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Sixth Annual Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes Draws the Curious and Sentimental

By Leigh Clifton

As Gulfport nears its 100th birthday, more and more people are becoming enamored of its rich history and eclectic architecture. Last weekend the public was welcomed into 14 private homes and businesses on the Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes to see first-hand the amazing designs of some of the most diverse homes in Gulfport. The event, "A Century by the Bay" was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Event coordinator

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Mike Knettel shows off his newly renovated kitchen. He had just finished it the night before the Pink Flamingo Tour.

Clam Bayou Closes At Sunset

GULFPORT- From now on, Clam Bayou Park will close one hour after sunset and reopen before sunrise. The city made this move to cut down on certain undesirable behaviors.

Police Chief Robert Vincent said that currently the police are limited by the law in dealing with people they find displaying certain unwanted behaviors; he told council that closing the park would give the police more power in eradicating those behaviors. City council restricted access to secluded

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City Council Allows Smoker Restaurant By Narrow Margin

GULFPORT- At Tuesday night's city council meeting, city council voted three to two in favor to allow a new smoker restaurant to operate on Gulfport Boulevard.

"It's not a certified smoker; the EPA does not certify smokers," the applicant, John Riesebeck, said in response to council member Jennifer Salmon's questions. The Environmental Protection

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Unleashed in Gulfport

GULFPORT- Gulfport city council made the city a safer place for dogs Tuesday evening when it passed an ordinance prohibiting unsupervised tethering of dogs. The new law allows dog owners to tie out their grown dogs only under certain circumstances. Puppies may not be tethered and no dog may be on a chain, rope or other tether without human presence.

"I was attacked by a dog that had gotten off a chain and, as I put it back on the chain, it attacked me and I have 36 stitches to show for it. As a member of Florida Power and Light I saw the most horrendous things with dogs tethered," Lisa Lombardo told Gulfport city council Tuesday evening. A humane law enforcement officer from the SPCA also spoke against unsupervised tethering.

"I don't know if that's any better, to be in a crate for eight to ten hours," freshman council member

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areas east of the split rail fence between these times.

According to a memo to city council from Vincent, who asked that the city close the park at sunset and reopen it at sunrise, "the police department has intelligence... indicating that some individuals have advertised for sexual contacts, specifically referring to the park as a meeting location."

Vincent also said that the police also have reports of sexual battery, kidnapping, and arson in Clam Bayou Park during night hours.

Council initially discussed changing the hours the park would close to 10 p.m. from 6 a.m., although Vice-Mayor Michele King and several residents spoke against abbreviating the hours as such.

"I can take you there any day and you can pick them up if you would bother to come down here," resident Al Davis told council about the crack pipes he told council he regularly sees in the park. Davis, as well as resident Margarete Tober, agreed with council woman Michele King's sentiment that the park should close from dusk until dawn rather than from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. daily.

Tober also told council "I don't know that ya'll have the experience to second-guess the police chief," with regards to council questioning Vincent's request that the park close from sunrise to sunset.

Ultimately, council opted to close the park one hour after sunset and reopen it an hour before sunrise. The closed areas will not hamper the fishermen and dog-walkers or, as city council suggested, the activities of anyone not engaging in nefarious activities, such as "spurious lovemaking," as resident Lee Stapella called it.

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Rummage Sale at Beth Sholom

Congregation Beth Sholom, 1844 54 Street S. in Gulfport, will hold a rummage sale on Friday, March 19 and Sunday, March 21 beginning at 8 a.m. Items include clothing, collectibles, silver, holiday decorations, boutique corner, household items and more.

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City-Wide Yard Sale Brochures Available Now!

You can pick up the City Wide Yard Sale Brochure now at all City Facilities until 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 19. On the day of the City Wide Yard Sale event, Saturday, March 20, The Gulfport Municipal Marina, 4630 29th Ave. S., (Nautical Flea market day!) and Clam Bayou Park, 49th St. S. to 29th Ave. S. east to Miriam St. S., (Clam Bayou Clean up day!) will be the main hubs to pick up your brochure. If you choose to print it online, go to the www.mygulfport.us main page under Latest News then click "City Wide Yard Sale" link (use 2 pages of 8" ½ x 14" paper).

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from front page Jennifer Salmon said. Salmon asked that council get an expert to make a presentation. Mayor Yakes explained that the council had already heard this ordinance once and the time for presentations had passed. Salmon asked that the city revisit the ordinance to see if it was working after two years. Interim city attorney Andrew Salzman said Salmon could request information after 18 months to determine the effectiveness of the ordinance.

The other council members expressed no concern about the ordinance.

"We're not breaking new ground here," Vice-mayor King told Salmon. King, who brought the request for

such a law to council, previously used Seminole as an example of a local city with an anti-tethering ordinance. "There are about six different organizations who have studied this and came to the conclusion that tethering is a bad thing. (None of those agencies) talks about the dangers of crating; they talk about the dangers of tethering."

The audience gathered responded with applause when council passed the ordinance unanimously.

The ordinance takes effect on April 16 and the specific rules about tethering are available from Police Chief Rob Vincent at 893-1030. To

find the rules online, download the agenda packet from Tuesday night's council meeting at MyGulfport.us or click on the Gabber's Facebook icon at TheGabber.com.

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New Morning Yoga class

A new morning Yoga class is held on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 a class or \$35 if you pay by the month. 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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Correction

Last week we not only misspelled John Riesebeck's surname (spelled correctly here), we inadvertently gave the wrong address for his proposed restaurant. The correct address is 5145 Gulfport Boulevard. We regret the error.

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

Free Theater on the Bay

Tomorrow will mark the last movie of the season. City of Gulfport's "Theater on the Bay" is Friday, March 19 at 7 p.m. on the Recreation Field

(the corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 58th St. S.).

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

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

Community Food Pantry

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Gulfport Elementary's Annual Fundraising Yard Sale is Saturday, March 20, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be on the same day as the City Wide Yard Sale, The Nautical Flea Market, the Clam Bayou Cleanup and the Gulfport Art Walk! Make Gulfport Elementary, 2014 52 Street S., your first stop on your Yard Sale adventure!

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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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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Family Movie Nights in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH: The St. Pete Beach Community Center is now offering brand-new Family Movie Nights on the third Friday of every month.

These family-friendly events cost just \$2 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$3 for non-residents. Every month will have a new theme, complete with decorations, a themed movie, funny photos and plenty of party favors to go around. Bring your chairs or blankets to enjoy the show. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Join them for the kick-off event on March 19 at 7 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. They will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a special showing of "The Magical Legend of the Leprechauns". Call the Recreation Division at 363-9245 for details.

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Seniors' Chat Room

Experience table topics with the Gulfport Senior Center's Chat Room

every Friday at 2 p.m. The Center is located at 5501 27 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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A Celebration of Island History

Gulf Beaches Historical Museum will celebrate its anniversary month on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum houses an extensive collection of archives, articles, memorabilia, photographs and cultural artifacts that tell the story of their island history.

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!

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Kenwood Art in the Park



Photo by Leigh Clifton

Sallie Hackett-Brown stands with one of her sculptures at the Kenwood Annual Art in the Park Celebration last Saturday afternoon. Hackett-Brown, who won Best of Show, makes sculptures out of ready made materials on hand. "I call them RE-construction sculptures, because I use previously tooled components," she explained. The day was a beautiful one but got a bit blustery later in the afternoon and several artists had trouble keeping their artwork hanging.

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Third Saturday Art Walk

Celebrate a new decade with an old tradition at the Gulfport Third Saturday Art Walk on Saturday, March 20 from 6-10 p.m. and absorb Gulfport's authentic "Old Florida" atmosphere.

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

For more information on many other Gulfport events, go to www.ExploreGulfport.com or www.GulfportFlorida.us.

Spring Bonnet Tea at Woman's Club

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle N.E. is presenting the 11th Annual Spring Bonnet Tea on Sunday, March 28 from 2-4 p.m. The event offers tasty morsels to tempt your palate. Hats are encouraged. Wear your prettiest, funniest or most unique hat, prizes will be given. Please come and bring a friend. Suggested donation is \$10. A tour of their Historical Clubhouse is featured. Reservations by calling 823-2088 or 865-6825.

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Players to Hold Membership Meeting

The Gulfport Community Players will hold a General Membership Meeting on Friday, March 26 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Players' Back Door Theater, located at 4919 17 Avenue S. in Gulfport. Look for their sign on 49th Street South. The Treasurer will present financial reports on the Players and you can also see the set for their next play, "Cookin' with Gus" while at this meeting. Present and past members are welcome, as well as anyone interested in finding out more about the Gulfport Community Players. Join them for the meeting and learn more about their group and their work in bringing quality live theater to the City of Gulfport.

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Karaoke and Egg Hunt on Corey Avenue

Celebrate the last Friday of March on Corey Avenue with a quirky theme of Karaoke and Easter Egg Hunt. On Friday, March 26 from 5-8 p.m. join others singing along in the courtyard "karaoke style". Then work yourself around participating stores hunting for Easter eggs filled with coupons, prizes, candies and more! The one with the most eggs found by 8 p.m. will win the Grand Prize of a \$50 shopping certificate good at any participating merchant. Free wine and refreshments. Corey Avenue is in downtown St. Pete Beach. Visit www.coreyave.com or call 727-498-8778.

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Four year old Sage Icaza gets her face painted by artist Dawn Gurtner at the Crawfish and Zydeco Festival last Sunday. The great weather at the festival drew large crowds, who came for the crawfish, beer and zydeco music. By 2:30 on Sunday afternoon, Sal's Riverside Seafood Distributer, from New Orleans, had run out of 4000lbs of crawfish. Sal had ordered 2000 lbs more to be delivered Sunday morning got hung up at the airport in Atlanta and never made it down to Florida.

Spaces Still Available for Springfest

Gulfport's 15th Annual Chamber of Commerce SpringFest has vendor openings for their Spring event on March 27th. Participants sought are "hands on" activities as well as child and teen friendly vendors. SpringFest is co-sponsored by the City of Gulfport and takes place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 27. SpringFest attracted approximately 15,000 patrons in 2009, and is expected to expand again this year! The event is free to attend and features a bonnet contest and parade, food, a children's area, live music on two stages, a Chalk Art Contest and a fine selection of purveyors with many brilliant wares. For vendor information call 727-322-5217 or visit <http://SIKPromotions.com/>.

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Quakers to Present Forum on Social Issues

ST. PETERSBURG: The St. Petersburg Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) is launching a new Saturday evening forum series that will focus on many of today's most relevant and controversial social issues. The forums will feature guest speakers, films, discussions and other creative ways to explore the topics. All the programs are free, and open to the public. A goodwill offering that will benefit a cause related to the topic of the forum will be taken at each event.

The first forum is slated for Saturday, March 20 at 7 p.m. at the Quaker Meeting House, located at 190 19 Avenue SE in St. Petersburg. It will focus on racial equality and will include a film followed by a discussion facilitated by Wendy Loomas. Loomas is a member of the Quakers and works for the Pinellas County Health Department.

The film is entitled "The Story We Tell". It explores the roots of the race concept, including the 19th-century science that justified it and how it gained such a hold over our minds. It explores how what we assume to be normal, commonsense, even scientific, is actually shaped by our history, social institutions and cultural beliefs. The film is about 56 minutes in length.

The St. Petersburg Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is part of the liberal unprogrammed sect of Quakers. Meeting for Worship is held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. There is an adult first day school at 9:30. Services last an hour.

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Gulfport Names Vice-Mayor: Michele King



Michele King will serve as the Gulfport's new vice mayor. Although the outgoing city council's policy allowed each ward representative a chance to serve as vice-mayor, council abandoned that policy at Tuesday night's meeting and instead named King as vice-mayor, the second time she has held the title.

Under the old policy Sam Henderson would have filled the vacancy, left by outgoing councilmember Bob Worthington.

Only 20 minutes after brand-new council member Jennifer Salmon affirmed her oath of office, she suggested that the person in line for the position under current thinking—Henderson—constituted one of three "newbies" (ostensibly including herself and new councilmember David Hastings in that grouping) and that Michele King would make the better choice. Henderson took office in March 2009 and King in March 2005. King first served as vice mayor in March 2008.

Salmon nominated Michele King and the council agreed unanimously.

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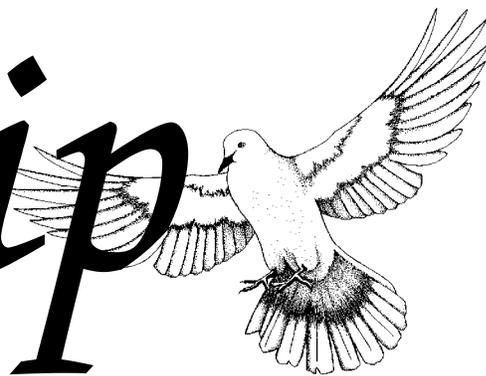
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Tickets for the Blast Picnic are now available from your building rep. Stella's Deli in Gulfport is catering the picnic. A delicious lunch of a croissant sandwich, potato salad,

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The Bocce Dinner Dance is set for this Saturday in the clubhouse lounge at 5:30 p.m. They have 250 guests ready to enjoy "Frank Sinatra" (Dale Williams) and a delicious meal catered by Lee Roy Selmon's.

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Rena Massey in Concert at Pilgrim Church

On Sunday, March 21 at 3 p.m., Pilgrim Congregational United

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Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner

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

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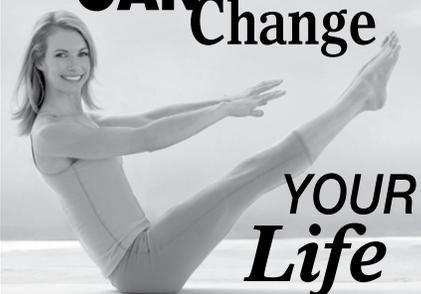
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Smoker, from front page

Agency (EPA), Riesebeck said, only regulates the opacity of the smoke.

Riesebeck said he planned to light his smoker at 5 a.m. and told council that lighting the smoker would produce the majority of the smoke. He produced photos of his smoker shortly after he lit it; those photos showed a plume of white smoke coming out of the top of the smoker.

"You can actually control, to a point, how much smoke comes out of it because you have damper and you can close the damper," Riesebeck told council in response to Salmon's concerns.

"We've contacted the state and the county and no one's aware of any EPA-certified smoker," Fred Metcalf told council in response to King's query as to whether or not the EPA certified smokers. One opponent of the smoker, Mark Gildauskis, suggested at Tuesday night's meeting as well as during a Planning and Zoning meeting two weeks ago that Riesebeck buy an EPA-certified smoker.

Although the council and the public discussed the emissions from Riesebeck's smoker at length, city manager Jim O'Reilly reminded council that the vote before them did not address the emissions or the possibility of the smoker as a nuisance in the city. Instead, he told them, they had to vote on a zoning issue.

"We're not regulating smoking; we're regulating the zoning," O'Reilly explained as questions about regulating the smoker arose.

"We have no 'pollution' standards for a smoker," Freshman council

member David Hastings said. He said that some county employees receive training to rate the density (also called opacity) of the smoke emissions from the smoker. The county allows 19% or less visible omissions. Hastings did not say that this training would teach employees to test for particulate matter, carcinogens, or other potential toxins.

"As much as we don't want to hear this, businesses are allowed to pollute... just like our vehicles. We're all polluters out here. Here, we have

no standards (like a vehicle has)," Hastings said.

Hastings added that he felt Gulfport should give Riesebeck the opportunity to prove his business would not be a nuisance.

"If he opens up his business and he creates a nuisance, then we have a statute that covers that."

Hastings, King and Yakes voted for the smoker; Henderson and Salmon voted against. Riesebeck said he plans to start serving food tomorrow (Friday) at his new location.

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Book Discussion Group

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

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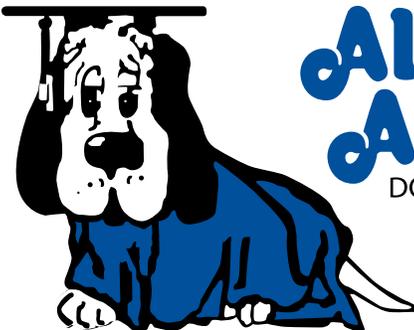
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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The weather was breezy but that did not interfere with the garden center program or viewing the plants at the nursery. It was a good outing.

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The Gabbs

By Leigh Clifton

Do you believe in global warming and do you think it's responsible for the erratic weather patterns we've been experiencing?



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Jeremiah Joseph, So. Pasadena: "Oh yeah, I think it's real, but I don't like to get into the politics of it. But there has to be repercussions for our action. Look at all the extremes in weather we've been experiencing. There's got to be a reason, not just because. The large amounts of snowfall and record breaking heat have been a good indicator that it's not just a little warming going on. We're just destroying our planet and eventually she's gonna kick us out!"

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Arnika Shenn, Gulfport: "Absolutely ... I was actually just talking to my mother about what a weird winter it's been and about all the rain we've had and strange temperature changes. It's been really cold, 30 degrees for a week, then turning 78-80 degrees the next. I do believe that global warming has got a lot to do with this particular winter because I noticed a lot of changes in the environment and global warming has started to become a bigger issue. I live on the water and I don't usually think about global warming as much as I should. People just push it to the side and don't think about it and they should. This is our Earth and we should take care of it; just be more green. Turn off the TV and the computer. Start to develop a daily routine that includes using less energy. That would make a difference. Maybe not a big difference, but it's a start at least. I think we need to teach more about conserving our resources in school. It was never really an issue for our generation, but for today's kids, they are the ones who will make the biggest impact. The more the next generation goes green, the more positive impact it will have on the environment."

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Larry McDaniels, St. Pete: "I do believe that there are consequences for our actions; climate changes, snow amounts, even earthquakes, while maybe not totally attributable to global warming, may certainly be helped along by our destruction of our resources. I don't think it's all attributable, but we're definitely aiding it. The Earth has gone through some natural phases; we had the Ice Ages, tropical heat and major changes that could just be the Earth going through its own cleansing process. It's the Earth's defense mechanism. We could be damaging the normal earth cycles. I mean, the Ice Age cleaned everything out, kind of like a reset button. WE may be helping it along and taking it to a more rash state."

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Letters

Thank you, Cathy

Dear Editor: Cathy Salustri's article in your March 11 issue concerning cancer is the finest article directed to the layman that I have ever read. It is thoroughly sympathetic to people facing cancer but written with a sense of humor that makes the distasteful subject palatable. Her observation of people living with cancer or who have died from this dreaded disease is exceptionally moving. Congratulations to Ms. Silustri for such a personal yet insightful article.

Gil Perloth

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Hundreds Blog Budget Ideas for County

There were 594 unique readers that logged on to Pinellas County's first eTownHall on Monday night, with 335 comments blogged, and 304 posted. Those that were not posted did not meet the terms of participation.

As questions were received and posted, the Board of County Commissioners addressed the issues that the bloggers sent in during the live meeting that was part of the eTownHall format.

All of the questions will be reviewed, with the answers posted on the eTownHall website. Participants are asked to check the website periodically. Similar questions may be collectively answered.

The eTownHall meeting, as well as the three public budget meetings held throughout the county this month, provides the commission with feedback that will help them prioritize as they approach the task of cutting \$60 million from the fiscal year 2011 budget.

The third Public Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, March

18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Gibbs High School, 850 34 Street S. in St. Petersburg.

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

For more information on the meetings, visit www.pinellascounty.org or call (727) 464-3000.

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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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Gulfport Springfest

The 15th Annual Gulfport Springfest Street Festival celebration is planned for Saturday, March 27 from noon 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 with simple materials and some creativity and attend the festivities. 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.

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Solution on Page 18

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- 5 Gem State capital
- 10 Wire measurement
- 13 Ms. Caron's role, and namesakes
- 15 Exhausted
- 16 Mountain in Turkey
- 17 Christmas fare
- 19 Sparks or Rorem
- 20 Legalese term
- 21 Pouch
- 22 Tea type
- 23 Nods
- 25 Obtuse
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- 28 Computer need
- 31 Fitting
- 34 "Desire Under the ___"
- 37 WWI soldier
- 38 Classroom adjunct
- 41 Initials of a U.S. poet
- 42 Dutch painter Jan
- 43 Person
- 44 Kind of gin
- 46 NNW's opposite
- 47 Lead-in to physics or turf
- 48 Dairy offerings: L.
- 50 Not leased

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- 53 Sells
- 58 Diana, of films
- 60 Louis XV, for one
- 62 Pertaining to 60 Across
- 63 Diving seabird
- 64 Accompaniment to 17 Across
- 66 Certain cap
- 67 Child star McDowell
- 68 Beat
- 69 Retiring
- 70 Fiery crime
- 71 Cape

ACROSS

- 18 Detach
- 22 Argumentative words
- 24 What a cobbler does
- 26 Puppy bites
- 29 Small endings
- 30 Put a piano right
- 31 ___ Khan
- 32 Good grade
- 33 Christmas fare
- 35 "Honi soit qui ___ y pense"
- 36 Fox's scent
- 39 Owl and dance
- 40 Organic compound
- 45 "God bless us ___ one!"
- 49 Man. Project result
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- 65 Prefix for power

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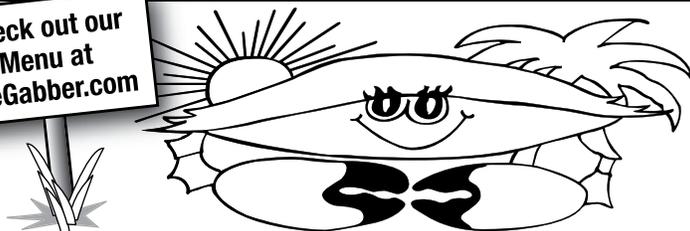
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Saying Goodbye

Dogs' lives are too short. Their only fault, really. -- Agnes Sligh Turnbull

My pal Idol died last week. He was 11.

We humans console ourselves and each other by saying things like, "Well, 11 is 77 in dog years." True, but that's a mathematical conversion that does nothing to diminish my pain. It feels too short. Too soon. It feels that way in my heart and in my bones, but it wasn't.

Idol was my big, beautiful boy. Whip-smart, playful and always there for me, it was my turn to go to bat for him. He was suffering from a degenerative spinal disease that left him unable to get up, unable to

relieve himself. My wife and I made the decision to end his suffering. It wasn't easy, but it was right.

We knew we were going to do it the next day, and you know tomorrow is going to come, so we said our goodbyes. My wife and I told Idol how much he meant to us, how much he had added to our lives. Did he understand that? Not in our English terms. But he felt our love. He knew.

The next day, we drove him to the veterinary clinic. We had discussed the whole thing with the vet beforehand. The procedure was painless. I held Idol's head in my lap and told him how much I loved him, how much joy he gave me, how much he helped me.

And then I cried. Not like a baby, but like a grown man who had just

lost his dog. That's what we do when we lose someone we love. If love could be measured in tears, Idol would be pleased with himself. Then again, what makes dogs so special is that they don't demand proof of love. They don't quantify it or keep score or withhold theirs in an attempt to extort ours. They simply give it and give it and give it, never once making the obvious judgment that only a fool would let it go unrealized. I'm proud to know this much of myself: I am no such fool.

I can practically track my life through all my dogs. I can think of no milestone or special occasion that was not intrinsically linked to the canines in my life at the time. I'm ever grateful for the albums crammed with pictures of great dogs alongside growing kids, and for the videos that allow me to watch them run, bark and play, that will forever remind me of their voices, quirky habits and the funny faces they made. In Idol's case, I even kept a lock of his fur.

Someone you love can never live too long. And any dog owner will tell you they never live long enough. Some people deny themselves the transformative experience of canine companionship because they're afraid of losing the animal, they're afraid of the pain. Maybe they went through it once and it was so painful they can't bear to do it again. Or maybe they haven't yet mustered the courage to risk the searing pain that comes with love, canine or otherwise.

Even now, though, sad as I am, I would do it all over again and again. Yes, I have other dogs at home with me right now. And that helps. But a dog is a dog is a dog is untrue. And while a relationship with a dog may be short in human terms, little else compares to the sweetness of those years.

RIP, Idol -- a dog who loved like a true friend and was loved in kind.

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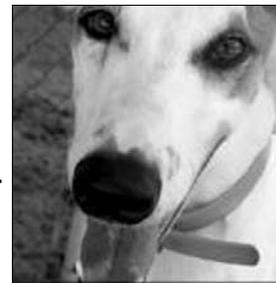
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Horoscope Guide

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The mistake happened when you backed off instead of going forward. You didn't want to push it. Unfortunately, the path of least resistance is not always readily available to you. The problem you face can only be solved with more courage, endurance or resolve. And you might have to push, too. That's what's called for.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No wonder people want to be around you. You are cheerful, interested and helpful. What they don't know is that you may not actually be feeling that way on the inside -- at least not at first. But your habit of acting as though you feel terrific always wins out eventually, and you become just as happy as the act.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Reaching out, caring and building relationships through shared fun are serious business, worthy of your best attention. If you have trouble allowing yourself to cut loose, tell yourself that you're doing it for the survival of the human species, which depends on the connections we make with one another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You wouldn't mind if a certain person paid a little more (or a lot more) attention to you. You can be captivating when you put your mind to it. You may be moving too fast, not giving this person the chance to notice you. Slow it down to half the speed, and you may very well attract the attention you've been craving all along.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be putting your whole self into a job, and you will succeed because you are brave enough to do this. Others in your position have held back, afraid of the criticism they would get and the pain that might cause. You realize that what others think of your work is not the point -- at least not at this juncture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being creative is not just about being able to

paint a picture. It takes imagination to solve even the most practical of business, finance or basic lifestyle issues. A sensitive artist type will bring out your creativity this week. Although, you're already so inspired that it really doesn't take much coaxing to light your fire.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll need your environment to serve a different function than it once did. You'll be designing a space to new specifications. Maybe you'll be turning an area into a workspace. You'll be extremely productive once this project is finished, though it may take a while. Keep only what is useful or positively meaningful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a bit of trouble with someone who is too self-conscious to understand what you need, let alone deliver it. Consider how insecure and fragile this person must feel. That will help you think the nicest thought possible when you look into his or her eyes. Believing the best in people just might make it so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will be harder to connect with someone you know well than it is to connect with a stranger. That's because there's so much water under the bridge with your familiar one. Not to worry, there is hope in mending things or breathing new excitement into them. Start simple. Detect the other person's energy, and respond.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have put yourself in such a position that there is no backing down. You knew this would be the way, and on some level, you did it on purpose. You knew that if you had no choice, you would be forced to succeed -- and succeed you will. You are capable of a great deal more than you imagine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The old methods of managing your personal life need an update, and

an organized friend helps you forge new habits. This weekend, you will finally be participating in that event you've been looking forward to for so long -- and yes, the experience will be all you had hoped it would be. A Taurus is your lucky contact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've put off a pleasurable task long enough. Why delay your satisfaction any longer? You deserve to feel just as taken care of as the people you have been caring for. This weekend, everyone enjoys being generous with you, so you may as well get used to it. Your sincere thanks is all they want in return.

This Week's Birthdays: This year turns up your zest for life. The increased passion touches your personal life first, and relationships become both exciting and tender through April. You discover your independence at work in May. A wound of the spirit will be healed in June. Your finances will reflect your improved self-esteem, and you'll work hard and smart enough to net a big summer bonus. Education and travel will be featured in September. 2011 kicks off with a meaningful and memorable kiss.

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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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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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Gabber March 18 - March 24, 2010

Beach Fish Fry



Photo by Melissa Lattman

4-year-old Max enjoyed a night out with his Mimi Angello at the Lenten Fish Fry held at the St. John Vianney Church on Blind Pass in St. Pete Beach. The Angellos enjoyed the night out. Max said his favorite part of the food was making his own root beer float. The Friday dinners from 4:30 until 7 p.m. go through March 26. The menu includes pizza and baked and fried fish with prices ranging from \$5-10 for a complete meal. The Hubbard Family of Friendly Fisherman Seafood Restaurant in Madeira Beach donates most of the food. Proceeds benefit the church's school.

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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

• 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 in the A. M. – Starts March 17th, Wed., 9 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

• Yoga - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

• Zumba – Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Daniela at 561-302-6174.

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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.

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.

Short Stories Study Group: Monday, March 22, 1:00 pm. Presented by local chapter of Brandeis University Women.

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, March 27, 1:00 pm.

Crafts Club for All Ages: Saturday, March 27, 2:00 pm.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank You, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee: Did you know that there are members of this community who are looking out for you? The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee members are appointed by City Council to serve as your advocate. The following announcements are some of their suggestions to help market programs and activities for seniors.

Coffee Shop: How about a cup of coffee and some delicious pastry? There's a comfortable spot waiting for you at the Senior Center Snack Bar. Breakfast and lunch items are also available. Great prices! Come check us out!

GEMS Goes to Fresh Market: Thinking about getting some fresh produce at Gulfport Fresh Market on Tuesday mornings? The GEMS Mini-Bus would like to take you there for free on the last Tuesday of each month from 9am to noon. You don't even have to be a registered GEMS member for this trip but you do have to live in Gulfport! Would you like an arm to lean on? A Senior Center volunteer would love to assist you. Come and take advantage of what Gulfport offers at the Fresh Market! Call GEMS at 893-2242 to make your reservation.

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 are 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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:

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.

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

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Tues. March 30 at 10am

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

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

Art Class: There are a few more openings in the Art Class that meets on Mondays at 4pm. Free.

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 1pm starting March 29 & at 6:30pm.

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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6-8 Lessons, 8-11pm Swing Dance

Every Thursday

Salsa Dance 7-10pm \$7

7-8:30pm Lessons,

8:30-10pm Dance

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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Gulfport CERT Announces Website

The Gulfport Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is pleased to announce their new website. The site can be accessed at

www.GulfportCERT.com and through The Citizens Corps website. The CERT website has many features including a calendar of upcoming events, news, weather information, and special announcements. If you would like to know more or become a volunteer you can contact them at www.gulfportcert.com.

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

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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 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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Yoga Classes in St. Pete Beach

The St. Pete Beach Community Center located at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive is offering Yoga classes appropriate for all skill levels. Check out the St. Pete Beach website www.spbrec.com under Adult Programs, Yoga Classes, or contact Wendy Hessinger 727-686-0123, Cathy Sattler 727-367-7573, or Osha Ray 805-680-3877.

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Fort DeSoto Beach Cleanup and Picnic

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Elder Consumer Protection Expo

The Elder Consumer Protection Program is hosting the Bay Area Elder Consumer Protection Expo on April 20 from 9-2 p.m. at Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61 Street S. in Gulfport.

Free and open to the public, the expo offers materials and services promoting knowledge about consumer protection related matters. Event features free shredding services to discard unwanted personal papers, Do-Not-Call / Opt-Out / Credit Report Registration kiosks, exhibit booths by various federal, state, and local agencies and Consumer Protection Information Sessions. Free Continental Breakfast and door Prizes.

For more information, please contact Slade V. Dukes at or email to elderconsumers@law.stetson.edu.Space and food may be limited; RSVP encouraged.

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Arts Gathering Kicks Off Vision with "Pot Luck"

GULFPORT: A small but growing number of Gulfport residents have a vision in mind with a simple but apt name: "The Gathering." At the Gathering, the work of local fine artists would be on display and for sale in a gallery centrally located in what has historically been Gulfport's "Art Village." At the same facility, artists in residence would have studio spaces devoted to the creation of their work.

To dedicate and draw attention and energy to this new effort, a "pot luck" event will be held on Thursday, April 1st from 7 to 9 p.m. at Peg's Cantina and Brew Pub, 3038

Beach Boulevard S. in Gulfport. An original work of art valued at \$350 by local award-winning glass artist Owen Pach is currently on display at Peg's. Chances to win the art work are now available for \$5 each at Peg's. Chances are also available at Domain Home Accessories, 3129 Beach Blvd. South, where additional glass art pieces by Mr. Pach are available. The drawing will be held at 8 p.m. Funds from the "pot luck" will be used to defray non-profit

organizational start-up costs for The Gathering.

Live music by local trio Blue Cypress will also be featured during the April 1st event. Blue Cypress offers spare and sweet arrangements of old and original alt-Americana-style tunes, with guitar, banjo and lead vocals by Erin Janus.

For more information about this event, contact Peg's Cantina at 727-328-2720.

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Local Obituaries



CLEVELAND, PEARL WALLACE, 93, of Gulfport, died on March 9. Born in Doeville, TN, on May 20, 1916, to Daniel Stacy and Mary Alice Stout

Wallace, she was predeceased by her nine brothers and sisters. In 1937, she married Herbert A. Cleveland of Avondale, PA who was killed in France during World War II. Mrs. Cleveland moved to Gulfport in 1953, and is survived by two daughters, Barbara Cleveland Dye and Sharon Cleveland Layman; grandson Bryan Keith Layman; great grandson Brandon Keith Layman, a special niece Hazel Weaver of Elizabethton, TN and her daughter Debbie Sparks of Jonesborough, TN as well as many nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews and great great-nieces and nephews and their families.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your church or favorite charity. ALifeTribute FuneralCare - Gulfport.

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DANIEL, CLARA, 89, of So. Pasadena, passed peacefully on March 2, 2010. Survived by her children, Patricia, Cynthia and Kenneth and their spouses; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren. Mass will be celebrated at St. John Vianney, St. Pete Beach, on Tuesday, April 6 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.

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LEWIS, MARY ALICE KEATING, 90, of South Pasadena, died March 9, 2010. Survived by her loving family. Online obit www.gunterfuneralhome.com. E. Dale Gunter Funeral Home St. Petersburg, 727-528-2880.

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Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions will be presenting their fourth Pancake Breakfast of the season on Saturday, April 3 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please note these new serving hours.

Breakfast will be served at the Gulfport Lions Center, 4630 Tifton Drive S. in the Gulfport Marina Area. Pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs and sausage with coffee or tea to drink, and all you care to eat at the donation price of \$4 per person. Bring your entire family and friends and spend an enjoyable morning overlooking beautiful Boca Ceiga Bay. You might even see some manatees. Children really love these breakfasts.

When you come and support their fund raising activities, you are doing much to help us help those in need. Gulfport Lions is a service organization meeting the needs of those less fortunate.

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Grief Support Group Continues

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

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Tax Service Available at Gulfport Library

AARP Tax Service will be at the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28 Avenue S. This is a free service for seniors or others on low or fixed incomes on Fridays through April 9. Doors open at 10 a.m. and no new clients are admitted after 3 p.m. This is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring all tax papers and a copy of last year's return.

In addition, AARP Tax-Aide offers taxpayers a year-round opportunity to pose questions to online volunteers 24 hours a day, seven days a week,

from the comfort of home, at no charge. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

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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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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Your New Health Care Plan

By the time you read this (I'm writing on a Sunday night) you may have a health care law whether you want it or not. It may be 2,000 or 3,000 pages long. I say "may" because it's not all written yet. House and Senate Democrats are tweaking a Senate Bill that already passed the Senate in the hopes that the House will vote for that bill and eliminate the necessity of going for 60 (super majority) votes in the Senate for a new, conference bill.

It's all very complicated legally and parliamentarian-wise speaking, but it gets around Republican opposition. Actually it's a ram-down-jam-down move cloaked in a process call reconciliation which is anything but reconciling. Anyway, it is very unlikely that any legislator will have read the entire bill. A 12 or so page summary covers a lot of the ground, but one does have to wonder what's in the other 2,000 plus pages.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi advocated passing the bill so we could see what is in it. She later said the bill would permit artists, writers and others to quit their day jobs to pursue their dreams without worrying about health care. I guess she has a point. With food stamps and health care paid for, one could pretty well drift around worrying only about housing and transportation. It's not a bad deal on someone else's buck. If only we had free housing, too.

Whatever. The proposal, in less than 12 pages, provides health care coverage for 31 million uncovered people. Medicaid (the state program for the indigent) is expanded. Medicare Advantage is clipped. Families with incomes of up to \$88,000 get subsidies. Insurance companies have to provide certain minimum benefits - no pre-conditions.

Individuals have to get insurance or pay a fine. Companies with over 50 employees have to provide benefits or pay a per capita fee. Medicare will be clipped by \$500 million by

lessening fraud and establishing "better practices" procedures and controlling fees to providers. There will be 1,200 new community health centers built and staffed. There will be a new national health corps (Is that pronounced "corpse"?).

Health care "exchanges" will be established by the insurance companies so that people can shop policies. These will be private insurance companies, but the process will be managed by the federal government. The IRS will monitor the enforcement side.

To pay for this, insurance companies, pharmaceutical and medical equipment companies will endure certain fees and/or taxes and insurance company rates will be regulated and controlled. Rich people, those with individual incomes over \$200,000 and families with \$250,000 will have tax surcharges placed upon them. Medicare taxes (including the employers' share) for those folks will be expanded to cover interest, dividends, royalties, rents and just about everything not already taxed. That should kill the incentive to invest.

All this expanded health care and benefits is, of course, free, but will not go into effect until 2014. The taxes are effective immediately. It is bragged that this will create revenue for the federal government in the next ten years. There are some "ifs". That's if medical costs rise only modestly, and you count ten years of revenue and only six years of coverage. After that, the Congressional Budget Office can't really predict. Critics say it will add \$1 trillion to the federal debt in a decade. It may depend upon how costs are measured and allocated.

It is expected that the new benefits required by the government will cause increasing premiums for those who already have coverage. That happened in Massachusetts. By the way, nearly 85 per cent of the country has health benefits and most are satisfied with their policies.

Oh, by the way, the House is talking about attaching another bill to

this one. It would eliminate federal guarantees for private lenders for student loans. Government would make the loans themselves and use the savings to expand student grants.

It is difficult to understand how this great expansion of care and benefits will not cost more money. That's for a government already \$5.8 trillion in debt (up from \$3.8 trillion in 1990) and headed toward \$12.5 by 2019 (that's three times the 2010 budget). This would take the per capita government debt from \$39,500 to \$62,095.

The irony is that a new report came out last week that American citizens are reducing their personal debts for the first time since the 1940s. That's due partly to the recession and partly to changing personal habits. It looks like those savings will flow straight to the government.

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Sixth Annual Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes Draws the Curious and Sentimental

By Leigh Clifton

*Continued
from front page*

Dolly Tickell had high praise for the City of Gulfport, who volunteered the green trolley and a school bus to shuttle the crowds to and from the homes in the tour.

“The City has been really great to us,” Tickell smiled. “This is our sixth year and it just keeps growing. Gulfport has such a rich history and such wonderful homes to see.”

Some of the homes have an average look about them; it's only after you cross the threshold that you are transformed and can realize the vision the homeowner had. Some homes, like Alex Ertz' bungalow home on Beach Drive, are uber-modern, with minimalist details and clean lines. The dichotomy is striking; the outside of the house has a traditional sea green and burgundy exterior. Another home, #3 on the tour, owned by Mike Knettel and Bobbie Stapleton, is an actual kit home from Sears



The Lowry's totally to-die-for kitchen.

and Roebuck. Mike was working on the house when he saw some numbers on beams in the eaves.

It was then that he realized that the house was ordered from

the old Sears catalogue; each and every piece of the house was numbered, like a puzzle to be put together. The house is dated 1922. “I looked up the price for this

house in 1922,” Knettel said. “The owners paid \$1,980 for it back then!”

Mike had just finished placing the marble counters and flooring in the kitchen the night before the tour. His efforts were well worth it; the kitchen is airy and beautiful. The shower off of the kitchen is extraordinary, with directional shower heads and block glass. He also built an outside shower of the back deck; Mike is a very clean guy but will never be able to order Chinese again...

you'll have to ask him about the story...

While Jody Shingledecker and Dino DiNardo have a wonderfully renovated home on the inside, it's the backyard at the tour's #4 stop that's the actual showplace. Huge, lush and tropical, the backyard is the perfect place for entertaining, with a ping-pong table, fire-pit, ring toss, horseshoe pit and of course, a cold keg of beer on tap 24/7. The couple met in Key West and have kept up that wonderful “laissez la faire” attitude with their home.

Dino's workshop even boasts the original Dino's sign



Dino DiNardo in his Key West style back yard.

from the downtown St. Pete restaurant, given to him by the owner after the restaurant closed.

Number 5 on the tour was the stunning home of Shirley Lowry and her son Dean, an antiques dealer. Bought in 2006, the house on 52nd Street South had the absolute perfection of a kitchen; with dark cherry cabinets, granite countertops and state of the art appliances. But it is Dean's room that is the showcase for this particular property. He has built an addition to the back of the home; his bedroom with French doors opens up to a sumptuous garden, with a Koi pond, and a collection of exquisitely colored Australian finches. The whole home was filled with antiques from his travels. His bathroom has wooden frames from an old church around the bathroom mirrors and an archway of hand-painted tile that you enter for the bathtub. There's also a TV. It was a show-stopper. The Gulfport Little League set up a lemonade stand across from the house and many tour takers bought a glass of the pink thirst quencher.



The Sea Breeze Manor Bed and Breakfast was part of the Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes in Gulfport last weekend. Pictured is the beautiful entrance way and great room that boasts a fireplace and lovely french doors that open to the waterfront porch.

The Little League raised over \$200.

Another one of Roebuck's kit houses, #7,

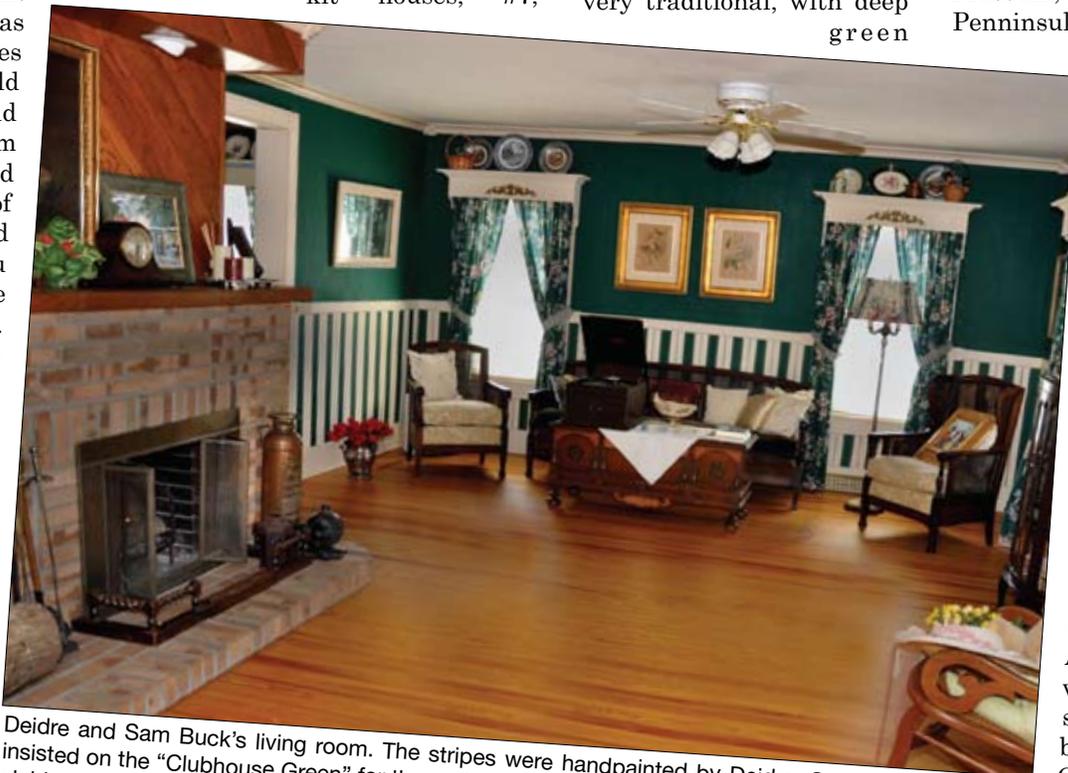
owned by Deidre and Sam Buck, is a huge property, by Gulfport's standards and boasts a salt-water pool in the backyard. The interior is very traditional, with deep green

house, #6 on the tour. It is now owned by lawyer Raandi Morales.

Other stops included the Gulfport Historical Museum, Scout Hall, The Peninsula Inn, La Cote D Basque, The Seaport Inn, and the Gulfport Arts Center among others.

Many of the homes and businesses on the tour offered a glimpse into the past of Gulfport rarely seen by the public. The owners were gracious in opening their homes to the appreciative sightseers. And the day was another spectacular, blue-sky day in Gulfport. Perfect.

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Deidre and Sam Buck's living room. The stripes were handpainted by Deidre. Sam, who is a golfer, insisted on the "Clubhouse Green" for the walls, so Deidre worked with it to make it "look less like the clubhouse".. she laughed. She said she went through miles of masking tape. The Bucks are downsizing and the amazing property is now for sale.

Gulfport Centennial Countdown Continues!

Gulfport's Centennial

100 Week Countdown to 100 Years!



This house certainly retains all of its Boomtimes beauty. Where is it, when was it built, and who was Tom Payne? Answer next week.

In just 30 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We'll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, places, and above all the decade of each picture as it comes along. To make it a little bit of a challenge, we won't publish the correct caption until the following week.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

Last week's photo was of pharmacist Merton Murphy, who operated the drug store in the 2800 block of Beach Boulevard from 1948 until his death ten years later. "Doc" Murphy often provided the only health care some Gulfport residents ever got. The picture is dated 1952 by Murphy's daughter Miki Vaughan.

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Gulfport City Council Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

"I hope that perhaps you'll maintain it on the dais," – Margarete Tober, who presented each councilmember with a framed copy of the city's mission statement

"I'd like to invite each and every one of you to come to our annual event, which is the FunDay,"—Jean Proach, on behalf of the Boca Ciega Yacht Club

"I have a lot of respect for councilmember Henderson but it seems like the three of us are kind of newbies," – Council member Jennifer Salmon, who asked Mayor Yakes to explain how the city council selected its vice-mayor

"Councilman Hastings said you make it and I'll second it and I'm sorry but that's out of the Sunshine," – Council member Jennifer Salmon

"I stopped coming to city council meetings because I stopped caring,"—Lisa Lombardo, who said she came only because Michele King asked her to speak on the dog tethering ordinance

"Her three minutes are up," – audience member about Jennifer Salmon

"I think it's a shame that we have to legislate common sense," Council member David Hastings, about the tethering ordinance

"In this family environment I don't want to elaborate any more than I already have,"—Chief of Police Robert Vincent, who explained that certain behaviors contributed to his desire to extend the hours during which the city closed Clam Bayou park

"Respect is something we all need to practice," –Mayor Mike Yakes, as he began to address the agenda item dealing with a smoker restaurant

"If there's an issue I'll try to fix it, that's part of being a good business owner," – John Riesebeck, about his smoker restaurant

"They've been there, standing next to the smoker, when they did their reports," – John Riesebeck, in response to Jennifer Salmon's comment that the EPA came out 24 hours or more after a complaint

"We really want to work on just sitting here... no applause,"—Mayor Mike Yakes, in response to audience applause for Al Davis' comments about council members and others who spoke against the process of smoking meat; earlier Davis commented on the apparent practice of some council members and others who practice selective environmentalism and champion certain causes while ignoring other environmental issues in Gulfport. Although he did not mention Clam Bayou in this comment, Davis frequently expresses his concern for the Bayou. This is the second time in a year the Mayor has silenced applause following Davis' comments about environmental issues.

"The only thing that goes in your house is the sweet smell of barbeque," –Phil LaRussa, who had experience living next to the smoking device proposed for operation on Gulfport Boulevard

"I'm just curious how many of the fine citizens of South Pasadena and unincorporated St. Petersburg have tried to close down Ted Peters,"—Pat Horan, addressing complaints about the proposed smoker restaurant and those who spoke against it

"It's a sad thing that it only takes a couple of morons,"—Council member Sam Henderson, about what he called borderline hate crime graffiti his daughter found on city property last weekend

I just want to clarify something that was stated about me. I was asked by Bob Newcomb to go look at Clam Bayou at low tide on what turned out to be Valentine's day and my husband objected,"—Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, who said she went and looked at Clam Bayou at another low tide later that week

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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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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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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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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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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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South Pasadena Annual Scholarship Award

South Pasadena residents and high school graduating students of the City of South Pasadena have until May 28, 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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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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New St. Pete Beach Commissioner to Take Oath

By Melissa Lattman



ST. PETE BEACH- The unopposed Commissioner Marvin Shavlan will take the oath of office at the St. Pete Beach City Commission meeting on March 23. The new District 3 commissioner was unopposed for the office, and outgoing District 3 Commissioner Christopher Leonard chose not to run for re-election.

Shavlan hopes to help bring the community together. He said divisiveness could be a reason he ran unopposed.

"We live in a very divisive community so it's possible some potential candidates may be concerned about being harassed and would rather not get involved," Shavlan wrote.

Shavlan believes his business experience at Bond Jewelers will help equip him to serve on the commission.

"As president and co-owner of a regional business for the last 20 years, I have the experience needed to evaluate the issues and make decisions that are in the best interest of the people I represent," he wrote.

The city budget and hotel redevelopment are what Shavlan thinks are the two most important issues in St. Pete Beach. He thinks the city can maintain its current level of service without raising taxes, "by coming up with creative ideas to increase revenues and making tough, sometimes unpleasant cost cutting decisions."

Shavlan thinks St. Pete Beach has been hit harder economically because of ongoing litigation.

"Our city has been affected more adversely because pending lawsuits have discouraged redevelopment. Had these frivolous lawsuits not been in place, St. Pete Beach would have had at least 2 more new hotels under construction, bringing jobs and spending to the area while positioning our community to take advantage of what will eventually be a rebounding economy," he wrote.

Shavlan said the threat of lawsuits wouldn't affect the way he governs. "You can't let this affect your decisions. You have to do what's in the best interests of the people you represent, no matter what."

While serving as commissioner Shavlan said he hopes to reduce costs, increase revenues, and enable hotel redevelopment. He would like to help create some sort of annual signature St. Pete Beach event that will draw locals as well as tourists.

Shavlan, 54, has lived in town for nine years and in Pinellas County for 52 years. He graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. While this is his first time on the city's commission Shavlan served on the city's historic preservation committee. He's married and enjoys boating and running in his free time.

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- Traffic Stop Failed to Stop-** 2200 Blk 54th St. S.
- Traffic Stop Failed to Stop-** 2200 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2600 Blk 44th St. S.
- Theft-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5300 Blk Dellett Ave. S.
- Traffic Stop Failed to Stop-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Saturday 3/6

- Arrest on Warrant-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 6200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1300 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 3000 Blk 56th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** Tomlinson Park.
- Lost or Stolen Tag-** 6200 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 800 Blk 59th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 6200 Blk Vista Verde Dr. W.

Sunday 3/7

- Animal Complaint-** 2900 Blk 57th St. S.
- Drunk Driver-** 2800 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Open Door/Window-** 1500 Blk 58th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2700 Blk 46th St. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 5900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Accident with Injuries-** 5900 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 700 Blk 54th St. S.
- Prowler-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.

Monday 3/8

- Noise Complaint-** 2800 Blk 50th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 6200 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Crime Awareness Meeting

By Jeri Reed

The next Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention Meeting will not be held at the Neighborhood Center. We are taking our April meeting to Gulfport Beach on April 17 at 1 p.m. The event will be a pot luck picnic.

We are inviting our City Council, Police Department, Fire Department and all of our neighbors, City staff and friends. Our hope is to have an informal get-together picnic with our city leaders and first responders. This is a perfect opportunity to meet and talk with those whose job it is to serve and protect us, as well as represent us. To us, this is what makes Gulfport so special. Not many other cities around us would even consider having such an event. This is the brainstorm of the Zone 1 Crime Awareness group and we are proud to promote it!

For more information, contact Jeri Reed at jrvolunteer@aol.com, or at 727-548-5566 days or 727-327-3509 evenings.

- Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk 50th St. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.
 - Fight in Progress-** Trail.
 - Recovered Stolen Vehicle-** 800 Blk 59th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.
 - Domestic Verbal-** 5100 Blk 8th Ave. S.
 - Domestic Verbal-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
 - Domestic Assault-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Tuesday 3/9**
- Drunk Driver-** 6000 Blk Luana Ln. S.
 - Prowler-** 2900 Blk 59th St. S.
 - Criminal Mischief-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Domestic Verbal-** 1100 Blk Gray St. S.
 - Arrest on Warrant-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
 - Truant-** Lincoln Cemetery.
 - Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Wednesday 3/10**
- Trouble with Individual-** 1100 Blk Gray St. S.
 - Burglary-** 2000 Blk 27th Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 2000 Blk 59th St. S.
 - Burglary-** 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Burglary-** 4700 Blk Coronado Way S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 1000 Blk Hull St. S.
 - Theft-** 2000 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Theft-** 5300 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Street Obstruction-** 2000 Blk 55th St. S.
 - Domestic Verbal-** 2600 Blk Tifton St. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 2800 Blk Dupont St. S.
- Thursday 3/11**
- Battery-** 5300 Blk 7th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** Wood Ibis Park.

- Trouble with Individual-** 1100 Blk Gray St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 700 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Burglary-** 2600 Blk 44th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

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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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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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Casino Fundraiser to Benefit Chance Center

Come out to the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Boulevard S., on Friday, April 9 from 6-10 p.m. for "An Evening of FUNdraiSing". Event includes cash bar, prizes, food and karaoke. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. All proceeds to benefit the Chance Center, which provides and education and resources for those with liver disease. Call 323-7500.

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The next luncheon meeting of Chapter 1140 of The National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees will be held at The Fountains Key West Dining Room located at 1255 Pasadena Avenue S. on Wednesday, March 24 at 11:30 a.m. Please call 446-1619 or 214-2466 for reservations before Monday, March 22. The luncheon fee is \$5. At this meeting

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they will celebrate the Chapter's 40th anniversary. Beverly Wiltshire, retiring Chapter Historian, will give a brief history of the Chapter. This will be followed by the main program. The speaker will discuss Alzheimers and advances in the treatments of other dementias such as vascular dementia, Parkinsons, etc.

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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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Everyday Cheap\$kate

By Mary Hunt

5 Tips To Get You Into a Spring-Cleaning Mood

There is nothing like a beautiful spring day to bring out the housecleaner in even the most reluctant of us. If you're not quite so motivated as you'd like to be, perhaps today's reader tips will get you going!

SPRING-CLEANING. Last year, I found a gorgeous Michael Kors white nylon and leather handbag at T.J. Maxx for an unbelievable price. I gleefully bought it and used it. At the end of the season, I was perplexed about cleaning it. The nylon turned yellow with spot cleaning, and my dry cleaner wouldn't touch it. I sprayed the really dirty edges with spot cleaner, popped it into a lingerie bag and put it through my washing machine on the gentle cycle in cold water with normal laundry detergent. I was amazed that the bag came out sparkling white and clean. The leather was unscathed, and the brass fittings looked brand-new and shiny! I stuffed it with cotton towels and set it out in the sunshine to dry, and now I have a clean Michael Kors spring handbag!
-- Karen C., Tennessee

DOUBLE-DUTY DAWN. I love your reader tips and thought I would let you know that the tip from the "Cheapskate Solutions" booklet regarding using vinegar and Dawn dish soap as a shower cleaner works

great. As a bonus, that same mixture is also a fabulous spot remover on clothes. It removed red sauce and chocolate stains that had been through the washer and dryer. I love it! -- Stace H., New Hampshire

PASTA PLUMBER. Whenever I cook pasta, instead of draining the hot water down the kitchen sink, I pour the nearly boiling water down one of my bathroom drains. Gunky toothpaste, soap and shampoo melt and wash away. I rarely need to use harsh drain-cleaning products, and I never have had to call a plumber.
-- Barb R., New York

SHOWER BATH. I recently discovered that you can put a plastic shower curtain through the laundry to get rid of the film and gunk at the bottom. For me, a little OxiClean in cold water does the trick very nicely.
-- Lynne W., Minnesota

SHINY STEEL. A little olive oil rubbed into a stainless steel sink makes it shine. However, I've discovered that a cheap brand of baby oil does the job, as well. After I apply it, I rub the steel down thoroughly with a soft cloth. I owned a full-line retail bakery for almost 15 years, and this method kept all my stainless steel appliances looking like new more than a decade later. Any "everyday cheapskate" knows that a bottle of generic baby oil is a lot cheaper than a good bottle of olive oil. -- Eunice A., e-mail

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Sign Up for Pancreatic Cancer 5K Run/Walk

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

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

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2010 Pinellas County AARP Tax Sites

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

St. Petersburg:

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

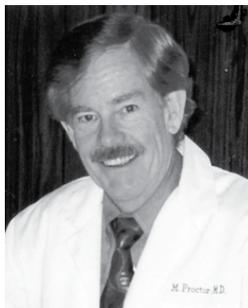
Gulfport and the Beaches:

- Gulf Beaches Public Library, 200 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach. Hours: 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.
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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

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received for 2009. Only 2009 income information can be accepted.

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

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

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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support

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

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A little too close to shore, Captain...



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A boat anchored out in Boca Ciega Bay broke loose during the violent weather last Friday afternoon and beached in the sand in front of the playground on Gulfport Beach. According to Gulfport Marine Patrol Sgt. Rob Burkhart, if a boat breaks loose, the owner will be notified and given a time limit to move the boat. If the owner fails to show up, the Gulfport PD calls one of the marine towing companies and the boat is taken to the Gulfport Municipal Marina, where the owner will have to pay both the slip fee and the towing fee. A loose boat can be an expensive ordeal, as this owner, no doubt, found out the hard way.

Get Ready for Spring Boating

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

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

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Dog Obedience Classes in St. Pete Beach

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

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Town Shores Red Hatters

They had a fun time at Bunko by celebrating a pre- St. Patrick's Day theme. Their next Bunko will be on April 16.

They invite you to attend the morning coffee meeting in the clubhouse lounge on Monday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m. There they will explore ideas and share what activities are being planned for the spring, summer and into the fall.

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Sale, Raffle to Benefit Friends of Strays

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

Thrift Shoppe is located at 3660 Gandy Boulevard in Pinellas Park across from The Shoppes at Park Place on US 19 North. Gift baskets including a Tradewinds Island Resorts Get Away Package will be part of the Chinese Raffle. Refreshments will be available to attendees. For advance sale tickets please call Lori at 727-522-6566. All proceeds directly benefit Friends of Strays Emergency Surgery and Special Treatment Fund.

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PARC Thrift Store Needs Donations

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

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

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By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

The Real Estate Buyer's Legal Checklist

One of the single largest investments of your lifetime may be when you purchase a home or some other type of real estate. In many cases, your entire life savings could be invested and potentially at risk. As a result, it is very important that any prospective purchaser of real estate proceed with a certain amount of caution.

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

The first document that a potential buyer of real estate will encounter is the Real Estate Purchase And Sale Agreement. This document is one of the most important papers you will sign in a real estate transaction. The details contained in this agreement

determine what real property you will buy and how you will buy it.

What is in this agreement also establishes what your rights and responsibilities are in the upcoming real estate transaction.

The following is a brief checklist of items which should be considered by a buyer of real estate:

1. What exactly are you purchasing? Are land, buildings and personal property included as part of the sale?

2. When will you be entitled to take possession of the property? Will the current owners need time after the closing to move out of the property? Can you live with this?

3. What kind of deed should the seller of the real estate give you? Should it be an agreement for deed, a quitclaim deed or a warranty deed?

4. Will the seller provide you with good, marketable title?

5. Who is responsible for the payment of real estate and other taxes? Will they be prorated?

6. What persons should be required to sign and accept the real estate contract and closing documents? Is it

necessary for both a husband and wife to sign the documents? Who should sign the documents if a corporation is involved in the deal?

7. What are the zoning or other restrictions on the use of the real property?

8. Are water, mineral or timber rights involved in the sale of the real estate? Have they been properly covered in the agreement?

9. In what time frame does the purchase offer need to be accepted or refused? Are there certain contingencies in the real estate contract which require satisfaction prior to the contract becoming effective and legally enforceable?

10. Who pays for the costs of title insurance, property inspection, intangible tax on the mortgage, documentary stamps and the broker fee?

These are but a few of the questions which should be answered before you sign a real estate agreement. Only then will you know if the real estate purchase you are contemplating will truly meet your needs.

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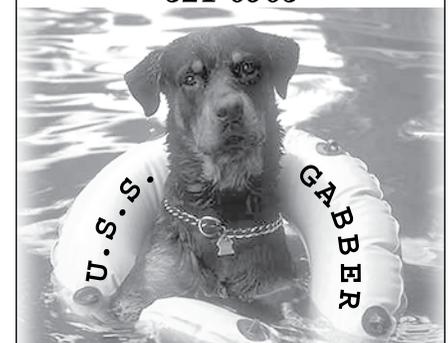
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Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

Tea Party Propaganda Leaves a Bad Aftertaste

Q: A friend of mine who calls himself a Tea Party activist just sent me the following information off the Internet. Can you please comment on it? The e-mail contained a laundry list of common anti-government diatribes. For the purposes of this column, I'm only including the Social Security-related items.

"Billions of dollars in Social Security benefits are doled out to people who never paid into it and don't deserve it!" "Illegal aliens are getting your Social Security!" "Politicians get Social Security bonuses on top of their Cadillac retirements!" "Social Security is going broke because Congress stole all the money!"

A: They say no matter how preposterous a rumor is, if you shout it loud enough and often enough, especially on the World Wide Web, people will eventually take it as the gospel truth. So, let me now preach to you from the Book of Common Sense.

Do you know that there is a woman living right next door to me who is getting Social Security, but she never paid a dime into it? She is a widow who was a stay-at-home mom all her life -- but her husband spent 50 years working and paying Social Security taxes.

And a few blocks over, a couple little kids are getting Social Security. Obviously, they haven't worked and paid Social Security taxes. But their mom, who died last year from breast cancer, did work and pay taxes.

My point is there are millions of people who are getting Social

Security benefits who never worked and paid into the system. But they are the wives, husbands, widows, widowers and children of people who did work and did pay Social Security taxes. Few people would argue that these people do not deserve their Social Security benefits.

Some people confuse Social Security with the Supplemental Security Income, or SSI program. SSI is a federal welfare program managed by the Social Security Administration that pays benefits to low income elderly and disabled people. Some folks getting SSI benefits may not have worked and paid Social Security taxes. But SSI is not funded by Social Security taxes. It's paid by general tax revenues.

How about all those illegal aliens getting Social Security? Well, they're not. To qualify for Social Security benefits, you must be a U.S. citizen or an immigrant who is living in this country legally. Of course, I can't categorically state that a single undocumented worker has never fallen through a crack and qualified for Social Security. But that would be the very rare exception. They certainly are not bankrupting the system. In fact, Social Security Administration actuaries point out that just the opposite is true. Millions of undocumented workers in this country have worked and paid Social Security taxes, but they never collect Social Security benefits. Over the years, they have added billions of dollars to the Social Security coffers and received nothing in return.

Members of Congress do not receive Social Security bonuses. They have Social Security taxes withheld from their paychecks just like everyone else. And they qualify for the same kind of benefits as everyone else. They happen to also qualify for another pension, which they pay for -- but so do millions of other people. My wife, for example, gets a Social Security benefit and a nice pension from the county government library system where she used to work. My neighbor worked for Hewlett-Packard. He

receives a Social Security check and a very comfortable pension from Hewlett-Packard. Some people, like my wife, have a Chevy retirement system. Some people, like my neighbor and some members of Congress, have a Cadillac retirement system. But they all get the same kind of benefits from Social Security.

Finally, Congress has not stolen Social Security money. By law, all Social Security surpluses are invested in U.S. treasury notes. Congress uses that money -- like it uses any money invested in treasury securities -- to fund any and all operations of government. But the point is that the Social Security system, similar to any investor in treasury bills, still holds the securities and can demand repayment. Social Security does this routinely to make good on the billions of dollars in Social Security checks it distributes each month.

Social Security has long-range funding problems -- not because unqualified people are getting Social Security; not because immigrants are ripping off the system; not because politicians are getting Cadillac retirements; and not because Congress has stolen the trust fund money. Social Security has long-range problems for one simple reason: a quickly aging population. There are about 45 million Social Security beneficiaries now. In just 20 years or so, by the time all the baby boomers retire, the numbers will almost double. There will be about 90 million people receiving Social Security. And there just aren't enough young people coming along to take care of all of us.

Today, there are three taxpayers for each person getting a Social Security check. And the system works very well at that three-to-one ratio. But by 2030, there will be only two taxpayers for each person getting Social Security. And as it's currently structured, Social Security does not work at the two-to-one ratio. That's why Social Security reform is needed.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Well, elections are over and I, for one, feel like celebrating. When campaign season opened (yes, it's a season, much like deer or tourist), I had a front-row view of the gritty nastiness that, more and more, epitomizes Gulfport politics. Things always get a tad intense come elections, and this year proved no exception. Those of us who attend or watch council meetings on a regular basis know that, during elections, many folks campaigning see the public session of the meetings as their chance to grab some free airtime. Some use it to express ideas while others used it to play dirty, but they all used it mercilessly.

Thankfully, stolen signs and nasty allegations are fading to a distant, chilly memory, and the new council can now get on with the business of running the city. I don't envy their task; a new council member must quickly learn about laws, policies, and a host of other information. Add to that the firing-squad approach some folks embrace when addressing council at meetings and a new official can get overwhelmed rather easily. They go from having all the answers on the campaign trail to realizing how little they really know on the dais in a matter of weeks.

I'm not certain what this new council is going to look like. I heard some pretty interesting things from the candidates over the last few months and I wonder how those fresh ideas will stand up once the people behind them sit on the other side of the dais for a while. Ideas and allegiances have a curious way of changing once the supervisor of elections tallies the votes and the city clerk swears or affirms the new members into office. I do believe that most, if not all, of the council members believe that they want to do what is best for Gulfport.

A word of caution to those council members, though: while most people could get overwhelmed by the enormity of what they do not know and need to learn, a few of you might make the mistake of thinking you

have achieved a godlike status and know what you need to know. You might start to think that since the voters chose you, you must be special in some way.

That could not be farther from the truth.

Sometimes, council member, what you think is best for Gulfport simply isn't what the people who voted you in want. It may be tempting to do what you think is best, but never, ever forget that it is not your place to assume you know what your constituents want. It is your place to represent them, not parent them. You are not up there, acting alone, and you are not a better person today than you were before you took the oath of office.

Do not forget who put you in office: the voters. If they were smart enough to vote for you, they are smart enough to know what they want. I implore you never to second-guess them or condescend to them, and I beseech you to remember that just because that dais sits higher than the voters who watch you, you are not above them.

The same holds true for city employees. The moment you think you know better than your city manager or chief of police or head of the marina, please remember this: these people devote their lives to this city. You are giving two years, and you're only a few days in at this point. Your staff went to school for this; they spend a minimum of 40 hours a week looking after your voters. You know—or you should try to know—what your voters want. Try and have a little faith in your staff for some of the other stuff. I'm not suggesting your shouldn't research the issues; I'm suggesting that a kindly treated city staff can make your job a lot easier and help you get what you want.

Finally, council member, please don't assume that those who speak the loudest speak for the majority. We have folks who come to every meeting and, while I applaud participative government—indeed, that's how government works best—

please don't forget the rest of the voters. While the city is certainly blessed with seven magnificent men and women who attend faithfully and have time to formulate opinions on every issue, it also has 12,520 other people, some of whom may have jobs that prevent them from attending council meetings. Others may trust you to represent their needs and not feel compelled to attend every meeting. Even though they may not stand before you on Tuesday nights, that silent majority are your charges, too. Even if a dozen voters gave you your win, and even if they didn't vote for you at all, please remember that all the residents count on you. The squeaky wheel gets the most grease, but the other three wheels are crucial, too.

Finally, council member, consider this: your potential to fail your city is enormous;

Florida history is littered with politicians did just then when they forgot who put them in office. Your city is too small to endure much failure, and it will test you every day for the next two years. I do not envy you, but I do hold you accountable.

More importantly, so does a small city by the bay.

Contact Cathy Salustri at
CathySalustri@TheGabber.com.

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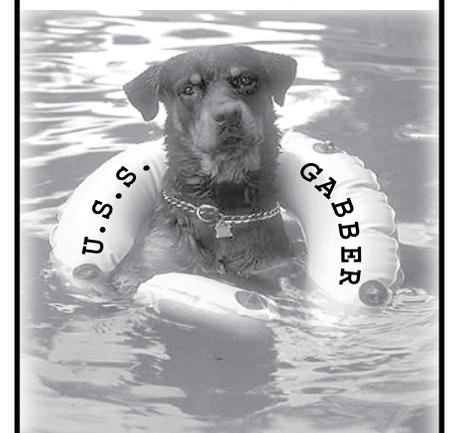
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TREASURE ISLAND: The 2010 American Cancer Society Relay for Life® of the Gulf Beaches gets underway at the Bilmar Beach Resort on Treasure Island Beach April 16 and 17.

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

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

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

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

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

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that bear the name of someone who has battled cancer.

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

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

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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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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



10 Steps to Improving Your Local Economy

Recently, most of America's industry has been "outsourced" overseas, causing a loss of jobs and the disintegration of hometowns built around factories. Our current recession is an indication that this global economy is not working. Economist and author Michael Shuman said recently "about 42 percent of our economy is 'place based,' or created through small, locally owned businesses." This means that almost half our economy depends upon small independent businesses that make up the backbone of our hometowns.

These small businesses are what give our town local color and local flavor. They are what differentiate us from every other exit on the highway that has the same six chain stores. Local businesses are also committed to their hometowns and support the local economy through hiring people in the area, donations to Little League and volunteer ambulance and fire service, and paying local taxes. Shuman estimates that we could expand our national economy to be 70 percent local or more by incorporating these 10 simple steps that will actually save you money in the process.

-- Localize your home! The biggest expense most of us have is our mortgage. Actually, 60 percent of our annual expenses go to shelter. This money often flies out of our pockets and communities and into absentee landlords' hands, or corporate banks in other places. By renting from a local landlord, or buying your own home with a mortgage from a local bank, you can localize this expense. Local banks and credit unions typically have the best rates anyway, possibly saving you money in the process.

Try to find a bank that doesn't repackage and sell loans on the secondary market, which would stop your money from flowing through the community.

-- Drive less! According to Shuman,

Americans spend one out of every five dollars on transportation. That amounts to almost \$5,000 per year! Until we can start replacing imported oil with locally produced biofuels, our best bet is to drive less.

Using mass transit, bicycling or walking are highest on the list, but not very easy for us rural folks. Use the car sparingly, buy gas from an independent gas station if you can find one, and use a local repair shop you trust.

-- Eat Independently! Households spend about \$2,300 per year on restaurants. Unfortunately, it's mostly fast food chains. This one is a simple matter of choice with very little effort required to find a wonderful independently owned restaurant.

-- Local Arts and Entertainment! Most people opt for a movie at a corporate multiplex at the mall. Enjoy homegrown talent! Visit the small repertory theaters, see a real play instead of a movie. Visit an art show, and buy art from local artists, buy music directly from the bands.

-- Localize Your Health Care! Most of us have health care plans that are far from local, yet two components, high-tech equipment and prescription medications, can be localized. Get your meds from an independent pharmacy, preferably one that also uses local suppliers. If we take better care of ourselves, walking more, eating local, building strong family and community ties, we will reduce our need for the high-tech equipment. Using local midwives instead of OB-GYN's, and naturopaths or herbalists are alternative ways.

-- Buy Locally Grown! Eating locally, meaning buying fresh vegetables, meats and dairy from local farms, reduces transportation costs and vitamin loss. Farming is one of the few industries that isn't totally outsourced yet. The closer you eat to home, the more you improve your health, your view and your local economy.

-- Localize Electricity! We could save \$3,000 per year just by increasing

our energy efficiency. Simple things like using compact fluorescent bulbs, improving insulation and having a home energy audit are some ways. Invest in solar hot water through a local provider, and save even more.

-- Give Locally! More than 6 percent of the U.S. economy is nonprofit, according to Shuman. Most of these nonprofits are in the forms of hospitals, universities and churches, but locally we also have arts organizations, environmental groups and many others.

-- Buy Local! In the time it has taken you to read this, Americans have collectively spent \$23 million. Shuman says that \$16 million of this figure could be spent in small, locally owned stores. How far would \$16 million go in your hometown today?

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Host Families Needed for Exchange Students

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

There is no such thing as a typical host family. They accept single parents, retired couples, families with small children, teens or no children at all! You can have a great experience hosting an International teen. The students are prescreened, speak English and are looking forward to learning about our culture while teaching Americans about theirs. Students will have medical insurance and their own spending money to cover clothing, school expenses, entertainment, etc. Host families should provide not only a loving home and food for their daily meals, but also a quiet place to be able to study and bedroom to rest. Although host families are not paid, one is eligible to claim a charitable tax deduction of \$50 per month for every month the student is in the home.

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

USCG Safe Boating Classes

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

any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to 2 years to finish.

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

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

Sale to Benefit Holiday Outreach

The Angel Outreach Committee of Pasadena Community Church is sponsoring an after-Easter sale on Saturday, April 10 from 8-1 p.m. This event will be in Jerger Hall, 227 70 Street S. and directly behind the

church. Sale items will include toys, books, collectibles, glassware and other gently used household items. Coffee and donuts will be available for the early birds and the grill will open at 10:30 a.m. Soft drinks and snacks will also be available. Cost of a vendor table is \$20. Space is limited to sign up now.

This flea market type sale is a major fundraiser for the Committee's holiday outreach which includes a toy drive, Angel Child adoption tree and children's Christmas party for struggling families in the community. For information, to donate or volunteer, call Katherine Benson at 341-1296.

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A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

Tips for Spring Gardening

Wow, we made it to spring. The meteorologist counts the seasons in whole months, so March 1 is the first day of spring. If you like plants or animals, the next three months are wonderful months to be in North America. This is the season most plants bloom and most animals have babies, so plan on getting outdoors as often as possible.

I have been getting a lot of gardening questions, and although gardens are getting planted in the south, they won't be planted for a month or more up north. I decided to skip the questions and add the answers as gardening tips, so here we go.

When planting seeds directly into the garden, use a string to make straight lines. Follow package recommendations for planting depth and spacing. Use sand to cover the seeds. The soil should be kept damp until the seeds sprout. As they begin to grow, let the soil dry out enough to keep any fungus from growing.

When buying garden vegetables, look for short stocky plants with dark green leaves and healthy root systems.

Some crops can be planted every other week to produce successive crops. Sweet corn is best eaten fresh, but it has a limited season from each plant, so plant a few at a time over a couple of months. Crops on trellises as well as tall crops (corn and sunflowers) go on the north side of the garden to avoid shading smaller crops.

Long before spring arrives, most gardeners want to till the garden soil. Do not rush things in the spring -- trying to till soil that is too wet will destroy its structure and water-holding capacity. For an earlier start and better results, adding organic matter and rototilling the garden should be done in the fall when the soil is dry. Garden soil is tillable if you can gently squeeze it into a ball, but it still breaks apart when gently poked. Sandy garden soil does not hold enough water to cause this problem.

Before tilling, add several inches of compost and 1.5 pounds of 10-10-10 fertilizer per 10-foot by 10-foot area; till them both into the top 10 inches of the soil. Do not use a fertilizer that already has herbicides or insecticides in it. Avoid adding lime, gypsum or sulfur without a soil test showing a need for them.

If you have ordered garden plants or bare-root trees and shrubs through the mail, be prepared to take care of them until you can plant them. Always open and inspect the shipment when it arrives. Check for damage and the health of the order. Make sure you received what you ordered. It is critical to keep the root system moist. Put the plants in a cool and not too bright location and plant them as soon as you can.

Checking the garden every day is the best way to keep ahead of problems. Weeds are easy to pull when small. A few aphids on the end of a branch are easier to kill compared to when the whole plant is engulfed. Start a notebook about the garden. Make a plan and keep the plant packets for reference. You will want to know estimated harvest times later on.

Add a flower border for beauty, butterflies and pollinating bees. Make a path out of mulch. Use lots of mulch or a weed barrier cloth to conserve water, reduce weeds and keep fruit off the soil, where it often rots.

Know what kind of plants you are going to use. Annuals bloom this season, produce fruit and then die off with the first frost. They should be put in new locations each year to slow any chance of diseases and insects over-wintering and harming them. Most garden vegetables are annuals.

Biennials live two seasons and only bloom in the second season. They must be left in place if you want flowers. Most biennials are grown for leaves in the first year. Lettuce, cabbage, caraway and parsley are biennials.

Perennials are long-lasting plants that come up from the roots each spring. They bloom each summer after they are established. Some, like asparagus and rhubarb, are grown for their stems and leaves. Since perennials won't be moved, they should not be planted in the middle of the garden. It is hard enough to use a rototiller without having to try to go around plants.

Perennials also need good soil conditions before they are planted. It is best to mix organic matter into the soil a couple of feet deep and for several feet in all directions. It is a lot of work, but it will pay off with much better growth for many more years.

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Sunshine City Council hosted a "Sister-to-Sister Teacup Exchange" social on Saturday, March 13 at the Clearview United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The event was from 1-3 p.m. and approximately 45 members and guests enjoyed an afternoon of fun and an exchange of teacups. Sunshine City Council will hold their next regular meeting on Monday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Dixie Hollins High in the ROTC room. The current representatives and newly elected representatives are to attend this meeting. A nominations committee will be selected from the newly elected representatives. Members will also vote for the City Council Ideal Sister and Woman of the Year to be announced at the annual Founder's Day dinner on April 29.

The Service Coordinating Committee is getting ready for the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 3 at 9 a.m. at the England Brothers Park in Pinellas Park. This annual event is free to all children from the ages of 1 year to 10 years. Approximately 3,000 plastic eggs will be filled with candy and placed on the fields early Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Bunny will be available for a photo opportunity.

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter's next social will be held on Saturday, March 20 hosted by Paula Roberts and Paula Lyens. It will be a couple's breakfast at Bob Evans Restaurant on 66th Street North. Laureate Epsilon Theta's next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at the home of Kay Brown. The program will be presented by Kay Brown.

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

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

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

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

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

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Maximo Center has Community Information

The Maximo Community Police Resource Center, 4815 34 Street S. has

information for you. The Center, staffed entirely by volunteers, provides 2010 Census Employment Applications, free bicycle registration, free "Club" for select automobiles, free cell phones for "911" use only, a collection point for old eyeglasses which are used by health service agencies, lists and free shipment of items needed by our Armed Forces overseas and much more. Call 866-7177.

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Women's Drum Circle

The Gulfport Women's Drumming Circle meets monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the Friday closest to the full moon, on the west side of Gulfport Beach near the Recreation Center. For the next several months it's the last Friday of the month. Next circle is Friday, March 26. Bring a chair or blanket, instruments and yourselves! FMI contact Dena at 289-3380.

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Come Home to Luxury: Landmark at Waters Pointe

By Cathy Salustri

When you walk into the lobby of Landmark at Waters Pointe, you enter another world. You're magically transported to a world that has a touch of vintage elegance and the management company has one goal: to make your home and surroundings as luxurious as they possibly can.

Landmark at Waters Pointe, an apartment community on Boca Ciega Bay in South Pasadena, offers you a wonderful lifestyle of mid-rise living in beautifully appointed apartments.

Before you even get to your front door you know you've arrived somewhere special. The lobby, a study in polished terrazzo floors and river rock walls, is decorated in cool greens and subtle shades of orange. Off to one side a resident's lounge offers computers, wireless Internet access, and a large flat-screen television. Residents can always get a fresh cup of specialty coffee or tea at the state-of-the-art self-serve barista.

Just beyond the stylish lounge you'll find a well-equipped fitness center, complete with cardio and resistance equipment (as well as another flat-panel television to make your workout fly by.) This fitness center has enough equipment that many people find they can forego a gym membership and work out steps away from their front door any hour of the day or night.

If, after your workout, you need to cool off, you can step outside to a pool that overlooks the green waters

of Boca Ciega Bay. As you cool off in the pool you can watch dolphins play only steps away from you.

After work or on a weekend, have some friends over for a cookout - brand new grills await you on the water. Have some free time? Practice your swing on their putting green, or drop a line in the water off their fishing dock.

When you're done working out and playing in the pool (or sunbathing by the bay) your home awaits you. Each apartment home has either one or two bedrooms, granite countertops (some models have granite-style Formica) and either black-on-black or stainless steel appliances. Each home also has new tile and carpet. These remodeled homes add only the finest elements to the resort-style living you'll find at Landmark at Waters Pointe.

Because Landmark at Waters Pointe is a mid-rise apartment building, you enter through the lobby doors every time you come home. After hours, no one but residents (and the guests they buzz in to the building) has access to the hallways, lounge, pool, and fitness centers, offering you a resort feeling throughout the building.

This wonderful collection of apartment homes has, so far, attracted a vibrant collection of people who love living at Landmark at Waters Pointe. The beautiful views from oversized balconies, sparkling pool,



and updated retro design of the common areas all make this a luxurious yet unique place for them to call home.

Although it's a mid-rise, Landmark at Waters Pointe welcomes dogs of all sizes (they do have certain breed restrictions), so bring your Newfoundland or your Dachshund and take a look at all they have to offer. Landmark at Waters Pointe has a doggie walk area complete with doggie stations.

If you're looking for a new place to call home, stop in and see how elegant yet casual living by the bay can be. Every apartment home includes water, sewer, and trash. You can also install a stackable washer and dryer in your new home, where it will stay out of sight yet accessible in a large kitchen closet.

The management team knows every resident by name and take pride in the lifestyles they offer their residents.

One bedrooms start at \$895 and two bedrooms start at \$1135; pricing depends on which floor you choose and which view you want. Stop by today to see the life you could be living!

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I had seen several doctors with no relief. - I prayed every night that I would get some relief and be able to sleep. Rarely did I have such luck. I was diagnosed with "restless leg syndrome" and given medication for it, but got little to no relief.

I began to think this was how I would have to spend the rest of my life, when I saw an ad for Dr. Mountcastle. I had no idea this would be the best phone call I ever made. I made an appointment. At that meeting an ultrasound was performed which revealed an "insufficient saphenous vein." The vein was repaired in one session. After taking a "relaxation pill", the procedure was performed in his center. The recovery was very rapid, with little to no pain. I was back to full duty at my Physical Therapy job the next day with no restrictions.

Thanks again Dr. Mountcastle, you have changed my life.

Vicky P.

YOUR HEALTH COULD BE AT RISK!

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

Fortunately, early detection can prevent life threatening consequences.

How does it start and what are the symptoms?

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



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Caddis Flies in the Stomach

While the filamentous finery of silkworms and spiders gets all of the press, it may be the product of the lowly caddis fly larvae that becomes a star inside the operating room and, perhaps, inside you.

Unlike spiders, moths and butterflies, caddis fly larvae spin their silk underwater, using the stickiness of its spun silk to bind together grains of sand into a portable shelter that the insects carry around with them. Russell Stewart, an associate professor of bioengineering at the University of Utah, thought the larva's sticky-when-wet silk had possibilities as surgical adhesive tape.

"I picture it as sort of a wet Band-Aid, maybe used internally in surgery -- like using a piece of tape to close an incision as opposed to sutures," Stewart said. "Gluing things together underwater is not easy. Have you ever tried to put a Band-Aid on in the shower? This insect has been doing this for 150 million to 200 million years."

After much testing, Stewart and colleagues determined that the difference between caddis fly silk and the silk of other organisms is extra phosphates. Phosphates are well-known adhesion promoters, used in dental fixtures like crowns and fillings and in latex paints.

Stewart said that if researchers can learn how to synthesize caddis fly silk, they might produce a minor medical miracle.

"Their adhesive is able to bond to a wide range of surfaces underwater: soft and hard, organic and inorganic. If we could copy this adhesive, it would be useful on a wide range of tissue types."

STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

In the 14th century, the French physician Henri de Mandeville touted the healing powers of a good bedside manner, an idea that isn't so revolutionary now (although some

patients say a good bedside manner is still uncommon). De Mandeville was a sort of Patch Adams of the Middle Ages, employing humor and music to cheer his patients. He even resorted to deceit, telling patients almost anything if he thought it would make them feel or get better. Among his preferred methods: "using false letters about the deaths of (a patient's) enemies, or if (the patient) is a spiritual man, telling him that he has been made a bishop."

GET ME THAT. STAT!

The incidence of dementia among people 65 years and older is roughly 6 percent to 10 percent, with Alzheimer's disease accounting for two-thirds of cases. Live long enough,

however, and dementia becomes almost inevitable. A rare study of people 90 years and older found that the incidence rate of dementia (all causes) is 18.2 percent annually for both men and women, doubling every five years in those 90 and older.

That portends a looming and worrisome health care issue: In 2007, there was an estimated 2 million Americans age 90 and older. By 2050, the number is expected to reach almost 9 million, making the "oldest-old" the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population.

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guests per group tour. To learn more or sign up for a tour, contact 727-586-3591 x 126 or email Sharon@spcatampabay.org.

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Meals on Wheels Needs Drivers

Volunteers are needed to deliver hot, nutritious meals to the homebound throughout Pinellas County. Volunteering for the Neighborly Meals on Wheels program is a hands-on, front line experience. If you have 1½ hours midday to help in your

own neighborhood, you could help improve someone's life and make a real difference in this critical area of need. Meals are picked up at a site near you and delivered to the homebound in your area (maps and directions are provided).

Many Pinellas County seniors are living alone, too poor to buy food, or too frail to shop and cook for themselves. And the need is growing every day. Do someone else a favor and you will be doing yourself one!

Neighborly needs compassionate, caring volunteers to share their time with lonely, isolated seniors. Please call Pat Hazell at 727-573-9444, ext. 291 to start helping your community today.

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Calling All Future Big Brothers

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County needs at least 125 Big Brothers to meet the needs of their current waiting list. Make a difference in a child's life. There are several different programs to suit your preferences including their Sports Buddies Program. Take a child to sporting events (like the Rays game) for which they supply the tickets and watch or participate in sports activities together. Not interested in sports? That's OK! Sports Buddies is just one option. You can select mentoring activities to suit your preferences and the child's.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Big Brother, please email your contact information to ShirleyN@bbbsp.org or call 727-518-8860 for more information.

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Is Your Pet a Star?

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

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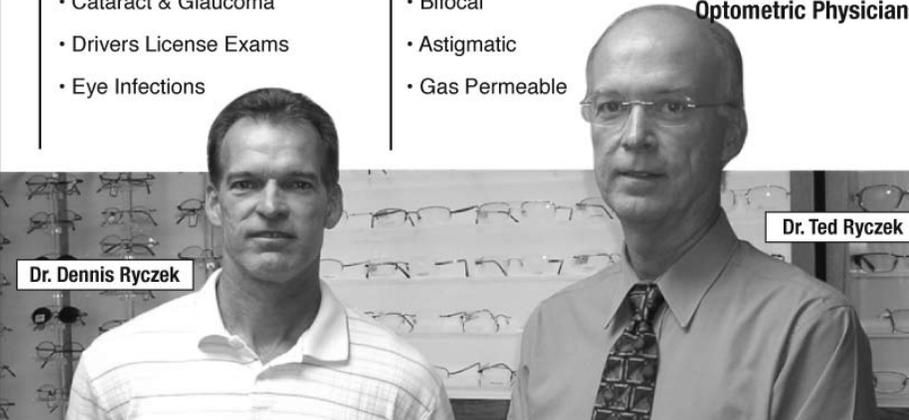
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SHINE volunteers are both active and retired individuals from diverse career and cultural backgrounds. As a volunteer, you will receive initial training, continuing education and a supportive environment with dedicated colleagues.

If you have an inquiring mind, tact and sensitivity as well as a strong desire to help a vulnerable population, then SHINE may be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you.

Interested in knowing more? If so, please call the SHINE program at (727) 570-9696 ext. 234 and speak with the Area Agency on Aging Program Coordinator, Susan Samson. SHINE is a free program, funded by a grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and is administered through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

Foster Homes Needed

There are more than 3,500 dependent children in Pinellas and Pasco counties due to child abuse, neglect or abandonment. Many of them need loving foster parents. For more information on becoming a foster parent, please call Eckerd Community Alternatives Recruitment Line toll-free at 1-866-271-4705 and press "7".

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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New Luncheon Excursions Offered

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

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

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Attorney Keith Sanders, Handles Bankruptcies with Experience

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

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

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

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

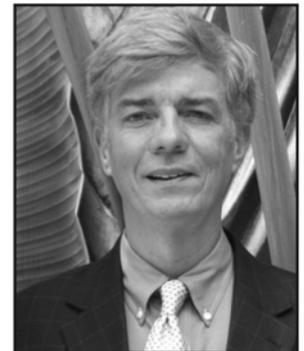
"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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

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

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

Sanders has held a



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

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

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

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