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Bargains are Elementary at the School's Annual Yard Sale



Photo by Leigh Clifton

Leslie Middaugh picks up a possible sweater buy as she scans the piles and piles of bargains at the Gulfport Elementary Yard Sale last Saturday. Middaugh, her husband Chad Kopach (left) and three children Sasha, Sam and Mae are visiting from Toronto. Chad brought his golfclubs to play a few rounds, but had no bag. Leslie found him one at the yard sale for a dollar.

"We love Gulfport; we've been visiting here quite a bit," Leslie said. "This is a great sale with wonderful bargains. I bought some kids books and toy clock and few goodies for myself."

When they fly back home, the bag can stay or else find another who can put it to good use.

According to Pat Dunham, the chief organizer for the annual event, the yard sale earned more that \$2300.00, although

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New Bank at St. Pete Beach Dolphin Village

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach City Commission decided to make way for a bank at the former Bennigan's site at 4625 Gulf Boulevard. The existing restaurant building will be removed and a new JP Morgan Chase bank will go at the same locale. The change involves some revising of the planned development, which includes a mix of residential, restaurant and retail uses.

The developer, Robert Malagon, Executive Vice President of Development for Equity One,

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City Remembers Roberta Whipple

ST. PETE BEACH- The city commission setup a special reserve account for donations in memory of Roberta Whipple. The longtime city library administrator died in December after a courageous fight against ovarian cancer. The money will go to extraordinary library purchases outside of routinely budgeted items.



Father-Son Time on the Bayou

Photo by Cathy Salustri

At Saturday's Clam Bayou Cleanup, students from Melrose Elementary took to the water by kayak to scout for garbage. Pictured here, father and son Martin and Martin Neal prepare to venture into the depths of the Bayou to collect cast off golf balls, cups, and other bits of trash that find their way to the tidal estuary on Boca Ciega Bay. The junior Martin Neal attends 4th grade at Melrose Elementary. The students used kayaks and paddleboards provided by Kayak Nature Adventures.

Clam Bayou is the last remaining
 See **Bayou**, page 7



The Best Real Estate Deal in Gulfport



Photo by Cathy Salustri

Karen Frank extolls the virtues of the house she's selling from inside the front window. Frank had this teeny-tiny house "listed" for \$55 at Saturday's yard sale, making it the most affordable home in the city. Her neighbor, Judy Newman, showed off the home's exteriors to prospective buyers.

Saturday's city-wide yard sale drew crowds. Aside from real estate bargains, shoppers got deals on everything from glassware to toys and, for those with nautical proclivities, cleats to outboard engines.

City gets less money from parking

ST. PETE BEACH- The city will split parking revenues 50/50 with the county at the county beach parking lot across from Dolphin Village. This is instead of the current 60/40 split. This will mean an anticipated annual revenue loss of \$21,000 for the city.

The city will still collect, enforce and maintain the parking devices. The county will maintain the restroom facilities, surfaces, and curbing on site. The city will also maintain the plantings and replace them as needed up to \$500 each year.

The commission authorized the city manager to enter into the parking agreement with the county at its March 23 meeting. The city is looking at taking over the janitorial work to go back to the 60/40 split and the possibility of raising the rates to make up for the short fall.

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Sale, from front page

the figure could go higher once all the PTA sales are counted into the total. Dunham called the sale a success for the school and the community. Turnout was lighter this year; the Gulfport Community wide yard sale was held that same day and that may have drawn some of the bargain hunters to other yards. But as usual, the Gulfport community kicked in to help out the school... and find a few goodies along the way.

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South Pasadena ArtSpring

The City's annual ArtSpring Exhibition will be held on March 26-28 at South Pasadena City Hall, 7047 Sunset Drive S. The showcase will feature innovative and traditional art produced in clay, wood, metals, glass, paper, photography, watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings from over 100 local artists. Gallery hours are Friday, March 26, 10-3 p.m., Saturday, March 27, 11-3 p.m. and Sunday March 28, 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.

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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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Bank, from front page

shared his company-acquired Dolphin Village in 2006. After they developed the mixed-use plan the market changed.

There is now really not a market for the type of units planned. They have been attempting to find a suitable replacement for the former restaurant site, he said.

"The only way you can approve this tonight is as an amended planned development," said City Manager Mike Bonfield, "What makes this difficult is (you are) being told that the planned development is not going to happen."

Mayor Michael Finnerty said he thought the city was lucky the bank wanted to locate in St. Pete Beach. "Let's show we are willing to remove this eyesore. Let's face it a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," Finnerty said.

Bonfield said the city was in the process of developing very defined planning, which is a move from

the very liberal let people do what they want approach. The issue is planning Bonfield said. "Let's not spend all the time putting all this stuff in place, if (you are) not going to follow it...if you want to do ad hoc planning."

The site plan change was approved subject to the commission approving subsequent landscaping plans, architectural detail, site lighting, pedestrian paths, and utilization of

sustainable design features. The motion passed 3-2.

Chris Kirschler of BDG Architects presented the plans for the bank at the March 9 commission meeting but the commissioners wanted to hear more from the developers with what they planned to do in their development of the entire parcel before they decided on the bank.

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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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Spaghetti Luncheon to Benefit Relay for Life

Join the City of Treasure Island in the fight against cancer by attending a Spaghetti Luncheon on Friday, March 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Treasure Island Community Center, Gulf Boulevard at 106th Avenue. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$5 for children. Advance tickets purchases receive a discount of \$1 off. Tickets are on sale at the Treasure Island City Hall, 120 108 Avenue. Proceeds from the Spaghetti Luncheon will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on April 16-17 on the Treasure Island municipal beach. For additional information, please call the Treasure Island Recreation Department at (727)547-4575, ext 237.

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Bayou, from front page

estuary on Boca Ciega Bay. Runoff from Gulfport and St. Petersburg streets, golf courses, homes and businesses makes its way to the estuary. That runoff carries trash as well as chemicals. Several times a year, Keep Pinellas Beautiful stages cleanups to help remove the trash from the estuary. Although some residents disagree with the methods, efforts to remove toxins are underway, according to the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Efforts to reduce waste from entering Clam Bayou are not.

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Did we take your photo at Saturday's event? If you don't see it here, look for it on our Facebook Page, accessible from our web page, TheGabber.com.

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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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Pictured (L-R): From left to right: Irvin Green, Catherine Wilkes, Colleen Hargett, Det. Hanh Pham...back row: Sam Smith.

Gulfport Police explorers and Detective Pham from the Gulfport Police Department participated in the Coastal Clean-up on Saturday, March 20. Detective Pham thought it was a good idea for the Police Explorers to participate in community service with the City of Gulfport. The group picked up trash at the Clam Bayou Park, Tangerine Greenway and Tomlinson Park. They collected over 50 pounds of trash.

Off Duty Police Rates Up

ST. PETE BEACH- Hourly rates charged for off duty police officers may go up \$6 per hour to \$49. There will also be a \$15 fee for each off duty contract. Plus additional hourly charges if police vehicles or vessels are used.

The commission passed the rate changes on first reading at its March 23 meeting. The city is not currently recovering all of its costs from off duty work, City Manager Mike Bonfield said.

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Fort DeSoto Beach Cleanup and Picnic

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

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Rolling Along

By Cathy Salustri



Lloyd Mason, who lives part-time in Gulfport and part-time in Maine, shows off a roller furling he offered for sale at Saturday's Nautical Flea Market. Mason told *The Gabber* that his wife, Jean Proach, was "out supporting Gulfport by buying at the yard sale."

Because of park construction, this year's Nautical Flea Market took place at Clam Bayou instead of on the north side of the marina. Parking, at a premium because of the Clam Bayou cleanup and flea market, extended onto many residential streets in the marina district.

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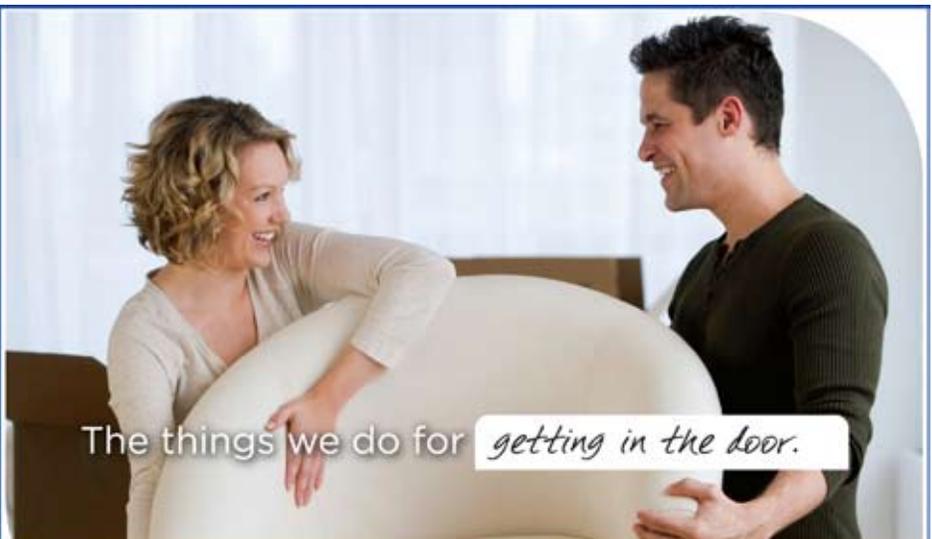
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A BIG thank you to the volunteers of the Clam Bayou Clean up!

The City of Gulfport would like to thank all the volunteers on land and water that attended the Coastal Cleanup this past Saturday, March 20 at Clam Bayou Nature Park. A special thanks to our registration volunteers, Janice Ryan and Elsi Crimaldi who have volunteered for many years and do a fantastic job!

The statistics of the cleanup were 62 dedicated volunteers and 570 pounds of debris removed from the Bayou. If you would like to view some of the photos taken at the clean up, go to the City's website at www.mygulfport.us and click the photo navigation bar, then current photos.

The City of Gulfport is scheduled to have the next Clam Bayou clean up Saturday, October 16, 2010 from 9 a.m. to noon, so mark your calendars! It's really a lot of fun and you are helping the Bayou at the same time.



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Beach Cleanup



Photo by Melissa Lattman

Volunteers met at Upham Beach and Pass-a-Grille and gathered trash along the city's shoreline and beaches. Saturday morning's effort was part of the Great American Cleanup. Pictured are St. Petersburg College students Ciara Whitfield and Kevin Villegas.

Treasure Island



By Fred Wilder

Art Guild has Prize Show

The Treasure Island Art Guild is giving artists a chance to make some money by inviting them to enter a painting in The Guild's April show. A total of \$400 will be awarded to the winners. The entry date is Thursday, April 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108 Avenue. Entry fee is \$10 members; \$20 non-members. If you are not a member, we invite you to become one.

There will be a reception for the winners on Saturday, April 10 at 1 p.m. at the same address. There will be an art demonstration by a professional artist. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Fred at 360-8390.



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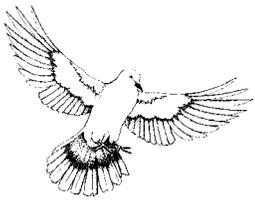


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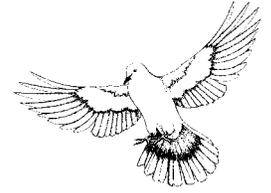


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Holy Week Schedule at St. Vincent's

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They will offer Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday; Holy Eucharist/Healing at 10 a.m. and Service of Tenebrae at 7 p.m. on Wednesday; Agape Feast at 6 p.m. and Holy Eucharist/Foot Washing on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Liturgy at 12 noon and 6 p.m. on March 26.

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Explore the Stations of the Cross

St. Vincent's Episcopal Church, 5441 Ninth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg offers the Stations of the Cross on March 26 at 6 p.m. This is a unique experience, done in first person as if Jesus was talking to each participant as it relates to today's world. All are welcome.

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Lenten Program at Palm Lake Christian

Palm Lake Christian is offering a special Lenten experience for the entire family. Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere) will be held every Sunday in March from 12:30-5 p.m. Camp E.D.G.E. will offer lunch and a schedule packed with fun and inspiration. Crafts, music, youth sessions, games and adult discussions will fill the afternoons. A picnic after worship on Sunday, March 28 will close the camp. Stop by the church at 5401 22 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg or call 321-8356.

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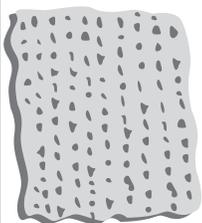
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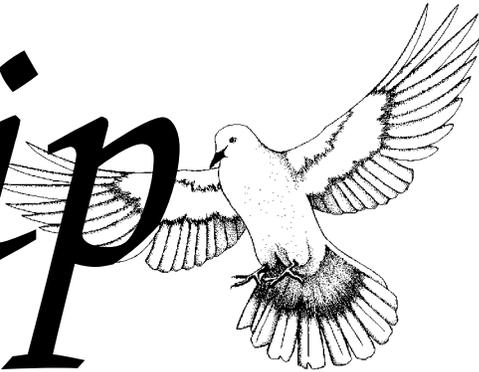
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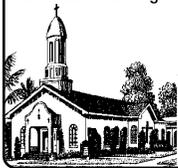
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Island Chapel to Hold Benefit Concert

The Island Chapel will present "A Celebration of Life" Benefit Concert Friday, March 26 at 7 p.m. The proceeds from this concert will benefit The Next STEPP Center (formerly known as the St. Petersburg Pregnancy Center), which provides Services to Those Experiencing Pregnancy or Parenting. Carole

Alexander, Director of The Next STEPP Center, explains the center experienced a \$12K deficit in 2009. With the economic conditions being what they are, this benefit concert is hoping to help in alleviating this "shortfall." The concert will be held at The Island Chapel, 1271 Pinellas Bayway, Tierra Verde and features artist Wes Joyner of Road to Damascus Ministries.

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Workers Comp Updates

ST. PETE BEACH- The city updated its personnel manual regarding absences from work related sickness or injuries. The changes affect payment for employee absences and use of sick leave after the employee has been released from worker's compensation for full-duty work again.

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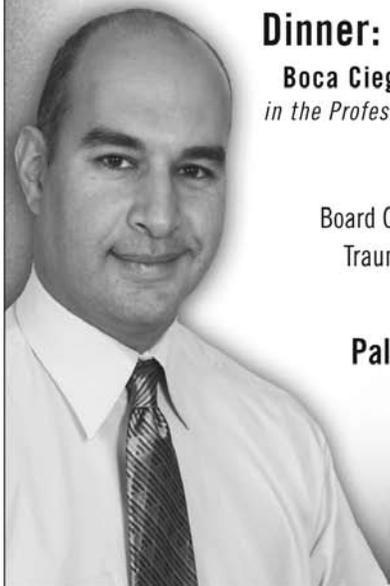
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Players to Hold Membership Meeting

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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Puppy Day at SPCA

SPCA Tampa Bay is celebrating National Puppy Day all weekend long, March 27 and 28. Pet owners will enjoy boutique clearance items at the Spring Cleaning Tent Sale, while their puppies between the ages of 12 weeks to six months have fun in the Puppy Play Garden or learn basic obedience in the Just for Puppies Care Class. All puppies must be up to date with vaccinations to participate. Shelter location is 9099 130 Avenue N. in Largo. Participants interested in the Just For Puppies Care Class must sign up at www.spcatampabay.org. The cost is \$10. For more information, call 727-586-3591.

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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 last dinner will be served on 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.

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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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New Horizons Band to Play at SpringFest

The local chapter of The New Horizons Band will perform during SpringFest on Saturday, March 27 around 2 p.m. on Beach Blvd. near

30th Ave. S. They will entertain with a mixture of familiar favorites that have timeless and popular appeal.

The goal of the New Horizons Band is to create an entry point to group music-making for adult beginners and a comfortable re-entry point for adults who played music in school and would like to resume after long years of building careers and raising children. The local chapter meets weekly at Eckerd College under the instruction and direction of David Irwin.

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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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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 1 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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St. Pete Beach Audit Results

ST. PETE BEACH- The city's financial position did improve in 2009 as compared to 2008. This follows the positive trend of improving from 2007

to 2008, as well. Overall there was an increase in the total fund balance by about \$850,000. In the general fund, the city's primary operating fund, there was an excess of revenues over expenditures by more than \$500,000. Although the amount of revenues was less than in 2008, across the departments there was a decrease in expenses.

The city is paying over time for the shortfall in the city employee pensions. The city is about \$14 million behind in its pension obligations, the auditor said.

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

It's time to get ready for the tea, flower show and business meeting. It will be held on April 8 at the Gulfport Presbyterian Church social hall, 5313 27 Avenue S. Officers will give brief reports and new officers will be elected to serve next year.

The Social Hour begins at 11:30 a.m. and the Tea begins at 12 noon. Members are asked to provide finger sandwiches, fruit or vegetable trays or a dessert. Also have your teacup for the tea and wear a pretty or funny hat for the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Plant and floral arrangements will be judged by Garden Club members. Categories are: Arrangements over 12 Inches; Arrangements under 12 Inches; Silk or Dry Arrangements; Oriental Arrangements; Foliage Plants; Flowering Plants; Miniature Arrangements (less than 6"x6"). Prizes will be awarded so bring your best artistic creation.

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

How do you feel about the new Health Care Reform bill that was signed this week by the President?



Kathy Chelauski, visiting from South Shore, Mass.: “Well, I’m from Massachusetts and it’s mandatory up there, but I feel it’s effective, although I have private insurance myself. But I’m happy about the bill being signed. It’s about time that a country of our size and wealth should be able to offer health reform and insurance to every one of its citizens. I am hoping that as it gets implemented, it won’t be such a big political issue. Apparently it’s caused some serious problems among the different parties. But the points about reducing costs to seniors on Medicare, helping to insure students until they’re 26, those are good proposals and will help us in the long run.”

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Mike Storm, So. Pasadena: “I think it’s nice that something’s being tried; I’m not sure what the end result will be. If it’s for the better then I’m all for it. But I’m not that well informed on all the points yet. I guess the proof will be in the pudding and we can see what the final product will be. I hope that when it all gets finalized, I’ll be able to understand it better.”

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Maryanna Beer, Toronto and Gulfport: “It’s very interesting, because we’re from Canada where we have universal health care. But I also have dual citizenship with the US and Canada; I vote here, but my health care is in Canada. I think that the new bill is a good first step. I know there were a lot of things they had to compromise on, but I believe that you should care for your citizens. Our Canadian health care is paid by our taxes; it’s not privatized, there is no actual insurance company to deal with, no middle man. The government regulates the hospitals and they deal directly with them. There are no major restrictions other than the timing of elective surgeries that are not life threatening. For those procedures, a person may have to wait weeks or months, but remember, it’s an elective surgery, not one where your life hangs in the balance. We don’t buy insurance and we’re taxed on a sliding scale. I think it works well. People in the US seem to think that the government is trying to take over their lives; that’s just not the case. This new bill may not be perfect but at least it’s a giant step in the right direction. People need access to health care and they need it soon.”

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Doug Masterson, So. Pasadena: “People were talking about it today at work, but as a veteran, I don’t think I’ll be affected by any of it. Because I served my country, I’m afforded free health care. My daughter, Grace, is covered under her mother’s insurance. She’s a nurse and works for a doctor, so they are both covered. There might be a time when it might affect Grace down the road. I think if I wasn’t a vet, I would not have a problem with this new bill. If the talking points are true and hold up, then it would seem to make sense. But there would have to be major incentives for small businesses to have to provide health care to all their employees and also to people who will now have to buy for it themselves. I’ll just have to get more information on all of it and try to understand it better.”

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Letters

Am I a Cherry Crusted Nutbar?

Dear Editor: Cathy Salustri's Hard Candy "Letter to the Council" (March 18-24, 2010 issue) makes some excellent points and I hope the Council members take heed. Over the past several years there appears to me to have been an attitude of dismissiveness by the Council toward the residents/taxpayers they were elected to represent. Perhaps, 2010 will be the year in which we see this attitude change.

As a resident who attends Council meetings fairly regularly, I presume I may be one of the "magnificent seven" to which Cathy refers. If I had never met Cathy nor read other of her writings I'd probably thank her for the compliment. However, it was just a few months ago that she referred to a number of the attending public as "cherry crusted nut-bars" so I'll presume it probably wasn't a compliment.

I agree, the council certainly shouldn't presume that those attending the council meetings have the only opinion. I must ask though, why is it necessary to put down those of us who attend council meetings? The notion that we do so as we don't work or for want of anything else to do is absurd. Just to be clear, I and many number of others I've met at the meetings, do actually have jobs. It is certainly understandable that not all residents can attend nor want to attend council meetings.

I got involved only after a traffic issue in my neighborhood stood unaddressed for years -- yes years-- through two different Councilmembers. The conclusion to the issue came in a meeting where budget issues were being discussed. This piqued my interest as my professional background is in operations and customer service management. I subsequently attended more meetings and recognized that I should perhaps be more cognizant of the goings on in the City.

I met a number of people, early on, at the meetings, including recently installed Ward 3 Councilmember Salmon. I found these people to be intelligent and caring of the community. My goal is always to

learn through the sharing of ideas and perhaps offer insight as well. From a political perspective, I probably don't agree with many of the others attending. I do believe though that it is possible to have an intelligent, lively discussion with others even though you may disagree with them. The objective is to listen and learn and at times offer feedback that bears merit. To me, this is in fact what should occur between the public and our elected officials.

I believe that most people who attend Council meetings do so because they care about the City and it would be great for them to be received that way. Yes, the feedback is sometimes repetitious, annoying and even overly passionate. However, all feedback should be welcomed and considered, regardless of how crazy an idea may appear to be. Focus on the idea, not the person nor the manner of delivery. One member of the dais recently said (paraphrased) that "without the passion, you have no city".

Gulfport is a great City but there is also opportunity for improvement and innovation. I could create a list of ideas/concerns that have been brought forth by "the seven", "the nutbars" and other citizens over the last several years that have had an impact. I'll save that for another time. Now, I'd just ask that Cathy and *The Gabber* spend a little less time demeaning the intentions of members of the Council meeting audience.

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Beach where the speaker explicitly identified the feeding of wild birds as being harmful to the health of the birds. She said that feeding water birds leads to problems such as:

- behavioral problems in the birds -- they lose their fear of humans and become aggressive;
- malnutrition from eating foods with low or no nutritional value;
- injuries from swallowing hooks and nonfood items;
- entanglement in fishing line -- which can lead to starvation, loss of a wing or foot, and death;
- injuries from swallowing large fish bones which they cannot digest -- large fish bones can puncture a bird's pouch, get caught in the throat, and even puncture a bird's stomach;
- becoming tame, losing fear of humans;
- increased spread of disease;
- degradation of water quality (from concentrations of bird feces);
- parent birds who are dependent on humans for food and therefore cannot teach their own young proper foraging techniques to feed themselves.

In presenting this statement, I wish to give the utmost respect to those among us who have fed the birds. The appeal of an almost touchable feather is universal. However, we now have new information. I hope that we will educate ourselves about what is best for our own precious water bird resources and get a good pair of binoculars. It is to their health and advantage if we view them from afar.

Lou Scherer

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Don't Feed the Birds!

Dear Editor: Over the past few years I have been delighted, as have many others, at being afforded a close view of the water birds as they hover and perch on the roof and deck railing of a house near the Gulfport Marina. Two very kind gentlemen offer them food and are perhaps entertained by these birds whose natural support is provided by our unique aquatic environment. I have seen many visitors waiting there, such as herons, egrets, gulls, ibises and storks.

My delight has over the past year turned to concern. I heard a presentation at the Suncoast Bird Sanctuary in North Redington

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Sewer Pipe Survey Approved

ST. PETE BEACH- The city commission okayed funding for a survey to assess the condition of sewer pipes going to the master pump station. The pipes may need to be cleaned, tested and possibly replaced. The public works department wants to check their overall condition before spending a lot of money on the project. The survey will help the city better determine how soon the project needs to be done. Once the pipes are cleaned they will operate more efficiently, said Steven Hallock Public Services Director.

The pipes have a fifty-year lifespan and were installed in the early 1980s.

However the city saw some potential issues while doing some recent pump station work.

"When they brought us the samples, the condition of the pipe was kind of scary," Mayor Michael Finnerty said.

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Litigation Update

ST. PETE BEACH- City Attorney Mike Davis said the city has spent

about \$260,000 this year in legal fees. He asked the commission if they wanted to take another stab at settling litigation. The commission will discuss legal fees and next steps at an upcoming workshop session.

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Solution on Page 18

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- 1 First name in talk shows
 6 Investors take one occasionally
 10 Father of 35 Across
 14 Draw up
 15 Spanish water
 16 Conform
 17 1956 sci-fi classic
 20 Test answer
 21 Split up
 22 Sicilian spouter
 24 Accelerate, with up
 25 Program interruptions
 28 Father
 30 Suitable positions, as in industry
 35 Son of 10 Across
 37 Italia's capital
 39 Gleamed
 40 George Harrison song
 43 Expunge
 44 "Diana" songwriter
 45 Don, of the '60s Tigers
 46 Calyx leaves
 48 Clinton and Gore, e.g.

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- 50 Meadow
 51 Hawaiian welcoming symbol
 53 Art ____
 55 Flying
 60 Shoe bottoms
 63 Armed forces newspaper of the '40s, with "The ..."
 66 1976 U.S. Open champ
 67 Throws
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 70 "____ Tu": 1974 hit song
 71 Run-down

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 12 Help a hood
 13 Dole
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 19 Opulent
 23 Bouquet
 25 Fire follower
 26 Tractor man
 27 Helmet attachment
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 34 Actress Berger
 36 "____ -Rebel": 1962 hit song
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Wild Animals Gone Wild

There have been a number of incidents in recent years in which humans have died -- or come close -- when wild animals went wild.

February 2010 -- Tilikum, a 12,300-pound killer whale, attacked and killed 40-year-old trainer Dawn Brancheau during a live performance at SeaWorld's Shamu Stadium in Orlando, Fla.

February 2009 -- Travis, a 200-pound chimpanzee, became 71-year-old Sandra Herold's roommate after retiring from television and commercial work. In a rage, Travis tore off the face of Herold's friend Charla Nash, sending her under the knife for a face transplant.

April 2008 -- Rocky, a 7-foot-tall grizzly and co-star of the Will Ferrell vehicle "Semi-Pro," killed one of his

trainers with a single bite to the neck while filming in Big Bear Lake, Calif.

December 2007 -- Tatiana, a 243-pound Siberian tiger, escaped from her cage at the San Francisco Zoo and killed one visitor and injured two others. It was her second escape.

April 2007 -- Poabson Unnikrishnan, a full-grown elephant, went on a rampage during a ceremony in Kerala, India, when a spectator touched her tusk. At least three people were killed, including a trainer. At least 20 others were wounded.

September 2006 -- Australian television personality and environmentalist Steve Irwin, "The Crocodile Hunter," was killed when a venomous stingray barb pierced his heart while he was swimming over Batt Reef off the coast of Australia. At the time, Irwin was filming a

documentary special with his 8-year-old daughter.

October 2003 -- This month brought the deaths of "Grizzly Man" Timothy Treadwell and his girlfriend, Amie Huguenard. After 13 months of living among the coastal grizzlies of Katmai National Park in Alaska, they were killed and partially eaten by the bears they considered family.

March 2002 -- Montecore, a 600-pound white Bengal tiger, sunk his teeth into the neck of Roy Horn of Siegfried and Roy during a live performance at The Mirage hotel and casino in Las Vegas. The attack left Horn partially paralyzed, with a damaged neck artery and a crushed windpipe. In 2009, after a lengthy recovery period, the threesome amazed audiences by appearing together for one last show.

Why are we surprised when wild animals go wild? After the most recent incident at SeaWorld, radio shows were inundated with angry callers demanding the "killer" whale be put down. Never mind the size, doesn't the name itself serve as fair warning?

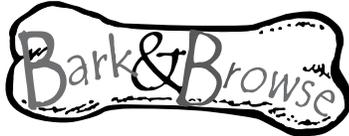
Whale trainers acknowledge that killer whales are dangerous animals. But what about animals that aren't considered dangerous? Cowboys have been killed riding horses. Dog trainers have been killed working with dogs. The truth is, people are killed by animals when they gamble -- knowingly or cluelessly -- with the unpredictable forces of nature.

Is it the killer whale's responsibility to adhere to the rules of its enforced human lifestyle? Or is it the human's responsibility to understand that, regardless of training, regardless of perceived love, an animal is an animal?

As a dog trainer, I have two reactions to these events: 1) relief that I'm not dealing with something that weighs 1,200 pounds, and 2) a desire to be that much more vigilant in spreading the word of the ever-growing importance for all dog owners to educate ourselves and our dogs.

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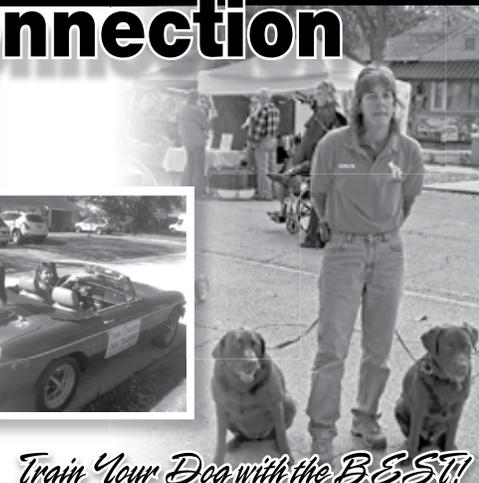
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I had seen several doctors with no relief. - I prayed every night that I would get some relief and be able to sleep. Rarely did I have such luck I was diagnosed with "restless leg syndrome" and given medication for it, but got little to no relief.

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American Idol Open House

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No charge and everyone is welcome! Come help them celebrate Big Mike's achievement so far. Call 727-344-1501.

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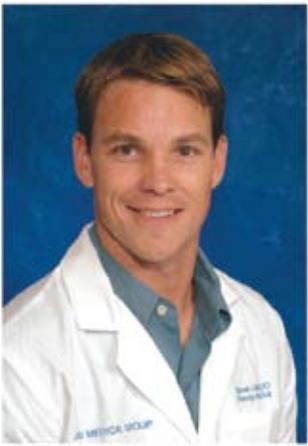
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Horoscope Guide

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may not be feeling a hundred percent like yourself this week. Then again, who you are is always changing. You have every right to make it up as you go. Once upon a time, your sign mate Charlie Chaplin, a great comic actor of the silent movie era, entered a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest and won third place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are trying to be as self-sufficient as possible. But if you have to depend on someone, embrace it. Chances are this person is better for having shared with you. Nothing and no one in the world can exist alone. Even the most independent entities have a relationship with the other things that exist.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Projects at work are unfolding in a certain way because of your influence. Ask yourself what difference you are making. What has happened that wouldn't have if you were not there? Realizing your impact will help you get clear about your purpose. By Thursday, you'll set a new and life-changing goal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Complaining is a favorite pastime of many people, and you'll find yourself among them this week. Resist chiming in, though. It's easier for you to see what's right about things. As you practice gratitude, you'll have an influence. It will turn out that the problem is not all that bad and the solution is simple.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your work may seem like a means to an end -- just a way of paying the rent and putting food on the table. But it's not just a job; it's a calling. If this feels true, it's time for you to remember how you got here and what your job really means. You have the potential to make a great contribution to the world through your work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The first part of the week is filled with casual sharing and fun. Then you'll surprise everyone by turning up the mystery and intrigue. Send short notes and have cryptic conversations. Don't let on where you're going or when you'll be back. Wear huge sunglasses, even indoors. It thrills someone to try to figure you out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your prudence may have you wheeling and dealing, following sales or clipping coupons. You'll enjoy knowing that you're being a responsible steward of your money. Just remember that the cost of things is not as important as their value. You can afford to be luxurious and generous when it matters most.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you appreciate beauty, you usually feel compelled to share your impressions with others so that they might be able to better appreciate the surroundings, too. Your observations and passionate expressions of gratitude will make a positive difference in the way others experience their environment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been tempted and influenced more than usual lately, but it's about to turn around. You'll take back the reins of your life this week. You're the one in charge here. And if you don't feel like it, just pretend for a while -- that will work in your favor. By doing disciplined acts, you will become disciplined.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're accustomed to setting goals and achieving them. Then again, some of your most interesting accomplishments have come about because you took the hand you were dealt and worked it in the kind of crazy, resourceful, creative way that only you could pull off. You'll get another such opportunity this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Confidence isn't about showing off or proving that you can beat the others. It's knowing who you are and trusting yourself to do what you think you can do. This week, you will build up your inner strength -- exercise it like a muscle. Self-belief is vital not only to your success, but to your happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone will need what you have. You may be torn as to how much to give. It's better to err on the side of charity. An Austrian baroness who happened to have been born in a castle and had an awful lot of worldly goods once said, "To have and not to give is often worse than to steal." -- Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach.

This Week's Birthdays: You will celebrate your maturity this year and enjoy the well-earned fruits of your experience. April is a bonding time for special relationships. May brings a different kind of work. You'll learn quickly and excel. Your mentorship of someone else will make you proud, as well as teach you something valuable. July brings a windfall. You'll be rewarded in August. Lifestyle upgrades are sorted out with loved ones in September. The best improvements you could make are within your means.

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T.W.E.E.N. Party in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH: The St. Pete Beach Community Center will be hosting its monthly T.W.E.E.N. Party on Friday, April 2 from 7-10 p.m. Parents can attend the free concert in the park while their tweens in 6th through 8th grades enjoy music, a pizza dinner, pool and foosball competitions, and Nintendo Wii games played on our huge inflatable movie screen. The party will be at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, and is just \$5 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$6.50 for non-residents. Anyone who attended the first-ever T.W.E.E.N.

party in March that brings a friend will get free admission! All interested participants must be registered no later than the Wednesday prior to the party. Call 363-9245 for details.

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The Garden Club of St. Petersburg

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg will be holding a Coffee & Garden Crafts Workshop on Monday, April 5 from 10-12 noon at the Garden Club Center, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. A materials fee of \$3.50 for Garden Club Members and \$4.50 for guest and the general public will be charged to cover supplies.

The workshop will be on "Decorating Candy Jars". Bring some of your favorite candy to fill the jar. All craft workshops are open to the general public, potential new members and guest. Please bring your own scissors, pencil and small paint brushes. Coffee and tea will be furnished.

For additional information please call Betty Martin at (727) 343-2255.

They will be holding their Horticulture for Weekend Gardeners, (aka the "Night Bloomers" Circle) on

Tuesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Garden Center.

The program will be "Fun With Flowers". Learn about materials, balance and competing in Flower Shows. Hands-on workshop with all materials provided. Take home an arrangement you create!

Cost is \$15 to cover materials, just bring snips or scissors to cut stems. Please RSVP to Derri at 727 432-7644 to be sure there will be enough materials. For additional information please contact Derri Davisson at derridavisson@hotmail.com or (727) 423-7644.

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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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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. – 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.

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

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

“Brown Bag Lunch-and-Learn: NICARAUGUA.” Monday, March 29, 12 Noon. Presented by ProNica,

a Quaker Outreach Program in Latin America.

READ-A-THON: TAKE A REFRESHING “READING BREAK” AT THE LIBRARY! Readers of all ages are invited to pick up a reading log to record minutes you spend reading at the Gulfport Library during National Library Week, April 12-17. Read at whatever time you choose and for as long as you like. At the end of NLW, we'll tally up the logs and publish the total number of in-Library reading-time!

Exhibition of Paintings by Jim Joiner. Through April 29. Opening Reception: Friday, April 2, 5:00-7:00 pm.

Suncoast Computer Users Group (SCUG): Thursday, April 8, 6:00 pm.

Coffee/Talk Movie: Wednesday, April 14, 1:30 pm. “Hunger” (“Sult”). This award-winning Scandinavian film paints a landscape of obsession: the realm of a literally starving artist. Based on the novel by Knut Hamsun. (Henning Carlsen, 1966, 112 min. subtitled)

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, April 15, 10:00 am. Discussion of Hunger (Sult), by Knut Hamsun. Books / discussion guides are available at the Reference Desk.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs and meetings are held in The Frances Purdy Friends Room Open Monday-Friday: 10 am-7 pm & Saturday: 10 am-4 pm

Services *City Sponsored Activities* in the Community

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

Be Counted! Complete your U.S. Census Form: Need help with your Census questionnaire? A representative from the Census Bureau will be available at the Senior Center for the next five Mondays from 4-6pm. Also, questionnaires are available in multiple languages.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Running for Your Money: Support our Senior Center Foundation Board Vice President Mike Calamari as he runs for your money to benefit our Senior Center! His 18 mile race takes place on March 29 in Canada. Checks may be made to the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, Inc. Good luck, 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. Advance tickets: \$8. At the door: \$10. Come join us on Friday, April 16 at 7pm at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater. Cash bar available.

Elder Consumer Protection Expo: Plan on attending Stetson's Elder Consumer Protection Expo on Tues. Apr. 20 from 9am-2pm. Free materials/services including shredding of unwanted personal papers. Free Continental Breakfast/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.

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Beginners Duplicate Bridge Class:

Interested in learning how to play duplicate Bridge? Come on Mondays either at 1pm or 6:30pm. Thanks to Bernie Wright for teaching both classes.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

"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

Seniors Adopting Seniors: Be a part of a new program that helps enrich two lives - yours and a person in a local rehab center. Come and hear how YOU can make a difference on Tues. Apr. 20 at 1pm. Free.

Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others: Ken Staggs, Chaplain with Suncoast Hospice has offered to share his expertise in knowing how to care for yourself while caring for others. The presentation will be held on Wed. April 21 at 10:30am

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.

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.

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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8-10:30pm Practica/Milonga

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

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

Local Obituaries

ADLER, MARCELLA B., 85, a 50 year resident of Gulfport passed away Monday, March 22, 2010 at the Seminole Nursing Pavilion in Seminole. She was born in Queens, NY and was a manager for many years with the telephone company. While living in Gulfport she was a member of the Women's Club, The Senior Center and the Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be conducted Thursday, March 25 at 10 a.m. at Calvary Cathlic Cemetery. R. Lee Williams & Son, 5730 15 Avenue S., 345-7797.

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DURHAM, CHRISTOPHER V., 41, of Gulfport, died March 20, 2010. He was born in Verona, Italy to an American military family. He graduated from the University of Alaska, Anchorage with a degree in fine arts. He was an artist and had an art gallery/studio in Gulfport. He is survived by his loving mother Margaret Rogers; grandmother Audrey Nadzon; stepfather Robert Kline and faithful companion "Riley". Services will be at Hospice Woodside chapel, Monday March 29th at 11 a.m.

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OESCH, LESTER DEAN, 57, of 147 Melody Lane, Forest City, NC, died Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at Hospice House. Les was a native of Salem, OH and formerly of New Springfield,

OH and St. Petersburg, FL. He was the son of Dona Jean Pauley Oesch and the late Clayton Oesch. Les was a member of the Lutheran church, an auto mechanics instructor, dive instructor, 32 degree Mason, 1989 president of the Peninsula Shrine Club, Moose International, American Legion and was employed with his father at Pasadena Chevron in St. Petersburg for many years. In addition to his mother Dona, he leaves to cherish his memory his partner of 11 years, Marsha Callahan; brother, Ed Oesch of Ozark, MO and nieces and nephews. Locally, Les resided with Marsha in Largo and Gulfport. Les leaves many friends from his favorite local spots, JJ's, Buddy's and Pasadena Bar.

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In Memoriam LINDA SMITH

I wanted to express appreciation for the love and support displayed by the many friends of Linda Smith. The number of people who attended her Memorial Service and the Celebration of her Life was overwhelming. A special thanks to Gulfport on the Rocks and everyone involved who prepared food, played music or attended the Celebration. She will be remembered for her smile, sense of humor and her willingness to help anyone in need. She was well loved by many and will live in our hearts and memories forever.

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

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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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Care Givers Support Groups

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

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

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

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Now that we have 3,000 pages of regulations governing our medical care system and new taxes to help pay for part of it, we should examine our federal tax system which has an estimated 56,000 pages of rules and regulations.

A brief stop here: new medical benefits don't kick in until 2014, but taxes start right away. They include new taxes on incomes above \$200,000, taxes on insurance and medical device companies and reductions in pay for care providers dealing with Medicare and Medicaid. Medicaid is also expanded to include more people and states pay for that. So, hang on for the tax ride which has not yet addressed our growing federal debt.

Also, another brief stop. I wrote last week that the national debt would hit \$12 trillion by 2019. Wrong. It is \$12 trillion dollars now. That's about \$41,000 per man, woman and child. That doesn't include the unfunded

liabilities for Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. That's estimated by the Dallas Federal Reserve at \$99 trillion. Sooner or later we have to pay for that either by more taxes, cutting spending, or a rapidly expanding economy.

Now, back to the taxes. To simplify, make fairer, collect more money, there are at least three proposals to reform the federal tax system.

Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.): Its essence is an elimination of deductions and tax breaks, tax-free for a family of four earning up to \$39,000, a 10 per cent tax on incomes up to \$100,000 for joint filers and 25 percent on income more than that.

Steve Forbes of Forbes magazine and a one-time presidential candidate proposed a flat tax. Depending upon exemptions and deductions he proposed a tax of somewhere around 17 percent, if I recall. Flat taxers have not pushed this proposal.

The biggest push comes from the Fair Tax advocates. This started with a book by libertarian radio commentator Neil Boortz and Georgia congressman John Linder in 2005. Its honorary chairman is Michael Reagan, and a big push is scheduled in Washington, D.C. for April 15. A bill (HR 25) was introduced a few years ago.

The essence of the Fair Tax is the elimination of all federal taxes (including withholding, excise, corporate income taxes) and, hence, the IRS, and the establishment of a 23 per cent sales tax on initial sales of goods and services. If that seems high, consider that ALL federal taxes would be dropped thereby driving down prices on goods and services. You get to keep all your pay check. All illegal activities (drugs, etc.) are taxed since anything that is bought or sold has a tax. To be fair, those below a certain income would actually get a regular check from the government to equalize the burden. That's it in a nutshell. I'll address the details in later columns.

In the meantime consider the taxes and fees that are levied now (including state and local): income, Medicare, Social Security, telecommunications taxes and fees, excise, liquor taxes, unemployment, workers compensation, sales taxes, watercraft and vehicle registration fees, fuel permit fees, gasoline, food license, fishing license, marriage license, property, per capita and so forth and so on. The Fair Tax won't eliminate state and local taxes, but it would clean up the rest.

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The Auxiliary's miniature golf tournament was a huge success, thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered and participated.

Sunday, March 28 is our next blood drive from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Blood donors receive a free breakfast.

The \$1,000.00 drawing is Tuesday, March 30 at 8 p.m. If you don't have a ticket, better hurry and get one before they are all gone.

Every Monday night, from 6 p.m. until closing, is ladies night with half price drinks for the ladies.

Join us for dinner on Friday & Saturday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. The Southern Knights band plays after dinner both nights. This Saturday, March 27, the S.A.L.'s will be serving their all-you-can-eat spaghetti & meatballs. Wednesday nights we have bingo starting at 6 p.m. Food is available during bingo. Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. join us for euchre.

Also, we are still accepting donations for troops in Iraq. Items needed include powered drink mix for bottled water, personal hygiene items, socks, batteries, snacks, dry food items, etc. A collection box is provided at the post. For more information call Shirley at 510-1919. Let's show them our support!

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Free breakfast will be offered to all blood donors on April 11 at American Legion Post 305, 6999 Gulf Boulevard in St. Pete Beach between the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Along with the Auxiliary blood drive they will be hosting a bake sale to help fund their Girls State Program. Girls State is one of the many functions in which all Auxiliary units participate throughout the year. The Girls State program is dedicated to area high school juniors who meet certain criteria to spend a week in Tallahassee in July for a hands-on understanding of how bills are made and passed through the House and Senate. Proceeds from the bake sale will help fund their expenses (housing, meals and transportation) for the week. Please visit our bake sale to buy, donate or have coffee and a snack. Contact the lounge at 367-1596 for more information.

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The Sun Shines Onstage at St. Pete Little Theatre

By Cathy Salustri

While not quite perfect, St. Petersburg Little Theatre's production of *The Sunshine Boys* delivers an evening of comedy worth the price of admission. This Neil Simon classic, which takes place in 1970s New York City, lets playgoers have a peek into the lives of retired vaudeville players Willie Clark and Al Lewis as they try and put aside their differences one last time.

Simon based *The Sunshine Boys* on two real vaudeville teams, Smith and Dale and Gallagher and Shean. While vaudeville's popularity faded after the 1920s and these acts may no longer be household names, the dilemma they, as well as Simon's Lewis and Clark, faced still plagues people today: how do you deal with someone you can't stand, especially if that someone is part of who you have become?

Walter Raine, who plays Willie Clark, and David Eells, who plays Al Lewis, tackle this issue admirably. Raine's onstage persona dominates from the moment he steps onstage, and the audiences who have loved watching him for years make no exception this time as he blusters about his New York City apartment. His portrayal of a has-been who is too stubborn to lie down endears him almost instantly, despite his nastiness about his old colleague, Al Lewis.

Eells' portrayal of the diminutive (as compared to Raine's towering frame and commanding voice) yet plucky Al Lewis should make him the audience favorite, but he never quite steals that honor from Raine. This does not mean Eells doesn't do a fine job; quite the opposite. His performance doesn't vary and his energy level and sincerity stay constant throughout both acts.

In the end, the two men find their own way of accepting their fates and coexisting, if not getting along



The *Sunshine Boys* tells the story of two retired vaudeville stars who do not get along. It runs through this weekend at the The St. Petersburg Little Theater.

as old chums. Some partnerships, they seem to suggest, must have acrimony to work. This premise rings true not just in a play about vaudeville players but in more modern endeavors as well.

While Eells and Raine both deliver great performances, one other actor makes this production of *The Sunshine Boys* worth seeing: Mark Myers, who plays Willie Clark's nephew/caretaker, Ben Silverman. Myers, an actor who has impressed past audiences with his performance in *Someone To Watch Over Me*, does a fine job with a supporting comedic role. Although much younger and much smaller than Raine (which is not so much a comment on Myers' lack of size as it is Raine's impressive height,) Myers matches Raine line for line and step for step in energy, timing, and characterization. Only a strong actor could so neatly balance Raine's verve without seeming as though he was trying to outdo him.

These three actors, of course, are not the only worthy elements of the production. David Middleton, the director, also designed the set. His set design marks a departure from the usual design seen on this stage, but it works well and is a pleasure to look at. Steven Bell, the head carpenter, realized that design superbly. Frank Hales incorporates real lights into his light design instead of relying solely on stage lighting, which adds a real feeling to the performance.

This show has some wonderful

moments and talented actors. Although it, like many community theatre productions, has some missteps, Middleton's direction, his cast, and a talented technical crew do an excellent job with a great play.

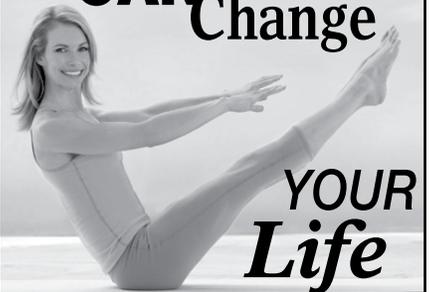
The Sunshine Boys has one more weekend left in its run; call St. Petersburg Little Theatre at (727) 866-1973 (you must dial the area code in some instances for the number to work) to reserve seats. The show runs this Friday and Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. this Sunday afternoon. Tickets cost \$20 (\$10 for students).

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Cathy Salustri has a background in stage management. Contact her at CathySalustri@TheGabber.com.

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GULFPORT: Frank Hewlett plays guitar, cracks jokes, tell stories and sings tunes that originated in the days before iPods. Some of the questions posed on his website offer clues to what music you might expect from him: "Are Turtles and Monkees more than just animals in a zoo to you?" or "When I say Puff, do you think Dragon rather than Daddy?" It's no wonder he has nicknamed himself "The Geezer." Frank "The Geezer" Hewlett is the featured musician at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market, each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Beach Blvd. in Gulfport's Waterfront Arts District.

Choices at the Market have grown tremendously over the last few months. There are new vendors and new choices each week. At the Market, the Gulfport Merchants Association offers a booth with information about upcoming events, as well as local shops and eateries. Stop by to find out about upcoming Art Walks, festivals and many other events. The Merchants' booth also accepts donations of non-perishable food and toiletries for the Gulfport Senior Center Pantry. Donations go to local families in need.

For more information about the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market, or if you are interested in becoming a vendor, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086. More information is also available at www.GulfportMA.com.

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Smoke Alarms Save a Life



Photo by Leigh Clifton

Firemen sift through the charred remains of the back bedroom of Jia Hui Pan's house, on 72nd and Central Ave last Friday afternoon. Pan, who owns China Pearl Restaurant on Central and 34th was not at home when the fire started in the upstairs back bedroom. His mother, Shui Qui, who was home at the time, downstairs watching TV when she heard smoke alarms going off inside the house. A neighbor saw the smoke and called 911. Doug Sergent, who lives across the street from Pan, heard screaming in the front yard, and ran over and into the house, looking for other family members.

"I heard her screaming and I looked up and saw flames coming from the left and right side windows. She was already out but I thought there might be more people inside.. I knew she had a grandson and I was afraid he might still be in there!" Sergent said.

Both grandchildren were actually at school and no one was injured, according to Lt. Jim Granata, of the St. Pete Fire Department. Chief Neil Crummit of SPF called a second alarm after he arrived on scene when he saw the multiple story home. In all there were 15 units on scene plus other fire staff and administration.

According to Granata, Pan bought the 2500 sq. ft. home in 2003 with an estimated value is \$350,000. This type of incident really drives home the importance of smoke alarms in the home. On Friday, they saved a life.



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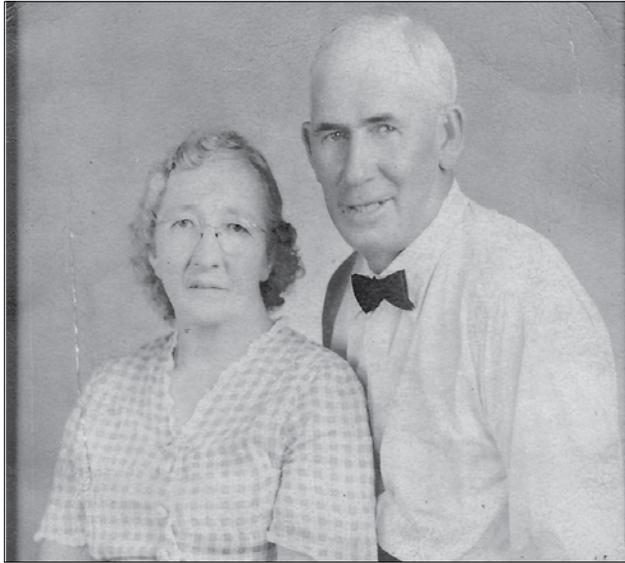
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In just 29 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We'll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, places, and above all the decade of each picture as it comes along. To make it a little bit of a challenge, we won't publish the correct caption until the following week.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

The elegant house at 6261 14th Avenue, shown last week, was built for Tom Payne, an English-born lumber dealer, in 1926. Just a year or so later, Payne's son died in a plane crash, attempting to equal Lindbergh's nonstop Atlantic crossing, and the house was sold to R.B. Lassing, a financier and champion amateur golfer. Recently, it was for many years it the home of the Dean of Stetson College of Law.



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Community Band to Perform Free Concert

Max Millsbaugh, Musical Director of the South Pasadena Community Band, has announced that the band will present a concert in Galatea Garden on Thursday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free.

"This concert brings the band back to the band shell and the park setting," Millsbaugh said. "The concert title is "A Little Park Music" and we will have a good variety of music." The concert features familiar marches like Sousa's "Semper Fidelis," Broadway sounds such as "Les Miserables" and well-known pop sounds with a tribute to Jerome Kern. "We have a very interesting mix of music that is very listenable and varied," he commented.

The concert is free to the public. Galatea Garden is located on Sunset Drive South two blocks north of the intersection of Pasadena Street and Gulfport Avenue. Parking surrounds the park and persons attending the concert should bring a chair or blanket.

Kathleen Peters, Mayor of South Pasadena commented, "We are very pleased to have the band back in the band shell now that the weather is cooperating. Concerts in the park are fun, relaxed and bring neighbors out to enjoy the beautiful setting, community camaraderie, and the music." The Mayor added that in the event of inclement weather the concert will move to the South Pasadena City Hall one block north of the park. "People from the community can walk to the park, we can accommodate buses from residence communities and parking is available around the park. Everyone is welcome," she concluded.

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Guardian ad Litem Training

The next training to become a Guardian ad Litem will be April 10 to May 8, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for five weeks at Pasadena Community Church, 227 70 Street S. in St. Petersburg.

As a Guardian ad Litem, you advocate in court and the child welfare system for abused, abandoned or neglected children and teens. The

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

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Town Shores Red Hatters

Town Shores Red Hatters will meet in the clubhouse lounge on Monday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m. to plan for the rest of the year's activities. Plan to join them.

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Town Shores Bocce

The last four teams will be down at the Bocce courts today to decide who will be playing on Tuesday, March 30. The two women's teams and the two men's teams will begin play at 1 p.m.

Tickets are still on sale for the Blast to be held next Tuesday, but the deadline is fast approaching so call today to get your ticket. Stella's Deli will be providing a lunch for \$5 which will be served in the clubhouse auditorium. Following lunch they will go to the courts to watch the final game between the men and women.

Last Saturday, 260 residents celebrated the end of the Bocce season with a party in the auditorium. Lee Roy Selmon's served a delicious meal and Dale Williams provided the entertainment. If you are a seasonal resident, sign up for next fall before you leave.

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New Morning Yoga class

A new morning Yoga class is held on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Gulfport Recreation Center. 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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Presentation by Nicaraguan Quakers

Two representatives from ProNica, a Nicaraguan outreach program sponsored by the St. Petersburg Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), will hold a "brown bag lunch and learn" presentation at the Gulfport Public Library on Monday, March 29, starting at 12 noon. ProNica has been active in Nicaragua for 24 years. The two presenters, Lillian Hall and Carmen Gonzalez-Ruiz, are on-site coordinators for the program in Latin America. They will show a brief film

prior to their presentation, and then take questions about Nicaraguan life.

Lillian Hall has lived in Nicaragua since 1987. Her perspective comes from 20 years living and working alongside Nicaraguans for peace and social justice. As ProNica program coordinator since 1999 she has a long history with ProNica partners who work in health, education, agriculture and social programs. She will be sharing her first-hand report on the state of life in Nicaragua during her visit to St. Petersburg.

Carmen Gonzalez-Ruiz has worked with the Maria Luisa Ortiz

Women's Cooperative Birth Center in Mulukuku, and was also the national coordinator for the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging in Nicaragua. She has worked as a tour guide in Nicaragua, and as a freelance print and radio journalist for outlets both in Latin America and in the U.S.

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Easter Egg Hunt in Treasure Island

The Gulf Beaches Rotary Club with the assistance of the Treasure Island Chamber of Commerce and the Isle of Capri Civic Association will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3 at 10 a.m. in the Treasure Island Community Center and Park, Gulf Boulevard at 106th Avenue. Activities for children 10 year old and younger will include an egg hunt; bonnet and hat contest; and a visit with the Easter Bunny. Bring your cameras so that you can take your picture with the Easter Bunny. The event is free.

For additional information please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (727) 360-4121 or (727) 367-2303.

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Become a Mentor

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

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 waiting for mentors!

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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.

Volunteers Needed to Care for Baby Birds

INDIAN SHORES: Baby bird volunteers are needed immediately and will receive training and information at the Baby Bird Training Workshop on Saturday, April 3 at 10 a.m. at the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary. Volunteers will work in aviaries and in the avian hospital feeding and caring for the babies. No experience is required but a commitment of at least four hours per week until July 1 is needed.

Volunteers must be able to lift 15 pounds and be able to go up and down

a step ladder. Duties will include direct bird care and observation, cage cleaning, housekeeping, food preparation and feeding. The hours available seven days a week are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Please bring a picture I.D. for the volunteer paperwork.

The workshop is free of charge and will be held at the sanctuary at 18328 Gulf Boulevard in Indian Shores. For more information email jessicag@seabirdsanctuary.com or call 727-392-4291.

Expand Your Boating Knowledge and Skills

The St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron will offer the America's Boating Course to anyone 12 or older starting Monday, April 5, from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. Instruction is free. Cost of the materials is \$25 per family. Classes are held once a week (two hours each Monday), for seven weeks.

Completion of this course will enable the student to skipper a

boat with confidence. Graduates are eligible to join the squadron and take advantage of all the other great educational opportunities afforded to SPSPS members.

Pre-registration is required. You may do it online at www.boating-stpete.org or call 727-498-4001.

Tax Service for Seniors and Low Incomes

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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Animal Complaint- 1600 Blk 55th Ave. S.

Theft- 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Theft- 1400 Blk 58th St. S.

Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls- Location Withheld.

Saturday 3/13

Accident with Injuries- 4900 Blk 18th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 700 Blk 58th St. S.

Accident with Injuries- 2200 Blk 52nd St. S.

Theft- 5200 Blk 10th Ave. S.

Animal Complaint- Clam Bayou.

Arrest on Warrant- 2200 Blk 53rd St. S.

Trouble with Individual- Tomlinson Park.

Accident with Injuries- 3100 Blk Dupont St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Sunday 3/14

Fight in Progress- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Drunk Person- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Drunk Person- 1600 Blk 57th St. 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.

Burglary- 3100 Blk Dupont St. S.

Domestic Verbal- 6100 Blk 10th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Battery- 5100 Blk 18th Ave. S.

Domestic Battery- 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

Noise Complaint- 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Trouble with Individual- 1500 Blk Gray St. S.

Burglary- 2800 Blk 46th St. S.

Domestic Verbal- 1200 Blk Gray St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.

Monday 3/15

Animal Complaint- 2800 Blk Skimmer Pt. Dr. S.

Prowler- 6000 Blk 17th Ave. S.

Prowler- 6200 Blk Kipps Colony Dr.

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

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

Animal Complaint- 5100 Blk 31st St. S.

Theft- 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Tuesday 3/16

Fight in Progress- 900 Blk 58th St. S.

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Theft- 900 Blk 58th St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 2600 Blk Tifton St. S.

Theft- 900 Blk 58th St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 700 Blk Gray St. S.

Burglary- 5700 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Theft- 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Criminal Mischief- 5700 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Animal Complaint- 2500 Blk 56th St. S.

Arrest on Warrant- 5000 Blk 24th Ave. S.

Domestic Verbal- 700 Blk 53rd St. S.

Domestic Verbal- 5800 Blk 30th Ave. S.

Domestic Battery- 700 Blk 53rd St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Wednesday 3/17

Trouble with Individual- 700 Blk 60th St. S.

Theft- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Theft- 900 Blk 58th St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 2800 Blk 48th St. S.

Theft- Clam Bayou.

Trouble with Individual- 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.

Domestic Verbal- 2800 Blk Kipps Colony Dr. S.

Thursday 3/18

Trouble with Individual- 2900 Blk 57th St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 1200 Blk Gray St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5500 Blk 25th Ave. S.

Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls- Location Withheld.

Trespasser- 1500 Blk 55th St. S.

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**St. Anthony's
Auxiliary News**

Members and guests of the St. Anthony's Hospital Auxiliary enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day luncheon, card and game party on Wednesday, March 17 in the auditorium of St. Anthony's Hospital. Mary Ellen Conte and her committee are to be commended for a job well done. Chamber musicians from George Steinbrenner High School in Tampa provided background music during the social hour prior to lunch.

The next event for the Auxiliary is a Salute to Administrative Professionals in the area to be held on April 21 at Feather Sound Country Club. At this luncheon, an Administrative Professional of the Year will be selected from the nominees and presented at that time. Emcees will be Reggie Roundtree and Heather Van Nest of 10 Connect News.

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Community Food Pantry

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

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**USCG Safe Boating
Classes in Gulfport**

Boating Skills and Seamanship is a 13-week course offered every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-16 located at 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport. Lessons include a 400-page manual and a class covering basic charting in local waters. For the \$40 fee you also are awarded a certificate at the end of the course and a chance to learn everything you need to know to feel secure on the water.

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

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Excerpts heard at the March 23, 2010

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

"I kind of like the idea of the state of the city address."

-Commissioner Marvin Shavlan- on Will Jacoby's request for updates and direction the city is going during the public comment period. Shavlan said he saw the request as more informational. The commission discussed the format, approach, merits and depth of a state of the city address.

"I think the lobbyists have got their ear."

-Mayor Michael Finnerty on whether the city should continue to spend about \$60,000 annually on lobbyists to help secure federal funding for the city. The mayor said so far the city has received more funds than they have spent and the commission would discuss whether or not to continue hiring the lobbyists as part of the city's upcoming budget talks.

"On almost a weekly basis I look at what our duties are and I don't think it's picking out architectural finishes."

-Commissioner Jim Parent, on what the commission should or should not make decisions about regarding plans for a bank.

"The issue is zoning...quite honestly when you start modifying a planned development you no longer have a planned development."

-Will Jacoby, on the commission amending a planned development to make way for a new bank at Dolphin Village.

"We live in a different world. We've got to think outside the box to get some things done."

-Commissioner Marvin Shavlan, on planning events and getting sponsorships to draw more people into the city.

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Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

8 Things To Do With a Tax Refund

It's easy to see a tax refund as some kind of gift from the universe. It's not. It is a chunk of your annual income you should have been getting all along in your regular paychecks. Plan now for how you'll manage it, or this refund easily could evaporate.

1. Treat it like a paycheck. Give away 10 percent, and save 10 percent; put the rest into your household account. This is especially advisable if you are having trouble keeping up with your current financial obligations.

2. Stash it. Put it in your contingency fund (a pool of money you keep in a safe place for serious emergencies) or freedom account. Don't think twice. Just get it into the bank quickly, before you are tempted to pick out a new TV or book a vacation trip abroad. Money in the bank lets you

back away from the "edge" in ways that buying more stuff cannot.

3. Open a Roth IRA. Talk with your bank or go to <http://www.vanguard.com> to discover your options. Provided your contingency fund is well-funded and you are not drowning in credit card debt, this may be the perfect opportunity for you to boost your retirement funding.

4. Reduce credit card debt. You can send any amount at any time to your credit card account. Sending a great big unscheduled payment could be the jump-start you need to become debt-free. Determine that you will stop using that card and keep paying extra until it's at \$0.

5. Replace a monster. It might be time to replace that energy-guzzling refrigerator or furnace. Having the funds in hand to pay cash will put you in a beautiful position to negotiate a great deal.

6. Pump it into your car. Get the routine maintenance or repairs on your car that you've been avoiding. Preventive maintenance is almost always cheaper than repairs.

7. Build a stockpile. Set this money aside to be used weekly at the grocery to stock up on "best deals." Carefully peruse the ads, and then match sale items with manufacturer coupons to get rock-bottom prices.

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News from Auxiliary Unit 125

By Charly Phipps, President

The miniature golf tournament last Sunday was a huge success. I would like to thank everyone who participated, donated and volunteered their time. The proceeds from this tournament will be donated to the Operation Military Kids Camp, which is for children who have a parent deployed.

We are collecting pennies for children and youth programs in our District 16. Please drop some unwanted pennies in the jar.

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Join Gulf Beaches Relay for Life

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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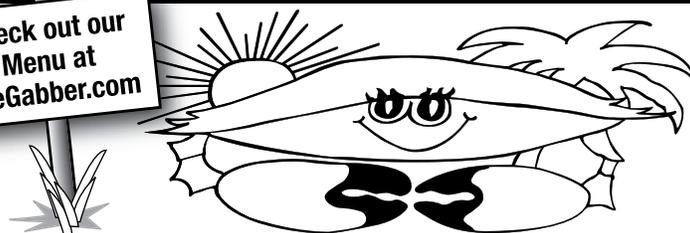
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Annual Michelob Cup Winners



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Calling themselves the “Red Shirted Giant Killers” BCYC captain Bruce Bingham, (left) Sean Ness (center) and BCYC Rear Commodore Richard Walters won the Cruising Class B Division of the Annual Michelob Cup, held each year at the St. Pete Yacht Club. The “Killers” beat out several larger, better equipped boats and got third overall for the day. Bingham’s boat, Nikki is now in contention for Cruiser of the year. During the race, which was held in really rough seas and high wind, one boat capsized, throwing all six crew members overboard.

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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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.

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Town Shores Residents

In the past the 320 Club (named after the number of seats in the clubhouse) hosted several parties a year. If you want to resurrect the club and bring it back, contact your building representative or board member.

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Walking Gulf Beaches Heritage

By Melissa Lattman

PASS-A-GRILLE- Gladys Joseph and other costumed guides gave walking tours of historic Pass-a-Grille. Visitors learned about the architecture as well as where early beachgoers bought \$0.50 fish



Gladys Joseph gives a walking tour of historic Pass-A-Grille.

dinners and rented wool bathing suits. The tours were part of history day at the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, which is celebrating its 17th anniversary this month. Housed in the first church on the Barrier Islands the museum through its all volunteer staff documents and preserves island life as far north as the Redingtons. The event was held to raise awareness of the museum, which is in danger of possibly closing due to county budget cuts. The museum at 115 10th Avenue

is open year round Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 until 4 p.m. Through May the museum is also open Thursdays 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.



For the first two hours of Sunday's 13th Annual Pass-A-Grille Woman's Club Home Tour rain gear was a necessity along with blue protective coverings over wet shoes to keep the floors dry. The sunshine yellow shuttered home of John and Beth Jostrand helped brighten the day. A steady stream of participants visited the six home sites.

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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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By Scott Lafee

The Enemy Within

Overeating and under-exercising may not be entirely to blame for the obesity epidemic.

There's also the matter of the organisms living in your gut.

A new study, published in the journal *Science*, suggests that hordes of voracious intestinal bacteria may cause appetites to balloon, resulting in excessive weight and a host of related health problems, such as elevated cholesterol levels, high blood pressure and insulin resistance. Worse, the bacteria are capable of spreading from one host to another.

In other words, fat may be contagious.

"It could be the case that bacteria are involved in obesity in a way that's transmissible between people," said Rob Knight, a researcher at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

The study was conducted in mice genetically manipulated so that their immune system could not filter out some forms of invasive bacteria. The mice ate 10 percent more than normal mice and exhibited a variety of metabolic problems. Researchers think something similar might be occurring with some obese people. It has already been shown that intestinal bacterial populations differ between obese and lean humans.

GET ME THAT. STAT!

One way to reduce obesity may be to tax junk food. A University of Buffalo study found that a 12.5 percent tax on high-calorie, low-nutrient items like potato chips and hot dogs reduced the total calories purchased by 6.5 percent.

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It has been estimated that even if the stomach, spleen, 80 percent of the intestines, one kidney, one lung and virtually every organ from the pelvic

and groin region were removed, a human being could still survive. With medical assistance, of course.

OBSERVATION

"One of the most difficult things to contend with in a hospital is the assumption on the part of the staff that just because you have lost your gallbladder you have also lost your mind." -- Humorist Jean Kerr

STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

Young children are influenced by advertising earlier than previously thought, University of Michigan researchers say. They found that children as young as 3 can readily recognize commercial brands marketed at them. The most commonly recognized brand was McDonald's, followed closely by other brands of fast food, soda and toys.

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Mageirocophobia -- fear of cooking

MEDTRONICA

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The author of this blog is Derek Lowe, an organic chemist who has worked for several pharmaceutical companies. The view is from the inside, with Lowe pontificating on drug research (good and bad), Big Pharma and the related issues.

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This telecommunications access program is funded by a surcharge currently on all Florida telephone consumers' bills. Equipment is available by appointment Monday through Friday at the Deaf and Hearing Connection's main office located at 7821 Seminole Boulevard in Seminole or at satellite locations throughout Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. For a complete list of distribution locations or to schedule an appointment, call 727-399-9983 (Voice) or 727-399-9422 (TTY).

The Deaf and Hearing Connection, Tampa Bay's only non-profit hearing center, also offers free hearing screenings by appointment, low cost hearing aids, cleanings and repairs. The Deaf and Hearing Connection specializes in communication access for deaf, hard of hearing or late deafened people.

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Low-Cost or Free Mammograms

If you are a woman 40-64 years of age of low income without health insurance living in Pinellas County you may be eligible for a free or low cost Mammogram. For additional information please call 820-4117. The guidelines and eligibility requirements will be provided to you at that time.

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Foster Hope... Foster A Child

Imagine being taken away from your home, not knowing where you will go, leaving behind your favorite things. Now, imagine this through the eyes of a child. 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 1-866-233-0790.

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Old Cell Phones Can Be Lifeline for Seniors

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

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USCG Safe Boating Classes

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous

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

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

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Rotary Club of St. Petersburg

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RUSH'S Reality

A satirical look at the world around us.

By Anne Rush

I'm 50! (and a half)

Happy birthday to me! You see, I turned 50! years old about six months ago. Today I was remembering how when I was five and strangers in the grocery store would ask me how old I was, and I answered "five and a half". I answered the same way when I was 12 (who didn't want to be a teenager?!). And again when I was 15, 17 and then 20. On those birthdays I no longer said it out loud, but rather thought silently to myself that I'm almost 16, almost 18 and almost 21 respectively. At least that's how I remember it. And I'm pretty sure I never admitted to a bartender in the spring of 1980 that I was 20 and a half. In such a hurry to grow up! Hmm.

Turning 50! for me was a whole lot harder than being 50. For the two weeks prior, I really agonized over the milestone. At times I even panicked.

I began to think I was running out of time. All those things I was gonna do (i.e., climb Mt. Everest, backpack through Europe, become a "well qualified buyer") are likely never going to happen.

I began to think that being 50 is not really middle age at all because I did the math and with the help of actuary tables, I figured I'd likely never to live be 100. Which means that instead of having a middle age crisis at a more realistic age of say 35, I was pregnant with my last baby and driving a four door sedan. I missed my mid-life crisis!

And I just don't see myself in a commercial for one of those banks or investment firms where the people are all going back to school, starting a whole new career or traveling. My foreseeable future doesn't include

endless possibilities and excitement. Let me put it this way. If I ever feel the urge to jump out of an airplane from here on out, it probably won't be for the thrill of it!

That's not to say I'm against all air travel. You see, I've learned that gravity is not my friend. You've heard of Nicole Stott, the well-into-her-40s-something astronaut from Clearwater? I'll let you in on a secret. She didn't go to the International Space Station out of passion or a desire to inspire kids. She went with a mirror just so she could get a glimpse of what her body looked like in total weightlessness. True story.

And then to top it all off, I gained weight over the holidays. And it hasn't magically or effortlessly disappeared. I'm one of those people that women love to hate. For 49 years I ate and drank everything at will and never once had to alter the size of my jeans. To this day, I don't even own a bathroom scale. But as luck would have it, Publix Supermarket does. Ten pounds! I gasped! Why would you even have scales (let alone out in public) at a place where your entire business was selling food? "Where Shopping is a Pleasure"? Not on that trip, buddy.

So then I started to do the trick that all women do (10 lbs. or not) when jeans come out of the dryer. I did deep knee bends to try to stretch them out a little bit. And couldn't get up. When did my knees get so bad?!

For the life of me, I can't understand why I have a turkey neck when I religiously do all those head-bobbing exercises with my bifocals every day.

But in all honesty I must say there are some good things to being older, too. I have the wisdom and perspective that only comes from life experience that I regularly bestow upon my three adoring and grateful teenagers. AARP has some really great deals. I'm still too young for a 55+ community. And no offense, ladies, but I'm not yet wearing purple.

But what comforts me when I'm feeling really blue, is that my dog is now 11 which makes her 77 in people years. She wears her gray fur and weight happily, and in six months when I'm 51, she'll be 80 (and-a-half)!

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

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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.

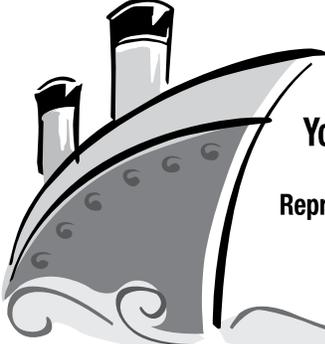
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The Salvation Army of St. Petersburg is seeking volunteers to staff its community soup kitchen on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Volunteers will assist staff in serving meals to the clients who come to the soup kitchen each day for the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

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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



Time to Beat Litter

As the last snow melts, and first tender shoots work their way up through the dark soil, we humans cannot help but see our handiwork everywhere we look: litter!

Spring showers wash it into our lawns, collect it in the gutters by the roads and consolidate it on storm drains. With no leaves as camouflage, we see the plastic bags caught on bare branches. Beer bottles, tin cans and Styrofoam cups nestle like Easter eggs under shrubs and bushes. Litter is a manmade blight on the American landscape.

But litter doesn't stop there. In his jaw-dropping book, "The World Without Us," Alan Weisman describes a small continent of litter floating in the North Pacific Subtropical Gyre. His words: "It was not unlike an Arctic vessel pushing through

chunks of brash ice, except what was bobbing around them was a fright of cups, bottle caps, tangles of fish netting and monofilament line, bits of polystyrene packaging, six-pack rings, spent balloons, filmy scraps of sandwich wrap and limp plastic bags that defied counting."

What is the source of all this flotsam and jetsam? Capt. Charles Moore of Long Beach, Calif., is quoted in the book as concluding that "80 percent of the mid-ocean flotsam had been originally discarded on land. It blew off garbage trucks, out of landfills, spilled from railroad shipping containers, washed down storm drains, sailed down rivers, wafted on the wind and found its way to the widening gyre."

According to the Keep America Beautiful campaign: "People tend to litter because they feel no sense of personal ownership. In addition,

even though areas such as parks and beaches are public property, people often believe that someone else like a park maintenance or highway worker will take responsibility to pick up litter that has accumulated over time."

Part of the mission of Keep America Beautiful is to engage people in cleaning up their community and feeling that they have a vested interest in their environment. The organization points out that litter can also happen accidentally -- as in overflowing garbage cans waiting for curbside collection. Or from trucks at construction sites that are not properly covered. Even from municipalities that don't offer litter cans and proper receptacles in public places.

Every year, Keep America Beautiful hosts the Great American Cleanup from March 1 to May 31. This is the nation's largest annual community improvement program, with 30,000 events in 15,000 communities. Last year, volunteers collected 200 million pounds of litter and debris; planted 4.6 million trees, flowers and bulbs; cleaned 178,000 miles of roads, streets and highways; and diverted more than 70.6 million plastic (PET) bottles and more than 2.2 million scrap tires from the waste stream.

What you can do to help?

-- Want to organize a cleanup in your community? Go to www.kab.org to volunteer.

-- Suffering from NDD (Nature Deficit Disorder)? Grab the kids and some empty buckets, and walk the banks of the nearest stream picking up litter. Be sure to separate recyclables from trash.

-- At home: Keep a litter bag in the car, bungee cord your curbside garbage can closed, and carry a pocket ashtray if you smoke. Teach your children to be stewards of the earth.

-- At work: Ask your boss to "adopt a road" and take responsibility for keeping it litter-free, or conduct a recycling drive at work to collect paper, usable clothes, tires and other goods that can be donated.

-- In your community: Identify eyesores and organize civic groups to eliminate the litter, create a "trash fishing contest" to clean up the waterways. Take computer equipment, or deliver it to the transfer station.

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They will meet each Thursday at Tradewinds Church, 6740 Park Street S. in So Pasadena. For more information, please call (727) 344-1501.

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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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CABA Memberships for 2010

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

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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. *Gabber March 25 - March 31, 2010*

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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A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

Tips to Bring More Blooming Buds This Spring

Q: Our forsythia bushes have not bloomed for the last several years. They are supposed to start blooming soon, and if they don't, my husband wants to remove them. We restrict our pruning to the time shortly after they should have bloomed, so we are not cutting off the flower buds. They are growing in full sun. What can we do to force them to bloom?

A: There are a few possible causes for spring-blooming shrubs failing to bloom. As you already know, pruning in the fall or winter cuts off flower buds. Forsythias, lilacs and most other species of these shrubs prefer growing in full sun. The more shade they get, the less they flower.

If the shrubs are unhealthy for some reason, such as waterlogged soil or recurring diseases, they may not bloom. Forsythia flower buds are less hardy than the leaf buds and can be killed by winter or early spring freezes. If they only bloom near the ground where buds are often protected by snow, then the buds that don't bloom were killed during a winter cold spell. You should get rid of them and plant a newer, hardier variety.

If they bloomed well in the past and have stopped, it may be because old stems do not bloom as well as younger ones. Most spring-blooming shrubs flower best on stems two to four years old. That is one reason we remove one-fourth of the stems at ground level each spring after they bloom. This forces the plant to grow new stems each spring, and after four years, we have a new plant of only blooming young stems.

If you have an old plant with only a few large stems, it may take a few more years to obtain the effect you want -- cutting down one large stem may remove a large section of the plant. If you do not depend on the plant to screen a view, you can just

cut down the whole thing. This will force the plant to grow all new stems this year. This involves more risk because some plants do not send out any new growth; they just die.

Forsythias do not have many other redeeming virtues, so that may give you the opportunity to plant a better plant. Newer varieties of forsythias contain more cold-tolerant flower buds.

A last-chance option would be to fertilize the shrubs this summer with a fertilizer that promotes blooming to see if they bloom better next year. Three numbers are always on the fertilizer package. The middle one is for phosphorus. If it is about twice as high as the first number (nitrogen), it will work. It does not matter what kind you get, but be sure to follow the label directions.

Q: Our yard is properly graded, but it is downhill from some other homes. Water takes its time to go through our drainage swale, and the puddle is killing the grass and flowers. We would like to speed it up. Can we trench it? And how should I do trenching?

A: The first question you must answer when looking into trenching is, where is the water going to go? Is your yard the lowest one, or does the water go to another yard? At some point, the water in a subdivision either ends in a retention or detention area or goes into a stream or river. Sometimes it goes into the storm sewer, but that will still go to the river.

Water traveling over land is often supposed to get to the lakes and streams more slowly than the water in the pipes. This allows the landscape architect and engineer to design the property to not flood downstream or downhill. If the water is supposed to travel on the surface in your yard, trenching may cause a problem for a neighbor.

A trench is easy to dig with a machine and harder if you do it by hand. In many yards, the drainage swale is also where all of the cables

are buried in your yard.

Once the trench is dug, it can be filled with a pipe or with gravel. Either one should be wrapped in landscape fabric to prevent dirt from filling the gaps where water is supposed to flow. Tree and shrub roots can find the trench and eventually fill the drain so that it does not work well. The landscape fabric helps prevent roots from getting in. The trench should flow downhill at least 1 inch per 10 feet.

Now we must consider my first question: Where is the water going? The trench and pipe cannot just end below ground because the water must come out. Once a plugged pipe is filled, it is no better than no pipe at all -- the water has to go somewhere. If the ground slopes sharply away from the low end of the pipe, it can come out of the ground and let the water out.

Planting plants that like lots of moisture may be a better solution. There are many wetland plants that will tolerate occasional drying out and will grow well in this kind of location. I have written about these plants in the past, so let me know if you want a list.

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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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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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Pet Food Donations Wanted

Help pet owners by donating cat and dog food. The SPCA Tampa Bay is asking the community for donations of cat and dog food to distribute to families experiencing tough financial times. For those who need assistance, call for an appointment at 727-586-3591, ext. 144. Cat and dog food drop off times are: Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Monday closed. Shelter location: 9099 130 Avenue N., Largo. For additional wish list items, view spcatampabay.org.

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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. 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 Point, 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.

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Lady Pirates Have that Winning Feeling



By Leigh Clifton
The 2009-2010 Lady Pirates show off their District Championship Trophy after beating Clearwater to advance to the semi-finals. Although the ladies won the semi-finals at State against Pensacola Pine Forest in late February, the Regional and District champs

could not get by Ft. Lauderdale's Dillard High and lost 53-44. But the Lady Pirates' 23 game-straight winning streak and an overall record of 30-2 got them to the dance in the first place. One of the many bright spots for Bogie this year is Boca Ciega senior SG Latavia Dempsey, who has been selected to participate in the first Florida Association of Basketball Coaches All-Star Game, to be held April 10 at Jefferson.

Dempsey, a 5-foot-6 senior, will play at Florida Atlantic in the fall. She was a four-time first-team all-conference selection and had career totals of 1,710 points and a school-record 225 3-pointers -- along with 390 rebounds, 234 assist, and 197 steals.

Lady Pirates begin Season with a Tough Loss

By Leigh Clifton

Bogie's Lady Pirates Flag Football team began a new season last week, complete with a new coach, Reno Equia, who, at 25, is young and ready to lead the Lady Pirates. But in their first meeting of the season against Dunedin, the ladies fell short, 6-0. But have no fear; several of last year's players are back; quarterback Liz Hill, Samah "Alicia Keys" Irshid and Alliah Leshore among others and along with some new blood this year, the Bogie Girls Flag Football team is ready to play. Helping them along is a familiar figure on the sidelines; Coach Tim Henson. Henson, who was fired by Boy's Varsity Football Coach Steve Thomas for not taping a football game last season, has nonetheless come back on his own to help new coach Equia get acclimated to his new digs and new team.

"This is a whole lot different than coaching a boy's team," Equia said. "Coach Henson knows these girls from coaching them last year, so anything he can do to help me get situated is much appreciated."

It sure is nice to see so many familiar faces and a few new ones back on the sidelines at Bogie.



#11 Lakeira Seay mows down a few Dunedin defenders at the Bogie Girls's first football game of the season last week. Bogie lost 6-0.

Boca Ciega High School Scoreboard

By Leigh Clifton

Baseball - Boys Varsity

3/22/10

Boca Ciega 0
Northeast 10

3/19/10

Boca Ciega 1
St. Pete High 11

3/13/10

Boca Ciega 1
Palm Harbor 11

Football - Girls Varsity

3/19/10

Boca Ciega 0
Dunedin High 6

Softball - Girls Varsity

3/19/10

Boca Ciega 11
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3/18/10

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Clearwater 39
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Gibbs 10

Caberfeidh Productions: *Celtic Charm, Florida-Style*

By Cathy Salustri

Dale Mackenzie Gross loves Nova Scotia. He and his wife Sara Jean love it so much that they're currently devoting their lives to bringing the music and culture to the St. Petersburg area. Their company, Caberfeidh Productions (that rhymes with caberet), is responsible for much – if not all – of the Scottish, bluegrass, and folk music touring through St. Petersburg and Pinellas Park. Caberfeidh Productions has a unique history that goes something like this:

Dale MacKenzie Gross discovered his interest in all things Scottish during a life-changing trip to Nova Scotia in 1977. Shortly after, he met Gibson MacKenzie of Alabama – the founder of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas – and Gibson became a mentor to Dale. With the encouragement and help of Gibson MacKenzie, Dale has become the avid -- no, rabid -- Scot that he is today.

In 1996, Sara Jean Buie was undergoing a life-changing experience

of her own. After attending a concert by Scottish singer Peter Morrison, she decided she would explore her inner Scot at the Jacksonville Scottish Highland Games. There she met Dale MacKenzie Gross ... and the rest is history. After a three-year courtship, during which time they traveled and saw the entire state of Florida, Dale and Sara Jean married on June 30, 2001. They share an intense love of Scotland -- its history, traditions, its heritage, music, and everything else you can imagine that is Scottish.

In 2007, Dale and Sara Jean decided to travel a new road together and founded Caberfeidh Productions, LLC. Caberfeidh is Gaelic for "deer antlers" – the symbol of the Clan MacKenzie. They want Caberfeidh Productions to bring the best in Scottish, Celtic, bluegrass and folk music to the people in the Tampa Bay area.

In the past Dale and Sara Jean have brought Andrea Beaton, Troy and Sabra MacGillivray of Nova Scotia, Brendan Nolan, Battlefield Band, Claire Lynch Band, and Barra MacNeils. Coming up in this area you can see the following performers, courtesy of Caberfeidh Productions:

1. Christine Lavin and Don White at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center (April 23)
2. The Rowan Cunningham Band at The Palladium (May 9)
3. Patrick Ball at The Palladium (November 12)
4. Battlefield Band at the Palladium (November 21)



Dale MacKenzie Gross, one of the co-founders of Caberfeidh Productions, started his lifelong long affair with all things Scottish in Nova Scotia in 1977.

Prices and times vary, so visit Caberfeidh Productions web site for more details. If you, like Dale and Sara Jean, are "rabid" Scot fans, bookmark the site and check it often to see what great Celtic musicians they've added to their lineup. Their marketing executive, Sandra Coburn, does an outstanding job getting the word out about these talented musicians.

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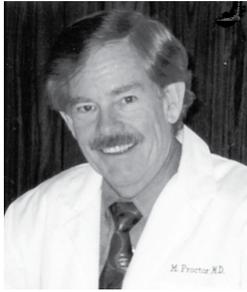


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Beta Sigma Phi

The Service Coordinating Committee of Sunshine City Council 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 (52nd St. and 80th Ave. N.). This annual event is free to all children from the ages of one 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.

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

Congratulations to the new officers for the 2010-2012 term for Laureate Epsilon Theta. They are: President - Sharon Ingram; 1st Vice President - Joyce Keller; 2nd Vice President - Janet Taylor; Extension Officer - Donna Smith; Recording Secretary - Elaine Penner; Corresponding Secretary - Paula Roberts; and Treasurer - Valerie Rankin. The new officers will be installed on April 28 at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

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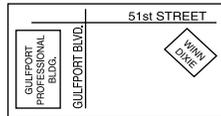
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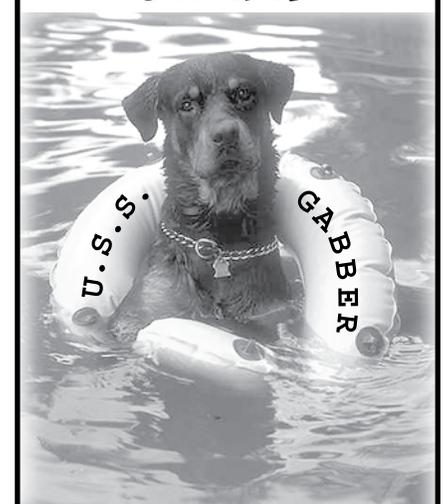
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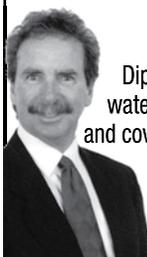
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EMBASSY HOUSE #404 2BR/2BA deluxe. Updated **Waterviews** **Priced at \$175,000**

EMBASSY #409, 1 bed/1.5 bath, deluxe unit, furnished, convenient park by entrance, **Reduced to \$155,000**

NOTTINGHAM HOUSE #115 east corner**2BR/2BA windows galore** carport** **Priced at \$168,000**

BARCLAY HOUSE #302 2BR/2BA**Custom Unit** Fabulous Kitchen with eat-in bar** Granite Counters**updated bathrooms**Open Floor Plan. **Custom Bahama Shutters***Carport** **Price reduced \$155,000**

TOWN SHORES, WINDSOR HOUSE #307 Open Water views, 1 bed, 1.5 bath, windows, newer a/c, new kitchen, paint etc. carport, Hurricane Shutters. Priced well @ **\$161,900**

TOWN SHORES JAMISON #507 1 bed/1bath standard unit, furnished, clean & updated w/carport. Priced @ **\$72,900**

TOWN SHORES JAMISON #210 2 bed/2bath standard unit, new kitchen, bath, pool views, carport, move in condition. Priced @ **\$125,000**

TOWN SHORES AVALON #202 2 bed/2bath deluxe unit, updated tile, carpet, paint, carport, move in condition. Priced @ **\$107,000**

AVALON #206 1 bed/1 bath, standard unit, Dog Building, completely updated kitchen, bath, furnished, curb parking. Reduced to **\$84,000**

LANCASTER #608 2BR/2BA standard unit with Marina view, carport. **Price reduced \$127,000**

LANCASTER House #603, "Marina" water views, 2 bed, **CONTRACT PENDING** tchen, very appealing Priced at **\$127,500**

LANCASTER #415, corner, 2 bed, 2 bath. **Reduced \$154,000**

HAMPTON #310, 1 bed/1 bath deluxe, new carpet, new paint, waterfront marina views. ~~\$119,900~~ **\$99,000**

SEMINOLE GARDEN APTS 8584 111th St. N. #310 ** 2 bed, 2 bath corner condo, stps to Clubhouse priced @ **\$43,900**

HOMES

St Pete Home for Sale - 6323 Bahama Shores Drive S. Beautiful 3 bed / 2 bath, garage, Spanish Style Home with pool located on lot and 1/2. Waterviews from front yard. Owner Gifting the Home Furnished** **Priced at \$349,900**

Eagle Crest 6420 6th Ave. N. 3 bed/2 bath 2,000 sq ft. Beautiful maintained home with "Green" Landscaping, close to beaches, Tyrone Square Mall and Churches Priced well at **\$259,900**

St. Pete Beach - 7000 Beach Dr. Unit #308 corner Gulf Side Waterfront unit - Upham Beach Location. 2 bed 2 bath condo beautiful waterfront views. Enjoy pool & beaches right outside your door. 1 car garage with storage. Well Priced **\$479,000**

560 Zanesville St. S. St. Pete, FL 2 bed 1 bath w/carport, alley access, shady back fenced yard with oak trees double fence gate. Room for boat, pool, extra parking. **Reduced to \$55,000 SHORT SALE**

6901 Burlington Ave. N., Mini Estate 4 bed/ 2 bath main home, gleaming wood floors, tiled kitchen and hallway. Large kitchen, new cabinets, new appliances, new vinyl thermo windows. New a/c & heat, completely private fenced yard, "Unique Family Home". Mother-in-Law apt., completely updated and functional, new a/c, appliances 2 screened porches. Alley access, 1/4 acre corner lot. Priced @ **\$299,000**

GULFPORT HOMES

NEW ON MARKET - Marina District 2661 - 45th St. S. 2/1 frame home. New windows, a/c, roof, crown molding. Office, bamboo floors. **Great Price \$133,000**

MARINA DISTRICT 2650 Tifton St. S. 3/1 Cape Cod, 1.5 lot, fireplace room for boat/trailer. **Reduced \$130,000**

Gulfport 1713 59th Street South, Gulfport 2 bed 1 bath block home, updated move in ready. Attached carport, shed, landscaped. Steps to Holy Name Church, Stetson College Campus*** Priced well at **\$139,900**

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OPEN HOUSE SUN. 1-4pm 7600 Sun Island Dr. #101 (\$250,000)

Glorious sunsets are yours from this well appointed turnkey 2/2 ground floor corner unit. The adjoining Living and Dining Room measures 35' x 15', offering an expansive view. The lifestyle you will enjoy from this vantage point - a 46' wrap-around balcony - will amaze you. Hurricane shutters on all windows, the slider, and the entire balcony will give you peace of mind. The HVAC and appliances were recently replaced.

2502 58th St. S. (\$182,000) - Duplex in mint condition. 2/1 & 2/1 & glass room. Double lot detached 2 car garage. Many, many upgrades. Call for info.
3037 57th St. S. (\$188,888) - Darling Gulfport Art District 3/1 bungalow 2 blocks to the beach on historic brick street, 3 blocks to restaurants, shopping and fun. '06 updates.
3595 40th Ave. S. #4 (\$79,000) - WOW!, what a deal!!! This very nicely appointed and furnished unit offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, screened in patio overlooking an expansive courtyard. It is just across from a heated swimming pool, and a very active clubhouse-with activities galore. This is priced right- and you need to see it today!
5845 62nd St. N. (\$94,500) - Very nice 2/1 home in Pinellas Farms. Fireplace, screened porch in front, hardwood floors throughout. The perfect home at perfect price.
1847 Shore Drive S #419 (\$184,900) - Only \$85/sf for waterfront. Granite throughout, new vanities, ceramic tile throughout, and the view that everyone looks for! This is one of the finest units in our area...2200+/sf, 3/2.5 with wide open intracoastal and Boca Ciega Bay waterviews.

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5980 Shore Blvd. S. #501 (\$184,900) **2630 Miriam St. S. (\$119,900)**
7300 Sun Island Dr. S. #1802 (\$349,000) **1847 Shore Drive S #503 (\$80,000)**

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1819 Shore Dr S #304	\$ 89,700	1868 Shore Dr. S. #414	\$175,000
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MANCHESTER 614 - 2br/2ba deluxe. This beautiful condo has new kitchen & tile, updated bath, newer carpet. Lots of finishing touches, painted in soft soothing colors. Panoramic water views from this top floor unit. Covered parking. **\$156,900**

ETON 311 - 1br Deluxe beautifully furnished. Freshly painted, new windows in Florida room with a pretty Marina view. Pride of ownership is reflected in this immaculate & delightful condo. Truly move-in ready. Covered parking. **\$89,500**

KENMORE 401 End Unit - 2br/2ba, this spacious condo is very bright due to the numerous windows. Fully furnished which makes this unit very cozy and desirable. Secured bldg. pool in backyard, covered parking. **\$94,900**

GROTON #101 - End unit 2br/2ba deluxe. Beautifully Furnished, Newer carpet, Tinted windows, Room **SOLD**, Pool Patio Panoramic wtrfrnt, views. Move in Ready **\$139,000**

JAMISON #614 - 2/2 deluxe furnished. New AC & Heating. Covered parking. **\$91,900**

CHATHAM #201 - corner unit, 2br/2ba, newer carpet, a/c, refrigerator, storm shutters in kitchen and Florida room. Just painted! Covered parking. Pet friendly **\$97,000**

JAMISON #414 - This large 2/2 deluxe has a brand new **CONTRACT PENDING!** baths which makes this a great value at **\$105,000**

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