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Confederate Troops Claim Victory against Yankees at Ft. DeSoto



By Leigh Clifton
 A Confederate reenactor takes refuge behind a tree as he loads his musket to take another shot at the Union soldiers.

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Gulfport Gets Save-a-Lot and Family Dollar

By Cathy Salustri

After sitting vacant for several years, the site of the former Winn Dixie will once again be a place where Gulfport residents can go for milk, meats, and cleaning supplies.

On Friday afternoon (February 26), the city of Gulfport issued a building permit for a Save-a-Lot and Family Dollar to reshape the space formerly occupied by a Winn-Dixie on 49th Street South and Gulfport Boulevard.

The permitting process took the contractor (Gerardi Construction), the architect (RoJo Architecture)

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Police Officer of the Year: Sergeant Zachary Mills



Gulfport Police Officer of the Year Zachary Mills.

“They’ve pinned a lot of medals on me over the years. This is one I’ve never received. It’s a very prestigious honor,” Gulfport Police Chief

Robert Vincent told city council Tuesday night as he presented Sergeant Zachary Mills as the Gulfport Police Department Officer of the Year.

Sergeant Terry Taylor nominated Mills for the honor. Taylor, who has three years service as an officer, he has made the lion’s share of the police department’s DUI arrests, contributing to zero DUI-related fatalities in Gulfport last year.

Mills received a standing ovation for the police officers present at the meeting.

Six Inches Matters

GULFPORT- The city bent the rules slightly and allowed a resident to build a home on property that the building department told her wasn’t large enough. Angela LePore bought property in Gulfport and demolished the existing house. According to the city’s interim Andrew Salzman, the home was “in deteriorated condition.”

When LePore applied for a building permit to build a new home, however, the city denied her building permit because building officials noticed her property was six inches shy of having enough land to meet requirements.

After LePore’s attorney consulted with the city attorneys, city council opted Tuesday night to grant LePore permission to build a single-family home.

Players to Present "You Can't Take it with You"

The Gulfport Community Players will be opening the George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart classic, "You Can't Take it with You" on March 4 at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport. The play will run through March 14. Curtain times for Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays are 8 p.m.; and 2 p.m. for the Sunday shows.

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.

Join the Players for a night or an afternoon of more great live entertainment from Gulfport's original community theater group. Tickets are on sale now for just \$15 each and are available at Eileen's Resale Boutique, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, the Gulfport Casino, the Beach Bazaar, at the door, or by calling them at 727-322-0316 for advance sales.

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"Antiques in the Park" Returns to Gulfport

Mark your calendars for this weekend's "Antiques in the Park" show returning to Clymer Park on Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This new outdoor antiques and collectibles fair series is co-sponsored by the Gulfport Lions Club and the City of Gulfport, and is held in the first block of Clymer Park at the intersection of Beach Blvd. and 22nd Ave. S. The show has already gained a strong dealer and customer base, and the most recent show held on a chilly January 2 was packed with visitors doing their first antique shopping of the New Year. City officials, Lions Club volunteers, and, most importantly, dealers, were excited to see the great turnout.

There will be a great assortment of vintage fun for sale 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. Exhibitor booths for returning dealers start at \$45. For information or registration call 727-421-0441. The raindate for the show is the next day, Sunday, March 7. The final show of the season will be held on Saturday, May 1.

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Jan. 23, 2010	East Lake High School	1300 Silver Eagle Dr.
Feb. 6, 2010	Dunedin High School	1651 Pinehurst Rd.
Feb. 20, 2010	Seminole Home Depot	10550 Park Blvd.
Mar. 6, 2010	St. Petersburg Home Depot	2300 22nd Ave. N.
Mar. 13, 2010	Clearwater Home Depot	2495 Gulf to Bay Blvd.
Mar. 20, 2010	Largo Home Depot	10689 Ulmerton Rd.
Apr. 10, 2010	Palm Harbor University High School	1900 Omaha St.
Apr. 17, 2010	Tarpon Springs High School	1411 Gulf Rd.
Apr. 24, 2010	Pinellas Park Home Depot	4040 Park Blvd.
May 1, 2010	Oldsmar Municipal Services Center	300 Commerce Blvd.
May 15, 2010	Indian Rocks Beach City Hall	1507 Bay Palm Blvd.
May 15, 2010	Treasure Island Community Center	1 Park Place (behind Walgreens)
Sept. 11, 2010	Largo Solid Waste Facility	1551 Starkey Rd.
Sept. 25, 2010	Gulfport Recreation Center	5730 Shore Blvd.
Oct. 2, 2010	St. Petersburg Home Depot	Tyrone Blvd. (south of 22nd Ave. N.)
Oct. 9, 2010	Safety Harbor Public Works	1200 Railroad Ave.
Oct. 23, 2010	Palm Harbor / Countryside Home Depot & Staples	SW corner of US Hwy 19 & Curlew Rd.
Nov. 6, 2010	(site of the former) St. Petersburg Kmart	3951 34th St. S.

The City of Gulfport PUBLIC WORKS wants to remind residents

*Wednesday's yard waste pickup entitles Gulfport residents to dispose of tree/shrubbery trimmings piled no longer than 4 feet in length and three feet in height. **MUST BE PILED** – NO Bags or in containers/garbage cans – and **ONLY ONE PILE**.*

LEAVES MUST BE BAGGED – Up to five bags of leaves will be picked up during regular trash pickup days as part of residential subscription service. Do you have more than five bags? Just contact Public Works at 893-1089 to have a pickup scheduled.

The City offers a bulk pickup for larger items such as furniture, household items/appliances, etc/ No construction or remodeling debris. There is a charge of \$10.00 for single item or \$40.00 per pickup truck load, \$20.00 per appliances, \$25 for electronics/TVs. Please contact 893-1089 to schedule a 'special pickup'
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Three Departments Where Once There Was One

GULFPORT- The city officially created separate departments for the marina, library, and leisure services. Denis Frain will continue to man the helm at the marina and Catherine Smith (Kitty) will continue to run the library. Bob Williams, the Parks Supervisor, will assume the position of Parks and Recreation Superintendent. As superintendent Williams will oversee the Parks and Recreation divisions as well as the Casino, Catherine Hickman Theatre, the Multipurpose Senior Center, and Gulfport Extended Minibus Service (GEMS).

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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 inflatable's 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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Enter the Labyrinth

Located at 5001 20 Avenue S. in Gulfport (east of the elementary school) is the labyrinth. Open seven days, noon till sundown. Free admission. Call 727-331-2622 for more information.

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Polling Places

March 9, 2010 Municipal Election
Polls Open from 7:00am to 7:00pm

Ward I - Gulfport Recreation Center
5730 Shore Boulevard South
(Precincts 208, 217 & 212)

Ward II - Gulfport Presbyterian Church
5312 27th Avenue South
(Precincts 206, 207 & 218)

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.

Save-A-Lot,

from front page

and the city of Gulfport several months to complete.

The permitting process took this long because of internal issues with the project.

"The delays were not city related," City manager Jim O'Reilly said. Once the contractor cleared up the issues with the project, the city issued the proper permits within one day.

The contractor has not informed the city of an anticipated start date.

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Relay for Life of Gulfport Team Party

There will be a team party on Tuesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. at JSR training center, 1601 49 Street S. for those who want to get involved in Relay for Life of Gulfport. Event features, food, fun and music. This year's Relay will be held on April 9 and 10.

Visit www.RelayForLife.org/GulfportFL. Your \$100 team registration fee reserves your campsite and team t-shirts. RSVP to your community representative, Karen Modzelewski at Karen.Modzelewski@cancer.org or call 727-812-7004.

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Eileen's Resale Boutique, Gulfport Casino,
Gulfport Chamber of Commerce or
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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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Historical Museum Seeks Volunteers

Have you ever thought of volunteering? Gulf Beaches Historical Museum has a large, diverse group of volunteers who participate in all aspects of the Museum.

Do you enjoy looking at "neat old things" and learning more about them? Volunteers who work behind

the scenes carry out the function of the museum's mission: "to preserve our island history".

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

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

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

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

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German Speaking AA Meeting

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

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Gulfport's 6th Annual Pink Flamingo Home Tour!

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Stolen Signs Case Still a Mystery

By Leigh Clifton

Two weeks ago, *the Gabber* reported on the theft of approximately 51 David Hastings campaign signs from the front yards of supporters for his bid for City Council. As of Tuesday's *Gabber* deadline, there have been no arrests made. Although several witnesses and persons of interest have been questioned, there remains no conclusive evidence as to who might have committed the offenses, according to Sgt. Robert Burkhart of the Gulfport PD. The case remains open as of Wednesday morning.

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For sponsoring a Little Leaguer, Contact 727-458-2461
For general information on event, Contact 727-893-1118

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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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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Youth Symphony Spring Concert

The Pinellas Youth Symphony continues to celebrate its 52nd Anniversary season with a concert performed by senior level orchestras and chamber ensembles on Saturday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at St. Petersburg College Music Center, 6605 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Pete. The Serenade Strings, The Pinellas Youth Symphony and PYS chamber ensembles, comprised of top musicians from the county and surrounding areas, will perform. Admission is free, donations appreciated.

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- **Voted to support the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Assoc. events**
- **Voted to fund GEMS & Senior Center Programs and Recreation**
- **Voted to support the Gulfport Police & Fire Departments**
- **Have received the endorsement of Gulfport's own Police officers through their union, the Fraternal Order of Police.**

VOTE MARCH 9th

Political Advertisement paid for and approved by Judy Ryerson for Councilmember Ward 1

Designer Discount Sale for Community

The PARC Thrift Store at 5825 66 Street N. in St. Petersburg will hold its largest "Unclaimed" Clothing Sale on Saturday, March 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The "unclaimed" items are a donation from Sun Country Cleaners. Thousands of freshly cleaned items will be sold for \$5 each for the first time that morning. All proceeds will go to PARC, a non-profit agency supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities.

In turn, Sun Country Cleaners and

PARC want to help the community to afford designer label, professional clothing for job hunting, interviews and family needs. Items include business suits, dresses, comforters, men's shirts, sweaters, sport shirts, skirts, ties and trousers from sizes XS through 4X. Brands include Ralph Lauren, Armani, Calloway, Ann Taylor, Liz Claiborne, Gap, Aeropostale and many more.

For more information, please call Nancy Giles, PARC Business Relations Director, at 727-410-6302 or email se@parc-fl.org.

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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 their huge inflatable movie screen. All parties are at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, and are just \$5 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$6.50 for non-residents. All interested participants must be registered no later than the Wednesday prior to the party. Call 363-9245 for details.

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Sign Up for Your Free Round Trip

The City of Gulfport has partnered with The Gulfport Merchants association to offer two free trolley tokens per person at the Tuesday Market. It's easy to get your free tokens! Just go to the Merchants' booth and fill out your name and email address and you will also receive information on upcoming events.

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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March Floral Design Class

All new spring floral design classes will be offered at the Gulfport Recreation Center in March. Laurie Marino, floral designer and instructor, is continuing her popular floral design class. You will learn secrets of professionals and tricks using materials from your garden. All fresh flowers are provided in this new three-class session on Wednesdays March 10 and March 17. All materials and flowers (fresh) are provided. All you need to bring are your scissors. Step by step instructions- no experience necessary. Pre-registration with deposit required. Class times are 6:15-7:45 p.m. Call Laurie directly at 727-289-4818. She can also be emailed at makeitandtakit@yahoo.com. Only \$22 per class or \$60 dollars for the three class session.

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SPCA Raises Adoption Fees

SPCA Tampa Bay adoption prices have increased by \$10 to include an animal's microchip and registration fee. The new prices are: kittens (under 6 mos.) \$45 and cats (over 6 mos.) \$35. Canines include puppies (under 6 mos.) \$110, dogs (under 25 lbs.) \$160 and dogs (over 6 mos. and 25 lbs.) \$45. Shelter is located at 9099 130 Avenue N., Largo. Hours are Tuesday-Thursday 11-7 p.m.; Friday 11-6 p.m.; Saturday 11-5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. and Monday closed. Visit www.spcatampabay.org or call 727-586-3591.

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Arthritis, Knee or Hip Problems?

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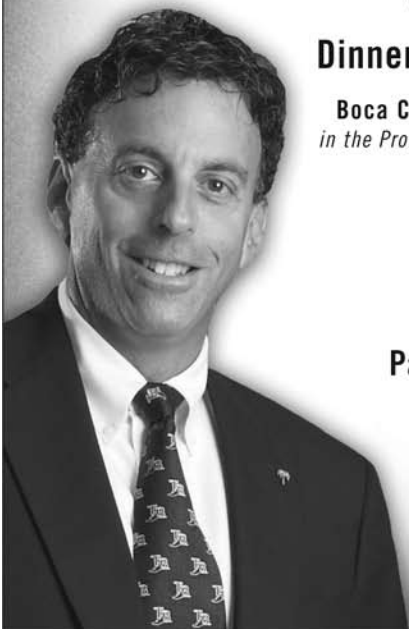
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Community Band to Perform Free Concert

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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The St. Petersburg Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9 at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1900 34 Street


N. in St. Petersburg. The actual one-hour DVD of the Regional Conference held in Michigan will be projected on a screen at this meeting. If you want to hear the latest updates on your health care benefits and legislative issues, come to this meeting. Call Wendy Risk at 572-9854.

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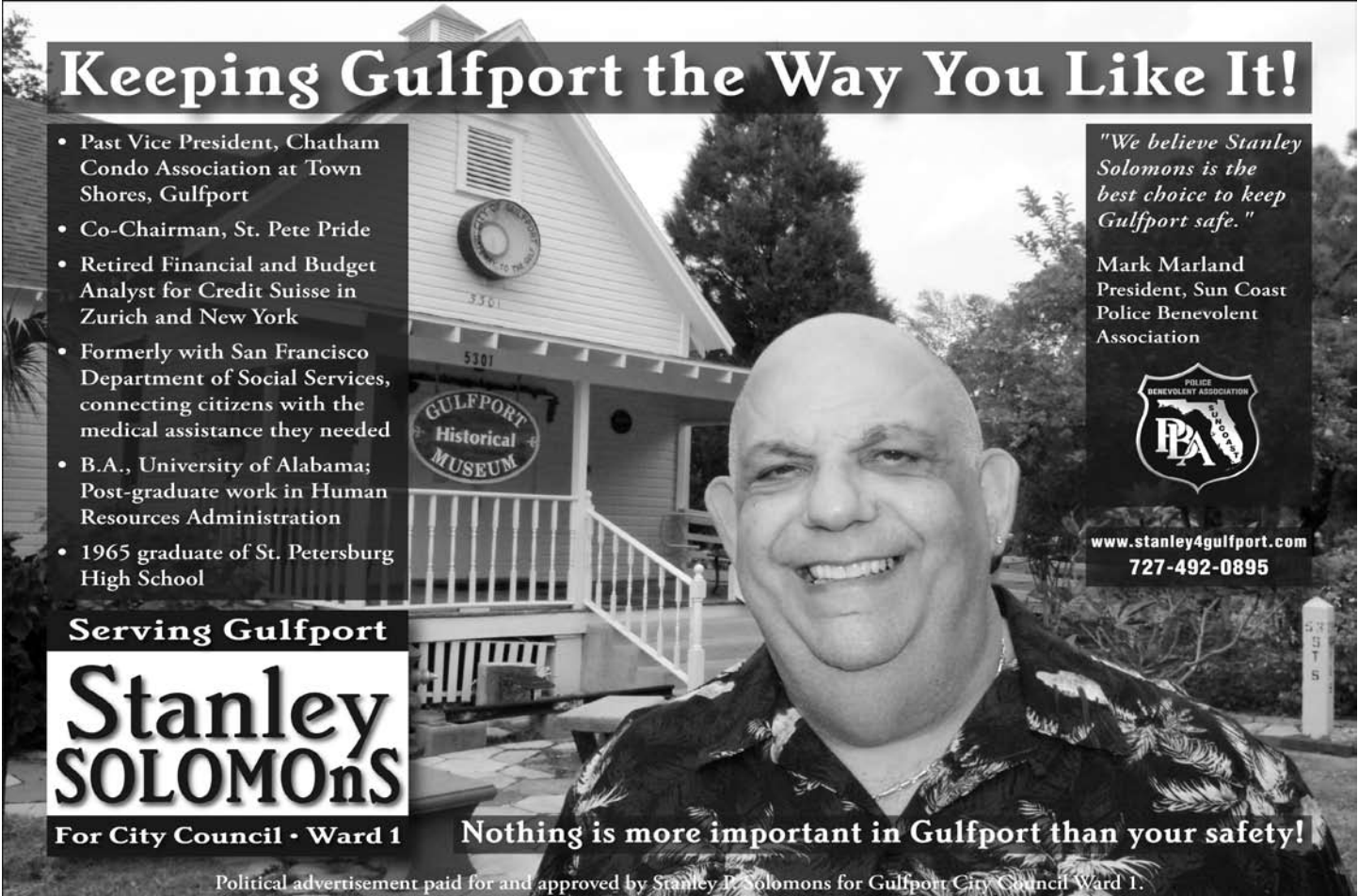
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Letters

The Late Joe Kolac

Dear Editor: When I first thought about writing this letter, I thought the subject matter would be "Near The End of An Era" or "An Honor to Know". When I sat down at the computer, it came easy. I was born late September of 1934 and like all Americans, men in the services were my heroes. No sports figures then. I knew the airplanes, the carriers, battle ships and most of the heavy cruisers by name and number of guns and of course, the difference between the blue and gold stars. I

helped my older brother carry papers and he and the other carriers knew it all. The first think we looked at in the paper was the box score in the lower left hand front page. Planes lost, ships lost and men lost. I can also remember being scared several times.

I first met Joe Kolac about 10 years ago at our condo and the friendship was slow in developing. He was single and my wife was sick. Early breakfast was a mainstay for Joe and we seldom joined him. Then he invited us to go to the American Legion, Post 125 with him and it soon

became a ritual. We would anchor the table while he would dance with every lady he could, even when his friend Dorothy was with him. When she was tired, he wanted to dance.

Joe could talk of his exploits in the war as he must have put the bad stuff out of his mind. There was the time he was carrying a BAR (heavy automatic rifle) and shrapnel hit it, ruining the weapon. All he got was stung hands. More than several times he had bullet holes in his coat and pants. Once he got shrapnel in his back, but did not go to an aid station where it would have been documented, making him eligible for the Purple Heart. After the war was over, he was shot in the hand taking a pistol away from a drunken soldier.

His favorite story was when their platoon was taking a farm house and his lieutenant sent him around to the rear. Kolac lobbed a hand grenade through the kitchen window, kicked the door off the reaming hinge, letting off a burst of automatic fire from his Tommy gun as he entered. "You know what I killed?" he would ask, almost in disbelief. After a brief pause, he would blurt out "A canary." He would then tell about the 15 Germans that came out of the cellar to surrender. Another of his stories was a German was going to shoot him but the gun was empty. Kolac captured him and returned to his lines. Kolac's lieutenant wanted to take the German back to the rear, but Kolac knew the lieutenant, "I captured him, I'll take him back." responded Joe. Joe's parents immigrated from Poland and he knew the history of Poland being invaded. Sgt. Joe Kolac was an honorable soldier, Joe Kolac was an honorable man.

Another of Kolac's exploits was, he was the first GI to enter Berchtesgaden (Hitler's hide away in the mountains). This fact cannot be disputed as he captured a German captain there, which is a matter of record.

Now you know why I did not know how to address the subject matter. He was "An Honor to Know" and Kolac is "Near The End of An Era." When I was a child, he was a hero, one I finally got to meet.

John Mark Smith

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Letters to the Editor

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This year dinners will be served on 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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Massachusetts Society to Meet

The Massachusetts Society will meet on Wednesday, March 10 at 1 p.m. at the Lions Club on Tifton Drive in Gulfport. Valantyna Deegan from Ace High Tours will discuss upcoming events she will be sponsoring in the next few months.

They will also play bingo with prizes. All Bay State neighbors are invited.

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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/

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First Friday Art Walk

Rain or Shine...Gulfport's First Friday Art Walk takes place on March 5th. Celebrate Gulfport's 100th Birthday Celebration and take in Gulfport's authentic "Old Florida" atmosphere while perusing the work of over 50 unique artists and crafters, as well as authors, antique dealers and entertainers stretched over a half-mile up and down scenic Beach Blvd. While browsing the art and craft booths and performing artists, don't miss Gulfport's exclusive shops, boutiques and galleries. Live entertainers including Gail Biron, New Horizons Band, Cajun Duece and more will be appearing at venues throughout the Village. And don't miss "Blow Your Own Glass Masterpiece mini classes offered by master glass blower Jackie Ballard and the IAC team." Enjoy dinner at one of over a dozen fine restaurants within the Art District, now one of the foremost dining destinations in the Bay Area.

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

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

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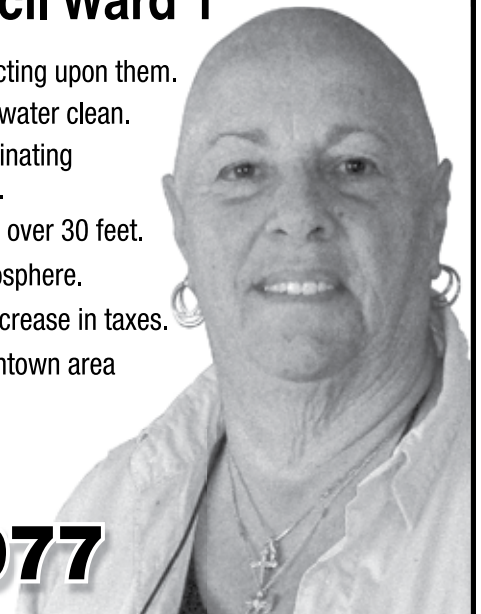
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Gulfport Chief to Speak at So49 Meeting

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, contact 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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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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Gulfport Elementary Gears Up for Yard Sale

Gulfport Elementary is gearing up for their yard sale on 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. Donations can be dropped off at Gulfport Elementary School, 2014 52 Street S.

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Tickets are on sale now at www.mowtownatthecasino.com, Small Adventures Bookshop, 3107 Beach Boulevard S. and Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, 2808 59 Street S.

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.

Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner

There will be a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 27 from 4-8 p.m. at JSR Training Center, 1601 49 Street S. in Gulfport. Donation of \$10 adults, \$6 ages 5-12 and kids under 4 free to benefit Relay for Life. Call Sandy at 727-742-3354.



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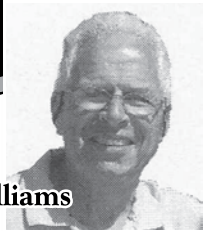
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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

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.

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

The US Postal Service is renewing their effort to drop Saturday delivery in order to save money. Do you think they should?



Mike Levine, Gulfport: "Personally, it wouldn't affect me much; any mail I get on Saturday is usually bills anyway. I do all my banking online now; I've mostly gone paperless. I do get most magazines on the weekend, but I think with all the budget problems, the government needs to look at creative solutions to save money. By discontinuing Saturday delivery, I'm sure they could save a whole lot of money. On the other hand, people at the Post Office need their hours. I wouldn't want to take away their ability to earn their honest pay. They work really hard and their job is not easy. Everyone has to sacrifice something if we're going to get through this recession. Maybe this might be the least painful way to help do it."

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Rob Hill, Gulfport: "I'm neutral; I don't care either way so I'm not too worried about it. All I get on Saturday are bills anyway. Obviously, I don't favor a rate increase, but I would be ok with mail delivery five days a week instead of six."

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Mike Strait, Gulfport: "It's good to have mail on Saturdays. It keeps people working. Also it's nice to get a birthday card or a present on time, especially if it falls on a Saturday too. Otherwise, it would just hold it up. I guess postal workers need something to do on Saturdays; they need a paycheck like everyone else. Most people work during the week; they only have Saturday to get their mailing stuff done. As to the rate increase, obviously there are two sides to the debate. Gas prices go way up and people say "Oh No"! But they pay it, because it's a necessity. It's the same way with a postal rate increase. People may complain but in the end they'll pay it. One point though; most promotional mailings for stores are mailed to hit on Saturdays so the people can go out to those stores for the bargains. If they don't get those coupons and discounted ads, it may affect how they spend their money. Who wants to pay full price if there's a coupon for a discount on something? But if it doesn't come in Saturday's mail, the people may not go out and spend their hard-earned money."

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Naomi Humphrey, St. Pete: "I would really miss Saturday delivery if it was discontinued. I still mail letters; I don't use a computer for any of my bill paying or banking. I don't trust them. It's not safe. Sure, a lot of Saturday's mail can be mostly bills. But I often send things out to relatives on a Wednesday so that it will arrive by that Saturday. Also, what if people have to mail me something important during the week? If it's not mailed early enough in the week, it will take longer to get there without the Saturday delivery. You know, a lot of people work 9-5 jobs during the week and Saturday may be the only day they can get to a post office to mail packages or letters out. I think it would definitely inconvenience them. But I know if I was a postal worker, I would enjoy a full weekend off. It's a lot of work, carrying around heavy bags of mail, dealing with the weather and people's dogs. As to the rate increase, I guess they probably need it. I mean, stamps go up all the time. But I would miss that Saturday delivery because I'm just so used to it."

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- 14 Become hardened to
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- 16 Honolulu site
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- 23 Ingest
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- 29 Henry Heinz
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- 66 Work assignment
- 67 Ago: Scots
- 68 Took off
- 69 Former Washington hostess

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

The Beginning of the End of Puppy Mills?

What comes to mind when you think of West Hollywood, California? Swank hotels, celebrity sightings, organic meatless hot dogs and a famously gay population? Well, yeah. But this incorporated village in the heart of Los Angeles is also a strong and fervent leader in the prevention of animal cruelty.

In a unanimous decision last Tuesday, West Hollywood city council members voted to ban most sales of dogs and cats in the city's pet stores -- that is, "companion animal" stores. In 2002, WeHo city code was rewritten to replace "pet" with "companion" and "owner" with "guardian." And in 2003, it became the first city in the country to outlaw the inhumane practice of cat declawing.

In a city where you're much more likely to share a park bench with a dog than a child, none of this is

surprising. What is surprising is that more places haven't done the same.

"The West Hollywood ordinance, which provides exemptions for 'humanely bred, reared or sheltered animals,' is the second of its kind nationwide," reported the LA Times. South Lake Tahoe passed the nation's first such ordinance last year. But support for this movement isn't limited to the West Coast.

At the time of this writing, the verdict is not in on Maryland Senate Bill 505, which would prohibit the commercial sale of puppies fewer than 9 months old. If passed, the bill will go into effect in October of this year. And West Hollywood City Councilman Jeffrey Prang told the LA Times that "his office had been inundated with calls from city officials across the country seeking advice on how to craft similar ordinances."

The urgent goal of all this legislation is twofold: 1) to put a stranglehold on the business of puppy mills and kitten factories, and 2) to encourage

people to turn to local shelters and rescues when looking for their next companion animal.

According to Humane Society estimates, some 3 million to 4 million homeless dogs and cats are euthanized in the United States every year. Since the housing bust and the economic fizzle in late 2008, the nation's 3,500 shelters have struggled to stay afloat as donations and volunteers ebbed and the influx of dogs and cats swelled. The mass production of pets is the enemy of their good work.

Puppy mills and kitten factories are not referred to as such for no reason. They are large-scale breeding facilities that churn out animals like car parts. But hubcaps don't require TLC.

The products of this mass-breeding industry include sick animals with genetic defects that receive no healthy socialization and little if any veterinary care, and are subjected to unsanitary and often inhumane living conditions. Wayne Pacelle, president of the Humane Society of the United States, underscored the importance of this legislation, saying, "At the very time that we're paying for the pet overpopulation problem, we're allowing pet stores to continue the problem by churning out dogs from puppy mills."

Pet stores, along with unscrupulous brokers and illegal breeders, are the lifeblood of puppy mills and kitten factories. Cutting them out of the equation is like taking a scalpel to a malignant tumor -- a necessary first step to stopping the spread of a lethal cancer.

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Horoscope Guide

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No need to change direction or attain anything new. You gain the most this week when you focus on an attribute you already possess and develop it. This quality will blossom as a major part of your being. Everyone who knows you will describe you in the same way -- by that attribute you are now developing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). More love equals more happiness. This starts with the love you put out into the world. This week, you'll be increasingly tuned in to your own behavior. You will notice when you are expressing yourself out of love and when you are coming at life from a place of ego. Just the noticing will change your life for the better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will create unity among disparate forces. If there is anyone at all who is fighting around you, you'll have a subtle way of defusing the tension and finding common ground. This you can do even if you remain silent. There is something about your very being that brings peace and reason to the world.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be casting a role of some kind. Maybe you'll be seeking the perfect person for a job or starting an important new relationship. This won't be difficult with the right person. If things don't go well, take it as a sign that you don't have the right person yet and keep looking. You deserve the ease of a natural fit.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Money isn't as important as people think it is. Chasing the dollar leads to hollow victory at best and will usually bring disappointment. Center your goals on something other than money -- like helping others, providing jobs and spreading good will -- and you'll attract both financial and spiritual abundance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll do better at work (or at finding work)

if you expand your friendship base. New contacts don't have to be people who are obviously in a position to help you out. You'll be surprised from whence your next bit of fabulous luck comes. It will take an indirect route for sure. So just befriend people you genuinely like.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have yet to achieve your goal, and your time is coming soon. Ready yourself, and speed along your process, by being happy for someone who has already arrived. As you celebrate someone else's success, you get a "helper's high" -- just as potent as if you had been celebrating your own win.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you met a very wise person, what would you ask? Have your questions ready, because answers will be revealed to you this week. There will be an opportunity to connect with a mentor or guru. You will get accurate insight as to what can and can't be done to get you closer to the life you envision for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As much as you would like to know in specific and measurable terms how much someone loves you, you usually have to take this person at his or her word. There will be other evidence to take into account -- actions that speak louder than affectionate assertions. You may be very pleased with what you find.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know your mind, and you won't be afraid to express it. Although you're ready to let someone know what you really think, consider your motives. Maybe you've been hurt by this person and that past pain is coloring your judgment. Get away from passionate situations long enough to gain some objectivity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Slipping into a state of overwhelm is too easy to do when you're an

overachiever. From that mindset, you actually get a lot less done. Avoid becoming overwhelmed by reducing your expectations of yourself this week. It's enough to accomplish two or three things a day. Prioritize carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are impressionable this week and could be star-struck by people of stature. Don't be intimidated by appearances. It may seem that others are doing the right thing at the right time in the right way. But if you were to ask them, they would be just as mystified about their lives as you are about yours.

This Week's Birthdays: You get things done because you have definite ideas and are able to communicate them with flare. This month, don't worry too much about whether your plans are feasible. The most important thing is that you're growing and moving forward. Your home gets a makeover or you move in April. Loved ones give you reason to celebrate in May. In June, you take control of the work situation, and everyone is more productive because of your leadership. August brings a windfall.

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Free Theater on the Bay

This will be the last night of movie magic under the stars. City of Gulfport's "Theater on the Bay" is Friday, March 19 at 7 p.m. on the Recreation Field (the corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 58th St. S.).

The free movie is *Night at the Museum 2*; rated PG. In this second installment of the Night at the Museum saga, Larry faces a very serious battle. He must try to save his friends at the museum from what could be their last stand.

Be sure to bring chairs, blankets, family and friends by Boca Ciega Bay under the stars! The Teen Council will provide concessions for purchase. And best of all, the movie is free! Please watch the weather as if it is inclement, the outside movie will be cancelled with no storm date. Please call 727-893-1118 for additional information.

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.

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.

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Get Rescued in Gulfport has a Rainy Start



by Leigh Clifton

"Foster kids" Katelin and Ryan Hunter hold two of the dachshunds up for adoption at the Get Rescued event in Gulfport last Saturday. The Hunters are a regular "foster" family and have hosted ten other dachshunds in their home. Said mother Sherry, "its hard at first, for the kids to see them leave when they get adopted, but fostering these dogs really teaches them a great sense of responsibility."

The 5th Annual Get Rescued event in Gulfport got off to a slow and rainy start last Saturday with many vendors throwing in the towel after a few hours of cold, steady rain. Event organizer Suzie King was overall still pleased with the day.

"After the rain stopped and the sun started peaking out, some of the vendors that had left came back and set up again. It was amazing, because people were still adopting animals from the beginning of the morning, even in the rain!" she said. King was in her usual "pirate mobile" with her new chocolate lab, Bud, by her side.

"Even though the crowd wasn't as big as last year, (the weather was better), I think we made an impact on the rescue community," King said.

Dogs of all sizes, shapes and colors, some wearing high fashion, some wearing old leather collars, strolled up and down Beach Blvd. There were birds and a few ferrets scattered among the crowd as well.

In a small circular wire pen, eleven year old Katelin and brother Ryan, eight, held two perfectly adorable dachshunds; rescues with the organization D.A.R.E., Dachshund Adoption Rescue and Education. Their mother, Sherry Hunter said that they had fostered ten others in their home in the recent past.

"My kids both understand that these are foster dogs; that they will get adopted to other homes. They had a little bit of a hard time at first, especially Katelin, who gets attached really fast. It seems to get easier for her with every dog. It may be a bit sad, but it's a great lesson for them. They have to feed, water and walk them every day. It teaches them responsibility," Hunter said with a smile.

Most local pet stores donated dog and cat food for the event, for families who need the extra help taking care of the foster animals. Some local families also benefited; they have their own animals and could use the extra help as well.

In all, King said the event was a success. It brought attention to the overwhelming issue of overpopulation caused by not spaying and neutering and the often dire consequences for the pets if they're not properly cared for.

We Care for Paws Needs Donations

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

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Sale into the Nautical Flea Market

Interested in unloading some nautical equipment or searching for cool nautical gear? Well, look no further as the City of Gulfport Marina is hosting their yearly Nautical Flea Market on Saturday, March 20 from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Gulfport Municipal Marina, 4630 29 Avenue S. This event will be right across the street from the Clam Bayou Cleanup which is held on the same day from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

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Tax Service Available at Gulfport Library

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

9. Doors open at 10 a.m. and no new clients are admitted after 3 p.m. This is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring all tax papers and a copy of last year's return.

In addition, AARP Tax-Aide offers taxpayers a year-round opportunity to pose questions to online volunteers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from the comfort of home, at no charge. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

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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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CLASSES - Call instructor for more information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Exhibition of Works by Senior Artists Workshop: Opening Reception: Friday, March 5, 6:00-8:00 pm. Through March 25.

"How to Afford the Cost of Long-

Term Care": Tuesday, March 9, 12:00-2:00 pm. A free educational seminar provided by the Senior Learning Council. FMI, call 727-851-6706.

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

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, March 13 @ 1:00 pm. Make beautiful pages of memories.

Coffee/Talk Movies: "Secrets of Middle-Earth" (Kultur Video, 2003). Illustrated with fantasy art by the Brothers Hildebrandt, this documentary film series features insights of literary experts, and explores the mysteries of Tolkien's epic. Wednesdays @ 1:30 pm--March 3: "Inside Tolkien's The Two Towers;" March 10: "Inside Tolkien's The Return of the King." (60 min. each)

Coffee/Talk Movie: Wednesday,

March 17, 1:30 pm. "Of Mice and Men." Based on John Steinbeck's novel, and starring Gary Sinese and John Malkovich. (MGM, 1992, 1 hr. 50 min.)

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, March 18, 10:00 am. Discussion of Of Mice and Men, by John Steinbeck. Books / discussion guides are available at the Reference Desk.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs and meetings are held in The Frances Purdy Friends Room

For more information, contact:
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Join our E-mail List: Send us your e-mail at cdean@mygulfpport.us or sfrank@mygulfpport.us and we will send you our monthly activity calendar and notices on special events.

Fitness Center Announcement: The Gulfport Senior Center Fitness Center is now open Monday thru Thursday, 8am-7pm and Fridays, 8am-4pm.

Opening Reception for Senior Artists Workshop: All are welcome to the Opening Reception of Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop on Fri. March 5 from 6-8pm at the Gulfport Library. Free and open to the general public. Light refreshments will be provided.

\$1 per Mile: Senior Center Foundation Board Vice President Mike Calamari is running for money! That's right! He's running to benefit the Gulfport Senior Center. The 30K (18 miles) Canadian Race will be held in Ontario, Canada on March 29. You can be a part of this, too, by pledging \$1 per mile (or any amount). Donations will be accepted at the Senior Center. Checks should be made payable to the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, Inc. (RACE) or visit the Foundation website at www.gulfpportseniorfoundation.org and make a donation thru PayPal. Good luck on the race, Mike! And thanks for being all heart (and legs) for the Senior Center!

Making Choices, Advanced Directives Workshop: Are you interested in having a free Living Will and Designation of Health Surrogate drafted for you? Come to our free End of Life Presentation on Monday, March 8 at 6pm. Also, includes a question/ answer period with a licensed attorney and light refreshments. Courtesy of Stetson College of Law.

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

Phones for Hearing Impaired: Are you finding it difficult to hear on the phone? You may qualify for a specialized phone for the hearing impaired. Distribution will be held on Tues. Mar. 16, 9:30am-11:30am courtesy of the Deaf & Hearing Connection.

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.

Beginning Bridge now meets every Monday at 6:30pm rather than on Wednesdays.

Movie of the Month: "Grumpier Old Men" on Mon. Mar. 22 at 12:45pm in the Hickman Theater. Free. Bring a friend!

Transportation Fair: Mark your calendar now for Wed. Mar. 24 at 1:30pm. Guest speaker Sue Samson from the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. will address transportation issues pertaining to seniors. Ms. Samson has much expertise in this area and 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.

"Diabetic 101": Recently diagnosed with Diabetes? Feeling a bit overwhelmed with how to manage it? Come to a special presentation on Mon. Mar. 29 at 10am. Maureen Sullivan-Tevault, R.N. from Edward White Hospital will provide the presentation and answer any questions you may have.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Tues. March 30 at 10am

Nutrition Classes: A series of five Nutrition Classes will be offered every Thursday in April at 1pm. Call now to reserve a seat as space is limited. Paid for by the Senior Center Foundation.

"Strut Your Stuff": Walk to benefit the Senior Center on Saturday, April 24 from 9am-noon. This 3K walk (approximately 2 miles) will take place throughout our beautiful city of Gulfport. Thanks to Linda Shehan for organizing this event. Entry fee: \$10. Watch the Gabber for further details.

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

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.

Ongoing Support Groups:
Diabetic Support (Every Mon. at 10am)

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

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

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6 - 11pm- **Swing Dance** \$7
6-8 Lessons, 8-11pm Swing Dance
Every Thursday
7-10pm-**Salsa Dance** \$7
7-8:30pm Lessons,
8:30-10pm Dance

Local Obituaries

BELLIS, MARK ERNEST, 58, of South Pasadena, Florida passed away unexpectedly at his home Feb. 17, 2010. Mark was born in Des Moines, IA to Robert and Mildred Bellis. He moved with his parents to Kansas City and later to Joplin, MO at the age of 10. He attended Missouri Southern College and graduated from Pittsburg State University in Kansas and moved to the St. Petersburg/Tampa area shortly after college. He worked at St. Petersburg General Hospital as a staff technologist. Previous employment included work at Eclipsys (Sysware), and the Blood Bank at Palms of Pasadena and Northside Hospital. Mark was an avid fan of the Tampa Rays and enjoyed Florida sports teams. He enjoyed traveling and photography. He will be missed by many friends and family members. He was preceded in death by his father Robert. He is survived by his mother, Mildred; brother, Larry (Joan) Bellis; nieces, Susan Bellis, Cathy (Dave) Cardwell and Patty (Paul) Glaser; nephew, Dave (Natalie) Bellis; plus many great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts and an uncle. Memorial services will be held at 1 pm Friday, Feb. 26, 2010 at Hamilton's Funeral Home, 605 Lyon St., Des Moines, Iowa followed by burial at Laurel Hill Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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DUTCHER, HAZEL VALERIE, 83, of Gulfport, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at St. Anthony's Hospital. She was a member of the Lion's Club. She was preceded in death by her mother Isabella Arkell and her husband Robert G. Dutcher. She is survived by her daughter Vicki Karbowski of Gulfport, FL; her son Scott H. Dutcher of Orlando, FL; her daughter in law Jennifer C. Dutcher; her grandsons Derek J. Karbowski and Gavin G. Dutcher; granddaughters Mary Kate Dutcher and Cassidy J. Dutcher. Don't say goodbye, just say good night. ALifeTributeFuneralCare - Gulfport, (727) 347-5521.

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JAGIENCARZ, CZESLAWA (MARCISZ) "CESIA", 84, resident of Bay Island in South Pasadena for 16 years went to heaven to be with her beloved Lord on Feb. 20, 2010. Born in Tarnow, Poland, she came to Florida in 1994 from New York. She is survived by her loving daughter, Eva Rydzy; her favorite son-in-law, Gerald Pico of South Pasadena; grandson, Jerry M. Pico (Desiree) of San Francisco; sister-in-law, Stenia of New Britain, CT; first cousin, Mary Kepa of British Columbia; nieces and nephews in Connecticut and Poland along with many friends in the USA and Poland. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Visitation will be Wednesday Feb. 24, 2010 from 5-7 pm at Beach Memorial Chapel St. Pete Beach 727-360-5577. Funeral services will be in New Britain, CT.

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PIPER, EDWIN C., 93, of Gulfport, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at home. Born in Brunswick, OH, he came here in 1957 from Medina, OH. He graduated from Medina High School. He was a United States Army veteran serving in World War II. He was of Christian faith. He was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Caroline Piper; wife Miriam and sister Dorothy Schlecty. He is survived by his son Thomas Henry (Geraldine) Brotherton of Chippewa Lake, OH; granddaughters Kimberly Ennis and Dawn (John) Feagan nee Brotherton; great grandson J.T. Feagan of Wadsworth, OH; nieces, nephews and many loving friends. Viewing and visitation will be Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral services to be held Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 11 a.m. at ALife Tribute-5601 Gulfport Boulevard S. with interment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

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SINTICH, ANTON G., a resident of South Pasadena since his retirement in 1974, died on Feb. 20, 2010, at the age of 98. Born in Dragozetici, Croatia on March 24, 1911, he immigrated to the U.S. in 1929. He was married to his loving wife, Dolores for

70 years before she passed away in 2005. Prior to moving to Florida, he was an attorney in Long Island, City, NY. A graduate of the City College of New York and Brooklyn Law School, and was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1959. He practiced both immigration and general law and had been employed for 20 years as the Chief Translator for the Metropolitan Life. He was a member of the Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers, American Slavic Congress Delegate, Croatian American Club of Florida, Former President of the Brotherhood of the Anchor Benevolent Society of New York, Democratic/Yugoslav Club of New York and Shore Crest Condominium Association of South Pasadena. He was a wonderful father to Elaine and Robert, father-in-law to Richard and Helen and grandfather to Robbie. The Island Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

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Exhibits Pays Tribute to Lowell MacCartney

A special memorial tribute exhibition of the works of art of the late Lowell MacCartney, a longtime member of the Art Guild of Treasure Island, will be on display through March 31 at the Treasure Island City Hall auditorium, 120 108 Avenue. The public is invited to this free event which pays tribute to one of Florida's most distinguished artists and includes a special reception with refreshments on Saturday, March 13 at 1 p.m. A brief Art Guild meeting, at which awards will be presented to the winners in the current art show, will precede the tribute. Lowell MacCartney's widow Beverly, an outstanding artist in her own right, will be present to describe Lowell's amazing career in art.

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Join Gulf Beaches Relay for Life

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

Relay For Life events are held overnight as teams camp out at an athletic track, beach, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening. Teams do most of their fundraising prior to the event, but also hold

creative fundraisers at their camp sites during the event. Relay brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups . . . people from all walks of life – all aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping them get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

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

Funds raised at the Relay for Life Gulf Beaches are enabling the American Cancer Society to impact

the lives of those touched by cancer within the community.

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

Relay for Life's Luminaria Ceremony takes place after sundown, honoring the community's cancer survivors and remembering those lost to the disease. Participants will circle a track that is surrounded with glowing luminaria that bear the name of someone who has battled cancer.

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

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well as entertainment. Tickets are \$15. For reservations or questions, please call Mary Ellen Conte at 821-2078.

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USCG Safe Boating Classes in Gulfport

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

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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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Rotary Club of St. Petersburg

The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Suncoast meets every Thursday at noon at Gigi's Italian Restaurant, 6852 Gulfport Boulevard (Pasadena Shopping Center). Guests are welcome to attend. Come discover the new face of Rotary. For more information, call their Club President, Karen Keaton at (727) 822-2200.

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Transportation Fair at the Senior Center

Most seniors do not know that there are available door to door transportation services to places like their doctor's office or the local grocery store for a reasonable price. The Transportation Fair on March 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27 Avenue S., will educate seniors on different transportation options.

Guest speaker, Sue Samson from the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. will address transportation issues pertaining to seniors. Ms. Samson has much expertise in this area and 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 the City of Gulfport GEMS program, PSTA, DART, Neighborly Care Network, EZ Ride, Metropolitan Transportation Organization, Wheelchair Transport, etc. Light refreshments will be provided.

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Fort DeSoto Beach Cleanup and Picnic

There will be a Fort DeSoto Beach cleanup and picnic/potluck on Saturday, March 27 beginning at 10 a.m. Those interested will take a walk and do a beach cleanup followed by a potluck picnic at 12 noon. Contact Mary at 551-0307.

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Excerpts heard at the March 2, 2010

Gulfport City Council Meeting Public Comment & Council Quotes

"I thought it was nice." —Councilman Sam Henderson, who worked with Gulfport Montessori Elementary to get student artwork on the walls in council chambers. Henderson said he'd like to see the artwork rotated out with high school student's artwork.

"Old business is never finished... I really appreciate the comment of support of old business." —Mayor Mike Yakes

"It is 10 o'clock Saturday morning starting at the recreation center going up to Little League where you'll see some very interesting baseball games." —Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington, about the upcoming Little League parade.

"The mural looks like St. Pete Beach. It doesn't even look like Gulfport." —Councilwoman Michele King, who suggested repainting the city council office and painting over a mural and taking down the mirrors that line one wall

"I'd like to thank everybody, all the citizens of Gulfport, for the opportunities I've had...it's been great. I'd like to thank my wife Frances, for all of her patience." —Vice Mayor Bob Worthington, who chose not to run for re-election and sat at his last meeting as a councilmember Tuesday night

"Bob, I hope you have as much fun retired as you did on this council." —Councilwoman Michele King, about Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington's retirement from city council

"I make a motion we adjourn." —Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington, who historically has the motion to adjourn the meetings. Worthington offered Councilmember Sam Henderson the honors, but Henderson said he didn't want to take anything away from Worthington's last opportunity to make that particular motion.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Here's a dilemma for Tea Partiers: U.S. Senatorial candidate Marco Rubio, former Florida State Speaker of the House. How pure does he have to be and what is pure?

Rubio leaped ahead of Gov. Charlie Crist largely because of the support and enthusiasm of the Tea Party faction of the Republican Party (Tea Partiers are not restricted to the GOP, by the way). Young, fresh, experienced, dynamic and fiscally conservative, Rubio surprised the "I've got-the-election-in-the-bag" governor who has come off lately as another business-as-usual easy spending politician.

The problem is that Rubio got caught misusing Republican Party credit cards as well as "mistakenly" spending \$3,000 of taxpayer funds while Speaker. His first response was to complain that Crist leaked the info to the press. Not good. The point is he got caught using someone else's money. Maybe it was just sloppy and not so venal. Maybe it was the result of sloppy fiscal controls of the party and the government.

Either way, this is not the behavior Tea Party people expect. I'm not making light of the Tea Partiers. I support their mantra of smaller, less intrusive government run by fiscally

conservative and honest public officials. I attended the 9-12 "march" on Washington, and talked to 50 or 60 attendees. Most were fresh to politics, anxious for a different kind of political leader and angry in general of a perceived and felt government take-over of personal lives and wallets. Few were radicals. Most were just fed up.

Rubio benefited from this at the same time that Crist endorsed the massive \$787 billion stimulus (9,000 earmarks) bill. Rubio sprang into prominence and responded with a vigorous campaign. So, the new revelations are more than disappointing. The question is his image ruined or just scratched? Is this just a part of politics; are there none that are "clean"?

All in all, would he still be a better Senator than Crist? Oh, by the way, there will be a Democrat in the race. He's likely to be Kendrick Meeks from the Miami area. However, the stronger candidates are likely to be Rubio or Crist. In the meanwhile, what can we expect from the politicians? Are we too idealistic? Is the process itself a spoiler: raising money from many sources, promising certain results to get certain votes, being all things to all people, being part of a "gotcha" culture?

The big problem, of course, is that politicians are spending someone else's money. It's very easy to spend someone else's money. And, government spending is not so much about what we need as about what we want. That's a line that easily gets blurred by politician and the public alike as well as in our home budgets.

However, the fact is that government is a profligate spender in general. There are huge pressures to open the treasury for the "better good". Too often that means a special interest, or any interest that will get a vote. So, it is important that those guarding the money that has been forcibly extracted from us has to have some respect for that money.

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Join us for Ladies Night (ladies drinks half price) on Monday, March 8 when Maurice Fontaine will make a special appearance. He has played with top recording artists and bands. Spend a relaxing evening with great friends, great music and great drinks.

Mark you calendars for the general meeting of Legionnaires on Monday, March 15. This will be the first nomination of officers for 2010-2011.

Volunteers are needed for our annual charity golf tournament in October. This is our largest single charity event. Help is needed to obtain prizes and sponsors. Bill Jonas will be having a meeting Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Post to explain what you can do. Please try to attend, all help is greatly appreciated.

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.

We are collecting clothes for the men and women veterans at Bay Pines. They should be clean, slightly used or new clothing. Under garments and socks should be new. A collection box is located in the lobby.

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

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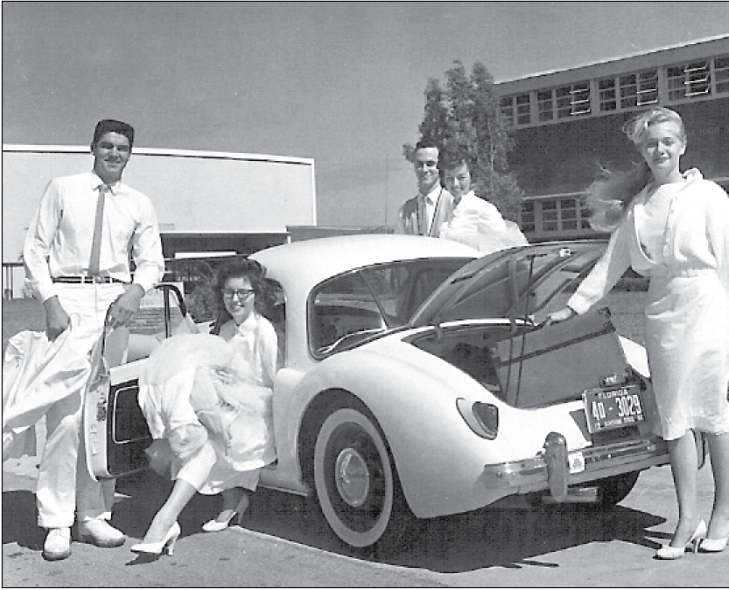
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Send us an email with your answer, name and phone number to News@theGabber.com

In just 32 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We'll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, places, and above all the decade of each picture as it comes along. To make it a little bit of a challenge, we won't publish the correct caption until the following week.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

Last week's photo was of the house at 2632 Beach Boulevard, built in 1926 for a 79-year-old Wisconsin man named Balch, who bought the two lots for \$250. In the 1930s it was the residence of Mayor Marion Jones, and later belonged to Emmet and Nellie Teats, transplanted New York apple farmers.



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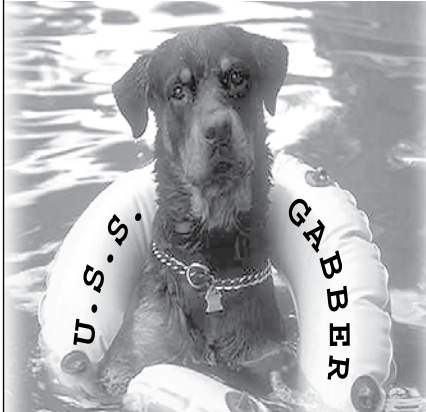
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The Gulfport Recreation Center is now offering Zumba classes. Zumba is an international dance cardio workout that incorporates dances such as Salsa, Merengue, Hip Hop, etc., with no experience needed. Classes will be on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting March 4. The cost is \$10 per class or \$8 per class if you pay by the month. Please contact Daniela (instructor) at 561-302-6174 or John at the rec. center at 893-1079 for more information. Please register in advance.

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Bring Donations to Gulfport Fresh Market

GULFPORT: 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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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 gbiro@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" 1/2 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!

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Friday 2/19

- Theft-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Arrest on Warrant-** 5600 Blk 28th Ave. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 10th Ave. S.
 - Battery-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Battery-** 5500 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Saturday 2/20**
- Animal Complaint-** 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
 - Reckless Driver-** 2200 Blk 54th St. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5900 Blk Bay Dr.
 - Narcotics/Drugs-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5400 Blk 13th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 2400 Blk 51st St. S.
 - Armed Person-** 6300 Blk Gulfport Blvd. 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.

- Noise Complaint-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Stolen Vehicle-** 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Sunday 2/21**
- Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk 29th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 1000 Blk 63rd St. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 3000 Blk 51st St. S.
 - Fight in Progress-** 6300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 2400 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 2700 Blk 56th St. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 2500 Blk 56th St. S.
 - Road Hazard-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.
 - Reckless Driver-** 5900 Blk 30th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Monday 2/22

- Animal Complaint-** 2600 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Truant-** 6400 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Burglary-** 2100 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.
- Animal Complaint-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Soliciting-** 5800 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Soliciting-** 270 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Battery-** 2400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Theft-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Violation of Court Order-** 5500 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 6200 Blk 8th Ave. S.

Tuesday 2/23

- Accident with Injuries-** 2200 Blk 52nd St.
- Burglary-** 800 Blk Gray St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 2400 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 6000 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- DUI Investigation-** 3100 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5500 Blk 13th Ave. S.

Wednesday 2/24

- Suspicious Circumstances-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave.
- Suspicious Person-** 6300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 10th Ave. S.

Thursday 2/25

- Accident with Injuries-** 3000 Blk 58th St. S.
- Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Battery-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 1800 Blk 51st St. S.
- Soliciting-** 3000 Blk 56th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
- Traffic Stop Failed to Stop-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Street Obstruction-** 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2600 Blk 45th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 1400 Blk York St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 3000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 900 Blk 61st St. S.

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The outing will be held at the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club in Palmetto, a short drive over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. The price of \$45 includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, beverages and prizes. If you played on Saturday, February 27 you experienced out first rain out day. You will pay \$21, not \$45. If you are unable to play golf on March 27, your credit will still be available in April. Registration will be from 7:45-8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

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

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South Pasadena Annual Scholarship Award

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

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

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

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Lifeguard Certification Class

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

Contact the pool at 363-9264 for more information.

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Campaign Finance: Who's Supporting the Candidates

By Cathy Salustri

With Gulfport City Council elections this coming Tuesday, March 9, most candidates have amassed a tidy sum of donations from individuals as well as businesses. Although the final contribution reports aren't due until tonight at midnight, The Gabber Newspaper collected some highlights of who's getting campaign money from who—and where.

Below, find some of the more interesting facts and figures about each candidate's campaign.

Important Note: *Candidates have filed reports through March 12, 2010 ONLY. They must submit their final reports by tonight at midnight. The Gabber will update these figures by Monday, March 8, with the final monies collected and most recent contributions of note. Click on the Gabber Newspaper's Facebook icon at TheGabber.com for the tallies and an update.*

Stanley Solomons

Campaign Manager: None listed
Campaign Treasurer: William Ward
Contributions of Note:
Stonewall Pinellas, \$250
Suncoast Police Benevolent Association, \$500

Solomons collected \$2905 from

individuals living outside of Gulfport, not counting the two donations listed above. He received three separate contributions from Gulfport residents. These three contributions totaled \$170. Aside from a 23-cent credit to his campaign's PayPal account, these monies comprise the total contributions to his campaign.

David Steinke

Campaign Manager: Greg Stemm, \$300 fee
Campaign Treasurer: Courtland Yarborough
Contributions of Note:
Al and Cindy Davis, \$300
Mike and Judy Baggs, \$100

Steinke collected \$500 from one out-of-state donor (Byron Gilchrist), one business listed as an individual (Grand Ideas, Inc., \$100), and four businesses, including \$400 from Mariner's Cove Marina, a primary source of his income. He also donated \$400 to his own campaign and loaned his campaign \$100. Four of his contributors (businesses and individuals) are in St. Petersburg.

Rosalie Barbieri

Campaign Manager: None
Campaign Treasurer: Rhonda Levine
Contributions of Note:
Cathy Kaiser, \$50

Barbieri loaned \$795 and donated \$20 to her campaign. She received no contributions from outside Gulfport, businesses, or over \$100.

David Hastings

Campaign Manager: Bradley Rogers, \$2850 fee, \$67.50 expenses
Campaign Treasurer: Gina Burke-Garrett
Contributions of Note:
Margarete Tober, \$100
Jeri Reed, \$100
Emmett Walsh, \$100
Edwin Jennings, \$500

Hastings received contributions from eight businesses and loaned his campaign \$1200. He also received two contributions from St. Petersburg residents.

Judy Ryerson (Incumbent)

Campaign Manager: None listed
Campaign Treasurer: Kelly Ryerson
Contributions of Note:
Mary Atkinson, \$50
Michael Baggs, \$100
R.W. Caldwell, \$100
Cindy Davis, \$300

Ryerson received contributions from two businesses and loaned her campaign \$200. She received no contributions from outside the city.

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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.

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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A Night for Honoring Law & Order



Pictured (L-R): St. Pete Beach Fire Chief Tom Malone, Elk Lodge#1224 Exalted Ruler Rudy Masi, Sr. & St. Pete Beach Fireman Brian Dahlstrom

People usually get kind of confused and think the fireman of the year award, "goes to someone for saving a baby or running into a burning building, one of those hero things. We don't have too many fires to run in and out," said St. Pete Beach Fire Chief Malone. Fireman Brian Dahlstrom earned his Fireman of the Year award for the way he gets along with others. He serves people in town with special needs, meeting and helping those people who could not evacuate themselves in the event of a hurricane. The Law & Order Night hosted by the Elk Lodge #1224 in St. Petersburg also honored the St. Pete Beach Police Officer of the Year. Officer Rob Weil was not present because he is the father of a four-day-old infant.

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Divorce Care Group at Tradewinds Church

A 13 week divorce care group program for those who are separated or divorced will begin on Thursday, March 18 from 6:30-8 p.m. Program is designed to help you face the challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Classes will meet each Thursday at Tradewinds Church, 6740 Park Street S. in So. Pasadena. Call (727) 344-1501.

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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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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Main Library

Friend of the Library are ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day a wee bit early so join them at 2 p.m. on March 16 at the Main Library, 3748 Ninth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. You can join in the singing of Irish songs with the Harmonetts, tap you feet with fiddle music and laugh at the Irish jokes. Free.

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H1N1 Shots Available

If you haven't gotten your H1N1 (Swine flu) vaccination, there is now an adequate supply on hand. According to the Pinellas County Department of Health the shots may be obtained at the following H1N1 free vaccination centers:

- St. Petersburg: 205 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N., (727) 824-6900
- Pinellas Park: 6350 76th Ave. N., (727) 547-7780
- Largo: 12420 130th Ave. N., (727) 588-4040
- Clearwater: 310 N. Myrtle Ave., (727) 469-5800
- Tarpon Springs: 301 S. Disston Ave., (727) 942-5457

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Safer Crossing Sought On Blind Pass

By Melissa Lattman

ST. PETE BEACH- An electronic message board reminds motorists to stop for those trying to cross the street by the Sweetbay Supermarket on Blind Pass Road. The crosswalk is where a pedestrian was hit Feb. 22. Resident James Roberts is still in serious condition at Bayfront Medical Center. The crash remains under investigation. The police are waiting on lab results said Officer Robert Micklitsch. Resident Tom DeYampert who knows Roberts and mentioned the traffic accident at the Feb. 23 City Commission meeting and shared his concerns.

"That crosswalk is a problem. Its one of the most dangerous I've seen and I grew up in Los Angeles. You go out and push the buttons and drivers will drive right through the crosswalk. This is year round," DeYampert said.

The City Commission discussed pedestrian safety. They suggested continuing with sting operations, which is when one police officer poses as someone who is trying to cross the street and another officer will ticket motorists who do not yield to the pedestrian.

"I think we are going to have to continue with the sting operations, maybe (we can install) an island they can get to in the middle (of the crosswalk) where they can have a safer place (to wait). We need better lights. We need a much safer environment for them to cross that street," said Mayor Michael Finnerty.

"Gulf Boulevard is designed to move cars. Its not designed to move people walking and that's part of the problem," said City Manager Mike Bonfield.

Commissioner Beverly Garnett said the city should have crosswalks like those in Saint Petersburg.

Since 2005 St. Petersburg has tested and now has operational a rapid-flashing crosswalk system in 32 locations, which is effective 85 percent of the time in having a motorist yield to a pedestrian.

The system's manufacturer, The Enhancer, came to them, said Saint Petersburg's Manager of Neighborhood Transportation, Mike Frederick.

The new crosswalk system's technical name is RRFB or rectangular rapid flashing beacons. The signal's shape as the name indicates is a rectangle instead of a typical circular traffic signal. The signal transmits to the driver's eye level. The signal looks more like the shape of a flashing light on an emergency vehicle, Frederick said.

The rapid-flashing system is pedestrian friendly. The pedestrian can activate it with a push button. But if they don't the infrared system comes on by sensing the person's body and voice. The system even gives the pedestrian instructions on how to cross the road, Frederick said.

The rapid-flashing system is designed for the specific location. The location of the posts, push buttons and orientation of the beacons has to be custom designed, Frederick said. "Each crosswalk location is unique, you have to modify the product."

The rapid-flashing system costs about the same as an amber light system (the type at the Blind Pass crossing) which St. Petersburg found is only effective 17 percent of the time in getting motorists to stop. The solar powered, radio-controlled system requires no wires, digging or power to install, Frederick said.

The rapid-flashing system gained federal approval in 2009 so anybody can use it. St. Petersburg even has one crosswalk site by Sunken Gardens that uses the system on a state road, Frederick said.

Four or five additional or modified crosswalks could come to the Gulf Boulevard/Blind Pass Corridor. When asked if any of the crosswalks would use the flashing beacons like in St. Petersburg, Bonfield said the state was in the process of planning the upgrade and the city had not seen the details.

Bonfield said two years ago because the state did not have the funding, the city paid for the installation of the crosswalk on Blind Pass and the Don Cesar paid for the crosswalk near that hotel.

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By Scott Lafee

Save the Creamed Carrots for Later

Every new parent works toward the day when their child makes the leap from breast milk to complementary baby foods (the mushy stuff that comes in little jars). It's a sign of growth and development. A new study, however, cautions against rushing into baby foods, suggesting that delaying their introduction while simultaneously extending breast-feeding may help prevent babies from becoming obese adults.

Danish researchers followed a group of individuals from birth to adulthood, noting how long they were breast-fed, when they began eating baby foods and what kind of weight gain they experienced

through the years. They found that neither breast-feeding duration nor timing of complementary foods had a significant impact on body mass during childhood, adolescence or early adulthood. However, when volunteers reached age 42, the risk of being overweight decreased with the increasing age at which complementary foods had been introduced when the volunteers were infants.

For example, for each month the introduction of vegetables was delayed, the risk of being overweight at age 42 was reduced by 10 percent.

GET ME THAT. STAT!

The typical length of a patient visit with a general practitioner is 21.8 minutes. More than 133 million Americans (as of 2005) had at least

one chronic condition, such as heart disease or diabetes. If a general practitioner were to provide all of the recommended preventive and high quality chronic care services prescribed under the current health care model to a typical patient roster, that work alone would require 18 hours per day.

STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

If you're not already feeling sick waiting to see your doctor, consider this: People with migraine headaches may be at increased risk of heart attack and other risk factors for heart disease. The overall risk is small, but a study out of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York found that people who had migraines were about twice as likely to have a heart attack as people without migraines, or 4.1 percent of people with migraines compared to 1.9 percent of those without.

BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

If you are left-handed, chances are your mother was also left-handed, but your father was right-handed.

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Achluophobia -- fear of the dark

VERBATIM

Doctors said that the test most commonly used to screen for colon cancer doesn't go far enough. They're recommending a procedure that involves photographing the entire colon. I say, don't give CBS an idea for another reality show. -- Comedian Bill Maher

CURTAIN CALLS

In 2004, a Spokane, Wash., man called police to ask what he should do with a dead 59-year-old woman in his freezer. The man had been the woman's caregiver and told police she had died a freezer earlier. He had put her in the freezer "to protect her whole dignity."

When authorities arrived, they could not remove the body because it was frozen solid among various foodstuffs. Instead, they hauled the entire freezer to the morgue and the man to a local hospital for a psychological evaluation.

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Mainsail Arts Festival Seeks Volunteers

ST. PETERSBURG- The 35th Annual Mainsail Arts Festival seeks volunteers to assist during the two-day show to be held in Vinoy Park, on St. Petersburg's downtown waterfront, April 17 and 18. Volunteers are needed to fill two 1/2-hour shifts between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The Mainsail Arts Festival features 250 artists from across the nation exhibiting their finest original art work, top name entertainment both days, the Young at ARt student show, Kids Create art tent, and a "culinary arts" food court, attracting more than 90,000 visitors.

Volunteer assignments include selling beverages, souvenir t-shirts and posters on April 17 and 18. If you wish to help, please contact Ann Vickstrom, volunteer coordinator, via e-mail at volunteers@mainsailartsfestival.org or leave a message at 727-892-5885. The volunteer application participation form is also available online at www.mainsailartsfestival.org. Volunteers will be sent a confirmation of their assigned date and time. In celebration of their 35th year, they are providing each volunteer with a Mainsail Arts Festival T-Shirt. Please provide your size (S, M, L, XL, XXL) when signing up to volunteer.

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Learn How to Use GPS

The St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron will present the United States Power Squadrons Seminar Series program, "Using GPS", on Wednesday, March 17. This seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation, shows you how to relate the GPS data to your charts, how to operate your GPS - what the buttons do, what the screens show, and how to access the functions you need. You will also get tips for choosing a GPS if you don't currently own one. The waterproof Captain's Quick Guide Using GPS is yours to take aboard your vessel to remind you of the operating sequence. from 7- 9 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials are \$25 per family.

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Hands on instruction. Bring your handheld GPS unit (optional) if you have one. Maximum 20 students; pre-registration required. Contact www.boating-stpete.org or 727-525-0968.

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Sale, Raffle to Benefit Friends of Strays

Shop at Friends of Strays Thrift Shoppe on Sunday, March 21 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. to help the stray kitties and doggies at the shelter. Donation is \$20 and allows shoppers to purchase anything in the upscale thrift store at a 50% discount!

Thrift Shoppe is located at 3660 Gandy Boulevard in Pinellas

Park across from The Shoppes at Park Place on US 19 North. Gift baskets including a Tradewinds Island Resorts Get Away Package will be part of the Chinese Raffle. Refreshments will be available to attendees. For advance sale tickets please call Lori at 727-522-6566. All proceeds directly benefit Friends of Strays Emergency Surgery and Special Treatment Fund.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

What Steps are Involved in the Probate Process?

Part II

This Article is Part II in our review of the Florida probate process and follows our last feature on probate.

3. APPOINTING THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

The court authorizes a Personal Representative to administer the deceased's estate. A Personal Representative, also called an executor/executrix, assumes the responsibility for closing an estate as soon as possible in an effort to distribute the estate's assets to those

who rightfully inherit them without delay. This person is critical to the probate process.

Personal representatives have a legal obligation to perform their duties honestly and efficiently. The heirs to an estate can hold a Personal Representative personally accountable for harming the estate's financial standing by neglect or deliberate action.

A will typically names the deceased's choice for Personal Representative, and Probate Courts will normally honor this choice. When no will exists, or if the Personal Representative named in the will declines to serve or cannot serve, the court has the authority to appoint a Personal Representative. Once the Personal Representative is appointed, the Probate Court recognizes the Personal Representative's authority to act on behalf of the deceased's estate. The Court issues a document, called "letters of administration," identifying the Personal Representative as the estate's official representative. A Personal Representative can show

this document to a bank officer, for example, to gain access to a checking account.

Needless to say, the Personal Representative should be a trusted family member or close friend who will act to carry out the wishes of the deceased.

A person who decides that he/she does not want to be a Personal Representative can decline the appointment. A back-up, or successor, Personal Representative is then appointed. Similarly, if the Personal Representative feels that the job involves more effort than one person can handle, the Court may appoint a co-Personal Representative.

4. INFORMING THE AFFECTED PARTIES

The Personal Representative is responsible for formal notification and the publishing of public notices in newspapers to inform potential heirs and creditors about the probate proceeding. After giving notice, waiting periods follow. Creditors, heirs, and others can file their claims against the estate during these periods of time.

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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.

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- 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.
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- PSTA Youth ID Card required to show eligibility for discounted fares
- All of the above are qualified for reduced cash fare

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St. Pete Beach Pool Offers Stroke Clinics

ST. PETE BEACH, FL: The St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center is now registering participants 18 years and older for new Adult Stroke Clinics, focusing on Stroke Technique, Stroke Development, and Stroke Refinement. These clinics are designed for the swimmer looking to improve their front crawl for

triathlons, long distance swimming or master events. Pool time will incorporate correction drills and the opportunity to practice and instill the newly-acquired skills. The one-hour clinics will be held on March 13, March 27 and April 10 and cost \$20 per clinic for St. Pete Beach residents and \$25 for non-residents. Call the Aquatic Center at 363-9264 or stop by 7701 Boca Ciega Drive to register.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

I should have written this last month, but I'm not much for Hallmark Holidays. My friends and I celebrate our own weird little set of holidays—last year we held the First Annual *Spankmas!*, which is not nearly as kinky as it sounds.

But enough about my strange holidays and more about love.

I don't understand how the world has so many single people in it who want to be part of a pair. While I never particularly cared if I had a boyfriend (is that the appropriate term for me to use as I stomp into middle age?), it seems to me the world is riddled with singles who want, more than anything, a warm hand in the moonlight and a pair of lips on New Year's Eve.

Take my friend Jay (yes, that's his real name, largely because I'm too lazy to make one up but also because he doesn't care.) Jay is, by anyone's definition, a Good Guy. By that I mean the sort of guy who hears you like Snuggies and buys you one, or makes you a CD of music he thinks you will like. These things tend to creep women out. I wish I could explain it to him, because it's like watching a puppy get kicked over and over and over again. Jay decides what he wants. Quickly. From that point, he's rather intense about it. Since this intensity strikes well before the object of his affection has a chance to come to the same conclusion, she usually backs off. Which, of course, perplexes Jay, a logical sort who accepts but does not understand irrationality.

Jay is a computer type and yes, Jay is a little esoteric and snarky and often a little too intellectual in his cultural references, but he's fun to be around, makes a decent living and, while he's not exactly a hardbody (see "computer type," above) he's not about to collapse because his muscles have atrophied, either. He has no open sores, no ex-wives or children and doesn't live with his parents. He's marching to his own drum, yes, but I wasn't aware that mattered after high school. So why, then, do all of my single friends—many of whom desperately want to marry and

reproduce at some point—eschew Jay and all men like him? Is it simply his intensity?

I think it's more because Jay simply doesn't fit a woman's expectation of what she's going to get in a man. Why will an otherwise sane and lovely woman spurn the Good Guy and go after the one who uses the back room of her apartment to build a meth lab?

Perhaps most women who date with the idea of a prize at the end (marriage, child, house on the water, whatever) also develop a picture in their heads of the person with whom they will share those things. Which is a shame, because it leaves a lot of lovely women single indefinitely or settling for someone they don't love.

It's a dangerous thing, this notion of placing your dreams in the hands of an imaginary man. I've always preferred to count on myself to make my dreams come true, but then I've never really had a desire to have children, so maybe I'm not being fair to those ladies whose uteri (is that the proper plural of uterus?) scream for motile, potent sperm. And in the process, while the Universe has passed several "creatively" successful men through my life, I've managed, eventually, to ferret them all out and decide that I can go broke and make mistakes very nicely on my own, thank you.

The phrase "Good Guy" is really just another word for "man." After several decades of—let's call it "misguided"—dating, I stumbled upon a decent man, and I do mean stumbled; I'm so incredibly clueless that I'd still be having adolescent fantasies and trying to figure out how I could get this man's attention had it not been for Mr. Nice Guy Jay and a savvy girl friend. It's divine to not be with a man who cleans out your savings, uses Theraflu as a recreational drug, or cheats on you with your best friend.

I suspect that women who find Good Guys, or "men," focus more on how they feel with someone instead of what their partner should look like or act like or do for a living. While my friends and I may think forearms or

backs are sexy, we don't plan for it. We also don't say we're going to date a man who makes six figures and plays in a band. That's because we're really not into imaginary men.

For the record, these friends aren't ugly, either. On the whole, they're thin, toned, gorgeous women with good careers, interests outside of makeup and shoes, and IQs higher than most. When I look at it that way, I'm not actually sure what they're doing hanging out with me. Maybe I'm the funny one.

I suspect the men they're with care more about their brains than their bodies, though. Of all of them, Shelly's the one who gets the most attention from guys when we go out. Shelly, the lesbian, has more men paying attention to her than the rest of us put together. She's beautiful, yes, but... how do I put this? No one finds out Shelly is gay and expresses shock. Stacey has a lithe dancer's body; Leah's hair would make Vidal Sassoon weep. Amanda has the bone structure of a Greek goddess. But Shelly... well, she's not going to win any abs of steel contests. Her favorite shirt in the world is a green checked thing that we'd all love to burn, and if you look up "cargo shorts" at Dictionary.com, you will see her picture.

But drop her in a nunnery and you'll find Shelly surrounded by men instantly. Why? She accepts people without expectation. If you have something interesting to say, she wants to hear it. Shelly, I think, would date Jay. You know, if she were attracted to men.

Of course, that doesn't help Jay. Look, despite his affinity for karaoke, Jay's a lovable guy. He's not Harrison Ford; he's more of a cross between Rick Moranis' character in *Ghostbusters* and Eugene Levy in *American Pie*. Like most men, Jay can be obnoxious. But I've dated men who thought the Jackass movies were something to aspire to and "didn't get" the "intellectual" elements of *Frasier*. Hell, I've dated men who barely spoke English. How fussy do we have to be to remove a well-read, highly intellectual, fairly open-minded IT director from our dating pool?

Because we have GOT to be running out of losers here soon.

Contact Cathy Salustri at
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Town Shores Bocce News

Dover is currently in First Place with Nottingham coming in at a close Second Place and the Eton building is in Third Place. Next week will be the last week of regular play. Come down to the Bocce courts on Monday and/or Tuesday to cheer for the teams.

Tickets are now on sale for the Bocce Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 20 in the clubhouse auditorium. A great meal is planned by Lee Roy Selmons, along with "Frank Sinatra" entertaining for the evening. Coffee and setups will be provided. You can BYOB. Cost is \$17 for all. Please call Judy at 344-7558 for a table of 8-10 people or if you have a question.

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2010 Pinellas County AARP Tax Sites

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

St. Petersburg:

- Bank of America, 8181 54 Avenue N. Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- St. James United Methodist Church, 845 87 Avenue N. Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday.
- St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 Ninth Avenue N. Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.
- Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth Street N. Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday.

Gulfport and the Beaches:

- Gulf Beaches Public Library, 200 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach. Hours: 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.
- Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28 Avenue S. Hours: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday.

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1960 Class of Largo High Reunion

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

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Jewish Genealogical Society to Hold Seminar

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay concludes the two-session seminar entitled: "The JGSTB 2010 Guide to Jewish Genealogy Research: A Foundation for Beginners and an Update for Experienced Researchers" on March 14 at 2 p.m. at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd. in Clearwater. Registration will be at 1:30 p.m. A seminar booklet summarizing all the material to be presented will be provided.

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

The course is free to current paid-up members of the Jewish Genealogical

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

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

To pre-register for the class, for further information on the organization, or for directions to the meeting, call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

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Get Ready for Spring Boating

Get the annual service performed on your boat and engine, inspect your battery, clean terminals and top off electrolyte as needed. Check and

clean electronic connections. Make sure that your anchor line or mooring lines are not frayed and replace rusty chain, shackles and thimbles. Add stabilizer to your fuel and replace the fuel-water separator filter. Inspect, and clean all PFDs and storage areas. Make sure all fire extinguishers are charged and serviceable, and your flares have not expired. Inspect all running and anchor lights, clean terminals and replace bulbs as needed. Check the bilge pumps are operating and that the auto switch is functioning. Replace outdated charts and tide tables.

Boating Skills and Seamanship Programs are presented by the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary, Flotilla 72 each Tuesday night from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at 1300 Beach Dr. SE in St. Petersburg. Call 727-898-1324 for information. Completion satisfies the state of Florida boater safety education requirements.

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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.

For more information, please call Ron Hoover, PARC Thrift Store Manager, at 727-541-4493.

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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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Could you be suffering from vein disease without knowing it? One of three Americans over 45 years of age has some form of vein disease in the legs--problems in the network of veins that carry blood back to the heart. Signs and symptoms may seem harmless at first but minor problems can develop into serious problems if left untreated.

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**.

Burning, itching, and even ulcers can develop.

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.

Is there any treatment?

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



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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



What Global Warming?

I'm writing this in the midst of yet another snowstorm, with a few inches still piled up from the last one. Many people have taken this opportunity to wag their fingers and say, "What global warming?!"

Pulitzer prize-winning columnist Thomas Friedman coined the term "global weirding" last week to replace the misleading phrase "global warming." While the Earth has warmed a degree, and is projected to warm quicker than natural over the next century, most of us are not feeling very warm today.

Our weather is indeed weird, with massive snow in the South and rain at the Winter Olympics in Canada. Australia is having a record 13-year drought, and Texas ended a drought this winter with massive snowstorms. As a matter of fact, Texas got snow this year before New York did.

What does all this prove or disprove? Nothing. "Climate is what we expect, and weather is what we get," according to NASA. We have only been collecting data on weather for the past 100 years, and trends in climate are measured in thousands of years. A single weather event -- like a hurricane, or a spell of unusual weather; like snow in Texas -- may be unprecedented but still within the "normal" range.

What is actually happening to our climate is right in line with predicted climate change models. Some parts of the earth are experiencing drought, while flooding happens elsewhere simultaneously. Storms are more severe, summers are hotter, spring comes earlier and polar ice is diminishing.

Many old-timers in my region of New York remember waist-high snow drifts and ice skating to school

on frozen rivers. We haven't seen a REAL severe winter in a while if you talk to those who actually lived through them. Some of us tourists (residents who haven't lived here 20 years yet) quake in fear at the thought of a Nor'easter.

Whether one actually believes in human-driven climate change or not has become irrelevant. The truth is that we all have to eat and breathe, and both things are becoming more difficult as our population swells and resources become tight. If you care about clean air, water and food security, then we have enough common ground to rebuild our country with green energy and localized economies.

We sorely need industry in our country, and unfortunately, most of it has been outsourced overseas. Renewable energy, energy efficiency, cultural tourism and other similar industries are the only ones that can't be completely outsourced because they are place-based. You can't wrap up an apartment building and send it to China for weatherization. That is something that has to be done here, by a trained local person.

Friedman writes: "I suspect China is quietly laughing at us right now. And Iran, Russia, Venezuela and the whole OPEC gang are high-fiving each other. Nothing better serves their interests than to see Americans becoming confused about climate change and, therefore, less inclined to move toward clean-tech and, therefore, more certain to remain addicted to oil."

Let's stop debating each other and actually do something for a change. Let's get America back on her feet and into the green millennium so that our kids and grandkids stand a chance. Support renewable energy, and move our country away from imported oil. Create jobs here by supporting small local businesses and farms.

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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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Host Families Needed for Exchange Students

Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) is a non-profit organization looking for caring families to host high school students from many countries around the world. The students are between 15 - 17 years of age and will attend school for an academic year or semester at your local high school.

There is no such thing as a typical host family. They accept single parents, retired couples, families with small children, teens or no children at all! You can have a great experience

hosting an International teen. The students are prescreened, speak English and are looking forward to learning about our culture while teaching Americans about theirs.

Students will have medical insurance and their own spending money to cover clothing, school expenses, entertainment, etc. Host families should provide not only a loving home and food for their daily meals, but also a quiet place to be able to study and bedroom to rest. Although host families are not paid, one is eligible to claim a charitable tax deduction of \$50 per month for every month the student is in the home.

Visit their website at www.pieusa.org or call 1-877-534-3144 or email to patlittrell@pieusa.org.

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Dancers Looking for a Few Good (Old) Men

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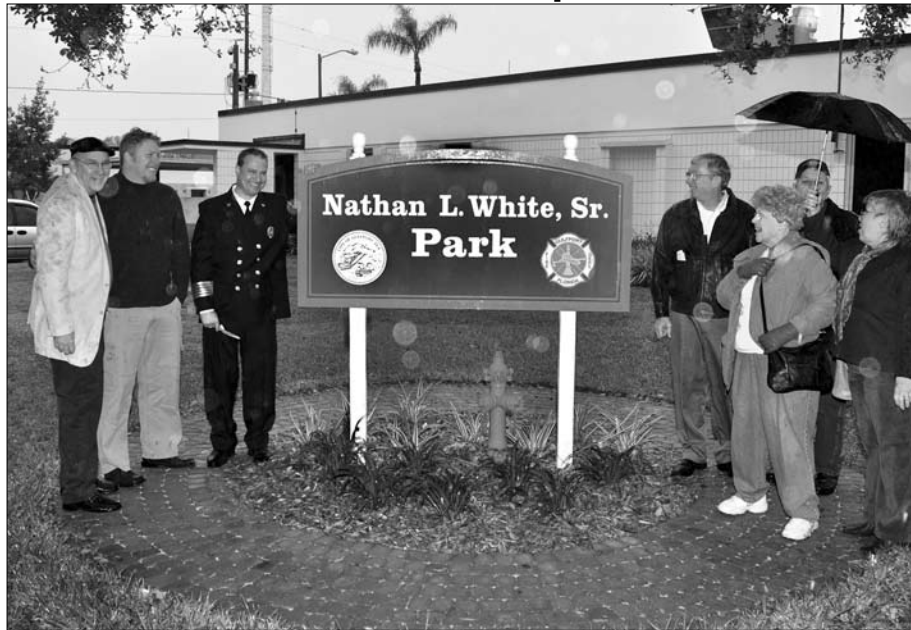
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A Tribute to an Icon of Gulfport



By Leigh Clifton

Stories, tears, laughter and love were all present and accounted for as friends and family gathered at the Gulfport Firehouse to honor the late Nathan White. The former fire chief, mentor, friend, husband, grandfather and creator of the present day Fire Explorers passed away last year. But he left a legacy that will forever endear him to Gulfport and its people. A large group gathered last Saturday morning to watch the unveiling of a plaque on the green of the firehouse that bears his name and sealed forever his bond to the city he loved.

Originally scheduled to be outside, the ceremony was held indoors because of a cold, hard rain. But as son Nathan White, Jr joked when he stood to speak of his father; "I'm sure you engineered this just to see if anyone would show." The crowd laughed, appreciating the fact that Nathan, Jr was probably right.

Several Council members, many dear friends of Mr. White, eulogized him with high praise, respect and quite a bit of humor. Amid coffee and donuts, his friends gathered to say another goodbye, perhaps hello and with humility and grace they went outside and stood in the rain, as the plaque was unveiled.

I did not have the honor of knowing Mr. White. Seeing the love and reverence from his friends, I felt as though I had met him that day. If the measure of a man can be counted by his many friends and by how many people he had touched in one lifetime, then Nathan White was one of the richest men in town.

Join a Co-Ed Softball League

ST. PETE BEACH: The St. Pete Beach Community Center is now registering teams for its Friday Night Co-Ed Softball League. All games are played at Egan Field in St. Pete Beach beginning in mid-March. Cost is \$350 per team. Teams can pre-register at the Community Center or download the application on their website www.spbrec.com. Teams must consist of a minimum of four girls and five guys. Call 363-9245 for more information.

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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: "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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Dog Obedience Classes in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH, FL: Dog Obedience classes are now being taught at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, located at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Instructor Phyllis Mazzaris will teach participants basic dog obedience and training through positive reinforcement during weekly one-hour sessions. Class dates and times vary depending on need so contact Phyllis today at (727)898-1054 or (727)459-3562. You can also visit her website at www.nobonesaboutit.biz. Pay just \$65 per 6-week session and make your pooch the best behaved on the block!

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Care Givers Support Groups

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

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

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

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Pet Food Donations Wanted

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

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

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Beta Sigma Phi

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.

Beta Sigma Phi is an international sorority which provides women with a social and cultural outlet. The 12 chapters of Sunshine City Council meet at various times depending on the chapter format. Chapters may

participate and support a variety of service projects in the area. If you would like to learn more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Sharon Melton at 595-9625.

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter's regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10 at the home of Donna Smith and Janet Taylor will present the program. Election of officers will be held at this meeting.


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

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Grief Support Group Continues

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

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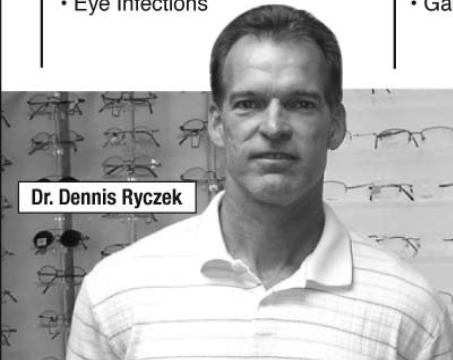
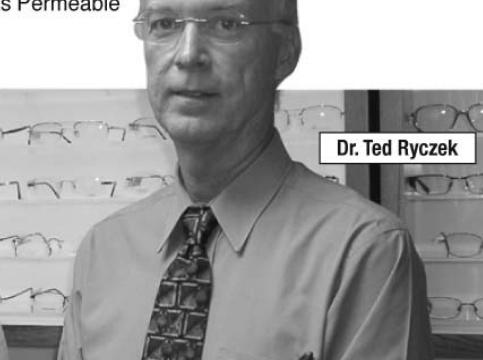
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RUSH'S Reality

A satirical look at the world around us.

By Anne Rush

So How Much Government do you Want?

When I woke up in the morning on October 1st of last year, the local news reported that there were 67 new laws that went into effect overnight. I remember being a little wary of even driving into work that morning because even though my record will show I'm a fairly law abiding citizen, I thought it plausible that I may break at least two or five new laws by the time I got to work. It seems to me that we ought to keep it a bit more simple.

I understand the passion of the people. Folks look around the world, or far too often their own neighborhoods, and think to themselves "There oughtta be a law". And then they find like-minded people and before you know it, there's petitions and signatures and it's on a ballot and before you know it, there's an ordinance or a law on the books with enforcement dollars spent and municipal coffers making money again.

Some may call this home grown democracy at its finest. I sometimes call it absurd.

Many municipalities and now even Gulfport are passing a "no-tether" ordinance or law for dogs. No matter which side of the fence or leash you come down on with this issue personally, do we really need a law?

Look, nobody is for animal cruelty or abuse. Certainly no one on city council listening to tearful accounts of the horror stories of tethering can't be moved by it. But come down on a topic like that and before you know it, their short-lived political bio will include the words "Animal Killer!" or something along that line.

As I read the article about that council meeting, the only sticking point in crafting the already foregone conclusion of yet another ordinance seemed to be on how long a dog was left unattended. So, what would you have enforcement folks do? Sit in front of a house like a bad PI series from the 80s and time it? I was at least somewhat comforted in that there was a reference to some sort of "reasonable" restraint which I sure hope my dog would fit into. You see, I have an old dog who likes to sun

herself in the driveway and front yard. She does have a tendency to waddle off if not restrained, so I put her on a 20 foot leash. Is that tethering or abiding by the leash law? I'm confused. But my point is that I'm pretty sure I don't want city council or animal control or God forbid, my taxpayer police dollars to clear that up for me.

Dogs are social animals who like to be "peopled". Cats are more independent creatures. Yet there's a leash law for cats. I've never seen a person walk their cat. Of course, I've never seen a cat used the toilet either, but I've heard that it happens. I'm sure there's a You-Tube video. Now I have an indoor/outdoor cat. Animal control patrols my neighborhood from time to time and threatens to cart my cat away to an overcrowded shelter where they'll fine me or put her to sleep if I don't pick her up. I've been told that if I "tethered" my cat in the yard, that would be acceptable. Soooo, we can tether cats, but not dogs? Why do they sell indoor and outdoor cat food if cats aren't allowed to be outside? Where did the expression "catting around" come from? Why is it common for folks to talk about the "gifts" of lizard tails and mice and such that cats drag in if they're not allowed to go out? How is it so wrong and unlawful for me to come home and see my cat sitting on my front porch sunning herself, the very picture of which always brings a Norman Rockwell smile to my eyes? Does the Ernest Hemingway Museum in Key West keep their cats inside?

I know. As is the case with almost anything when you get right to it, it comes down to feces. Homeowners don't like crap in their yards or paw prints on their hoods. OK. That's fair. But if that's fair, then what are we gonna do about all those birds flying around? Huh? I'd sure like to see a law against finding their crap on my windshield and I'm sure I gather the signatures for a petition....

I read that Gulfport is also agonizing over what to do about those pesty RV's in the neighborhood. What offends folks about them? Is it their size? If so, what about SUV's? Are some in

disrepair? There's a lot of old beat up cars that are registered with four inflated tires in driveways that are more of an eyesore than a trailer. Do we need a law about paint jobs on our vehicles? You don't have the right to dictate what you see when you look out your window unless you can afford to buy up the block.

If I'm not mistaken, our founding fathers and the American Dream was to work hard, buy a piece of land and then you owned it. And it was yours to use as you wish. Let me tell you something about RV's. Every summer since before I was even born (I'm the youngest of five), our family vacation was to take two weeks and drive from PA to IL to visit family in Ohio and Evanston and Belleville and back again. In the early days, we camped in a station wagon and tent. As my dad worked harder, we bought our first trailer. Those are some of the fondest memories I have. Over the years, the RV's got newer, nicer and had more amenities, but still. When my dad finally retired and moved here, he researched the deed restrictions and chose to buy his house in a neighborhood where he was "allowed" to park his trailer. In the driveway. Of the home he owned. What a crazy radical - my dad!

Look, there's a lot of things I don't like either. Like people buying lottery tickets at the convenience store I often hit on my way to work. I know! Let's have a law where you can't buy lottery tickets before 9 a.m.! Are ya with me?

Or what about my neighbor who uses his noisy decibel splitting lawn blower at all hours of all days. Let's have a law that you can only fire up your blower at certain times on certain days, like lawn watering. Are you OK with that?

At some point, somebody has to stand up for the rights of all individuals and less government. As much as we like to give lip service to our diversity and celebrate our differences, every level of government is pushing for conformity and likeness. It's almost comical that we're angered by partisanship in Washington when we can't even seem to get along with our neighbors.

All I'm saying, is that there are bigger fish to fry. Although you need a license to catch those fish, and you better have a calendar so that you only catch them in season, and if you order them fried at a restaurant, there's only so many kinds of oils they can be fried in and the menu will have to tell you the value of calories and trans fats.

Just think about it.

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Interested in knowing more? If so, please call the SHINE program at (727) 570-9696 ext. 234 and speak with the Area Agency on Aging Program Coordinator, Susan Samson. SHINE is a free program, funded by a grant from the Centers

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Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

Arf! Arf! Barking up the Right Social Security Tree

Q: I made an appointment to talk to someone at my local Social Security office about filing for Social Security benefits. All I wanted was general information to help make plans for my future retirement. But she tried to talk me into filing for Social Security now, telling me it could work to my advantage. I was so baffled that I left the office more confused than I ever have been about Social Security.

One part of the mystery is she kept using a term that I swear sounded like a barking dog! Something like "ruff." Can you help? Here are the particulars of my case. I just turned 62 in January. Even though I cut back my work hours, I am still making about \$45,000 per year. My Social Security benefit estimate at age 66 is \$2,200. My rate at age 62 would be \$1,650.

A: ARF! ARF! ARF! And no, that's not a dog barking. It's a little known quirk in Social Security law that has benefited millions of beneficiaries over the years and could work to your advantage, too.

ARF is Social Security Administration jargon for "adjustment to the reduction factor." It's a policy that requires your reduced retirement benefit to be refigured at age 66 to give you credit

for those months when you did not get a Social Security check because of your work and earnings.

Here's another way to look at it. If you take reduced retirement benefits at age 62, that benefit would come with a 25 percent early retirement penalty. And normally, that reduction is permanent, staying with you for the rest of your life. But if you are still working between age 62 and age 66, your earnings could cause you to forfeit some of your monthly Social Security benefits. (The law says that \$1 must be deducted from your Social Security benefits for every \$2 you earn over \$14,160 per year.) And for any month you don't get a Social Security check because of your excess earnings, the ARF rule says you cannot be penalized with an early retirement reduction for that month. So, when you reach age 66, they adjust your benefit (i.e., raise the amount of your monthly Social Security check) by removing the reduction factor for the months involved.

Now we'll get even more specific with an example using the information you provided.

Let's say you take Social Security at age 62. Your initial reduced retirement rate is \$1,650 per month, or \$19,800 in Social Security benefits per year. But according to the earnings penalty rules, from that amount we'd have to deduct \$15,420 -- or one-half of what you earn over

the \$14,160 Social Security income threshold. So, you would only be due \$4,380 in Social Security benefits for the year. (\$19,800 minus \$15,420 equals \$4,380.)

In other words, because of the earnings penalty, you would get only two full Social Security checks and one partial check for the year. And let's say you keep doing that until age 66. Once you reach age 66, the earnings penalty goes away and you would be due all your Social Security checks. That means you would collect eight full Social Security checks and four partial Social Security checks between age 62 and 66. And when you reach age 66 and the ARF rule kicks in, your ongoing benefit will be refigured. Instead of the initial 48-month early retirement reduction resulting in a 25 percent penalty, you will have only an eight-month reduction resulting in a roughly 4.5 percent penalty.

Finally, let's look at your Social Security options.

Option One: You could wait until age 66, and at that point begin receiving \$2,200 per month.

Option Two: You could take benefits at age 62 with an initial 25 percent reduction and be due \$1,650 per month. But because of the earnings penalty rules explained above, you would only receive eight full Social Security checks and four partial Social Security checks between age 62 and 66, totaling \$17,520 (or \$4,380 per year times four years). And at age 66, your monthly benefit would be adjusted to an ongoing rate of about \$2,100 per month.

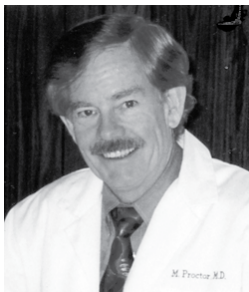
Option Two (the ARF option) looks pretty attractive to me. You'd get \$1,520 in Social Security benefits you would not get in Option One. And with an ongoing Social Security benefit rate that's only \$100 more per month, it would take you a long time to make up that difference if you waited until age 66.

I say you should bark up that age 62 Social Security tree!

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Your Health

By Rallie McAllister M.D.

Activity-Related Leg Pain Could Be a Sign of Heart Disease

If you routinely experience leg pain while walking, you shouldn't dismiss it as just a muscle cramp or a joint ache. It could be a sign of peripheral artery disease, a serious condition that affects approximately 10 million Americans.

Peripheral artery disease, or PAD for short, is a condition in which narrowed arteries impair blood flow to the limbs, particularly the legs. When the leg muscles don't receive enough oxygen-rich blood to keep up with the demands of exercise, pain is often the result.

Activity-related leg discomfort caused by PAD is known as intermittent claudication, derived from the Latin word meaning "to limp." It is characterized by muscle pain or cramping in the legs that is triggered by exercise, such as walking or climbing stairs, and disappears after a few minutes of rest.

The location of the leg pain or cramping corresponds to the narrowed artery. Although PAD-associated leg discomfort may be felt in the thigh or the buttock, the calf muscle is most commonly affected.

In some cases, the affected leg or foot may feel cold, weak or numb. Individuals with PAD often notice changes in skin color and toenail growth, as well as a loss of hair on the feet and lower legs.

As the condition progresses, the pain may become more intense and unrelenting, even at rest. Infections and slow-healing sores may develop on the legs, feet and toes.

While the pain and visible changes may be limited to the lower extremities, PAD is considered a red flag for circulatory problems that are far more widespread.

The narrowing of the arteries that occurs with PAD is caused by the accumulation of fat, cholesterol and other inflammatory substances in the blood vessel walls. Unfortunately,

this process isn't limited to the arteries of the legs -- it often occurs simultaneously in the blood vessels leading to the heart and brain.

Narrowing of the arteries that supply oxygen-rich blood to the heart and brain can lead to heart attack and stroke. A growing body of scientific evidence suggests that a significant percentage of individuals with PAD also have coronary artery disease, the most common type of heart disease and the leading cause of death in the U.S.

Risk factors for PAD and heart disease are the same: smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, diabetes and advancing age.

If you have signs or symptoms of PAD, your doctor can perform several noninvasive tests to diagnose the condition. A physical examination may reveal telltale signs, including a weak or absent pulse or a lower blood pressure reading in the affected limb.

Ultrasound imaging may be used to evaluate blood flow to the limb and identify narrowed arteries. For some patients, physicians may recommend angiography, a test that involves injecting contrast dye into the blood vessels so that narrowed or blocked arteries can be identified using X-ray or other radiologic imaging techniques.

When narrowing or blockage of an artery is identified, treatment may involve angioplasty, a procedure in which a hollow tube, called a catheter, is inserted into an artery

in the groin and then guided to the affected area. There, a small balloon on the tip of the catheter is inflated to flatten the blockage and widen the artery so that blood flow is increased.

The specialist performing the procedure may also insert a mesh tube, called a stent, in the artery to help hold it open. In more severe cases, surgery may be necessary.

For some individuals with PAD, prescription medications are recommended to improve blood flow and lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Almost everyone with the condition can benefit from positive lifestyle changes, starting with switching to a heart-healthy diet.

If you smoke, quitting is the single most important step you can take to reduce the progression of the disease, and for folks with diabetes, maintaining good control over blood sugar is critical. People who smoke and those with diabetes have the greatest risk of PAD-related complications that can necessitate limb amputation.

Regular exercise is a key component in the prevention and treatment of PAD. Success of treatment is typically measured by how far patients can walk without experiencing leg pain.

If you have activity-related leg pain or other symptoms of PAD, it's time to take them seriously. Early diagnosis and treatment can improve the health of your limbs, and it might even save your life.

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St. Petersburg Free Clinic is located at 863 3rd Avenue North and provides temporary assistance for families and individuals in need of the basics of food, shelter, health care, limited financial assistance and referral information. For more information about the Free Clinic visit www.stpetersburgfreeclinic.org.

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Gulfport: Celebrating 100 Years

By Lynne Brown



The first settlers came to this isolated corner of the peninsula just after the Civil War. To survive, they fished and farmed small plots of land hacked out of the palmettos and pines. With no roads or bridges, contact with the outside world was made only by boat, and that was irregular and undependable. There was hope for a time that the railroad would make the tiny town a terminus, but St. Petersburg was chosen instead. In the early 20th century, however, a trolley line was built, running directly to the waterfront along today's Beach Boulevard and bringing with it new residents, tourists, and trade.

By 1910 the settlement had grown to more than the 25 registered voters required to petition for incorporation, and that they did, establishing a town and naming it Gulfport. The mayor and council borrowed \$100 under their own names and began the long struggle to develop this unique community. Over the last 100 years, Gulfport has suffered the devastation of a major hurricane and a great Depression, entertained bootleggers and moonshiners, and lost its boys to war, but through it all has always risen, buoyed up by the spirit of its citizens. Today it is known throughout the area as a very special place, full of art and history, unique individuals, and charming homes, restaurants and shops.



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Confederate Troops Claim Victory against Yankees at Ft. DeSoto



A solitary Rebel holds the Confederate flag at the reenactment of the Battle at Ballast Point.

By Leigh Clifton

This time, the South won. If not the war, then at least part of it. The Battle of Ballast Point played out on the green at Ft. DeSoto last Saturday afternoon as reenactment actors dressed in period dress recreated the battle with all the gusto of true Rebels and Yankees. A large crowd was treated to booming cannon fire, muskets flashing smoke and hand to hand combat with swords as the two forces clashed.

The battle looked and sounded so authentic, you could feel the ground rumble as the cannons were shot off; a loud, raucous blast followed by belching columns of smoke that wowed the crowd. Some soldiers fell where they stood; "shot dead". In the end, the Confederates took five Union soldiers as prisoners of war.

The Battle at Ballast Point was precipitated when two Confederate blockade running ships, owned by the future mayor of Tampa, James Mackay, were burned by Union soldiers in a raid as they advanced up the Hillsborough River. The battle actually happened just outside of Tampa, with the Union soldiers hell-bent on capturing as

many blockade running ships as possible. They also wanted to destroy the rebel salt works operations, which dried sea salt to be used for curing provisions that could then be sent to Confederate troops all across the South.

The US Navy had an outpost on Egmont Key, comprised mostly of northern sympathizers and caretakers for the Egmont Key Lighthouse, which was used to spot the Confederate ships bringing in guns and provisions to the city of Tampa.



Confederate soldiers were not limited to just men; women donned guns and swords to fight for the South as well.

Union soldiers used Ballast Point as a landing and pickup point for the soldiers who had helped destroy MacKay's two large ships. Several Confederate troops, who had escaped capture on those ships, alerted troops in Tampa that the Union soldiers would be staging a pickup of some Union troops on Egmont Key. Confederate soldiers hid in the woods and fired on the Union militia, wounding ten, and killing three and taking five prisoners. Both sides claimed victory; the Rebels because they had caused the Union soldiers to run to their ships. The Union considered it a victory for the North because they had achieved their main objective; to destroy two of the most active blockade running ships for the South.

Boca Ciega High School Scoreboard

By Leigh Clifton

Baseball

Boys Varsity

02/26/10	Boca Ciega	6
	Largo	3
02/23/10	Boca Ciega	1
	Pinellas Park	21
02/20/10	Boca Ciega	0
	Shorecrest	11
02/17/10	Boca Ciega	6
	Pinellas Park	9

Softball

Girls Varsity

02/26/10	Boca Ciega	15
	Gibbs	1
02/23/10	Boca Ciega	4
	Osceola	3
02/19/10	Boca Ciega	17
	Largo	1

Tennis

Boys Varsity

02/25/10	Boca Ciega	0
	Countryside	7
02/23/10	Boca Ciega	0
	Largo	7
02/22/10	Boca Ciega	0
	East Lake	7

Basketball

Girls Varsity

02/25/10	Boca Ciega	44
	Dillard	53
02/24/10	Boca Ciega	58
	Pine Forest	33

Tennis

Girls Varsity

02/25/10	Boca Ciega	1
	Countryside	6
02/23/10	Boca Ciega	0
	Largo	7
02/23/10	Boca Ciega	0
	East Lake	7

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New Community Garden Coming to Gulfport

A brand new community garden is being planned for Gulfport affording residents of both Gulfport and St. Petersburg the opportunity to grow vegetables, annuals and other non-permanent plants in a plot of their own.

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

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

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

The grass roots community group is currently seeking volunteers to help get the garden organized and marketed to the community. Plots may also be reserved at this time. More information is available by visiting www.so49.org.

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

“Red Hot Beach Nuts” Venture to See the Manatees

By Dee TenBrink



On Wednesday, February 17, Gulfport’s local Red Hat group, better known as “The Red Hot Beach Nuts” traveled over the Sunshine Skyway to view the manatees. Driving north on US 41 we naturally had to stop first for lunch. The town of Ruskin has a hidden resort called Little Harbor, where we enjoyed a delicious meal at their Sunset Grill restaurant. The food, the service, and the view of the St. Petersburg skyline were almost too good to be true. After lunch we continued to Apollo Beach where we found the manatee viewing site at TECO’s Big Ben plant. We were not disappointed! Bunches of manatees were cuddled together in the warm water by the plant; Spotted Eagle Rays darted in and out amongst them, fish were jumping into the air—it was an awesome sight! Yes the weather was chilly and windy, but sunny; the view was more than worth it. A tour of the fact filled museum and gift shop completed our day. The viewing center is open until mid-April at no charge, donations are always appreciated.

Become a Mentor

Gulf Coast Community Care needs volunteers age 30 and older for its mentoring program. Volunteers are matched with children who need a positive adult role model.

Many of the children are in kinship care or live with a single parent who is going to school and working. There is a special need for volunteers for children of all ages. Volunteers give the gift of time to one child and are provided social events and support by agency staff. No experience is necessary. There are no costs.

Volunteers spend a few hours a week in simple activities such as reading, fishing, baking, teaching a craft, or visiting a park with a child. We have children throughout Pinellas County waiting for mentors!

To learn how you can make a lasting difference in the life of a child, call Adults Mentoring Children at (727) 479-1841.

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DBSA Support Group

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

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

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Find a Yoga Class That's Right for You

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

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Ombudsman Program Needs Volunteers

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

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

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SPCA Offers Tours

The SPCA Tampa Bay offers private shelter tours to school groups and visitors to educate those about the importance of animal responsibility and how it relates to compassion and respect towards other human beings. To learn more about the SPCA Tampa Bay education programs including in-school presentations or Camille's Summer Camp, contact the SPCA Tampa Bay. Wish list items for animals are appreciated. Reservations are required for school

and group visits. No more than 30 guests per group tour. To learn more or sign up for a tour, contact 727-586-3591 x 126 or email Sharon@spcatampabay.org.

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"We're the only flood insurance agency that offers cash rebates back to all our customers," Jeff explains.

So if you buy your flood insurance through Premier Choice, you'll get at least seven percent of your annual premium (before fees and taxes) back in the form of a rebate check.

"We give the money back to our customers either at inception- if they're new policy holders-- and then again every subsequent year they renew... forever," Jeff says.

Here's how the rebate works: You get seven percent of your policy back the first year. Every subsequent year for the next five years you receive one percent more back until you get to the sixth year. In the sixth year and every year following, customers will get 12 percent back as a rebate.

This rebate can add up to thousands of dollars for the life of your home or business policy. The company sends you a check rather than taking the money off the premium so you can spend it on whatever you choose.

Do Premier Choice Flood Insurance policies cost more than other flood insurance policies?



Jeff DeNight, Co-owner of Bentley-De-night insurance shares commissions with his customers.

Nope, Jeff says. FEMA is the only flood insurance provider, so the cost is the same no matter what flood insurance company you use. The policies written by his agency are supported by the federal government through FEMA.

FEMA pays a commission to the agencies that write their policies. Jeff and his agency are sharing that commission with their customers.

Jeff says, things are tough for everyone, and if his company has a little to share with the community, it's happy to do so.

"With the economy the way it is, we thought it would be nice to give something back, especially since insurance has such a negative connotation," Jeff says.

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Uncovering the True Cost of Prepaid Debit Cards

Dear Mary: I have opted out of my credit cards, but I may have to travel in an emergency, so I need a card for this purpose. I am looking at Walmart's MoneyCard (<http://www.WalmartMoneyCard.com>). What's the best secured credit card or money card for this purpose? -- Joe, e-mail

Dear Joe: The Walmart MoneyCard you mention, which is a reloadable Visa prepaid card, works like a debit card. However, instead of drawing

money from your bank account when you make a purchase or get cash from an ATM, it draws down the money you have loaded onto it. As far as prepaids go, it is probably one of the most reasonable. Even so, you will be charged a gamut of fees -- a \$3 issuance fee, \$3 to reload, \$2 for each ATM transaction, \$1 for each ATM balance inquiry and a \$3 monthly maintenance fee, among others. It all adds up and comes right out of the balance you have remaining on the card.

If you decide to go this way, you will be able to use the MoneyCard to

purchase an airline ticket, but you could run into problems trying to rent a car or hotel room with it. That's because both car rental agencies and hotels put holds on funds in excess of the actual charges when you pay with a debit card. That easily could amount to an additional \$500 or more. If you do not have enough money on the card to cover the hold, the card may be denied. And if you do have enough, the hold may not be released for days, perhaps even a week, after your stay. That could really mess up your trip because you would not have access to the money you loaded onto the card.

In my opinion, a credit card is a much better tool for travel. You can make a credit card work just as you would this Walmart MoneyCard. Here's how: When you anticipate traveling, simply make a payment in advance to your credit card account in the amount you will need for the trip. This will create a credit on your account. Then any charges you make for your airline ticket, car rental, hotel and so on will draw down the credit until it reaches \$0. There should be no fees and no interest, as you will not be creating any debt. Car rental agencies and hotels will not place holds on those funds because you will not be using a debit card. A credit card does make for a fabulous tool for the financially mature person who knows how to use it and maintain it without ever creating debt or incurring fees.

I suggest that before you make a decision, you read the Walmart MoneyCard Cardholder Agreement, which is on the Web site. It is 13,433 words of fine print. (In comparison, this column is about 500 words.) That fine print deserves your attention.

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Telephone Reassurance Program

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

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

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Recession Buster for Seniors

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

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

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

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St. Pete Beach Community Club

The St. Pete Beach Community is always looking for new members to continue their charitable work. Founded in 1939, the club has grown and evolved into a position to give financial support to such projects as the Summer Recreational Program and scholarships for children to the rec center, Elementary School Discretionary Fund, Gulf Beach Historical Museum, fire and police departments, stuffed toys to be given to children in times of crisis, library, CASA, Hospice, Goodwill, Salvation

Army, Free Clinic, Happy Workers Day Care and many other projects.

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

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Volunteer with the Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation is seeking volunteers to become "Arthritis Am-

bassadors". The Foundation offers training to interested individuals to prepare them to serve the Foundation through a variety of positions. Volunteers can be trained to teach Arthritis Foundation programs and services, to do speaking engagements, work in the Arthritis Foundation to help with general office duties, mailings, phones, etc.

To learn more about becoming an "Arthritis Ambassador", call 800-741-4008, ext. 231.

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Attorney Keith Sanders, Handles Bankruptcies with Experi-

You could say my motto is 'been there, done that,'" says Keith Sanders, from Sanders Law, P.A.

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

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

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

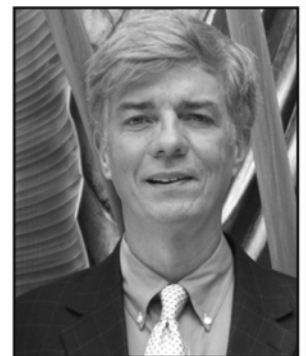
"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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

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

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

Sanders has held a



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

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

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

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7300 Sun Island Dr. S. #1802 (\$349,000) - Absolutely STUNNING 18th Floor Unit with views you never knew existed. This 3/2 unit features all the creature comforts you have dreamed of and then some. A 28' wide balcony from this Penthouse will immerse you in a lifestyle that people move to Florida to experience.

5980 Shore Blvd. S. #501 (\$184,900) - You will love the absolutely breathtaking views from this large 3 bedroom corner unit, formal dining room, built-in desk, inside laundry, separate pantry, and a community with all of the amenities that you would hope for - You must see this one - it is very likely just what you have been looking for.

3037 57th St. S. (\$188,888) - Darling Gulfport Art District 3/1 bungalow 2 blocks to the beach on historic brick street. 3 blocks to restaurants, shopping and fun. 2006 updates.

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5845 62nd St. N. (\$98,500) - Very nice 2/1 home in Pinellas Farms. Fireplace, screened porch in front, hardwood floors throughout. The perfect home at perfect price.

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5855 27th Ave. S.	Gulfport \$200,000	6020 Shore Blvd. #712	Gulfport \$275,000
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