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Easter Eggs Draw Hundreds to the Rec Center



By Leigh Clifton

The mad dash at the starting line...Everybody.. GO!
Hundreds of young children ran for eggs during last weekends Sun and Fun Day held at the Gulfport Recreation Center.

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Easter Sunrise Service



By Melissa Lattman

Just south of 2nd Avenue worshippers lined the roadway and shore line to celebrate Easter. The Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church held the 69th annual sunrise service April 4th at Pass-A-Grille Pointe.

New Store Proposed For Gulfport Blvd.

City Council voted to postpone a vote that would rezone the properties at 2217 – 2219, 2221 – 2223, and 2225 51st Street South as well as the property at 5119 23rd Avenue South. The ordinances proposed, 2010-05 and 2010-06, would change the land uses of those properties from residential to commercial.

Council directed city manager Jim O'Reilly and interim city attorney Andrew Salzman to come up with a development agreement for the property. Developers want to turn the property into a Dollar General Store.

For copies of the ordinances, consult the city of Gulfport's agenda packet, available either from the city clerk or on the city's web site, MyGulfport.us. Click on "Meetings," then go to "Agendas and Videos" and select "April 8 Regular-> Packet."

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Bunnies, Bonnets and Beyond...



Jake and Libby Knupp in sunny yellow, Libby with her Easter Bonnet on.

Diners from the Gulfport Neighborly Care Network, welcomed Spring at the Gulfport Multi Purpose Senior Center on Wednesday, March 31st. An Easter party complete with music, games, bonnet contest and prizes, was held prior to lunch being served. A special "Good Egg" award was presented to dining room supervisor, Bob Smith for his happy and helpful ways. The top three bonnet winners were, Ann Calabreze, Francis Fazio, and Dottie Linville. There were so many beautiful bonnets, honorable mention prizes were given to all!

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Interpretive Dance Class for Seniors

ST. PETE BEACH: Mindful Moves... Dance for the Wise is a brand-new course offered at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. The class will take place Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning Tuesday, April 6. Cost is \$6 per class or \$20 per month. Mindful Moves is an interpretive dance class for seniors that taps creativity and motivates you to move. Call instructor Cynthia Alicea at 460-1732.

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"Relay for Life" Event This Weekend

Relay for Life is an 18-hour walk that symbolizes the emotions and struggles a cancer patient goes through before and after diagnosis. It is also the opportunity for the teams involved to raise money for cancer research before and during the event.

The City of Gulfport is hosting the event at the Gulfport Recreation Center Field at 5730 Shore Boulevard S. this Friday, April 9, starting at 6 p.m. into Saturday, April 10 ending at noon. The City also has a "Relay for Life Team" as well as 15 other teams participating at the event in Gulfport. All teams will be running fun events, raffling items and serving up food and drinks for purchase.

To help raise money, the City of Gulfport Team will be raffling off the following items:

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• An autographed Lightning Hat

• An autographed Hockey Puck

• Autographed Bucs memorabilia

Come join them at relay for Life this Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10 to get your ticket for a chance to win one of these great items and help them and other teams raise money to help fight for a cure for cancer.

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2010 City of Gulfport Hurricane Seminar

The City of Gulfport will be hosting the 2010 Hurricane Seminar on Thursday, May 27, 7 p.m. at the Historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom at 5500 Shore Boulevard S. in Gulfport.

Hurricane related vendors that are interested in this event should email gbliron@mygulfport.us or call Gail Biron at 727-893-1118. There is limited space, so please act quickly to be involved in this important and informative event.

This informative seminar and large screen venue is free to the public.

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City Wide Crime Watch Picnic

Saturday, April 17, 1:00 pm
Gulfport Beach Pavilion
(large one)

Meet your neighbors, City Council Members, the Gulfport Police and Fire Departments and the CERT team.



Come join your fellow neighbors in our first City-Wide Crime Watch Picnic. The zone-1 Crime Watch group is inviting everyone to join us to meet your fellow neighbors and those who serve and protect us. Learn how you can be more involved in helping to keep crime down in Gulfport and look out for each other.

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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 average time needed is six to eight hours a month.

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

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Gulfport's Free Oral Cancer Screening

The City of Gulfport, in conjunction with the Oral Cancer Foundation, will be hosting a free Oral Cancer Screening on Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Walgreen's parking lot on the corner of 58th St. S. and Gulfport Blvd. S. in Gulfport. This event was spearheaded by Councilman David Hastings through his experience with fighting oral cancer and being a survivor.

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tongue cancer, mouth cancer, tonsil cancer, lip cancer, and throat cancer. While some people think this is a rare cancer, it is not. Approximately 100 people in the U.S. will be newly diagnosed with oral cancer each day, and it takes a life in the U.S. every hour of every day.

The key to reducing the death rate of oral cancer is earlier detection, and the key to that is for all adults to receive opportunistic oral cancer examinations at least once a year. Tobacco users, heavy alcohol users,

and those with a prior history of cancer should be examined more frequently. Even people who do not share those traits should be examined annually in light of the mounting evidence of a link between oral cancer and the sexually transmitted human papilloma virus (HPV).

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Gulfport and the Oral Cancer Foundation. For more information, email dhastings@mygulfport.us or call Gail Biron at 727-893-1118.

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LaSala to Address Democratic Club

Robert LaSala, Pinellas County Administrator, will be the featured speaker at the April 8 meeting of the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club. Mr. LaSala will discuss the interplay of various functions of the complicated, ever evolving and varied responsibilities in running the county's business. Working with the County Commissioners in this large and diverse county, he makes timely decisions that affect all citizens.

The meeting, to be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Boulevard in Pinellas Park, starts with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a varied and sumptuous buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. and concludes with Mr. LaSala's presentation and discussion. Don't miss this chance to hear and ask questions about the current challenges facing your County Administrator.

For questions or reservations (dinner \$15) call Betty Morgenstein at 727 360-3971. Everyone welcome.

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News from the
Gulfport Historical Society



Historical Society Annual Pot Luck

The Gulfport Historical Society will hold its annual spring pot luck dinner on Saturday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m. on the grounds of the museum. The public is invited. The members will be asked to vote on all positions of the Board of Directors after a short business meeting.

The Society will furnish sliced ham and drinks, including coffee and cold drinks. Members and guests are requested to bring a covered dish of their choice. The museum is located at 5301 28 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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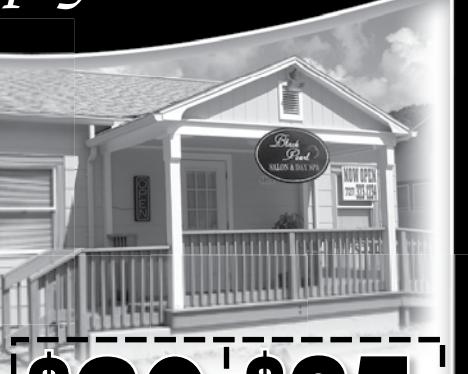
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Max Millspaugh, Musical Director of the South Pasadena Community Band, has announced that the band will present a concert in Galatea Garden on Thursday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free.

"This concert brings the band back to the band shell and the park setting," Millspaugh 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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Enter Table Tennis Tournament

ST. PETE BEACH, FL: Sunrise Table Tennis and the St. Pete Beach Community Center are hosting a Table Tennis Tournament on Saturday, April 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. This singles competition is open to all skill levels. The fee for all players is \$10 which includes lunch and one entry into the raffle for a brand-new Newgy Robo Pong machine. Lunch is provided by Pizza Hut in South Pasadena. For more information call 363-9245 or come to the Community Center to register.

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4th Annual Caregiver's Conference

The Midtown Health Council will present the 4th Annual Caregiver's Conference on Saturday, April 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Suncoast Hospice, 3050 First Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. Featured speakers include Edna Matt, RN, MSN, "Staying Put & Holding On!" and Leslie Gibson, RN, BSN, "Laughter, The Survival Frontier!". This is a free event to meet other caregivers, share your experience and receive information from local agencies that can make your journey a little easier. Continental breakfast and lunch served. Event includes door prizes and gift bags. You must register to attend and the registration deadline is April 12. Call the Sanderlin Center at 321-9444 to register.

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By Cathy Salustri

Gail Biron and Lori Rosso mug for the bartender at a special preview of the ArtWalk's newest feature, the ArtCruise.

Starting Friday, May 7, the ArtCruise will extend the ArtWalk onto the waters of Boca Ciega Bay for a 90-minute sail aboard Island Time, a double-decker boat.



The ArtCruise will feature Gulfport-specific drinks, including the Mary Disston Margarita, the Boca Ciega Blossom, and The Gabber Cocktail. Tickets cost \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the cruise, which leaves from the Casino dock on Friday night ArtWalks.

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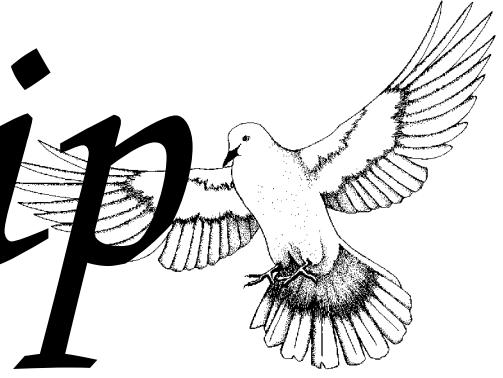
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Sale to Benefit Holiday Outreach

The Angel Outreach Committee of Pasadena Community Church is sponsoring an after-Easter sale on Saturday, April 10 from 8-1 p.m. This event will be in Jerger Hall, 227 70 Street S. and directly behind the church. Sale items will include toys, books, collectibles, glassware and other gently used household items. Coffee and donuts will be available for the early birds and the grill will open at 10:30 a.m. Soft drinks and snacks will also be available. Cost of a vendor table is \$20. Space is limited to sign up now.

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

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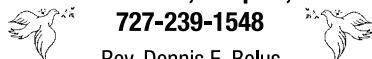
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Letters

Tolerant No More?

Dear Editor: How ironic that Gulfport, a city our chamber of commerce touts as a laid back community of tolerance and artistic expression, recently garnered large scale media scrutiny for what amounts to censorship of creative endeavors.

Shame on Java Nirvana owner Mark Pohlman for bowing to the whims of a few closed-minded individuals in denying use of the Art Village Courtyard's performance area to the Theatre Walk group for their recent two-week production of "Smitings". My friends and I twice attended this marvelous collection of six short plays, based loosely on religious themes, adding ourselves to the SRO turnouts. We laughed, we cried, we contemplated the role which religion has played in our lives. Cast and crew were superb.

The language and themes, while adult in nature, were no worse than what's heard in everyday life if people are honest with themselves. While I

agree the production made a tactical error in staging a rehearsal on a weekday afternoon on the courtyard's stage, none of the adjacent shops were to have been open during the performances.

Actually, the hurried relocation of the group to a workspace by an alley only added to our enjoyment. Not only was this spot shielded from the sonic interference of Beach Boulevard, its ramshackle appearance served to remind us that Jesus walked among the common people, preaching to beggars, thieves and prostitutes, as well as coffee shop and nail salon owners.

In contrast, the nearby courtyard was empty of life and trade. Had Mr. Pohlman opened his shop during "Smitings," he'd have gained for his business a measure of visibility with audiences, credibility within the local arts community and, hey, made some money to boot.

While "Smitings" played to sellout crowds, Mr. Pohlman merely sold out.

Larry Lewis

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Letters to the Editor

Please keep letters to the editor as brief and to the point as possible. Letters must be typed in upper and lower case on plain white paper or emailed to publisher@thegabber.com. One letter per author every four weeks.

All letters are printed and edited for length and content at the discretion of the editors.

The Gabber encourages and welcomes all letters.

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Historians Profile Prehistoric Animals

Journey back into Florida's past when the saber cat, giant sloth, mammoth, giant tortoise and bison roamed the Sunshine State. During hands-on activities with biologists, participants will investigate millions-of-year-old animal fossils and float back in time when mega-fauna ruled our coastal habitats. This free event, "Wild Florida-Prehistoric Florida", takes place Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to noon at Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. It is recommended for all ages. Preregistration is required.

Weedon Island Preserve protects more than 3,700 acres of natural ecosystems and is located at 1800 Weedon Drive N.E. in St. Petersburg. The preserve is open to the public seven days a week including holidays from 7 a.m. to 15 minutes before sunset. It offers many outdoor activities including walking trails, a fishing pier and canoe/kayak launch.

To learn more about Weedon Island Preserve or to register for programs and seminars, visit www.weedonislandpreserve.org or call (727) 453-6500.

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Sierra Club to Meet

The Suncoast Group Sierra Club will meet on April 15 at 7 p.m. at Moccasin Lake Park located in Clearwater off of Drew and Hwy 19. Laurie MacDonald, Defenders of Wildlife FL Director will speak about protecting and restoring Florida's imperiled wildlife and their habitat. For more information call Joyce at 727-526-5065.

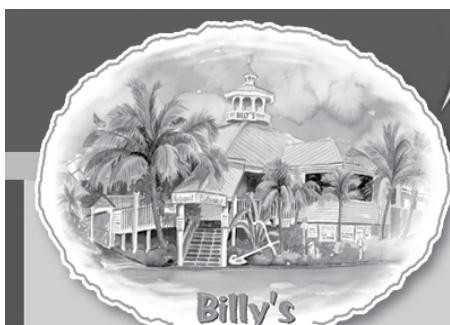
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Little League Thanks the Community

By Tim Coppola

Many thanks to the Gulfport community for their generous outpouring of support. Gulfport Little League raised over \$9,000! This money made it possible for struggling families to have their kids play ball this year. There are now 11 teams and 120 players!

Thanks again to the "Little Community with a Big Heart". Come out and watch us play!



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For tickets call 688-5189; 541-4501 or visit www.sunsationshowchorus.com.

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Attention Bikers

Join in on the 1st Annual Poker Run to benefit Get Rescued in Gulfport on Sunday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Run will begin at Jim's Harley Davidson, 2805 54 Avenue N. and proceed to Sportsters Bar, Gulfport on the Rocks and The Undertow. For more information call Mary at Reef Dog at 323-7007 or Jim's Harley Davidson at 527-9672.

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The Community Garden is Ready for Planting!

GULFPORT: A brand new community garden is ready to be planted! The garden is available to residents of both Gulfport and St. Petersburg; providing the opportunity to grow vegetables, annuals and other non-permanent plants in a plot of their own.

The garden is a grassroots endeavor being coordinated by a group of local gardening enthusiasts. It is supported by the City of Gulfport and the South 49th Street Business Association. It is intended to provide a sustainable, educational, and aesthetically appealing garden in the Gulfport community. The garden is located on Preston Avenue between 51st and 52nd Street South. Plots are available for \$50 for a season, with two seasons a year (March-August and September-February). Organizers hope that eventually the garden will offer educational courses for both youth and adults on topics ranging from organic gardening to xeriscaping. The focus will be on sustainable and organic gardening.

The grassroots community group is currently seeking gardeners with interest in having their own plot as well as volunteers to help with the garden. Plots are currently available for planting (sunny plots, approximately 60 square feet, water provided). More information is available by visiting www.so49.org, or to sign up and reserve your own plot please visit BanyanScapes Nursery, 932 49 Street S. in Gulfport.



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Clark to Address St. Petersburg GOP

Deborah Clark, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections will address members and guests of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1900 34 Street N. in St. Petersburg. Mrs. Clark will provide an insight into the workings of her office as well as plans for the upcoming 2010 election cycle. After her presentation Mrs. Clark will entertain questions from the audience. Everyone is invited

to attend and participate in the Question and Answer session.

For more information, call Gus Pries at 864-0312.

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Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on Wednesday, April 14 at 10 a.m. and learn about the Tern. See our nesting area and be on the lookout for our shorebird nesters. The birds you see out there are now decoys. The music is a CD to attract the Least Tern

and the Black Skimmers. Anyone who has a group can contact me at 384-0701 to tour the park.

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

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New Belly Dance Class

The Gulfport Recreation Center is now offering Belly dance classes on Tuesday evenings, 6:45-7:45 p.m. The instructor, Daniela, is an internationally known Fusion Belly dance artist mixing delicate, feminine sensibilities with an impressive display of core strength and muscle isolation. 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 at gulfportseniorfoundation.org or visit them at 5501 27 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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Singer Steve Wayne Returns

Get your tickets now and enjoy a fantastic performance from singer and performer, Steve Wayne, Friday, April 16 at 7 p.m. at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater, 5501 26 Avenue S. in Gulfport. Steve has performed in Gulfport before and is back by popular demand. He thrills audiences of all ages with his velvety voice and captivating style. He adds his own unique romantic flair to love songs of the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$8 in advance at the Senior Center, 5501 27 Avenue S. Cash bar and refreshments available. The proceeds from this event benefit the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation. For more information, call 727-893-2237 or 727-893-1231.

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Beach Picnic Pot Luck

The 1st Annual Crime Awareness and Prevention Picnic is quickly approaching. It will be on Saturday, April 17 at 1 p.m. at the large pavilion on the beach (Shore Blvd. S.) The entire city is invited. This is a great opportunity to bring neighbors who haven't been involved in their local crime watch group to get their feet wet. It's also a great way to meet your Council Members, as well as those who help protect us (Police, Fire and the CERT Team).

This is a pot luck picnic, so bring your favorite dish to share and drinks and plates/utensils for yourself.

For more information, you can contact Steven Karbowski at

stevenkarbowski@msn.com or Jeri Reed at jrvolunteer@aol.com or at 727-548-5566 (days) or 727-327-3509 (evenings).

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Salute the Troops BBQ

Stetson University is planning a barbecue for Saturday, April 17, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Gulfport Recreation Center field (corner of 58th St. S. and Shore Blvd. S). There will be games, auctions, prizes, free food, music and lots of excitement for the whole family.

The event is designed to raise funds used to create care packages to send to members of the Armed Forces. On the day of the event, please feel free to bring donations, which in turn will be sent to our troops! There will also be councilors on site to assist veterans that day.

This event is sponsored by Law and Order at Stetson University College of Law, American Bar Association/Law Student Division Stetson Chapter, City of Gulfport and Shook, Hardy and Bacon, LLP. Contact: 727-557-6945.

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By Bruce Fallender

Watercolor Demonstration

Susan Corbett, an award-winning artist from Sun City Center, will be giving a unique and interesting watercolor demonstration for the Art Guild of Treasure Island on Saturday, April 10 at 1 p.m. at the Treasure Island City Hall, 120 108 Avenue. The public is cordially invited to attend this free event which also includes a reception with refreshments to meet this talented guest artist. A brief Art Guild meeting at which awards will be presented to the winners in the current art show will precede the demonstration.

Corbett loves to foster creativity with the hope of developing the artist within through learning to see with an artist's eye and create from personal experience. Her demonstration will incorporate the creative watercolor procedures of "pouring" and various "resist" techniques. The artist is known for incorporating "hidden angels" in her watercolors who represent her many friends. She will have various examples of her work on display for the public to view.

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Please contact Bob Williams at (727) 893-1092 if you have any questions regarding the closure of the park.

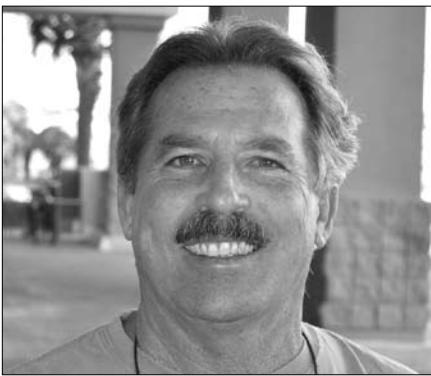
The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton



Stacy Bernard, T. I.: "I don't necessarily think he should accept responsibility but as the spokesperson and the person to look to as the head of the Catholic faith, he should address it and work to prevent in the future. He's been very quiet about it and that's not a good thing. It makes him look like he knew all along. I think he should apologize to the survivors. He needs to put in place some sort of plan or training for new priests; something with checks and balances to implement new steps to ensure this doesn't happen in the future. But I don't feel the Pope is responsible for what happened in the past. It's the present that I feel he is responsible for and he definitely needs to address these current issues."

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Tom Wilson, Gulfport: "I think the Pope should accept some of the responsibility. After all, he is the head of the church. Could he have stopped all the pedophile priests? No, but once he heard about what was going on and was told about it, he should've done everything he could possibly do to eradicate the problem. Ultimately, he is responsible as he is the head of the Catholic Church."

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Do you think the Pope should accept responsibility for the past and present sexual abuses done by Catholic priests?



Sherlene Seimetz, St. Pete: "I feel the Pope shouldn't accept responsibility outright because it was the local dioceses that should've taken the action when the abuse was first reported to them. They then should have reported to the higher-ups, including the Pope. I'm not sure how aware he was of the abuses. A lot of what has come to light took place in the 50s, 60s, and 70s when he wasn't even Pope. I think it's quite appalling that someone did not take the responsibility, because I'm sure there were many people that were aware that this was happening. At the time people were so trusting of the Catholic Church; the priests were part of everyday life for people in most cases. Obviously, it was never talked about among the parents back then. I'm not even sure that the kids would have wanted to say anything. It's just appalling that these practices happened under the guise of religion, and that the trust of the church was broken for so many."

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Abby Frank, Gulfport: "He should accept responsibility for his individual part in his individual decisions. After all, it's very unlikely that he didn't know about the ongoing abuse, especially before he was Pope when he was in Germany. Perhaps that's why he and others aren't addressing the issues in Germany specifically when he was a bishop there. Ireland and Italy have been somewhat satisfied that he has addressed the situation of the abuses there in those countries. But Germany and the German people who were affected by this have not had any acknowledgement or recompense by the Pope. There will be money paid, I'm sure, a settlement made and the Catholic Church will have a well-deserved financial hit."

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

"Relay is a unique opportunity for the community to come together to

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

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

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

Relay for Life's Luminaria Ceremony takes place after sundown, honoring the community's cancer survivors and

remembering those lost to the disease. Participants will circle a track that is surrounded with glowing luminaria that bear the name of someone who has battled cancer.

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

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

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Annual Meeting at Woman's Club

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard NE will hold their Annual Meeting and election of officers on Friday, April 16 at 1 p.m. Guests are welcome. The public affairs department of the club is sponsoring a program on "Get Ready to celebrate-A year long Centennial Celebration of our Beautiful Waterfront Parks". Refreshments will be served at the end of the business meeting.

GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club has been serving the community since 1913. For more information on monthly meetings, diverse activities, monthly excursions, book discussions, weekly sewing and card games or rental information of their clubhouse, please call 822-4982.

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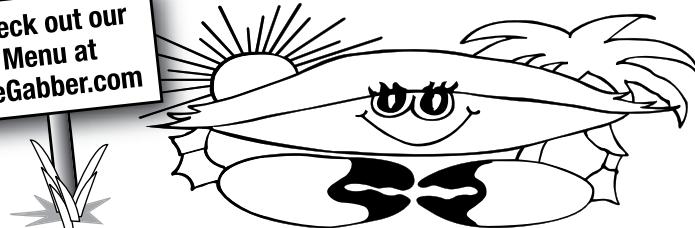
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Now in their seventh year of giving dresses and matching accessories to low income, in need, high school girls for that special night, Belle of the Ball and Dream a Dress' motto is that no girl should be denied the opportunity to attend her high school dance because of financial difficulties. They have distributed over 1,500 dresses since their inception.

Volunteers are needed to further this project! For more information, please visit their web site at www.belleoftheballproject.com.

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Purina Incredible Dog Challenge

Dogs, owners and pet enthusiasts will journey to Spa Beach Park in St. Petersburg to compete in and watch the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge on April 16-17, from 11-4 p.m. This one-of-a-kind canine competition showcases the world's most athletic dogs and their trainers. Events include agility, flying disc, Jack Russell hurdle races, head-to-

head 60-weave pole and the crowd favorite – dog diving. All events are free and open to the public. For more information visit www.purina.com.

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US Power Squadron Seminar Series

The United States Power Squadrons Seminar Series, Advanced Powerboat Handling, presented by the St. Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron, will be held on Saturday April 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Ave SE, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. Advance Powerboat Handling will cover three topics: Close Quarters Maneuvering; How Boats Behave in Rough Waters

and Handling at Sea. During the seminar you will study how your boat will behave and why in response to your actions. On the water you will visualize the controls required and how you can execute them easily. The full color book, Powerboat Handling, is included as a reference.

Instruction is free, materials and lunch costs \$50, \$10 more for each additional family member. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Your fees must be received prior to April 21. Send Checks payable to SPSPS to: SPSPS, 1643 Watermark Circle NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Contact www.boating-stpete.org or call 727-525-0968 to confirm your registration.

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Sunday's free concert is part of the Palm Lake Community Concert Series and is open to the public. A reception will follow the concert. Call 321-8356.

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Orchid Society to Hold Annual Auction

The Florida West Coast Orchid Society will hold it's Annual Orchid Auction on Saturday, April 17 at the Southwest Recreation Complex, 13120 Vonn Road in Largo. Preview orchids at 9 a.m. Auction starts

promptly at 10 a.m. Blooming and non-blooming hybrids and species will be auctioned. Lunch available. Free parking; free admission. For more information, please contact Ruth Cannon at 813-299-9260.

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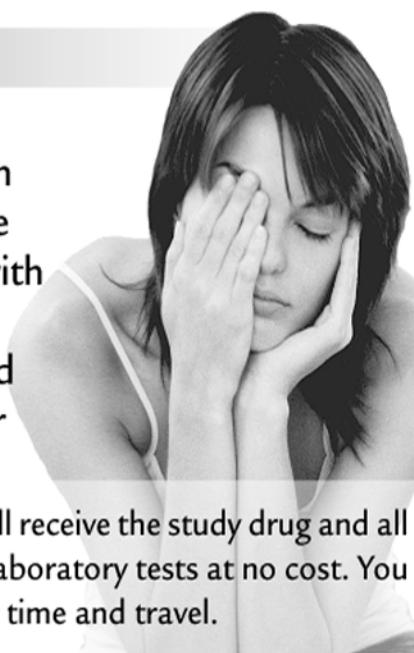
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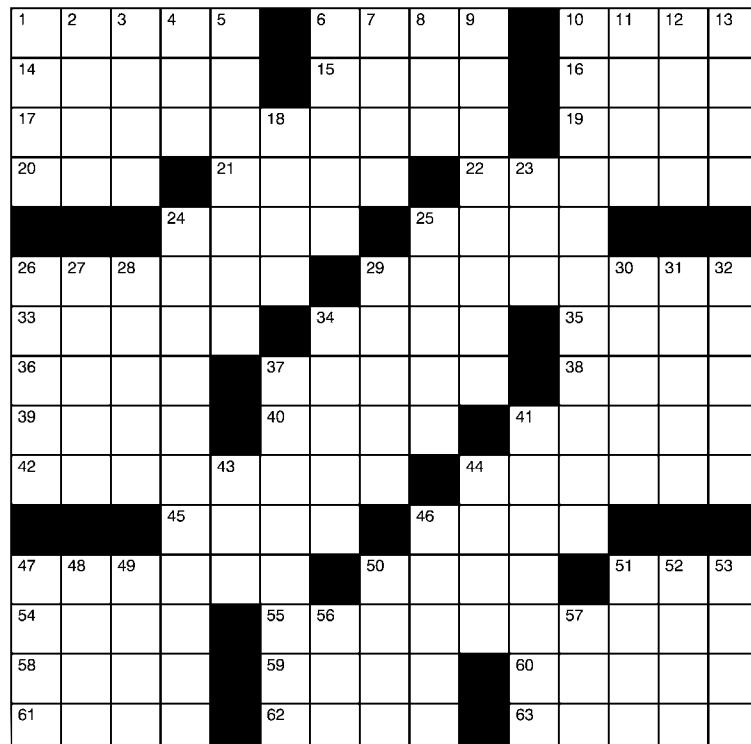
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

It's a Quality of Life Thing

For centuries, man and dog have peacefully coexisted. It's not clear who made the first move in the relationship -- primitive man or wolf. But there is no doubt that both parties were motivated by the two forces that drove everything at that point in our mutual history: food and shelter.

Man saw in wolf a protector of person and property. Wolf recognized in man a meal ticket and a warm corner in the cave. In some ways, things haven't changed much since.

It is, however, important to keep in mind that the relationship in its purest form was born of a desire

to improve upon the status quo, to better the quality of life for all.

People today love their dogs more than ever -- whether or not the relationship represents an improvement in quality of life. But too many otherwise educated, ambitious and successful folks are willing to settle for less from the canines in their lives when confronted with the other option: working to build something better.

A woman called me recently to discuss her dog's problem with excessive barking. When I returned her call, she answered with the standard "hello" and promptly began screaming "shut up." Holding the phone at arm's length from my ear, I said, "Are you talking to me?"

She wasn't. She was "talking" to her dogs. Whether on the phone or with

visitors at her house, her dogs bark to the point that she can't even hear herself talk, much less her friends. A quality of life issue.

Another woman called to discuss her dog's aversion to strangers. She was using a homegrown method of socialization: "When people come over, we encourage them to stick their hand out to him."

"What does this do?" I said.

"It lets the dog know the person approaching him loves dogs."

"How does he know this?" I challenged.

At that point she conceded her method wasn't working. And in a country with more than 300 million strangers, a successful method of socialization is key. In the meantime, she can't have people over without enduring a scene from the dog. A quality of life issue.

And just the other day I got an e-mail from a woman whose dog has a nervous bladder. For the past three years, whenever the woman comes home, goes upstairs, comes back downstairs, gets up in the morning or has friends over, the dog urinates. Just a little. But three years' worth of just a little urine makes for a huge quality of life issue.

Perhaps these troubles sprouted when our list of priorities grew from two -- food and shelter -- to something longer than Rapunzel's hair. Maybe it's because our attention spans have shrunk to the size of a miniature Chihuahua. Whatever the reason, the good news is: Information is no longer limited to hieroglyphics on cave walls.

Not one of these problems is incurable. Not one even constitutes a tough fix. Basic training is all that's required to eliminate the vast majority of dog behavioral issues that plague people for years and, consequently, destroy or severely impair the quality of their lives.

Not exactly what primitive man had in mind when he first said, "Here, boy."

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Winners shown not in order: 0-2 age group: Lily Guling, Chloe Polito & Jasmin Jaramill, 5-6 age group: Bethany Bach, Zoe Hill & Alanna Kosharek; 7-8 age group: Zach Hill, Jeff Odongo & James Homsey

Florida Lighthouse Day on Egmont Key

Saturday April 24, 2010 has been proclaimed Florida Lighthouse Day by Gov. Charlie Crist. In recognition of this, the Egmont Key Alliance will have volunteers on the island from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The base of the lighthouse, built in 1858, will be open as well as an area of photos and memorabilia from the U.S. Coast Guard. A commemorative cake and lemonade will be served. Souvenir items and bottled water will be available for purchase.

There are several charter boat companies that visit Egmont Key on regularly scheduled trips. The Egmont Key Ferry, located in Ft. DeSoto Park, 727-867-6569 and Dolphin Landings Charter Boat Center on St. Pete Beach, 727-360-7411 are two that go out to the island regularly. Please contact them directly for trip schedules and prices.

Whether you come out on your own boat or come out on a scheduled trip, plan to visit Egmont Key on Saturday April 24 to help celebrate Florida Lighthouse Day. You'll have a rare opportunity to see the inside of the Egmont Key Lighthouse.

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Massachusetts Society to Meet

The last meeting of the season for the Massachusetts Society will be on April 14 at 1 p.m. at the Lions' Club on Tifton Dr. in Gulfport. The event is a pizza party. Cost is \$3 for members, \$6 for guests.

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-Submitted by Terri Shimko

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We have a Winner!



Vince DelCorso, 74, from Pittsburgh, PA and a winter visitor of the Gulfport Senior Center, bowled a total of three games from his wheelchair. His scores were 300, 300, and 226, which means he bowled 27 straight strikes before he bowled a spare. Now that's a lot of strikes!

If you are interested in WII Bowling or learning more about the Gulfport Senior Center activities, events or programs, log onto <http://gulfportseniorfoundation.org> or visit them at 5501 27 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

Town Shores Golf

The April golf outing will be on Saturday, April 24. Get your group together or they will partner you in a foursome. This event is open to all men and women owners, renters and guests at Town Shores.

The outing will be held at the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club in Palmetto, a short drive over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. The price of \$38 includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, beverages and prizes. If you played on Saturday, February 27 you experienced miserable weather.

So you will pay \$21, not \$38 if you were unable to play golf on March 27, your credit is still available in April. Registration will be from 7:45-8 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Make checks out to the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club and all checks or reservations must be in by Monday, April 19. They need to let the course know how many are coming. Please get checks ASAP to Gene Marckini at 345-4483, Lew Lamb at 343-3046, Chester Halgas at 384-2093 or Jim Walters at 343-0459.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be meeting influential people over the next week. Mentally prepare for this. Imagine what you'll say and the reaction it might produce. Imagine what the other person will say back. This kind of preparation shows that you care. And when your golden chances come, you'll be ready.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your actions net a positive response from the outside world. And though the compliments feel good, they are not what keeps you going. You love the work and what you can produce. Wonderful words from the mouths of strangers can't sustain you. They are merely the seasoning on the main course of your creation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are teachers who will be willing to help you, but you must seek them out. A mentor's advice can save you time, energy, money and heartache. You don't even need to follow said advice for this to be possible. You merely need to be aware that there are options other than the ones you have thought of.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You would prefer that everyone around you be comfortable and happy at all times. And yet, life comes with some degree of pain. It's something to accept now, because you can't change that fact. However, the sweet support you provide will certainly ease the way for those who are facing challenges.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You still don't have what you want exactly, but that's not the point. Do you have what it takes to persist? That's all that matters. And you know the answer is yes. It would be easy to relax your discipline and demands on yourself, but if you let up now, you'll regret it later. Keep on keeping on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll grow emotionally tougher so that you

can put yourself on the line without fear of rejection. No one can make you feel rejected unless you have a belief that they are in some way better than you. Bottom line: All human beings are equal. Base your self-worth in your own heart, not in the reactions of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Know where you stand in a relationship so you can work together toward a magnificent end result. Get a correct gauge of how things are. This is done best by interacting, observing and listening, not by asking directly. A person put on the spot is likely to speak phrases to appease you. Actions tell the whole story.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Make sure you are good and warmed up for the events on this week's schedule. Success depends on being prepared and ready. If you are meeting with a colleague or client, before you get to the main issues, take the time to get in sync with the other person, and be sure the other person is in tune with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The life-sucking monster of seriousness is stalking your neighborhood. He's a disease carrier, sick with boredom, riddled with self-importance. The good news is, you can keep him at bay -- it's easy to do so. Just be silly and have fun. There might even be money in it, paid to you on Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You need a good friend -- not because you're going through emotional turmoil or because you could use someone to lean on. You need a good friend because you're happy and should be sharing it with someone. Keep your eyes peeled for easy-going, fun people who look like they are having a good time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are habits you've tried to

adopt in the past, but the process felt so forced. There's another way to change. Accept where you are. You'll blossom into a new incarnation simply because you're enjoying life so much. Changes happen naturally, blossoming out of your abiding love and respect for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Things might be coming too slowly, but this is for the best. Believe in the timing of the universe. Anyway, you wouldn't want the opportunity before you were ready for it. That would only paint you in a bad light. While waiting for your ship to come in, practice and perfect your skills. Thursday brings exciting news.

This Week's Birthdays: You learn about the power of love. Because you are so honest, you will open up and trust to a greater degree. The energy you put into relationships comes back to you tenfold. You'll perform great feats in May. Your devotion brings someone up. A team will help you achieve a personal goal in July. It's the extra action steps you take in August that will net you new fans and customers. The results will be lucrative. Take a trip to see family in the fall, and you'll further unrelated goals.

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

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

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For information on this and future seminars, call 727-464-6200. For information on assistance provided as a result of this grant, visit www.pinellascounty.org/foreclosure.

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• Cake Decorating – Mon., 6-9 p.m. Call Eshia at 289-7448.

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
- 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., 6:15-7:45 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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, April 17, 1:00 pm. Make beautiful pages of memories.

The G & O Book Club: Saturday, April 17, 1:30 pm. Philosophical discussion group based on the works of mystic G. I. Gurdjieff and philosopher P. D. Ouspensky.

Crafts Club for All Ages: Saturday, April 17, 2:00 pm. Earth Day crafts, Presented by Pat Brinkley.

Services

City Sponsored Activities in the Community

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GEMS Goes to Fresh Market: GEMS Mini-bus will gladly transport Gulfport seniors to our Fresh Market on the last Tuesday of every month from 9am to noon. Registration not required for this free trip. Volunteer assistance also available. Call GEMS at 893-2242 to make your reservation.

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.

Renew for You: Are you finding it overwhelming to find and gather documentation to renew your driver's license? Assistance is available. Call the Senior Center for more info.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Steve Wayne Show: Tickets (\$8) for the "Steve Wayne" Show on Fri. Apr. 16 at 7pm in the Hickman Theater are going fast. Tickets available at the Senior Center, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce (2808 58th St. S.); The Perfect Ten (2900-2914 Beach Blvd. S.); Java Nirvana Café (2897-1/2 Beach Blvd. S.); Stella's Deli & Gelato (3119 Beach Blvd.); Small Adventures Book Shop (3107 Beach Blvd. S.); Yummy's Chicago Style Restaurant (2914 Beach Blvd. S.) and Gulfport Technology Center (3037 Beach Blvd. S.). Tickets available at the door \$10.

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.

Movie of the Month: Bring a friend to view "UP" - a Golden Globe-winning film on Mon. Apr. 26 at 12:45pm at the Hickman Theater. A 78 year old man and an 8 year old boy fly away on an unbelievable adventure! Free.

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:

Community Law Program: Volunteer attorneys will assist clients over 60 years of age with wills, living wills, powers of

attorney, and health care surrogates at the Senior Center on Fri. Apr. 16 at 9:30am. Must be income eligible. No appointment is needed. Call for more info.

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.

Phones for Hearing Impaired: If you are hearing impaired, you may want to consider getting a specialized phone to make your phone conversations more enjoyable. The phones will be distributed at the Senior Center on Tues. Apr. 20, 9:30-11:30am with no out of pocket cost. Call (727)399-9983 for more info.

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.

Transportation for Gulfport Seniors: Gulfport seniors 55 & over who would like door-to-door transportation service for medical appointments, grocery shopping, beauty/barber shops, etc. please call GEMS at (727) 893-2242. Annual membership: \$50 and \$1.00 for each one way trip. All rides to the Senior Center are free. A free ride is also offered on the last Tues. of each month to Gulfport's Fresh Market. Call for more info.

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

Ongoing Support Groups:

Diabetic Support (Every Mon. at 10am)
Hearing Support (1st & 3rd Mon at 2pm)

JUST FOR FUN

Bingo: Fridays at 1pm.

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!

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

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6-8 Lessons, 8-11pm Swing Dance**

Every Thursday

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

Local Obituaries

BERNARD, MELVIN J., 84, of South Pasadena, passed away March 23, 2010. Survived by sister Dorothy; sons, Doug & Paul; daughter Lois; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren. Funeral services at 9:15 a.m. April 2nd at Bay Pines Cemetery. Contact person, Paul Bernard, 560-8166.

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BROCKMOELLER, IDA, 90, of Gulfport, passed away unexpectedly April 2, 2010 at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. Ida was born in Hamburg, Germany. As a young woman, she worked as a dental assistant and later with her husband in the family delicatessen. She and her husband Herbert immigrated to the United States in May of 1953. They moved from Davenport, Iowa to Treasure Island in 1982. Ida always enjoyed living close to the water. She loved to go swimming, boating, entertaining friends, playing cards, and traveling in addition to volunteering for local charities. Her smile and sense of humor will be missed by her many friends. Ida is survived by her loving daughter Margret Scott. A memorial service will be held April 14th (Wednesday) at 3:30pm at the David C. Gross Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Gulfport Senior Center. Guestbook at www.davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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CORY, DUANE W., 71, of Gulfport, died Saturday, March 27, 2010, at Boca Ciega Center. Born in Denver, CO, he served in the United States

Navy. He was a member of IBEW Local 68 Denver, CO and the Elks Club. He was preceded in death by his son Duane W. Cory, Jr. He is survived by his wife Mary Cory, daughters Tina Anderson and Kathy Cory, grandchildren Kyle and Todd Anderson, Nikki and Tyler Klene, and Matt Cory and his siblings. Donations may be made to Suncoast Hospice in his name. A memorial service will be held May 21 at 10:45 a.m. at Bay Pines National Cemetery. ALifeTribute FuneralCare - Gulfport, (727) 347-5521.

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HART, HENRY ROBERT (BOB), (1/11/20 - 3/21/10) of South Pasadena, spent a lifetime working to entertain others as a stage technician for over 50 years overseeing lights, sound, and stage setups at the Metropolitan Opera House and Lincoln Center Avery Fisher Hall. Bob made sure that an audience had a fulfilling experience. He traveled the world with friends and musicians, including Maestro Zubin Menta, Leonard Bernstein and Audre Rieu. Bob was a very hard worker with a great sense of humor and lived life to its fullest. Taking his extended family on many cruises was one of Bob's greatest joys. He will be missed by family, friends, former co-workers, WEDU and Boley friends. He leaves behind wife Patricia M. Hart of South Pasadena; four daughters, Bernice Huber of Palm Coast, FL., Barbara Romalin, Bonnie Ross and Beverly Huber of New Jersey; six grandchildren; five

great-grandchildren and two more on the way. He didn't suffer, lived a beautiful life and enjoy his 90th birthday with his four daughters and his wife. He was a member of South Pasadena Community Church. Bob will be interred near his former home in New Jersey with a celebration of life. Bob was truly a family man who was loved by all who met him. He laughed, joked and loved life. He will be with us forever and a day. His song was "As Time Goes Bye." We will always love you Bob.

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HILL, KAROL F., 47, of Gulfport, passed away March 29th at Hospice House Woodside. She was preceded in death by her parents Gene and Ruth Hill and her sister Karen Hill. She is survived by her sister Kathy Curtin; brothers, Mac (Chris) Hill and Ken Hill; several nieces and nephews and her cats, Thelma and Bonnie. ALife Tribute, Largo, 559-7793.

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HOLMGREN, BENGT G., 71, of St. Petersburg died Sunday, April 4, 2010 at his residence. Born in Malmo, Sweden he moved to Florida

in 1997 from New York City. He retired from First Advantage as Vice President of Information Technology. He was admired and respected by his friends and colleagues. Locally he was a member of Christ Lutheran Church and enjoyed many hobbies. Survivors include his wife of 25 years Thea Holmgren and mother; Birgit Holmgren of Sweden. Friends will be received from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 11, 2010 at the Gee & Sorensen Funeral Home 3180 30 Avenue N., St. Petersburg. Funeral Services will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 3451 30 Avenue N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713 on Monday, April 12, at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to service, with Pastor Fred Smith officiating. Friends may make a donation to Christ Lutheran Church in Bengt's name.

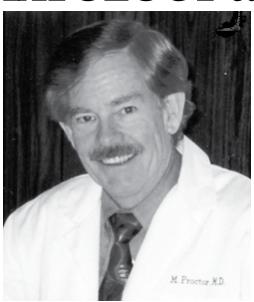
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KOVACH, NORMA J., 80 of Gulfport, died on March 30, 2010. She is survived by her loving family. Memorial service at noon on April 9, Gulf Shores Club House in Gulfport. www.palmerfuneralhomes.com

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Suncoast Hospice will host end of life expert and noted author Dr. David Casarett on Thursday, April 15 for a discussion and book signing featuring his new book "Last Acts: Discovering Possibility and Opportunity at the End of Life" at 2 p.m. at Suncoast Hospice's Community Service Center, Gathering Place, Building 100, 5771 Roosevelt Boulevard in Clearwater. Following the discussion will be a book signing and a National Healthcare Decisions Day Resource Fair. The first 100 guests will receive a free copy of the book.

Casarett is a physician and tenured associate professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and consultant national medical director for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO). In his book Last Acts, he shares compelling stories of the patients he's cared for in more than 10 years as a hospice and palliative care physician.

For more information call 536-7364 or go to www.thehospice.org.

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3K Event to Benefit Gulfport Senior Center

A 3K "Strut Your Stuff" event will be held on Saturday, April 24 to benefit the Gulfport Senior Center's fitness center and fitness programs. Participants may walk or run along the nearly two-mile route that winds through some of Gulfport's most

scenic streets. The event begins at 9 a.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27 Avenue S. and will end at noon. All ages are invited to participate. An entry fee of \$10 per participant will be collected.

The event will also feature vendors, opportunity drawings, fitness information and more. Vendor spaces are available at \$25 per space. Donations of bottled water, snacks and gifts for participants are also sought from local businesses.

The Gulfport Senior Center's fitness center opened nearly one year ago. Offering cutting-edge self-moving exercise chairs, treadmills, stationary bikes and more, the Center is open to all Senior Center Foundation members 50 years and older. The Center is raising funds to facilitate their 5-year plan to expand the fitness center.

For more information about "Strut Your Stuff" and to register, contact volunteer Lynda Shehan at 727-323-3892 or email nolringmaster@aol.com, or contact Gulfport Senior Center Activities Director Cynthia Dean at 727-893-2237.

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If you haven't had the chance to visit Gulfport website, the City welcomes you to take a look at www.mygulfport.us. You will find many images on the site and if you take your mouse to each one of the light blue navigation bars, other menus will pop up for you to explore. Scroll down the page and see the list of City events from all departments. If you click on an event you are interested in, you can add it to your calendar. Also on the main page, you will find a little yellow box below "Join Our Mailing List" to get up to date emails to remind you of Gulfport events.

The City's website also refers you to other Gulfport related links in the "Search and Links" area. All are invited to visit the City's website and discover what is happening in Gulfport.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

I've never been a fan of "hired-forever" teacher tenure, but I do have some concerns about abolishing it altogether as the state legislature is proposing. That's the central thrust of SB 6, but it would also provide for evaluating teachers based upon performance. That is, upon results in the classroom.

Right now teachers receive raises based upon degrees (bachelors, masters, special or doctorate) and longevity. So, this would mean that teachers would be negotiating individual one-year contracts. Academic performance of students would also be used in evaluating principals.

Purpose of these changes is to be able to ferret out bad or ineffective teachers and to provide incentives to get better student performance. Schools, in general, it is contended, are failing in their essential task, and teachers are protected from firing by tenure. These changes would put teachers on the same playing field as the private sector.

My problems are that not enough of the attention is focused on the administrative side. While few teachers across the state, and none in Pinellas have been fired for performance, it is also exceedingly difficult (or, at least, very expensive)

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to change administrators. And, my experience with schools (five children went to a public school, two to private high schools, my wife was a teacher and I covered school boards for newspapers for 11 years) is that learning is every much a function of the quality and dedication of the administration as it is the teachers. In fact, the quality, or lack thereof, is reflected in the teachers by the administration.

Tenure does clog up the system for good administrators, but my experience is that teachers do need some protection from the very political process they work in. School boards are political and hiring and retaining often are political decisions. The Republican state legislators (I don't know what the Democrats want), are proposing one-year contracts. Why not multiple year contracts?

Then there's the problem of evaluation. It's always a problem, by the way, no matter what system. It may be like one Supreme Court justice spoke of pornography "I know it when I see it." However, certainly there's a better model of evaluation than just student performance which often rests with the students and their parents. But, frankly, I'd put my emphasis on evaluating performance of administrators.

As for teacher pay (the lack of which is often cited as THE problem), I think it is important, but not necessarily related to results. In the meantime, here's the quick run-down about teachers' pay in Pinellas County. Starting salaries are generally at \$37,300 and range up to \$62,000 for bachelors degree. Averages for the 8,000 teachers in Pinellas at 13.96 years service is: Bachelor, \$44,711; Masters, \$49,921; Special, \$54,286; and Doctors, \$53,884. The overall average is \$46,839. Pensions are roughly about 50 per cent of the average pay of the last five years.

Doing something to change the system is better than doing nothing. The system is broken and needs fixing. So, let's not throw out this bill, but let's get a bit more specific about administration.

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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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Everyday Heroes – Local People that Make a Difference

This is the first installment of an occasional feature on everyday heroes. Not the red cape and stun-gun kind, but the true citizen that gives their time to the service of others; without regard for reward or fame, but just because they could. The reward is in the gratitude of the person to whom the help was extended. Growing up, my family was always involved in the community and I learned at an early age that the way to truly feel good, and alive, and loved, was to make someone else feel that way first. The rest will follow... So it is with this spirit that I would like to feature people in our community, who, through time, compassion, money or council, have made an impact on our community for the better.

By Leigh Clifton

TIt's a rare thing to find selfless people who, even though they have little time, money and energy, nonetheless feel compelled to help out others less fortunate. What drives certain people to do this? In the case of Tim and Babbette Coppola, it was the basic need to feel and give love. They do this because they themselves were denied the fundamental respect and love a child should feel to grow into a whole human being. Both Tim and Babbette grew up in abusive homes. But with Tim and Babbette, they chose to break the cycle of violence and abuse they had been subjected to as children.

"I think that because I had such a rough childhood, I knew I didn't want

another child to feel what I felt," Tim says with tears in his eyes. Even the years passed have not dulled that hurt he still carries.

"I knew that I wanted to help others, if I could and Babbette and I have kind of made that our life's mission. We have a strong faith in God and we have a philosophy; always try to do one nice thing for someone, either you know or you don't. It would make such a better world."

As one of their ways to help in the community the Coppolas have taken in many kids over the years; neighborhood strays that were often minority, homeless and at-risk teens who dropped out of school. In a small 700 square foot house that can

barely fit them and their two sons Dylan and Devon, they have housed, clothed and fed a multitude of

kids, homeless, down on their luck and abused people who had no place else to go... or just needed a place to regroup. A good percentage of those kids they helped either graduated from high school or got their GED, something Tim and Babbette are very proud of. They were honored for their efforts with an award by the NAACP. But they are quick to point out, that's not why they do it.

"We didn't expect any kind of reward," Babbette says. "I mean it's nice and we're grateful, but we try and help these kids out because they so desperately need it and so many times there's just no one else."

The Coppolas involvement in the Gulfport community extends several different angles; Tim has always been involved in Little League; both of his kids play and he played T-ball when he was little. He is now Coordinator for Sponsorship. John Harker, the new Little League President, and the rest of the board, had spearheaded the idea of "No Child Left Behind" and Tim ran with the idea of making sure that any child that wanted to play in Little league would be able to.

Tim is also the Vice President for the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and he tapped his fellow Chamber members for donations for the kids. He is quick to give big kudos to the many volunteers who were three of the many who helped get the word out about the need for donations and sponsorships for the teams.

Tim started in January to get sponsors; by the end of January he had 18 sponsors, but only nine kids registered. He put an article in the *Gabber* and the response was great. He is quick to thank Gail Byron and the City, who ran a commercial to try and get the word out.

They now have 110 kids signed up for this season.

"We knew, with times as tough as they are, families wouldn't be able to afford the \$50 sign-up fee. So with all the help from our Gulfport community, we raised over \$9000, which we used to buy equipment and pay the registration fee for the kids, so that the families wouldn't have to."

Tim gets a catch in his voice; the reason he couldn't continue playing as a child was that his family didn't have the registration fee or the required uniform...

"I watched from outside the fence a lot," he says ruefully. Tim's a good listener; he had made a point to go to each donor's house personally to listen to the stories many told him of their memories and glory days in Little League. There was the mail carrier, Mark Wendel, from St. Pete Beach, who read the letter in the *Gabber* and challenged all the other mailmen in St. Pete Beach Post Office to donate and he would match it. He gave \$450.00. He had played here as a kid... full circle...

Times are tough for the Coppolas; their tree service business has slowed dramatically. Babbette, who is a Professional Guardian, VA Fiduciary and volunteers with the Senior Center, has been working on cases pro-bono and like everyone else, there are mortgage issues. But even with all that, Tim and his sons made the annual trek to downtown St. Pete at Christmas, to give food, clothing and blankets to the homeless that live under a bridge. He says it teaches his kids the value of giving to something greater than themselves.

Mayor Mike Yakes has known the Coppolas a long time; he calls Tim the

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next mayor of Gulfport (when he retires, of course).

"I've never seen someone have so much energy to give to a project, take a deep breath and accomplish what they started. I always said that Tim is a winner, and winners never quit."

Chamber president Lori Russo also had high praise for the Coppolas.

The Coppola's fairly exude community spirit; patriotism, honor, fairness, compassion, family and faith. Those ideals are the ones they live by day to day. They don't judge people, they seek to help and encourage. I don't know how they keep the faith sometimes, especially when times are tough for everyone, but they see a spark of promise and they pursue it. It doesn't matter if it is one person or a community they are affecting, they give it the same effort. As a team there is nothing they can't do. It might get done on what we affectionately call "Coppola Time" but it will get done and done well. I can't think of two people more deserving to spotlight their dedication to community through humble service that makes a real difference in the lives of others."

The Coppolas are just one example of the many people in Gulfport who extend their hands and hearts to others in need. They are part of the greater sum that makes Gulfport such an amazing place to live. And we are all richer for that...
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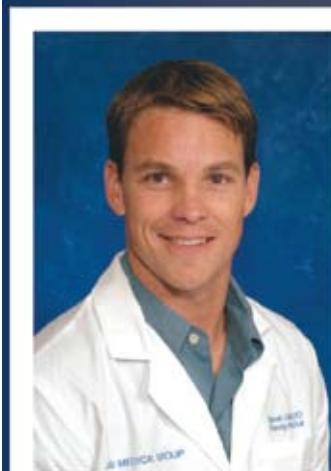
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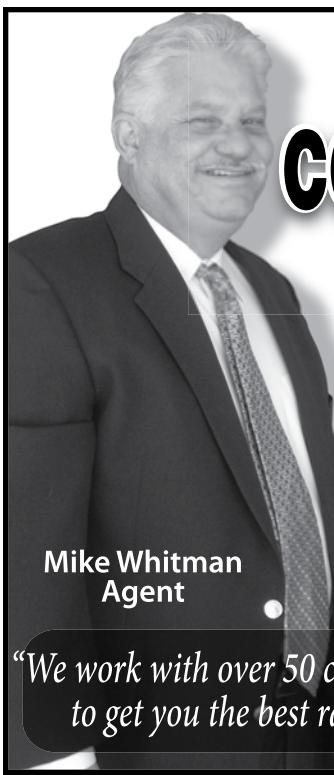
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In just 27 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We'll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, 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 Gulfport streetcar line closed down in May 1949, the southernmost in the United States and the last in Florida to remain in operation. "Old No. 100" left St. Petersburg at midnight and arrived at the Casino 45 minutes later, where a crowd of people and a barbershop quartet sang its farewell. Automobile traffic had increased greatly following the war, and the trolleys were considered a hindrance to modern busses and cars, so they had to go.



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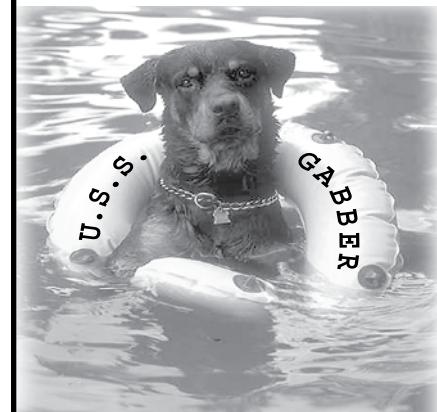
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S.A.L. Blues Jam

Sons of the American Legion will present the 2nd Annual S.A.L. Blues Jam on Sunday, April 18 from 2-8 p.m. at Post 305, 6999 Gulf Boulevard in St. Pete Beach. Event features a full menu of burgers, Buffalo chicken strips, Bratwurst with fried onions and peppers. Proceeds will go to the sponsored charity programs supported by the S.A.L. organization. For more details, call or email Paulie at 363-6060 or to SALbluesJAM@aol.com.

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Town Shores Red Hatters

They will hold the monthly Bunko game on Friday, April 16 in the clubhouse lounge at 12:45 p.m. Bring your \$2 donation and be ready for some great camaraderie with friends and a snack. They will have lunch at Maddy's on Shore Blvd. on Friday, April 23 at 12:30 p.m. They need reservations in advance for both events. RSVP to Judy at 344-7558 or Petie at 343-6450.

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Town Shores Bocce Blast



Pictured (L-R): Front Row: Referee Ruth Ficalora, Felice Sciuolo, Helmut Beck and Referee Bob Clinkard; Back Row: Jim Green, Al Browne, Ray Lunney and Bill Adams

The 2010 Bocce Blast was a huge success. 168 residents were assigned to a team. On March 30, they were down to two teams. One team each of women and men were ready to face off to determine who would be this year's champs. 165 people enjoyed a lunch prepared by Stella's Deli and came to cheer the teams to victory. The weather was great and most everyone came away enjoying the 2010 Blast and looking forward to next year's. Many thanks to George White for reviving the Blast and doing a super job! Congratulations go out to the men's team. A rookie was on the men's team and he came through for them big time.

Pat Dunham Says....

Thank You For Your Help!

The following businesses and people contributed to the success of the
Gulfport Elementary School Yard Sale

"It takes a lot of generous and great people to make a fund raiser successful.

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-Pat Dunham

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The many volunteers, teachers, school employees and parents.

WellNEWS

All the news that's fit.

By Scott Lafee

Sagging Bones

Face-lifts that nip and tuck and tighten the skin to restore a youthful visage may look well and good, but the results are superficial and may not actually last that long, say researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York.

The problem lies beneath and goes straight to the bone. In fact, it is the bone. In a review of 120 facial CT scans taken for unrelated medical reasons, Howard Langstein and colleagues found that changes to facial bones over time undermine a lasting youthful appearance. The big culprit is the jawbone, which gets smaller with age, shortening markedly between youth and middle age and then shrinking in height between middle and old age.

"The jaw is the foundation of the lower face," Langstein says, "and changes to it affect facial aesthetics. These measurements indicate a significant decline in the jaw's volume as a person ages, and therefore less support of soft tissue of the lower face and neck."

Langstein said the future of cosmetic surgery will likely go beyond simply removing excessive saggy skin on the face and neck to routinely building in chin and cheek implants to replace lost bone.

MEDTRONICA

Balding blog

baldingblog.com

A wispy, wistful blog featuring an ongoing Q&A between hair-challenged readers and three purported experts (two claim to be medical doctors) who answer questions on subjects like what to do after a failed hair transplant, the

high cost of Rogaine and forehead muscles. Interesting reading, though some of the material might have you scratching your hairless head.

LIFE IN BIG MACS

One hour of moderate shoveling (10 pounds to 15 pounds per minute) burns 704 calories (based on a 150-pound person) or the equivalent of 0.7 Big Macs.

STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

In 19th-century England, madness (or anything that vaguely resembled it) was often treated in a variety of novel ways. Some might describe them as insane. Electric shocks and violent shaking were two popular options. Less dramatic but perhaps even more maddening was "complete immobility therapy."

Patients were strapped into a "tranquilizer chair" that precluded all movement, including that of the head, which was enclosed in a linen-lined box. The idea was that without any physical stimulus, the mind would eventually calm down, the madness thus banished.

Treatments tended to last for days, weeks, even months, which raises obvious questions about another kind of movement.

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Nelophobia -- fear of glass

GET ME THAT. STAT!

After steadily rising in numbers between 1999 and 2004, the number of organs available from living donors (kidney, lung, liver) has progressively declined in recent years -- from 7,004 in 2004 to 6,219 in 2008. The year 2008 also marked the first time there was a decrease in organs from deceased donors: 27,958, down from 28,404 in 2007.

Experts blame several factors: donor costs not covered by insurance, loss of income, potential insurability issues and failure to broadly educate the public about organ donation programs.

LAST WORDS

"Does nobody understand?"

-- Irish author James Joyce (1882-1941)

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Chabad to Host Cocktails and Auction

ST. PETERSBURG: Chabad Jewish Center of Greater St. Petersburg will host a Gala Cocktail and Auction Evening, celebrating seven years of community service to the Greater St. Petersburg Jewish Community. The Chabad Jewish Center is a non-profit organization that promotes spiritual awareness and social sensitivity. Whether it be through adult education classes, hands on educational programs, holiday enrichment programs, summer camp or the Jewish Women's events, the Chabad Jewish Center is always there for an adult or child in need.

"The Cocktail Evening and Auction event promises to be an evening to remember," says auction chair, Ethel Buns Bergerman, "featuring

a dazzling array of prizes with both live and silent auction items such as a week's stay in a stunning home in North Carolina, sunset cruise for 30, beautiful jewelry, Judaica, art, electronics, spa treatments and more". Delicious hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served, and comedian Marc Weiner will entertain and amuse the crowd. Marc Weiner, a world famous comedian, has entertained audiences since 1980, and appeared on many TV shows,

including Saturday Night Live, Comedy Central, HBO and Fox.

The event will take place on Sunday, April 25 at the Bilmar Beach Resort, Crystal Sands Ballroom, 10650 Gulf Boulevard in Treasure Island. Couvert is \$54. Individual and corporate sponsorships are available.

For more information or to RSVP, call 344-4900, email Ebergerman@tampabay.rr.com or log on to www.ChabadSP.com.

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Friday 3/26

Drunk Driver- 5700 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Theft- 5700 Blk 31st Ave. S.

Fight in Progress- 4900 Blk 18th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Saturday 3/27

Drunk Driver- 5800 Blk 21st Ave. S.

Soliciting- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Accident with Injuries- 2200 Blk 59th St. S.

Noise Complaint- 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Theft- 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Battery- 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Domestic Verbal- 2200 Blk York St. S.

Accident with Injuries- 2200 Blk 53rd St. S.

Trouble with Individual- Beach Front.

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 large pavilion on April 17 at 1 p.m. Come join your fellow neighbors in our first City-wide Crime Watch Picnic. We are inviting everyone who lives in Gulfport, including City Council Members, the Gulfport Police and the Fire Departments, and the CERT Team to attend.

The event will be a pot luck picnic, so bring your favorite dish to share and drinks and plates/utensils for yourself.

The Zone 1 Crime Watch Group is inviting everyone to join us at the picnic to meet your fellow neighbors and those who serve and protect us. Learn how you can be more involved in helping to keep crime down in our neighborhoods and look out for each other. Come and see how "YOU" can make a difference.

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

Sunday 3/28

Domestic Verbal- 5400 Blk 20th Ave. S.

Arrest on Warrant- 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.

Criminal Mischief- Osgood Point.

Domestic Verbal- 4900 Blk 23rd Ave. S.

Monday 3/29

Trouble with Individual- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Animal Complaint- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Domestic Verbal- 5400 Blk 7th Ave. S.

Battery- 1100 Blk 51st St. S.

Reckless Driver- 1800 Blk 54th St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

Noise Complaint- 5700 Blk 17th Ave. S.

Tuesday 3/30

City/County Code Ordinance Violation- 900 Blk 52nd St. S.

Hit & Run- 2400 Blk 58th St. S.

Abandoned Vehicle- 5400 Blk Essex Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Accident without Injuries- 1100 Blk 64th St. S.

Street Obstruction- 1300 Blk 54th St. S.

Wednesday 3/31

Drunk Driver- 5300 Blk 27th Ave. S.

Animal Complaint- 700 Blk Gray St. S.

Domestic Verbal- 1400 Blk 58th St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 2600 Blk 49th St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- Tomlinson Park.

Trouble with Individual- 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.

Thursday 4/1

Hit & Run- 1800 Blk 51st St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.

Abandoned Vehicle- 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5300 Blk 20th Ave. S.

Robbery- 900 Blk 60th St. S.

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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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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.

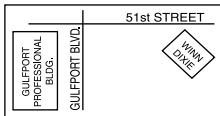
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Everyday Cheap\$kate

By Mary Hunt

What's in Your Household Cleaner?

I can't say that I read every label before I put things in my grocery cart, but I do read plenty of them. I like to know what I'm paying for and how much I'm paying per ounce or pound. It's enlightening. Many times, I put something back on the shelf because I cannot bring myself to pay \$20 a pound for crackers or

"puffs" or some other expensive item that's mostly air and packaging, even if it's on sale.

Math doesn't lie. If the net weight on some snack item is 1.34 ounces and it's on sale for two for \$4, that sounds pretty reasonable, right? But let's do the math. I would have to buy 12 boxes to come home with a pound of that product. At \$2 a box, that's \$24 a pound. That's the sale price. Astonishing.

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Watch out for mold, Lou advises. Inspect shower curtains and other likely breeding grounds. Remember that Nok-Out is not only an odor eliminator. It kills mold and mildew, too.

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Gulfport Beach March Water Quality Report

By Cathy Salustri

Each week the City of Gulfport tests the water quality in the waters off Gulfport Beach. Gulfport has contracted with the City of St. Petersburg for the tests.

Every month The Gabber publishes the results of those tests. If, at any time, the tests show that the water quality poses a health risk, the City of Gulfport will issue a Health Advisory. Gulfport typically receives test results within a week of taking the sample.

Currently, the City tests for two things: enterococcus and fecal coliform. Scientists consider enterococcus a common bacteria found in animal and human intestines, and, resultingly, in human and animal excrement. Federal standards used to require agencies to measure water quality by the amount of fecal coliform along public beach waters but recently have replaced fecal coliform with enterococcus as the standard. Fecal coliform also comes from the waste of warm-blooded animals, including humans.

The City of Gulfport currently tests for both types of bacteria. Test results will help classify Gulfport Harbor as "good", "moderate", or "poor". Enterococcus of less than 35 parts per 100 milliliter and fecal coliform of less than 199 per 100 milliliter of saltwater indicate good water quality. For more information, contact the City of Gulfport at 893-1000.

You can reach Cathy Salustri at
CathySalustri@TheGabber.com



Sample Date	Enterococcus	Fecal Coliform
March 2	9	7
March 9	10	7
March 16	4	22
March 23	2	7
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Easter Eggs and Helicopters; Stetson's Sun and Fun Day Draws Hundreds to the Rec Center

By Leigh Clifton

Hundreds of young children, holding every imaginable type of Easter basket stormed the green behind the Rec Center last Saturday morning in a mad dash to pick up what seemed to be thousands of plastic candy filled Easter eggs, strewn all over the lawn. Anxious parents gave last minute instructions to their fidgety kids, before turning them lose at the starting line. After being sated with candy and sweets, the kids had the opportunity to meet members of the Gulfport Police department and crawl and climb into their police cruisers and boat. They also had access to City dump trucks, a backhoe, a SunStar ambulance, a Gulfport Fire Department hook and ladder truck and even a Bayflite helicopter that landed right behind the Rec Center. Members of CERT helped serve free hot dogs, drinks and snacks and members of Stetson gave out plastic bags full of candy-filled eggs. Also on hand was a rock climbing wall, bouncy houses, a St. Pete Police K-9 demonstration and the Noisemakers, from whom a pleasant cacophony of sounds emerged; new young rock stars poised on the brink of fame. The Easter Bunny and a Yellow Chick took up residence in front of the Center and posed for pictures with the kids.

Sponsored by Stetson Law School, Sun and Fun Day was a great opportunity for families to enjoy a beautiful sunny Saturday morning in Gulfport and for the kids to meet the people who keep our city safe.



(Easter) basket case... children wait for the start of the Easter Egg hunt on the Green at the Rec Center Saturday morning.



Bayflite Helicopter hovers before landing on the Green behind the Rec Center.



Five month old Sienna Street giggles as she sits on the Easter Bunny's lap.



Lollipop Cop; Sgt. Rob Burkhardt hands out lollipops to the kids at Sun and Fun Day.

Beach Goes Pops XX

Beach Goes Pops celebrates its 20th year on Pass-A-Grille Beach in St. Pete Beach on April 23-24.

On Friday, April 23, starting at 4 p.m., there will be live music, food and beverages till 10:30 p.m. Live music starts at 4 p.m. with local, up and coming band, "Next Exit" on the Street Stage. They welcome back "The Venturas" to the Pavilion stage starting at 5 p.m. "Suzette Jennings and the Moodswingz", a crowd favorite, will play from 8-10:30 p.m.

Pass-A-Grille Beach is located at 9th Avenue and Gulf Way in St. Pete Beach. Bring your blankets and beach chairs. Food vendors and beverages (soft drinks, beer & wine) are available to the public. Shuttle service will be available from 4 p.m. till 11 p.m. at the County Beach Park across from the Dolphin Village Shopping Center at 4600 Gulf Boulevard.

"Art in the Park" returns again this year on Saturday, April 24 with local artists selling artwork and crafts. New this year will be a variety of children's activities and games in

Pass-A-Grille Park.

Live music starts at 5 p.m. with "The Hip Abduction" on the Street Stage. There are 30+ stage side tables sold in advance for Saturday's catered dinner by Wayl of a Time Catering. The tables and seats sold are directly in front of stage for the Saturday evening performance which includes a fabulous catered four-course gourmet dinner with unlimited beer, wine and champagne. Saxophonist Jeff Zavac will entertain dinner guests starting at 5:30 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. The Beach Goes Pops Orchestra starts at 7:30 p.m. and plays till 10 p.m.

Come out for an unforgettable Beach Goes Pops weekend with your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy the food, music and sunsets of Pass-A-Grille in a spectacular and unique beach setting.

For information regarding table sales for Saturday's catered dinner by Wayl of a Time or sponsorship opportunities please contact Paula Beersdorf at 727-459-8057 or paulab@sunriskinc.com. For any other questions please contact David Zavac at 727-278-1884. Visit www.beachgoespops.com for event details.

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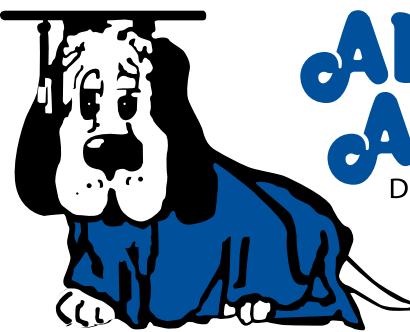
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By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

Wills

In the every day practice of law at Akerson Law Offices, common questions of law are asked by clients of the firm. A few of the most common questions which are responded to concerning wills and probate are as follows:

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CAN I CROSS OUT OR WRITE ADDITIONAL WORDS IN MY WILL?

It is not a good idea to cross out words or add words to a will after the will has been signed and executed. If you write on the will after you have signed and executed it, you run a serious risk that some or all of the will may be determined by a Probate Court Judge to be invalid.

WHY DO I NEED A WILL?

Everyone needs to have a will. People with minor children need wills so that they can name a guardian for

their minor children in the event of death. A will enables you to decide who gets your property. Without a will, the laws of the State of Florida decide who gets your real estate and personal property. A will also allows you to name who will manage the distribution of your estate. This party is known as the personal representative under Florida law.

IS MY CURRENT WILL STILL GOOD?

That depends. As long as your current will meets the formal requirements for a legal will in Florida, it is "good" until you change or revoke it in accordance with Florida law. You can change your will as often as you wish so long as you comply with the legal requirements concerning capacity, fraud, undue influence, duress and meet the formal requirements for a will in the State of Florida. Both monetary and personal changes in your life may require a change in your will. For example, divorce, marriage, birth of children, and deaths of relatives may be a reminder to review the adequacy of your current will. In addition, tax law changes and a change in the amount or makeup of your estate may make it advisable to change your will to better serve your legal heirs.

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

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Beta Sigma Phi

Sunshine City Council of Beta Sigma Phi hosted the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3 at 9 a.m. at the England Brothers Park in Pinellas Park. Approximately 250 children enjoyed gathering the 3,000 plastic eggs filled with candy placed on the fields early Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Bunny were available for a photo opportunity.

Members are looking forward to the annual Founder's Day Banquet which will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Wine Cellar on Redington Beach. At this banquet the new Sunshine City Council officers will be installed, new chapter presidents will be recognized, and chapter women of the year will be honored. The Sunshine City Council Woman of the Year and Ideal Sister will be announced.

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

Laureate Epsilon Theta's next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Sharon Ingram with Paula Lyens presenting the program.

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The St. Petersburg Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13 at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1900 34 Street N. Please join them for this last meeting of the year. They will vote on next year's officers and one special member will receive the chapter service award. They will then car pool to the Panama Canal Museum for a film and tour. Call Wendy Risk at 572-9854.

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Support of Our Troops

The American Legion Long Key Post 305 welcomed fellow Legionnaire and returning veteran Philip Rechnitzer at their Post home, 6999 Gulf Boulevard in St. Pete Beach on Tuesday, March 30. Rechnitzer, a retired USAir Force Master Sergeant, served as a mentor with the Afghan National Army at Tombstone FOB in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. After a few weeks at his home in Tampa with his family, he will return to Afghanistan.

The American Legion Auxiliary President, Dee Bell, presented Rechnitzer with a Blue Star Service banner which indicates that the family has a member in military service. Legion Commander John Bell then presented a framed Certificate of Merit.

This ceremony was in conjunction with the Post's "Support Our Troops" project which backs the St. Pete Beach's effort of the same name, under the direction of Terri Finnerty, wife of Mayor Mike Finnerty. The function of this group is to solicit donations of non-perishable food items, hygiene and other miscellaneous items to package and send to our military men and women currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Donations of money are also collected to pay for the required postage to send the Priority Mail packages.

Master Sergeant Rechnitzer thanked this group for their efforts, having received some 35 boxes of these items. He told those in attendance that whenever they could, the items were shared with members of the Afghan National Army who would take these as gifts to their family members. These items from America were prizes and greatly appreciated since

they go a long way in establishing rapport with the Afghans.

The members and guests were treated to a buffet dinner and entertainment provided by the Post.

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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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Donations Needed for Kittens and Puppies

SPCA Tampa Bay is requesting donations from the community in preparation for kitten and puppy season. Donations include dry and wet kitten and puppy food, kitty litter, new puppy and kitten toys, towels, paper towels, blankets, collars, leashes and crates. Low cost spay/neuter programs available.

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By Cathy Salustri

I've Got Nothing

I've got nothing.
Nothing.

I've mentioned my friend Shelly here and there in this column: she's the one who scooted off to Denmark, leaving me with a neighborhood stray cat (Scuppers!) who now rules my apartment and refuses to acknowledge his low-class beginnings. She's the one who used to write for *The Gabber*, and she's the sort of friend everyone wants—the kind who loves you with neither expectation nor requirement.

Shelly is, in many ways, an alternate reality version of myself. We both write for a living, we both have a marked affinity for mediocre Mexican beer, we both procrastinate about writing, and we both have hair that triples in size at the first droplet of moisture in the air, but that's where our similarities end.

While I maintain that sharks suffer from bad PR, Shelly screams at the very glimpse of a manatee. When she wrote her column, *Distractions*, people loved it, but *The Gabber* readers won't nominate me for Miss Congeniality anytime soon. Shelly likes people—she could find the good in a serial killer—and they tend to like her in return. I do not exactly espouse the Dale Carnegie school of personality. Shelly is friendly, effusive, and tactful. I am standoffish, abrasive, and blunt.

Despite our differences, we've forged a lovely friendship over the past seven years. She is a loyal, true, and faithful friend, but more than that,

she possesses one of the few good souls who walk the earth, and her goodness inspires me. If this sounds gushy and too good to be true, well, ask anyone who knows Shelly and they'll tell you yes, she really is that person. She has her faults, of course, but all in all, the earth is a better place for her being here.

Her little brother died last week. And I've got nothing. I adore Shelly, her father, and her family, but I feel so empty and powerless right now.

Of course, I'm sad for her, but what can I say? As an only child I cannot begin to imagine the bond between brother and sister, much less the horror of my little brother dying unexpectedly. My heart breaks for her father, but I have no children and do not possess maternal instincts; how can I possibly offer him anything that will ease the pain of burying his son?

Certainly, I have lost people I love. I know that pain; I recognize that while sometimes death may be a blessing for the deceased, it sucks for the rest of us. I understand, too, that the flowers and prayers—despite the sender's intentions—mean painfully little when held up against the closets of clothes destined for Goodwill and the financial matters that must get settled. All the prayers to all the gods of the world will not return Shelly's brother to her; no funeral flower arrangements will, ten years from now, help her remember his new baby smell when their mom brought him home from the hospital.

This week one of the best people I know will bury her brother and try to come to grips to the world without him, and I can do nothing to help her. This makes me feel slightly ill, as though I have some lingering malaise I can neither define nor defeat. I offer her my car while she's staying stateside; I attend the funeral. Every gesture seems trite. I call her to see what else I can do. There is, expectedly, not a thing. Unless, of course, I can bring back her brother, and that one thing—the thing I cannot do—is all she really wants.

I know my sadness is nothing compared to that of hers and her family. Their grief is concrete; they pine for a living, breathing wonderful young man whom they loved and who loved them.

My keening is more abstract; I am confused by the way the Universe works, if not surprised by it. If people must suffer so unfair a pain, how can we still expect to find the people Anne Frank claimed were "basically good at heart?" How much can we run a person through before they chuck it all back and decide that a good life and a pure soul gets them nothing better than it does the jerk down the street who beats his wife and kicks his kid's pet beagle?

I wonder, though, if maybe that's the key for people like Shelly: knowing that their lives are their only rewards and remaining the people they are anyway. Perhaps she, like Buddha, believes "the only real failure in life is not to be true to the best one knows."

Her brother's untimely death will not embitter Shelly. It will not make her a better person; it will not make her a worse one. Her character was formed, as was yours and mine and the jerk down the street, so long ago, and one tragedy—or many—will not change our natures. It is, as the seas and the sun, immutable.

I have nothing for Shelly, except this: In your life, I wish everything you have given your friends, one hundred fold. We mourn for your loss, and by knowing and loving you, we lose it, too.

For the rest of us?
I wish us all many Shellys.

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Landscape 911, a fundraiser for the non-profit 3D arts teaching facility, is open for entries now until April 21, Earth Day 40. The grand prize winner will receive a professional landscape plan by Christopher Ross plus a few gifts to get them started. The contest is open to homeowners in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.

To enter, homeowners are asked to send 250 words about why their landscape needs help. The short essay should be accompanied by up to five supporting documents such as photos, written complaints from neighbors or code violations. A panel of judges, including Ross, will choose the grand prize winner. The entry fee is a \$25 donation to the IAC.

The grand prize will be a professional consultation and custom landscape plan valued at \$2,000, donated by Ross, a well known local landscape architectural designer and consultant. Lots of prizes will be awarded in a random drawing from all entries at the conclusion of the contest, including gardening gift certificates, Industrial Arts Center memberships, Blow Your Own Glass Masterpiece certificates, and hand-blown glass art.

Entries may be mailed to the Industrial Arts Center at 2902A Beach Boulevard S., Gulfport, FL 33707. For more information, please visit the Industrial Arts Center online at www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org or call 727-289-9365.

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

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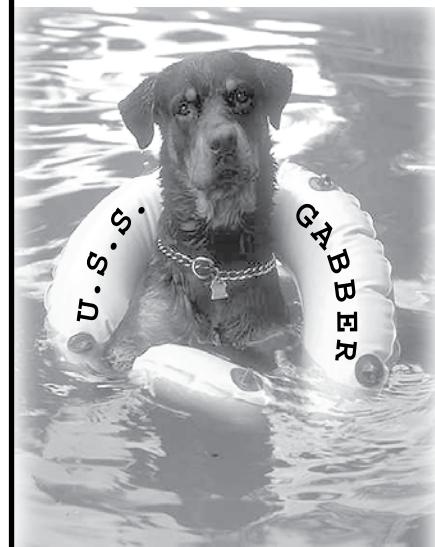
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"Gus" Returns to Gulfport

The Gulfport Community Players will open a Jim Brochu comedy entitled "Cookin' with Gus" at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport on Thursday, April 22 at 8 p.m. This play is a comedy with non-stop action from start to finish. Due to the many requests the Players have had to do this play once again, it finally returns to Gulfport. Besides being a great comedy, it even has a food fight!

The story line goes like this: Gussie (Gus) Richardson is a famous food columnist and cookbook author. Her agent tells her she's been offered her own daily network TV show. She tries to do a taping and then finds out that she has stage fright and can't even open her mouth in front of a camera. In spite of all her friends trying to help her get over this problem, nothing seems to work. Bernie threatened her, one of Gus's friends (Gypsy Carmen) casts spells, and the her husband, Walter, tries hypnotism. This seems to work, but the actual taping turns into a nightmare of comedy, errors, and laughs!

The play will run from April 22 through May 2 at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport. Curtain times are 8 p.m. for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and 2 p.m. for the Sunday shows. Tickets are on sale now for just \$15 each. Get them at Eileen's Resale Boutique, the Beach Bazaar, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, the Casino, at the door, or by calling them at 727-322-0316 for advance sales.

For more information on this play or the Gulfport Community Players, please visit the Players' website at www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org.

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Live Music Offered at Gulfport Fresh Market

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.

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Public Comment & Council Quotes

"To have that in this page, the "This page intentionally left blank" page... (would be a good thing)"—Mayor Mike Yakes, about including the city's mission statement in the Comprehensive Annual Fiscal Report. Yakes thanked resident Margarete Tober for giving him (and every member of council) a framed copy of the city's mission statement

"I'm not part of your cheering section... we're supposed to hold you to task. I know you want a cheering section, and I'm not going to give you that."—Al Davis, during the public comment session of the meeting. The mayor had asked that people speaking to council treat council with respect and not make attacks personal.

"Mr. Salzman needs to pull you down and give you a lecture on libel and slander."—Al Davis, to Councilmembers Michele King and Sam Henderson about their comments on the Davis' attorney.*

"Please bring to close the matter of the city attorney position."—Margarete Tober, about the seemingly endless interim status of the city attorney position. Tober also asked council to consider Salzman for that position.

"Be a thorn on the school board's side."--Shannon Irvin, about the bus stop and safety issues for students waiting for buses on 49th Street. City manager Jim O'Reilly told council it was a school board issue; the school board told Irvin it was a city issue.

"I wanted to thank Jennifer Salmon who came out, by invitation, to see Clam Bayou at low tide."
--Gerry O'Regan

"I wish to curb this issue of naming one particular individual."—Mayor Mike Yakes, about comments addressed to individual members of council.*

"Many boards do not allow the comments to be individualized. That's normally what I've seen."
--Interim city attorney Andrew Salzman, about Yakes' ability to curtail certain public comments.*

Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon asked the attorney how people could avoid naming council people if they had a problem.

"The intent is not to attack people," Salzman replied.

"They plan to mobilize on this project the 21st of this month,"—Mayor Mike Yakes, about the start of construction on the Clam Bayou project, headed by the Southwest Water Management District (SWFWMD). Yakes said the project should finish in one year.

"There is a huge mud flat, sandbar type thing that I guess has some historical roots but it's bigger than ever... I have a very vocal public record against dredging at all in Clam Bayou...Some people might think I'm a turncoat"—Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, who visited certain areas of Clam Bayou at low tide.

*For the full quotes relating to comments marked with an asterisk, please see The Gabber Newspaper's Facebook page. For accuracy, The Gabber Newspaper will not print these comments in their entirety until checking the reporter's notes against the tape of Tuesday evening's meeting. To access the Facebook page, click the Facebook icon at TheGabber.com.

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66th Street Flea Market: A New Twist on an Old Idea

By Cathy Salustri

Whether you shop other flea markets and love them or if you've been to them and decided they aren't for you, you're going to love the 66th Street Flea Market.

Everyone in the area knows the building: it's the old Tons of Tile building at 5601 66th Street. When Tons of Tile moved out unexpectedly last year, Carol Crawford, whose late husband bought the building over 20 years ago, knew she had a few options. After considering leasing or selling the property, she evaluated the space and decided it was perfect for a flea market. She didn't want just any flea market, though—she decided that this flea market would be different. Obviously, it would be indoors, so weather wouldn't be a factor, but more importantly, she wanted to host a real Florida flea market—one where people could find treasures rather than mass-produced items. She didn't want a mall; she wanted a flea market...one where people could come to shop, sit on the patio and enjoy a meal and cold beverage while listening to live entertainment featured most afternoons. Her goal is to have people come in, spend a couple of hours, find some bargains, and enjoy the amiable atmosphere.

Sure enough, the vendors came, and they are an unusually warm and



friendly group of people who obviously enjoy being part of this special flea market and are dedicated to it. They will go out of their way to help customers find what they are looking for and to make their visit enjoyable. Now the building—renovated and cleaned—showcases everything from antique glassware to handmade incense in very attractive booths which are permanently set up. Being indoors, there is no reason for vendors to break their booths down each week.

But that's not all you'll find at the 66th Street Flea Market. While the flea market has all the trappings of

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yesteryear's flea market, with rare finds and fun things, it also has some storefronts to draw even the most reticent flea marketer. Remember the "Flashy Fish" from Central Ave. and "Bark and Browse" (Now called Family Outfitters) from Gulfport? They've found the perfect home here, along with "Me Ma's Country Corner" and "Hog Wild Bar-b-que", who serve delectable food. Gianni's Coffee Shop (inside the market) is run by the owner of the

former Café Dulce and is a great place to buy sausage bread and other baked goods. The "St. Petersburg Audio Connection" sells and repairs stereos, specializing in vintage stereos. In this tough economy, many of the area's best shops find that the 66th Street Flea Market makes the most sense—they are part of the flea market on weekends but can be open all week because they have separate entrances. There is ample parking accessible from 66th Street (north end of the building) and 56th Ave. (east end of the building).

There are a few spaces left, both inside for weekend rentals as well as storefronts. In those remaining spaces, Carol has reserved spaces for a beauty shop and a produce market, which she thinks would be very successful and would blend well with the market. Each of these storefronts has a separate entrance and could stay open all week.

The market also hosts monthly clothing swaps in conjunction with Local Shop 1, and has a "Bid a Bed" Auction scheduled for every other Sunday afternoon, with the next one being April 11th. For five dollars (for the space) and 25% of the total sales, the Bid-a-Bed Auction offers you a chance to get rid of your unwanted items. Here's how it works: fill the bed of your truck or back of your car with your unwanted items, back up to the patio at the 66th Street Flea Market, and they'll auction them off for you. The auction starts at 4 p.m., but you can come preview the items from 2-4 pm. Buyers will find some wonderful bargains!

Several special events are being planned, including a "doggie pageant" in mid May and a special Memorial Day weekend celebration.

The market is open from 8 a.m.-4p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The storefronts are open Tuesday-Sunday (closed Monday).

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Boca Ciega High School Scoreboard

By Leigh Clifton

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Boca Ciega	5
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Boca Ciega	6
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4/5/10

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3/27/10

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Girls Varsity

3/23/10

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St. Pete High	19

3/19/10

Boca Ciega	0
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Boys Varsity

3/24/10

Boca Ciega	0
Lakewood	7

Girls Varsity

3/23/10

Boca Ciega	1
Lakewood	6

Bogie Girl's Basketball Achieves Distinction

By Leigh Clifton

The Boca Ciega Girls Varsity Basketball team had quite a season; they finished with a 30-2 record and were District Champions, Conference Champions and State runner up. Two players, Latavia Dempsey and Tamara Taylor were first team All-Conference as well as first team All County and first team All Suncoast. Taylor was also first team All-State. Alexis Ungro made second team All-Conference and Destiny Brown made third team All-Conference. In addition, Courtney Joseph, Latavia Dempsey, Yondrese Floyd and Tianna Robinson were named to the Senior County All Star game.

Lady Pirates Coach William White received the PCGBCA Coach of the Year award for the third straight year, the *St. Pete Times* Coach of the Year for the second time in three

years, the PCAC Coach of the Year for the second time in three years and the FABC 5A State of Florida Coach of the Year Award. This is the Lady Pirates 18th District Final and the fifth straight District Championship. But don't think that with the seniors graduating that the team will lose any depth; the JV team went 15-0, and outscored their opponents 923-221. Not too shabby as well.

In addition, Tamara Taylor has accepted a scholarship to the University of South Florida (after her senior year next year). She is the first Pinellas County player to receive a scholarship to USF in the last 10 years. USF plays in one of the best conferences in the country in the Big East.

Congratulations to Coach White and the outstanding Lady Pirates for a fabulous season!

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Bogie Boys Baseball Walks to Victory over Gibbs



Photo by Leigh Clifton

Junior Henry "T-Payne" Franks slides into home, but was called out by the ref.

Bogie Pirates beat Gibbs Monday night 10-0, in a walk-a-thon that had the Gibb's pitchers struggling to get anything over the plate. Gibbs walked in four Bogie runs after loading the bases twice and walking the batter. Even a change in pitching did little to improve Gibb's chances.

Bogie got some good defensive moves from first baseman Mike Pipkin and ace pitcher sophomore Nate Aipel. Senior short stop Aaron Brenner gave a good offensive performance, going 2-3 with a double and an RBI. Pitcher freshman Denzel Dillard threw two scoreless innings in relief of Aipel. The Bogie Pirates are now 2-3 in league play.

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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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Easter Weekend Kick-off Concert



By Melissa Lattman

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St. Anthony's Auxiliary News

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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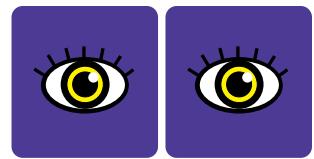
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