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## Gulfport Council Candidate Hastings Signs Stolen for the Third Time

By Leigh Clifton

Whether it was just sticky fingers or all-out sabotage, City Council candidate David Hastings said that 51 of his campaign signs were stolen from people's lawns early Sunday morning. Hastings stated that this is the third time since January; there are three police reports on record and the investigations by the Gulfport P. D. are ongoing. But Sunday's early morning thefts were a bit different from the others; this time there was a witness.

Early Sunday morning, at approximately 2:30 am, Gulfport resident Teddy Kehoe was sitting at his computer when he noticed a newer model red dodge truck with custom chrome rims and a Diamond-plate tool box in the short bed stop by the front of his house

on Shore Boulevard. Kehoe's house is directly across from the Gulfport beach bathrooms which are lit by large streetlamps. The truck was driven by a dark haired male and stopped almost directly under the streetlamp in front of Kehoe's house. Kehoe then watched as a blond woman wearing a light colored coat got out of the truck and approached his house, crossing over the grass and sidewalk. She then reached out and stole a David Hastings' campaign sign that Kehoe had placed on his lawn in support of the candidate.

Kehoe yelled at the woman, who stopped and looked right at him.

"I yelled, 'can you be that stupid?'" Kehoe said.

The male driver then yelled "Come on" for See **Signs**, page 2

## Please Fence Me In: No Tethers for Gulfport Dogs

GULFPORT- City council approved an ordinance that will outlaw tying dogs outside. Councilmember Michele King initially suggested the ordinance, and with the agreement of all the other council members, city staff drafted a tentative ordinance. The ordinance makes some provisions

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## Marina and Library Now Report to Manager

GULFPORT- In a move made by city manager Jim O'Reilly to streamline the city and save money, the municipal marina and the library will now report directly to the city manager. O'Reilly suggested eliminating the Leisure Services Directorship, initially saving the city roughly \$70,000. The name

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## Gulfport Grasps Hands in Protest to Offshore Drilling



By Leigh Clifton

People stretched from the Casino to the Community Center in protest to off shore drilling. Locally organized by Gulfport resident Daniel Hodge, last Saturday's event was part of a state wide *Hands Across The Sand* .

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## Signs, from front page

the girl to get in the truck and they sped off according to Kehoe. Kehoe's girlfriend, Gina Burke, called police, who responded to the call and took a police report.

"I saw the same red truck come back by our house a little later with a police car behind it," Kehoe said, "so I figured they must have caught the guy who was driving, or at least figured out who it was."

Asked before he entered the city council meeting Tuesday night, Hastings said that at least 51 yard signs had been stolen on that

night alone, although according to Sergeant. Robert Burkhart, police logs only document approximately 20 signs have been stolen since the first initial report, dated January 17, 2010. But, according to Burkhart, that number could easily be much higher.

"There could be quite a lot more," he said. "A lot of people just don't report them, because they think it's too much trouble. But Hastings also stated that on February 1, at least one large plywood campaign sign, in the vacant lot west of the Weichert Realtors building on Gulfport Boulevard, was taken down sometime

during the night or early morning."

Burkhart said that Kehoe stated that he could identify the girl if he saw her again.

The investigation of the thefts is ongoing; Burkhart is the lead investigator on the case. Anyone with any information on the thefts is encouraged to call the Gulfport Police Department.

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## Free Theater on the Bay

A night of movie magic under the stars: The next City of Gulfport's "Theater on the Bay" is tomorrow, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. on the Recreation Field (the corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 58th St. South).

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**Tether,** from front page for tethering a dog but, for the most part, does not allow Gulfportians to tether a dog.

The ordinance met with a wave of emotional support from residents.

“What we have in our community are animals that are alive but not living,” Dana Eckhart said to council. She added that chained dogs could not stop intruders and ended her comments by reading a poem about chained dogs, stopping several times to compose herself.

Mary O'Malley, who owns Reef Dog Grooming and works with various animal rescues, also spoke against tethering animals. Lynda Sheehan, who owns Auntie Lynda's Petcare, also spoke against the practice. Many of the people speaking had experience with dogs getting injured, maimed, or killed as a result of tethering.

David Hastings, who also supported the ordinance, questioned the numbers. He said that giving the owners 10 days to correct a problem was too long and said the city should come back the next day to make sure the owner had fixed the problem. He also said that if the ordinance allowed a tether that was up to one-eighth of the dog's weight would allow a nine-pound chain on a 75-pound dog.

The ordinance does allow tethering a dog in certain instances but doesn't

always give concrete guidelines. For example, it says that that a dog owner may not tie out a dog in extreme weather but does not define “extreme.” It does not allow tethering of puppies, ill dogs, or in any instances where the dog is not within sight of the owner.

“This is the tethering part of it, but if somebody's abusing an animal, we're going to get involved,” City Manager Jim O'Reilly said.

Councilmembers agreed with Hastings that 10 days seemed too

long for a dog owner to correct a problem, and after hearing public comment, councilmember Sam Henderson suggested discussing the ordinance further at the council's next workshop. Henderson also requested input from the police department.

After discussing the ordinance at the February 25 workshop, Council will vote a second and final time on the ordinance at the March 16 meeting.

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## Streamline,

from front page

"Leisure Services" will still refer to the city's cultural facilities, which include the Casino, Catherine Hickman Theater, recreation facilities, parks, Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, and Gulfport Extended Minibus Service (GEMS) divisions, led by long-term city employee Bob Williams, who will answer to the city manager directly.

Williams, whose new title is Parks and Recreation Superintendent, will receive roughly a 6% raise as well as a higher ceiling for his salary. O'Reilly said he based this on similar positions in other organizations as well as what other positions with similar responsibilities in the city of Gulfport receive.

Denis Frain will remain the Harbormaster at the marina and Kitty Smith will continue to run the library. Both will report directly to O'Reilly.

The move will initially save the city almost \$75,000, although because Williams' position now receives a higher pay grade, that amount will

diminish over the coming years. However, O'Reilly says, since the city will no longer have to pay a director of Leisure Services, the increase in costs associated with Williams' higher pay scale will still amount to less than what the city would pay a Director of Leisure Services.

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## Teen Adventure Course

GULFPORT- "It is an awesome thing. It's very fun," Cameron Harbachuk, Gulfport Teen Council president, said of the Portable Team Adventure Course, a team-building Adventure Course that includes teamwork and trust building.

The Teen Council received approval from council to offer the adventure course to local teens. The program will cost about \$30 a person and the Teen Council will pay for this with money it earns from selling snacks, water and soda at local events. If the Council does not have enough money for to cover the costs, the city's Leisure Services will absorb the rest of the costs.

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## Gulfport's Dance of the Century!

Tickets are on sale now for the Gulfport Centennial Dance on Friday, February 26 from 7-11 p.m. at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom. Live band, Bobby Tess will be playing music selections from the past 100 years. Other live performances include Gail Biron who will perform a rendition of genres of music throughout the first 50 years and E.Z. Zetta who will perform songs of the last 50 years.

Ticket goers are encouraged to participate in a costume contest for favorite decade of costumes. Whether you choose flapping twenties, wartime forties, groovy sixties, disco seventies or many of the other decades, you'll be sure to have a lot of fun at this great event celebrating Gulfport's 100 years of incorporation!

Prepaid reservations will be taken for tables of eight, so don't wait to get into the dance of the century! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom, 5501 Shore Boulevard S., The Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, 2800 58 Street S. or call Cathy at 727-345-1501.

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The year is 2055 and the world has allowed cataclysmic climate change to occur. An archivist (Peter Postlethwaite) lives in a concrete tower in the middle of the oily ocean and is entrusted with the safekeeping of humanity’s surviving store of art and knowledge. Alone in his offshore repository, he reviews archive footage from back “when we could have saved ourselves”, trying to discern where it all went wrong. He sits in front of a transparent space-age screen and rifles through genuine newsreel clips, wondering why we failed to fight global warming that pushed the planet beyond the critical point in 2015.

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The garden is a grassroots endeavor being coordinated by a group of local gardening enthusiasts. It is supported by the City of Gulfport and the South 49th Street Business Association. It is intended to provide a sustainable, educational, and aesthetically appealing garden in the Gulfport community.

The garden is planned on Preston Avenue between 51st and 52nd Street South. Plots will be offered for \$50 for a season, with two seasons a year (March-August and September-February)

Organizers hope that eventually the garden will offer educational courses for both youth and adults on topics ranging from organic gardening to xeroscaping. The focus will be on sustainable gardening.

The grassroots community group is currently seeking volunteers to help get the garden organized and marketed to the community. Plots may also be reserved at this time. More information is available by visiting [www.so49.org](http://www.so49.org).

Organizers will be holding an organizational meeting at a date that will be announced soon. A "soft" opening is planned for March 1 with a target date of April 1 for a more public grand opening.

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GULFPORT: Judge E. J. Salcines has been selected to receive Stetson University College of Law's Tower Award on May 1 at TPepin's Hospitality Centre in Tampa.

Judge Salcines will be presented the award during Stetson's Second Annual Scholarship Gala, which raises funds for law student scholarships. This year's gala co-chairs are Stetson Law alumni Meredith Phipps Nutter '04 and Rick Nutter '03.

A Tampa native, Judge Salcines was appointed to Florida's Second District Court of Appeal in 1998, where he served for a decade. Judge Salcines' legal career spans work as an attorney, federal and state prosecutor, assistant U.S. attorney and judge. He received a J.D. degree from South Texas College of Law, as well as Honorary Doctors of Law Degrees from Stetson University College of Law and Florida Southern College. Judge Salcines has received numerous honors from civic groups and bar organizations for spearheading outstanding legal community service programs. He

was awarded the University of South Florida's President's Distinguished Citizen Award in 1993 and Distinguished Service Award in 1996. The City of Tampa recognized him as Hispanic Man of the Year in 1993. Born to immigrants of Spain, Judge Salcines became the first Spanish-speaking assistant U.S. attorney in 1964.

Judge Salcines was knighted by King Juan Carlos of Spain, who inducted him into the Royal Order of Queen Isabella in 1979. Judge Salcines is a widely recognized authority on the history of Spanish heritage in Tampa, Cuba's revolutionary figure José Martí and the Spanish-American War.

Last year's gala honored football legend Lee Roy Selmon with Stetson's inaugural Tower Award for his years of service to the Tampa Bay community.

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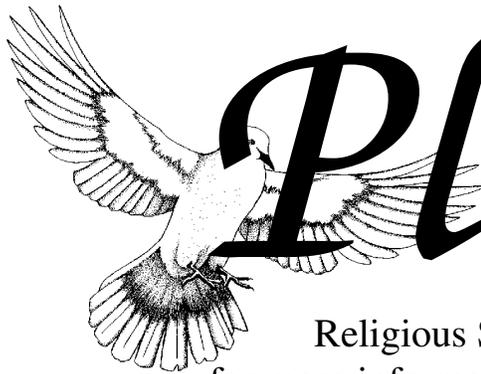
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## Suncoast Sax Quartet in Concert

The Suncoast Sax Quartet will perform a concert at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 738 Pinellas Point Drive S. in St. Petersburg on Sunday, February 21 at 3 p.m. Free admission, donations accepted. The group plays entertaining music - jazz, dixieland and some classical selections Call 867-6013.

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# Letters

## A Different Point of View

**Dear Editor:** This is in response to William Miller's letter in the Feb. 11, 2010 issue.

A shrimper that operates his boat recklessly and seemingly intentionally endangering other boats is not getting a bad rap. Do not blame the anchored boats that have a right to be near the channel as well as elsewhere. The shrimp boat in question departed the channel on three occasions by a distance of 600 feet on purpose, not by mistake. That's not near the channel. Evidence of the incident should exist on the GPS chart plotter of the offending vessel that would clearly show the intentional course diversion and the

zig-zagging of the shrimp boat in the area 600 feet east of the Gulfport channel. The boat's track history can be easily downloaded from the onboard GPS system onto an SD or other type of external media card for review. The GPS keeps a record of the boats movements.

Of course anchored boats should expect wakes, but the incident I referred to was a wake by a shrimp boat passing as close as 20 feet to other boats at maximum wake speed. This boat went out of his way to zig-zag as close as he could to the anchored boats for a thrill, not once but on three different occasions, maybe more.

As for the strong southwest wind making worse waves that a boat

wake; not so. Anchored boats always feather into the wind and waves, taking both on the bow or nearly so. The waves from the errant shrimp boat were taken on the boats' beam, and that made the effect much worse.

I do agree with Mr. Miller that some anchor lights that are not properly displayed by boats, often causing them to blend into the shore-lit background. Worse yet are the many anchored boats that don't display any anchor light at all, and those offenders endanger the boating public and should be ticketed to their knees. But that does not excuse the shrimp boat barreling through the anchored boats that he surely knew were there at night. He should have maintained his straight course from the first Bay Way Bridge to the Gulfport channel without the intentional 600-foot diversion. What was this captain thinking?

The behavior of this reckless captain should not be brushed aside because of the money brought to the marina nor the short duration of his stay in our area. That's a ridiculous diversion from the facts. The captain should be a responsible good neighbor during his visit ... not a cowboy.

About the live-aboards: The incident in question occurred in St. Petersburg that does not have a no-live-aboard ordinance. So why did Mr. Miller even bring this up. Yes, Gulfport does have a no-live-aboard ordinance that I doubt would survive a Supreme Court challenge. And whose fault would it be if the shrimp boat slammed into a live-aboard boat?

I would like to point out to Mr. Miller, that I am not a live-aboard as reported by Ms. Clifton. I am a full time cruiser who also uses the boat to race and cruise. I am also a prominent yachting writer, and my boat is my experience platform. And these uses of my boat exclude me from the legal live-aboard definition, according to the Florida Supreme Court.

Mr. Miller, get your facts straight before you spout off. Trying to pass the blame for dangerous boat operation on the anchored boats is ridiculous.

Bruce Bingham

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## Letters to the Editor

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## Third Saturday Art Walk

Celebrate a new decade at Gulfport's Third Saturday Art Walk on Saturday, February 20, 6-10 p.m. and absorb Gulfport's authentic "Old Florida" atmosphere. Peruse the work of over 50 artists and crafters, as well as authors, antique dealers and entertainers stretched over a half-mile up and down scenic Beach Boulevard. While browsing the art and craft booths, don't miss Gulfport's unique shops, boutiques and galleries. Enjoy dinner at one of over a dozen fine restaurants within the Art District, now one of the foremost dining destinations in the Bay Area. Live entertainers, including Rebel Pride, Paul Anthony and others will be appearing at venues throughout the Village. Observe the talented artists at work all along Beach & Shore Boulevards, as well as the free glass-blowing demonstrations by award-winning artist Owen Pach at the Industrial Arts Center, who is also offering "Blow Your Own" mini-classes in glass blowing.

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

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## Annual Flea Market & Plant Sale

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg will hold its 53rd Annual Flea Market & Plant Sale at the corner of Park St. and Fifth Ave. S. in St. Petersburg. Thursday, February 25 is Preview Night from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$5. Show continues Friday, February 26 from 9-3 and Saturday, February 27 from 9-1. Event features books, clothing, jewelry, antiques, household items, garden doo dads, plants and more at bargain prices. A homemade lunch will be available Friday and Saturday. Call 381-8920.

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## Community Business Showcase

There will be a Community Business Showcase on Thursday, February 25 at 4:30 p.m. hosted by The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay, 1255 Pasadena Avenue. Representatives from banks, travel agencies, financial institutions and more will be on hand to answer your questions. Taste some of South Pasadena's finest foods.

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The show will display African violets and other gesneriads, and the sale area will have starter and blooming

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Contact Phyllis King at (727) 398-7450 or Glenn Shelton at shelgl@yahoo.com for directions or more information.

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## New Zumba Class

The Gulfport Recreation Center is now offering Zumba classes. Zumba is an international dance cardio workout that incorporates dances

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## Bring Donations to Gulfport Fresh Market

GULFPORT, FL: The Gulfport Merchants Association is now accepting donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs to be distributed to the Gulfport Senior Center Pantry. Bring your donations to the Gulfport Merchants Association tent each Tuesday during the Fresh Market, on Beach Blvd. below 29th Ave. South, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Senior Center Pantry, which offers food and other needed items to struggling Gulfport families, is in great need of donations to keep up with the needs of its clients.

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## Go Red for Women Event at Hickman

Women who support the American Heart Association are joining together for an evening of education and fun for a "Go Red for Women" Event to be held on Tuesday, February 23 from 6-8 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater at 5501 27 Avenue S. in Gulfport. "Healthy Hearts - Happy Hearts" attendees will enjoy refreshments, talk with sponsors and peruse the door prizes to be given away during the evening.

Attendees are asked for a suggested \$10 donation to benefit the American Heart Association. Attendees will receive one ticket for the door prize drawings and will

have the opportunity to hear three short seminars related to nutrition, heart health and wise health care decisions. The speakers for the event include Stacey Robinson, M.D. of Robinson Family Medicine, Karen L. Reese, D.C. of The Joint Spinal Center, and Karen S. Keaton, Esq. of the America Living Will Registry.

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## Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The weather was not so nice for the Sarasota trip but participants enjoyed the garden centers.

The March 11 program will be visiting two local garden center. Banyan Scapes at 932 49 Street S. in Gulfport will begin a program on water-wise plants at 10 a.m. The next stop will be Hazel's Nursery and Garden at 5063 Dartmouth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg which has rare and unusual plants.

Plan to meet at Banyan Scapes on March 11 shortly before 10 a.m. If you plan to drive, call a friend or two to join you or if you need a ride, call a friend to make arrangements.

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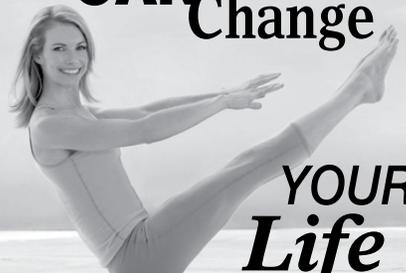
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# The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

Have you been watching the Olympics and do you have a favorite among the events?



**Tony and Katie Stallo, Gulfport:** "Yes, we've been watching and when we can't watch, we TIVO it so we can see all of it. The Snowboard Cross is one of our favorites. We also like the Short Track Speed Skating with Apolo Ohno. If the American figure skaters are doing well, Katie will watch them more than me. I watched a lot of the luge. I thought the officials should have been aware of those exposed poles on that luge course. They had no padding at all and I think they should have already built that wall, especially on those turns and at those speeds. We watched it anyway but it was kind of sad to think that racer could have lived if there had been more precautions on the course. For some reason, we missed the opening ceremonies to the games though; I guess we should have recorded them too. We would have seen the tribute to the guy who died on the luge track. But I'm glad they stopped showing the highlight on TV. It was a gruesome sight."

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**Tammy Garner, St. Pete:** "I've been watching but not every night. I work two jobs so I don't get much TV time. I love to watch the Snowboarding; that's one of my favorites. That red-headed dude is hilarious. He has a great sense of humor and he's an awesome athlete and snowboarder. I heard him give some great interviews. He's so laid back and I like laid-back people. The Winter Olympics are my favorite, rather than the Summer Games. Speed Skating is also one of my favorites. I really like Apolo Ohno; he blew all the other skaters away. He was behind and on the last lap he came from out of nowhere and just passed them all! It was very cool to watch."

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**Rick Foulk, Gulfport:** "I don't usually watch the Olympics, but if I do, I'll watch the skiing, especially the events on the big hills. The bobsledding is always pretty cool too. My girlfriend likes to watch the ice skating. She likes the skiing and the snowboarding. We've only been catching bits and pieces of the games so far."

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## "Ain't Retirement Grand!" Returns

"Ain't Retirement Grand!" opens for a return engagement on Friday, February 19. The play originally premiered at the Players' own Back Door Theater many months ago. Since then, this musical has been touring various communities throughout Florida. Standing ovations have



Pictured (L-R): Bob Hines, Glenn Suyker, Nancy Wright and Cheryl Moore

been the norm for this musical revue of retirement life here in Florida. The play is definitely a musical, but also is a very fast-paced comedy to boot!

The cast is superb in this production! Three of its four cast members appeared in "Gulfport: The Musical".

"Ain't Retirement Grand!" will run on Friday and Saturday, February 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 8 p.m., as well as on Sunday, February 21 and 28 at 2 p.m. The Players' Back Door Theater is located at 4919 17 Avenue S. in Gulfport. Tickets are on sale now for just \$15 each and are available at Eileen's Resale Boutique (located at 5401 Gulfport Blvd. S.), at the door, or by calling Gil directly at 727-343-8560 for reservations. It is suggested that you get your tickets early for this play and don't wait until the last minute! Keep in mind that there is limited seating at this theater.

There is plenty of free parking right at the theater and snacks, beer, and wine are available inside the theater for your convenience. It is recommended that you arrive at the theater at least 45 minutes before the curtain opens.

For more information on this play or the Gulfport Community Players, please visit the Players' photo-packed website at <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>.

## City-Wide Yard Sale in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH, FL: The City of St. Pete Beach hosts its biannual community-wide yard sale, where St. Pete Beach and surrounding city residents can clean out their closets for some extra dough or come seeking treasures. The yard sale will take place rain or shine on Saturday, February 27 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Call 363-9245 to reserve your sale space now!

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## Health and Wellness Fair in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH, FL: The City of St. Pete Beach and the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce have partnered to host the "Building a Healthy Community" Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, February 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fair will be held at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, and is free and open to the public though donations for the Gulf Beaches Relay for Life can be made at the event. A variety of businesses and organizations will be present with products, services and valuable information on health topics for people of every age. Types of vendors include local hospitals and clinics, gyms and fitness programs, spas and massage therapists, natural and organic products and much more. For more information contact the Recreation Division at 363-9256.

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The 15th Annual Gulfport Springfest Street Festival celebration is planned for Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. along historic Beach Boulevard. The event is co-produced by the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and the City of Gulfport. Proceeds to benefit Charities of Gulfport Chamber of Commerce. Bring the whole family, a few friends or a whole crew to enjoy the festivities. The event will host an array of food, art and craft vendors as well as the Bonnet Parade & Hat Contest.

Contest participants are encouraged to create their own hat masterpieces and attend the festivities with simple materials and some creativity. Hats can be fancy, fashionable, weird, cartooned, kitschy or themed. Any materials may be used. There is only one rule - your chapeau must fit over your head! Whether you aspire to become the next great hat designer or are seeking to win the contest, be sure to add lots of embellishments, doo-dads, and goo-gas for the chance to become the judges' champion. Participants will be judged during the parade at 4 p.m. and the winners will be announced immediately following.

Prizes will be given in the following categories: Judges' Favorite, Biggest Hat, Most Creative, Best Pet Hat and "Seriously?". Prizes will include donated items or gift certificates from area merchants.

A children's area will provide

activities for the kids. Additionally, other venues downtown such as the Art Village Courtyard will also feature music and live glass blowing demonstrations at the Industrial Arts Center.

The Spring Fest event is free to the public and free parking is available in and around downtown and the City's historic trolley will offer free rides giving access to more remote parking locations.

Vendors can download an application at [SIKPromotions.com](http://SIKPromotions.com) or call 727-322-5217. For more

information, please contact the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce at 727-344-3711.

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## Women's Club Annual Flea Market

The Pasadena Women's Club Annual Flea Market will be held on February 27 at 8 a.m. with something for everyone. The club is located at the corner of Central Avenue and Sunset Drive. New members are always welcome.

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Advance tickets are strongly suggested in order to assure an adequate supply of fish. Tickets are available at the church office or by calling Les McEwen at 321-3672.

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**Clam Bayou Cleanup**

The City of Gulfport will be hosting the bi-annual Spring Florida Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at Clam Bayou Nature Park (49th St. S. to 19th Ave. S. east to Miriam St.) in Gulfport. People with non-motorized vessels (kayaks and canoes) as well as people traveling via land based are encouraged to sign up at the Clam Bayou the day of the event for an enjoyable day while lending a hand to help keep the Bayou clean.

Beverages and lunch is provided to all dedicated volunteers. For more information on the cleanup, please contact 727-893-1092 or 727-893-1118.

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**Go "Glow" Golfing**

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

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# Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

## ACROSS

- 1 Injures
- 6 \_\_\_ up to: amount to
- 9 Land surrounded by water
- 13 Take \_\_\_: borrow money
- 14 In \_\_\_ of
- 16 Person everyone blames
- 17 Fire from a job
- 18 Boesky or Lendl
- 19 Gamble badly
- 20 Cash substitute at stores
- 23 Letter after wye
- 24 Word before Glory or Testament
- 25 J. Edgar Hoover's crew
- 27 \_\_\_ a living: made money
- 30 Upcoming graduates: abbr.
- 33 Mortgage
- 34 "\_\_\_ Na Na"
- 35 Citrus fruits
- 37 Extra cost for buying on time
- 41 Cowboy's rope
- 42 Snake-shaped fish
- 43 Sajak and Summerall
- 44 Sylvester Stallone's nickname
- 45 Kind of hound

48 Erie, Lehigh Valley, etc.

- 49 Baseball great Mel
- 50 Had dinner
- 52 Old-time jail for deadbeats
- 59 Piece of window glass
- 60 "Three Blind \_\_\_"
- 61 I feel \_\_\_ as a snake!
- 63 Thanks \_\_\_!
- 64 Minor argument
- 65 Dodger shortstop in Hall of Fame
- 66 More or \_\_\_: approximately
- 67 City thoroughfares: abbr.
- 68 Donkeys

## DOWN

- 1 Prince or Holbrook
- 2 Actor Guinness
- 3 Lillian, Philip, or David Lee
- 4 People, Time, and Money
- 5 Sleeper's sound
- 6 "I cannot tell \_\_\_"
- 7 Female opera singer
- 8 Church official
- 9 Eskimo's home: var.
- 10 Before long
- 11 Worst place in a race

12 Summer, in Paris

- 15 \_\_\_ Sam
- 21 Web-footed honkers
- 22 In a strange way
- 25 After everything else
- 26 American flag-maker Ross
- 28 Sounds of satisfaction
- 29 Fixed prices
- 30 Stain or smudge
- 31 Leases
- 32 Supersonic planes
- 33 Diamond and Abner
- 36 Has a great effect on
- 38 Mechanical man
- 39 Letter between oh and cue
- 40 Marriage-vows location
- 46 Tiny particles
- 47 Undresses
- 51 Princess's crown
- 52 Roy Rogers and \_\_\_ Evans
- 53 Baseball great Slaughter
- 54 Wagers
- 55 Beat it!
- 56 Dogs, cats, etc.
- 57 Bullfight shouts
- 58 Win by a \_\_\_
- 59 Buddy
- 62 Unseld, of basketball fame

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# Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

## Not for the Pet Product Cemetery

There are more useless, overpriced products cluttering the pet market than there is snow in Washington this week. But as Beltway residents turn snow into snow angels, it seems a good time to highlight some worthy pet products -- products that belong in the home and not in the pet product cemetery.

Canine car seats or crates: This may seem absurd to some, as dogs have been hopping into the backs of pickup trucks since Henry Ford unveiled the first factory-assembled pickup in 1925 -- with a pricetag of \$281. Clearly, times have changed. There are now more vehicles, moving at higher speeds, traveling for longer distances, on vastly more complex roads, not to mention highways. And that's not all that's changed. Most cities and many towns have passed laws or ordinances prohibiting animals from riding unrestricted in open beds. This is for the safety of

the pet, as well as other motorists. Pets jumping or falling out of truck beds or car windows force oncoming drivers to swerve and possibly cause an accident. Car seats for dogs are as important as car seats for kids.

Pet-alert decals for home windows: I don't know what genius came up with this simple idea, but it's a winner. Pet owners can affix Pet Alert decals to a prominent window or glass door of their home. These bright red and white stickers include a place for the owner to fill in the details -- number of pets, type of pet and even your pet's name. Emergency units responding to a call to your residence can determine whether there is anyone inside who might need rescuing. And the decals serve as potential deterrents to burglars and other ne'er-do-wells. Pet Alert decals can be ordered online, found in some pet supply stores or may even be available through your local fire department.

Microchip technology: Whoever says technology causes more harm than good has never lost a dog. About the

size of a grain of rice, a microchip carrying an ID number is implanted into the animal by a vet using a hypodermic needle. The procedure is considered about as painful as a vaccination shot, and costs range from \$25 to \$65 -- far less than the cost of printing fliers and offering rewards should your dog go missing. The next step is to register your dog with an agency. Agency fees vary, but the chip is useless if your pet is not registered. The agency records the pet's chip ID number, along with the correlating contact information for you and your vet. Most veterinarians and shelters are equipped with scanners that can read these chips, and that's how some 1,400 lost pets are reunited with their owners every day. Collars with tags are important, too, but they sometimes disappear.

Products that improve visibility: Fluorescent leashes and collars may appear gaudy in the light of day, but they look downright smart when walking a dog late at night. And another useful tool for walking your dog in the dark is a flashlight.

I don't typically pitch products, but this one earns an exception. I live in a rural area where there's no such thing as a streetlight for miles in any direction. Come sundown, though, I still have to walk the dogs. So when I heard about the Rogue dual-output LED flashlight from Icon, I wanted to try it out. Made of aluminum, it's as light as a cell phone and small enough to slip into a pocket. It's designed for the outdoors and feels practically indestructible. But what won me over is the LED light and custom grip -- it's so bright and easy to handle that I no longer stumble around in the dark trying to keep up with three dogs blessed with night-vision.

While there are myriad pet products deserving of an immediate headstone in the pet product cemetery, each of these stands out as a worthy investment for pet owners.

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# Horoscope Guide

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll solve a mystery. You'll get instinctual knowledge, but will be unable to substantiate it right away. You'll be correct, and yet the others may not agree. So take your information and lay it out in front of you. Examine all of the pieces, and figure out how they fit together. Friday brings a satisfying answer.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You're working on something big, and it's probably starting to affect your domestic life, relationships and job. What's going on in your inner world is more important than keeping up around the house. Friends start to wonder about you, and the boss casts suspicious glances. Follow through with your ideas. Make it real.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You can't possibly start out with a proper perspective on your situation. It's only natural that you would see things too closely. To free yourself, you must make the effort to detach and rise above the situation. Reading about how other people in the world are living will help you gain a healthier and more empowering view.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Someone is on your mind, and the feelings aren't resolved. In theory, you might enjoy it if this person ached to be near you. However, in actuality, you would only be pleased for a few minutes, and then you would be seriously annoyed. Things are the way they are for a reason. Your current status is a good one.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You could argue with reality, but that would be silly. It is what it is, and wanting it to be different won't change a thing. But if you can close your eyes and go somewhere beautiful for a few minutes, you'll find that when you open them again, things will have changed. Your absence and presence alters destiny.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll be on the move. Exercise helps

you work out your life, especially walking. When you journey through the streets, your mind walks through ideas. You may not even be conscious of the process, but with each step you'll get a little more clear about what you think, how you want to behave and what to do next.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a fine line between self-care and self-involvement. Can you nurture yourself without becoming overly focused on all things "you"? This week brings a good balance. The fact is that you've been giving like crazy and now it's time to give to yourself. The good you do for yourself, you will simultaneously be doing for others.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't mind confronting people with the truth, and you certainly aren't afraid to do so. That's why it's important to use good judgment this week. There's a lot that doesn't need to be said. Your actions will say it all, especially if you simply walk away in favor of finding company with those you know you can trust.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have your feelers out, looking for new connections. Your network will grow this week, and it's your job to make sure it grows in a way that will enhance your life. Consider the basic nature of people before you befriend them. If you choose nice people, then later you won't have to tell anyone to be nice.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's natural, from time to time, to feel depleted by life. It will happen during this busy week, and you can take this as a signal to stop everything and dip into your greatest energy source -- the love in your heart. The love inside you has the potential to change the world. Of course, you have to give it away first.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll see a way to improve things, but it may not be your place to speak up about it. Or perhaps the timing is

just wrong. But rest assured, there are a few other people thinking the same thing you are thinking about the situation. So when you feel the moment is right to speak up, you'll have support.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A project is wearing on your nerves. Is this really something you can learn from? Will it really put more money or more beauty into your world? Hopefully, you have encouraging friends who will reiterate to you that this is not a lost cause. There is something great and workable in your endeavor. Do not give up yet!

**This Week's Birthdays:** You'll stand independently when you need to prove something. And you'll also work harmoniously with others, as teamwork is your preferred way of getting things done. A loving relationship develops in an even more supportive direction over the next 10 weeks. Your project gets a green light in March. April brings a stroke of financial good fortune. You could move into a new home or refinance the one you have in June. July brings together family and friends for an important celebration.

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There will be a great assortment of vintage fun for sale at Antiques in the Park, including estate jewelry, old pottery, art, china and glassware, clocks, old beer signs, tools, linens, toys, and furniture. Admission and parking for the public is free. The rain date for the show is the next day, Sunday, March 7. Antique dealers should call 727-421-0441 for registration.

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## Helping Hands for Kids in Need



Pictured: Keli Mondello, Frances Vitale, meeting chairwoman, Denise Slater and Jean Jaworowski, GWC President

The Gulfport Women’s Club held the February 10 meeting at the TownShores Club house. The guest speakers were Keli Mondello and Denise Slater from Angels Against Abuse, Inc. This volunteer organization provides support, monetarily and through hands-

on volunteer hours, to neglected and abused children who are removed from abusive situations. The mission of Angels Against Abuse, Inc. is to build awareness and educate the community with regard to existing neglect and abuse against children. The members of GWC donated hundreds of items that children need, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, stuffed animals, puzzle books, cards and story books. Mondello and Slater told of the problems in the county and the need for help to care for the children when they are removed from their homes. This organization works along with many other organizations that care for children such as Sally House, Social Services and Foster Care program, etc. GWC donated \$100 to help with the needs of the children. Many members supported the organization by becoming members.

The Gulfport Women’s Club is a volunteer organization working to better the lives of children and seniors in Gulfport. Anyone interested in joining this organization, please call Grace at 381-8369 or send a check for \$25 made out to the Gulfport Women’s Club for an annual membership to Gulfport Women’s Club, POB 5036, Gulfport, FL 33737.

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### ACTIVITIES

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

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

### PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

• Zumba- Starts Thursday, March 4th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Daniela at 561-302-6174 for more info.

**CLASSES - Call instructor for more information**

• AAYA Cheerleading- Tues. 6-7:45 p.m. Call AAYA at 813-885-2292

• AAYA Dance- 6-8:45 p.m. Call AAYA at 813-885-2292

• Basic Drawing- Thurs., 1-3 p.m. Call Doug at 643-2554

• Dog Obedience - Call Lisa at 772-3631.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Sumyie -Wed., 6 p.m. Call Mike at 320-5035.

• Stretch and Tone, Tues. & Thurs., 9-10 a.m. Call Jean 302-9423

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

• Tennis - Tues., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call Jack at 430-0690.

• Watercolor with Margo - Tues. 10 a.m.- Noon. Call Margo at 347-1859

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

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



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

**Testing for 2010 Census Jobs:** Tuesdays through February, 3:00-6:00 pm. FMI: go online at www.2010censusjobs.gov or call toll-free: 1-866-861-2010.

**AARP Tax Aid:** Fridays through April 9. Doors open at 10:00 am, no new clients admitted after 3:00 pm. A free service for seniors & others on low or fixed incomes. First-come, first-served. Bring all tax papers and a copy of last year's return.

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

**Exhibition of Works by Helen Mullin:** Through February 25.

**Crafts Club for All Ages:** Saturdays, February 20 & 27, 2:00 pm. Presented by Pat Brinkley.

**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.)

**Coffee/Talk Book Club:** Thursday, February 18, 10:00 am. Discussion of The Hobbit, by J. R. R. Tolkien. Books / discussion guides are available at the Reference Desk.

**The G & O Book Club:** Saturday, February 20, 1:30 pm. Philosophical discussion group based on the works of mystic G. I. Gurdjieff and philosopher P. D. Ouspensky.

**Coffee/Talk Movie:** "Secrets of Middle Earth: The Fellowship of the Ring" (Kultur Video, 2003). Wednesday, February 24, 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.)

**Genealogy Discussion Group:** Saturday, February 27, 1:00 pm.

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# Services *City Sponsored Activities* *in the Community*

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

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Join our E-mail List:

Send us your e-mail at cdean@mygulfpport.us and we will send you our monthly activity calendar and flyers.

**Annual Senior Follies:** Our annual Senior Follies is scheduled for Fri. Mar. 26 at 7pm in the Hickman Theater. This annual event offers a variety of entertainment and always sells out quickly. Tickets (\$7.00) are available at the Senior Center.

### New: Beginners and Open Studio:

A new art Class for beginners will be offered on Mondays from 4-6pm starting on Mon. Feb. 22nd. This will also be an open studio for the more experienced artists. Call the Senior Center now to reserve space in this free class.

**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.

**AARP Driving Classes:** are held on the first two Tuesdays of every month from 1-4pm. Call 343-9044 to register and fee info.

### Senior Center Activities Held Off Site:

**Yoga** - Every Wed. at noon, Gulfport Casino.

**Chair Yoga** - every Wed. at 1:30pm, Gulfport Casino.

**Line Dancing Class** - every Thurs. at 9:30am, Gulfport Casino.

**Tai Chi** - Every Tues. & Thurs at 9am, Gulfport Rec Center

All classes are free but must be a registered Senior Center member to attend.

**Movie Day:** - Cabaret on Mon. Feb. 22 at 12:45pm in Hickman Theater. Free.

### 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 so call early.

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

**Wii Bowling:** every Thurs. at 1pm and every first and third Tues. at 6:30pm. More bowlers are needed for the evening sessions so 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 Tues. at 10am. Great quilting projects! Newcomers welcome!

**Writers Group:** Share your creative stories, essays, etc. with our Writers Group every Fri. at 10am.

### Ongoing Support Groups:

Diabetic Support (Every Mon. at 10am)

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

Vision Support (2nd & 4th Mon at 2pm)

### Coming in March

Advanced Directives Presentation, Mon. Mar. 8 at 6pm

Transportation Fair, Wed. Mar. 24 at 1:30pm

Census Info, Mon. 4-6pm (starts Mar. 22)

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6:30-1st Timers, 7-8-Beg. Lesson,  
8-10:30pm Practica/Milonga

**Every Wednesday**

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

**Every Thursday**

7-10pm-**Salsa Dance** \$7

7-8:30pm Lessons,

8:30-10pm Dance

## Get Rescued... In Gulfport

Get Rescued...In Gulfport, the animal rescue festival and fundraiser, is preparing for its sixth annual event to take place on Saturday, February 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Animal rescue organizations, many appearing with adoptable pets, take over Beach Blvd. to raise money and awareness for their causes. Additionally, animal-related vendors, artists and crafters offer their wares to festival-goers. Each year, hundreds of attendees, many accompanied by their own canine companions, make their way to Gulfport to participate in what has become a beloved tradition.

Pet related activities include agility contests, a pet and their people dance contest, training demos and more. Come meet the author, Allison Cesario Paton, and get a signed copy from The Mrs. Bundle Mystery Series-they make great gifts for your fellow pet-lovers! Visit the Chihuahua Pavilion for fun contests where contestants will participate in the Mexican Hat dance, bring their best dressed Fidos and a look-a-like contest.

Participants are encouraged to bring donations of dog and cat food and cat litter to be distributed to the rescues. This popular event, which GMA helps to sponsor, has evolved from one block and a handful of animal rescue groups in its first year to a popular and beloved event representing over 60 animal rescue groups from throughout the region. It is one of the largest such events in

the nation. All proceeds from vendor fees and sponsors benefit the non-profit rescue groups.

One component which continues this year is a Get Rescued Celebration held later in the evening after the daytime event. This year, the celebration will be held at the Gulfport Casino from 7-11 p.m. Festivities will include music and dancing, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, opportunity drawings and silent auctions with a wide variety of items provided by Gulfport merchants and supporters of the individual rescues. \$20 tickets for the celebration will be available in advance at Reef Dog or Domain Home Accessories, or tickets can be purchased at the door.

Supporters can become involved in Get Rescued by sponsoring an individual animal rescue group for \$50, which will include a prominent sign at that group's Beach Blvd. booth. Additionally, donations of merchandise or gift certificates for the silent auction and drawings will be appreciated. Get Rescued is proudly sponsored/co-sponsored by the City of Gulfport, The Gulfport Merchants Association, Pet Angel and more. The daytime event is free for the public to attend.

For more information, visit [GetRescuedinGulfport.com](http://GetRescuedinGulfport.com) or contact Lynda Shehan at 727-323-3892 or email [nlringmaster@aol.com](mailto:nlringmaster@aol.com). Pet friendly vendors and rescue groups can download the applications at [SIKPromotions.com](http://SIKPromotions.com) or call 727-322-5217.

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Stetson Law's Hispanic students have established a strong tradition of community and public service. David Fernandez, president of Stetson's Hispanic Bar Association, made history on Feb. 11 when he became the first law student to receive the Clearwater Bar Foundation Excellence in Pro Bono Award. Fernandez received the award for his work to provide Spanish-speakers with access to legal documents through a translation project.

Stetson's HBA was also honored for extraordinary service by the Florida Supreme Court with the Chief Justice's Voluntary Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award in 2006.

The Hispanic Outlook gathered statistics on the top 25 law schools from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System. The magazine reports on the top U.S. law schools for Hispanics every year.

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## New Chief Sworn In

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Gulfport Mayor Mike Yakes congratulates Gulfport Police Chief Robert Vincent at his swearing in ceremony at the beginning of the City Council meeting Tuesday night.



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## Local Obituaries

**CONERY, PAULINE A.**, 84, of Gulfport, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, at Abbey Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, where she received loving care. She was Catholic and a member of Holy Name Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Quincy and Mary Ann Kelly; first husband Guyton H. Barineau; second husband Philip Conery; and brother Haywood Kelly. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Lynda F. Tyrrell and Gerald J. Sirgey; son Terry G. Barineau (Sylvia); step daughter Mary Ann Conery; step sons Murray and Wayne Conery; brothers Herschel and Dale Kelly; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Tallahassee. ALifeTribute Funeral-Care - Gulfport.

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**KELLER, MILLARD LAURIE**, 57, USMC Vietnam War Veteran, of Gulfport, died Feb. 6, 2010. To sign guestbook and to read full obituary visit: [www.veteransfuneralcare.com](http://www.veteransfuneralcare.com), 727-524-9202.

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**KOLLEN, ROBERT B., "BOB"**, of South Pasadena, died Feb. 5, 2010. Born in Cambridge, MA; WWII Air Force veteran; attorney with the Office of Chief Counsel in Atlanta, GA; appointed by President Jimmy Carter to Senior Executive Service; retired in 1980 to St. Petersburg. He is survived by daughters, Barbara Boggess & Betty Cagle & 6 grandchildren.

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**LECLAIR, CHRISTINA M.**, 84, of Gulfport, passed away in her sleep at home on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and wife of John A. Le Clair for 60 years. She was a great friend to many. She grew up in Revere, MA and moved to Gulfport with her husband over 25 years ago. She loved her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her poker games with brother Fred Caissie and her husband John. She loved to play Bingo every Mon-

day night at Holy Name and enjoyed all the friends throughout the years she had made there. She loved her best friend of many years Dorothy Bernard and enjoyed weekly lunch dates with her and her daughter Linda at KC' Restaurant. Tuesday night was especially important to her, family night watching American Idol. She is survived by her sons, Robert, Peter, William, Edward (wife Diane), and Fred Le Clair. Daughters Linda Hilton, Patricia Reilly, Teresa Frazier (husband Tim) and Mildred Mazzone (husband Mark), her sister Teresa Kearns of Revere, MA and her brother Fredrick Caissie of St. Petersburg. She will be missed by her children, her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Christina was preceded in death by her sons John and George Le Clair. A Celebration of Life Service will be Friday, Feb. 19th at A Life Tribute Funeral Home, 5601 Gulfport Blvd. S., Gulfport from 1-2 p.m. Following service will be at Positive Impact, 2750 34 St. S., St. Petersburg at 2:30. Please come and join us in the celebration of her life.

### Prayer for Our Mom

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I ask You Lord, my mom to keep,  
Walk with her through each new day,  
Be the light that guides her way,  
Give her rainbows 'midst the rain'  
And comfort her in times of pain,  
Give her windows, open doors,  
And faith to travel unknown shores,  
And when she wakes to meet the dawn,  
Make Yours the face she looks upon.

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**SCHLANGER, MICHAEL**, 82, of South Pasadena, passed away Feb. 11, 2010. Michael served in the Korean War where he earned seven service medals. He also worked as a lithographer for many years. Michael is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years Ella; sons David and Tom (Inez); and grandchildren Sarah & Ben. Graveside services will be 10:30 am Sunday in Chapel Hill Memorial Park, Largo. Guestbook @ [davidc-gross.com](http://davidc-gross.com) David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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**STARBUCK, LILLIAN CORDIER**,

91, of South Pasadena, died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, at Hospice House Woodside. She came here in 1958 from her native Hartford, CT. She was Roman Catholic. Beloved mother of daughters, Denise C. Dowling, Clearwater, Donna M. Aitchison, South Pasadena, Diane M. Chavez, Dunedin; sons, Robert E. Cordier, Greenville, SC, Edward P. Cordier, St. Petersburg; 21 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandson. A memorial service will be held at 7pm on Monday, Feb. 15, 2010 at Hospice Woodside Chapel, 6770-102 Ave. N. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to Suncoast Hospice. Visit the family's personalized online Guestbook at [www.AndersonMcQueen.com](http://www.AndersonMcQueen.com). Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home Tyrone Chapel, 727-347-6636.

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## Grief Support Group Continues

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## 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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## Scranton Club of Florida to Host Reception

SCRANTON, PA: The Scranton Club of Florida will host a reception in Saint Pete Beach on Friday, February 19, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Don CeSar Beach Resort, 3400 Gulf Boulevard. Reservations can be made with The University of Scranton Alumni Office. For more information or to make a reservation, call 1-800-SCRANTON or visit [www.scranton.edu/SoutheastTour](http://www.scranton.edu/SoutheastTour). Reservations are limited to three guests per event.

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# City Whys?

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By Kate Bradshaw

## City of St. Pete Beach

**Q:** The City of St. Pete Beach City Commission recently discussed adopting an "action-only" minutes policy. What does this mean, and how will it affect our ability to find out what happened at meetings we couldn't attend?

**A:** Currently, the minutes from city commission meetings as well as those of 12 other boards are verbatim – essentially play-by-play accounts that paraphrase everything that gets said. "Action-only" minutes, on the other hand, basically list the agenda items and how the commissioners voted on them. The former can take considerably longer to prepare, which some say is an unnecessary strain on city staff as well as the budget, given that video from all meetings is now posted on the Web at [stpetebeach.org](http://stpetebeach.org). The corresponding agenda for a given meeting is posted alongside the video stream. Viewers can click on the agenda item they want to see discussed, and the video will jump to footage of said discussion. Commissioners generally seemed to be in favour of the new system. "I support this 110 percent. Written minutes can be extremely misleading, even in excruciating detail," said Commissioner Jim Parent. "It doesn't lie to you. You can see it right there. This is an intelligent way to do it." It was unclear whether the video files will be backed up with hard copies.

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## Adopt a Gulfport Little Leaguer

By Tim Coppola

Gulfport Little League registration is at an all time low. Families are not able to pay the \$50 registration fee necessary to run the League. As you know, the economy has affected either one or both parents due to loss of employment and other economic factors. The extras are just not possible.

The City of Gulfport continues to support and sponsor the overall

Gulfport Little League program, but they cannot do it alone. Whether you are an interested person wanting to help one child or a business that would like to sponsor a team, we desperately need your help.

Gulfport Little League's motto this year is "If you want to play, we will find a way". No child will be turned away. Parents, register your children for Little League. Kids need the opportunity not only to play ball, but it will keep them active, healthy, teaching them teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship and keep them off

the streets. Interested individual sponsors or business sponsors can call Tim Coppola at 727-458-2461. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Let's play ball!

And don't forget the Gulfport Little League Opening Day on Saturday, March 6! The parade starts at 10 a.m. from the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S., travels east on Shore, then north on Beach Blvd. S and leads to The Tomlinson Park Complex at Lum Atkinson Field at 1820 55 Street S. in Gulfport.

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## Town Shores Golf

Now is the time to get your reservation in for the February golf outing to be held on Saturday, February 27. Get your group together or they will partner you in a foursome. This event is open to all men and women owners, renters and guests at Town Shores.

The outing will be held at the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club in Palmetto, a short drive over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. The price of \$45 includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, beverages and prizes. Registration will be from 7:45-8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Make checks out to the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club and all checks or reservations must be in by Monday, February 22. They need to let the course know how many are coming. Please get checks ASAP to Gene Marckini at 345-4483, Lew Lamb at 343-3046, Chester Halgas at 384-2093 or Jim Walters at 343-0459.

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## Lifeguard Certification Class

ST. PETE BEACH: St. Pete Beach Aquatics is offering classes to become a certified Lifeguard at the pool beginning in March. All classes are located at the St. Pete Beach pool, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Students must be at least 15 years old and complete a pre-course swimming and diving test. The class fee is \$125 for residents and \$150 for non-residents. The Aquatic Center is also offering challenge courses for people who already have the course knowledge and want to test for their certification. Call 363-9264.

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## Win a Professional Landscape Consult

The Industrial Arts Center in Gulfport has joined hands with Christopher Ross ASLA Landscape Design to give one lucky Tampa Bay homeowner help with turning their ugly yard into a Florida friendly landscape they and their neighbors will love. Landscape 911, a fundraiser for the non-profit 3D arts teaching facility, is open for entries now until March 31. The grand prize winner will receive a professional landscape plan by Christopher Ross plus a few gifts to get them started. In celebration of Earth Day 40, the winner will be announced on April 21. The contest is open to homeowners in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.

To enter, homeowners are asked to send 250 words about why their landscape needs help. The short essay should be accompanied by up to five supporting documents such as photos, complaints from neighbors or code violations. A panel of judges, including Ross, will choose the grand prize winner. The entry fee is \$25.

The grand prize will be a professional consultation and custom landscape plan valued at more than \$1,000, donated by Ross, a well known local landscape architectural designer and consultant. Lots of prizes will be awarded in a random drawing from all entries at the conclusion of the contest, including gardening gift certificates, Industrial Arts Center memberships, Blow Your Own Glass Masterpiece certificates, and hand-blown glass art.

The Grand Prize is a professional consultation and custom Florida friendly landscape plan that includes Ross' advice on installation and planting. This includes the initial site visit and consultation to evaluate the site, the condition of the landscape, and to discuss the winner's lifestyle and dreams for their external space. There will be two follow-up visits. One to discuss the initial concept for the plan and the second to present the final design. Installation and materials are not included, except those donated by event sponsors.

Entries may be mailed to the Industrial Arts Center at 2902A Beach Boulevard S., Gulfport, FL 33707. For more information, please contact the Industrial Arts Center

at [www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org](http://www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org) or call 727-289-9365.

For information about participating as a sponsor, please call Amy at the Industrial Arts Center 727-289-9365. Sponsors will be featured on all printed promotional materials, mass emails, and posted on the Industrial Arts Center website.

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## The Garden Club of St. Petersburg

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg will be holding a Coffee & Garden Crafts Workshop on Monday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Garden Center, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. A materials fee of \$3.50 for Garden Club members and \$4.50 for guests and the general public will be charged to cover supplies. The workshop will be on "Making

Felt Flowers". All craft workshops are open to the public. Please bring your own scissors, pencil and small paint brushes. Coffee and tea will be furnished. Call Betty Martin at 343-2255 for more information.

The Club will be holding its Horticulture for Weekend Gardeners, (aka the "Night Bloomers" Circle) on Tuesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at the Garden Center. The program will be on "How to Pot, Grow & Propagate African Violets", by Jo Ann Henderson and Pat Strawn and will cover every thing you need to know to successfully grow African Violets.

For additional information please contact Derri Davison at [derridavison@hotmail.com](mailto:derridavison@hotmail.com) or (727) 423-7644. Meetings are open to the public but there will be a \$5 charge for non-members of the Garden Club to help cover speaker expense.

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## Back to the Future?

If you're excited about the prospect of riding a high speed train from Tampa to Orlando (about an hour) and back, you're going to have to wait several years. The \$1.5 billion of borrowed money that Washington appears to be ready to send us, will barely get us through the planning stage.

Planning includes where train stations will be, parking lots, local public transit systems tie-ins, purchasing rights-of-ways, and planned extensions of the line down to Miami and back up to Jacksonville and on to Tallahassee.

Then, the problem becomes funding the line - Tampa to Orlando - and equipment itself. That has to come from the state (that's us, but so is the federal money), and the total may amount to two or three times this original money. In reality, since it will take several years to complete, and costs are never what they are advertised, we can probably add a couple of billion more

Oh, I forgot, we're going to need more capital to start the operations. That's people to run the trains, guard and inspect the tracks, maintain the trains, sell and collect tickets, handle baggage, and so forth. Hopefully, fares will come in quickly enough before the capital start-up dollars run out. Also, hopefully, there'll be enough profit to cover the outlay of money spent in building it. However, if it's not enough, taxpayer dollars will be available. After all, taxpayers build the infrastructures for highways and airports.

The purpose of all this, of course, is to be able to ride a train from Tampa to Orlando at high speeds. Well, not high speeds (like 200 mph) all the way because there will be a stop in Lakeland, then Disney and finally Orlando. So, it can be done in an hour (about 100 miles). Maybe.

In the meantime, you can take a train now. That's right. A train runs twice a day out of Tampa and I'm certain there's a return train. One

web site mentioned \$10 for one-way. I'm not certain that's the real fare because I had trouble with the web-site. Nonetheless, you can get there by train and arrange for hotels and transportation before you get there. Total time enroute was listed as one hour and 51 minutes. That doesn't include getting there a little early to make certain you don't miss the train. However, there's no mention of security check-in. Amtrack operates the line, by the way.

Side benefits of a high speed rail include potentially reducing the auto traffic along I-4 which always seems to need one more lane than it has. Reduced traffic reduces the need for more roadways and cuts down pollution, accidents, and so forth. Construction jobs will be created (with borrowed money), and the excitement of a high speed train could bring in more tourists on each side of the state. The dream is really for a major coordinated public transportation system tying in the airports, towns like St. Pete, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and Miami, as well as the local transit systems.

Most elected officials are for it, money or not. However, I'm wondering if it is a back to the future project. The railroads ran the canals out of business and the highway systems crippled the passenger side of railroads. There are some exceptions and I acknowledge that the railroads helped the process along, and that Amtrak is somewhat self-destructive. Railroad freight systems, however, are doing just fine.

The biggest problem, however, is that Americans are still wedded to their cars and the convenience and versatility they provide them. The extensive road systems feed that hunger. Those systems, started in mid-1950s, helped create the suburbs damaging not only railroads, but cities. There are some signs that people are moving back into the cities, but they're taking their cars with them. Short of creating a moratorium on road building, limiting or banning cars, I doubt this will change.

What is really needed is a game changing transportation invention similar to the revolution that did in the horses and horse drawn carriages. Of course, that's why we have the problems we have now.

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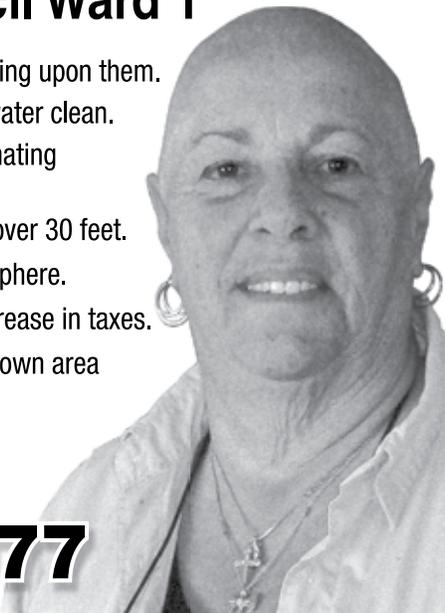
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The \$1,000 drawing is Tuesday, February 23. Tickets are on sale in the lounge, but you better hurry, they are going fast.

Volunteers are needed for our annual charity golf tournament (proceeds for All Children's Hospital & Hospice). This has been our largest single charity event, going into our 17th year. It is crucial that we get additional help to maintain this fine and worthwhile tradition. You don't have to play golf, we need helpers to get prizes and sponsors. No experience necessary, we will be happy to train you. A meeting will be held on Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Post. Any questions, please call Bill Jonas at (727) 384-6293.

Join us for dinner on Friday & Saturday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. The Southern Knights band plays after dinner both nights. Wednesday nights we have bingo starting at 6 p.m. Food is available during bingo. Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. join us for euchre.

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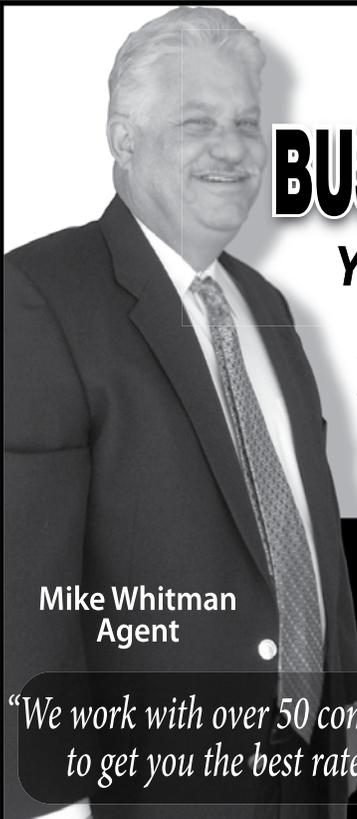
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In just 34 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We'll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, places, and above all the decade of each picture as it comes along. To make it a little bit of a challenge, we won't publish the correct caption until the following week.

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### **LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:**

Courtney Sawyer (1879-1946) was the boat-builder pictured last week. The son of a prominent Key West resident, he came to Gulfport about 1909 and married one of Rebecca Arnold Slaughter Barnett's granddaughters. In the 1930s, while trying to launch his boat the Sandra, it slipped backwards into the water, jinxing it for all time, in his opinion.



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## Sale into the Nautical Flea Market

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Cost for a 10x10 space is \$10, so sign up now as space is limited. Slip renters are free. Please bring your own table. For more information, contact Harbormaster, Denis Frain (727) 893-1071.

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## 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.

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## Giving Manatees a Helping Hand

The Habitat Florida Manatee program will splash into the Tampa Bay area with a series of manatee habitat cleanups this March.

Kayak Nature Adventures will provide kayaks and eco-tours free of charge during the cleanups. Come on out and enjoy the tour, learn about your water resources and fill a bag of trash during the trip.

"The protection and preservation of our precious manatee habitat is largely in the hands of the people. Our goal is to provide a recreational outlet and give residents and visitors the opportunity to be part of this extremely important and exciting adventure," said Kurt Zuelsdorf, a 20-year resident of Gulfport and owner/operator of Kayak Nature Adventures, LLC. Zuelsdorf has been nationally recognized for his

environmental efforts in and around Pinellas County.

Clam Bayou, Bear Creek, Terra Ceia Preserve, Cross Bayou, Coffee Pot Bayou and Weeki Wachee River are on the agenda to give the manatee a helping hand.

For more information and for participant registration in the Habitat Florida Manatee program, please visit <http://kayaknature.com/>.

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## Adult Basic Sailing School

Boca Ciega Yacht Club will be offering a five week Adult Basic Sailing Class beginning Wednesday,

March 3. The course includes five Wednesday evening classes as well as four weekend waterfront sailing sessions. Students will put classroom theories into practice sailing the club's Catalina 16.5 feet. Cost is \$225 per person including all classroom materials and an U.S. Sailing Association Basic Keelboat manual. Participants will receive a complementary three month membership. With a 2:1 student teacher ratio this is the most reasonably priced program in the Tampa Bay area. For registration information, visit [www.sailbcyc.org](http://www.sailbcyc.org) or call Jennifer Rogers at 727-345-7544. Pre-registration is required.

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## Meet the Artist

Meet National award winning artist Ronald L. Marvin, Jr. on February 20 from 11-3 p.m. at Vincent William Gallery, 320 Corey Avenue in St. Pete Beach. Free admission. Call 363-1334.

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## South Pasadena Annual Scholarship Award

South Pasadena residents and high school graduating students of the City of South Pasadena have until May 31, 2010 to apply for the City's annual \$1,000 scholarship award. Applicants must have been City residents for the past two years and been accepted at an accredited college, university, trade or technical school.

A copy of the prior year Federal Income Tax Return for applicant or any other person(s) who claimed applicant as a dependent on a Federal Income Tax Return is required.

Applications are available at City Hall, 7047 Sunset Drive S., South Pasadena and at ci.south-pasadena.fl.us. For more information, call the City Clerk's office at 347-4171.

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## USCG Safe Boating Classes in Gulfport

Boating Skills and Seamanship is a 13-week course offered every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-16 located at 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport. Lessons include a 400-page manual and a class covering basic

charting in local waters. For the \$40 fee you also are awarded a certificate at the end of the course and a chance to learn everything you need to know to feel secure on the water.

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

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## February is Feline Spay Month

The SPCA Tampa Bay is offering 100 free cat spay/neuter surgeries to people with limited income beginning through February 25. Applicants must apply in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-4 p.m. with a recent 1040 form. Pet owners, please do not bring your cats to this initial appointment. For more information, contact 727-586-3591 or visit their website at [www.spcatampabay.org](http://www.spcatampabay.org). Shelter is located at 9099 130 Avenue N. Hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 11-7 p.m.; Friday, 11-6 p.m.; Saturday, 11-5 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m. and Monday closed.

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## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren offers support groups on the second and fourth Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. at Family Resources, 3821 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg and at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27 Avenue S. in Gulfport on the last Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. They provide support, referrals, legal guidance, and resources.

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## Extra Sculpting Supplies Needed

The children in the School Year Child Care Program are making sculptures and are in need of sculpting tools. Their current creations will be made out of plaster of paris. Anything you can donate will help them explore their creativity. All donations can be dropped off at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard S. Call 727-893-1068 with any questions.

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## Town Shores Red Hatters

The "Happy Hour" for all dues paying members and husbands and/or significant other will be held on Friday, February 26 in the clubhouse lounge from 4-5:30 p.m. Beverages will be provided, although if you would like to bring an hor d'oeuvre, it would be most appreciated. Call Julie at 343-6587 or Judy at 344-7558 today.

On Wednesday, March 3 they have planned a bus trip to Lake Hamilton. Plan to leave from the gazebo on 59th St. at 9:45 a.m. and return about 4 p.m. They will explore the "Barns", do some shopping and have lunch at the tearoom called "The Backporch". Call Gerry DeRaco at 345-2408 or Betty at 345-0445 for information and to deliver your check for \$39. All reservations and checks must be in by Friday, February 26. Space on the bus in first come, first served.

Bunko will be on Friday, March 12.

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## Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on February 24 at 1 p.m. and learn about Tree Basics. Join me for some great information on tree care in our area. We do have some unique requirements for growing healthy trees. Anyone who has a group can contact me at 384-0701 to tour the park.

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

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## 2010 Pinellas County AARP Tax Sites

Free tax preparation and assistance begins February 1 through April 15, 2010 for those households with low to moderate incomes for taxpayers of all ages but with an emphasis on those over 60 years of age. Taxpayers must bring social security cards for all persons listed on their tax returns, a picture ID and all pertinent records such as W2's 1099's, other income and credits, etc. Also bring a copy of last year's return if available. Free electronic filing is available at all sites. The locations are as follows:

St. Petersburg:

• Bank of America, 8181 54 Avenue N. Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

• St. James United Methodist Church, 845 87 Avenue N. Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday.

• St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 Ninth Avenue N. Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

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

Gulfport and the Beaches:

• Gulf Beaches Public Library, 200 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach.

Hours: 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

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**Friday 2/5**

**Animal Complaint-** 6200 Blk 8th Ave. S.

**Burglary-** 5300 Blk 12th Ave. S.

**Trespasser-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

**Animal Complaint-** 5900 Blk 15th Ave. S.

**Animal Complaint-** 2000 Blk 49th St. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 5300 Blk 13th Ave. S.

**Criminal Mischief-** 4900 Blk 31st Ave. S.

**Saturday 2/6**

**Noise Complaint-** 2700 Blk 52nd St. S.

**Noise Complaint-** 5800 Blk 11th Ave. S.

**Throw Deadly Missile-** 5000 Blk 11th Ave. S.

**Domestic Battery-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

**Prowler-** 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

**Cruelty to Animals-** 5400 Blk 11th Ave. S.

**Theft-** 1600 Blk 55th St. S.

**Accident with Injuries-** 2900 Blk 49th St. S.

**Narcotics/Drugs-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.

**Sunday 2/7**

**Suspicious Vehicle-** 4900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

**Suspicious Vehicle-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

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

**Domestic Verbal-** 2000 Blk 56th St. S.

**Animal Complaint-** 1600 Blk 55th St. S.

**Trespasser-** 1600 Blk 56th St. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk 8th Ave. S.

**Criminal Mischief-** 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.

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

**Domestic Verbal-** 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

**Animal Complaint-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.

**Street Obstruction-** 5400 Blk 20th Ave. S.

**Monday 2/8**

**Hit & Run-** 1200 Blk 59th St. S.

**Theft-** 2700 Blk 52nd St. S.

**Accident with Injuries-** 5400 Blk 15th Ave. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 2600 Blk 54th St. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 1500 Blk 55th St. S.

**Worthless Document/Check-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk Clinton St. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 2900 Blk 53rd St. S.

**Suspicious Circumstances-** 5200 Blk 18th Ave. S.

**Animal Complaint-** 1600 Blk 52nd St. S.

**Domestic Verbal-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

**Animal Complaint-** 5300 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

**Drunk Person-** 900 Blk Hull St. S.

**Tuesday 2/9**

**Trespasser-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

**Call for Officer-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.

**Street Obstruction-** 4900 Blk 17th Ave. S.

**Prowler-** 2000 Blk 54th St. S.

**Criminal Mischief-** 2600 Blk 52nd Way S.

**Noise Complaint-** 2400 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

**Wednesday 2/10**

**Suspicious Person-** 5300 Blk 14th Ave. S.

**Animal Complaint-** 5400 Blk 9th Ave. S.

**Domestic Verbal-** 2600 Blk 53rd St. S.

**Abandoned Vehicle-** Marina.

**Suspicious Person-** Marina.

**Animal Complaint-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.

**Soliciting-** 2900 Blk 57th St. S.

**Theft-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Thursday 2/11**

**Animal Complaint-** 5400 Blk 9th Ave. S.

**Noise Complaint-** 2900 Blk 54th St. S.

**Truant-** 5800 Blk 9th Ave. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.

**Criminal Mischief-** Veteran's Park.

**Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.

**Domestic Verbal-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

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## Audition for "Cookin' with Gus"

The Gulfport Community Players will be holding auditions for comedy, "Cookin' with Gus" on February 22 and 23 at the Players' Back Door Theater, 4919 17 Avenue S. in Gulfport. Auditions begin at 7 p.m. sharp and will consist of cold script readings. All interested people are urged to try out for a part in this very physical comedy, written by Jim Brochu.

The director for the play will be Judy Ryerson and she will need two women, ages 40 to 60; one male, age 40 to 60; and another male of any age for this fast-paced comedy riot. The Players did this play about 10 years ago, long before the City of Gulfport (or the Players) had any permanent theaters. Even then, it sold out at all performances and the Players have had many requests for a return of this great comedy. It's got a little bit of everything in it - comedy, drama, and even food fights!

The play will run from March 4 through March 14 at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport.

## Community Yard Sale

Quality Self Storage of is hosting a Community Yard Sale at 950 Pasadena Avenue in South Pasadena. The yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, February 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register for a space call 727-345-2197. Tables are not provided. All are welcome to attend this sale. Refreshments and snacks will be available to all in attendance.

They are collecting food drive donations for the Gulfport Senior Center. They can always use your generous donations so don't forget to bring your non-perishable items to the sale.

## We Care for Paws Needs Donations

The We Care for Paws Foundation, a non-profit dog and cat shelter, currently houses over 45 dogs and 30 cats. Most of the animals are unadoptable due to medical problems, behavioral problems or old age, and they will live out their lives in peace at the shelter. We are always in need of items for the animals, such as cat

condos; cat and dog treats, igloo dog houses, beds and toys; shampoo, flea preventatives such as Advantage or Frontline, heartworm preventative tablets (HeartGuard), towels and blankets. As always, cash is needed to help pay for medical expenses. If you would like to donate any of these items, please call Jan at 896-6315.

## New Pickleball League Now Forming

ST. PETE BEACH, FL: The Pickleball trend has been growing

in popularity at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, so much so that a new Wednesday night league is now forming. This league is open to anyone who enjoys the game and wants to take it to the next level with tournament-style play. Teams of two people can register for the 8 to 10 week season for just \$50. Registration is going on now; call the Recreation Division at 363-9245 for details. All games will take place at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive.

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ST. PETE BEACH, FL: The St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center is now registering participants 18 years and older for new Adult Stroke Clinics, focusing on Stroke Technique, Stroke Development, and Stroke Refinement. These clinics are designed for the swimmer looking to improve their front crawl for triathlons, long distance swimming or master events. Pool time will incorporate correction drills and the opportunity to practice and instill the newly-acquired skills. The one-hour clinics will be held on February 13, February 27, March 13, March 27 and April 10 and cost \$20 per clinic for St. Pete Beach residents and \$25 for non-residents. Call the Aquatic Center at 363-9264 or stop by 7701 Boca Ciega Drive to register.

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## Nathan L. White Park Dedication

A dedication celebration of many years of public service for the late Nathan L. White is scheduled for February 27 at 10 a.m. located at 5314 23 Avenue S. (the corner of 53 Street and 23 Avenue S.). A plaque will be made in his honor of years of service to the City and the community.

Nathan L. White was born October 15, 1925. Nathan began his assistance to the City as an Auxiliary Volunteer Fireman on January 28, 1942 and progressed into a Regular Volunteer Fireman on April 29, 1946. He was promoted to Captain in 1963, Assistant Fire Chief in 1965, Fire Chief in 1986 and retired from the Fire Department in 1990. He passed away on April 14, 2009.

Please join in celebrating his life and many contributions he has left Gulfport.

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## Town Shores Bocce

Tickets for the Dinner Dance on March 20 are now in the hands of your building rep. The party will have Dale Williams "Frank Sinatra" entertaining for the evening. Food will be catered by Lee Roy Selmons. Price for the evening is \$17. Call Betty at 345-0445 for ticket information.

At the general meeting held on Wednesday, February 3, George White gave the 2010 rules and information on how the Blast will be run this year. They hope all current players and those interested will sign up. The sign up sheets will be posted February 21 or 22 in all buildings. There will be no substitutes and team members will not be allowed to move to other teams when eliminated. Hopefully, all games will be completed before the end of March.

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## BPW to Offer Career Seminars

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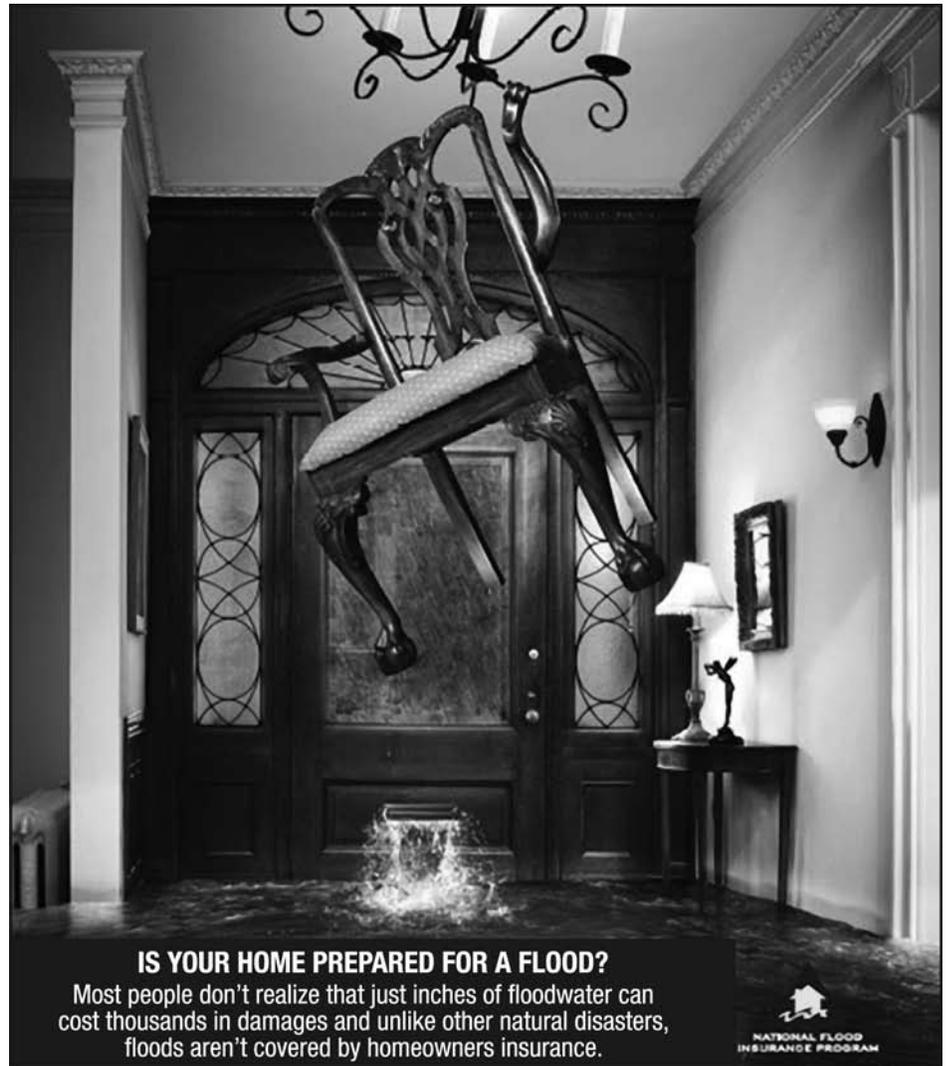
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## Join Gulf Beaches Relay for Life

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](http://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](mailto:christine.hartman@cancer.org) or 727-812-7026.

Please consider joining the Gulf Beaches community in the fight against cancer.

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To receive reduced fare rates, proper ID is required:

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- For seniors 65 and older, they need either a PSTA Special Citizen ID or Government-issued ID showing age. This is valid for the Reduced Daily and 31 Day GO Cards.

- Medicare Cardholders (Card issued by Federal Government), need an original Red/White/Blue Medicare Card. This is valid for the Reduced Daily and 31 Day GO Cards.

- Disabled (Qualifying disability verified via application process). This is valid for the Reduced Daily and 31 Day GO Cards.

- PSTA Youth ID Card required to show eligibility for discounted fares

- All of the above are qualified for reduced cash fare

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## A Living Trust - The Key to Your Estate Plan

As you read financial publications and listen to financial planners these days, you may find many articles and various opinions on "living trusts." What are living trusts? Do you need one if you have a will? What are the advantages and disadvantages? How can a living trust fit into your estate plan? Here are some of the answers:

A living trust is an arrangement you create during your lifetime to provide for yourself and your family both before and after your death. It has built-in flexibility that can work very well with your overall estate plan.

### ADVANTAGES OF A LIVING TRUST

Reduction of probate cost - Whether you have a will or not, all assets you own are subject to probate when you pass away - unless you have a trust. Although you can enjoy the use of the assets you place in a trust during your life, the living trust removes them from your estate for probate purposes. You, therefore, save the probate and administration costs you would be required to pay if those same assets were distributed by will.

Speedy distribution of trust assets - By establishing a living trust during your lifetime, you are setting up a method of managing and distributing your assets. Because the living trust escapes the probate process, the plan of distribution you describe is put into action immediately upon your death. There are none of the delays which occur under distribution by will.

Flexibility of planning - Another advantage of the living trust is the overall flexibility it provides. Most living trusts are revocable. This gives you the freedom to amend, add to, or even completely do away with the living trust agreement as you wish. A living trust can allow you flexibility while you receive income from your assets during your lifetime, plus asset management after your death.

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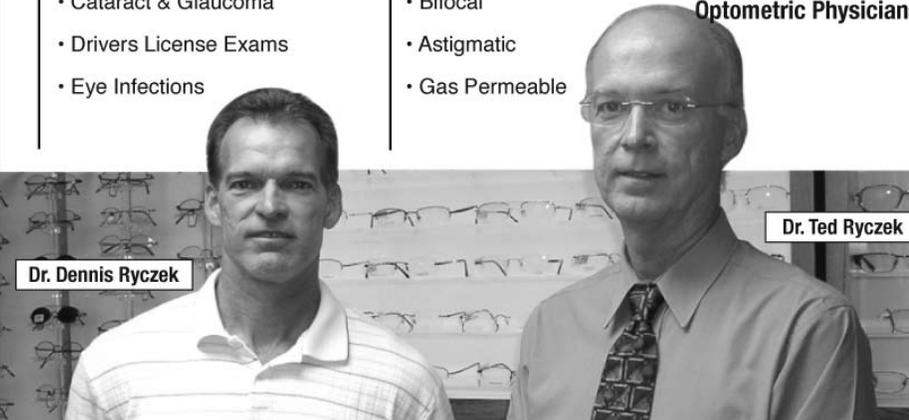
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## Winter Weather Brings Dry, Itchy Skin

As teenagers, most of us would have gladly traded our oily, acne-prone complexions for a good case of dry skin.

Now that we're older, we know that dry skin isn't all it's cracked up to be. It looks great on lizards, but most humans find parched, flaky skin unattractive and even uncomfortable.

Some skin flaking and shedding is perfectly normal. Every 30 days or so, an entirely new outer layer of skin, called the epidermis, is formed, pushing older, drier cells to the surface to be shed.

Young skin secretes plenty of fluids and fats that keep it moist and supple -- but after the oil surplus of our teens, production begins to drop off sharply. With age, oil-producing glands shrink and fizzle out, leaving most older adults with a major oil shortage and some seriously dry skin.

Without its protective layer of oil, there's no barrier to prevent the skin's moisture from evaporating into the atmosphere. Normal skin is approximately 60 percent water, an ingredient that is vital to good health.

When skin loses moisture, its outermost layer stiffens and begins to itch. Itching inevitably leads to scratching, creating an endless itch-scratch-itch cycle and making skin vulnerable to infection by invading bacteria.

Dry skin can be a problem year-round, but it tends to worsen significantly during the winter months. Low humidity in the cold outdoor air is part of the problem.

Warm, dry air from indoor heating systems in homes and offices pulls even more moisture from the skin. Using a humidifier can help replace moisture in the air and protect skin from drying out.

If your skin isn't as soft and supple as you'd like, it might be a good idea to take fewer baths and showers. Washing with lukewarm water instead of hot water removes less of your skin's natural oils.

While you're at it, go easy on the lather. Soap is an effective cleaning

agent because it dissolves grease and oily substances.

By removing the oil from your skin, soap dramatically accelerates moisture loss. The soap you use should be mild, and you should avoid using those with perfumes and deodorants, since they tend to be harsher and more drying than milder varieties.

As soon as you step out of the shower, you'll want to replace some of the oil that the soap and water removed. Rather than toweling off completely, simply blot away the excess water.

Moisturizers work best when applied to damp skin, since this allows them to trap water on body surfaces. Even the best products don't work well on bone-dry skin.

When it comes to hydrating dry skin, thicker, oiler creams are better than light, oil-free lotions. Applying a thin layer of inexpensive mineral oil to damp skin may work best of all.

What you put in your body is just as important as what you put on it. Drinking plenty of water each day helps keep skin well hydrated from the inside out.

Since skin is ultimately made of nutrients obtained from the foods that

you eat, you'll want to make sure your diet provides ample amounts of the necessary building blocks. Essential fatty acids are important components of moist, healthy skin.

Because these fats cannot be manufactured by the human body, they must be supplied by the diet. Good sources of essential fatty acids include salmon, mackerel and other types of fatty fish, as well as nuts, seeds and avocados.

If your diet is lacking in these foods, you can always take a nutritional supplement. Fish oil, flaxseed oil and borage seed oil are rich in essential fatty acids.

Taking a daily multivitamin and mineral supplement may also be a good idea. Adequate intakes of vitamin C and the minerals copper and zinc support the health of collagen, a structural component of skin that helps it retain moisture and elasticity.

Treating dry, itchy skin takes a little time and effort, especially during the winter months. But the more time you invest in caring for your skin, the less time you'll spend scratching.

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## Additional Exemption for Low Income Seniors

If you are over 65, and received the homestead exemption, you may be eligible for an additional property tax benefit. The Low Income Senior Exemption is a "local option" exemption, which means the governing bodies of the county and cities can choose whether or not to offer it, and they can choose how much of an exemption to offer, up to \$50,000. Currently, it is available to qualified property owners in unincorporated Pinellas and 20 of the 24 municipalities, and is in addition to any other property tax exemptions owners receive. Only the county Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) millage or the city millage is exempt. Cities not offering the exemption include Belleair, Belleair Shore, Gulfport and South Pasadena.

To qualify, at least one homestead property owner must be 65 years old or older on January 1, 2010; the applicant must receive a Homestead Exemption; and the total household

income for 2009 must be \$25,780 or less. Social Security income is usually not included in that amount because the income calculation is based on "adjusted gross income" as defined by the IRS for federal income tax purposes. Those seniors who are not required to file with the IRS because their income is very low almost always qualify.

This exemption does not automatically renew like the homestead exemption does, but reapplying is simple. If you received this exemption last year, a renewal form will be mailed to you in late January. Just complete the form and return it by mail.

If you have never applied for the Low Income Senior Exemption but believe that you qualify, come to one of their offices to complete an application. Bring proof of age, such as a driver License, Voter ID, or Birth Certificate. We will also need to see proof of income. If you are required to file a Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040 or 1040A), bring the completed form for 2009. If you are not required to file an Income Tax Return, bring income documentation

such as your end of year bank statements, pension summaries, or any other income summaries you received for 2009. Only 2009 income information can be accepted.

The supplement included with Homestead Exemption Renewal Receipt lists additional dates and locations where representatives from our office will take applications.

The deadline to file for this exemption is March 1, 2010. If all of your income information is not available by that deadline, apply anyway! The deadline to supply income information is June 1, 2010.

For more information, visit [www.pcpao.org](http://www.pcpao.org).

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## Town Shores Food Drive for Senior Center

Town Shores had its second delivery of food items to the Senior Center and if it was possible the delivery was more than the first week. Like clockwork every Friday morning, items to be donated are picked up and delivered to the Senior Center that same day.

"We are overwhelmed by residents' generosity in such a worthwhile cause" stated Gregg Fata, Association Manager. "The Angel Representatives of each building are doing a fantastic job collection food items. In fact it is so great, that we are running short on boxes and bags to put everything in that is donated."

The food drive will continue through the month of February and the last day will be February 26. For more information about the drive, see your building bulletin boards or call the office at 345-9491.

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## Reduced Fee to Adopt Adult Cats

February is Adopt an Adult Cat Month at a reduced fee of \$20. All adoption fees include spay/neuter, microchip, vaccines and county license. Please stop by the no kill shelter at 2911 47 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg to visit their many wonderful kitties. Adoption Center is open Tuesday through Sunday 10 - 3 p.m. For more information please call 727-522-6566 or visit [www.friendsofstrays.com](http://www.friendsofstrays.com).

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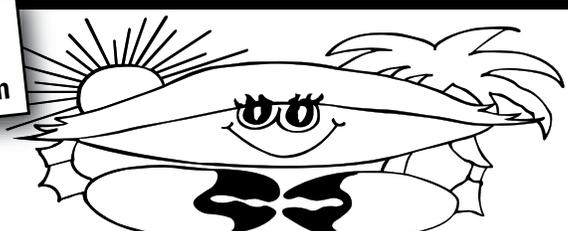
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## USCG Safe Boating Classes

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February classes include: "Handling Your Boat" February 23.

Cost is \$40 for 13 weeks and includes a new 400-page manual. Call Jim at 360-4846, or Warren at 321-7801, or Phil at 865-2226.

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## Umpires Wanted

Baypoint Little League is looking for volunteer umpires for little league girls softball. Season starts March 13. No experience necessary. They will supply the equipment. This is a real chance to give back to your community. The field is located at 5801 12 Street S. in St. Petersburg. A background check is required. Please contact Steve Lavelly at 727-866-0903 or [steve@lavellylaw.com](mailto:steve@lavellylaw.com). It's time to play ball!

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## 43rd Street Seniors to Meet

The 43rd Street Senior Citizens Club meets the third Friday of each month at 12 noon at Christ Lutheran Church, 3451 30 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg, September through May. Bring a covered dish and \$1 donation. Public is welcome for fun and games. Call Connie at 343-5454 or Mary Ann at 595-8648 for information.

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## Dog Obedience Classes in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH, FL: Dog Obedience classes are now being taught at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, located at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Instructor Phyllis Mazzaris will teach participants basic dog obedience and training through positive reinforcement during weekly one-hour sessions. Class dates and times vary depending on need so contact Phyllis today at (727)898-

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1054 or (727)459-3562. You can also visit her website at [www.nobonesaboutit.biz](http://www.nobonesaboutit.biz). Pay just \$65 per 6-week session and make your pooch the best behaved on the block!

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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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## Attorney Keith Sanders, Handles Bankruptcies with Experi-

**Y**ou could say my motto is 'been there, done that,' says Keith Sanders, from Sanders Law, P.A.

He says that for two reasons. First, he says his more than 18 years of experience as an attorney specializing in handling "literally thousands" of bankruptcies means that he has dealt with virtually any kind of problem or issue that might arise with them. And, secondly, he had to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy himself a few years ago. He says that experience makes him very sensitive to the kinds of things people face when making the difficult decision to file.

"Most attorneys have never been in a situation where they have been worried about how to keep the lights on, but I have been there myself so I can really relate to what people are going through," said Sanders. "Plus, many people are very embarrassed when they come to me, but when I tell them how embarrassing it was for me to have to stand in front of judges and colleagues who knew me and go through the process myself, that usu-

ally helps to put people more at ease and understand that I have been there and done that MYSELF."

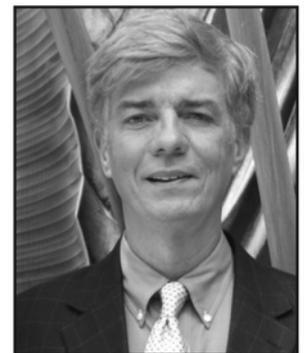
"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

He began his career as a staff attorney for the U.S. Trustee in Atlanta. He is licensed to practice law in both Florida and Georgia.

"I like what I do because I feel like I can help people get a fresh start," said Sanders.

"Since the initial consultation is free, you really don't have anything to lose to meet with me and we can assess your situation and see how it might be best for you to proceed. Bankruptcy can be one solution to getting back on your feet financially, but it may not be the best or only solution for you.

Sanders has held a



number of seminars and written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

The firm also handles Short Sale negotiations, defense against foreclosures, wills & trusts, and civil litigation.

Outside of the courtroom, Sanders lives in an unusual home in Gulfport that was one of the featured properties in a recent Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes. It has a tree growing right up through the floor and up through the ceiling of his kitchen. He has five dogs and a cat.

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## Beta Sigma Phi

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

Sunshine City Council's next regular meeting of Council will be held on Monday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Dixie Hollins High School in the ROTC Room.

Laureate Epsilon Theta's next

regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24 at the home of Sue Hill at 7 p.m. The program will be presented by Paula Lyens. Members are collecting canned goods for food pantries in the area and personal items for CASA.

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

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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](http://spcatampabay.org).

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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.

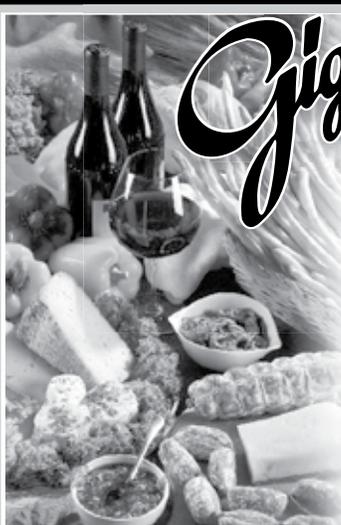
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## Two Free Services for Pets in Need

People on limited income and those facing financial hardship can receive free pet food by calling to apply and make an appointment for pick-up. Pit Bull and Pit Mix owners can have their canine companion spayed or neutered at no charge, thanks to the Florida Animal Friends license plate program. Service includes pet vaccinations and rabies shots. Fix a Pit applications are accepted in-person on Tuesdays from 9-4 p.m. No appointment needed, remember to bring your form 1040 (individual income of \$20,000 or less, add \$5,000 income for each additional person in household.) Do not bring your dog with you. Located at 9099 130 Avenue N. Hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 11-7 p.m.; Friday, 11-6 p.m.; Saturday, 11-5 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Monday closed. For more information call, 727-586-3591 or go to [www.spcatampabay.org](http://www.spcatampabay.org).

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# Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



## Green Jobs?

Recently, we heard President Obama recommit to creating green jobs in our country after we all watched in horror as China surpassed us as the world leader in green technology. Meanwhile, there's a program already at work in 15 states that is creating green jobs and reducing the cost of living for homeowners in the process.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) is a state law that allows local governments to help homeowners finance upgrading their homes' energy efficiency and add solar hot water, solar electric, wind turbines or whatever green energy is appropriate. The beauty of the program is that it makes green technology affordable, and within reach of average middle-class homeowners.

How it works is that a homeowner decided they wish to upgrade their home to solar hot water. They "opt-in" to the PACE program through the local government. The cost of the retrofit and solar installation is financed through a mortgage company tied to their property taxes. What that means is that you don't have to put any money down on the system (in most cases), and it is paid for through your property tax bill over the next 20 years. If you sell your house, the system, and the cost, goes with the house.

You receive an immediate benefit on your utility bill. The savings on your utility bills is far greater than the amortized cost of repaying the loan through your property taxes. An average solar hot water system costs about \$5,000 installed after rebates and incentives. Spread that out over 20 years and you notice a rise of \$250-\$300 in your property tax payment compared to the dramatic savings on your electric bill (18 percent and more in most cases.)

This makes pricey solar panels within the reach of average homeowners and protects mortgage lenders because the payment is secured through the municipality. It lowers your cost

of living, and raises your property values, reduces your carbon footprint and creates jobs and economic impact in your community.

PACE programs are planned or already underway in Albuquerque, N.M.; Athens, Ohio; Austin, Texas; Babylon, N.Y.; Berkeley, Calif. (which pioneered the concept); Boulder, Colo.; Palm Desert, Calif.; San Diego; San Francisco; and Santa Fe, N.M.; and at the state level in California, Connecticut, Maryland, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin. New York recently passed PACE, as well.

Under the State Energy Program, the Department of Energy has received approximately \$80 million of applications from municipalities that could potentially use a PACE financing structure, out of \$3.2 billion in total funding. The Department of Energy is also issuing a Funding Opportunity Announcement of \$454 million under its Competitive Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. This "Retrofit

Ramp-Up" program will pioneer innovative models, including PACE loans, for rolling out energy efficiency to hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses in a variety of communities according to the Department of Energy.

What is your municipal government doing about it? Many of local elected officials run on a platform of lowering taxes. While that has been proven difficult at best, what they could do is lower your cost of living instead for the same effect.

Additionally, if only 15 percent of residential property owners nationwide took advantage of clean energy community financing, the resulting emissions reductions would contribute 4 percent of the savings needed for the U.S. to reach 1990 emissions levels by 2020, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

This one program could do more to generate green jobs in your area than anything else coming down the federal pike. Imagine the resulting boom this legislation would have in the building trades. We would immediately see a rise in jobs for energy auditors, insulators, plumbers, solar installers and many other local green jobs that our unemployed could do with a little training.

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## Gulfport Elementary Gears Up for Yard Sale

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

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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## 11th Annual Tennis and Golf Challenge

The 11th Annual Tennis and Golf Challenge will be held on Saturday, February 20, at the Treasure Bay Golf and Tennis complex, located at 10315 Paradise Boulevard in

Treasure Island. This year's proceeds will benefit the Recreation Programs for the City of Treasure Island, as well as Junior Tennis and Golf Programs at Treasure Bay and the Rotary Foundation.

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.

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## Rescue Group Needs Foster Homes for Dogs

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Please fill out a volunteer application at [www.floridadoggiepaws.com](http://www.floridadoggiepaws.com) or call Florida Doggie Paws at 813-283-1695 and open your heart and your home to one of these poor dogs that just needs a place to stay for a few weeks until they can find their forever home.

Florida Doggie Paws Rescue is an all volunteer, foster based 501 (c) 3 Organization. All donations are tax deductible.

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## Is Your Pet a Star?

SPOT is looking for 100 cats and dogs for their 5th annual calendar. All photos entered will be posted on the SPOT website. The top 24 cats and dogs will win prizes and be highlighted as a calendar star of the month. The other 76 cats and dogs will be included throughout the calendar and in their 2011 marketing campaign. Enter your pet photos online at [www.SPOTusa.org](http://www.SPOTusa.org) or call 727-329-8657 to get an entry form and more details. Contest deadline is April 15.

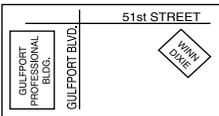
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## Gulfport City Council Meeting

# Public Comment & Council Quotes

***"I met with my staff earlier today. The message to them was this: the police department in Gulfport is going to police the way the residents and the business owners want to be policed...They're no longer to be out there enforcing for the sake of enforcing the law."*** – Chief of Police Robert Vincent, upon getting sworn in by Mayor Mike Yakes

***"There are times when we will break the applause rule and this is one of those times."*** –Mayor Mike Yakes, about the two rounds of applause newly-appointed Chief of Police Robert Vincent received when the Mayor swore him in as Chief.

***"The benthic community appears to be stable."*** –Holly Greening, Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, reporting on the agency's March 2009 report on Clam Bayou

***"Legacy pesticides are found in the Clam Bayou sediments."*** –Holly Greening, Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, reporting on the agency's March 2009 report on Clam Bayou

***"The two sites closer to shore ... (have) a lower level of diversity and also muddier sediments."*** –Holly Greening, Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, reporting on the agency's March 2009 report on Clam Bayou

***"I thought they weren't allowed to do that... I thought they weren't allowed to attack the council,"*** – resident in audience, after Davis spoke to council

***"I want to congratulate this council for being the first council in the region to implement a fertilizer ordinance."*** –Holly Greening, Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, reporting on the agency's March 2009 report on Clam Bayou

***"How long do you think these projects are going to take once they get started?"*** –Councilmember Judy Ryerson, to Holly Greening, about the projects to help restore Clam Bayou

***"Unlike fish, the benthic animals usually can't move, so they are an indicator," (of how healthy an animal is)*** - Holly Greenfield

***"Years ago they used to be very large,"*** Vice -Mayor Bob Worthington, comparing the larger clams and oysters of the past to the (mostly) microscopic animals of the Bayou

***"It's a wonder they don't have two heads and six eyes,"*** – Vice Mayor Bob Worthington, about the people who may fish and eat their catches in Clam Bayou

***"It's almost misrepresentation to say that the chemicals are going to leach from the bayou to the neighborhood when actually they must have leached from the neighborhood into the bayou."*** –Michele King, about Clam Bayou. King said she understood Chlordane to be a subterranean termite treatment, outlawed in 1995, that would, she said, logically be present under many if not all the homes by Clam Bayou.

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# Gulfport Grasps Hands in Protest to Offshore Drilling

By Leigh Clifton

By 12:15 last Saturday afternoon, the wind was blowing out of the east; cold and biting when people started to arrive at the Gulfport Casino. They came dressed for winter in a summer town; gloves and hats where shorts and flip-flops were typically de rigor. The sky was so azure it made your eyes hurt from the hot beauty of it and it shone so brightly on the bay, like a million diamonds sparkling, backlit.

The people trickled in at first, randomly, slowly, then they came in bunches and whole families and then



Norma Lanigan, Ann Wheelock and June Dougherty sign in for the protest.

city blocks of neighbors, all united in a common cause; to protest the proposed offshore drilling for oil off the west coastline of Florida.

The protest was part of a larger campaign, Hands across the Sand, held all over Florida as a statewide protest against the placing of drilling platforms directly off the coast. Gulfport's protest, organized primarily by Daniel Hodge, was part of the protest in response to a bill to allow drilling in state waters as close as 3 miles from shore that passed easily in the state House last year. The bill would allow the governor and Cabinet to approve leases for exploration and drilling. The bill did not get through the Senate, but is expected to return during the legislative session in March.

From Tallahassee to the Keys, Miami to St. Augustine, more than 75 beaches participated in the protest, which called for everyone present to turn towards the water, clasp hands and stand in silent protest for 10 minutes.

Gulfport did not disappoint; at least 320 people showed up to stand on the beach, brought together by the camaraderie of concern for the ecology, sea life and water quality that could be affected if drilling were allowed to take

place so close to the coast.

"It's exciting that all of Florida joined the effort together to protest oil rigs off the coast," Councilwoman Michelle King said. "We need our representatives to explore renewable clean energy that we can sustain ourselves. You know, in the 50s and 60s we had many houses here that used solar energy. In fact, there are many of the older Gulfport houses that still have old solar systems on their roofs. But I guess oil was cheap back then and easier to get, so the solar was never really taken seriously as a true energy source."

Norma Lanigan and her friends Ann Wheelock and June Dougherty braved the cold to protest.

"We had a good reason to come out in the cold today," Lanigan said. "We're here to oppose drilling in our beautiful state."

15 month old Casi Nelson and her mom Kari were bundled up but determined to be on the beach Saturday as well. Kari helps with sea turtle rescue and thinks that the drilling could have a devastating effect on the turtle population.

"This is Casi's first protest," she smiled. Like mother, like daughter.

Elaine Farrales brought a sign that outlined all the spills that have affected the waters from Louisiana to Florida.

"I came because I'm really pissed about possible drilling off our coast," she said, shaking her sign for emphasis. "I'm a scuba diver, a fisherman, I kayak and I think that the quality of water

and the future of marine life would be directly affected. I can't imagine paddling around and seeing shells and sea life covered in thick black oil slicks. I remember the oil spill of 1993, when 336,000 gallons of oil spilled into the bay. It killed so much marine life and birds. The Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary was totally overwhelmed with oil covered birds."

Friend Stephanie Holden remembers it too. "I learned how to swim right on this beach," she said, sweeping her arm towards the water. "I was at the Community Center as a kid."

Daniel Hodge was absolutely thrilled at the turnout for the event.

"It's such a full-filling feeling to see the beach lined with people from end to end. We're here to prove we have the power to accomplish something; to tell the big oil companies with all their money and their lobbyists that we're the people who live here. We're the people who will be most affected; it would make a dramatic difference in our lives if something drastic happened."

House Representatives Janet Long and Rick Kriseman attended the protest and offered information to the crowd as to who to contact about the issue. "Get involved," they told the crowd.

So on a Saturday in Gulfport, the beach was lined from the Casino to the Community Center with bodies, all united for a day, in a common cause. Overhead, a plane flew by with a sign that read "Love Tourists- Not Drilling."

320 people cheered. It was a beautiful thing.

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These local ladies wanted to drive the point home with their sign against offshore drilling.

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close the camp. To register for Camp E.D.G.E. please stop by the church at 5401 22 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg or call 321-8356.

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You do not have to be a St. Pete Beach resident year-round to become a member. The club meets September through June on every third Tuesday of the month at noon. Call Elaine Ghormley at 384-8017.

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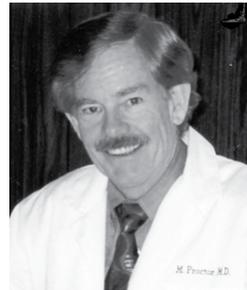
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## Out with the Old



By Leigh Clifton

Over 200 Boca Ciega High School alumni came back to Bogie Tuesday afternoon for a group photo before the old administration building gets torn down. Demolition has already started on the east side of the old building. The cross country team will be selling commemorative bricks from the old building for \$5.00. The proceeds will go towards the team for uniforms. Contact Coach Monty Hoge at HogeM@pcsb.org for more information. Come grab a piece of history!

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# Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

## Social Security May Give You the Business

**Q:** I am 62 years old and thinking of signing up for Social Security. I run my own business and am planning to turn it over to my wife. She is only 50 years old, so Social Security isn't an issue for her yet. But I'd like to stay involved in my company. I understand I can pay myself up to \$14,160 per year and still qualify for all my Social Security benefits. Is this right?

**A:** The easy answer to your question is that, yes, you can make up to \$14,160 per year and still qualify for all of your Social Security benefits. But I think you're going to learn that getting those benefits won't be so

easy. And that's because you run your own business. You're going to have to jump over a few more hurdles to prove to the Social Security Administration that you will not be too involved in your company.

To explain why that's an issue, I have to start with this basic Social Security premise: You must be retired to be eligible for retirement benefits. But over the years, lawmakers have liberalized that rule. First, by setting income thresholds (that's the \$14,160 limit mentioned above) that allow people to work part time and still be eligible for Social Security. Second, by changing the law to allow people over their "full retirement age" (currently age 66) to work, earn as much as they want and collect Social Security benefits at the same time.

Frankly, I wish they had extended that unlimited income policy to all Social Security beneficiaries. Then we wouldn't have the convoluted earnings penalty rules we have today, and I wouldn't have to spend an entire column explaining why self-employed business owners under full retirement age might not qualify for Social Security.

But wishful thinking aside, let's get back to the way things are, which forces the Social Security Administration to question your retirement status. That's essentially because you are in a position to control your earnings.

When a person who works for wages applies for Social Security benefits and says he or she is going to make less than \$14,160 per year, it's easy to verify that allegation. A quick check of pay stubs or a W-2 form provides all the evidence that's needed to show the worker is earning less than the legal income threshold.

But it's not so cut and dried for a self-employed business owner like you. You said you are turning the business over to your wife. If you are really doing that, that's one thing. But if the transfer of the company to your wife is really just a paper transaction, while you continue to stay heavily involved in the day-to-day affairs of

the business -- as experience shows is often the case -- then you will not be considered "retired" and will not be eligible for Social Security benefits.

Also, you said you would be paying yourself \$14,160. If you are legitimately reducing your involvement in the business to the point where you are actually performing services worth \$14,160, that's one thing. But if you are paying yourself that amount of money simply to stay under the Social Security earnings limit while you continue to run and manage the business, then once again, you will not be considered "retired" and will not be eligible for Social Security benefits.

Here's a true story that might help illustrate what I'm talking about. In the early part of my career with SSA, one of my jobs was to investigate business owners who were alleging retirement. One case involved a man who owned a furniture store. When he turned 62 and applied for Social Security, he told us that he was turning the business over to his son. I spent about a week, off and on, watching his business. The alleged "retiree" showed up at the store every day and spent the entire day at the store. I observed him helping customers and sitting in an office doing bookwork. When he was called back into the Social Security office to explain his actions, he said he just went there every day to visit his friends and greet the customers. But after further investigation, he was essentially still running the business, which caused his claim for retirement benefits to be denied.

My point is this: If you are really turning the business over to your wife and are really going to be doing work that's worth \$14,160 or less, then you will be "retired" and eligible for Social Security benefits. It's just that you will have to prove those allegations to the folks at the Social Security office. And don't be surprised if you see a government car parked outside your business for a few days after you apply for Social Security!

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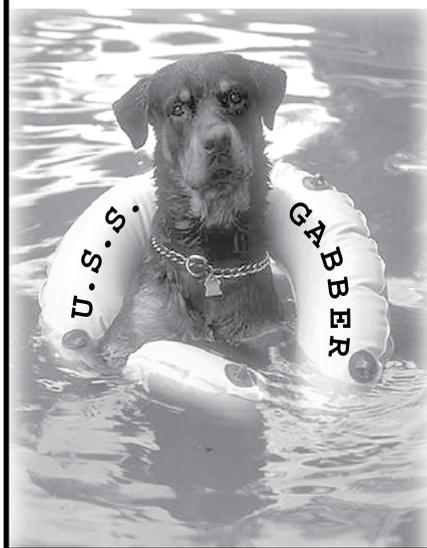
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# Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

## Secrets You Need To Keep Going When You Feel Like Quitting

Attitude, the way you respond to life and all of its circumstances, is more important than anything. It is more important than the past, than struggle or success, than education or experience. It is more important than how much money you have, how much you owe, what you would like to do or where you would like to go.

Though I never have actually experienced them in person, I've seen pictures of the cables leading to the top of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park. Those I know who have completed the climb tell me the final ascent up the sheer granite surface of that majestic landmark is by far the most challenging. The cables are there to make sure climbers reach the top safely.

Once you begin the last leg of the journey and finally see the cables, you stand there, tilt your head to the sky, view the final hundred yards or so that lead to the top, and experience terror like you've never known. You realize you have no choice but to finish the trip.

At that moment, you are more thankful than you ever could imagine for the cables that will become the guardrails you need to pull yourself to the top for not only a spectacular view but also the feeling of accomplishment.

The secret for how to keep going when you feel like quitting is to erect "cables" in your life ahead of time, before you need them, so that when you face difficult days and situations, the help you need to make it to the top will be there to protect you from your own fears and self-defeating attitudes.

One way to erect cables for your financial circumstances is to memorize a list of all the reasons you will not give in to debt. Drill the reasons into your mind so deeply that you could repeat them in your sleep. That will give you those cables to hang on to when you feel weak and vulnerable. Here are some examples:

--I don't choose debt because it presumes unfairly on my future.

--It is wrong for me to spend money I do not have.

--There is always a way out; I will not stop until I find it.

--When I step out in faith, I unleash God's power in my life.

--I trust even when I do not understand.

--I do the right thing even when I don't feel like it.

--This credit card company doesn't really care about me the way this letter indicates; it is looking for a new sucker.

Once you have these truths planted deeply in your heart and mind, you will be able to call on them for strength in moments when you feel weak. You'll have the strength you need to crash through the quitting point, and you'll be back on track in no time!

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You can pick up the City Wide Yard Sale Brochure on Wednesday, March 17th at all City Facilities until 4:30 p.m., March 19. On the day of the event, The Gulfport Municipal Marina, 4630 29th Ave. S., (Nautical Flea market day!) and Clam Bayou Park, 49th St. S. to 29th Ave. S. east to Miriam St. S., (Clam Bayou Clean up day!) will be the main hubs to pick up your brochure. If you choose to print it online, go to the [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) main page under "City Wide Yard Sale" link (use 2 pages of 8" ½ x 14" paper).

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## Pies, Food, Community celebrated at Most Holy Name 50th Anniversary Celebration



Photo by Leigh Clifton

Father Vladimir Dziadek congratulates the winners of the Most Holy Name pie making contest. The competition was part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the church and its parish. The winners are (left to right) third place winner Alice Audette, second place winner Beverly Durivage and first place finisher Elizabeth Zanata.

Crumb Apple Pie. Second place was won by Beverly Durivage, for her Lemon Meringue pie. A respectable third place was taken by Alice Audette for her Cherry Cheesecake Pie. All three were delicious (of course I had to taste them for myself to be objective). The ladies were judged by five other parishioners; Joe Jerome, Bill Plasse, Natalie Reilly, Kevin McNamara and Teddy Kehoe.

"Those judges really took this very seriously," laughed Zanata. "They tasted and tasted, again and again."

Father Vladimir, the church's head pastor, was offered a taste of all the entries and bowed out graciously when asked who he thought was the winner.

"All delicious!" he said magnanimously to the smiling winning trio.

The weather cooperated for the most part; it was sunny but still a bit chilly for Florida. Still, the church had a great turnout, a true testament to the close-knit camaraderie of Gulfport's Catholic community.

Most Holy Name was founded in January 1960, originally as a mission when the Gulfport Catholic community wanted to have a church in their community. On February 16, 1960, the mission, designated as Most Holy Name of Jesus, was officially established as a parish. Services initially were held in the Boulevard Skating Rink, to accommodate the more than 700 parishioners. The new church, on 58th Street was finished in September 1962, and the newly established Most Holy Name School opened its doors for the first time on September 5, 1962. The first mass was celebrated at the church on Palm Sunday, April 1962.

2010 marks their 50th anniversary year of serving the people of Gulfport and surrounding areas.

Information about the history of Most Holy Name of Jesus Church was found on their website, [www.mostholyname.org](http://www.mostholyname.org).

By Leigh Clifton

More than 350 people joined together on Sunday, Valentine's Day, to celebrate love, community, faith and 50 years of Most Holy Name's service to the parish and its parishioners. The church provided hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken, cooked outside on a giant grill. People were asked to bring sides and desserts. The tables were heavily laden with all sorts of fabulous homemade fare. There were activities for the children, including a Bounce House and lawn bowling and the adults played some pretty competitive Bingo under a tent.

One of the stiffest competitions was the pie-baking contest, with Elizabeth Zanata claiming first prize for her Walnut

## Boca Ciega High School Scoreboard

By Leigh Clifton

### Basketball

#### Girls Varsity

02/16/10

Boca Ciega	54
Clearwater	53

02/11/10

Boca Ciega	71
Seminole High	40

02/06/10

Boca Ciega	68
Largo	43

### Softball

#### Girls Varsity

02/16/10

Pinellas Park	4
Boca Ciega	2

02/11/10

Boca Ciega	0
Seminole	1

### Baseball

#### Boys Varsity

02/15/10

Boca Ciega	4
Dixie Hollins	3

02/11/10

Boca Ciega	5
Largo High	8

02/11/10

Boca Ciega	1
Pinellas Park	5

### Basketball

#### Boys Varsity

02/12/10

Boca Ciega	68
Largo High	76

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# A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

## Cut Flowers are not Just for Valentine's Day

Could your home use a little color and some brightening up? Fresh cut flowers give you lots of possibilities. You don't need any gardening experience, green thumbs or creative talent to get great looks with flowers, just go buy some. You also don't need a special vase. You are set if you have any containers that hold water. You can always stop by your favorite florist or floral department for help with do-it-yourself ideas and selecting the right flowers, but why not create your own look?

Every room in the house can have cut flowers or dried arrangements or even a combination of both. Fresh cut flowers can liven up an ordinary dried arrangement. Don't wait for someone else to buy you flowers -- this is a do-it-yourself project. Of course, roses or your loved one's favorite flowers can add some romance to a room, but you can also buy flowers because they match the wallpaper.

Are you having friends over? Fresh flowers make any room special. Do you have a home office, or do you spend so much time at the office it seems like home? Either way, flowers will make a tough day at work seem easier. The

fragrance of flowers also helps lift the spirit. Since some flowers could smell bad to certain people, avoid going overboard at work.

Any bottle, jar, cup, pitcher or old boot that holds water can be used as a vase. Once, I needed a vase to hold more than two-dozen roses. I was in a hurry and needed to go to the grocery store. While there, I found a half-gallon water jug for storing water in the refrigerator. It was clear plastic with a twisted shape to it, so it looked like it was made from glass or crystal. I unscrewed the lid and filled it with the roses, and it worked perfectly.

Cut flowers are easy to buy and to care for. Look for flowers, especially roses, that have tight compact buds that are just beginning to open. On flat flowers, such as mums, look for many unopened flower buds in the center of the disc. Hold the flower stems up to see if the leaves are wilted or broken. Keep the flowers cool and shaded until you can place them in a vase.

Before putting them in a vase, cut the bottom inch off the stem. If necessary, cut off more of the stem to fit it in the vase. Make the cut at an angle, so the stem does not rest flat on the bottom. Use fresh, cold

water, and change it every day or as soon as it gets cloudy. Don't just add water if it gets low. Be sure to give the plant new water. Use any flower additive packets that come with the bouquet. You can cut off another inch of stem after a couple of days; it will sometimes lengthen the flower's shelf life.

Some people say adding clear soft drinks or aspirin to the water will lengthen vase life. The scientific evidence is still a bit sketchy, but if it works for you, go ahead.

Try new varieties of flowers and new ways of displaying them. If an individual flower head breaks off the stem, put it in a shallow bowl and use in a location that gets a closer look. If the vase is large and the flowers won't stay standing in place, add some marbles. Marbles work great at holding the stems, and depending on the color, they can also add to the display.

Fresh flowers may last as long as two weeks in a typical home, but they often only last a week. If you get into the habit of buying flowers and develop a friendly relationship with the salespeople, you might be able to find out when the shipments of fresh flowers arrive in order to receive the freshest ones.

In other parts of the world, fresh cut flowers are part of almost every home, but in the states, we tend to use them just for special occasions. Why not brighten your winter landscape and buy some flowers today?

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## Treasure Island Theatre Group Presents Dinner and a Show

by Leigh Clifton



The cast of *Some Enchanted Sunday* are (from left to right), Joanne Kupsis, Judy Harlacher, Bonnie Stein, Jackie Winslow, Saray Nagendra, producer Joe Koehler, Maggie Berrill, Don Taylor, J. Wygant, Civita Schilling, Lolita Wygant and sitting at the foot of the stage is Victor Alesi and Willie.

The Treasure Island Historical Society is presenting *Some Enchanted Sunday*, a buffet dinner and variety show on February 21, 2010 at the Treasure Island Yacht and Tennis Club. They have been using the Gulfport Senior Center for their rehearsals as the many dancers, singers and even a ventriloquist's dummy named Willie get in the act. Ladies from the Jeane Lyn Dance Studio in St. Pete, wearing their signature green shirts, will be kicking up their heels, Broadway style. The many talented local singers will sing a variety of standards and contemporary numbers. The evening should be a memorable one. The buffet-style dinner opens at 1:30 pm, with the festivities starting at 2:30. There will be a cash bar available. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available at the TI Chamber office or call 360-3477 for more info.

## Korean War Veterans Association

If you served in Korea during the Korean War and up to the present, you are eligible for membership in the KWVA. Effective this March, they will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at VFW Post 4364, 5773 62 Street N. in St. Petersburg.

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

They participate in numerous charitable contributions to the memory of our veterans such as the creation of the beautiful and inspiring granite Korean War memorial at Freedom Lake Park in Pinellas Park.

They also participate in parades; as color guards for special events; as honor guards for military funerals; rendering support to members in need; and participation in other patriotic and charitable endeavors along with various youth oriented events.

Of course there is always time for a number of enjoyable events such as picnics, dinners, get togethers, etc.

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

For further information, call Clarence Dadswell, member and past President, at 727-522-6496.

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## Cold Weather Fun at an Underwater Park: Pennekamp



By Cathy Salustri

*"Hell's never bothered me. They told me when I was five that hell was where it was*

*hot. They talked about fires and heat and sweat... If they'd told me that hell was cold, with frozen toes and icicles and blue skin, and everyone aching and shivering, I would have lived a different life."* -Tom Corcoran, south Florida novelist

We Floridians don't fare well in cold weather. Most of us don't own any winter-appropriate clothes and a small contingency (this writer included) swear off the outdoors as soon as the mercury dips below 60. Given that, suggesting an underwater park as a wintertime Detours and Diversions may seem a bit, well, nuts.

However, the Florida Keys is a tropical fantasy for people all over the world, and even if the water's a little too cold right now (the low 70s), the air is warm and moist and wonderful.

Of course, some call heading to the Florida Keys when you can't go in the water torture, but even at the country's first underwater park, there's plenty to do top side to give you a daily dose of sunshine.

Bonus: if you have small children, Pennekamp above the water has plenty to do to keep them entertained, educated, and (this may be the best part) exhausted by the end of the day.

**WHAT:** John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, or simply "Pennekamp," has the unique distinction of "America's First Undersea Park," making it a mecca for

divers, snorkelers, and fishermen.

The park comprises almost 180 nautical miles and extends three miles out into the Atlantic. It also includes mangrove swamps, picnic areas, hiking trails, and tropical hammocks shore side.

The raised boardwalks through the mangroves keep your feet dry and transport you to a wild, leafy Florida, while the glass-bottom boat tours and kayaks bring you as close to the water as you dare in the winter. You can rent a kayak, pay for a kayak tour,



or simply put in and paddle your own. You can also rent a boat if you wish.

The Visitor Center has a small aquarium that displays several reef environments as well as a

nature video, and while it's not the same as being mask-to-fin with a rock beauty, it's still pretty good stuff.

**WHY:** Pennekamp State Park preserves and protects some of the prettiest parts of the Florida Keys. Couple that with a need to remedy winter doldrums, and what better place can a person go?

**WHO:** John Pennekamp, a Miami newspaper editor, helped establish both Everglades National Park as well as the park to protect the continental US's only living reef. John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, named to honor him, is part of the Florida State Parks system.



## WHEN:

John Pennekamp State Park opens at 8 a.m. and closes at sundown every day of the year. The concessions stay open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Glass-bottom tours run at 9:15, 12:15, and 3.

**WHERE:** Mile Marker 102.5, Key Largo, oceanside.

**BEST part:** You don't have to be a water junkie to enjoy the park, and since you're not going in the water, feel free to bring your dog. There's tons for a leashed pet to explore, and your hound will probably enjoy the warm breezes and sunshine as much as you.

**WORST part:** Seeing the clear water, dive boats, and snorkel gear and not going in the water.

**MAGIC question:** Admission to the park costs \$4.50 a person or \$8.50 per vehicle (up to eight people). Camp sites, moorings, docks, and boat tours cost extra. Call (305) 451-1202 for general information or visit [www.PennekampPark.com](http://www.PennekampPark.com).

Contact Cathy Salustri at [CathySalustri@TheGabber.com](mailto:CathySalustri@TheGabber.com).



# WellNEWS

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By Scott Lafee

## Mental Muscles

Your facial expressions may help people read you like a book, revealing your inner thoughts and feelings, but it turns out your face's expressivity also affects your ability to understand written language as it relates to emotions.

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison conducted a study with 40 volunteers before and after they had undergone injections of Botox, a powerful nerve poison used to deactivate muscles in the forehead that cause frowning. They found that the inability to frown caused participants to be less able to understand negative emotions.

Specifically, the participants were asked to read a series of statements that were angry, sad or happy, and push a button when they finished reading each statement -- an indication they comprehended the sentence's meaning. The results showed no change in the time needed to understand the happy sentences, but after Botox treatment, subjects took more time to read the angry and sad sentences. Although the time difference was

small, it was significant, study author David Havas said. And it could not be attributed to changes in the participants' moods.

"There is a long-standing idea in psychology called the facial feedback hypothesis," Havas said. "Essentially, it says when you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you. It's an old song, but it's right. This study suggests the opposite: When you're not frowning, the world seems less angry and less sad."

## BEST MEDICINE

Question: Did you hear about the dyslexic, agnostic, insomniac?

Answer: He lay awake at night wondering if there really was a dog.

## OBSERVATION

A man's illness is his private territory, and no matter how much he loves you and how close you are, you stay an outsider. You are healthy. -- Actress Lauren Bacall

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A paper in the journal Sleep

reports the average, healthy older adult (ages 66 to 83) sleeps 20 minutes less a night than middle-aged adults (40-55) who, in turn, sleep 23 minutes less than young adults (20-30). The mean total sleep time for a young adult was 7 hours, 13 minutes.

## GET ME THAT. STAT!

Between 13 percent and 16 percent of women giving birth to their first child experience postpartum depression, according to a study by researchers at the University of Stavanger in Norway. The percentage rises to 30 percent to 40 percent for women giving birth to a second child.

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## LAST WORDS

I believe we should adjourn this meeting to another place. -- Scottish political economist Adam Smith (1723-90)

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# Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Here we go again. No, not elections, although they're their own heaping mess of fun, too. No, I'm talking about Clam Bayou. Tuesday night, the Bayou was once again in the center ring of the circus at Gulfport city council. Holly Greening, the Executive Director for the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, gave a highly scientific presentation about Clam Bayou. Apparently to refute her comments, Tom Reese, Al and Cindy Davis' attorney, spoke during the public session.

To most on council and gathered ringside, Greening and Reese may as well spoken in Latin, because each of them used jargon and numbers as armor, telling the layperson nothing about the Bayou. I think Greening said that the Bayou had some stuff in it that wasn't that bad, and that Reese responded with, yes, it IS that bad, but I'm only guessing.

I don't know about you, but I'm weary of people throwing around big words and making accusations. I feel like those are bully tactics and I don't see where it helps the Bayou or educates anyone. We have all these groups making all this noise about the last remaining estuary on Boca Ciega Bay, but nobody's *doing* anything. The only people seem motivated to act are the folks at Keep Pinellas Beautiful, who stage cleanups, and Kurt Zuelsdorf, who runs a state-funded program to trade kayak rentals trash collected in Clam Bayou. Everyone else uses words and threats and Gulfport bows to both without ever taking action.

Who is right? Who can tell? None of these people spend a lot of time on the Bayou. They look at it from their dock or the shore, or maybe wade out in the water for a sample. They spend more time at meetings spitting out bitter vituperative or covering their collective bureaucratic butt with scientific jargon about why or why not, or how much and where. Meanwhile, trash remains stuck in mangrove roots and golf balls still clutter the trees and *nobody does anything*. If I lived on the Bayou I'd be mad as hell at the amount of energy the state, city and private citizens spend arguing and defending and accusing and avoiding rather than doing.

Clam Bayou isn't dying, but it sure has seen better days. Life exists along its shores and in its waters. I've seen baby green heron chicks climbing around the mangroves in the Bayou. I've watched tarpon splash and gators skulk. I've taken pictures of two nesting pairs of osprey. I've caught fish off the park docks. You can, in some of the deeper channels, see manatee. From the bay you'll see dolphin chase fish into the Bayou.

I've seen, too, shopping carts and paper cups and golf balls and toilet seats trapped in the mangroves. Life exists, yes, but in some perverse ghetto that juxtaposes beauty with garbage.

Unfortunately the litter doesn't matter as much as the sand, or mud, or sediment- call it what you will. That area, on charts, is historically a mud flat with low water, but some say that is evidence of it filling in. You will see the same thing at the East Beach at Fort DeSoto, the Mangrove Trail at John Pennekamp State Park, and a host of other places in Florida (although those places have less litter.) It shouldn't be any deeper than it is; that isn't my opinion, it's based on historical records of an area and the definition of this sort of estuary. Also, consider this: despite what you can see from the shore at low tide, not all of the Bayou is six inches deep (and, just to be clear, the average depth of all Boca Ciega Bay is barely eight feet and there are a lot of spots outside Clam Bayou that barely hit that six inch mark at low tide.)

But is that mud toxic? That depends on whose numbers you believe. Swiftmud, a largely unaccountable agency (sorry, guys, but your entire board is appointed, not elected) says not really. The Davis family suggests it may cause cancer to live on the Bayou.

After Ms. Greening's presentation Tuesday evening, the mayor opened the public session. Mr. Reese spoke about Clam Bayou and did not stop after his allotted three minutes, despite the buzzer that signaled him to do just that. The Mayor did not stop him at that point, which he does with everyone else who speaks. When he stopped him a little bit later, he granted Mr. Reese's request to make a presentation to council at a later date, despite the city's legal counsel and the city manager

denying that request previously.

Communication has broken down and folks, this isn't simply a failure to communicate. We have the makings of a Carl Hiaasen novel and I'm just waiting for Skink to step up to the plate.

I wish that the all the interested parties hadn't lost the ability to compromise or even have a civil discussion about the Bayou. We've got scientists and attorneys who seem incapable of speaking to laypeople, a practice I suspect designed to intimidate. We've got citizens so embittered about councilwoman Michele King and anyone else who dares disagree with them that they won't listen to anything that contradicts what they choose to believe. We've got a city staff that gets threatened with lawsuits for inviting the Tampa Bay Estuary Program to speak about Clam Bayou, and we've got a mayor who lacks the desire to demand respect from the people addressing council or to stand up to people who disregard the rules. The city is in a race to avoid litigation and minimize conflict and, as a result, it's allowing a small group to set the rules. The idea of what is right or what it should do doesn't seem to matter anymore.

I fail to see how this will help Clam Bayou and find myself sorely disappointed with the mayor, and I wish, more than anything he and the rest of the city would grow a backbone, put a stop to all the words without action, and do something measurable to help Clam Bayou.

How? Simple. One: Pay for regular water and sediment quality tests at several different points in the Bayou. Two: Sue the city of St. Petersburg to install physical devices that will help collect litter and also to treat or divert their runoff. Three: Hire an independent scientist to establish a standard for air, water, and sediment quality in Clam Bayou and create a plan of action. Five: Stop being bullied into anything less than sound science, and insist on a layperson translation of any reports or facts generated about the Bayou.

The city, of course, doesn't need to do what I say. But I really wish they would do something, because I don't see where the accusations, lawsuits, and cowering to avoid getting sued is helping anyone. "To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires courage," Ralph Waldo Emerson said.

Does Gulfport have the courage to act?

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Firewood for Sale - Split Oak  
**FREE**  
Delivery 24/7  
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**804-1289**  
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## Yard/Garage Sale

**FRI, SAT. & SUN.**-8am.-Noon. 5414 3rd Ave. N. Bar Stools, Computer Desk, Clothes and other Misc Household.

### GULFPORT FLEA MARKET

9th Ave. & 50th St. S.  
9-3pm Friday - Saturday - Sunday  
Vendors Needed  
Call 239-1429

**5021 9TH AVE. S.**-Fri, Sat. & Sun. 8am.-? Small Utility Trailer, Snap on Tool Chest and Misc.

## Yard/Garage Sale

**COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET**-Rummage & Bake Sale Sat. Feb. 20th 8am.-1pm. Coffee & Doughnuts Available. 7777 46TH Ave N, Lake Rich Village St. Petersburg. Take 66th St. to 46th Ave. N. turn West. No Access from Park St.

**INSIDE APPT. ONLY**- Too Much to List. From Clothes to Electric Wheelchair. Call See if I have what you are looking for. Angela, 727-867-6248.

**MOVING SALE**- Saturday, 9-1p.m. 609 69th Ave. SPB. Apt 4. 727-360-4021. Furniture, A/C Unit, Microwave, Sofa & Entertainment Center. More!

**26TH AVE. S. TO 51ST WAY**- Saturday & Sunday. Look for signs. Everything Must go!

### BIG, BIG, BIG YARD SALE!

3215 Fairfield Ave. So. 727-898-8827. Feb. 20th, 8:30-3:00. Clothes: Boys, Girls, Women & Men (buy 1 get 2 FREE Clothes Only). Furniture, Stuffed Animals, Lamps, Ceramics & Lots More. Please Come and See, Bring a Friend!

**MOVING SALE**- Friday, 7-1, Saturday, 7-3. Furniture, Clothing, Kitchen Appliances, More! 1401 60th St. S.

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# WOW! Murph Turns 60!

*Time really flies when you're having fun!*

## Happy Birthday, Love Laura

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## Real Estate for Rent

**HUGE INDOOR POOL** - Hillcrest - 6170 7th Ave. N. Large 3Br/3BA, clean, beautiful home in great neighborhood. CHA, Laundry room w/ washer/dryer. Tile Floors, Pool Service, Lawn Service, three car carport. \$2195. 530-235-2222.

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**APARTMENTS FOR RENT-St. Pete Studio** Apts. from \$450/Mo., 1BR's from \$550/Mo., 2BR's from \$650/Mo. Vouchers & Section 8 OK. 727-804-5596. Gulfport-2BR/1BA Duplex. CHA \$725/Mo.

**CHATEAU TOWER-S. Pasadena 1BR/1.5BA** Ground Floor. Fitness Ctr, Htd. Pool, New Carpet, Paint, Tile, Updated. \$700/Mo. Includes Maintenance. Years Lease. No Pets. Security Dep. 727-452-5307.

**GULFPORT, LAYLOW BUNGALOWS-2825** 50th St. S., Large 1BR \$595/Mo. plus \$300/Security, 2BR \$795/Mo., \$400/Security. Move-in Special for Qualified App. Pets Ok. Search phone# on Craigs list for Info and Pics. 727-742-5140.

**KENWOOD** - 2800 2nd Ave. N. Large 2BR/1BA, Wood Floors, Livingroom, Diningroom, Laundry Room w/washer/dryer, New CHA, Den and Small Office. First, Security, and application w/references. \$895. 530-235-2222.

**SEASONAL RENTAL-In Gulfport. 1BR/1BA**, Furnished. Electric, Water & Cable Included. Nice/Quiet. Close to Art District. \$190/Wkly. plus Deposit. 727-321-5146.

**2BR/1BA HOUSE-Convenient 2nd Ave. S.** Location. Great Open Floor Plan w/attached Garage. Quickly get to Tyrone/Gulfport or Downtown. \$595/mo. 727-867-3767.

**BAY ISLAND PRESIDENTIAL-Bldg. 1BR/1.5BA**. Annual Unfurnished, Washer/Dryer. Available Now. FRAN HUBERT SALES AND RENTALS, 727-580-9265 or 727-360-9264.

**TOWN SHORES DIPLOMAT 55+**-Fully Furnished, Wide Open Waterfront Condo. 2BR/2BA, Master Bedroom Overlooks Bay. 1500 SF, \$850/Mo. Gas/Cable/Water Included. Available Now 727-510-0244.

**725 JACKSON ST. N. SP.-Nice Deco 1BR** House plus Florida Room, Wood Floors, CHA, No Pets. \$550/Mo. +Utilities. 727-322-0202.

**WATERFRONT CONDO 1BR/1BA-Marina** Harbor, Water View, Screened Balcony, Covered Parking, Fishing Dock. Free Cable & Water \$595/Mo. plus Deposit. No Pets. 727-345-5837 or 727-686-5124.

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**ST. PETE BEACH** (69th Ave/Sunset Way Area) 2BR, \$795/Mo. Ceramic Tile, Near Main Beach, Shops, Bus, Parking. 727-345-1367.

**CHARMING FURNISHED-Studio** on Quiet Street. Complete Kitchen, Fenced Patio, Off St. Parking, Includes all Utilities/Internet. Non-Smoker. \$495/Mo. 541-829-7309. jaimeframe@aol.com

**KEY WEST STYLE-1BR/1BA** Modern, Wood, Tile Floors, Front Porch. \$550/Mo. 727-384-2259. 5626 Gulfport Blvd. Single, Mature Person. Long Term. Sm. Pet Ok. Available Mid-March.

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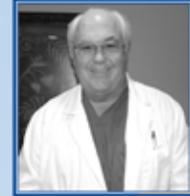
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Yes. In addition to leg pain and unsightly varicose veins, untreated vein disease can lead to blood clots, deep vein thrombosis (DVT). Thrombosis occurs when a blood clot forms due to venous blood congestion. If the clot travels from the leg to the lungs, a life-threatening **pulmonary embolism (PE)** can occur. Untreated vein disease can also lead to permanent damage and discoloration of the skin on your lower legs, **stasis dermatitis with infection (cellulitis)**, and **possible leg ulcers**, which are very hard to heal.

### Is there any treatment?

Yes. Early detection and consultation with a doctor specializing in vein disease are the first steps to better leg health. Under the doctor's care, you can explore the different methods of treatment. Saline, vein stripping and surgical procedures are all now out-moded in vein treatment. Nowadays, the procedures used are not painful. No scalpels are used. There is no downtime. And, these simple procedures are safe and very effective.



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