council should make that decision.

"Excuse me, Mayor," King said "but I don't think that's a decision for this council, I think it's a decision for the new council in March... Bob doesn't leave that position until March."

"The reason I had done this is because the Tampa Bay Planning Council is a large council and I'd like to take a person in there and introduce them, and...I'd already signed up Sam as my alternate," Worthington explained.

"I would really like to sit on that council too," King said, adding that she thought Worthington held the seat on the council because he had seniority when councilmember Ted Philips left office. She also said she thought the council had to vote on such appointments.

"It is at the pleasure of council as a majority," Mayor Yakes said.

The council has yet to vote on the appointment.

"There was no conversation," he said. "Bob mentioned that to me and I told him I was honored that he thought of me for the position and that I would look forward to him bringing that up in a meeting to discuss it. That was the extent of it, because it would have been inappropriate to discuss

anything further."

Worthington told *The Gabber* that he had also spoke to Yakes about the appointment. Yakes told *The Gabber* he advised Worthington that whoever had the role of Vice-Mayor should also sit on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

"I said, that's probably the way to go and let it stay with the vice-mayor. That was pretty much it," he added. He also told *The Gabber* he did not believe this created a Sunshine violation.

"It wasn't about Sam as much as it was the protocol. The appointment had really been done that the vice-mayor holds that position. Ted asked to stay on it longer simply because he was on the area aging and he thought the vice-mayor had a little more influence," Yakes said.

"Mine was more of a direction conversation. It obviously was going to come up... it wasn't a who, it was how it was done in the past," he said.

According to Florida law, the Sunshine Law applies to "any gathering, whether formal or casual, of two or more members of the same board or commission to discuss some matter on which *foreseeable action* will be taken by the public board or commission."

Gulfport's interim attorney, Andrew Salzman, explained why this may not be a Sunshine Law violation.

"There is impropriety and the appearance of impropriety," Salzman said. "There's got to be discussion. You can pass information on," he said, as long as the elected officials disclose that discussion in a public forum.

"The Sunshine Law is about making decisions so that all the information and decision process is made ... public," Salzman explained. By publicly disclosing his interaction with Henderson, Worthington may have avoided a Sunshine Law violation with regards to that interaction.

Henderson stressed that there was no further discussion. Yakes and Worthington have not disclosed their conversations in a public forum.

If this does constitute a violation, Salzman says, the council would have to "redo the vote," although council has yet to vote on this appointment.

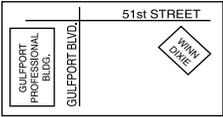
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Group Weddings on Valentine's Day

CLEARWATER: Once again, numerous couples will join together at the picturesque Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo for one group wedding ceremony to be performed by Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ken Burke, on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14.

This is the fourth year the Clerk's Office is hosting this event, which has become a County tradition. The Clerk's Office is officially closed on Sundays, but romance doesn't take time off, so Burke decided to still hold the event. Once again the single ceremony uniting multiple couples in marriage will be held in the Florida Botanical Gardens' Wedding Garden.

The one ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. in the Wedding Garden at Florida Botanical Gardens, 12520 Ulmerton Road in Largo. To add to the ambiance of the event the Charmonizers barber shop quartet have once again volunteered to serenade the couples and the Clerk's Office employees have chipped in to provide wedding cake. Couples will receive a special, commemorative Marriage Certificate, which will be mailed within one week from the date of the ceremony with the official certificate of marriage.

The Clerk has waived the normal \$30 fee to perform the marriage. Standard marriage license fees will still apply.

To participate, couples must sign up at any Pinellas County Clerk's office by Monday, February 8, 2010.

The number of couples may be limited due to space. Marriage licenses must be applied for between December 21, 2009, and February 11, 2010, in order to participate on the February 14, 2010, wedding date.

All couples should arrive at the Botanical Gardens by 1 p.m. on the day of the event with their marriage license and identification.

For more information regarding the process and locations to apply for a marriage license, contact Recording Services at 727-464-3008, or visit the Clerk's website at <http://www.mypinellasclerk.org>. For more information about the Wedding Garden and/or the Florida Botanical Gardens visit <http://www.flbg.org>.

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Excerpts heard at the January 26, 2010

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

Ken Weiss, attorney for anti-development group Citizens for Responsible Growth, telling the city commission during public comment that the litigation against the city isn't about Hometown Democracy - it's about keeping developers from controlling the city's comprehensive plan, he says.



"People read this, and they think, 'poor little old St. Pete Beach.'"
—St. Pete Beach City Commissioner Bev Garnett, referencing a recent article in Travel and Leisure magazine profiling the new Postcard Inn. In its opening paragraphs, the article characterizes St. Pete Beach as run-down.

"It was like a kangaroo court. I just found it really very, very poor and you all just sat there and allowed it to happen."
—Resident Deborah Sheffner, on the way that the public hearing on the Coconut Inn rezoning was conducted on January 12.

"It's almost like they're poisoning the well."
Resident Bob Manning, in response to rumors that the ballot initiative that will be voted on this March – which concerns community redevelopment areas – is a tax.

"I think what we should be doing is urging people to get involved."
—Commissioner Christopher Leonard, who voted "no" on a resolution that urges voters to reject the Hometown Democracy amendment.

"The terms 'attractive' and 'crappy' are not defined in our land use code."—Community Development Director Karl Holley, addressing commissioners' questions on changes to the city's sign ordinance.

"You must be a Zen Buddhist to maintain such an even keel."
—Commissioner Jim Parent to City Manager Mike Bonfield during Bonfield's annual performance evaluation, presumably referring to the City Manager's handling of numerous controversies involving the city as well as lawsuits.



Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

I so much hate the cold that at the first hint that Florida isn't facing an unexpected ice age, I have these wild fantasies. They involve seeing the sun for more than an hour at a time, wearing shorts and bathing suits instead of jeans and sweatshirts, and splashing around in the water.

Given that, you'll understand that after a few weeks of shivering and using more than my allotted share of lip balm and moisturizer, I had no defenses when I walked into the kayak outfitter Monday. Oh, sure, I told myself I was only there to help my better half look at new kayaks, but from the moment I saw her, I had to have her. Sleek, with a chiseled keel, and more room for Calypso The Wonder Hound to ride in the cockpit, she has a bevy of extras that my functional but basic kayak (now approaching the ripe old age of seven) doesn't.

Faster than you can say "impulse purchase" I had a new lime green kayak. Only after I got her home and saw my old kayak looking at me with reproach in her paddles did I feel a twinge of shame, because she has served me well.

I remember the day I got her, rushing down to the Narrows and paddling around, trying out her skeg, adjusting the seat, and reveling in the sound my paddle made in the water. We've traveled the state together, and while we've had some rough times (like the time I managed to unintentionally roll the boat while putting in from a rather steep bank at Lithia Springs) we've had some great ones, too (like the time a dolphin surfaced inches from my paddle at Fort DeSoto.) She's taken me past green heron chicks on Clam Bayou and made me mourn the loss of Florida countryside as we glided down the straight, lifeless banks of the straightened Kissimmee River.

Kayaks and canoes serve many Floridians well; they bring us down to eye level with the nature we

want so keenly to protect. Anytime I want to see what progress (or lack thereof) the city, state, or various watchdog groups are making (or blocking) in Clam Bayou, I can put in at the city park and paddle the mangroves myself. If I want to see how bad this year's drought is, I can drive to the Econlockhatchee, Wekiwa or Hillsborough rivers and look at the water lines on as I paddle past the trees. From my cockpit I see the story of the river, creek, or bay, as told by the ibis and orchids and manatee.

You could call me an instant gratification environmentalist, which I freely admit isn't the most selfless sort. If it's something close to my heart (like the Everglades) or my home (like Clam Bayou), I care. While I'd love to hike the Appalachian Trail someday, the issues surrounding it are mere environmental abstractions in my mind. I know they're out there, like communism or bioweapons, but it's harder for me to get worked up about them.

During Gulfport council meetings, councilman Sam Henderson recently started mentioning mountaintop removal mining, a practice associated with coal mining. Last week, Henderson asked the city to sign their support for ending this practice. His request met with some derisive snickers from some of the citizens attending the meeting. While I don't think the public displays of derision were anything approaching mature or appropriate, I didn't get why Henderson cared, either. I mean, Clam Bayou is right here, and there are groups trying to destroy the last remaining estuary on Boca Ciega Bay. Why on earth waste even a moment on somebody else's problem?

I'm guessing Henderson's one of those fools who sees "The Big Picture." Perhaps he mistakenly believes the nature you touch isn't the only nature worth protecting.

I suppose he naively thinks that every city and state has its own water quality, wildlife and air and water contamination issues, and really, what does it cost one city to pledge its support for another? Or worse: he might want council to do this because he cares about the environment and it's the right thing to do.

Well, I can tell him right now that we just don't need that kind of crazy talk on council. We do enough, what with our biofuels, sporadic bayou clean ups and lip service to "saving the planet." We have curbside recycling, for heaven's sake. What's next, Mr. Henderson? Clean drinking water for everyone? Asking the state to find alternative, cleaner sources of energy? Finding a way to make our recycling program more efficient and viable?

Get with the program, Mr. Henderson. Don't you know that the whole world can go to hell as long as we protect our little square of paradise? We exist in a vacuum, so changes to the rest of the world won't ever impact us. As long as I can take my shiny new kayak down to the Bayou and paddle, what do I care?

Crazy talk, this notion of protecting someone else's nature. What are you thinking? I'm certain those folks in Appalachia, should they ever hear about Clam Bayou, won't say, "Hey, that's like what's happening here. We can't do much, but maybe we should do something. We understand; we've been there. We know what it's like to worry about losing something precious."

Because, you know, most people are like me. Now, if you want to go ahead and be the better man, if you want to push the city to be a little bit more socially responsible than it was when you took office, or give us the reputation of being environmentally aware, you just go right ahead.

I'll be over here in the corner, secure in the knowledge that because I pluck the occasional soda can out of the water while paddling Clam Bayou, I've done enough.

Contact Cathy Salustri at
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Beta Sigma Phi

Sunshine City Council will honor the chapter sweethearts on Saturday, February 6 from 1-3 p.m. at the East Bay Country Club. This annual event is chaired by Sharon Melton and Susan Henry, Vice Presidents of City Council. At this social event they will also recognize the legacy members along with guests, prospective members, members progressing to higher degrees and transferees. For more information please contact Sharon Melton at 595-9625.

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.

Laureate Epsilon Theta entertained Preceptor Epsilon Nu on Saturday, January 23 at the home of Val Rankin's daughter at 11 a.m. Chapter members provided a delicious brunch. After eating, members and guests enjoyed a game of "dirty Bingo" whereby once all the prizes were won, then the gift stealing began. There were several gifts, especially the "balloon" bag which had numerous holders.

Laureate Epsilon Theta's next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27 with Val Rankin being the hostess at 7 p.m. Sue Hill will present the program.

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

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All Dressed Up with So Many Places to Go!



Members of the Town Shores Red Hatters enjoyed a wonderful cruise. The floor shows were very entertaining, the food great, the tin-a-ling coming from the lounge area and all the shore trips kept them entertained. They had a few minor casualties that were treated in sick bay, kept watch over a stranded boat until the coast guard arrived to give aid to the people on board and had a few guilt feelings that they ate too much ice cream, but are looking forward to another cruise next year.

On February 12 they will have their own "Strawberry Festival" along with Bunko in the clubhouse lounge from 1-3 p.m. They will need a head count so please RSVP to Judy at 344-7558, Bev at 381-2122 or Petie at 343-6450 if you plan to attend.

Don't forget they will attend the play "Anything Goes" this Sunday at 2 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Little Theatre.

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Tot Time Teacher's Long Donation



Ms. Joanne, one of the Tot Time teachers at the Gulfport Recreation Center, made a 12 inch donation of hair to Locks of Love on Monday, January 25, 2010 in front of a class of preschoolers age 3-5. It took her about 2 years to reach the length needed for a donation. Tiffany Anderson, creative Director and Hair Specialist of Beau Monde Salon (and mother to one of the students) cut and styled Ms. Joanne's hair while the children watched and played. Ms. Joanne said she will gladly donate again as soon as her hair is long enough.



Tim Henson Let Go As Boca Ciega's JV Football Coach



Boca Ciega's former JV coach, Tim Henson

By Leigh Clifton

On October 22, 2009, Boca Ciega junior varsity football coach Tim Henson became one of the winningest coaches in the school's history, beating Tarpon Springs 22-0. As the JV football coach, Coach Tim, as he was called, finished 2006, his first year, with only one loss, to St. Pete High. The following three seasons, 2007, 2008 and 2009 he took his team to three perfect, back-to-back undefeated seasons. He was a coach, by many accounts, who was a wonderful mentor for his players, a dedicated teacher who stayed involved in his player's lives, who called the parents whenever he felt there was a problem and a coach who constantly encouraged camaraderie and teamwork to his kids. He earned high praise for his coaching ethics, from players, parents and other coaches. He washed the team uniforms on his own dime. He did this on his own time; he was never paid.

By November 3, 2009 he was let go by varsity coach Steve Thomas.

There are different accounts of what happened. Coach Thomas referred me to Bogie Athletic Director Heather Holloway, who told me that Coach Thomas fired

Coach Henson because of a philosophical difference of coaching styles and that Coach Thomas had the full backing of the administrative team, which included Principal Paula Nelson.

"We met about it and reviewed Coach Thomas' concerns about Coach Tim and while there were a lot of positives and we had hoped to work out a team effort, Coach Thomas felt there was just too much of a difference in coaching styles to make it work," Holloway explained.

Coach Henson says that's not quite how he remembered it.

"I usually stay on the sidelines when the varsity plays, helping out and encouraging the kids, checking if the other coaches need anything. A day or two before the October 30th Seminole game at Seminole, Coach Thomas asked me if I would film the game from the booth, which is on the opposing team's side. I respectfully told him that I really wasn't comfortable shooting the game; I'm not much of one for camera work and my eyes aren't as good as they used to be. I also told him that I really wanted to be on the sidelines for that game, as several of my JV kids were dressing as varsity for the first time and I wanted to be there to encourage them and settle them down, if they needed it. So I told him I didn't want to do it and could he find someone else. I didn't think anything of it until we got to the Seminole game and Coach Thomas asked me again to shoot the game. I told him again that I just didn't feel comfortable and that I wanted to be with my players on the field. I just felt that I would be more help for them if I was on the field. We played the game.

The following Tuesday, November 3, he called me in

for a meeting at 3:30. I got there late because I work in Clearwater, which he knew. He told me I was suspended for telling him no and to give him my keys and coach's shirt. I just looked at him. I was in shock, but I gave him my stuff."

Coach Henson then contacted both Principal Nelson and Administrative Director Heather Holloway to request a meeting with them, him and Coach Thomas. It was there that he learned that he wasn't suspended, but fired.

"I am still in shock," Coach Tim says.

Bridgette Fields, a football mom whose son played for Coach Tim, says she has pulled her son from the football program at Bogie.

"I thought firing Coach Tim was really messed up. They let a good coach go. I won't let my son play for Coach Thomas. I've heard him curse and yell at the kids when they make a mistake, especially in front of the rest of the team." Fields says.

Tanya Franks, whose two boys played for Coach Tim, was especially surprised and upset.

"The whole bunch of us parents, we just stood with our mouths wide open. The reasons for his firing don't sound legitimate. He takes a personal interest in all the kids and has always told us parents to call him if we have any concerns. I look at him as the Tony Dungee of St. Pete."

April Runcie agrees. Her son has played the last two years with JV and is moving up to varsity.

"Coach Tim was always strict, but fair and he didn't let the kids run amok on the sidelines. He always asked the boys to wear nice shirts and ties on game day. My son loved it; people would always recognize him as a member of the football team.

It made him feel really good. I'm mad as a hornet right now and I think it puts the kids in a bad situation. I've heard a lot of them don't want to play football now." Runcie said.

Regardless of what has happened, Coach Tim Henson wants both Paula Nelson and Heather Holloway to know that he is so thankful and grateful for their past support. He has accepted a JV coaching position with St. Pete High School, who called him as soon as they heard he was available.

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Boca Ciega High School Scoreboard

By Leigh Clifton

Basketball

Boys Varsity

1/26/10	
Boca Ciega.....	51
Gibbs.....	53
1/21/10.....	
Boca Ciega.....	68
Lakewood.....	80

Girls Varsity

1/26/10	
Boca Ciega.....	71
Tarpon Springs....	42
1/22/10.....	
Boca Ciega.....	80
Dunedin.....	20
1/21/10.....	
Boca Ciega.....	80
Gibbs.....	49
1/16/10	
Boca Ciega.....	67
Hillsborough High	48

Soccer

Girls Varsity

1/21/10.....	
Boca Ciega.....	0
Largo.....	4

Boys Varsity

1/26/10	
Boca Ciega.....	0
Gibbs.....	4
1/20/10	
Boca Ciega.....	0
Tarpon Springs.....	0

Care Givers Support Groups

Do you find yourself “caring” for the health concerns of another? If so, consider coming to one of Pasadena Community Church’s Care Giver Support Groups in the Life Enrichment Center at 227 70 Street S. One group meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the other meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Both groups are open to the public and provide a confidential setting for those attending to share with others who are in like situations their experiences, joys and concerns of “care giving”. The person may be a relative or just a good friend. It is not necessary that the individual reside in the same house with you or even the same state.

Call Pam Lanning at 347-2809 or Barbara Posey at 381-2499, ext. 214.

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Two-Part Jewish Genealogical Seminar

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will offer a two-session seminar entitled: “The JGSTB 2010 Guide to Jewish Genealogy Research: A Foundation for Beginners and an Update for Experienced Researchers” on February 14 (Part 1) and March 14 (Part 2) at 2 p.m. at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd. in Clearwater. Registration will be held at 1:30 p.m. on both dates. A seminar booklet summarizing all the material to be presented will be provided and will be essential for those able to attend only one of the two sessions.

This seminar will focus on developing the proper approaches and applying the necessary tools, techniques and short cuts to most effectively connect you with your ancestors in the old country. Recently developed internet resources as well as local non-internet resources will be emphasized to enable the beginner to discover his or her family history as well as facilitate the experienced researcher in resolving “brick wall” problems.

Dr. Emil H. Isaacson will lead the seminar. Dr. Isaacson has 25 years experience in genealogy and has researched his ancestral

roots back seven generations to the late 1700’s in Europe. He will share his successful and sometimes unsuccessful techniques.

The course is free to current paid-up members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay. A one-year family membership will be included in the \$25 course fee for non-members. An additional \$10 fee will be charged for seminar materials to defray printing costs, but only one booklet will be needed per couple or family. Annual membership in the Jewish Genealogical Society of

Tampa Bay is \$25 per individual or family.

Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogical research is invited to attend. Early registration is recommended so that sufficient copies of the printed booklet and handouts will be available.

To pre-register for the class, for further information on the organization, or for directions to the meeting, call Sally Israel at 343-1652.

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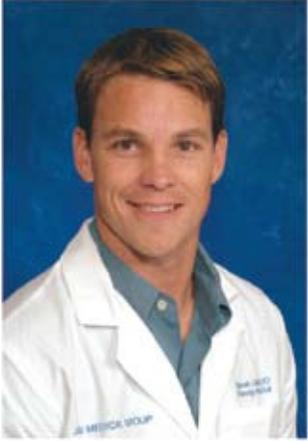
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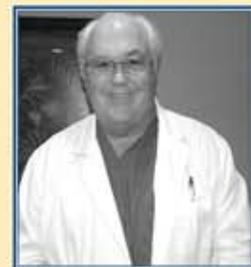
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Discover Yourself: Lifestyle Change for Those 50 and Older

By Cathy Salustri

If you really want to lose weight or get in shape but you are totally overwhelmed by all the incredibly young and impossibly toned bodies next to you on the elliptical, you're not alone. If you (or your doctor!) feels that your health is at risk because of excessive weight or a lack of exercise, Claire Lynn knows what you're feeling—and she can help.

Claire has had cancer four times and struggled with obesity throughout her life, and a few years ago she reached a point where she said she had to change her lifestyle (in regards to nutrition and exercise.)

"I had to stop letting my body control me; I sought to control it," this trim 69-year-old woman says, adding that exercise wasn't part of her life. "You couldn't get me to walk across the street."

Now, she's lost 75 pounds, run a half-marathon, and says that not only is her health great, but, she says, "I am happier with more energy than I could ever have envisioned. More importantly, I'm in control of my body."

"My journey to improve my health, my life, and my strength has been exciting and no doubt at times difficult, but I'm committed to maintaining my lifestyle while reaching and maintaining my final weight loss goal," Claire says.

Claire started her weight loss journey by trying to work out on her own, logging hours on the treadmill and getting frustrated by not seeing results. Only when she started working with a personal trainer, she says, did the pounds start to come off.

"I started seeing results and I started feeling better," she says. That inspired her to become a personal trainer so she could help others.

If you've got the idea in your head that a personal trainer is a hard-core fitness fanatic who will force you to do hundreds of sit-



After struggling with cancer and her weight, Claire Lynn found a personal trainer who set goals she could meet and learned to make fitness part of her life. Now she's a certified personal trainer who helps others over 50 meet their goals.

ups and squats, you should know right now that Claire doesn't work that way. She's a certified fitness trainer, and that means knowing what types of exercises are right for what types of people. When you meet with her (she offers a free consultation) she'll work with you to design a fitness program you can stick to without feeling overwhelmed, frustrated, or hopeless.

Here's something else a lot of people appreciate: Claire isn't going to make you set foot in the gym. She says that people can get the workout they need in the privacy and comfort of their own home.

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City Clerk's Office

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- February 2, 2010 **City Council Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- February 3, 2010 **Planning and Zoning Board/LPA**
***CANCELLED
- February 10, 2010 **Historic Preservation Committee**
***Meeting to begin at 5:30pm
at the Historical Society Museum
- February 10, 2010 **Board of Adjustments**
***Meeting to begin at 6:30pm
- February 16, 2010 **City Council Workshop**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- February 22, 2010 **Waterfront Redevelopment
Advisory Board Meeting**
Meeting to begin at 7:00pm at the Senior Center
- February 10, 2010 **City Council Workshop**
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Master Suite includes:

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- Master Bath includes: double vanity, garden tub and separate shower.
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2-NEW LISTINGS

MANCHESTER #510 - 1br/1ba deluxe, offering great waterviews. Complete ~~SOLD~~ finished. Bright and cheery, move-in ready - Covered parking **\$103,000**

CHATHAM #201 - corner unit, 2br/2ba, newer carpet, a/c, refrigerator, storm shutters in kitchen and Florida room. Just painted! Covered parking. Pet friendly **\$97,000**

FAIRFAX #205 - 2br/2ba, laminate floors throughout, beautiful new kitchen, great waterviews, covered parking, pet friendly. **\$131,900**

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**

JAMISON #614 - 2/2 deluxe furnished. New AC & Heating. Covered parking. ~~\$103,000~~ **REDUCED \$95,000**

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**
Annual renter in place.

CHATHAM #406 - 1Br with hardwood floors, new doors, a/c, and much more. Move in ready pet friendly. **\$95,000**

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November 2 Sold / 1 Contract Pending
December 2 Sold / 2 Contract Pending
January 1 Sold

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2000 SF/ 2 car gar. \$69,000



Block 3/2 plus den home on almost a half acre in the city! Wow! Gleaming terrazo floors, oversized gar., great shape. Hurry!

Lux Wtrfrnt Slashed! \$174,900



Elegant 2200 sf twndhome on Tampa Bay drastically reduced. Sold for \$460K before. Bamboo flrs, 17' ceilings, gated, pool, docks. Live like a prince for peanuts.

2007 HOME \$79,900



Everything almost brand new and beautiful!
3/2 with open floor plan and vaulted ceilings. New siding and roof! This is a fabulous deal. Over 1300 s.f.!



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NEW LISTING Lancaster #608 2BR/2BA standard unit with Marina view, carport. Priced at **\$149,000**

TOWN SHORES NEW ON MARKET, WINDSOR HOUSE #307 Open Water views, 1 bed, 1.5 bath, windows, newer a/c, new kitchen, paint etc. carport, Hurricane Shutters. Priced well @ **\$161,900**

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**

Avalon #206 1 bed/1 bath, standard unit, Dog Building, completely updated kitchen, bath, furnished, curb parking. Reduced to **\$84,000**

Embassy #409, 1 bed/1.5 bath, deluxe unit, furnished, convenient park by entrance, **Reduced to \$155,000**

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

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1-4pm Diplomat #901, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath deluxe corner unit, with magnificent water views of the Skyway Bridge and St. Pete Beaches. New windows, kitchen, carpet, shutters, carport, etc. offered at **\$250,000**

Lancaster #415, corner, 2 bed, 2 bath. **Reduced \$154,000**

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

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

SEMINOLE GARDEN APTS 8584 111th St. N. #310 ** 2 bed, 2 bath corner condo, stps to Clubhouse priced @ ~~\$60,000~~ ~~\$54,900~~ **\$49,900**

HOMES

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**

St. Pete Beach Starlight Towers - 7000 Beach Dr. Unit #308 corner Gulf Side Waterfront unit - Upham Beach Location. 2 bed 2 bath condo beautiful waterfront views. Enjoy pool & beaches right outside your door. 1 car garage with storage. Well Priced **\$479,000**

560 Zanesville St. S. St. Pete, FL 2 bed 1 bath w/carport, alley access, shady back fenced yard with oak trees double fence gate. Room for boat, pool, extra parking. **Reduced to \$59,000**

6901 Burlington Ave. N., Mini Estate 4 bed/ 2 bath main home, gleaming wood floors, tiled kitchen and hallway. Large kitchen, new cabinets, new appliances, new vinyl thermo windows. New a/c & heat, completely private fenced yard, "Unique Family Home". Mother-in-Law apt., completely updated and functional, new a/c, appliances 2 screened porches. Alley access, 1/4 acre corner lot. Priced @ **\$350,000**

AVAILABLE RENTALS/SEASONAL/ANNUAL

Dover #410

Kenmore #207

Nottingham #601

1 bed 1 bath annual, furnished

1bed 1bath, furnished

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DIPLOMAT #906 - This spacious 1 bed, 1.5 bath unit has terrific open water views of the bay. Reduced to **\$159,900**.

LANCASTER #510 - Serene marina view from this 1 bdrm deluxe ready for immediate occupancy. Some furniture too. It can be yours for only **\$110,000!**

GROTON #310 - Totally renovated & Marina view in this fabulous unit! Priced at **\$195,000** for 2 bdrms, 2 bath.

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1868 Shore Drive. S. #414 (\$175,000)

Spectacular wide open water view from the 2300+ sq ft 4th floor corner unit, and the Seller will maintain **UNDER CONTRACT** for the first year! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large eat-in kitchen remodeled in 2007.

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. #14 (\$59,900)

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

3595 40th Ave. S. #4 (\$95,000) - WOW!, what a deal!!! This very nicely appointed and furnished unit offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, screened in patio overlooking an expansive courtyard. It is just across from a heated swimming pool, and a very active clubhouse—with activities galore. This is priced right— and you need to see it today!

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. **UNDER CONTRACT**

1847 Shore Drive S #419 (\$189,000) - 2200+ sq ft, 3/2.5 with wide-open intracoastal and Boca Ciega Bay waterviews. Totally remodeled, the granite and new cabinets in the kitchen and bath are what you've been looking for. It has a floor plan that provides the best of everything.

2502 58th St. S. (\$192,000) - 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

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1819 Shore Dr S #304	Gulfport \$ 89,700	1113 58th St S	Gulfport \$299,000
1868 Shore Dr S #601	South Pasadena \$275,000	6060 Shore Blvd. S. #904	Gulfport \$259,000

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Admiral Bldg.	1/1.5	11th FL
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