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All Tuckered Out!



Photo By Leigh Clifton

Jordan Merritt (right), and his girlfriend Emily Mathews get draped by sleeping kids Mathew LaPort, 5 and Emily's little sister Molley, also 5. All four were worn out from running around all day at the Pioneer Music Jamboree last Saturday afternoon. Both Jordan and Emily, who are dating, go to Bogie. Little Mathew and Molley are sweethearts too.

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Gulfport Candidate Forum Highlights

By Cathy Salustri

At last Thursday night's candidate's forum, Gulfport residents had the opportunity to find out where the candidates for Ward One stood on several issues. Each candidate had one minute for opening remarks and each candidate had the opportunity to answer every question, even if it was asked of another candidate.

The St. Petersburg Area League of Women Voters sponsored the forum, held at the Gulfport city council chambers. The League, open to men and women, attempts to foster open government and an informed electorate and holds candidate forums throughout Pinellas county during election time. As the moderator, a League representative collected questions from the audience and posed them to the candidates.

While this format does not allow for a complete transcript of the evening, *The Gabber* has excerpts from the meeting below. For space considerations, we had to edit some of the answers while attempting to convey the perceived intent of the answer.

Before basing your vote on the printed excerpts below on March 9, *The Gabber* encourages you to view the forum in its entirety. Readers may either visit MyGulfport.us and click on

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St. Pete Beach to Add Stormwater Utility

ST. PETE BEACH- Instead of raising the millage rate, the city of St. Pete Beach passed a stormwater special assessment. The assessment, which will start with the next fiscal year (which begins October 1, 2010), will cost each tax parcel \$36 and will show up in the November tax bill property owners receive.

Every tax bill issued, regardless of the size of the property, will have the \$36 assessment. This means that a hotel with several hundred rooms will pay \$36, as will a single-family home. Mark Lawson, a consultant to the city, said that could change once the city developed a stormwater utility.

That \$36 is the first step in establishing such a utility. Currently the city has an insufficient budget of \$12,500 to maintain its stormwater system, according to Steve Hallock, Public Services Director for the city. Hallock backed this up by telling the commission about the Sylvette Condominium Association, which donated \$7500 to the city to help fix a stormwater sewer issue the city did not have the money to fix. Establishing

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Stormwater,

from front page
a stormwater utility fund will allow the city to build up monies to maintain and improve the system, although Hallock stressed that the money will not go for immediate repairs or maintenance.

By setting up the fund, the city creates a dedicated funding source for stormwater issues. This protects the money from being taken to pay for other costs incurred by the city, such as legal fees or other unexpected expenditures.

Initially, the assessment, which will bring in just over \$280,000, will create stormwater utility fund.

This fund, which the city cannot use for any purpose not related to stormwater, will allow the city to investigate methods for improvement and maintenance and develop a plan to do so with the monies it collects from the assessment. The city also hopes that this fund will allow staff to educate residents and businesses about stormwater issues, such as not dumping oil or mop water into storm sewers.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the assessment. They also voted to approve issuing a "Stormwater System Revenue Note" of no more than \$20,000. This note will help buy equipment for the stormwater program.

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Signs on the Beach

ST. PETE BEACH- The city modified its Land Development Code to "ensure consistency with the adopted Comprehensive Plan," according to city documents.

This broad amendment outlines prohibited signs, nonconforming signs, exemptions, building permits, shielding the light on signs, commercial and noncommercial speech, message, permit, and application processes and rules.

Under the amended code, signs such as "snipe" signs, flashing signs, rotating signs, and abandoned signs are prohibited. Snip signs are the kind stuck in the ground on street corners touting things like "Lose Weight Now- Ask Me How" according to Karl Holley, the city's Community Development Director.

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News from the
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Centennial Ball

The Gulfport Historical Society wishes to thank several local restaurants for generously supplying food for the Centennial Ball on February 26 at the Gulfport Casino. Thanks to:

- Gulfport Village Pub
- La Cote Basque
- O'Maddy's
- Sal's Town Shores Restaurant
- Stella's Deli & Gelato
- Yummy's Casual Cafe

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Gulfport's Dance of the Century!

Tomorrow night celebrates 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! Finger food is sponsored by Gulfport restaurants: Sal's, O'Maddy's, Le Cote Basque, Yummys, Stellas and the Village Pub.

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.

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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Community Business Showcase

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Last Chance to See "Ain't Retirement Grand!"

The Gulfport Community Players have scored another sold out weekend during last weekend's re-opening of "Ain't Retirement Grand!" at the Back Door Theater.

The play, if you haven't seen it yet, is a comical musical revue of retirement life here in Florida. It originally premiered at the Back Door Theater about a year ago. Since then, it has been on tour in the central Florida area, and has enjoyed sell out crowds at all of its performances. In fact, many people have seen it more than once!

There is one more weekend left for you to enjoy this play at the Back Door Theater. Tickets are very limited for the Friday and Saturday night shows,

and there are no tickets at all left for its closing performance on Sunday, February 28. The Players strongly suggest that you call Gil at 727-343-8560 for reservations for the Friday or Saturday 8 p.m. shows. Tickets are still only \$15 each, but you'd better call early to reserve yours.

The Players' Back Door Theater is located just off 49th St. S., at 4919 17 Avenue S. in Gulfport. Look for their sign on 49th Street. There is

plenty of free lighted parking right at the theater. Snacks, soft drinks, beer and wine are available inside for your enjoyment. It is suggested that you show up about 45 minutes before showtime to get a better choice of seating.

For more information about this play or the Players in general, please visit their website at: <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>.

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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 Salon M, 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 or contact Lynda Shehan at 727-323-3892.

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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.

Shell Club Annual Seashell Show

The St. Petersburg Shell Club proudly announces their 62nd Annual Seashell Show Saturday February 27 and Sunday February 28 at the Seminole Recreation Center, located at 9100 113 Street N. in Seminole. This prestigious shell show is sponsored by the St. Petersburg Shell Club and is a judged show in both scientific and artistic categories. Open to the public from 9-6 p.m. on Saturday and 9-5 p.m. on Sunday. In addition to the exhibits, there will be sales vendors with both specimen shells and artistic shell related items available for purchase, hourly door prizes, raffle items and children's activities. Admission is \$3, children under 15 free when accompanied by an adult. There is plenty of free parking. Call 727-460-4566 for

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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!

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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Town Shores Bocce

Tickets for the March 20 Dinner Dance are now in the hands of your building rep. If you are in doubt who your building rep is, it should be posted on your bulletin board. The party will have Dale Williams "Frank Sinatra" entertaining for the evening. Food will be catered by Lee

Roy Selmons. Price 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 are

now posted in all buildings. There will be no substitutes and team members will not be allowed to move to other teams when eliminated. All renters and owners, men and women, even if they did not play on a team during regular play, are encouraged to participate in this fun event. Hopefully, all games will be completed before the end of March.

The picnic held on the last day of play will take place the last week of March. Definite information to follow. Call George at 345-3618 with questions.

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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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Wine Tasting on Corey Avenue

On Friday, February 26 from 5-8 p.m. merchants along Corey Avenue in St. Pete Beach will be open late offering wine, beer and refreshments. Live music in the courtyard by Sam Stone. Shake that cabin fever and head on down to Corey Avenue for an evening of music, fun and more! Located just off Gulf Blvd. in downtown St. Pete Beach. Free parking and free admission. Call 727-498-8778 or visit www.coreyave.com.

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Gulfport Little League Opening Day Parade

Don't miss this all American pastime right here in Gulfport. Celebrate the Gulfport Little League Parade and Opening Day on Saturday, March 6! The Parade Begins at 10 a.m. at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S., then heads east on Shore Blvd., then north on Beach Boulevard to the City Complex at Lum Atkinson Field at 1820 55 Street S. in Gulfport.

Fun for all after the parade with free cool interactive inflatables like soccer, baseball, basketball, darts Frisbee and football sports. Also check out how fast your pitch is with the special radar speed Pitch game! The concession stand will be open for hot dogs, hamburgers fries and more for an affordable purchase price. To find out how you can participate in this great event by volunteering or sponsoring a Little Leaguer, contact Tim at 727-458-2461. For general event information, contact Gail at 727-893-1118. Let's play ball!

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Dog Obedience Training

A Dog Obedience Training class starts Wednesday, March 3, from 6-7 p.m. for adult dogs six months of age and up. Classes will be held at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center (1617 49 Sreet. S.) Cost is \$100 or \$75 if dog is adopted for the seven-week session to be paid at registration. This class

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For general information on event, Contact 727-893-1118

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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 Davisson at derridavisson@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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Chili Cook-off Fund Raiser

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club is sponsoring the 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off & Hot Dog Eating Contest (age 18 and over), to benefit the Historic Building Restoration Fund and Suncoast Hospice Foundation of Florida. This fun packed event will be held on Saturday, March 6 at the Hospice Center at 3050 First Avenue S. from 3-7 p.m. This is a family event with lots of things for the kids such as face painting, clowns, balloons and more. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children (3 and under free). Live music. Line dancing. Call 895-2506.

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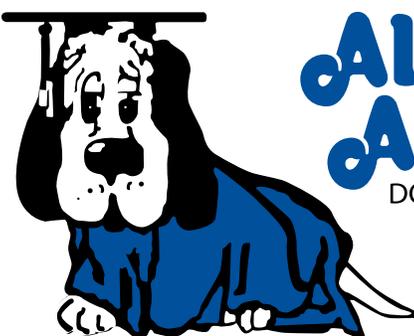
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The civil war era camps will be open free to the public from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. Participants will be depicting both Union and Confederate infantry, artillery, cavalry, and civilian impressions. On Friday, February 26, the camps will be open for tours by 1000+ pre-registered elementary

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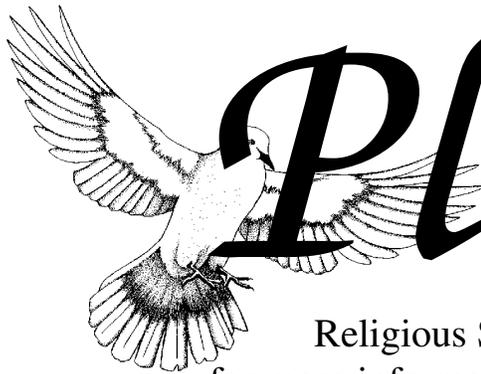


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Spaghetti Dinner at Pilgrim Congregational

Pilgrim Congregational Church, 6315 Central Avenue, will hold a spaghetti dinner on March 5 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Includes salad, bread, beverage and cake for \$6.50 single and \$3.50 for children under 10. There will be face painting and games for children. Advance tickets are discounted to \$6 adult and \$3.25 children. Call 347-1226 or 347-1227 to make reservations.

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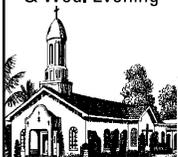
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Marina on the Beach Will Wait

ST. PETE BEACH- Commissioners voted to hold off on a feasibility study about a city-built, owned and run marina by the Community Center. Woods Consulting would have charged the city just under \$10,000 to complete a marina feasibility study.

Commissioner Chris Leonard said he'd rather turn the city's attention to the east end of Corey Avenue.

"In my business right now, there is no development. Everything is on hold. People are trying to sustain to get by," Leonard said.

Vice-Mayor Al Halpern responded that he wanted to see a money-making venture that could help the

city's coffers. He pointed to Gulfport's municipally-run marina as a reason to explore building a marina.

"I wouldn't have brought this forward to begin with if Gulfport couldn't demonstrate a nice \$1.6, \$1.7M asset to the city every year," Halpern said.

"Gulfport has done a phenomenal job," Leonard agreed.

Commissioners debated waiting until the federal government resumed permitting marinas in this area of Pinellas County before paying for a study. City Manager Mike Bonfield explained that the study would allow the city to discuss the idea of a marina intelligently and prepare for the time when the federal government lifts its ban on marinas.

Commissioners Leonard and Bev Garnett voted against the study and Halpern and Jim Parent voted in favor of it. Mayor Mike Finnerty broke the tie with a no vote.

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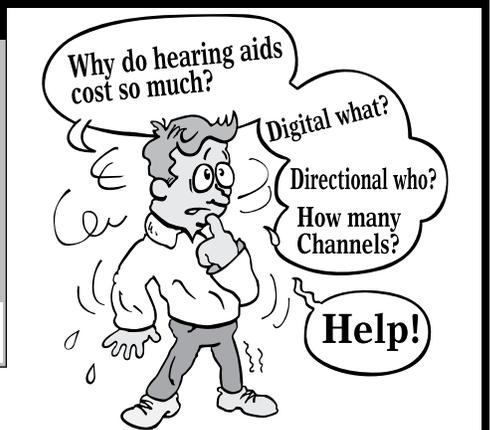


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The Tuesday Fresh Market is located on Beach Boulevard (between 28th Ave. S. and Shore Blvd. S.) every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you haven't tried the Gulfport/St. Pete connector trolley yet, this is a perfect time to sign up for your free tokens. It's a win-win as you are keeping up with what is happening in Gulfport and you get a free ride on the Gulfport/St. Pete connector Trolley. Don't forget to ask for your flyer with the schedule! For more information on the Trolley, call 727-893-1069.

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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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Party for Teens in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH, FL: The St. Pete Beach Community Center will be hosting its first-ever T.W.E.E.N. Party on Friday, March 5 from 7-10 p.m. This party is just for guys and girls in 6th through 8th grades who are looking for something fun and different to do. T.W.E.E.N. (The Way to Enjoy Exciting Nights) Parties are held the third Friday of every month and include music, dancing, a pizza dinner, pool and foosball competitions, and Nintendo Wii games played on

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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 29th 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, call 727-893-1092 or 727-893-1118.

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The March 11 program will be visits to two local garden centers. Banyan Scapes at 932 49 Street S. in Gulfport will have 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.

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

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Gulfport Chief to Speak at So49 Meeting

Gulfport Police Chief Vincent contacted the 49th Street South Business Association (more commonly called So49) and offered to attend one of their meetings to discuss crime and other issues in the area. He will be their guest speaker at the Wednesday, March 10 meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center located on 49th Street.

Not familiar with So49? Here is their Mission Statement: "The Association seeks to unite, enhance, and promote the 49th Street South business corridor and embedded residential communities. Using sustainable strategies, we seek to achieve a district regionally recognized for vibrancy, special goods and services, safety and entrepreneurial opportunity. Membership is open to all as we believe that we can accomplish collectively that which we cannot do individually."

They are currently planning for and/or working on the Community Garden, the Blues Fest and a possible block party on the Greenway in conjunction with National Night Out - just to name a few. Visit their developing web site at www.So49.org.

Please join them (and bring a friend) as they welcome the Chief on March 10! For more information, call Walt Dill, Secretary at so49web@aol.com or Jeri Reed, President at 727-258-6618 (days) or 727-327-3509 (evenings).

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

NASA will be launching the last space shuttle in April. Do you think the program should be discontinued?



Marvin and Kathy Graves, Gulfport: “We both think it should be continued because there’s an awful lot more to be learned about outer space. We’ve put a huge investment into the International Space Station and should keep up the maintenance. Why spend all that money and effort to build one up in space and then fail to use or maintain it? We read in the paper that if our shuttles are discontinued, we will have to pay \$5 million dollars to Russia to ride with them on their shuttles. That’s what they’re going to charge the US. Wouldn’t it make a whole lot more sense and be cheaper if NASA took that money and put it back into repairing our existing fleet rather than pay the Russians all that money to ride in their shuttles? Another reason to keep the program is that the young people of today can learn so much more today. They have access to instant info with the Internet, they can watch missions in real time and there is so much more to be learned about space now than there ever was. Before, the astronauts were almost impossible to relate to for the kids. Now, with a teacher from Clearwater on this next mission, it makes the astronauts feel more personable, easier to relate to for the kids. They can identify with the whole concept of space better. There’s a whole lot more out there to see and explore. We’ve barely gotten started.”

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Jackie Schaaff, St. Pete: “I think it should be put on hold for a while, until the economy improves. The government spends millions of dollars to send one of those up. I don’t think the program should be eliminated altogether; some of the stuff they do is good for us. But we just shouldn’t spend that huge amount of money when the economy is so bad. They need to start fixing or repairing the shuttles we have now. Why not take two years off and give NASA the time to fix the bugs and problems? That would give them a chance to update technology too. That could cut in half the amount of money spent on the program and give them the chance to regroup. It just seems hard to justify spending all that money when the economy is in such terrible shape.”

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Vern Ackers, Gulfport: “I think it should be discontinued. The amount of money spent, just for fuel alone for one of those things to get up into space is ridiculous. It costs millions. The cost of upkeep is just huge and when the Shuttle has to land in California, it costs an additional \$1 million dollars alone. I mean, there are kids going hungry, people losing their jobs and homes and sleeping in the streets. I think that money NASA uses could be a whole lot better spent somewhere else. We’ve already walked on the moon. When you think about it, what does space really have that we need, right here, right now? Wait for the economy to come back and then think about space. Our troubles are right here, on Earth.”

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Town Shores Red Hatters

The "Happy Hour" for all dues paying members and husbands and/or significant others will be held tomorrow, 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 welcomed. Please call Julie at 343-6587 or Judy at 344-7558.

On Wednesday, March 3 a bus trip has been planned to Lake Hamilton. They will leave from the gazebo on 59 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 more information and to deliver your \$39 check. All reservations and checks must be in by tomorrow, Friday,

February 26. They have one bus and it will be first come, first served.

March Bunko will be on Friday, March 12. Mark your calendars for these two March activities.

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Fish Fry at Gulfport United Methodist

The annual United Methodist Men's Fish Fry has been set for Friday, March 5 from 5-7 p.m. by the United Methodist Men of First United Methodist Church. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall at the church, 2728 53 Street S. Featuring the always popular menu of fried fish, cole slaw, tartar sauce, baked bean, hushpuppies, grits, tea, coffee and dessert and all you care to eat at a donation of \$7.95, this annual event continues to be bigger and better each year. Take outs are available.

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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"Antiques in the Park" Show Returns

Gulfport's new "Antiques in the Park" series will return to Clymer Park on Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This outdoor antiques and collectibles fair is co-sponsored by the Gulfport Lions Club and the City of Gulfport and is held in the first block of Beach Boulevard at the intersection of Gulfport Boulevard.

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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Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

ACROSS

- 1 "Ben ____"
- 4 Spots for struggling artists
- 11 Some of the IBM line
- 14 Eight bits
- 15 ____ of Aquitaine
- 16 Modern music style
- 17 Weill/Brecht opus, with "The
- 20 Ten or pen followers
- 21 Nourishment oversight grp.
- 22 Tasty
- 23 Certain Chopin works
- 25 Velocity
- 26 Deed: Sp.
- 27 His cookies are famous!
- 31 Fine fiddle
- 32 Cornettist Red Nichols' story
- 35 Antofagasta announcement
- 36 Small-stakes school
- 43 Di Laurentis, and namesakes
- 44 "____ we forget ..."
- 45 Launder
- 46 Line from Lod

- 47 ____ the ocean
- 49 Violinist Oliveira
- 51 Suitable
- 54 Garde starter
- 55 Somerset Maugham tale, with "The
- 58 Deviate
- 59 Oyster, for example
- 60 EC member
- 61 Functional or peptic beginning
- 62 Modern sculptor Jacob
- 63 Palm Sunday mount

DOWN

- 1 Roastee's place
- 2 Let go
- 3 Send a different way
- 4 Canadian flyers
- 5 Jungfrau or Eiger
- 6 Great Barrier, e.g.
- 7 Pretoria specie
- 8 Sicilian resort
- 9 FAO Schwartz product
- 10 Theater sign message: pl.
- 11 Get ready
- 12 Roman kindness
- 13 Dug

- 18 "... the ____ the beginning": Churchill
- 19 ____ Québécois
- 24 London theater or cabbage
- 28 Musically, this can be heavy
- 29 Have a view
- 30 Shiites and Shakers
- 31 ____! crackle! pop!
- 33 London's ____ of Court
- 34 Negatives from Nikita: var.
- 36 Hold up to ridicule
- 37 Charms
- 38 Pitcher Ryan
- 39 Branch or oil
- 40 Shaba, once
- 41 Displays
- 42 Lessees
- 43 Considered
- 48 Von ____
- 50 Broccoli ____
- 51 Selling letters
- 52 Early college entrance exam.
- 53 Bathroom wall-covering, often
- 56 Chill
- 57 Sweet age, in old Roma?

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Emotipets

Maybe it all started with Snoopy. The temper tantrums, the hysterical cackling laughter at his own jokes, that conniving competitive edge that was always there between he and his "master," Charlie Brown. Or maybe Charles M. Schulz was like the rest of us in our tendency to project emotions and ulterior motives onto our dogs.

Since the advent of the ad industry, advertisers have successfully attributed emotions to dogs in an effort to convince consumers to open their wallets. One of the best examples is a commercial spot on YouTube that features a dog who becomes devastated upon spotting his "girl" with another dog.

Stumbling onto the horrific scene of the two of them together, the emotionally distraught canine heads for the nearest five-lane freeway to put a permanent end to his misery. But, alas, his plan is foiled. By an awesome set of Bridgestone tires.

Before holistic dog food, there was Chuck Wagon. They ran an ad in the 70s, narrated by the gentlest of grandfatherly voices, starring a cute little pup chasing after a wagon full of chow. The spot closed with a voiceover reassuring dog owners: "Chuck Wagon. Next to you, what he likes best and needs most."

Last year, AT&T ran an ad for its 3G network that highlighted the use of online social media in tandem with its high-speed network to return a lost pup to its adorable

young owner. The final frame shows the dog bolting into the child's arms.

And Travelers Insurance had a runaway YouTube hit with their "Prized Possession" commercial featuring a neurotic dog that just can't get a good night's sleep until his bone is safely in their hands.

The projection of human emotions onto dogs is much more than a capitalist idea. Dog owners do it all the time in everyday life. This isn't to say that dogs have no feelings. But the canine set of emotions is much more limited and much less complex than ours.

I get calls on a daily basis from people who are sure their dogs are out to get them:

There was the woman whose pooch had decimated thousands of dollars worth of Persian rugs. She was convinced the dog was displeased with the arrangement of furniture in that room.

There was the man whose dog had urinated on his carpets every day for two years without fail. When I asked him whether he had housebroken his dog, he said, "No. But that's not it. He's angry."

And there are too many couples to list who are convinced that their jealousy-crazed dog is out for their significant other. Territorial? Maybe. Jealous? It's unlikely any dog, no matter how seemingly intelligent or manipulative, is capable of pulling an OJ.

So if your dog uses the business section of your newspaper as a toilet, it's not because he's fed up with Wall Street or stressed over the S&P Index. It's either because he was paper-trained, or because he was never trained.

Emoticons make it possible to attribute tone to an otherwise emotionless e-mail or text, making it easy to eliminate confusion. But attributing human emotion or motive to a dog only creates it.

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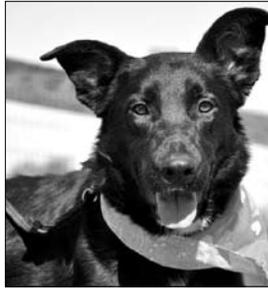
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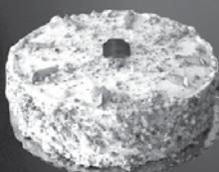
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Most people are consumed with a need to prepare for the future. That's because they are afraid that if they let the wind blow them where it will, they'll end up in a bad place. You, however, believe the wind only has your best intentions at heart. You'll trade a measure of security for the promise of adventure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Playing second fiddle isn't such a bad idea when you're learning from the first fiddle or not quite ready to go solo. That said, it's time you graduate from the apprentice role. You're the best person around at what you do, and you deserve to be recognized for it. Get bold, and step into the spotlight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are constantly thinking of the other person and how to make them comfortable. That's why you shouldn't speak ill of yourself. Though self-deprecation can sometimes be endearing, it often makes others uncomfortable. Think highly of yourself, and refrain from commenting on your own abilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're eager to get on with things, to achieve a measure of success and know what the insiders know. Keep in mind that you don't need to have all of the answers to be happy. In fact, this state of naivete will prove to be the most blissful stage of the game. So savor this time of learning. There's no reason to rush.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Thinking you are right may bring comfort, but not necessarily happiness. Could it be that another person who believes the opposite is just as right in his or her own mind? And if being right means causing rifts and misery, then what's the point? With your open mind, you'll find pleasure and peace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Wouldn't it be lovely to be all things to all people? You'd be liked and accepted everywhere. Oh, well, that's not how things work. And you might actually get a kick out of being difficult and causing problems. So be true to yourself, even if it means saying "no" an awful lot. Your troublemaking will have paid off by Friday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can't choose your family. And sometimes it feels as though you can't even choose your friends. Circumstances throw people together, and one thing leads to another. This week, you may suddenly realize you don't have many common interests with a loved one. Let this signal you to develop some.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Winners think like winners. It will be made apparent to you the ways in which you have been undermining your own success by thinking of a situation in limited or negative terms. See the obstacles in your path as opportunities to move forward in a new way -- perhaps a way that no one ever has before.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Due to your amplified personal magnetism, you will draw intense people and situations to you. You understand what it's like to feel overwhelming emotion; therefore, it doesn't frighten you one bit. And you will be a tremendous help to the passionate souls who find their way to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've built a support system that suits you. It might not look like what someone else has, and it shouldn't. Your needs are different from the needs of those around you. You will appreciate the help and love you get in whatever form it comes. And this week it will come in many different and lovely forms.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may feel overwhelmed by all that needs doing. So if you feel like escaping or putting your head under the covers for much longer than one night's sleep, it's probably because of the sheer volume of tasks facing you. The good news: One thing at a time is all you can do, and is quite enough to move mountains.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As you go about the business of being yourself this week, a murmur of approval stirs in your wake. You are often an object of admiration when you do what comes naturally to you. But this week the attention comes with a hint of open wonder in the eyes of your friends and co-workers. You're really wowing them!

This Week's Birthdays: Your relationships continue to improve -- a major contributor to your overall satisfaction and happiness. Your ability to open up to another person and share your heart, a special interest or simply a common space will serve you on a daily basis. New introductions give March some pizzazz. April is your chance to strategically fix finances. You will play expertly in the politics of work. Family members bond this summer. A loved one encourages you to see different parts of the world.

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The play's director, Eileen Navarro, has a great cast of 18 people to work with and the play should draw large crowds, due to its popularity. Written way back in 1934, the play is set in New York City during the Great Depression and revolves around the very eccentric family of a former Wall Street tycoon. He spends most of his time playing darts and going to college commencements throughout the city. His daughter is a playwright, while her husband manufactures fireworks in the basement. Their daughter practices ballet in the living room, under the tutelage of a Russian instructor, while her husband plays the xylophone and runs a printing press. Basically, everyone in the house does exactly what they really want to do. Throw in a love story, a dinner party that goes terribly wrong, some exploding fireworks, a few federal agents, and a night in jail and you have a very fast moving comedy but, with a message for all of us, especially in our current, problem-filled economic times.

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Sale into the Nautical Flea Market

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\$1 per Mile: Senior Center Foundation Board Vice President Mike Calamari is running for donations for the Gulfport Center Foundation. The event will be held in Hamilton Ontario, Canada on March 29. You can support this effort by pledging \$1 per mile for the 30K (18 miles) race. Please make checks to The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, Inc. (RACE). You may also visit the Foundation website at www.gulfpportseniorfoundation.org and make your pledge thru PayPal. Special thanks to Mike for making the Senior Center a high priority!

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Young & Restless Seniors: Tues. March 9 at 6:30pm

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

Transportation Fair: Mark your calendar now! Wed. Mar. 24 at 1:30pm. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss! Guest speaker Sue Samson from the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. has accepted our invitation to speak on transportation issues pertaining to seniors. Ms. Samson has much expertise in this area and will share stories that will shed light on the importance of knowing when it's time to consider other transportation alternatives. Area transportation vendors will also be on hand to share specifics about their services. Vendors include GEMS, PSTA,

DART, Neighborly Care Network, EZ Ride, Metropolitan Transportation Organization, Wheelchair Transport, etc. Light refreshments will be provided.

Annual Senior Follies: Sorry, but there are no more tickets to our annual Senior Follies on Fri. Mar. 26.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Tues. March 30 at 10am

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.

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!

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Shrimp Boil at the Gulfport Lions Club

The Gulfport Lions Club will hold their third Shrimp Boil on Saturday, March 13 from 4-8 p.m. at their den at 4630 Tifton Drive S. in Gulfport (right behind the Marina). Rain or Shine.

The menu features a great supply of fresh, peel and eat shrimp, homemade hushpuppies and cole slaw, baked beans, cocktail sauce, coffee and iced tea and dessert. A generous 1/2 pound (weighed before cooking) serving for

everyone at a cost of \$8 per person. Additional shrimp can be purchased at \$4 per 1/2 pound. This is not an all you can eat dinner for a one time cost (as most of their events are). Children under 10 years of age are half price. You are welcome to bring your favorite beverage as we cannot sell beer or wine.

Plenty of tickets will be available at the door, or contact any of your Lion friends. This is a Gulfport Lions Activities Project, with all of the net proceeds generated to be allocated to their community outreach programs,

especially Sight First activities, as are all of their fund-raiser projects.

Please make sure you are part of this popular annual social event. If you need directions call them at the Lions Den at 321-7859 the day of the event.

Their next fundraising event will be a Pancake Breakfast on April 3 and May 8.

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Community Band to Perform Free Concert

Max Millspaugh, Musical Director of the South Pasadena Community Band has announced the title and theme of the March 11 concert. "We will build our program around images that spring from the sounds of music. That is the concert title, as a matter of fact, "Images." This concert is going to be a lot of fun. It will include a varied selection of music and the audience will have an evening of good music and light hearted entertainment."

The concert is free to the public and will be held in the Boca Ciega High School auditorium located at 924 58 Street S. in St. Petersburg. The facility has adequate free parking in front of the school and adjacent to the auditorium and is handicap accessible. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Millspaugh said "To whet the appetite for this interesting evening of music and fun, I will mention a couple of the selections on the concert. "Gillette Look Sharp", "Music to Watch Girls By", and a famous David Rose tune (you will have to come to hear which one) will be in the program as well as some familiar marches and a few surprises. We will create some images in the mind with the strains of familiar music. We look forward to seeing our regular audience members and hopefully some new faces," he concluded.

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West VA State Society to Meet

The West Virginia State Society will meet Monday, March 1 for their regular monthly meeting at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1700 34 Street N. in St. Petersburg. The Dutch Treat luncheon begins at 11:15 a.m. with the program about noon. Call John Cronin at 727-541-4201.

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Historic Kenwood Art in the Park

The 3rd Annual Historic Kenwood Art in the Park will be held on Saturday, March 13 from 10-4 p.m. Historic Kenwood's Park is located on the corner of 29 St. and Third Ave. N. Event features a day of art and music. Free to the public. A wide variety of fine, fun and funky art at affordable prices from neighborhood and Tampa Bay area artists. For more information go to www.hkartinthepark.com.

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CABA Memberships for 2010

The Corey Area Business Association (CABA) is now accepting memberships for the 2010 year. If you have a business in the Corey Avenue/ Downtown St. Pete Beach area and would like to become a member of this bustling business community, please contact Kathi Hansen at Corey Corners, 350 Corey Avenue or call 727-498-8778. Membership to this growing association offers

many perks to help you promote your business. For a list of current members go to www.coreyave.com.

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Celebrate Spay Day USA

Celebrate Spay Day USA this February 23rd! Help control the cat over population by having your cat or kitten spayed or neutered. The SPCA Tampa Bay is offering 100 free cat spay/neuter surgeries to those on a limited income through the end of the month. 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 www.spcatampabay.org.

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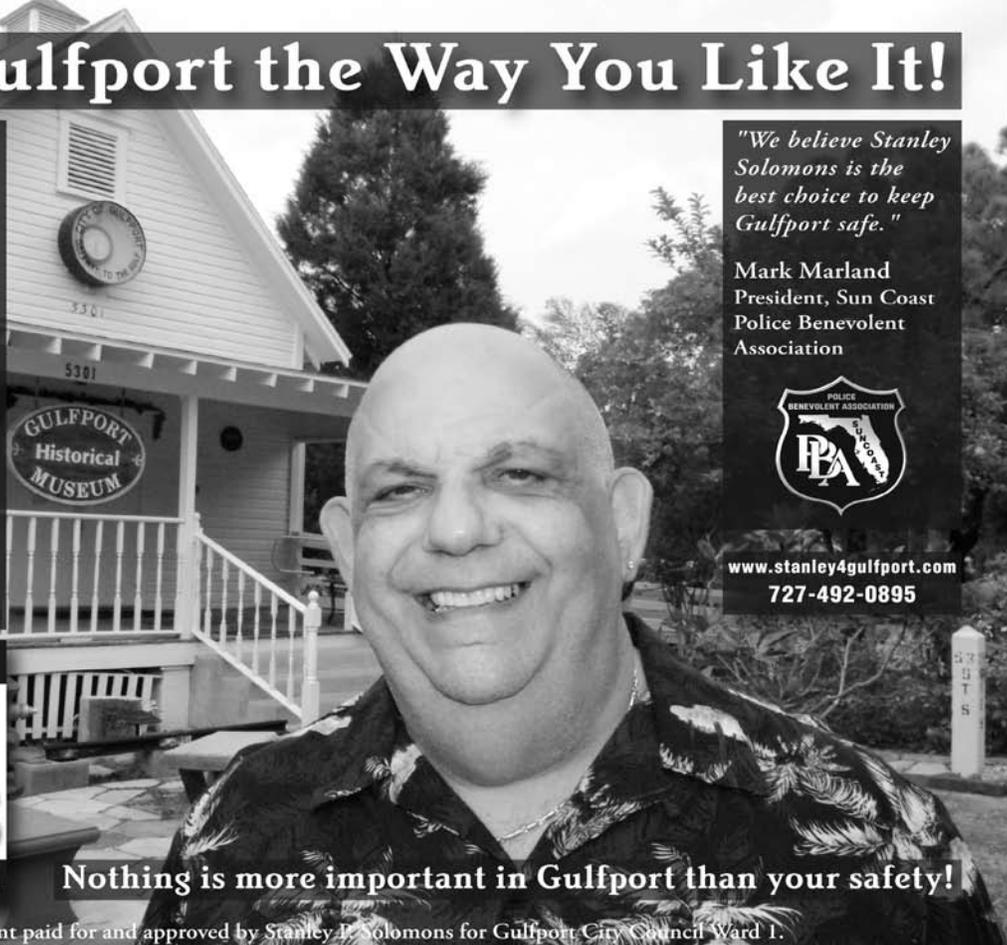
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Agave's Piano Bar One Step Closer

ST. PETE BEACH- At the St. Pete Beach City Commission meeting Tuesday night, the owners of Agave and Pappy's Liquor, the Madison family, came one step closer to opening a piano bar next to Agave. The Madison family applied for a variance to allow them to open a piano bar in the same building without adding more parking. The businesses already have a variance in place; this variance allows them to operate without adding parking spots.

According to the Conditional Use and Variance Request, the three storefronts (Agave, Pappy's Liquor,

and the vacant spot) share eight parking spaces. City code requires that the site have 36 total parking spots. Although people can also park south of the building, those spots are on the city of St. Pete Beach right-of-way and do not count towards the requirement. In 2006, the Madison family received the current variance for parking. They want that variance to cover the proposed piano bar as well as Agave and Pappy's.

If approved, the variance would excuse the requirement for 35 spaces.

Residents of Silver Sands, most of whom expressed positive comments about Agave and the liquor store, did not support the variance. Silver Sands borders the rear of the property.

City Manager Mike Bonfield told the commission 64th Avenue was not the issue as the city wasn't looking to add parking but waive a parking requirement. He added that the road bordering Silver Sands had a "fairly substantial right-of-way" and that the Silver Sands property did not extend to the curb line of that road. Commissioner Jim Parent pointed out that Silver Sands had what he estimated was a 300-foot buffer between its dwellings and the proposed site.

According to the attorney for the Madisons, the Madisons have an oral agreement to with the Postcard Inn to share parking. Given that, attorney McNamara told the city.

"We're asking you to support the business... support the expansion," McNamara said.

Silver Sands resident Bruce Kudora told the city he didn't have a problem with the business but didn't want to see parking in front of his building.

"I don't know what the solution is, either. It appears you're trying to put a square peg in a round hole," Kudora said "The nature of the business has changed... and for the better. But still, it's not the fault of the Silver Sands residents that they don't have enough parking."

Richard Zacker, the attorney for the Silver Sands Master's Association, requested that the city require the business owners to construct a barrier between Silver Sands and the business.

"We would expect that a barrier be required to protect the residents at Silver Sands," Zacker said.

The Commission voted to approve the variance 3-2 with Commissioner Leonard and Mayor Finnerty casting the dissenting vote.

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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 such as Salsa, Merengue, Hip Hop, etc., with no experience needed. Classes will be on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting March 4. The cost is \$10 per class or \$8 per class if you pay by the month. Call Daniela (instructor) at 561-302-6174 or John at the rec. center at 893-1079. Please register in advance.

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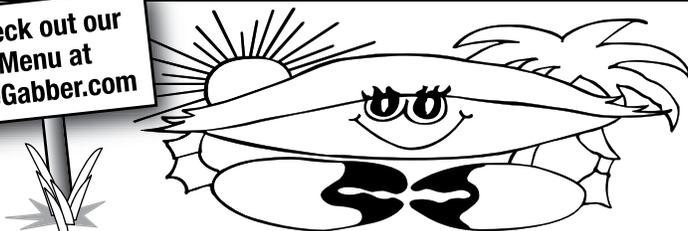
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Green Theme at Woman's Club

The next general meeting of the St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Blvd. N.E., will be held on Friday, March 12 at 1 p.m. The program, sponsored by the Conservation Department, will be a presentation on "Florida Friendly Plants" that require low water maintenance. Refreshments will be served after the business meeting. Guests are welcome. Everyone is encouraged to wear green in keeping with the theme and also to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The St. Petersburg Woman's Club has been actively serving the community since 1913. For more information regarding monthly meetings, diverse activities including arts and crafts, monthly excursions, book discussions, weekly sewing and card games or rental information of the historic clubhouse, please call 822-4982. Guests are welcome to attend all events.

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Gulfport Springfest

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.

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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 or call 727-322-5217. For more information, please contact the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce at 727-344-3711.

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Michael Terry to Serve on St. Pete Beach Firefighter Pension Board

ST. PETE BEACH- Michael Terry will serve as the newest member of the Firefighter Pension Board of Trustees. The city commission voted Tuesday night for Terry, who serves as secretary of the Three Palms Point Homeowner's Board, Rear Commodore of the Pasadena Yacht Club Cruising Fleet Board, and on the Tampa Bay

United Way's Resource Development Committee.

Terry hails from Oregon, served in the Navy, and started his career with the IBM corporation. He has a BA in Mathematics and an MBA in Business Economics.

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Most Holy Name Fish Fry Dinners

Lent is here and so are the famous Fish Fry Dinners hosted by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the

St. Mary & St. Anne Society at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 5800 15 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

This year dinners will be served on February 26, March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26 from 5-7:30 p.m. Baked or fried fish dinners will cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, and shrimp dinners will cost \$10.

In addition to baked or fried fish or shrimp, each dinner will include weekly varying side dishes of cole slaw and baked beans, or parsley buttered potatoes and green beans. Also included with dinners are roll and butter, homemade desserts and coffee or tea. Sodas and water will be available at extra cost. Wine and beer will be available for a donation.

This annual event has been held for several years with all customers enjoying the delicious food and meeting many friends and gracious hosts.

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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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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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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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DBSA Support Group

DBSA Support Group for adults and teens meets every Thursday night from 7-9 p.m. at Northeast Presbyterian Church, 4400 Shore Acre Boulevard in St. Petersburg. If you suffer from depression, bipolar or other mental illness, call the chapter leader, Mary, at 204-9343 for more information.

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Dear Mary: I'm looking for a safe low-cost or free site to use to send electronic greeting cards a few times a year. Do you know of a good one? -- Leanne L., Tennessee

Dear Leanne: Take a look at 123Greetings.com. All of the e-greetings are free, and so is the use of the site's "cool tools," which let you track your e-cards, schedule them for future delivery and edit or delete them.

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Dear Mary: I love your daily column! This year, I'm resolved to get a grip on my finances. I read your books "Debt-Proof Living" and "Live Your Life for Half the Price." I'm 27 and recently became a single mother of three. My ex-husband left me high and dry, but now I have full control of my finances. I have downsized my

home and am getting rid of things I don't need. I currently pay \$22.40 each week for Aflac supplemental cancer and accident insurance for my three little ones and me. My employer pays 100 percent of my health insurance, and my children are covered through the state. If I were to cancel my Aflac, that would be \$80 a month I could put in my savings! What should I do? -- Jaimee B., e-mail

Dear Jaimee: Thanks for writing to let me know how hard you are working to get your finances under control and of your success. You are doing an amazing job. Do you realize that with the Aflac policy, you are paying for double coverage? Health insurance covers you and the kids for cancer and injuries suffered in accidents. The Aflac coverage on top of that is a luxury you cannot afford. Health and accident insurance is based on statistical likelihood. Given your ages, you and your children are not statistically vulnerable. You cannot afford the luxury of double coverage at this time, given your tenuous financial situation.

My advice is to cancel Aflac. Then direct that money into your contingency fund, where you need it most. At \$80 per month, that's nearly \$1,000 per year you will be putting away to cover emergencies for which you are much more vulnerable. I cannot imagine how difficult it is to be a single parent. Please know that you have my admiration and support.

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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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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.

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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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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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Transfiguration Church Spring Festival

Transfiguration Church will hold their Community Spring Festival

Friday, March 5 through Sunday, March 7. Event features carnival rides, games, food, music and karaoke, and a \$1,000 opportunity drawing. Ride tickets are \$10 per sheet, \$25 for 1 day unlimited ride armband, \$50 for 3 day unlimited ride armband. Presale armbands are available until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 5. The Church is located at 4000 43 Street N. in St. Petersburg.

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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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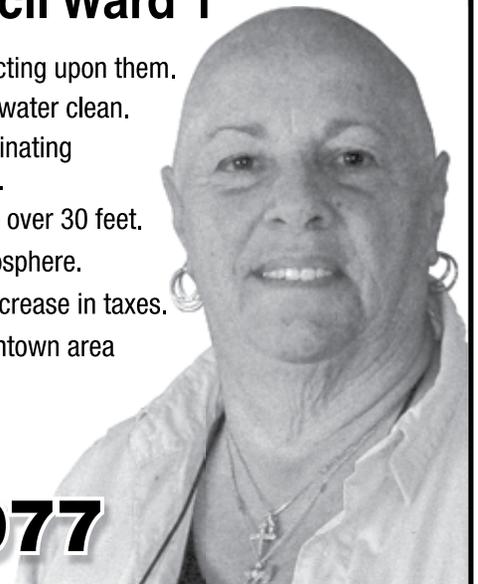
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Candidate Forum, from front page

“Council Meetings, Agendas and Videos” and look for the video of the February 18 Candidate Forum or look for the link on *The Gabber* Newspaper’s Facebook page.

Question: Name for us specific ways in which you will lower the budget or increase its revenues.

Judy Ryerson (JR):

About the only way we’re going to do that is if the prop values stop dropping... if we can get that to level off somehow that will stop us from losing any more money and maybe get some money back.

Roz Barbieri (RB):

At least a 1-2% cut across all departments and I would not raise taxes at all. The only other way, which I wouldn’t want to do unless it was absolutely necessary, is to ask all the employees to take one day a month as a furlough. That’s a drastic step and I wouldn’t want to do that unless it was absolutely necessary... It’s important to entice more businesses to come.

Stanley Solomons (SS):

You can always find room. I don’t like to see people laid off and I would not want to see any services cut in Gulfport. We need to encourage business. Something that the council has done is the multi-use overlay.

David Hastings (DH):

I definitely don’t think that we’ll have to cut any services. The multi-use will attract more business. Perhaps combine health insurance programs with other cities... bid out the fire department to the unincorporated areas... go outside the city for recycling.

David Steinke (DS):

It’s really easy to make statements and things we’re gonna do but ...once you get into office you need to get

around to every department and look at every department, then you can make your decisions about what you’re going to do. At the present time we’re all sitting on the outside looking in. I couldn’t really say right now.

Question: If cost was not an issue, would you support the mooring field project?

DH: I think I would support the mooring field...I would rather just have sailboats; I don’t want any more pollutants coming into Boca Ciega Bay. Hastings also said he would support with fewer than 50 slips.

DS: Well, we have a real problem with the mooring field... I don’t know if anybody’s read their comprehensive plan, which is about 400 pages long. Fortunately I have. I surely wouldn’t want to see 100 liveboard boats out there.

JR: You need a pumpout boat if you’re going to pump out anything parked out there, including what’s parked out there now.

RB: The biggest objection that I have is that no one can supervise the black or gray water. You can’t supervise these boats; they’ll dump whenever they want to dump.

SS: Assuming that the mooring field was just free and happy times for all, I think that live on boats would bring revenue into Gulfport; they would eat in our restaurants and shop in our stores. I think that it can be a positive.

Question for David Steinke: Can you tell us what was behind the decision to fly the confederate flag at your place of business and if or how it would impact your ability to represent a community as diverse as Gulfport?

DS: Well, for one thing, I don’t fly the confederate flag. I’m an American and I’m not prejudiced and whoever asked the question, they don’t know what the flag was.

Question: Public dialogue and politics have become acrimonious with stolen campaign signs and disruptive council meetings. How would you propose to bring the “nice” back to Gulfport politics?

JR: I know, I lost some signs, too, that weekend. As far as things being nice, if everybody remembers their manners that they learned when they were children it would go a long way toward restoring the nice. And remember you can get more flies with honey than you can with vinegar... A lot of times people will come in with very good ideas and give us their input, however, it’s the way it’s presented that rubs everybody the wrong way and nothing gets done or it’s handled the opposite and people are turned off.

RB: I think the saying “treat other people the way you’d like to be treated” should be foremost in everybody’s mind. People should not be negative or throw stones at other people. I don’t think any of us would go into a store and have a clerk bombard us with nasty remarks and I don’t think it should apply to anyone up here. Be nice to people; it comes back twofold to you.

SS: A political campaign should be about issues and only issues and you determine based on the candidates, who is the best candidate to support those issues, to bring those issues to fruition, to support the city. If the negative campaigning is how you want your city represented or how you want the outside world to look at your city, by all means,

keep it up. You’re not going to win favor. The citizens of Gulfport don’t deserve it

DH: My mom always used to tell me, if you don’t have something nice to say, don’t say anything.

DS: I kind of lost the questions. Was it about signs or negative campaigning? I think the first thing we could do is eliminate all campaign signs. The signs don’t vote. The people don’t actually really like signs. I don’t like them. I think that they’re an annoyance.

Questions: Is the Gulfport Trolley worth the taxpayer investment in your opinion? If it came to a vote as to whether or not to continue it, how would you vote?

RB: I don’t know how many riders are using it...they said there was approximately 500 -700 riders a week; I don’t know if that’s true. We have grant money, the bus is donated... so I don’t know the actual amount of cost involved and I don’t think it’s been advertised or handled in the proper manner to make it efficient.

SS: I think the trolley serves a purpose. I’ve talked to a lot of people who use it to get to the local hospitals. I think we could utilize it better, I think we could utilize it more. I think we can use the trolley. I think we could use it a little bit better and yeah, I would say keep it

DH: I’m in favor of it. It was a three year matching grant. After the 3rd year if the ridership is successful then PSTA is going to take it over. Right now we’re up to 500 or 600 passengers and I’ve been told by (city manager) Jim O’Reilly that meets PSTA’s requirement.

DS: I was one of the major supporters of the trolley. Unfortunately the city got the trolley and hasn’t done

anything with it and it's got a slow death right now. The first thing I would do is take the toll off the thing. The thing would be a free trolley. It's on a TIF grant, it's paid for by the TIF funds, and it can't do a lot of things that a lot of you people think that, or that a lot of us think it should do. It's got to benefit the Waterfront Redevelopment District, so there are a lot of things it can't do but we've just got to work at getting more riders.

JR: Yes, it has been gaining in ridership and the scheduling is very tight and they do keep to the schedule very closely. They're doing more advertising now than they have been and I think that's why ridership is up, not just the season.

Question: *How do you define a quality life in Gulfport?*

DS: We need to try keep our city the same as it is right now and we need to do things and we need to initiate plans. We need to know where we're going; we need to start somewhere.

JR: Primarily, no high rises. I live in what might be considered a high rise but they wouldn't be allowed to be

built today under our current laws. Town Shores would not exist under our current zoning laws and that would be fine with me, I'd gladly go back into a house. This has been a great place, I'll tell you right now, to raise children. You have a small town atmosphere and that's what we want to hang on to.

RB: I'm glad I moved here. As Judy mentioned about the atmosphere, the first thing that I would try to do... there's a commercial law that says a building can be 45 feet tall in Gulfport. That would change the whole atmosphere of Gulfport and... I think the council should address that issue.

SS: We all know, we're all here, is a great place to live. You can change. None of us have all the right ideas. When we work together as a community, this is a great place to live... You can't keep things the same without a little bit of change, but you can keep it to what you want it to be.

DH: We have diversity of people. We have diversity of homes. We have diversity of businesses... We still have

the small-town atmosphere; I call it the Mayberry feel. I remember when my wife and I started our restaurant in 1997 and I drove down 54th Street and I saw two kids kissing on benches right at the shuffleboard court and I was like, "this is place I want to move to."

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Ward III - Holy Name Catholic Church
5800 15th Avenue South
(Precincts 200, 211 & 240)

Ward IV - Trinity Nazarene Church
1000 55th Street South
(Precincts 209 & 210)

Please contact the City Clerk's Office 893-1012/1013
if you need assistance in determining your polling place location.

Local Obituaries



D'AMBRA, SANTO V., 79, of Saint Petersburg passed the evening of Feb. 21st, 2010. Born in Brooklyn, NY, US Navy Veteran of the Korean War,

Member of the VFW, and beloved father. He is survived by daughter Diane and son-in-law Jim Boyle of FL, son John and wife Joann of NC, son Vincent and wife Kim of NJ and many loving family members and friends. We will all miss him. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Feb. 26th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the National Cremation and Burial Society, 305 E. College Ave., Ruskin FL, 33570, (813) 645-3231.

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MILLER, EDITH, 85, of Gulfport, died Sunday, February 21, 2010, at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. Born in New York, NY, she was a resident of Town

Shores since 1972. She was Roman Catholic and a member of Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. She was a life member of DAV Auxiliary. She was a loving wife and mother. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Donald Miller, Sr., son Donald J. (Ann) Miller, Jr. of Greenwich, NY, grandchildren Donald J. (Laurie) Miller III and Terry Dausman; two great grandchildren, Joshua Miller and Linmarie Dausman; sister in law Mabel Coyle and niece Patty Poggioli. There will be a viewing on Thursday, Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at Holy Name Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. Entombment to follow at Royal Palm Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans. ALifeTribute FuneralCare - Gulfport, (727) 347-5521.

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WHITE, RACHAEL LEAD-BETTER, a Gulfport, FL resident since 1981, passed away surrounded by her loving family. Rachael was born in North Livermore, ME on

July 8, 1926, the daughter of Shirley and Nellie Danforth Leadbetter. Her happiest childhood memories were of life on the farm she shared with her family. Rachael graduated from Farmington Normal College and briefly taught elementary school. Shortly thereafter she married Shelton White. Together they raised their children in various locations throughout Maine. Rachael was the family's guidance, non-judgmental but quick to provide counsel with her simple philosophical outlook on life. Her enjoyment in life was family, travel, the books and literature that surrounded her. Rachael embraced the simplicity of life and in a biography written for one of her grandchildren, she made several notations that truly reflected her calm demeanor: "Do the best you can with what you have ... Learn to keep cool. Very few of life's catastrophes are earth-shaking ... Cultivate patience with others and with yourself ... Renew your interest in life with new experiences." Besides life on the farm, Rachael's other favorite location was the camp on Stinchfield Point, Leeds, ME, property that had once been in her father's family. There were many family gatherings, campfires, games, cards, slumber parties and memories to last a lifetime. Rachael is survived by her husband of 63 years, Shelton. Children are: Bruce, Alan and wife Marcia, Sam and wife France, Callie and husband Bob, daughter-in-law Carole White-St. Pierre, brother George Leadbetter, 13 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and special nieces and nephews. Her parents, several siblings, daughter Janice and son Laurence predeceased Rachael. In lieu of flowers, keeping with her love for education and world of literature, contributions may be made to the Wayne Town Library, Wayne, ME 04284. Loving, independent, non-judgmental, considerate, patient are a few of the adjectives her family will always recall and cherish. Services for family will be private. Interment will be held at Water's Hill cemetery in North Livermore, ME in the spring. Moss-Feaster Funeral Chapel, 693 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater assisted the family with local arrangements.

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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.

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"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

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that bear the name of someone who has battled cancer.

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

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It's Baaack!

Health care reform, that is. Senate majority leader, Harry Reid has declared that they have (not sure who "they" is) put together the House and Senate bills already passed by each body and are ready to ram them through regardless of Republican opposition. A government run insurance company (government option) is back on the table.

I don't know if that means a bill of 3,000 pages (combination of the two) or a new, re-done bill of fewer or more pages. Heck, 3,000 pages of regulations are nothing. Think of the IRS regulations, an estimated 56,000 pages. Ironically, the IRS has been chosen to enforce the "everyone must have insurance" provisions. By the way, I have read the 1,000 pages in the House bill, but couldn't find the 2,000 page Senate bill. I e-mailed Florida Senator Bill Nelson about

getting a copy, but didn't get an answer. Not sure I wanted to read all of it anyway.

In the meantime, Democrats have invited Republicans to get together to hear their ideas. On top of that, President Obama has proposed a bill that would give the federal government the power to examine and regulate insurance rates. Portions of that are already in the House bill. Obama's proposal was to be put on the web today.

That move was stirred by a proposed 39 per cent hike in a Blue Cross plan in California. Insurance companies argue that the loss of younger insured customers and health care cost increases made the hike necessary. Most utility companies are state regulated, by the way. However, consider that the federal government regulates Medicare and it is \$37 billion in the hole.

The Republicans are talking about controlling costs through curtailing law suits against medical professionals and providing for across state line competition between insurance companies. Their bills, too, would provide for catastrophic health care as well as requiring insurance companies to cover pre-conditions.

Whichever bill is passed or proposed, I question whether costs will ever drop without major changes in accessibility – let's call it rationing - and major changes in how and for what medical professionals are paid. Cost containment is necessary, but patients need some form of a dollar stake in making medical decisions.

That's a tricky, but necessary, facet of the debate. Would you take the test, make the visit, if costs came directly out of your pocket (assuming you know the costs of the procedure)? In the early days of medical insurance, patients paid the medical people then submitted the bills to the insurance company. It was cumbersome for the patient, but it certainly made you consider what you were doing medically.

What I do know is that a federal take-over of 16 per cent of the economy would be stifling. Think of it this way. Government would have a stake in your very breathing. Potentially, everything you do would affect the government and that's an excuse for regulation. Think, too, of thousands of pages of regulations. And, there would be no going back.

How complex is the problem? Here are some statistics taken from a Wall Street Journal column written recently by Daniel Henninger:

A federal re-arranging of health care means controlling "16% of a \$14 trillion economy of 300 million people living in 50 separate states whose geography is 16 times larger than France." He pointed out that the health care industry has 340,650 separate institutions employing 5,508,926 people. There are 512,000 physicians and surgeons, 2.2 million registered nurses and 36 per cent are in individual physicians' offices. There are 8,616 medical-device companies employing 359,065 people.

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Next Monday night, March 1, we will be featuring a special "ladies night" from 6 p.m. til closing, with drinks at half price for ladies only.

Hard to believe, but it is that time of year already. The Auxiliary's annual Miniature Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, March 21 at the Polynesian Putter on St. Pete Beach. There will be a shotgun start promptly at 10 a.m. Teams are a donation of \$15 per person, and hole sponsors are a \$10 donation. We appreciate any donations of door prizes and raffle items. Prize money, food, raffles, and lots of fun await you immediately following the tournament at the Post. A sign up sheet is posted in the lounge.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

Last week's photo was from the 1956/57 annual report, and the three fire engines are, from the left, the 1925 American LaFrance, the 1939 Peter Pirsch, and the 1955 Ford/Seagrave. The old fire station building in back of city hall was demolished in the 1990s.

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USCG Safe Boating Classes

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

March classes include: "Your Highway Signs" on March 2; "Rules of the Nautical Road" on March 9; "Boating Safety" on March 16; "Powering Your Boat" on March 23, and "Piloting Your Boat-Part A" on March 30.

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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Luncheon at St. Anthony's Hospital

Get ready to enjoy a fun day of food, cards, entertainment and friendship. St. Anthony's Hospital Auxiliary, Inc. is sponsoring a luncheon/card/game party on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 in the auditorium of St. Anthony's Hospital, 1200 Seventh Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Free valet parking in the garage. Social hour begins at 11 a.m. with a gourmet lunch served at noon. Surprises are in store as well as entertainment. Tickets are \$15. For reservations or questions, please call Mary Ellen Conte at 821-2078.

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PARC Thrift Store Needs Donations

Due to an increase in community need, the PARC Thrift Store at 5825 66 Street N. in St. Petersburg is immediately collecting electronic and furniture donations. The PARC Thrift Store is able to pick up large donations with advance notice. Donations of electronics and furniture may be delivered to the PARC Thrift Store seven days a week during daytime hours. Opened in 1963, all proceeds from the PARC Thrift Store benefit the children and adults with developmental disabilities at PARC. Call 727-541-4493.

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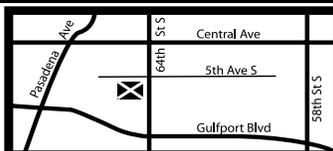
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Friday 2/12

- DUI Investigation-** 2200 Blk York St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** Tomlinson Park.
- Animal Complaint-** 5300 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 6000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Trespasser-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Saturday 2/13

- Theft-** 5600 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 800 Blk 60th St. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 1200 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5600 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 1200 Blk 55th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.

Crime Awareness Meeting

The next Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention Meeting will be held on Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center located at 1617 49 Street S. Subject is on neighborhood crime and how we can prevent these crimes from occurring. They will also discuss neighbor patrols and how they work. They would like to see the marina district and Stetson district crime watch folks and citizens of the community to attend.

Sunday 2/14

- Trouble with Individual-** 2200 Blk York St. S.
- Battery-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5500 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5300 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Monday 2/15

- Burglary-** 5300 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 4600 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk 21st Ave. S.
- Abandoned Vehicle-** Clam Bayou.
- Theft-** 5500 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5700 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Tuesday 2/16

- Suspicious Vehicle-** 800 Blk 59th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5000 Blk 24th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Street Obstruction- 1700 Blk 49th St. S.

Burglary- 2600 Blk 56th St. S.
Arrest on Warrant- 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Wednesday 2/17

- Domestic Verbal-** 2600 Blk 44th St. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 2200 Blk 51st St. S.
- Robbery-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 5700 Blk 23rd Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Burglary-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 6200 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Thursday 2/18

- Hit & Run-** 3000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Battery-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Burglary-** 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Theft-** 5900 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 6200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

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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.

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Old Cell Phones Can Be Lifeline for Seniors

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

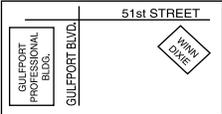
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Gulfport's City-Wide Yard Sale Saturday, March 20, 2010

What you need to know about the next City-Wide Yard Sale:

You can have it at your Gulfport residence and it is Permit Free on Saturday, March 20th at no charge! (Rain date, Sunday, March 21st).

To be added to Yard Sale Brochure: You can fill out a form at City Hall, 2401 53rd St. S. or easily email your Gulfport address to gbiron@mygulfport.us. The address information is due by Friday, March 12 by 4:30 p.m. (There will be no exceptions as to allow for set up and printing time.)

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 main page under "City Wide Yard Sale" link (use 2 pages of 8" ½ x 14" paper).

So dig into the garage, closet or shed get rid of all that stuff you haven't used for a year or more! Most likely, someone's looking for what you don't want anymore. Get on the brochure today!

Additional Information:

Signs: Temporary signage will be permitted on public right of ways where the sale is being held, as long as it does not interfere/block pedestrian/vehicle traffic views or permanent street signs. In addition, other temporary signs may be placed on other private property with the permission of the owner or occupant. Please do not display signs more than 24 hours before the sale day. Signs must be removed by 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2010.

Parking: Vehicles will be permitted to temporarily park in residential only or resident decal required parking the day of the sale as long as they do not interfere/block any right of ways or normal flow of traffic. All other parking provisions under state law will be enforced. Please try not to block driveways, park on sidewalks or park against the flow of traffic. Walking a little further may help you find the bargain of a lifetime!

If at First you Don't Succeed . . .



Peter Clark, a winter resident of Causeway Village, South Pasadena, hit a hole in one at Mangrove Golf Course last week. Peter and his wife are from England. Peter is 73 years old and has been playing golf for about 20 years. This is his first hole-in-one. Congratulations, Peter!

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 or call Jennifer Rogers at 727-345-7544. Pre-registration is required.

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Sign Up for Pancreatic Cancer 5K Run/Walk

The St. Pete Road Runners Club is teaming up with the Tampa Bay Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to host the Second Annual "PurpleStride" 5K Competitive Run and Family Walk. This event is to raise awareness and funds for pancreatic cancer research will be held on Saturday, May 22 at 8:30 a.m. at the War Veteran's Memorial Park. Enter as a team or individual. Great fajitas and ice cream post-race party made possible by sponsors Cody's Original Roadhouse and Unilever.

For more details visit www.PurpleStride.org or to inquire about sponsorships or volunteering please contact Tracy Connolly at Tracy_Connolly@yahoo.com.

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Retired Officers Wives Club to Meet

The Retired Officers Wives Club of St. Petersburg will meet for luncheon on March 9 at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Boulevard in Pinellas Park. Social hour is 11:30 with lunch at 12:15 p.m. The program will be Glamour Secrets, Wigs, Hairpieces and Extensions.

Call for reservations 595-4619 or 399-1272.

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Masonic Lodge Holds Annual Mid-Day Fish Fry

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge, located at 14020 Marguerite Dr. in Madeira Beach, held it's annual Mid-Day Fish Fry on Tuesday February 16 at the Masonic Temple. The Lodge served a full house of Masons, their families and friends and everyone enjoyed a great meal and great fellowship.

Freemasonry is a fraternal organization for men ages 18 and older and is dedicated to being serviceable to the community as well as offering men an opportunity to better themselves and be a part of a world wide organization of friends and brothers.

Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge No. 291 meets each Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. from September through June. All local Masons, as well as visiting Masons are invited to attend the Lodge meetings. Further information can be found on the Lodge website, www.gulfbeachlodge.org or by emailing the Secretary, Howard Knapp, at Secretary@gulfbeachlodge.org.



Pictured (L-R): Brothers Andy Kotsaftis and John Willmot working hard in the kitchen

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By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

What Steps are Involved in the Probate Process?

Part I

1. LOCATING AND FILING THE WILL

The first step in the probate process is to determine whether the deceased left a will, that is a legal document prepared by a person before death directing others how to distribute his or her property after death. If a will exists, the person is said to have died "testate."

Although determining that a will does exist might be fairly easy, finding the will may be more difficult. It is important to locate the last

will and any amendments (called "codicils") to it. Among the places where people commonly keep wills are strong-boxes, file cabinets, desk drawers, and safe deposit boxes.

If you have agreed to serve as the Personal Representative for someone's estate, it is essential to learn in advance where the person keeps the will. If the will is in a bank's safe deposit box, please keep in mind that the law requires the box to be sealed at the owner's death. Because you need to get a court order to open a safe deposit box, it is not the best place to keep a will.

Within ten (10) days following death, the will should be filed by your attorney with the probate clerk in the county where the person lived at the time of death. In most cases, however, there is no need to rush to the probate clerk's office. If you have recently lost a spouse or other loved one, this is a stressful and vulnerable time. You might want to wait a few months, until you are

feeling settled, to begin the probate process. With the passage of a few months' time, you may be in a better position to tackle the decisions and details of probate.

2. INITIATING THE PROBATE PROCESS

Any person entitled to the deceased's property as an heir, as a beneficiary named in a will, or as a creditor (known as "interested persons") can file a written request at the probate clerk's office to begin a probate proceeding. This written request is typically called a "petition for probate administration."

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

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If you are looking to go out for one day only, you can choose the Daily unlimited ride GO card which is valid for one day of unlimited rides. The Regular fare is \$4 and the reduced fare is \$2. Also available is the 7-day unlimited ride GO card, valid for 7 consecutive days of unlimited rides. Regular fare available only, \$20. You can also choose the 31 day unlimited ride GO Card, valid for 31 consecutive days of unlimited rides. Regular Fare is \$55 and reduced fare \$35. And for youth, 18 and younger, use the Platinum Pass. Valid for 7 consecutive days of unlimited rides. Youth Fare \$12.50.

To receive reduced fare rates, proper ID is required:

- For Youth Platinum Pass a School Student ID or Government-issued Photo ID showing age is required. (Note: ID is required for middle and high school age riders).

- 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

Gulfport City Hall location is 2401 53 Street S. in Gulfport. Lists of bus routes are available at City Hall. Cash payments only are accepted for all go cards. For more information, call 893-1000. To obtain special PSTA Photo ID, call the PSTA Info Line at 727-540-1900.

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Pioneer Jamboree at Boyd Hill

By Leigh Clifton

With a hint of springtime in the air, a dash of fine country music and of course, Girl Scout cookies, the annual Pioneer Music Jamboree at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve played to a small but enthusiastic crowd last Saturday afternoon. Five country and bluegrass bands entertained on under the pavilion roof, while patrons strolled the grounds, shopping at craft vendor's booths in search of the fun and unusual or sat comfortably at picnic tables and or lawn chairs, toes tapping in time to the country tunes.

Heather Joya and best friend Ann Mathews brought their kids to the Jamboree; they got there as soon as it opened at 10 am and by 2pm they were all exhausted. The kids got their faces painted, took a hayride around the park, and ran around the grounds, swinging on the big ropes that dangled so invitingly from the large trees. They ate hot dogs and hamburgers and snow cones. The mothers shopped at the crafts booths and walked around, enjoying Boyd Hill's natural beauty and the music from the bands.

Joya moved here from Massachusetts a year ago: she met Mathews and they soon became fast friends. Joya credits her friend with showing her some of the best places in town, including Boyd Hill.

"We did the whole nine yards!" Joya laughed. "We went to the historic houses, while the kids ran all over the place. I actually heard about it from the Gabber. This is a great place to bring the kids. It's so beautiful and well kept. And they can learn about nature. I read about some of the activities, like camps and nature walks. What a cool thing for the kids to do. It's a nice safe environment. I didn't even know it was here!"

Joya and Mathews say they plan to come back with their families in March for the Bike Rodeo, a day of bike trail riding along the preserve and other fun activities.

Boyd Hill is located at along the shores of Lake Maggiore in St. Petersburg, with 245 acres and more than three miles of trails and boardwalks. For more information on upcoming events, nature walks or educational camps please call 727-893-7720.



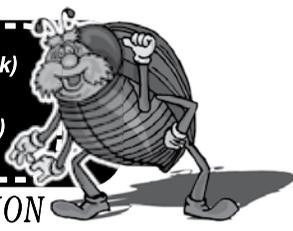
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By Scott Lafee

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Halitosis is caused by oral bacteria breaking down proteins and producing volatile sulfur compounds that coat the tongue. It's a problem of bad breath: An estimated 25 percent of adults worldwide are affected by it.

Proto, the magazine of the Massachusetts General Hospital, offers these odoriferous numbers:

615 -- Number of bacteria species researchers at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine have counted in the human mouth.

15 -- Percentage of halitosis cases that originate somewhere other than in the mouth, such as from a sinus infection, diabetes or kidney failure.

25-34 -- Age range during which the incidence of halitosis is greatest, according to a 2005 Polish study.

6.7 billion -- Dollars spent on mouth-freshening products in the United States in 2007.

10 -- Percentage of people, according to an English survey, who say they would tell a family member or friend if he or she had persistent bad breath.

STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

Gout is an ailment of authors and ages, most often mentioned in historical novels depicting past times of opulence and excess. That doesn't quite sound like current times, but cases of gout are, in fact, on the rise.

Gout now afflicts 5.1 million Americans. The painful, debilitating condition is caused by uric acid crystallizing in the joints. It is linked to obesity because overweight people produce too much uric acid and don't excrete it well.

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More than 83,000 patients in the United States with end-stage renal disease are awaiting a kidney transplant. In 2009, 4,725 received kidneys from a living donor and another 7,923 transplants were performed using kidneys from cadavers. Almost 3,000 end-stage renal disease patients died in 2009 waiting for a suitable transplant.

DOC TALK

Ghostbusting -- a term adopted last year by the editors of the journal *Blood* to describe efforts to ban medical journal articles ghostwritten by uncredited contributors financed by drug companies

OBSERVATION

Middle age is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he will feel as good as ever. -- American humorist Don Marquis (1878-1937)

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Sunshine City Council will host a "Sister-to-Sister Teacup Exchange" social on Saturday, March 13 at the Clearview United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The event will be from 1-3 p.m. and members and guests will enjoy an afternoon of fun and an exchange of teacups will take place. Members are asked to bring a teacup and saucer wrapped and the gift will be placed on a table. A game will be played and the teacups will be distributed based on the winners. This has become a very nice social over the years and members look forward to the tea.

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter executive board will meet on Tuesday, March 2 at DeMills Restaurant on Park Boulevard for dinner and a meeting. Val Rankin is the hostess. The regular meeting is scheduled for March 10 at the home of Donna Smith and Janet Taylor will present the program. Election of officers will be held at this regular meeting.

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

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Book Discussion Group

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club's "Book Nook" discussion group will be meeting Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. The book to be discussed is "Prince of Tides" by Pat Conroy. Guests are welcome. Discussions are led by club member Andi Barlow and she can be reached at 521- 9888 or email andibarlow@tampabay.rr.com. Their clubhouse is available for your special event or meeting. For more information on rental rates, or any of their club activities, please call 822-4982.

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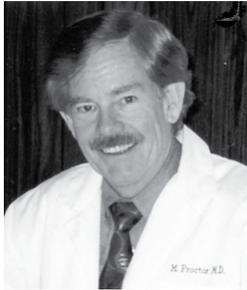
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Gulfport Elementary Gears Up for Yard Sale

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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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

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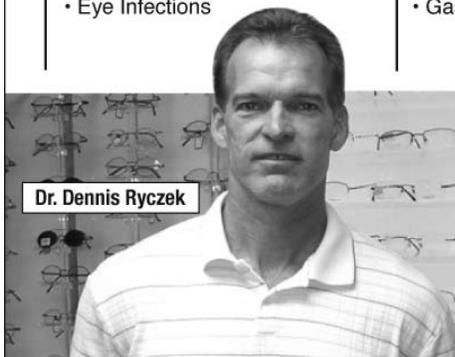
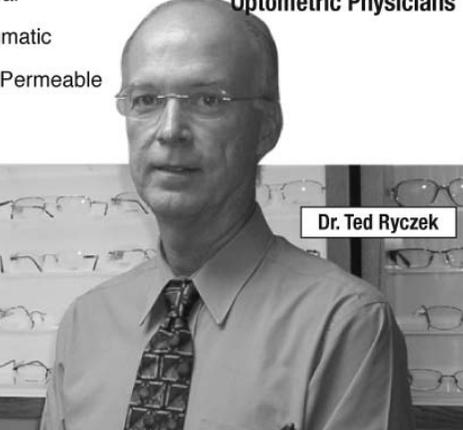
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By Anne Rush

What This Woman Wants

I could never speak to the age old question of "What do women want?" anymore than I could answer "What is the meaning of life?". All I can tell you is what this woman wants.

I need a vacation! I so want to be Sarah Jessica Parker in the "Sex in the City" movie who, when stood up at the altar, continued with her honeymoon reservations to a resort in Mexico but instead of bringing her husband, brought her three best friends. There she slept for three days. Three days of sleep! Doesn't that sound delicious? Meanwhile her friends spooned food in her mouth periodically and checked on her from time to time. Wow! Who doesn't want that?

Now, like you, I have responsibilities and a limited bank account and no pre-planned paid-for honeymoon which makes that fantasy only that. But even if I could go on a vacation, I don't know where I would go. Seriously, I've actually thought about it.

This cold rainy Florida winter is getting on my last nerve. I feel cheated. Even when times were bad, I could always take solace and find peace in the sunshine and warmth, and now even that eludes me. I'm almost tempted to petition Charlie Crist for at least a partial refund on my license plate which proclaims that my car is duly registered in "The Sunshine State".

I know the newspaper business is having a bad time, but when I first moved here long ago, I remember

that the Visitor's Bureau and the St. Petersburg Times promised a free paper to everyone if the sun didn't shine that day. Or maybe that was just a rumor. Hmm.

I have friends and family up north but geez, they'd only put me to work shoveling snow or chopping firewood or some other Godforsaken task. I love them dearly and would do most anything for them, but that's not what I'm looking for right now. I have a cousin in Arizona. You think Arizona and you think the desert and heat but her latitude is much northern-er than mine.

I really feel for my northern friends, this winter particularly. I'm not without compassion for their plight with the snow and cold. But they chose to stay there. I got out when I was 25. And while this winter is extreme for them, it's simply unfair to me. Do you have any idea what it feels like to have the national weather people who are reporting on the current n'oreaster say something like "...and it's even 28! or only 48! in FLORIDA today!". If we are the standard, then I deserve some sympathy.

Yes, I know we had a few days where it wasn't freezing earlier this week, but it turns out that was just a tease. My best hope currently is that the weather folks down here have been hinting that we might actually hit 60! degrees (which they painstakingly point out is still well below average) at the end of their 7 day forecast which starts today. So

sometime next week. Maybe. They might as well tell me that it'll be 92 in two months for all the more good that does.

The meteorologists say that this weather in Florida and across the country is the result of an El Nino pattern. Which means one of two things to me. Either we should have had more border security with Mexico a long time ago, or as some women think - all men are pigs. Either way, it doesn't help me much now.

But back to my vacation destination, I'm now starting to think of Chile. You see, I just saw an ad for a grocery store chain touting that their current produce comes direct from Chile (pronounced Chil-AY) right now because it's summer there. Summer! Somewhere! Really?! But that's not realistic either, so instead I suppose I'll stay put, and make a pot of Chili (pronounced Chil-EE).

Meanwhile, I've got Progress Energy breathing down my neck. The only thing progressive about their energy is that my bill goes progressively up. And I understand that it's based on usage and that it must cost a lot of money to provide and maintain electricity to the masses and all. I just wish they wouldn't thank me for or appreciate my business so much. They're a monopoly and so I don't really have a choice.

Furthermore, I suppose it doesn't help my disposition that my kids and I have been sick for over a week now with a pretty severe sinus infection. I know what you're thinking. "Sinus infection? Isn't that a fancy word for a cold? Get over it." But this is really bad. It's like a constant free flowing river of green gunk. Why, I've fashioned a toilet paper nostril tampon and have them pre-rolled on the counter for everyone just for the occasion. My stock tip for the day coz I'm so good at picking them is "Kleenex with Lotion". Buy it now. Buy a lot.

But what I think I really want other than being Sarah Jessica Parker in a movie, is to be a bear. They have the right idea. They hibernate. Furthermore I want to be a bear who gets hibernation pay. And has someone check on me once in a while and spoon feed me if need be. Wake me when it's warm and sunny.

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Golf Car Systems: Better for the Planet and Your Wallet

By Cathy Salustri

If you'd love to use less fuel but can't afford a hybrid or more fuel-efficient vehicle, Gulfport neighbor, Marty McCormick, has a solution: electric golf cars.

That's right, golf cars. While these nifty little cars won't take you to Spokane—or even on the interstate—they will take you around town for very little cash. Since most of the wear-and-tear on our cars comes from stop-and-go traffic (which is also the biggest enemy of your fuel economy), why not park your car for that trip to the supermarket and bank and get behind the wheel of a golf car?

To take a golf car on the road, Marty says, it must be considered "road ready." This means that, according to Florida law, it must have the following safety features:

- Head, tail and brake lights
- Horn
- Two side mirrors and a roof mirror
- Seat belts
- Reflectors
- Solid windshield with wipers
- "Slow moving" triangles
- Fuel gauge
- Turn signal indicator

While most golf cars don't have these features, the ones that do can travel on roads just like other vehicles. That's where Golf Car Systems comes in; they sell and service golf cars to courses across the country, but they also have the cars described above. Marty got the idea for making



Marty McCormick, sales manager for Golf Car Systems sits on a Golf Car with tricked out paint.

golf cars road-ready from living near Gulfport. Golf Car Systems can make golf cars street legal so you can get a tag and register the vehicle and take it around town. "Communities like Gulfport, St. Pete Beach, and Pass-a-Grille are perfect places for golf cars," he says. The ideal place for golf cars are towns where people can walk many places but doing so with a small child in tow or several bags of groceries isn't practical.

These cars, which can go about 18-20 mph comfortably, plug into a standard 110 volt outlet and can travel up to 20 miles on a single charge. It takes about eight hours to fully charge the car. Once the car is fully charged, the charger automatically shuts off so it doesn't needlessly use energy.

Currently the federal government offers a tax credit if you buy an electric vehicle. Golf Car Systems has been in business for 35 years, so if you choose to

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Excerpts heard at the February 23rd, 2010

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

"They should be looking at the evidence before them, just like a judge is not allowed to go out to a murder scene themselves," – Attorney for the city Susan Churuti, explaining to a citizen why it would be ill-advised for the city commissioners visit Agave, Pappy's and the streets surrounding Silver Sands on a fact-finding mission before voting on the variance.

"I've bought beer from Pappy's because they have the beer from the jewelry guy at Pass-a-Grille," –Commissioner Jim Parent, about his familiarity with the site where the owners of Agave and Pappy's Liquor want to put a piano bar.

Attorney for the city Susan Churuti reminded Parent that a commissioner shouldn't go out and do an independent site inspection. "No, I was specifically buying beer," Parent replied.

"We do need to look at our parking ordinance, because it is outdated," – Commissioner Chris Leonard, about the Madison family's request for a parking variance so that they can open a piano bar.

"It's absolutely outdated and it doesn't apply to St. Pete Beach," –Commissioner Bev Garnett, agreeing with Commissioner Chris Leonard.

"It's my understanding that there are no bedrooms on the east side of Silver Sands," –Commissioner Bev Garnett, who was promptly corrected on this point by a member of the audience.

"If there's any way to do it without putting it on property taxes, we've already got enough weight there. I don't know about bonds, but it used to work," – Ms. Brown, about the proposed stormwater utility.

"Let people do what they want. I hate when government is mixed with everything." Mimi Gewanter, during the public comment session of the meeting Tuesday evening.

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NEVER FAILING PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL - St. Michael, the Archangel, Defend Us In Battle; Be Our Defense Against the Wickedness and Snares of the Devil. May God Rebuke Him We Humbly Pray; and Do You Oh Prince of the Heavenly Host, By the Power of God, Thrust Into Hell Satan and the Other Evil Spirits Who Prowl About the World For the Ruin of Souls. Amen. St. Michael, I Resort to Your Protection and in My Faith, Offer This Light Which Shall Burn Every Tuesday. Comfort Me in My Difficulties and While Lodging in the House of Our Savior Intercede for Me and My Family That We Will Be Able to Hold God Close to Our Hearts and Be Provided for in All of Our Necessities. I Beseech You, to Have Infinite Pity in Regard to Favors I ask of You (Name Them) So That I May Be Able To Overcome All Difficulties as You Did the Dragons at Your Feet. Our Father (Say 3 Times). Hail Mary (Say 3 Times). Glory Be (Say 3 Times). This Prayer is to be Said 9 Tuesdays, in Succession and Each Tuesday a Candle Shall Be Lighted and a Copy of This Prayer Lft in the Church to Help Another Soul in Distress and Support the Devotion to St. Michael. This Miraculous Saint Grants Everything, No Matter How Difficult, Before the Termination of 9 Tuesdays. G.F.

POWERFUL PRAYER TO HOLY SPIRIT - Holy Spirit, you who solves all problems, who lights all roads so that I can attain my goal, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me, I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you, in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. G.B.

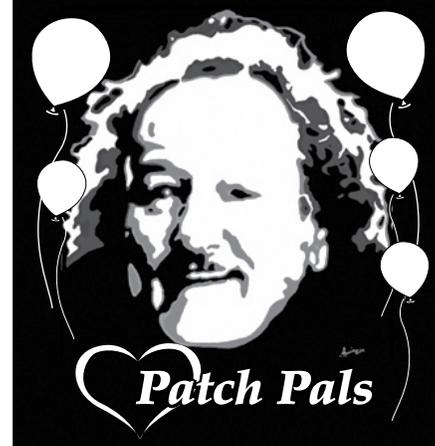
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City Clerk's Office

MARCH 2010

- March 1, 2010 **Economic Development Advisory Committee**
***Meeting to begin at 6:00pm
49th Street Neighborhood Center
- March 2, 2010 **City Council Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- March 3, 2010 **Planning and Zoning Board/LPA**
***Meeting to begin at 6:30pm
- March 10, 2010 **Board of Adjustment**
***Meeting to begin at 6:30pm
- March 16, 2010 **City Council Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- March 17, 2010 **Historic Preservation Committee**
Meeting to begin at 5:30pm
at the Historical Society Museum
- March 25, 2010 **City Council Workshop**
***Meeting to begin at 5:00pm

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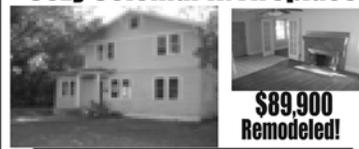
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Fortunately, early detection can prevent life threatening consequences.

How does it start and what are the symptoms?

Veins with failed valves have trouble carrying blood from the legs back to the heart. Blood pools in the veins below, and they begin to dilate and leak. The first signs of vein disease are often tiredness and a **heavy feeling** in the legs. This is a clear indication that the return flow of blood from the legs to the heart is impaired. You may find that the problem is more pronounced after a day of prolonged sitting or standing. That's because the leg veins are under higher pressure when you are upright, and they become enlarged by the pressure of the pooled blood. Some of these veins dilate on the surface and become the typical varicose veins and spider veins, but most are hidden inside the leg. As the walls of the smaller veins become weaker, they start to leak fluid, protein and blood cells into the surrounding tissues. Patients often begin to experience ankle swelling and even night cramps (**'charley horses'**). When you lie down for a while, the swelling may go down. But, chances are, the swelling will return the next day. The skin begins to sicken and becomes **discolored**.

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Are there serious consequences?

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.

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