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Hastings Wins Gulfport Election By Slim Margin

By Cathy Salustri



Newly elected Gulfport council member David Hastings

Hastings had won the Ward One city council seat by a slim margin.

Hastings edged out incumbent Judy Ryerson by 12 votes.

The end of a campaign marked with mudslinging, sign stealing, and undercurrents of nastiness came as a great relief to the Hastings campaign.

"I want to thank everybody who supported me. It took a lot of effort by a lot of people and I hope I can live up to

By 7:15 Tuesday night, the votes were counted and the celebration at Habana Café was already underway: local CPA David Hastings

everybody's expectations. told his supporters.

We're going to have a different city council. I think it's going to be a positive city council. It's going to be a positive city from now on; let's make Gulfport the city that we all love," Hastings

His wife, Jo Gonzalez-Hastings, chose not to sugarcoat her sentiments.

"I want to personally thank David Steinke

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Let the Games Begin



By Leigh Clifton

"Strategy session" Little Leaguers from Joel's Cubs discuss strategy before the first game of the new Gulfport Little League season.

See *Story*, page 29

Gulfport Planning and Zoning Board Green Lights Smoker

At last week's Planning and Zoning board (P&Z) meeting, the board voted 4-1 to allow John Reeseback to open a restaurant with a smoker in Gulfport. P&Z member Bob Newcomb cast the dissenting vote.

"I love the whole idea; it's obvious I like to eat, and I love the stuff he's going to make," Newcomb said after reviewing the proposed plan and hearing from Reeseback as well as Gulfport residents in favor of and against the plan. But, Newcomb said, he couldn't vote in favor of the smoker restaurant "in absence of standards" for smokers. Newcomb suggested the city establish such standards quickly.

P&Z member David Hastings said that could pose a problem, as "no one, not even OHSA" had such standards.

Currently Reeseback operates Smokin' J's as a temporary restaurant at the Gulfport Boulevard Chevron on the edge of town. The "temporary use" Reeseback operates under allows him only 90

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Beach Voters Okay Redevelopment Plan

By Melissa Lattman

ST. PETE BEACH- City voters approved the creation of a pair of Community Redevelopment Areas (CRA). The sole question on the ballot paves the way for revitalization and redevelopment of the city's downtown core and coastal tourist area. There were 2,754 votes in the city's first vote by mail election. There were 1,818 votes in favor and 936 votes against Question No. 1.

"We are pleased that the residents support our efforts to improve (the city)," said City Manager Mike Bonfield.

The resort area on Gulf Boulevard extends from the Pinellas Bayway to just north of 76th Avenue. It includes the hotel/motel district on the west side of Gulf Boulevard from 47th Avenue

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Hastings,

from front page and his minions for handing this election to my husband," she told *The Gabber* as Hastings' campaign manager tried to get her attention. She waved him off and kept talking.

Gonzalez-Hastings referred to anonymous packets of information and veiled as well as not-so-veiled references to her husband's past and his business dealings, information many suspect but none could confirm came from the Steinke camp. In interviews with this reporter,

Steinke did make veiled references to Hastings' character.

"I hope they have learned once and for all that Gulfport is not about negativity. When you run for public office you are running for the good of the community, not the wants of the few," Gonzalez-Hastings said.

Buoyed by the victory as well, Hastings and his wife said, the relief at the end of the campaign, the mood at the celebration was jubilant. Hastings' campaign manager, Brad Rogers, teased Hastings about bringing down the average height

on council (Rogers is rather tall while Hastings is rather short) and Hastings, in turn, thanked Rogers for walking his dogs as part of his campaign management efforts.

Hastings won with 500 votes; Ryerson received 488. 317 voters chose David Steinke and 305 showed their support for Stanley Solomons. Roz Barbieri received 172 votes.

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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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Redevelopment,

from front page

to 64th Avenue. The Gulf Boulevard district represents about 11.5 percent of the city's total land area and generates about 24 percent of the city's property tax revenues.

The city's community development staff projects a total of more than \$60 million over the 20-year life of the CRA from several funding sources.

Where will the money come from? Money will come from increases in the property values in the CRA. The additional county and city taxes that are generated as property values go up, goes back into the CRA.

Because new development can mean more cars on the existing roadways, impact fees from these projects would help cover the cost of upgrading roads, drainage, sidewalks and curbs. The Penny for Pinellas from sales tax would go to improvement projects such as undergrounding of utilities.

Where will the money go?

The money goes to improve infrastructure and appearance of the area. The plan lists projects ranked by priority. High priority projects include burying utilities, adding a downtown parking garage, drainage improvements, and public safety improvements like crosswalks.

The whole plan and process for implementing it is detailed in an approximately 160-page document on the city's home page at www.stpetebeach.org

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Sunset Park Improved

ST. PETE BEACH- Sunset Park received more than \$25,000 of upgrades. The park at the end of

CORRECTION

Last week, The Gabber mistakenly identified Gulfport Police Officer of the Year Zachary Mills as a Sergeant. Officer Mills has yet to achieve that rank. Additionally, the article should have read: "Mills, who has three years service as an officer, has made the lion's share of the police department's DUI arrests, contributing to zero DUI-related fatalities in Gulfport last year."

We apologize for the mistake.

73rd Avenue, just south of Woody's, is a popular fishing and gathering place with a great view of the Gulf of Mexico.

The city resurfaced the parking lot, replaced the benches, added trashcans, installed a new fish-cleaning table and did some landscaping. The project is almost complete, a pair of pipes still needs some cleaning, said Operations Manager Phil Christman.

Most of the damage in the park was up by the seawall on the Gulf, Christman said. "The problems were

mostly water oriented. Water was coming in from under the seawall."

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Community Food Pantry

The Community Food Pantry housed in the Senior Center is available for Gulfport residents of all ages who are in need. Proof of address and income is required. Thanks to the wonderful individuals and businesses in the great City of Gulfport who so generously supply food items for the pantry on an ongoing basis.

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Shrimp Boil at the Gulfport Lions Club

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

The menu features a great supply of fresh, peel and eat shrimp, homemade hushpuppies and cole slaw, baked beans, cocktail sauce, coffee and iced tea and dessert. A generous 1/2 pound (weighed before cooking) serving for everyone at a cost of \$8 per person. Additional shrimp can be purchased at \$4 per 1/2 pound. This is not an all you can eat dinner for a one time cost (as most of their events are). Children under 10 years of age are half price. You are welcome to bring your favorite beverage as we cannot sell beer or wine.

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

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

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

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

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Corey Avenue 4-Day Spring Sidewalk Sale

Corey Avenue merchants will host four fun filled days on Wednesday-Saturday, March 10-13, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Event features live music and over 17 merchants offering sales, discounts, refreshments, and more! Corey VIP cards sold to get specials and discounts all year round will benefit Friends of The Library-St. Pete Beach and Corey Area Business Association. Corey Avenue is located just off Gulf Blvd. in downtown St. Pete Beach. Call 727-498-8778 or visit www.coreyave.com.

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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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Farewell to Commissioner Leonard

ST. PETE BEACH- Commissioner Christopher Leonard shared some of the highlight of his tenure at his last commission meeting on March 9. The Ohio native has lived in

Belle Vista since 1997. He works in commercial real estate and served on the commission one term.

Leonard says he plan to focus now on family, work, junior government, school issues, and the Support Our Troops golf tournament.

Leonard mentioned accomplishments such as the wastewater fee plan, the union negotiations, and the post office staying on Corey Avenue. The biggest loss was Gulf Beaches Elementary School, he said.

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Commission wants to Hear More on Dolphin Village Plan

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach City Commission decided to delay a decision to make way for a bank at the former Bennigan's site at 4625 Gulf Boulevard. The existing restaurant building would be removed and a new JP Morgan Chase bank would go at the same locale. With the proposal the bank will be a stand-alone facility apart from Dolphin Village. It would involve some revising of the planned development, which includes a mix of residential, restaurant and retail uses.

Chris Kirschler of BDG Architects presented the plans for the bank. If approved the plans could begin immediately, he said. The proposal modifies about one acre of the existing Dolphin Village site.

The commission wants to hear more from the developers with what they plan to do in their development of the entire parcel before they decide on the bank.

"If we start cutting up the planned development. What you have left is not a planned development," said Vice Mayor Al Halpern.

The proposed bank building would be elevated about four-feet since its in the flood plain. There will be a heavy emphasis on landscaping. The

all masonry structure with a metallic roof is designed to get back online quickly after a storm if need be. The design incorporates many green features, Kirschler said.

The commission will review the plan again at its March 23 meeting with information from the developers on the overall plans for the complex.

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13th Annual Pass-a-Grille Home Tour

ST. PETE BEACH- The commission approved closing a pair of streets to allow more parking for the 13th annual Pass-a-Grille Home Tour. On March 21 barricades on 15th Ave. and 16th Ave. will allow for public parking at the Warren Webster Center. Additional home tour parking is at the Pass-a-Grille Community Church and at Kevin Hughes' vacant lot southeast of the Don CeSar. Shuttle buses will take tour participants to the six houses, the Pass-a-Grille Woman's Club and parking.

Tour tickets are \$20. The event is from 1 p.m. until 5p.m. For more information call at 727-322-3050 or go online at www.pagwc.com

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Deadline to be in Yard Sale Brochure is Tomorrow!

The address information is to be in the City Wide Yard Sale Brochure 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.)

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

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St. Pete Beach- Julia Davison, 10, poses by her wares at Saturday's community-wide yard sale held at the St. Pete Beach Community Center. Julia and her dad Buzzy of St. Pete Beach did some spring cleaning of their fish gear. They accumulate lots of fishing poles, life jackets, and other boating items because people give it to them through Buzzy's boat sales business. "We normally do lots of fishing in the summer," Julia said. Julia's trailer of fishing gear rested by the waterfront setting just beyond around 50 tables of books, scarecrows, jewelry, art work, dolls, and other items for sale.

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Riding for Diabetes

By Melissa Lattman



John Zeuenerbergen of Wisconsin and Paul Kowkabany of St. Petersburg (front) ride on Gulf Boulevard covering 100K for diabetes on Sunday.

Zeuenerbergen said Kowkabany who lived in St. Pete Beach for six years served as a guide as they traveled along Gulf Boulevard. The cycling event benefited the American Diabetes Association.

More than 400 cyclists rode for diabetes on Sunday traveling along the beaches of Pinellas County going five to 100-miles in the first annual Tour de Cure from Fort DeSoto. Some riders had diabetes and others rode for family members and friends. Kowkabany's mom has diabetes and his 10-year-old nephew was recently diagnosed with diabetes so Kowkabany canceled travel plans and signed up for the ride.

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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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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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Federal Grant for Community Center Continues

ST. PETE BEACH- The commission approved City Manager Mike Bonfield's sign off on paperwork saying the city won't use groundwater at Horan Park. The paperwork is one of the final pieces needed for a HUD program to release \$247,500 in grant monies to offset the cost of the Community Center Complex construction. There was past contamination at the park site. The city plans to ask to remove this limitation at a later date since the most recent test showed the groundwater is clean, wrote Public Services Director Steven Hallock.

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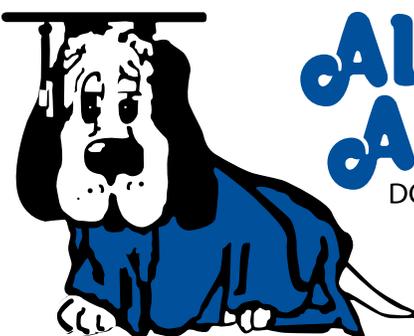
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Citizens Weigh in on County Budget

The Pinellas County Commission hosted 97 citizens at the first of three Public Budget Meetings on March 3 at Palm Harbor University High School. The meeting was the first in a series of outreach efforts, during which commissioners hope to receive feedback from citizens about the budget. The county is looking at a \$60 million reduction in the fiscal year 2011 budget, which begins Oct. 1, 2010.

The next Public Budget Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Osceola High School, 9751 98 Street N., Seminole. The third Public Budget Meeting will be on Thursday, March 18, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Gibbs High School, 850 34 Street S., St. Petersburg.

The Public Budget Meetings are designed to give residents a chance to familiarize themselves with the budget process. All attendees will be given a questionnaire asking about priority programs and services. They can speak to the staff in charge of the program areas that are under the purview of the County Commission, and they can spend time with the commissioners and the county administrator. During the latter part of the evening, time will be allocated to citizens wishing to publicly address the commissioners, and the questionnaires will be collected.

An eTownHall meeting is also planned for the convenience of all residents on Monday, March 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The blog will open at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 14, and will

continue to be open until the end of the event, at 8 p.m. Monday.

As part of the eTownHall meeting, residents can blog questions to the commissioners, which will be answered and broadcasted live on the website during the eTownHall meeting. The meeting can also be viewed via live streaming video on www.pinellascounty.org or on the PCC-TV cable channels (Bright House 622, Knology 18 and Verizon 44).

Citizens can receive a reminder about the eTownHall by signing up on the website. The link is available on www.pinellascounty.org.

Computer access will be available during the eTownHall meeting at three county libraries: Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Ave.; Largo Library, 120 Central Park Drive and the Johnson Branch of the St. Petersburg Library, 1059 18th Ave. S.

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Taxis vs. Free Rides

ST. PETE BEACH- The commission plans to modify its ordinance that regulates vehicles that transport the public around town. Currently just

vehicles that charge their customers are regulated. The issue has come up since a number of vehicles have started transporting passengers without charge. They get their money through tips and advertising. The city manager said they would bring the modified ordinance back to the commission for review. Currently the free taxis are considered an advertising business. Paid taxi service has many city requirements such as insurance and driver background checks.

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Museum Signs Okayed

ST. PETE BEACH- The commission approved placing bluish-purple banners about the Gulf Beaches Museum on city roads around town. The museum located at 115 10th Avenue is located in what was the first church built on the Pinellas County's barrier islands. The museum exhibits trace the history of the barrier islands from the 1500s to the present. The city will check with merchants on Corey Avenue before placing banners in that area.

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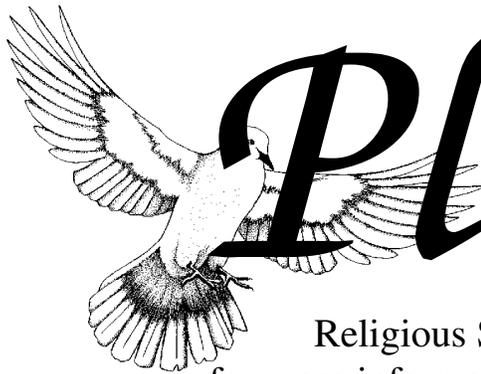
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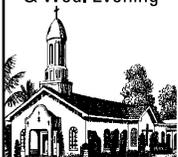
Palm Lake Christian is offering a special Lenten experience for the entire family. Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God

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Luncheon at St. Anthony's Hospital

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

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Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on March 18 at 1 p.m. and see the new design for the butterfly garden that we will be installing. Anyone who has a group can contact me at 384-0701 to tour the park.

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

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Street End for 41st Ave.

ST. PETE BEACH- Residents will vote in November on vacating land to a pair of property owners on 41st Avenue. The city approved fences previously on the parcels although in at least one case the fence is on city property. The commission cannot just convey the city property so it will go on the ballot this fall as a referendum question.

"Its of no benefit to us, it's a hardship on two of our residents," said Commissioner Jim Parent.

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Commission Ponders Guidelines for Quasi-Judicial Proceedings

ST. PETE BEACH- The commission discussed Tuesday procedures for when they act in a quasi-judicial or court-like manner for decisions on planning and zoning matters.

The City Attorney Mike Davis said the hearings were very similar to court proceedings and the guidelines were important since the commission decision could be appealed in Circuit Court.

Decisions made at a quasi-judicial hearing are made strictly on the evidence presented. "You're supposed to base it on the testimony and the evidence presented to you during the proceeding," Davis said.

The commission decided to follow Davis' advice and not have people sworn in.

The commission will look more into who can speak as an opponent to the decision before it passes a resolution on new quasi-judicial procedures at an upcoming meeting.

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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-*Gabber* March 11 - March 17, 2010

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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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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greatest hits of the era, culminating with Mr. Hendricks singing all the hits that have given him the opportunity to sing from Las Vegas to Japan. He has sung with all the greats including Paul Anka and Buddy Holly to name a few.

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.

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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.

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The group meets at 400 Beach Seafood and Tap House located at 400 Beach Drive NE in St. Petersburg. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 12 noon. Meetings are open to the public but reservations (see below) must be made by noon the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Cost is \$16 for members and \$21 for visitors.

BPW St. Pete Pinellas is the local chapter of Business and Professional Women/USA. Founded in 1919, the organization is multigenerational and nonpartisan. The local organization's mission is to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information.

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

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Yard Sale to Benefit Gulfport Elementary

Gulfport Elementary's Annual Fundraising Yard Sale is Saturday, March 20, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This

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

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Clam Bayou Cleanup

The City of Gulfport will be hosting the bi-annual Spring Florida Coastal

Cleanup on Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at Clam Bayou Nature Park (49th St. S. to 29th Ave. S. east to Miriam St.) in Gulfport. People with non-motorized vessels (kayaks and canoes) as well as people traveling via land based are encouraged to sign up at the Clam Bayou the day of the event for an enjoyable day while lending a hand to help keep the Bayou clean.

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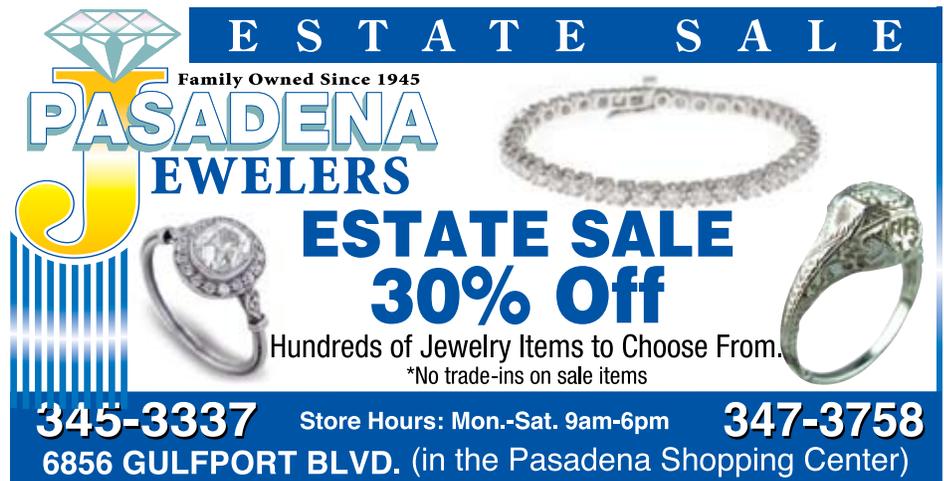
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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

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.

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

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

NC Congressman Patrick McHenry has introduced a bill to replace Ulysses S. Grant with Ronald Reagan on the \$50 bill; what do you think?



Shari McPherson, St. Pete: "I disagree with changing the \$50 bill. I'm from North Carolina originally and I didn't realize he (McHenry) was the congressman who was trying to put a bill through. It would change history- don't do it. The currency has always been like that. I'm one of those people who say if it isn't broken, don't fix it."

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Mary Anne Premock, St. Pete Beach: "I think it should just go as is. If they come up with a different currency, like the two dollar bill again, for example, that would be the place for him. But I don't think they should alter any of the original currency. I don't know why they would want to do it anyway."

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John Evanoff, Clearwater: "No, because I considered Reagan a puppet president from Hollywood and I don't think he's worthy of being on our money. Although the value of the \$50 bill today is a perfect example of Reaganomics; a good example of trickledown economics at work!"

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Dan Thyreen, Gulfport: "I think the Conservatives need to finally let Reagan go. He was a good man but now it's time to move on! Even Jeb Bush said it was time to move on. I liked him in his first term when pride in our nation was really low. He helped us reestablish our self esteem as a country. Second term, not so much. Reaganomics and the trickledown theory didn't happen. It's still trickling..."

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

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Guardian ad Litem Training

The next training to become a Guardian ad Litem will be April 10 to May 8, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for five weeks at Pasadena

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For more information and an application go to www.guardianadlitem6.org or call 464-6528.

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Town Shores Golf

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

owners, renters and guests at Town Shores.

The outing will be held at the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club in Palmetto, a short drive over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. The price of \$45 includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, beverages and prizes. If you played on Saturday, February 27 you experienced miserable weather so 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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New Morning Yoga class

A new morning Yoga class is starting Wednesday, March 17 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 a class or \$35 if you pay by the month (first month will be pro-rated). For more information call Valerie at 727-557-4258 or go to her website getfitwithvalerie.com. Please bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water.

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Theatre Walk Comes to Gulfport's Art District

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This year, The Walk is led by a disgruntled substitute Sunday School teacher, trying her best to recall the biblical stories she's supposed to be teaching. She ushers her "class" through Gulfport's Art District, where her peculiar recollections of Goliath, Samson & Delilah, Jesus, Joan of Arc, and even the Norse God Odin materialize on the streets. Directed by Ciara Carinci, the cast includes veteran Walkers Jim Greene, Lynda Kavy, Tom Laitinin, Bethany Peabody and Peter Suarez.

Performances are March 25, 26, 27, April 1 and 3, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. The Walk commences at the Courtyard Village on Beach Blvd. in Gulfport's Art District. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 727-321-1786 or become a fan of Theatre Walk on Facebook.

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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 Wednesday, March 24 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, *Gabber March 11 - March 17, 2010*

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

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Spaghetti Luncheon to Benefit Relay for Life

Join the City of Treasure Island in the fight against cancer by attending a Spaghetti Luncheon on Friday, March 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Treasure Island Community Center, Gulf Boulevard at 106th Avenue. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$5 for children. Advance tickets purchases receive a discount of \$1 off. Tickets are on sale at the Treasure Island City Hall, 120 108 Avenue. Proceeds from the Spaghetti Luncheon will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on

April 16-17 on the Treasure Island municipal beach. For additional information, please call the Treasure Island Recreation Department at (727)547-4575, ext 237.

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New Zumba Class

The Gulfport Recreation Center is now offering Zumba classes. Zumba is an international dance cardio workout that incorporates dances such as Salsa, Merengue, Hip Hop, etc., with no experience needed. Classes will be on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting March 4. The cost is \$10 per class or \$8 per class if you pay by the month. 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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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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Fun in the Sun Day Event

The "Fun In The Sun" Day children's event is presented by the City of Gulfport and Stetson College of Law Public Service Fellows. The event is Saturday, April 3 from 10-12 p.m. at the Gulfport Recreation Center (5730 Shore Boulevard S.). The free festivities will include an egg hunt for children ages 8 and under, face painting, inflatables, entertainment, demonstrations and a barbecue. Children will also have the opportunity to climb into the driver's seat of their favorite vehicle: police car, police boat, fire truck, ambulance, garbage truck and many more. Remember to bring a basket for the egg hunt and a camera to capture a photo with Peter Cottontail.

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Solution on Page 18

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- 16 Not stereo
- 17 Count calories
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- 20 Summer cooler
- 21 Late newsman
Huntley
- 22 Mean
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- 26 Postponed
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building
- 32 Fit to be tied
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- 36 Discernment
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cheese
- 41 Dinner finales
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- 50 Hall or area ender
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soldier
- 55 Scepter
- 56 River duck
- 57 Tarzan's transport
- 58 MacLaine role
- 59 "Auld Lang ___"
- 60 Stage direction
- 61 Fragrant river

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- 3 Singles and
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- 6 Fairy-tale heavies
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- 9 Accuse
- 10 Ms. Plummer
- 11 Theater section
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choir
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

It Happened So Fast

For every adult who resides with both a dog and a child under the same roof, I have four words: It happened so fast.

But they are not my words. They are the words of Jesse Browning of The History Channel's "Ax Men." He used them to describe the incident that took his 4-year-old stepdaughter's life last Sunday.

On the afternoon of Feb. 28, Ashlynn Anderson's mother found her bleeding on the family's front lawn near Astoria, Ore. One of the family's Rottweilers was standing next to her. The little girl was seriously wounded and did not survive the Life Flight to Oregon

Health and Science University Hospital in Portland. She died of injuries sustained during a dog attack.

A while back, the Brownings were a three-Rottweiler family. But one of the dogs reportedly bit an adult family member and was subsequently euthanized. On the day Ashlynn was mauled, two Rottweilers and a Labrador were in the fenced backyard and she was alone in the front yard. It is not clear how one of the dogs got loose or what triggered the attack. Clatsop County Sheriff Tom Bergin said, "Apparently, the dog just snapped."

I took two calls about aggressive dogs last week. The first was from a woman who adopted a dog six

months ago. The dog recently bit her friend. But, she told me, for the first six months he showed no signs of being a biter. He would just "growl and snarl and lunge and stuff."

The second call was from a mother whose dog had just bitten her daughter's friend. She, too, said her dog had never shown signs of aggression. She summed up the dog as being primarily a backyard dog that had never been socialized. I asked her whether they walk the dog. She said no. I asked her how the dog reacts when people come over to the house. "Hackles up, tail down." She basically described a dog that could easily be triggered to bite.

Then I got this e-mail from a reader:

"Six months ago, we got Rocco from an abusive home. He was 3. He barks at a knock at the door and at the doorbell. He barks and growls when anyone walks down the hall toward the bedroom where he is sleeping. He loves and sleeps with our 13-year-old daughter. But he bit our older daughter when she was hugging the 13-year-old. During the past month, he has bitten three of the 13-year-old's friends. He seems fine with the friends at first, but then, out of nowhere, he bites them with no warning. He lived in a household with kids in the past, and we were never told that he bit anyone."

Snarling, growling, lunging, snapping -- these are all bright red flags and are not to be ignored, especially when children are involved. Dogs that engage in these behaviors are warning you that they will bite. And when they do, there might not be a "later" or a "second chance" to pay attention.

By all accounts, Ashlynn had only been outside "a couple of minutes." And after the attack, "everyone was there in minutes," said Bergin. "But she was pretty severely mauled. By the time they got her to OHSU, she had lost too much blood."

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Horoscope Guide

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You tend to fall in love with people who can do something you can't. You grow as you do this, since Pisces people are often able to take on their partners' qualities through osmosis. You'll be in a good mix of people this week, so continue to seek partners who amaze and inspire you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Picking your way through a politically complicated situation is time-consuming and stressful, but you have to admit, you dig it. Why shouldn't you? You're really good at diplomatic relations. Your sensitivity to people and your grasp of the bigger picture make you the perfect person for the job.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Tenacity is in your blood. But why bang your head against a wall that's never going to fall down? To discern the difference between persistence and stupidity is not always easy. You will have doubts about staying on a particular task, but don't give up yet. A significant development is on the horizon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone would intuit our desires and fulfill them without us having to articulate a thing? Unfortunately, that is not the case. But there's good news, too. The best way to get what you want is simple: Ask for it! This week you ask a bold question that gets your personal life rockin'.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've been dealt a few wild cards, and you'll get a few more. The way things are shaking out, you wonder how much control you really have over your life. Choosing this way or that way may seem futile as fate takes the driver's seat. In fact, your choice does count -- a lot. Now is a good time to practice letting go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your fire-sign energy is turned up this week. Take a cue from your guiding star, the

sun. Stay a respectful distance from the object of your affection, and this person will gravitate toward you. You may even find that you have a small crew of loving people orbiting around you all week long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You make your own opportunities. The ones that seem to be coming from the outside world are actually the manifestation of what you've created with your innermost thoughts. You may have heard this before and doubted its validity. But the way this point will be illustrated for you this week, you will recognize its truth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A good partner is someone who can help you prioritize and pace yourself. If you're getting out of sync, feeling rushed, sluggish or scattered, look carefully at the company you're keeping this week. Could they have anything to do with it? Attention to interpersonal dynamics will clear up a few roadblocks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). More is not always better. In fact, usually less is better. You have no problem leaving the extraneous stuff that drags you down. When you're done with something, you simply drop it. You'll be a master at making attitude adjustments in an instant. A friend will be inspired by your ability to cut to the quick.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you ask, "Why did I just do that?" the answer won't be readily available. Is it a genetic predisposition or something in your environment that's triggering your behavior? Brain development is wildly complex. Instead of asking why, ask, "How can I do it better next time?" You'll have more success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You think you need to increase the self-control, crack down on

discipline and get your act together. But the opposite approach may have an even better effect. Doing nothing has merit, too. So does being lazy and indulgent and goofing off. Ditch the self-improvement campaign and see how that works for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's like someone clicked the "random" button on life. Events won't follow a logical path. Non sequiturs abound. Conversations fragment, loop the loop and then shoot off through the stratosphere. What will you do with all this weird input? As resourceful and clever as you are, by Thursday you'll be turning it into art.

This Week's Birthdays: You will stand up and be counted this year. The more you do this, the easier it gets. The things you used to quietly put up with will be suddenly unacceptable to you. You'll be finding a new way to express yourself in April. A favorable critique or review will lead to promotion and an increase in your professional power. June brings you closer to loved ones as you share lighthearted experiences. Plan a big event for August. A special relationship brings out your creativity in September.

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You can tour the museum, visit with Silas Dent, an island legend, take a docent led walking tour, find books by local authors, see vintage autos from Pin-MAR Antique Car Club, grab a hot dog and enjoy a pleasant spring day!

Gulf Beaches Historical Museum is located at 115 10 Avenue, St. Pete Beach and is open Thursday through Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 1-4. Always free admission. Call (727) 552-1610 for more information.

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Most Holy Name Fish Fry Dinners

Lent is here and so are the famous Fish Fry Dinners hosted by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the St. Mary & St. Anne Society at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 5800 15 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

This year dinners will be served on 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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Legend of the Leprechauns". Call the Recreation Division at 363-9245 for details.

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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 or agreatpickle@hotmail.com for more information.

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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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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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Animal Group Seeks Donations

Bottle Babies R Us, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to rehabilitating orphaned wildlife and domestic baby animals, is seeking donations. Their wish list includes cotton baby blankets, laundry soap, baby bottles, bleach/cleaners, any KMR/goat's milk, paper towels and puppy and kitten food. Call 727-831-7561 or 727-320-6089 or visit www.animalrehab4bottlebabies.webs.com.

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Let the Little League Games Begin!



By Leigh Clifton

Nine year old Ben Cook tries his bat at the air pitcher cage as Rec Center volunteer Kathleen Blinkhorn places the ball on the air flow. The object is to hit the ball as it "floats" in the air... Pretty tough; Ben had little trouble with it however...

It's that time of year again folks; its how you know that Spring is almost here. That we'll finally shrug off the cold ugly mantle of Winter and heed the call to the fields of green... Little League Season is here.

Last Saturday morning, the city of Gulfport threw itself and the Little Leaguers and all of their supporters a gala parade through the city, from the Rec Center, up Beach Blvd and all the way to Tomlinson Field, home field for Gulfport Little League. There were so many little ones running around in multihued uniforms with various local sponsors, that it was hard to keep them all together in time enough to actually play a game.

As part of the exciting opening tradition, Parks Supervisor Bob Williams had a special treat for the Little Leaguers; speed pitching tents, batting cages and all things baseball and all made of indestructible air-filled plastic. The kids got to try their hand at hitting a plastic ball suspended by air; both Bob and Gail Byron tried as well and couldn't do it. They got shown up by a couple of nine year olds, who wacked it out of the park.

Hot dogs, sodas and snacks fed the hungry bunch of players, who worked up huge appetites after playing their games. The sky was a blazing blue, the air was cool and dry, and all seemed right with the world. As Mayor Yakes always says, it was a great day for Gulfport.

The start of the Little League baseball season always signals the opportunity to enjoy some wonderful family fun. Please come out and support these future college and major leaguers. The schedule for all games can be found at Gulfportlittleleague.net, a wonderful website that has tons of information about the upcoming season.



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ACTIVITIES

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

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

PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

- Yoga - Starts March 17th, Wed., 9 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Belly Dance - Starts April 13th, Tues., 6:45 p.m. Call Daniela at 561-302-6174.

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information

- AAYA Cheerleading- Tues. 6-7:45 p.m. Call AAYA at 813-885-2292
- AAYA Dance- 6-8:45 p.m. Call AAYA at 813-885-2292
- Basic Drawing- Thurs., 1-3 p.m. Call Doug at 643-2554
- Dog Obedience - Call Lisa at 772-3631.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Floral Design - Wed., March 17th (last class) at 6:15 p.m. Call Lori at 289-4818.
- Gymnastics - Fri., 5:30 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
- Karate - Mon. & Fri., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Knitting Class- Thurs. 10:30 a.m. Call Latoya at 823-0437
- Nia - Wed., 9:00 am. Call Kaluwa at 729-9410.
- Noisemakers - Mon., 6 p.m. Call Gabe at 345-7472. Call for interest.
- Sumyie -Wed., 6 p.m. Call Mike at 320-5035.

- Stretch and Tone, Tues. & Thurs., 9-10 a.m. Call Jean 302-9423
- Tai Chi - Tues. & Thurs., 9 a.m. Call Aletta at 344-5181 or Marge at 345-6708.
- Tennis - Tues., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call Jack at 430-0690.
- Walking Club - Thurs., 9 a.m. Call John at 893-1079.
- Watercolor with Patsi -Beginners/Intermediate- Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Yoga - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Daniela at 561-302-6174.

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

ALL skaters must purchase a sticker. Annual cost is \$5 res. /\$10 non-res. Skaters 17 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a parent, have proof of residency and fill out a consent form. Availability to register: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.



Gulfport Library

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or fax 893-1072

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.

Coffee/Talk Movies: "Secrets of Middle-Earth" Wednesday, March 10, 1:30 pm. 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. "Inside Tolkien's The Return of the King." (Kultur Video, 2003, 60 min.)

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 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.

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

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

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Services

City Sponsored Activities in the Community

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

\$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.gulfportseniorfoundation.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!

The Steve Wayne Show: Back by popular demand "Steve Wayne" will wow you with a sterling performance you won't want to miss. Tickets (\$8.00) are now available at the Senior Center for Friday, April 16 at 7pm at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater. Cash bar available. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$10.00.

Elder Consumer Protection Expo: Stetson University College of Law will be offering free materials and services to promote knowledge about consumer protection related matters on Tues. Apr. 20 from 9am-2pm. Lots of good info and free shredding of your unwanted personal papers. Free Continental Break-fast & door prizes. Call 562-7888 for details. Don't forget the GEMS bus or Gulfport trolley to get you there.

"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 Lynda Shehan for organizing this event. Entry fee: \$10. Watch the Gabber for further details.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

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. No out of pocket cost. 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.

"Diabetic101": 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.

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

Ongoing Support Groups:

Diabetic Support (Every Mon. at 10am)

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

JUST FOR FUN

Bingo: Fridays at 1pm. Thanks to our Sponsor Gulf Shore Rehab & Nursing Center for providing refreshments every Friday in March.

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

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.

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

Other Fun Activities

Quilting, Cards, Harmonica, Line Dancing, Language Classes, Exercise Classes, Bingo, Tai Chi, Yoga, a Fitness Center and much more! Come and check us out!

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

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

Salsa Dance 7-10pm \$7
7-8:30pm Lessons,
8:30-10pm Dance

Local Obituaries

FEEMAN, WILMA, 89, of Gulfport, went to be with her Lord March 2, 2010. She was surrounded at the time of her death by her loving husband of 65 years, James; daughter, Virginia Miller (Glennis) of Tulsa, OK and son, Gregory (Mary Beth) of Tinley Park, IL. She is preceded in death by her grandson, Jeffrey Lindemann. She is survived by 3 granddaughters, Teri Doss (Steve), Brienna Thompson (David), and Molly Feeman; 3 grandsons, Jerome and Michael Lindemann and Scott Feeman; and 2 great-granddaughters, Lyndsey & Michaela Lindemann. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, March 20th at 2:30 p.m. at Towne Shores Clubhouse. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations to Suncoast Hospice, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760. ALifeTribute FuneralCare-Gulfport.

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RUSSELL, MARVIN H. JR., "RUSS", 75, of Gulfport, died on Feb. 28, 2010 surrounded by his loving family. Russ was born in Keene, NH. He graduated from Keene High School in 1952. He served in the Navy aboard the Joseph P. Kennedy as a Gunner's Mate during the Korean War. Russ and his family moved to St. Petersburg in 1977. He retired from the Isla del Sol Country Club after 20 years, where he was golf maintenance supervisor. Russ was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Gladys DiLuzio. Survivors include his best friend and companion, Carol Russell; three daughters; Heidi Varley (Vince), Marie Reed (Jeremy) and Heather Raisler (Gregg); six grandchildren, Michael, Christopher, Justin, Ally, Sydney and Kelsey; two great-grandchildren; an aunt; several cousins, nieces and nephews. Russ was a life member of the Elk's Lodge and an avid hunter and fisherman

during his lifetime. A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, March 6 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, Our Lady's Chapel. Arrangements by Gee & Sorensen Funeral Home, 727-323-5111.

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STERNBERG, JOHN E., 84, of Gulfport, FL died Thursday, March 4, 2010. He died peacefully at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, John and Phyllis Sternberg of Port Charlotte, FL. John was born in Machias, ME on December 2, 1925. He graduated from Machias Maine High School, where he was an outstanding baseball and basketball player. Upon his school graduation, John joined the U.S. Navy where he served until his honorable discharge in February 1946. He married Augusta Smith of Perryville, MD on December 31, 1944 and remained married until her death on September 21, 1996. After his Navy discharge, John attended Western Maryland College, where he was a member of the tennis team and received a B.A. degree. He worked for the Department of the Army and retired from the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, MD. After retirement, John and Augusta moved to Florida where they eventually settled in Gulfport. John is survived by his son, John and daughter-in-law Phyllis of Port Charlotte, FL, his grandson Eric Sternberg and his wife, Kerri, and great-grandchildren Kalli, Elisha and Dahlia Sternberg of Scotia, NY and his granddaughter Emily (Sternberg) Lee, and her husband John Lee, of Baltimore, MD. A private graveside burial will be held at Bay Pines VA Cemetery on March 12. Arrangements are being made by Englewood Community Funeral Home.

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Care Givers Support Groups

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

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

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Town Shores Red Hatters

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On Monday, March 29 they have planned a meeting for all Red Hatters to attend to inform them of coming events. They also seek input on future functions.

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SHINE as a Volunteer

Do you want a volunteer position that is truly fulfilling and mentally stimulating? Then consider counseling seniors and the disabled with the SHINE (Service Health Insurance Needs of the Elders) program. Volunteers assist clients with Medicare, Medicaid, private health insurances, long-term care options, benefit and claim issues, prescription drug assistance programs and much more.

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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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Volunteer Advocates Needed

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program administered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs is seeking volunteer advocates for residents living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities to investigate complaints concerning their rights on issues such as food, staffing, funds, medication, abuse and neglect. Volunteers are trained to assess these facilities for federal and state law compliance.

Anyone with advocating and administrative abilities may apply. Retired individuals and couples are welcome. Mileage and meal reimbursements are provided at the state rate for all official ombudsman duties.

Please call 588-6912 or 1-888-831-0404 to volunteer.

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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
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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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Bring Donations to Gulfport Fresh Market

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

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Become a Mentor

Gulf Coast Community Care needs volunteers age 30 and older for its Adults Mentoring Children program. Volunteers are matched with children who need a positive adult role model. Many of the children are in foster care or live with a single parent who is going to school and working. There is a need for volunteers for children of all ages.

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a craft or visiting a park with a child. We have children throughout Pinellas waiting for mentors!

To learn how you can make a lasting difference in the life of a child, call Beverly at 727-479-1841.

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March Floral Design Class

All new spring floral design classes will be offered at the Gulfport Recreation Center on Wednesday, March 17. 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 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 makeitandtakeit@yahoo.com. Cost is \$22 per class.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Who's Running Our Schools?

That students at Johns Hopkins Middle School in St. Petersburg can't get an education because rowdy students rule the school is a disgrace. That schools are measured by the number of arrests that occur or don't occur is a disgrace. That Johns Hopkins is not an isolated incidence either here or in the rest of the country is a disgrace. That we have to be arresting so many young people at all means one of two things: there are too many bad children or that the people running the schools have lost control. I suspect it's both. That's a disgrace, too.

Last week's reports seemed to blame the problem on the return to neighborhood schools. Presumably

that meant bad or black neighborhoods or maybe just poor neighborhoods. It wasn't long ago that educators were complaining that bussing students all over the place was the problem because parents and children were too disconnected.

It's all nonsense and excuses. Neither race nor poverty nor separation is the base problem. My Lord, there are poverty stricken African children who walk miles to get to schools without proper lighting, books, chalk, pencils or papers. For them, school is a rare privilege. For American students it is an abused right. Maybe we should take away the right. People always want what they can't have. Or, maybe not getting an education doesn't have enough consequences because big nanny government's going to take care of everyone in the end.

This business about not putting enough money into the schools is nonsense too. Dump more dollars to the same people and the same system and expect different results? Get real! Perhaps we can hire more policemen, buy more metal detectors, get more counselors and baby-sitters to care for the pregnant teens and their off-spring.

Can you imagine running a business this way? Or our government? Oops. This is government. We're supposed to be preparing the children to be productive citizens. If that's the educational environment, you can't expect much more when they get out. Actually what is amazing is that so many children do come out of the system with some training. Perhaps that's the real tragedy of the situation: that so many children really DO want to learn.

What a disservice we do to this group in creating a tyranny of the minority. We as a society have become so fixated upon mainstreaming hoodlums and disruptive special ed kids that we've lost sight of the goals and serious purposes of education. We've let the animals run the zoo. And, we keep tip-toeing around the issue.

Also, there's some myth being spread that the kids need to have a big say in running the schools. Read "Lord of the Flies". If you haven't, just consider that children's brains are not fully developed. That's a fact. That's part of being a child. We need fully developed brains running the schools. We call these adults. They do know better and are smarter. Children really don't have rights in this context, or shouldn't.

Of course, part of the problem might be that parents don't run their children anymore. Maybe the kids are in charge there, too. You know the bit: "who is the parent here?" Whatever the underlying societal problems are the schools can't solve them. Schools need to be the protected refuge from society's problem, not the reflection of them.

Get the bad kids out of the way and get some back bone, for God's sake. I'm guessing the majority of the students and their parents, whatever color or financial status, would welcome that.

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Lunch Served 11am-3pm Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Kitchen Open 11-2 Lunch Dinner 5-7pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Dinner 5-7pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Breakfast 8:30-11am Kitchen Open 2-5pm	No Lunch Served	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Euchre 1pm Bingo 6pm Kitchen open

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

On St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17, we will have a corned beef & cabbage dinner for \$6.50. This will be served from 11:00 a.m. until we run out.

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. There are still a few slots open for teams, which is 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.

Post 305

6999 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach 367-1596

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7pm Food Served	Fish Fry 6-8pm Entertainment 7-10pm	Steak Dinner 6-8pm Geno 7-10pm	Sports 12-6pm Wings 3-5pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm Karaoke 7-10 pm	Regular Post Mtg 6pm Harry 7-10pm	St. Patty's Day

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In just 31 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:

The Boca Ciega students in last week's photo were all dressed in white for some unknown event one day in 1959. Anyone remember who they were or where they were going?



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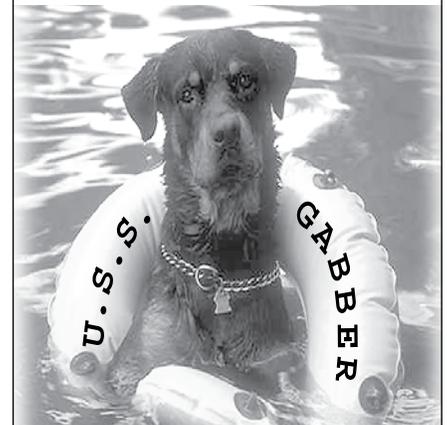
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Volunteers Needed for Soup Kitchen

The Salvation Army of St. Petersburg is seeking volunteers to staff its community soup kitchen on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Volunteers will assist staff in serving meals to the clients who come to the soup kitchen each day for the noon and evening meals. They will be involved in serving, and clearing tables as clients arrive and depart during the meal hours.

To volunteer please contact Gail Stark, Community Relations Coordinator at (727) 550-8080, ext. 332 or by email at Gail_Stark@uss.salvationarmy.org.

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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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New Pre-K Program in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH: A brand new program for Pre-Kindergarten kids ages 3 to 6 is coming to the St. Pete Beach Community Center. "Music, Movement and More" is a dynamic program that engages kids each week with a different theme. Every week the theme corresponds to a different song and dance, a take-home craft project and snack time. The program runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, and costs \$15 per week. All classes are led by a licensed early childhood facilitator with over 20 years experience. Call 363-9245 for more information.

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CABA Memberships for 2010

The Corey Area Business Association (CABA) is now accepting memberships for the 2010 year. If you have a business in the Corey Avenue/

Downtown St. Pete Beach area and would like to become a member of this bustling business community, please contact Kathi Hansen at Corey Corners, 350 Corey Avenue or call 727-498-8778. Membership to this growing association offers many perks to help you promote your business. For a list of current members go to www.coreyave.com.

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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. For more information or to view adoptable animals, visit www.spcatampabay.org or call 727-586-3591.

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My Guardian Angel



A routine vehicle check and some persistent followup by Sergeant Linda Fletcher led Pinellas Tire Owner Frank Kubicki to get some potentially lifesaving medical care. Kubicki now calls Fletcher his guardian angel.

Fletcher encouraged Frank to go to the hospital he kept working on cars.

Sergeant Fletcher was persistent; on a mid-afternoon stop to the Blind Pass business she got Frank to go to the fire station where they checked his vital signs. A doctor's visit and surgery followed in short order. Frank ended up having triple bypass surgery.

The 76-year old mechanic said he's never sick and always active. "If it wasn't for her I wouldn't have gone and maybe it would have been too late," Frank said.

"If you know Frank everything is no big deal, I will take care of it later," said Paul Pfister of the North Beach Civic Association who praised Fletcher for her persistence and service at a recent city council meeting.

The police sergeant's caring continued as she telephoned about Frank's recovery. His 24-year-old granddaughter Brandie Becker took one of Fletcher's calls and said, "You know grandpa she's your guardian angel."

Now when Fletcher stops by with her police car Frank calls her his guardian angel.

By Melissa Lattman

ST. PETE BEACH- Each Monday morning Police Sergeant Linda Fletcher brings her police vehicle in to Frank Kubicki at Pinellas Tire. For 26 years he has been checking the engine fluids and testing the air pressure in the tires. Frank comes from Pennsylvania and has lived in St. Petersburg since 1960. He has owned his business on the beach for more than 30 years.

On a Monday this winter Frank asked the police officer questions about the chest pain and shortness of breath he was experiencing while he changed a tire. Although Sergeant

Lifeguard Certification Class

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

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Sign Up for Pancreatic Cancer 5K Run/Walk

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

Visit www.PurpleStride.org or to inquire about sponsorships or volunteering email Tracy Connolly at Tracy_Connolly@yahoo.com.

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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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Book Donations Needed

Donations of books are needed by the Bookstore of The Friends of the West St. Petersburg Community Library located on the St. Petersburg College Gibbs Campus, corner of 8th Ave North and 67th Street North. The proceeds from the sale of these items are used to fund special children's and adult programs to benefit the community. They are a volunteer non-profit c-3 organization and can provide a receipt to you for your possible tax deduction. Please call Elaine Wenstrom at 253-6904.

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Attention All Veterans

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 13, with the cooperation of the City of Treasure Island, has established an outreach program to help all veterans who feel they have a justified service connected claim or appeal to receive the benefits they have earned in their service to our country.

These claims may be recent or older. We urge all veterans who would like more information or to make an appointment to call 526-9870 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Monday through Friday or drop in at the Garden Room at the Treasure Island Community Center on the first and third Thursdays of the month between 6-8 p.m.

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Following are some of the calls that Gulfport Police responded to during the past week.

Friday 2/26

- Narcotics/Drugs-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Truant-** 5700 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Stolen Vehicle (Attempted)-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Lost or Stolen Tag-** 1800 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 2500 Blk 50th St. S.

- Domestic Battery-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Drunk Driver-** 3100 Blk 57th St. S.
- Saturday 2/27**
- Domestic Verbal-** 5200 Blk 21st Ave. S.
- Drunk Driver-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 2700 Blk 45th St. S.
- Theft-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 1500 Blk 55th St. S.
- Sunday 2/28**
- Fight in Progress-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Battery-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5200 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5400 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** Clam Bayou.
- Trespasser-** 1500 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Theft-** 2700 Blk 56th St. S.
- Burglary-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Juv-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.

Monday 3/1

- Noise Complaint-** 2400 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2800 Blk Skimmer Pt. Dr. S.
- Theft-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Truant-** Trail.
- Animal Complaint-** 2800 Blk 46th St. S.
- Truant-** 5300 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5300 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 1600 Blk 55th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5500 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1300 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Tuesday 3/2**
- Arrest on Warrant-** 1300 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2500 Blk 59th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** Tomlinson Park.
- Theft-** 2000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Theft-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 6300 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 1300 Blk Gray St. S.

Wednesday 3/3

- Animal Complaint-** 5400 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Violation of Court Order-** 3000 Blk 57th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5300 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Truant-** 5800 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 1000 Blk 58th St. S.
- Burglary-** 2600 Blk 58th St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 6100 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Prowler-** 5600 Blk 27th Ave. S.

Thursday 3/4

- Noise Complaint-** 5500 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5300 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Violation of Court Order-** 6000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2800 Blk Skimmer Pt. Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

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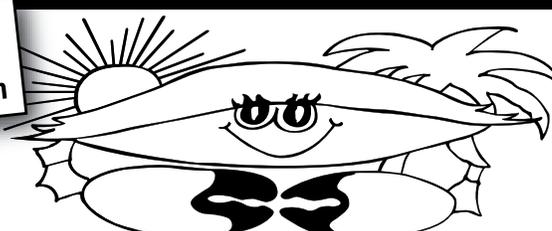
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Mainsail Arts Festival Seeks Volunteers

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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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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Excerpts heard at the March 9, 2010

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

"I can come up and tell you it's my 25th birthday and you are not going to tell me otherwise."-Rosemary Manning, on the city commission's discussion of whether or not to swear people in during quasi-judicial procedures. Manning said people taking an oath would be more likely to think carefully and tell the truth when they speak.

"I think it's about running a meeting." -Commissioner Christopher Leonard on recent problems at quasi-judicial proceedings and the need to update the commission's quasi-judicial procedures. Leonard said after a recent hearing he got many phone calls from people who could not believe what was happening at town hall.

"Criminal have used a taxi cab (unbeknownst to the driver at the time) as an escape method and gone all the way up to Clearwater." - Carol Vallee of BATS Taxi, on the commission's discussion of regulating taxis. Vallee answered the commission's questions on how taxi logs have been used by the city police and for tourists to retrieve lost items.

"(Its) played in such a manner that senior adults and young people can play together and not kill each other." -Carol Walker, on praising the activities and staff at the community center. Walker described the fun she has playing pickle. It's half tennis, half ping-pong, she said.

"If they shutter us for one day, we lose the trust and it reverts back to the original owners." -Spencer Lucas on the possibility of closing the Gulf Beaches Museum because of county budget troubles.

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Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

A Simple Trick To Stop Mindless Spending

Most of us think of spending money in the least painful terms. I suppose that's only natural. If we could see clearly how a simple purchase fits into the big financial picture, perhaps spending money on little stuff wouldn't be quite so easy.

According to Starbucks, the average customer spends \$4.05 per visit for coffee and makes 18 visits per month. I'm fairly certain that most of these customers think of that as a series of \$4.05 expenditures because it's less painful than seeing it as an \$874 annual expense, spent \$4.05 at a time.

Get into the habit of quickly calculating the annualized costs of things and you'll achieve an effective way to get mindless spending under control.

Here's the rule: Take a monthly figure, and then add a zero plus a little. Say you spend \$5 a week in the vending machine at work. That \$5 weekly expense is about \$20 a month. Now add a zero (\$200) plus a little (say, \$50), which makes it \$250 a year. Let's check the numbers: \$5 x 52 equals \$260. Pretty close! Do you get it? Adding a zero to a monthly expense gives you a 10-month equivalent. Adding a little accounts for the other two months in a year.

Here's another example. Heather gets her nails done every two weeks at a cost of \$20 per visit. That's about \$40 a month. Times 10, that's \$400. Adding a little (say, \$85) makes it \$485. Again, let's check the numbers:

\$20 x 26 equals \$520. Not far off -- and shocking when Heather has been trivializing this as just a little something she does for herself. Don't get me wrong. I'm not against nail appointments. I just want you and Heather to know the true cost of what you believe to be insignificant expenditures.

Most people think of their incomes in loose, inflated terms. Take Tom and Susan. They live in the false security of a \$50,000 income, as in "We make \$50,000 a year, so we should be able to buy what we want without feeling guilty."

The truth is Tom makes \$48,275 a year, which is close, but not exactly \$50,000. Allowing for taxes and other payroll deductions, their take-home pay is something closer to \$35,000. Of that amount, their actual discretionary income (what's left after allowing for essentials of food, shelter, insurance, transportation, etc.) is more like \$5,000, hardly the fictional \$50,000 on which they base their lifestyle.

With practice, Tom and Sue can get real about their income by thinking in more realistic terms. They might make close to \$50,000 a year, but they have just \$450 cash to spend each month. That makes blowing a hundred bucks here or \$4.05 there more significant.

Start annualizing your spending, and think of your income in realistic terms. It's painful at first, but once you get past the shock, it will keep your financial feet planted in reality. Even better, money will stop dribbling out of your life.

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Additional Exemption for Low Income Seniors

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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.

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Town Shores Bocce Blast

Get ready for a fun and exciting two-week Bocce Blast. Thanks for the hard work of George White, the Bocce Blast has over 100 residents signed up to begin play next Monday, March 15. Teams and times are posted on the bulletin board by the Bocce courts. Call George for any questions you might have.

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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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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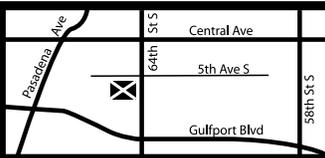
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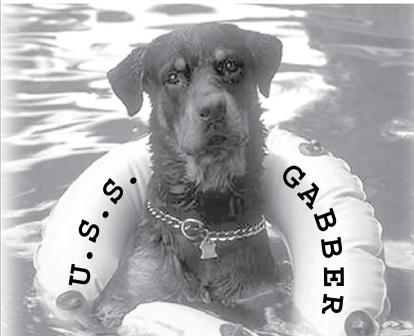


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By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

What Steps are Involved in the Probate Process?

Part III

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

5. Filing the Inventory

Next, a Personal Representative is required to develop an inventory and appraisal of an estate's assets and debts which must be filed with the Probate Court.

When developing an inventory, the Personal Representative should identify all of the estate's probate property, including both real estate and personal property. To conduct the inventory, the Personal Representative may need to visit a savings and loan or bank to determine the value of a savings account on the date of death. When doing so, it is best for the Personal Representative to take along letters of administration as proof of his/her authority.

While the inventory need not detail every last piece of clothing or all

of the pots and pans, the Personal Representative must place a value on the deceased's personal articles, including keepsakes. A Personal Representative may estimate the value of estate property or hire a professional appraiser to determine the value of probate assets. A Personal Representative should be involved in the inventory and appraisal as much as possible.

When conducting the inventory, the Personal Representative should distinguish between property that the deceased owned individually (probate property) and jointly with right of survivorship (non-probate property).

6. Paying Creditors, Taxes and Fees

All debts and taxes owed by the estate are then required to be paid. A Personal Representative is responsible for determining the validity of creditor claims and paying the debts. A Personal Representative is also responsible for preparing and filing the tax returns. The following types of taxes may arise in estate administration:

- A. Personal Income Tax
- B. Estate Income Tax
- C. Inheritance Tax
- D. Estate Tax

Compared with the substantial value of many estates, court costs and probate administration fees may seem relatively minor.

In addition to court fees, estates normally incur other administration

costs. Perhaps most significant among these is attorney's fees and the cost of providing the required notice. Registered letters may need to be mailed to all interested parties and a Personal Representative must publish notice of the estate in local newspapers. Also, an estate will have to cover the cost of the Personal Representative's bond.

7. Preparing the Final Accounting

The Personal Representative prepares a final accounting of the estate's value and debts. The final accounting is complete once the inventory, appraisal, and payment of any outstanding taxes and debts is accomplished. The final accounting is a detailed balance sheet that shows the value of all the estate's assets, along with any income or interest earned, debts paid, money owed, and tax payments. The final accounting is sent to the Court and all interested parties for review and approval. The heirs have a right to challenge this accounting because a mistake could directly affect the size of their inheritances.

8. Distributing the Assets

The Personal Representative next oversees the distribution of the estate's assets to survivors, according to the instructions in the will. If a person dies without a will, then the intestacy laws of the State of Florida direct the distribution.

9. Closing the Estate

Following approval of the final accounting, a Personal Representative can close the estate. To do so, a Personal Representative submits a sworn statement to the Probate Court and interested parties which specifies all estate business is finished. This may require a formal Court hearing with all interested parties given the opportunity to attend.

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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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By Scott Lafee

For Crying Out Loud

Japanese scientists say they are developing a statistical computer program that can analyze a baby's crying to determine whether the child is sleepy, hungry, in need of a diaper change or in pain.

Researchers at Muroran Institute of Technology used a sound pattern recognition program to classify different types of crying, correlating the audio spectra with babies' emotional states as confirmed by parents.

Much research remains, but the scientists said the technology might one day be incorporated into baby monitors or other devices to help parents or caregivers decide what to do when a child is crying.

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THE UPSIDE OF BEING THICKHEADED

Canadian researchers report that people can reduce their sensitivity to pain by thickening their brain.

And how, exactly, does one do that? Be more Zen-like.

Physiologists at the University of Montreal compared gray matter thickness of practitioners of Zen meditation with non-meditators. They found evidence that doing Zen meditation seemed to physically reinforce the anterior cingulate, a central portion of the brain that regulates pain.

"The often painful posture associated with Zen meditation may lead to thicker cortex and lower pain sensitivity," explained Joshua Grant, a doctor student who authored the study. Grant said such meditative practices could be helpful for general pain management -- to prevent the normal age-related diminishing of gray matter and to ameliorate conditions like strokes where gray matter has been compromised.

OBSERVATION

Keeping off a large weight loss is a phenomenon about as common in American medicine as an impoverished dermatologist. -- American humorist Calvin Trillin

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

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In ancient China, physicians were often paid when their patients remained well. If a patient became sick, the doctor paid the patient.

Similarly, in fifth-century France and Spain, Visigoth rulers required doctors to leave a cash deposit with the family of each patient. If the patient died, the doctor forfeited his deposit and could not collect his bill.

GET ME THAT. STAT!

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March classes include: "Boating Safety" on March 16; "Powering Your Boat" on March 23, and "Piloting Your Boat-Part A" on March 30.

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New Luncheon Excursions Offered

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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

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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 next social will be held on Saturday,

March 20 hosted by Paula Roberts and Paula Lyons.

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

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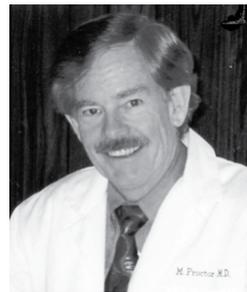
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By Leigh Clifton

Senior Center Supervisor Sue Frank, (left) Elizabeth Brown-Worthington (center) and Services Coordinator Cynthia Dean are almost hidden by the mounds of foods collected by Elizabeth at her twelfth birthday party. Accepting donated canned goods in lieu of presents, she then donated all of the food to the Senior Center Food Pantry.

For their twelfth birthday, most little girls are thinking about dolls and presents, games and double-tiered chocolate cake with butter cream frosting. But the invitations for Miss Elizabeth Brown-Worthington's twelfth birthday read a little differently than most. In addition to directions and the party's time, hers included one significant request; that all of the guests bring a non-perishable food item or canned good, in lieu of a present for her birthday. When you have 120 guests for a party; that can translate into a LOT of food.

Ms. Brown-Worthington, whose uncle is former Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington, said she had gotten the idea after she saw that the C.E.R.T team donated a gift of \$200.00 to the Gulfport Senior Center Food Pantry. "I don't need gifts," she said matter of factly, with a smile. "I have a lot of stuff and I realized that the Pantry was running really low on goods. They really needed the help. I have two other friends whose birthdays are close to mine. They donated food as well."

Those goods often provide the only food some needy Gulfport families will have for a meal at one time or another.

Canned soups, vegetables, meats and fish, noodles of every kind, even Girl Scout cookies were overflowing from two gated wagons that Elizabeth presented to Senior Center Supervisor Sue Frank and Services Coordinator Cynthia Dean.

Says Sue Frank, "She's amazing and we here are all really touched by her generosity. She's a very special young lady and we're very grateful for the help."

Cynthia Dean agrees.

"Elizabeth is very unique; the fact that she used her birthday as a way to raise food for our pantry is really wonderful. And we really need the help, now more than ever."

Dean says that the pantry used to serve maybe three to four people during a week. Now the amount has increased immensely, with more and more young families as well as single people stopping by for essentials. The demand has all but emptied their pantry shelves.

"The need is great and it is sad, but we are very proud to be able to offer help to Gulfport residents. Our only criteria is that they must be a Gulfport city resident. People have told us that they enjoy donating to us because they know the assistance goes directly to the people of Gulfport."

What's next for Gulfport's youngest philanthropist?

"I'd like to do this for every birthday," Elizabeth says with a wide smile.

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Mar. 20, 2010	Largo Home Depot	10689 Ulmerton Rd.
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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 \$20.00 per pickup truck load, \$20.00 per appliance, \$15 for electronics/TVs. Please contact 893-1089 to schedule a 'special pickup'
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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

I am going to get cancer.

That's not a guess or a death wish; it's an almost-certain fact I live with every day. Of my grandparents, three of them had cancer. It killed two of them. Breast, lung, colon, and a few other cancers climb through my family tree like kudzu. According to the American Cancer Society, just over 11 million Americans have cancer right now. The country's population hovers at just over 300 million, so that's about three percent of Americans who are battling defective cells that may or may not kill them.

That may not sound like a lot, but the probability that you or I will get cancer is pretty significant. The American Cancer Society tells me I have a one in eight chance of getting breast cancer. So does any woman reading this column. Add in my myriad of risk factors and the odds skyrocket. As for the men, you have even worse odds: one in six of you will get prostate cancer and half of all men will get cancer in their lifetime. One out of every three women will get some form of cancer as well. Suffice to say, the odds are not good. You have a better chance of winning at craps in Vegas than avoiding knowing someone who has, will have, or has had cancer.

Cheery, huh? I can shovel enough dark green vegetables in my mouth to feed a small country, religiously grope myself in the shower every month as I check for lumps and irregularities, and spend so much time in spinning classes that I don't even know what my resting heart rate is anymore... and still get cancer. Worse, I can still die from cancer.

When I was young I didn't care. I figured we all had to go sometime. I smoked menthol cigarettes between courses of fried cheese, hot dogs, and potato skins loaded with bacon, reasoning that since I could get hit by a bus tomorrow, what was the point?

And then people I loved started to die way too young. And I got the point real quick.

I have three aunts. One of them - my godmother - was diagnosed with breast cancer in her 50s. She ate healthy, had no family history of breast cancer, and didn't smoke. Aside from my own mother, she was the best woman I have ever known.

You know where this is leading, right? She lost her fight with breast cancer a few years after her diagnosis. Sometimes I forget she's gone. Other times I remember all too well. Her pain, I assume and hope, has ended, but her husband, children, and mother still feel it very keenly.

I have another aunt battling cancer right now, and she's in her 50s as well. I would do anything to see her beat the cancer. I'm certain her three children - all of whom still live at home - feel the same way.

I'm tired of watching people I love die. I've had two bosses killed by cancer, one in her 40s and one in his 50s. I know a few survivors, too, but I've known more people who didn't survive. While I can't say I loved everyone who died, or even that I was particularly close to them, they all had one thing in common: someone loved them as much as I loved my godmother and grandparents. Someone still thinks about them and forgets - momentarily, at least - that they can't pick up the phone and hear their voice.

You think that's lousy? It is. We're not very good at curing cancer, either. One out of every four American men will die from cancer, as will one out of every five American women. That means that in my circle of friends, one of us - possibly two of us - will die from cancer. Dying doesn't scare me; I just don't want to do it. The thought that somebody I love will get cancer and die from it? THAT terrifies me.

For now, there's not much I can do. If I think about it too much, I'll go crazy. I neglected to get my MD, so odds are I'm not going to be the one to find a cure.

It's not uncommon, I've read, to feel powerless in the face of a disease as monumental as cancer. Indeed, as each of my relatives succumbed to

these fast-growing cells, the only two things they had the power to do were live every moment they could. Then they had the power to die. Those of us left didn't feel like we had any power at all.

The only thing I can think to do seems so removed from finding a cure, but it's all I have. I can walk in this spring's Relay For Life (April 9 and 10). The Gabber is, for the first time ever, sponsoring a team in Gulfport. The writers are walking, taking turns to keep someone on the track all night. We want you to walk, too. If you've formed or joined a team already, fantastic. If you don't have a team but you want to walk, we'd love to have you join us; everyone is welcome. If you'd rather send money, you can. To donate money or join our team, click on the link for Relay For Life on The Gabber's web site (www.TheGabber.com) and search for our team, aptly named "The Gabber."

There is no minimum to join; The Gabber's already taken care of the minimum fundraising amount. We'd love to raise more money, though, because the money goes to the American Cancer Society, a group that funds more cancer research than any other private agency in the United States. They make sure that the money we raise goes to doctors and chemists and anyone else who can help find a cure for cancer.

That cure can't come fast enough. Preferably in my lifetime, because I don't care that I'm getting older, but I don't want to lose anyone else I love.

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Rena Massey in Concert at Pilgrim Church

On Sunday, March 21 at 3 p.m., Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ (UCC) will present the last of this season's concert series in the "Rena Massey in Concert". Rena is a brilliant pianist and a former member of Pilgrim Church. The program will be held in the church's sanctuary at 6315 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg. Donation is \$5 at the door. For information call the church at 727-347-1226.

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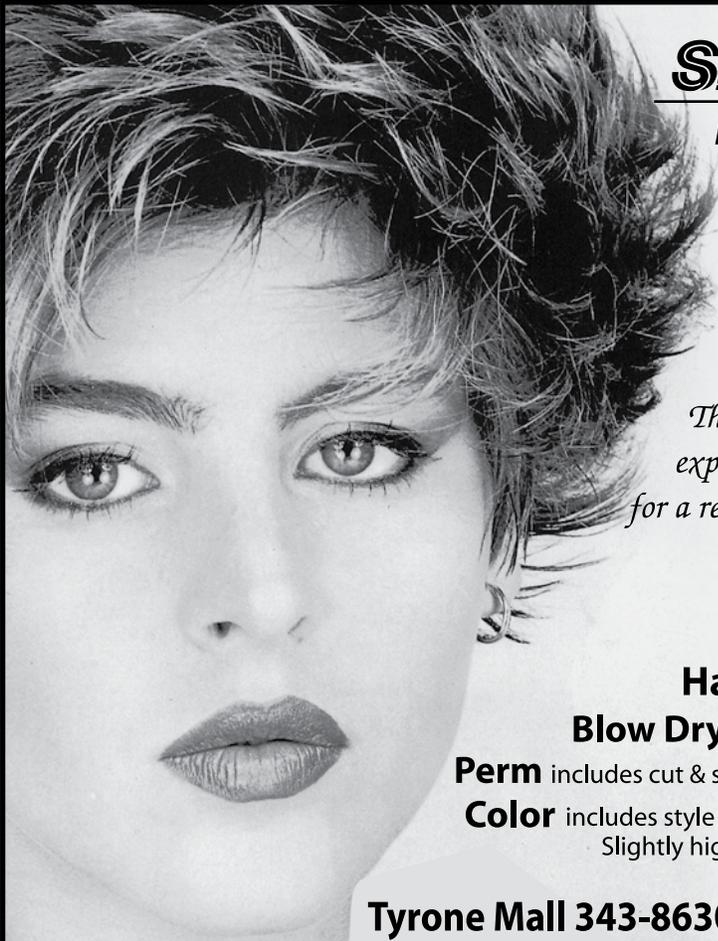
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Smoker, from front page

days in one location, but if Gulfport city council agrees with P&Z's decision, Reeseback will open a restaurant at 4155 Gulfport Boulevard, the former site of Trudell pools.

Mark Gildausakis and Jane Ogilvie spoke against the smoker, as did Jennifer Salmon. The Gildausakis and Ogilvie family lives close to the site of the former Smokin' Joe's restaurant on 49th Street and have addressed their concerns about smoke to Gulfport City Council several times. Salmon, who recently ran unopposed for former Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington's seat on city council, spoke during the public comment session of the meeting. She expressed concern for the potential effects of the smoker on Gulfport Elementary students.

"Asthma is on the rise with school-age children, especially in schools where the children come from African-American families or low-income families, which is a description of Gulfport Elementary. About half the population is African-American; $\frac{3}{4}$ are considered disadvantaged economically," Salmon told the P&Z board.

Both parties cited health concerns as a reason for the P&Z board to vote against the smoker.

"The smoke is unregulated. You can fix this readily enough by installing a certified stove by the EPA...there's a right way to do it; Red Lobster does it," Gildaurakis told the board. The EPA-certified stoves, according to the 2006 EPA document, Guidance for Quantifying and Using Emission Reductions from Voluntary Woodstove Changeout Programs in State Implementation Plans, appear to refer to wood-burning stoves used primarily for heat or in homes rather than for industrial uses.

Reeseback submitted past complaints about his smoker, complaints he said originated from one individual. The complaints, the P&Z noted, were unverified and Reeseback never received a violation. Reeseback's neighbors spoke to the P&Z and told the board that although Reeseback smoked food in his driveway, they had no complaints. Reeseback's potential new neighbors on Gulfport Boulevard, including Caldwell Realtor Poul Hornsleth, also spoke in favor of the smoker.

City staff recommended approval for the restaurant, which will have takeout, outdoor seating, and limited indoor seating. If problems arise from his use of a smoker, Reeseback told the city, he will extend the smokestack by 20 feet, use an exhaust hood, and install a triple filter application. The filter will have three stages: a first stage that gets changed monthly, a second stage charcoal filter that gets changed every six months, and a third stage filter that gets changed annually.

Newcomb and Hastings both had questions and suggestions for Reeseback.

"I love this stuff myself; I'm asking questions because I have concerns," Newcomb said. He asked for an analysis of emissions from smoker

"There is no standard set for the particulates coming out of a smoker," Hastings told him. "You have nothing to judge it against." As for the idea that the smoker shouldn't operate because it was a nuisance, Hastings disagreed.

"We don't have a nuisance here because he hasn't even operated," Hastings said.

Gildausakis disagreed with Hastings during the meeting and stood and approached the board, shouting at Hastings. Chairwoman Jeri Reed told Gildausakis to take his seat and he refused. Police came into council chambers as Gildausakis went back to his seat; the officer stayed in the chambers until the meeting adjourned. He then ensured the Gildausakis family made it to their car without incident.

Despite the small but passionate group opposing the smoker, most residents and businesses spoke in favor of allowing Smokin' J's to open a permanent restaurant. Several residents likened the smoker emissions to that of wood-burning fireplaces throughout the city.

"The issue seems to be the smoke. So what's next? (Are we going to) go around and close down all the fireplaces in town?" P&Z member Rudy Leopold said.

Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@TheGabber.com.

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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Dog and Cat Shelter Seeks Donations

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

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Pasadena Card Club

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

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Korean War Veterans Association

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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St. Petersburg Writers Club

The Club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the West St. Petersburg Library, Eighth Avenue and 67th Street N., adjacent to St. Petersburg College. Anyone interested in writing, whether a seasoned professional or a beginner is welcome to attend.

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By Tom Margenau

Stay-at-Home Mom's Kids May Get Social Security

Q: Our son's wife recently died. She was only in her late 20s. She was a stay-at-home mom throughout her brief marriage. Can our son get any Social Security benefits for their two little girls? And if so, how much would they get? We know of other young widowers who are getting Social Security for their children.

A: In some ways, Social Security works like regular insurance. A person must pay the premiums, or in this case, pay Social Security taxes in order to be insured for benefits.

You said your daughter-in-law was a stay-at-home mom. If that means she never worked and never paid into Social Security, then I'm afraid your son and granddaughters would

not be eligible for any Social Security benefits on her record.

But I wonder if your daughter-in-law worked a little bit before she got married? Maybe even something as simple as a part-time job while she was in school? Depending on her exact age when she died, she could be insured for Social Security with as few as six Social Security credits, or what many people call "quarters" (of coverage). A person can earn as many as four Social Security credits per year. So even if your daughter-in-law worked for only a couple years before she got married, she could be insured and your granddaughters might get monthly Social Security benefits on her record.

Assuming your daughter-in-law was barely insured for Social Security by paying into the program for only a few years, your grandchildren would not receive very much money. It would probably be less than \$500 per month

combined.

If he hasn't done so already, your son should contact his local Social Security office to check into this issue.

Q: My wife just turned 65 years old. She was recently let go by her employer. She was planning to wait until age 66 to apply for Social Security, but she is thinking of taking her Social Security now. Is there a standard early retirement reduction? In other words, if she files now, will she get the same early retirement reduction in benefits if she had taken Social Security at 62?

A: No. There is a graduated early retirement reduction. It comes out to about one-half of 1 percent for each month she starts her Social Security before age 66. If she taken Social Security at 62, her benefits would have been reduced about 25 percent. But if she takes them at age 65, they would be only reduced about 6 percent.

Q: I am 63 and have been out of work for a few months. I was going to wait until age 66 to start my Social Security. But I wonder if I should do it now? I am looking for another job and may go back to work someday. If I do that, what happens to my Social Security? Here are some facts for you: My age 66 Social Security benefit is estimated to be \$1,980. At 63, I would get about \$1,600.

A: Think of it this way. Each month you wait to sign up for Social Security, you are throwing away \$1,600. And if you do find another job someday, you simply report that to the Social Security Administration and they will adjust your benefits accordingly. If you end up making way over the pre-age 66 earnings limit, which is \$14,160 per year, then your Social Security benefits will be suspended.

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Boaters new to boating in Tampa Bay are being offered free, customized kits developed by the Tampa Bay Manatee Awareness Coalition (MAC).

The "Bay-Friendly Boater" program provides customized information to boaters new to boating in general, or just new to boating in Tampa Bay. The target audience is boaters with less than two years experience in the Bay. West Marine and Boat U.S. have joined the MAC in supporting this program to provide new boaters with information about boating safety and etiquette, as well as important natural resources such as manatees and seagrasses.

All kits include a "Rules of the Road" boat sticker from Boat U.S., the Boater's and Angler's Guide to Tampa Bay, and a free nautical chart of the bay. Additional information will be provided based on the boater's preferred activities (such as fishing or cruising), and the areas in which they most frequently boat. Boaters will be asked to complete a short survey about their boating patterns and preferences to ensure they are given information tailored to their needs.

The MAC, coordinated by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, is an alliance of scientists, environmental organizations and boating groups working together to promote safe, eco-friendly boating in Tampa Bay. The "Bay-Friendly Boater" campaign targets new boaters specifically to ensure they have vital "need-to-know" information about seagrass beds, manatee protection areas, restricted security zones, nesting bird colonies, recreational fishing limits, and other aspects of boating in Tampa Bay.

To request a kit, e-mail colleen@tbep.org or call Colleen Gray at (727) 893-2765.

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**St. Pete Beach
Community Club**

The St. Pete Beach Community begins its 70th year of service this year and 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.

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A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

Notes on Vegetable Gardening in Small Yard Spaces

As we look forward to spring, we start thinking about our vegetable gardens. Even those of us with limited space can have fresh vegetables with a little planning. All we have to do is try to match the sun, water and soil requirements of our crop.

Most of our vegetable crops are short-lived annuals that spend a lot of energy producing a crop. The more sunlight the plant has, the more leaves and fruit it can produce. Even perennial crops, like asparagus and rhubarb, produce better with an increased amount of sunlight. We need to plant vegetables where they can receive lots of sun.

Just like a watermelon, most fruits are almost entirely made of water. Being able to easily water the garden is an important consideration when locating a space. If you have to carry water, it would be best to place a

garden close to a hose or close to the house.

Traditionally, ground gardens often required large amounts of soil amendments to be tilled into the ground. That is a lot of work. Many of our small gardens are going to start out with a fresh, sterile and lightweight soil mix.

Many garden vegetables have ornamental qualities to the leaves, flowers and fruit. They can be worked into your flower beds in an attractive manner. Don't just think that a garden has to be planted all in one sunny spot. If you have small areas within your landscape, add a tomato, eggplant, okra or fennel for their landscape qualities.

The bane of many garden vegetables is fungal disease problems. Good air circulation helps to dry leaves, so the fungus has a harder time infecting the leaves. Avoiding planting too many plants in the shade or in a crowded flowerbed.

Traditional gardens are often built with large isles -- partly to allow

for good air circulation, partly for easy tilling of weeds and partly to allow for the growth of spreading plants. Small space gardening uses vegetable varieties that have a more compact growth habit. You will see these smaller plants listed as petite, bush, compact or determinate.

One method of small space gardening is to use the square foot gardening method developed by Mel Bartholomew, who you may have seen on TV. He also has a very useful book titled "All New Square Foot Gardening." There are several benefits to using this gardening technique. The garden can be built close to the house and a water source. It uses fresh sterile soil, meaning there are fewer weeds. One of the main features of a square foot garden is managing it one square foot at a time. As each crop finishes in a square foot, a new one is installed. There is no wasted space in this type of garden.

Last summer, I grew one of my own square foot gardens in a parking lot to show that they can grow anywhere. For more information, buy the book or go to www.squarefootgardening.com.

Another easy way to produce vegetables in a small space is by using an EarthBox. Filling the reservoir allows the plants to self water until you fill it again, making watering much easier. Water is not wasted as it is in regular garden plots. The EarthBox can be moved into the yard's sunny spots, and a trellis can be installed for tall plants and vines. It uses a sterile soil mix for no weeds, and the fertilizer is installed at the beginning of the season -- use regular fertilizer or the new organic version. You will get more out of this 3-square-foot garden than any other method of gardening.

Your local garden center probably has them in stock, but if not, check out www.earthbox.com.

If you have just enough room for a flowerpot, go ahead and plant a vegetable in it. A larger pot is better, but many of the dwarf or compact vegetables can grow in an 18-inch pot. Make sure the pot has a drainage hole, fill it with good soil, place it where it can get lots of sun and keep it watered. It will reward you with fresh produce all summer long.

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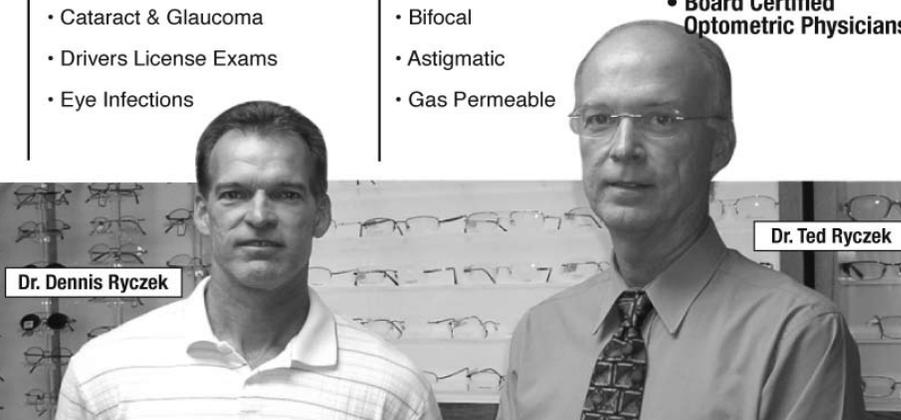
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Your Health

By Rallie McAllister M.D.

Napping Boosts Brain Power

Sleeping on the job is generally frowned upon, but new research suggests that a nap may boost work performance and productivity.

A midday snooze doesn't just recharge your body, it also refreshes your brain. Researchers at the University of California Berkeley recently reported that napping can significantly enhance the brain's ability to learn and store new information.

Most working adults in the U.S. spend roughly 16 to 18 hours awake each day. After a point of maximum alertness, the longer we stay awake, the more lethargic our brains become.

That's one reason why pulling an all-nighter typically backfires, whether you're a college student cramming for a final exam or an executive rehearsing the most important presentation of your career. Burning the midnight oil can reduce the ability to learn new facts by as much as 40 percent, due to slowed activity in specific brain regions during sleep deprivation.

Taking a nap can reverse some of the deleterious effects of prolonged wakefulness, rebooting the brain so that it's able to absorb and retain additional information.

In the University of California study,

39 healthy adults were divided into two groups. Those in one group took a nap, while individuals in the other group remained awake the entire day.

At noon, subjects in both groups participated in a series of learning exercises designed to challenge the hippocampus, a region of the brain involved in storing fact-based memories. Learning performance was similar in both groups.

At 2 p.m., the individuals assigned to the napping group retired for a 90-minute snooze, while those in the non-napping group remained awake. At 6 p.m., all of the study participants were subjected to a new bout of learning exercises.

While performance in the non-napping group deteriorated markedly, subjects in the napping group performed significantly better and demonstrated a greater capacity for learning new information. These findings support earlier research that sleeping helps clear the brain's short-term memory bank and enhances learning ability.

The researchers also made a novel discovery. Using electroencephalogram testing, which measures electrical activity in the brain, they found that a specific phase of sleep, known as Stage 2 non-REM (Rapid Eye Movement), is the period during which memory capacity is refreshed.

Humans spend approximately half of their normal, nighttime slumber in Stage 2 sleep. The new finding may help further explain the link between sleep deprivation and poor memory.

While taking a two-hour siesta in midday may be the norm in Mediterranean countries, working Americans are more likely to engage in shorter snooze sessions, fondly known as power naps or catnaps. The good news is that sleeping just 20 minutes during the day offers many of the same benefits provided by longer naps.

The results of a study published in the *Journal of Sleep Research* demonstrated that air traffic controllers scored better on tests of alertness and skill when they took advantage of a planned nap opportunity. Although the workers spent an average of just 18 minutes sleeping, they exhibited measurable improvements in reaction time and overall performance afterward.

When scientists at Stanford University asked physicians and nurses to take a short nap while working the night shift in an emergency department, job performance improved. After napping, the health professionals exhibited better moods, higher levels of alertness and greater speed in executing job-related tasks.

A planned nap does more than just boost work performance and productivity, it can also improve your health. In a study of nearly 24,000 Greek adults between the ages of 20 and 86, scientists at Harvard School of Public Health and the University of Athens in Greece found that napping reduced the risk of death due to cardiovascular disease.

Subjects who napped at least three days a week for an average of 30 minutes were 37 percent less likely to die from heart disease compared to those who never napped. The researchers concluded that napping may improve cardiovascular health by reversing some of the damaging effects of stress.

Since it's generally not a good idea to nod off unexpectedly, you may want to schedule your naptime in advance. Most daytime workers find it easiest to doze off between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., when there's a natural dip in energy levels and alertness.

Although a short siesta can be beneficial, it's no substitute for a good night's sleep. But on days that you need to be extra sharp, taking a brief nap may be the best way to boost your mood, memory and performance.

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A Passion for Herbs and Spices



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Gulfport Yacht Club Kicks Off 2010 Racing Season

By Bob Feckner, Fleet Captain GYC

The 2010 Spring Racing Series at Gulfport Yacht Club began on Saturday with nine sailors competing on a sunny, chilly afternoon on Boca Ciega Bay. The day started with a steady north wind that very quickly turned west and picked up to about 12 mph. A couple of boats even flipped in the breezy conditions. Two races were held with Woody Cope taking first place in both for the overall win for the day. Ian Lindhal placed second and Ron Roth, visiting from Virginia Beach, took third.



Gulfport Yacht Club is well known in the catamaran racing world for holding world class sailing regattas including the recent 2009 F16 Global Challenge and the 2008 US Sailing Multihull Championship. The next major regatta for GYC is its annual Spring Multihull Regatta which this year will also be featuring the F16 Nationals along with other classes of catamarans. The event is co-sponsored by the City of Gulfport and will be held on Gulfport Beach April 9-11.

GYC conducts Club Races for catamarans on the first and third Saturday of each month from March through November. All catamaran sailors are welcome to race and sailors of all boats, including monohulls are welcome at the club which was founded in 1938. For more information about Gulfport Yacht Club visit their website at gulfportyachtclub.com.

Boca Ciega High School Scoreboard

By Leigh Clifton

Baseball

Boys Varsity

03/05/10	Boca Ciega	9
	Gibbs	5
03/04/10	Boca Ciega	0
	Osceola	10
03/03/10	Boca Ciega	0
	Seminole	12

Softball

Girls Varsity

03/05/10	Boca Ciega	0
	Pinellas Park	8
03/03/10	Boca Ciega	3
	Northeast	2

Tennis

Boys Varsity

03/04/10	Boca Ciega	4
	Northeast	2
03/03/10	Boca Ciega	0
	Palm Harbor	7

Girls Varsity

03/4/10	Boca Ciega	4
	Northeast	2
03/03/10	Boca Ciega	0
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Boys

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	Northeast	73.3

Girls

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with them because plastics are widely used in children’s toys and foods, and in most things they come into contact with.

Researchers have found that children suffer permanent damage from phthalates because their cells depend upon hormones to determine how they should develop. Phthalates resemble estrogen in the body and send signals to cells that may result in autism, breast and other reproductive system cancers like testicular cancer, and reduced sperm counts. Adult exposure to endocrine disruptors is not as harmful because its effects are temporary, similar to taking a birth control pill.

Recently, phthalates have been linked to autism in a study by Dr. Philip J. Landrigan, professor of pediatrics at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. He found that autism and other ailments “are, in part, the result of the impact of environmental chemicals on the brain as it is being formed.” In

another study, researchers measured phthalate levels in the urine of pregnant women and found those with higher levels had children more likely to display disruptive behavior.

Phthalates are highly profitable, bringing chemical companies over \$1.4 billion a year. ExxonMobil is a major manufacturer of phthalates. Many countries have banned phthalates, like the European Union nations, Canada, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan and even China. The United States demands a level of proof that many scientists consider impossible and hasn’t acted to protect the American people from harmful toxins. The Environmental Protection Agency is slow to react and has only banned a handful of chemicals in its history, while allowing millions more to be used without any safety testing at all.

Many savvy mothers are already protesting phthalates -- and urging others to boycott manufacturers. Because of lax regulation, phthalates aren’t listed on product labels and are so widely used its difficult to avoid them. The best way to protect your family is to look at the number in the recycling triangle located on the bottom of the container.

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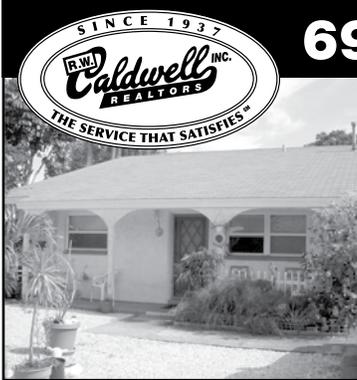


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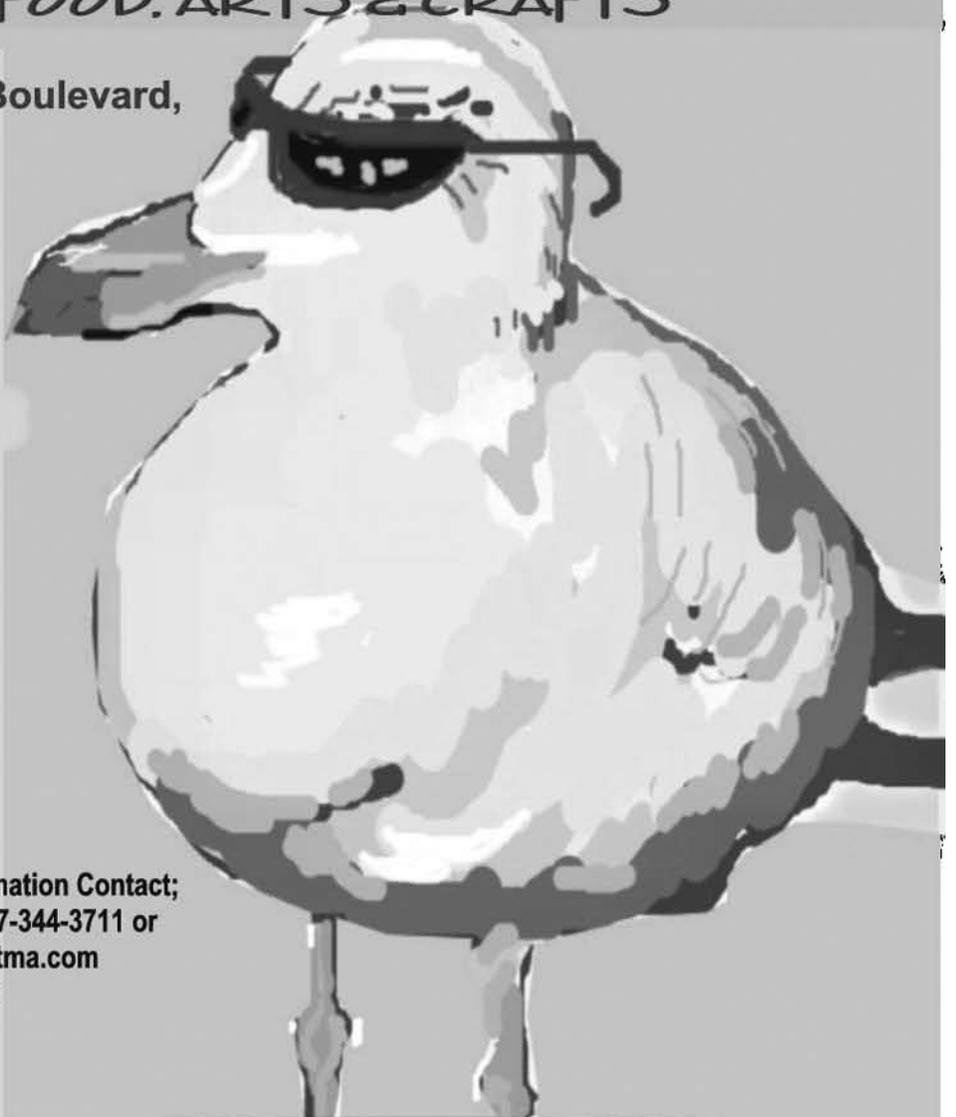
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