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Crime Watch Picnic



By Leigh Clifton

Gulfport police answered questions from citizens at the Crime Awareness Picnic on Saturday.

The Gulfport Crime Awareness and Prevention Association and SO49.org invited the community to a beach picnic last Saturday at the Gulfport Beach Pavilion in an effort to raise awareness of crime prevention. Almost 200 people showed up to get the opportunity to speak to local official representatives from CERT, Gulfport Police and Fire and medical personnel. Even Susan St. John a representative from the States Attorney's Office,

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Gulfport Man Arrested for Child Porn

By Leigh Clifton

Tax day was a rough one for 33 year old Gulfport man Malachi Surber. In the early morning hours of April 15, officers from the St. Petersburg Police, the Gulfport Police Special Enforcement Team, the Attorney General's CyberCrime Unit and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement descended on his parent's house on 29th Ave South. A computer IP address from that location set off an alert to the St. Pete detective whose job is to monitor child porn traffic on the web.



Gulfport Police arrived on scene; their function was to secure the perimeter. Throwing a flash-bang at the back of the house; (a loud detecting device like a firecracker that distracts the potential suspect towards the back of the house,) police and ICE agents stormed the front door, looking for Surber.

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St. Pete Beach Litigation Update

By Melissa Lattman

ST. PETE BEACH- The current land development journey in St. Pete Beach began in 2002 when the city with the help of a consultant and citizen input evaluated potential improvements downtown and along Gulf Boulevard. Move forward eight years and the residents passed in March a 20-year Community Redevelopment Area plan with the potential of property tax dollars going towards about \$60 million

in public projects. That plan is currently awaiting county approval since county tax money is involved, also. The community's goals of improving the downtown Corey Avenue area and the Gulf Boulevard resort areas remain.

Who makes land decisions and how land decisions are made have been at issue as well. What voters have to approve has changed over the last several years with voters having varying amounts of direct decision on

development matters. City Manager Mike Bonfield said currently voter approval is required for density, height, land use and intensity changes.

Litigation stemming from this land development journey remains as well. The complex web of lawsuits covers the process and content of land use decisions made in the city. Overall upcoming legal costs on the main cases this year are estimated at \$90,000 and next year at \$225,000, according to city officials.

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Arrest, from front page

Inside, they arrested not only Malachi Surber but his sister Elisha Ann as well: she had an outstanding warrant for a failure to appear on a battery charge in Pasco County. Both Surbers were taken to jail. Elisha was released on bond later that night. Malachi Surber remains in jail on 15 counts of child pornography. Other charges may still be pending as forensics further examines his computer.

According to Gulfport Sgt. Rob Burkhart, Surber was accessing known child porn websites from his computer. These pieces of child pornography number in the millions; they are traded and circulated worldwide through access sites like Limewire.com, a file-sharing public internet server. These files are "marked" by law enforcement and when they are traded they set off an alert. The detectives look into the volume of the trades, and then subpoena the IP address is they suspect child porn trafficking.

"It was obvious from the content of his computer that the sites that Surber traded were mostly older sites; the pictures looked dated. But the sad thing is that some of the sites showed children as young as three years old. It is just a sick obsession," Burkhart said. "I'm glad we can get someone like that off the streets."

Surber remains in the Pinellas County jail, charged with felony possession of child pornography. Each of the 15 counts carries a \$1500.00 bond. If convicted, Surber could serve up to five years per count.

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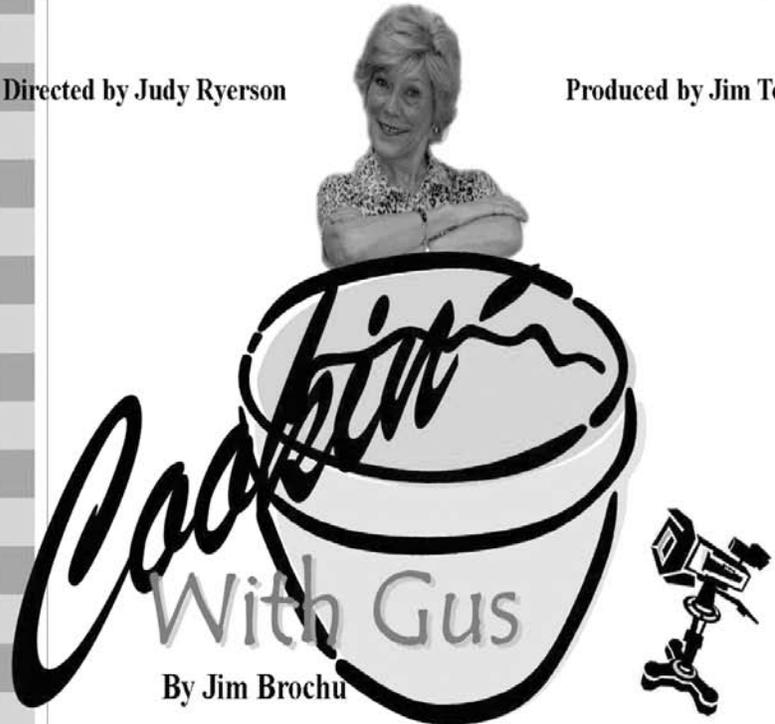
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Residents Allowed Six Sales Per Year

GULFPORT- Despite city council's own request for city staff to come up with a way to allow Gulfportians to have more frequent garage sales with less strict permitting guidelines, council voted down the resulting temporary resolution that would do just that.

The resolution would have lasted one year and would have allowed Gulfportians to hold garage sales on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of every month without applying for a permit. Residents Lee Stapella and Bob Newcomb expressed concerns about the resolution. Councilman David Hastings spoke against the resolution; councilwoman Jennifer Salmon attempted to amend the resolution to assuage the expressed concerns but ultimately could not lead council to a middle ground.

Hastings and Salmon voted against the resolution; Vice-Mayor Michele King and councilman Sam Henderson voted for it. Mayor Mike Yakes broke the tie with a no vote.

Residents can still have up to six garage sales a year but must apply for permits for each one.

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Gulfport Yacht Club Renews Lease

GULFPORT- Council voted to renew the city's lease with the Gulfport Yacht Club. The Yacht Club, comprises a 29-year-old clubhouse, surrounding property and 12 wet slips at 4638 Del Rio Way South.

The Gulfport Yacht Club will pay the city \$22,500 every year for the next five years.

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SunFlower School Art Auction Fundraiser

SunFlower School, a non-profit private elementary school located in Gulfport, will hold an art auction fundraiser on Saturday, April 24, from 6-9 p.m. at St. Pete Clay Company, 420 22 Street S. in St. Petersburg. Cost is \$15 per person for food, wine and great art! Call Juli at 727-542-9600 for tickets.

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Gulfport Will Have Fireworks

GULFPORT- Gulfport city manager Jim O'Reilly will sign a contract for just over \$25,000 for this summer's 4th of July fireworks celebration. At Tuesday night's meeting, council approved the funds as well as made the decision to hold the city's official celebration on the 4th of July.

The city discussed the option of holding the celebration on Saturday, July 3 but ultimately voted to celebrate the 4th of July on Sunday, July 4.

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New Board Members in Gulfport

GULFPORT- Vice-Mayor Michele King will now serve on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and Councilman Sam Henderson will serve on the Suncoast League of Cities Board as an alternate. Former Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington, who chose not to run for re-election in last month's election, formerly served on these two boards.

Deb Taylor accepted an appointment from city council as a whole to the alternate position on the city's Planning and Zoning Board. Councilmembers David Hastings and Jennifer Salmon appointed

Marjory Milford and Jennifer Cowan, respectively, to the Board. Vice-Mayor King appointed Carol D'Alessandro to fill David Hastings' unexpired term. Hastings stepped down from the Board upon taking office as a councilmember. These Planning and Zoning Board appointments will expire in two years, except for D'Alessandro, whose appointment expires next year.

King and Salmon appointed Mark Epstein and Susan Helms, respectively, to the Board of Adjustment. Council as a whole appointed Steven Rye as the alternate.

Stanley Solomon, who made an unsuccessful bid for the Ward One council seat this past election, received an appointment to the Employee's Pension Board. Solomon applied for all the open board appointments, city records show, except for the Teen Council vacancies.

City council also appointed Lawrence Toisi, Jr. to the Gulfport Police Pension Board. Toisi previously served on the board and also used to work as a police officer.

Last but not least, council appointed Jantavious Gunter and Nolan Slone to the Gulfport Teen Council.

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While the Large Dog Park is closed, the Small Dog Park will alternate days for small and large dog use. April 12, 14, 16,18,20,22 and 23rd will only be for small dogs. Large dogs can use the small dog park on April 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21st.

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

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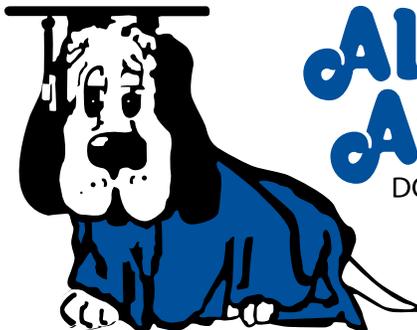
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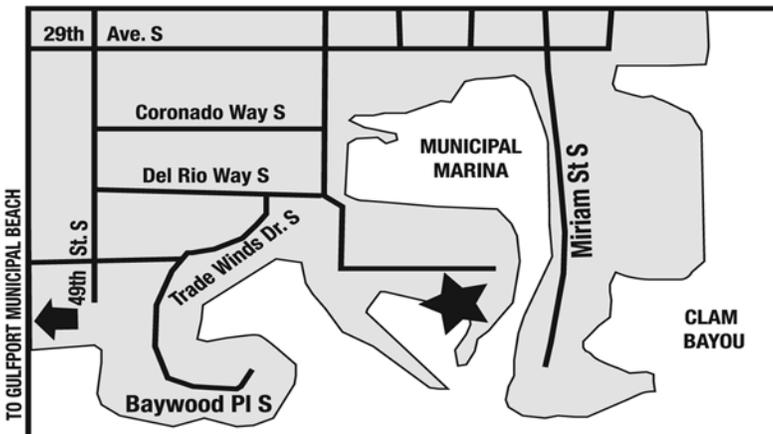
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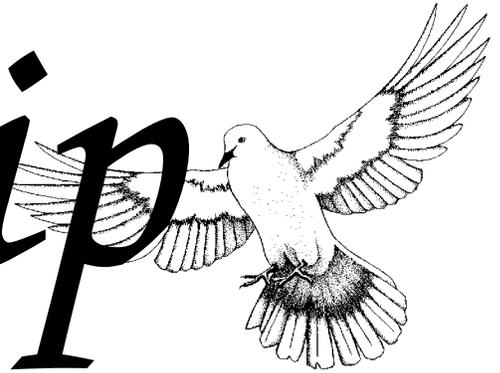
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Micki and her husband, Mark Patsos, come here from Mountaintop, PA, where she has been pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre. Micki received her Master of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. One of her gifts is Biblical storytelling and writing interpretive stories. She is a talented musician, playing Celtic harp, piano, keyboard and violin, as well as singing. For questions, call Mary at 321-8086 between 9-12 weekdays.

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Letters

Let's All Recycle, Gulfport!

Dear Editor: When asked where I live, I proudly announce that I live in Gulfport. I have great neighbors, and am proud to say that we are on the forefront of many issues that concern this county. Gulfport has undergone a beautiful renaissance, of which I point out when needed.

I am writing because I am very disheartened at the lack of residents who recycle. We are given a short time on this earth, we are the keepers of earth. We have a definite obligation to take care of this planet, for it does take care of us.

I have written to my local city council-person, who is very concerned as well. The city of Gulfport, and the residents must come to agreement on how we can recycle. I have heard some people complain about the "time" involved. It takes but a few seconds to put the appropriate items in the recycle bin.

I urge all to recycle. This is a great community, and we should keep it that way.

Mark L. Grantham
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Ride the Bus

Dear Editor: I had to write and thank you for the wonderful article by Cathy Salustri, "Two if by Trolley", that you published in the April 1, 2010 edition. As a pseudo-governmental agency, we're an easy target for criticism, so it's always extra special when people recognize what we do.

As you now know, getting people to try PSTA for the first time is one of the biggest obstacles we face when it comes to building ridership. Once people give us a try, they're usually far more apt to continue riding in some capacity. Your article is a tremendous help in our efforts to get more cars off the roads.

Bob Lasher,
Manager of Community Relations
PSTA
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Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions will be presenting their final Pancake Breakfast of the season on Saturday, May 8 from 7 a.m to 11 a.m. Please note these new serving hours.

Breakfast will be served at the Gulfport Lions Center, 4630 Tifton Drive S. in the Gulfport Marina area. Menu includes pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs and sausage with coffee or tea to drink, and all you care to eat at the donation price of \$4 per person. Bring your entire family and friends and spend an enjoyable morning overlooking beautiful Boca Ciega Bay. Gulfport Lions is a service organization, meeting the needs of those less fortunate.
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Crime, from front page was there to speak to the concerns of crime. She was visiting her parents, Joanne and Tom Ruzo who live in Town Shores. Gulfport Police Chief Bob Vincent spoke to citizen's concerns as he laid out his plan to combat crime. Scott Vincent, the Chief's brother was also there, celebrating his birthday.

"We are implementing a new policy of focusing on the more important problems of crime in our city. For instance, there are no dogs allowed on Gulfport Beach. But if someone sees a dog on the beach, even though it's not allowed, we're not going to devote valuable resources to it when we need to focus instead on street crimes, like assaults, burglary and car theft. If we're walking and we see a dog on the beach and we can tell the owner not to do it, fine. We'll do that. But we need to really focus on the much more important issues that affect our citizens every day life."

Crime Watch's Phil and Jerry Reed both were pleased with the large turnout. Phil had brought 20 lbs of wings and 20 lbs of potatoes and sausages. Everyone was asked to bring a dish. Walmart donated the sheet cake and Bob Williams provided the bouncy houses for the kids.

All members of the City Council as well as the Mayor showed up to meet and greet the local folks who took the opportunity to meet the people that are protecting them.

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Friends of Strays Benefit

Sal's Townshores Restaurant, 5808 28 Avenue S. in Town Shores Plaza has been a Gulfport eatery for over 20 years. On the weekend of May 1 and 2, the new owners will be celebrating their one year anniversary by donating 15% of all proceeds to Friends of Strays. Free pastries will be available with breakfast. Come out and celebrate Sal's anniversary while helping our animal friends. Call 347-5788.

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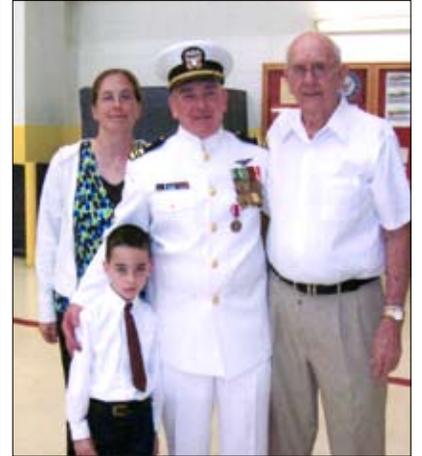
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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The end of the year luncheon and installation of officers will be held on May 13 at the Roman Gardens Ristorante, 3128 Beach Boulevard S. in Gulfport. Lunch will be ordered from the menu and will begin at 12 noon. If you plan to attend, please let Sarah Kelly (345-5848) know by May 10.

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

Are you a dog or a cat person and why?



Ron and Lynn Moore, Calgary, Alberta: “We were dog people, Lynn actually more than me. But we found out that both my daughter and I are allergic to both cats and dogs. My wife and son are not. So we compromised and got a rabbit. They’re far more hypo-allergenic and don’t seem to bother me. We don’t have any pet or kids at home now; no pets and no kids means no responsibility! All we have are plants to water.”

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Kathie Byfield, St. Pete: “I am definitely a cat person and all my cats are rescues. Because I love Cadillacs, I named all my cats after the different models. Right now I have Coup de Ville and El Dorado and I had another cat named Fleetwood, but he passed away. Dorado is purebred Angora and just beautiful. I named another cat I have Seville; I guess you could say I like “Cat-a-lax”. I also like dogs and have had several Dobermans, Cocker Spaniels and Goldens. But now I live in a seventh floor condo and it just wouldn’t be fair to a dog. The condo association also has restrictions. But I love my cats; they’re my family.”

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Marsha Zigmund, Gulfport: “I’m a cat person, and have been since I was a little girl. I’ve probably had at least 30-40 cats in my lifetime. I used to always take in the strays in the neighborhood. I feel almost like I could be half cat! 20 years ago, my daughter said she heard some kind of cat meowing. We followed the sound and found a little baby cat that had gotten tangled up in my (ex) husband’s tackle box. She had actually gotten a hook somehow stuck through her skin right near her eye. It was awful! I cut the line and took her right to the vet. They got the hook out and when I got her home, I had to feed her with an eyedropper. I named her Peepers. We had her for 12 years. When she passed away, I was just heartbroken. So for almost 20 years, I didn’t have a cat. But my daughter and I decided recently to adopt a cat from the SPCA. I figured we should try and give a homeless animal a home. We walked in and instantly saw this beautiful cat; he stood right up and looked right at us. He was a year old; his owners had actually given him up on his birthday! Can you imagine? When he sat up, he looked so regal, like a prince. We decided right then he was for us! The old owners had named him Buckethead, which was a stupid mean name for a cat. So we named him Buckley; we thought that was a nice name for him. We’ve had him since late March and today is his one month anniversary. He sleeps with me and my daughter... he’s one spoiled cat!”

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Jacques Bordeaux, South Pasadena: “I’m a dog person; I have always had Yellow and Black Labs most of my life. I have one sweet old boy, Oakley, who is 13. He’s not doing so well. He’s been pretty sick lately. I have another dog, Bailey, who is some kind of American Fox Hound mix. We almost hit her when we were on a road trip to Lakeland on a visit to my sister one July 4th. She was in the middle of the street. She followed us up the road. We looked in the papers; called the local shelters, but no one called about her. So we brought her home here and got her micro-chipped. It’s a good thing we did; she’s gotten loose a bunch of times but people always call us and we get her back. I think she might have been a hunting dog and she likes to run. We also sort of have a cat named Sox; he’s a cat that was left behind from a neighbor’s foreclosure. He’s figured out the doggie door so he comes in the house and hangs with us. But he’s not real friendly with the dogs and we have babies too. We just hope that someone will adopt him and give him a permanent home.”

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admitting that a soldier needs help. I'm here today to tell everyone, vets and non-vets alike, that there's no shame in needing counseling after the things we vets have seen in combat."

Part of the problem, Javier said, is that it takes so long for the benefits to be approved by the government. Meanwhile, vets who can't get into counseling suffer with a myriad of symptoms, ranging from fear of crowds, over reactions to loud noises, migraines, nightmares and paralyzing fear. It affects their lives, their families and their jobs. With Javier, it took a year for his benefits to kick in.

Javier said that Stetson and Gulfport have a great tradition together and they love having events downtown.

"The City of Gulfport gives us a lot of support for our causes," Javier said.

Those vets were hungry, too, on Saturday afternoon. They went through almost 150 hamburgers, 200 hotdogs and over 100 corndogs, according to Bob Worthington. Bob is a veteran himself and said that this was a great opportunity to give back to those who served.

There were several local businesses who donated gift certificates for door prizes as well as cash donations for the various Veterans Services. Proceeds from donations will pay for postage for the care packages of basic essentials like razors, shaving cream and toiletries sent to the troops.

Said fourth year Stetson law student, navy veteran and President of Stetson Law and Order Organization David Fernandez, "we're trying to do outreach and recognize service men and women and their sacrifice."

Any extra food that was left over from the BBQ was donated to ASAP, a homeless shelter for women and children downtown.

By Leigh Clifton

For the fourth year in a row, hundreds of veterans, family and friends turned out as Stetson Law School sponsored their annual Salute to the Troops BBQ, held last Saturday at the Gulfport Rec Center. Chaired this year by first-year law student and Iraq veteran Javier Centonzio, "I was one of those people who really needed help," Javier said. "I came back from Iraq with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and thought I could handle it on my own. I'm a Marine; we're supposed to be tough. But the Veteran Center and Don Donaldson has been really helpful for me in dealing with it. There are more suicides from PTSD than there are deaths in Afghanistan. But there is such a stigma attached to

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

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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.

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Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

ACROSS

- 1 U.S. law officer
- 5 Victim
- 9 Farmers' concern
- 14 Commotion
- 15 Rant's companion
- 16 Pause
- 17 Start of verse
- 19 Wonderland girl
- 20 Gold and silver
- 21 Set a market value
- 22 Silkworm
- 23 Contradict
- 25 Completion of 17 Across
- 32 Standstills
- 33 Actor McDowall
- 34 Boston-to-Bangor dir.
- 35 Ancient Olympic Games site
- 36 Stings
- 37 On one's toes
- 38 Producer Ziegfeld
- 39 Author of books for boys
- 40 Struck
- 41 Start of line two
- 44 Surface depressions
- 45 Ingest

- 46 Add a supplement
- 49 Male relative
- 52 Trojan saga
- 53 Completion of 41 Across
- 56 "Divine Comedy" author
- 57 Prescribed medicine
- 58 Sp. miss
- 59 Paid
- 60 Clerical title
- 61 Lug

DOWN

- 1 Superlative suffix
- 2 Minute particle
- 3 Met soprano Stevens
- 4 Public demonstrations
- 5 Secondary sports event
- 6 Shouts of approval
- 7 Night before
- 8 Affirmative response
- 9 Explain
- 10 One kind of pitcher
- 11 Ear-related
- 12 Dark purplish brown

- 13 Hastened
- 18 Shelley and McCarthy
- 21 Trudges
- 23 Baby-shower articles
- 24 Seniors
- 25 Robbery
- 26 Exultant shout
- 27 "The Wasteland" poet
- 28 Luminous
- 29 Insect prefix
- 30 Santa ____
- 31 Put back in the corral
- 36 Intermingle
- 37 Violet gemstone
- 39 Corrected
- 40 Configuration
- 42 Think
- 43 Giggle
- 46 Verdi opus
- 47 Blueprint
- 48 Measure of capacity
- 49 Amtrak overseer: abbr.
- 50 Architect Saarinen
- 51 Electrical unit
- 53 Harem room
- 54 Watch chain
- 55 Scottish explorer

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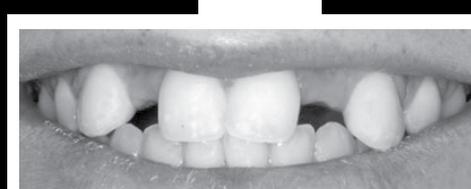
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Wrong Dog in the Doghouse

Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education. -- Mark Twain

Usually, when I write of training, I'm referring to a dog. But there are times when only a coin flip can decide who -- dog or master -- is in greater need of education. This is one of those times.

"We got our Doberman, Sasha, from a breeder when she was 8 weeks old. She's now 4.

"When she first came to live at our house, we had a male pug named Max and a female black Lab named Quincy, who stays outside in a kennel. Max and Sasha loved each other, but Sasha didn't love Quincy. They got into a few fights when Quincy came inside on winter nights. Sasha always went after her neck, but Quincy was never hurt.

"A few weeks later, Max died from unknown diabetes. We tried to bring Sasha around other dogs, but she wouldn't accept them.

"Then, when Sasha was a year old, we found kittens in a woodpile. She loved them! She thought they were her babies. So we kept a male cat we call Patch, and those two never had any problems, except for one time when Patch scratched Sasha. But Sasha didn't fight back.

"We also have a parakeet that Sasha loves to stalk and chase around.

"So far, Sasha has bitten six people; three of them had to go to the hospital for stitches. Two of the people she bit live in the house, me being one and my mom the other. She bit me to the extent that I had to get plastic surgery on my cheek.

"She also has bitten my aunt and three friends who walked into my house without me accompanying them -- which is understandable but not tolerable.

"A few weeks ago, we brought a puppy that we wanted to keep home to see Sasha. He is a Boxer-black Lab mix. Sasha loved him. It's obvious that she always wanted to play with other dogs, but was just too scared.

"We've had the puppy for about four weeks now. The second week, Sasha bit him on the nose when he tried to

walk over to her food bowl. She has growled at Patch a few times when he did this, but she never bit. The puppy wasn't hurt.

"Today, though, Sasha clamped down on the puppy's head when he jumped up onto the couch where Sasha was sitting. The puppy might not survive.

"We love our Sasha with everything in us, and nobody wants to get rid of her or put her down. She really is a great dog! She has never been abused, beaten or deprived of anything, and we don't understand why she acts like this. Is she just jealous?"

The issues at hand are plentiful, but jealousy is not among them. Multiple female dogs in one house is not advisable -- they are prone to fighting over dominance and territory. Providing an aggressive dog a throne, such as a couch, bed or other piece of furniture usually reserved for humans, only elevates an already existing sense of entitlement. And failing to act at the first sign of aggression invites the unwanted behavior to stay.

But primary among them stands the issue of judgment. The wrong dog is in the doghouse. Until the owners recognize this, no person, dog, cat or parakeet in this house is safe.

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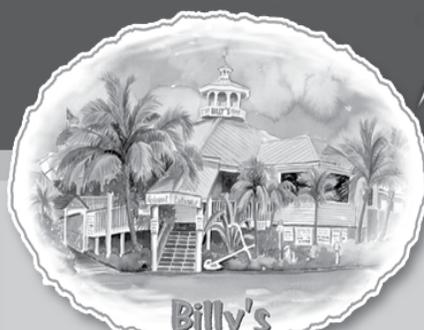
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know someone who talks about himself or herself incessantly. The behavior is repellent, which is why this person has a very small audience. Your compassion will keep you listening for quite a bit longer than most people would. You'll learn something of value and will use the information to your advantage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be reminded again who really controls your life -- it's you, of course. A certain overbearing person may seem to have an undue influence; however, it's only because you let it happen sometimes. Ultimately, you do best when you remember that you are your own person and you are in total control.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The past has passed -- and this is no time to be nostalgic. That only zaps your energy, and you need your energy now to make powerful new goals. If you walk backward, you'll see where you've been, but you'll lose all of the lovely anticipation and excitement that comes from getting closer to your destination.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Silver linings are not just for clouds. The magical gilding can be found in a job you disdain, a person who makes you uncomfortable or a commitment that's not all it was cracked up to be. Look for the glint of valuable and precious metal in everything you do this week, and you will be extremely lucky.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Energetic changes will physically invigorate you. Imagine that you can see the energy in the room you are in. Send the used up, tired and polluted energy swirling out the door, and imagine the room being filled with clear, bright energy. You don't even have to believe in this concept for it to work magic in your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are accustomed to playing certain relationship roles -- often that of a caretaker, nurturer, assistant and confidante. Remember that ultimately you are in charge of the role assignments in your life and can change it up whenever you feel like it. All you have to do is decide who you want to be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Although the word "sapphire" means blue, the stone comes in many colors -- pink, orange, purple and all of the above in one rock. Like this hard gem, you will move outside your standard definition this week and accomplish something brilliant, beautiful and unexpected that grabs the attention of admirers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You need self-discipline in order to achieve your goals. It's not a magic ingredient that some people possess and others do not. It's a skill to be learned. This week's events will fill in some missing information. When you know precisely what you need to do and why, you will have the discipline to do it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This is a week to stay relaxed and flexible. When you feel yourself getting tense, take the broad view. Instead of focusing on the details of life, think about the general shape your days are taking -- the silhouette of your life and times. Things will go well as long as you stay upbeat and project this feeling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Drop the self-help books for a week. Consider that there may actually be nothing about you that needs changing. Try on an all-inclusive attitude toward yourself. What you think of as negative may be your greatest asset. Maximize your so-called faults instead of hiding them. You'll be strangely liberated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're susceptible to flattery and will get plenty of it this week. Praise will go to your head. You could get an overblown feeling of your own importance -- like you're the one who invented music and colors. And this heady egoism will work in your favor, increasing your power and magnetism. Go with it while it lasts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're highly creative and also open to influence. You'll be doing the rough work -- sketching out the plans in loose and messy lines. This process is exciting, and others will want to get involved. However, there are some ideas you should protect and keep to yourself until you've figured out the main points.

This Week's Birthdays: It's not enough for you to ride the middle ground. You want to play among the top performers. This drive toward the upper crust will keep you sharp. Your discipline will be great through the next 10 weeks, setting the tone for the entire year. There will still be periods of goofing off and stalling, but they are necessary breaks from the main action. In May, you'll get helping hands on both the professional and domestic fronts. June brings love, sweet love. September brings a financial bonus.

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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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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 will 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.

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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561-302-6174.
- Body Sculpt - Tues., 6:30 p.m.
Call Billie at 239-313-0876.
- 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 Ka-
luwa at 729-9410.
- Noisemakers - Mon., 6 p.m. Call
Gabe at 345-7472. Call for inter-
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- Sumyie - Wed., 6 p.m. Call Mike

- at 320-5035.
- Stretch and Tone, Tues. &
Thurs., 9-10 a.m. Call Jean 302-
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- Tai Chi - Tues. Class Ends April
27th & Thurs., 9 a.m. (Thurs. class
will continue through summer) Call
345-6708.
- Tennis - Tues., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m.
and 6 p.m. Call Jack at 430-0690.
- Watercolor with Patsi - Begin-
ners/Intermediate- Thurs., 6:30
p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., 9 a.m.
Call Valerie at 557-4258.
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Bereavement Support Group:
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13, 6:00 pm.
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Come party with us on Wed. May 19 at 1:30pm as we celebrate our newly designated status as a nationally accredited Senior Center. The event will include special guests, free refreshments and entertainment. Free and open to the public. Watch the Gabber for more details.

“Strut Your Stuff”: It’s not too late to sign up for the Senior Center’s 3K walk this Saturday, April 24 from 9am-noon. Entry Fee: \$10. Vendors will also be on hand to share information. Hot Dog lunch available.

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.

Gulfport Trolley Tour: Back by popular demand: Gulfport Trolley Tour on Mon. Apr. 26 at 1:30pm for Gulfport seniors. Call now to make your reservation. Includes visits to the Senior Center, Gulfport Museum and a city tour. A fun afternoon for all!

Free PasstotheFitness Center: The Senior Center will celebrate National Health and Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 26. A free pass to the Fitness Room will be available on that day from 1-4pm for those 50 and over.

American Red Cross & You: Are you ready for Hurricane season? The American Red Cross would like to share their expertise with you on Wednesday, June 9 at 1pm at the Senior Center.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

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

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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 first Tues. of each month to Gulfport’s Fresh Market. Call for more info.

Telephone Reassurance:

Gulfport seniors, how about receiving a quick call in the morning from a Senior Center volunteer? This friendly and free service is an assurance that help would be on the way if you fell or were ill. Every time we hear of someone falling and being on the floor for an extended period of time, we wonder why they aren’t on our Reassurance call list. Be smart! Sign up now!

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

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Every Wednesday

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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

Litigation, from front page

Not all of the litigation relates to land development.

At its April 13 meeting the commission agreed to the city attorney's request to have shade meetings planned tentatively within the next month on the Sowa and Chmielewski cases. These two cases plus the Woods case are part of the legal costs but fall outside the scope of the development approval cases.

- The Sowa case challenges the issuing of a building permit.
- The Chmielewski case relates to public use/access to a beachfront property.
- The Woods case is on raising a house and a related permit.

A brief status of some current land development litigation from summaries provided by the city's law firm includes:

- Referendum Case- This is the original declaratory judgment action filed by Kadoura challenging the city's settlement agreement with Save Our Little Village (SOLV), as well as the steps taken to implement it including adoption of the comprehensive plan amendment, land development regulations and rezoning. Written legal arguments on summary judgments have been submitted and both sides are waiting on a judge's decision to determine the next steps.
- Ballot Language- Pyle case concerning ballot language used

in a June 2008 vote approving various amendments to the city comprehensive plan and city code dealing generally with development and land use. This litigation was paused during now apparently failed mediation efforts and the case most likely will move forward to trial.

- A case by Kadoura and McCormick challenging land development regulations used to implement the city's comprehensive plan has been put on hold because recent and proposed changes in the city's comprehensive have made or could make the case moot.

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Free Prom Dresses

Non-profits Belle of the Ball Project and Dream a Dress will distribute free prom dresses and accessories to needy teens on Saturday, May 1 at the Seminole Mall at 11201 Park Boulevard N. in Seminole. The store is next to Ross Department Store. Time of distribution is from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Dresses and accessories can also be donated at these times.

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.

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ST. PETE BEACH: The St. Pete Beach Recreation Division will host its first-ever "Splash & Dash" on Sunday, May 16 at the St. Pete Beach Community Center Complex, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. This is a non-sanctioned children's biathlon event featuring a pool swim and fun run in the park, open to children ages 5 to 12. Registration fees are \$5 per child and include an event medal and admission into the post-race "Splash Bash" featuring music, games, play on the water slides, contests, prizes and much more. Registration begins on Monday, April 5. Visit www.spbrec.com or call 363-9245 for additional information and ways to get involved with this great event as a volunteer or sponsor.

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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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Hospice Celebrates Life with Local Centenarians

CLEARWATER- Suncoast Hospice is hosting a birthday party for all Pinellas County residents who have reached 100 years or more Thursday, May 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Suncoast Hospice's Community Service Center, The Gathering Place, Building 100, 5771 Roosevelt Boulevard in Clearwater.

More than 300 centenarians and their guests have been invited and will be treated to food, entertainment and a chance to swap stories with others who can remember when there were no super highways, computers were unheard of and so much more.

For information go to www.thehospice.org.

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"Splash of Color" Spring Show

By Mary Marsh

Members of The Art Guild of Treasure Island have 20 paintings adorning the walls of our Community Center through mid-May. We complete the introduction of our five artists with the final two: Grace Roth and Ray Vaillancourt.

Award-winning watercolorist Grace Roth treats the viewer to more of her lovely Florida subjects. "Early Morning At Maximo Park", "Key West House" and "Pioneer Washday" (a scene from Freedom Village) all demonstrate Grace's superb handling of color. Finally, we see her whimsically titled "Southernmost Entrepreneur", a small but thriving sponge market on the very tip of Key West.

Newcomer to the Community Center is self-taught Ray Vaillancourt. He offers one delicate watercolor, "Flowers of Venice", and three oils: a bod composition, "Feeding Time", and a lovely still life of "Roses". Outstanding is Ray's landscape oil, "Silver Birches". His vertical composition (32" tall x 17" wide) emphasizes the tall, stately trees in a setting of subtle colors reflected in a meandering stream.

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Scholarship Award and Last Show of the Season

Entries for the last show of this season will be Thursday, April 29 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Members may enter up to two paintings. If you are not a member, we invite you to become one.

A reception for the winners of the show, the awarding of our \$1,500 scholarship award and a farewell potluck luncheon will be May 8 at noon. We will have music by Felix Peyton. All of this will be at The Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108 Avenue.

Come help us celebrate another successful season. All artists are welcome.

For more information call Fred at 360-8390.

Operation Medicine Cabinet

On Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., the Pinellas County Diversion Task Force Coalition, in partnership with the LiveFree! Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Pinellas County, is collecting your unused or expired prescription drug medications for safe collection and disposal on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

There are 10 collection locations:

- Clearwater - Clearwater Police Department: Publix in the Gulf to Bay Plaza, 525 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater
 - Westfield Countryside Mall – 27001 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater (near JC Penny's)
 - Dunedin - Pinellas County Sheriff's Office: Sweetbay Supermarket – 1681 Main Street, Dunedin
 - Largo - Largo Police Department: Sweetbay Supermarket - 2460 East Bay Drive, Largo
 - Palm Harbor - Pinellas County Sheriff's Office: Sweetbay Supermarket – 1360 Tampa Road, Palm Harbor
 - Seminole - Pinellas County Sheriff's Office: Kmart (West Parking Lot) 7949 113th Street North, Seminole
 - South Pasadena - Pinellas County Sheriff's Office: Sweetbay Supermarket – 6851 Gulfport Boulevard South, Pasadena
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No Laughing Matter

Taxes are a laughing matter for President Barack Obama. In putting down the Tea Party rallies of last week, he said that the protestors ought to be thanking him for lowering their taxes, not criticizing him. He's not wrong (at least about the taxes). Taxes have dropped for a lot of people.

Of course we haven't talked about the Value Added Tax. That's a national sales tax on many, many transactions from business to personal purchases. It hasn't been enacted yet, but probably will to cover the spending we're doing.

Back to the present taxes: in fact they started dropping before Obama was elected when child credits, exemptions, direct payouts and deductions were increased. Since the election and recession, these have increased again. Added to these have been special rebates or tax credits for special rebates for cars, appliances and direct payouts from the treasury.

In fact, 47 per cent of the people don't pay any tax at all. Of these, 40 per cent actually get checks from the government. That is, if you paid federal taxes part of what you paid went directly to people who pay no federal taxes. In one illustration given, a married worker with two children under 17 making \$50,000 a year pays no federal taxes at all. Under the new health bill, he (or she) will also get direct assistance in paying for health insurance.

This means that 53 per cent of the population pays all the federal income taxes. Ten per cent of these pay 73 per cent of the burden. So, I guess we should be thankful – unless you're part of the 53 per cent. And the 53 per cent should expect more tax increases – not counting a VAT tax. Of course, by that time it might be only 45 per cent of the population paying federal income taxes. More people to be thankful. More reason to laugh at anyone who protests

because there will be more people getting a free ride.

To be fair, there are other taxes that are paid by everybody: Social Security, Medicare, excise taxes, sales taxes, local and state income taxes and property taxes. And, in some cases there are taxes on taxes (a sur tax). It might even appear that we all work for the government. That is, government takes home more of our money than we do. Get to work, you dogs! But I digress.

Of course, Tea Party people aren't just about taxes. They are about the power of government, reach of the government, and the national debt to name a few items on their agenda. That leads us to the new tax that will permit government to continue to spend as it wishes and go beyond.

That's the VAT tax that all European governments have. It ranges from 15 to 25 per cent on goods and services including transaction within those categories. I remember going to a restaurant in France about 15 years ago and noting a 17 per cent add-on to my tab. At first I thought it was the tip, but it was this Value Added Tax. Any tip you wished to add was extra. The restaurant pays that same tax to its suppliers and the suppliers to their suppliers or manufacturers. Somewhere along these lines of transactions, some of them get to deduct the taxes providing they have a paper (or electronic) trail.

There is a long list of exemptions, presumably changing from time to time as the political winds blow. For instance, there might be an exemption for medical care, or groceries, or certain items of clothing. Then, there might be reductions for certain businesses such as non-profits, book stores and so forth and so on. There are lots of opportunities to push for special political favors. However, the important thing is that it brings in lots and lots of money and does not replace any other tax.

Certainly, we're in for a lot of laughs.

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Antiques Show to Benefit Museum

ST. PETERSBURG- It's home to a mummy, a two-headed calf and a Benoist airboat. Now the St. Petersburg Museum of History is home to Tampa Bay's newest antiques show, The Museum of History Antiques Show, on April 24 and 25.

Over 30 antiques dealers from throughout Florida will fill every available nook and cranny in the historic museum, including famed Floridiana dealer Larry Roberts, author and expert of vintage Florida collectibles. The show also includes the finest antique art, jewelry, furniture, pottery, silver and glass in the southeast U.S. show circuit.

The show is co-produced by Pair of Pirates Antiques Promotions and Rho Kappa - the Social Studies Honor Society from St. Petersburg High School. All proceeds from the event go to the Museum of History.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and the Museum of History Antiques Show will also include an Appraisal Fair on Saturday from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. presented by Kennedy Brothers Antique Appraisals & Auctions.

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Tuesday, April 27 is our \$1,000 drawing at 8 p.m. Get your tickets before they are all gone.

The Auxiliary is collecting pennies to help support the children and youth programs in our district. Please drop a few coins, or dollars, in the jars at the bar.

Join us for dinner on Friday & Saturday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. The Southern Knights band plays after dinner both nights. Wednesday nights we have bingo starting at 6 p.m. Food is available during bingo. Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. join us for euchre. Breakfast is served every Sunday from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

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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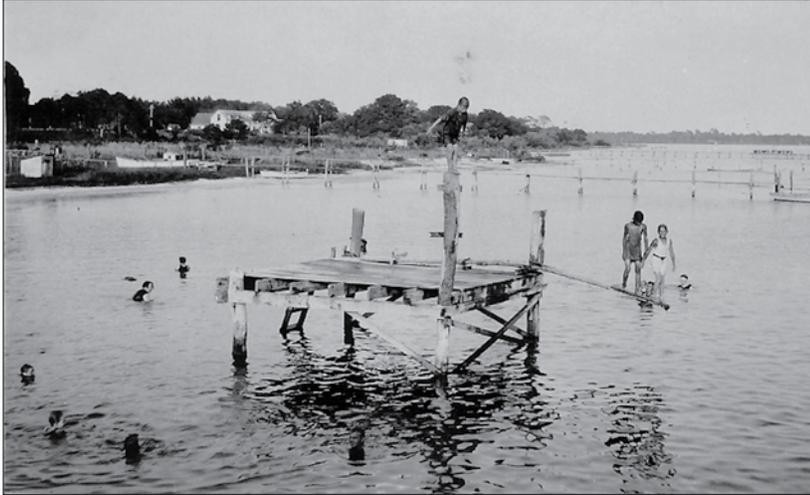
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Gulfport Centennial Countdown Continues!

Gulfport's Centennial

100 Week Countdown to 100 Years!



This was about the most popular place in old time Gulfport. What was its story? Answer next week.

Think you know the answer?

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

In just 25 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 house at 2938 Beach Boulevard was built in 1912, making it the earliest of Gulfport's commercial buildings. The first owner was Alexis Cusson, a Canadian brought here by the cigar business, who operated a grocery store on the first floor and rented the upstairs apartment. It was sold in the 1920s, and became the Florida Playthings factory, which manufactured wooden toys and lawn ornaments until 1938, when it was made over into apartments. The porches have been enclosed.



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BCHS to Present "Bye Bye Birdie"

The Boca Ciega High School Drama Club will be presenting the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" on May 6, 7, and May 8 at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium. Ticket prices are \$5 student/seniors and \$10 adults while children under 5 are free. This hit show is set in the 1950s and tells the story of superstar Conrad Birdie (Elvis spoof) who is going into the Army, much to the dismay of his manager, Albert, and scores of female fans. The score includes the hit songs "Kids," "Put on a Happy Face" and "Rosie." This family-friendly show is sure to be amazing, so save one of these dates on your calendar; come out and support the Pirate Players while enjoying a night of theatrical entertainment!

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Poker Run To Benefit Animal Rescue Groups

ST. PETERSBURG- Bikers will join forces to raise funds for local animal rescue groups on Sunday, April 25. The first annual Poker Run for the Animals will begin at On The Rocks in Gulfport.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with the first vehicle out at 10 a.m. All vehicles are invited to participate. The cost per hand will be \$10, or three hands for \$20. A \$200 prize will be awarded at the end of the event to the best hand, and a \$100 prize will go to the worst hand.

The poker run will make card stops at The Undertow in St. Pete Beach, and Sportster's Bar & Grill in Largo. The run will end at Jim's Harley-Davidson with food, music and a 50/50 drawing. Organizers strongly encourage everyone to bring donations of canned and bagged dog and cat food as well as cat litter. The food and litter will be distributed to the non-profit animal rescue groups.

Funds raised at the event will benefit Get Rescued In Gulfport, an organization that assists non-profit animal rescue groups in and near Tampa Bay. For more information on the Poker Run For Animals, call (727) 323-3892 or email RescuednGulfport@aol.com.

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Gulfport Women's Club Last Meeting of the Year

The Gulfport Women's Club held the last meeting of the year on April 14 at the Town Shores clubhouse. At this meeting the membership elected Joan Barry as Vice President Elect and Julie Fuce as President Elect for 2010-2012.

The Chairwoman of the event was Joan Barry. Ms. Barry and her committee put on a "Small Bites" luncheon



Pictured (L-R): Mickey Pfeiffer, Grace Wagenman, Joan Slocum, Lynn Anzalone, Carm Nesci, Doris Beresford and Joan Barry



Joan Barry, Vice President Elect and Julie Fuce, President Elect

that the members prepared. Several members represented the holidays that occur during their club year. November was Joan Barry dressed as a scarecrow. December was Doris Beresford as Mrs. Santa Clause. January was Carm Nesci who was a New Year's celebration. February was Joan Slocum as a Valentine Girl. March was Grace Wagenman as an Irish Lassie. April was Mickey Pfeiffer as an Easter Duck. The coordinator of the group was Lynn Anzalone. A great time was had by all.

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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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Antiques in the Park Coming Next Weekend

The final show this season for Gulfport's new "Antiques in the Park" series is Saturday, May 1, with a rain date of Sunday, May 2. This outdoor antique fair has gained a strong following among dealers and shoppers, and the show's sponsors are already lining up the dates starting next fall.

The show will again be held in Clymer Park at the intersection of Gulfport Blvd. (aka 22nd Ave. S.) and Beach Blvd. The show is co-sponsored by the City and the Gulfport Lions Club.

Some of the vintage fun for sale at "Antiques in the Park" includes estate jewelry, old pottery, art, china and glassware, clocks, old beer signs, tools, linens, toys, Florida memorabilia, quilts, furniture, modern, primitives and even old Aloha shirts. Admission and parking for the public is free.

Exhibitor booths start at \$45 for returning dealers. For registration or information, contact Hula Hula Productions, at 727-421-0441 or visit www.hulahula.biz.

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Gulfport's Opossum Rescue Team

**Officer Zack Mills
and Councilman Sam
Henderson Save Trevor
the Opossum**

By Cathy Salustri

While riding the Gulfport Trolley Friday night, Councilman Sam Henderson saw a car hit an opossum. While the car left the scene, Henderson asked the trolley driver to stop. Henderson got off the trolley, realized the opossum was still alive, and called the animal ambulance. Gulfport police officer Zack Mills arrived on the scene while Henderson waited for the ambulance. Mills and a police explorer helped ensure the safety of Henderson and the opossum by directing traffic around the injured animal and the councilmember.

"On a Friday night they spent 20 minutes with me making sure no one ran over this opossum I decided I cared about," Councilman Sam Henderson said in praise of Mills and the young explorer.

A car struck the opossum on 28th Avenue and 57th Street. The opossum, now known as Trevor, survived but sustained a broken jaw.

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Public Comment & Council Quotes

“Out of the \$8-million we got one house?” –Vice-Mayor Michele King, to Anthony Jones of Pinellas County Community Development, about the number of homes bought with federal funds (NPS2 funds)

“There’s been a total of 17 houses bought altogether...\$8 million sounds like a lot of money, but... it doesn’t give you hundreds of houses.” –Anthony Jones, Director of Pinellas County Community Development, in response to King

“It gives you more than one.” –Vice-Mayor Michele King, in response to Jones

“It’s not the time or the venue to sit down and go over that.” –Mayor Mike Yakes, in response to Jones and King. Yakes suggested the two set a meeting to discuss the funding

“That represents the first physical action of the restoration in Clam Bayou that you all have worked so hard for...I’m here to thank you all... regardless of what we agreed on, it got us to this point.” –“Kayak” Kurt Zuelsdorf, who thanked city council and private citizens who he said traveled the state and spoke to state officials to step up restoration efforts

“It’s the coyote population that we now have here in Gulfport. They have eliminated every raccoon and every opossum.” –Councilmember David Hastings, about the missing ducks and birds at Wood Ibis Park

“She was met with some skepticism, but in the end her actions spoke louder than words.” –Maragete Tober, referring to councilwoman Jennifer Salmon’s decision to visit Clam Bayou and parties often criticized in council for their efforts

“It is a direct slap in the face of one of our most precious rights: freedom of speech.” –Margarete Tober, referring to comments made by Mayor Mike Yakes at the last council meeting. Tober said Yakes’ comments suggested that, in the future, council might not allow public comment

“Could it be a little more funky and arty and Gulfport-y?” –Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about a city ad

“I agree with Councilwoman Salmon... This looks like a CPA ad.” –Councilman David Hastings, who works as a CPA

“You can set up the parameters that allow it,” –Interim City Attorney Andrew Salzman, about public comment

“I think we should err on the side of free speech,” –Jennifer Salmon, in response to Salzman

“Remember, free speech doesn’t mean you can yell ‘fire’ in a crowded building,” –Salzman, who further suggested that councils can set parameters without impinging on free speech

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

Friday 4/9

- Drunk Driver-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Truant-** 5800 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 2700 Blk Kipps Colony Dr. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 5900 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 2800 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.

Saturday 4/10

- Prowler-** 2200 Blk 58th St. S.
- DUI Investigation-** 4900 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 3100 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Theft-** 2200 Blk 59th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5000 Blk 10th Ave. S.

- Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5500 Blk 19th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Pine Grove Terr. S.
- Sunday 4/11**
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 5800 Blk Gulfport Blvd S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 2600 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Hazmat Incident-** Tomlinson Park.
- Noise Complaint-** 4900 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Monday 4/12**
- Fight in Progress-** 3000 Blk 57th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1800 Blk 56th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** Trail.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5600 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 4900 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Vessel Stop(s)-** Beach Front.
- Tuesday 4/13**
- Trouble with Individual-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Accident with Injuries-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 2500 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

- Wednesday 4/14**
- DUI Investigation-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
- Drunk Driver-** 5700 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Lost or Stolen Tag-** 6200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 6000 Blk Kipps Colony Dr. E.
- Thursday 4/15**
- Call for Officer-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
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- Burglary-** 1300 Blk 58th St. S.
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School Board to Answer Students' Questions

The Student Government Association of Lakewood High School has organized a unique assembly in which Pinellas School District superintendant Dr. Julie M. Janssen, school board member Mary L. Tyrus Brown, and Lakewood principal Dennis Duda will respond frankly to questions from students regarding their high school, its rules and processes, and any other aspect of their education at the school, district, or state level.

For the first time in Pinellas School District history, during the school day, students will be able to come face to face with their administrators to gain insight into their education experiences.

This event is on Tuesday, April 27 from 7-8 a.m. It is open to Lakewood students, staff, and the media. Media are asked to confirm attendance with Madeline Christman, below, and to check in at the front office of the school upon arrival.

Lakewood High School is a public school located at 1400 54 Avenue S. It is home to the Center for Advanced Technologies, the Academy for Marine Science and Environmental Technology, and Journeys in Journalism.

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Gulfport Women's Club Rewards Area Teachers

Joyce Bolas, the Education Chairwoman of the Gulfport Women's Club, is happy to announce the following teachers were the 2010 recipients of the \$2,500 for special projects they planned in addition to their regular classroom work:

- Gulfport Elementary School - Patricia Barnard, Elaine Harris, Jessica Lentino and Craig Petersburg;
- Hamilton Disston School - Drew Davis and Daniel Petrino;
- Thurgood Marshall - Melissa McCarthy and Kerry Giordano;
- Boca Ciega High School - Lauren Kaminski and Lisa Dunlop.

The Gulfport Women's Club is a volunteer organization working to better the lives of children and seniors in Gulfport. Anyone interested in joining this organization, please call Joan at 345-5443 or send a check for *Gabber* April 22 - April 28, 2010

\$25 for an annual membership made out to the Gulfport Women's Club, PO Box 5036, Gulfport, FL 33737.

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Foreclosure Fraud Prevention Seminar

Foreclosure fraud has become a real problem in Pinellas County. Unscrupulous individuals prey upon those who are in the process of losing their homes, promising relief, but providing few tangible results. Pinellas County's Department of Justice and Consumer Services recently received a \$100,000 federal grant to fight foreclosure fraud. The grant was provided through the

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

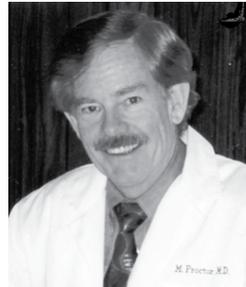
A seminar alerting consumers to the perils of foreclosure fraud and offering direct assistance referrals for those who have either fallen behind in their mortgage payments or anticipate missing payments in the future is being held on Saturday, April 24 at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Boulevard S. in Gulfport from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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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By Scott Lafee

Last But Not Least

Call it "supper-sizing," a study published in the International Journal of Obesity looked at 52 paintings created over a span of 1,000 years, each famously depicting Jesus Christ and his disciples at their last supper.

The analysis revealed that, not unlike real life, the emphasis upon eating and food has grown along with our waistlines. Specifically, portion size in the paintings expanded 69 percent from the first painting to the last. Plate size grew 66 percent. And the size of the loaves of bread on the table swelled 23 percent.

The researchers were brothers Brian and Craig Wansink. Brian studies eating habits at Cornell University. Craig is a professor of religion at Virginia Wesleyan. They calculated

the growth in Biblical proportions by comparing food on the table to the one constant in all of the paintings: the size of the apostles' heads.

OBSERVATION

"My doctor is nice; every time I see him I'm ashamed of what I think of doctors in general." -- Author Mignon McLaughlin

STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

A Georgia Institute of Technology survey found that women attending college are routinely offered more for their eggs than the \$10,000 limit recommended by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. The exact sums, said researchers, depended upon the academic rating of the women's universities.

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Concluding an exam, the doctor said to his patient: "Mrs. Smith, I find very little wrong with you. You are in surprisingly good health for being so overweight. My advice is this: If you want to remain healthy, give up those intimate dinners for two, unless you have someone to share them with."

LIFE IN BIG MACS

One hour of running at six miles per hour (a 10-minute mile) burns 680 calories (based on a 150-pound person) or the equivalent of a single Big Mac with cheese.

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Levophobia -- fear of things to the left of the body

Dextrophobia -- fear of things to the right

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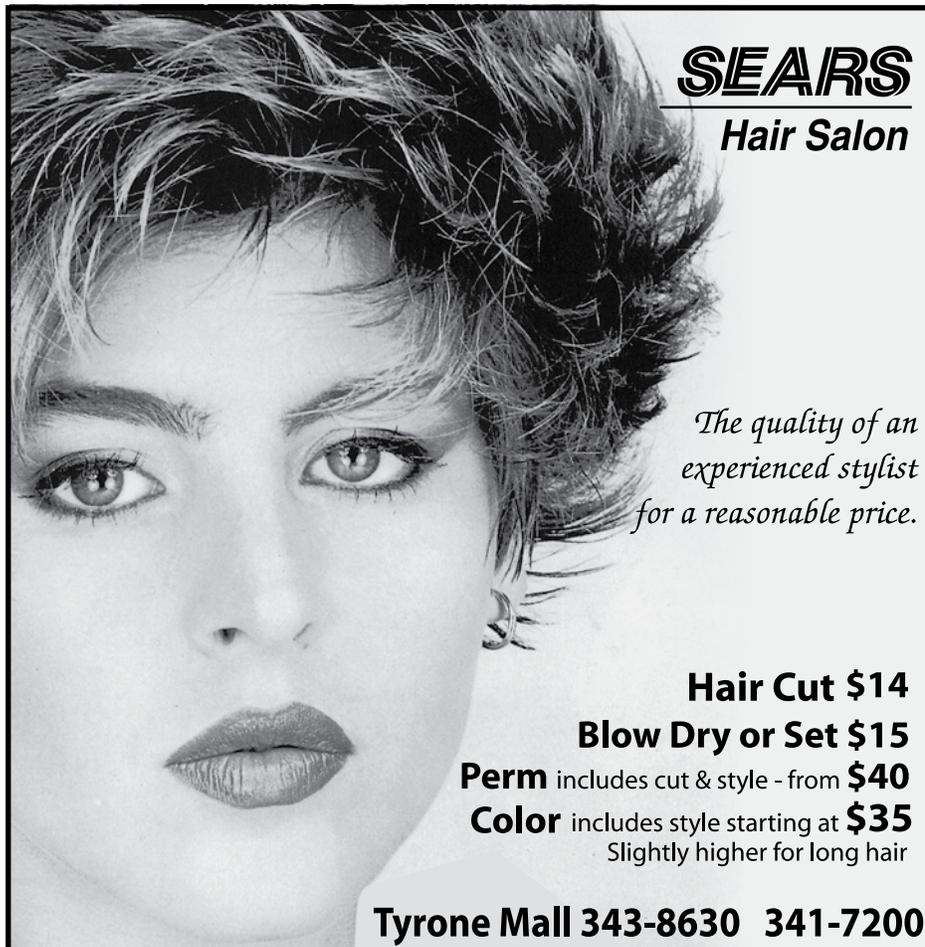
Dentalblogs.com

The site is actually an aggregate of items culled from the Internet and aimed primarily at dentists. Nonetheless, there's lots of interesting stuff to peruse, from the latest developments in orthodontia (braces) to occasional bits of gossip about what celebrities do to their teeth.

LAST WORDS

"I've got to get to the top of the hill." -- American financier John Pierpont Morgan (1837-1913), who created General Electric and U.S. Steel. At one time, he was one of the richest, most powerful men in the world.

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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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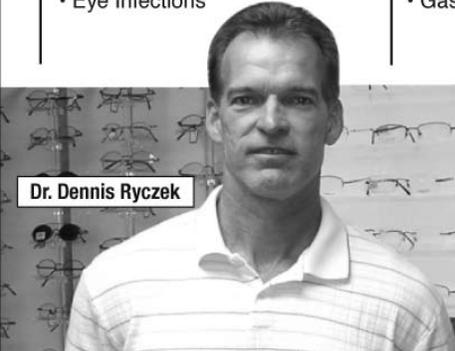
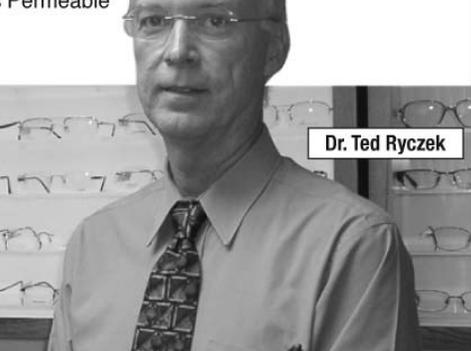
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By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

How is Your Legal Health? (Part I)

As with your physical well-being, you can avoid major legal problems by periodically checking the status of your legal health. Some of the areas in which you may wish to consider getting a legal "check-up" are estate planning, wills, trusts, insurance coverage, financial investments and retirement planning. A review of your legal affairs on an annual basis to ensure that all relevant legal documents meet your current needs is recommended.

Many times, a yearly legal checkup will uncover legal problems that can be corrected before they cause

a major problem. For example, with a birth or death of a loved one, you may wish to reevaluate your will, trust or estate plan. Like a physician or dentist, a lawyer is trained to diagnose legal problems or maladies and recommend cures.

During your legal checkup, a review of your family affairs, real estate holdings, finances, investments, business interests and employment should be accomplished. If a "fix" is required to your legal health, a lawyer should be able to anticipate what remedial action is necessary before a minor problem becomes a costly disaster.

In upcoming segments of this publication, we will together explore some of the common legal problems uncovered by a legal checkup. As with a medical problem, it is important to see a lawyer as early as possible, that is, before a legal problem occurs, or if there is already a legal problem, before it becomes more aggravated and costly.

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IAC Hosts Acoustic Battle of the Bands

Gulfport's Industrial Arts Center is hosting an "Acoustic Battle of the Bands" and it is open to amateur & professional, up-and-coming Florida-based acts. Five finalists will be selected via online vote to appear for final judging on Wednesday, May 5, at Gulfport's Art Village Courtyard. Entries will be accepted until April 26 and online voting will continue until May 3.

Bands or songwriters in town with a major-label recording contract may not enter. Entries must include the band's contact information, lineup of bandmembers, bios, high-res promo photo, and three songs, at least two originals. Entries must be received by midnight on Monday, April 26 to qualify.

The public will be able to vote online at the Industrial Arts Center homepage (www.industrialartscenter.org/BandBattle.htm) until May 3 to determine who will reach the finals. Then, the finalists will perform in front of a panel of judges and a live audience at the live competition on May 5 for final judging.

Each finalist must play three songs on stage at the Art Village Courtyard stage, and each Band's set must be no longer than 20 minutes. The finalists chosen must be available to perform on Wednesday, May 5, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. (no time slots are guaranteed). It will be the band's responsibility to set up its own gear and be ready to perform within the allotted time (15-20 minutes between sets). Any band going over the 20-minute limit may be disqualified or powered off.

The \$25 entry fee benefits the Industrial Arts Center, a non-profit 3-D arts teaching facility in Gulfport's Art Village Courtyard. To pay the entry fee and submit files online, visit www.industrialartscenter.org and follow the link on the home page. Call 727-289-9365.

FUNDAY Open House on the Waterfront

On Saturday, May 8 from 1-4 p.m., Gulfport's Boca Ciega Yacht Club invites area residents to enjoy a free party at the club and on the bay. Free hot dogs (while supplies last) *Gabber April 22 - April 28, 2010*

last), sailboat rides (first come, first served during event hours), club tours, demonstrations, exhibits, kids coloring contest (ages 1-12) and door prizes.

"People will learn about the Club's active cruising program and its challenging racing opportunities. Of equal importance is the Club's outreach to the community through its Sail School and Youth Sailing Program. Area teens will learn how they can join the club's recently established Sea Scout Boat 915 to become experienced sailors while having a lot of fun." says Chairperson Jean Proach.

During the festivities, a membership team will be on hand to show people how easy and inexpensive it is to become a part of Boca Ciega Yacht Club and enjoy its boating, social and community service activities. Membership is open to sailboat owners, want-to-be sailboat owners and those who have a love of sailing. Most fees are discounted for Gulfport residents.

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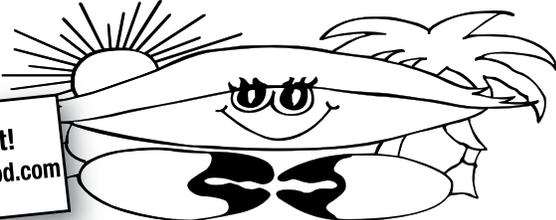
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Beach Theatre Offers Run to Indie Filmmakers

ST. PETE BEACH— Nomadic Tendencies, the roaming arm of Strasbourg International Film Festival (SiFF), reaches out to film lovers in St. Pete Beach and the neighboring communities to bring three days of independent films of numerous genres and lengths, many of which are Tampa Bay and Florida premieres. The event will be held at the independently owned and operated Beach Theatre on Corey Ave. from Friday, April 30 – Sunday, May 2.

Nomadic Tendencies is proud to present the SiFF Retro as a way of introducing the festival to the local community and as an opportunity for local film lovers to become acquainted with the independent and international style of the festival. The film retrospective paves the way for the 10-day Nomadic Tendencies Film Festival that will be held at the Beach Theatre this coming Fall from Friday, Aug 27 – Sunday, Sept 5.

When asked about bringing the festival to St. Pete Beach and the surrounding communities Christine Scott, Festival Director, stated, “It is an honor to bring Nomadic Tendencies to this beautiful community. The festival looks forward to growing and flourishing with the local community and watching the area continue to be discovered by the film world.”

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The Garden Club of St. Petersburg

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg will be holding a Coffee & Garden Crafts Workshop on Monday, May 3 from 10-12 noon at the Garden Club Center, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. A materials fee of \$3.50 for Garden Club Members and \$4.50 for guest and the general public will be charged to cover supplies.

The workshop will be on “Painting Flowers on a Glass Plate”. Learn how to make a beautiful cookie or appetizer serving plate. Bring an extra clear glass plate if you would like to paint more than one.

All craft workshops are open to the general public, potential new members and guest. Please bring your own scissors, pencil and small paint brushes. Coffee and tea will be
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furnished. Call Betty Martin at (727) 343-2255.

They will be holding their Horticulture for Weekend Gardeners, (aka the “Night Bloomers” Circle) on Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at the Garden Center.

The program will be “Mico Irrigation”. Learn about setting up a mirco irrigation system to better manage your watering. Contact Derri Davisson at derridavisson@hotmail.com or (727) 423-7644.

As always their meetings are open to the public but there will be a \$5 charge to all non-members of the Garden Club to help cover speaker expenses.

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Gulfport Rec Summer Program Information

Get ready to splash into summer as registrations for the 2010 Summer Program begins. Registration for children who have completed kindergarten through age 14 begins Saturday, May 1 for Gulfport residents and non-residents currently enrolled in the School Year Child

Care Program. Hours of registration for Saturday are from 9 a.m. - noon. Registrations for non-residents not enrolled in the School Year Child Care Program begin Monday, May 24 for 30 children max. Hours of registration are Monday–Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Annual registration fees are \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. The 8-week program (June 21 to August 13) cost is \$250 for residents and \$504 for non-residents, which does not include field trips. Pre Camp (June 14-18) and Post camp (August 16-20) cost is \$70 for each week, which includes field trips. Pre and Post camps are limited to 60 Gulfport residents only. Summer camp hours are from 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Detailed pricing is currently available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or on-line www.mygulfport.us and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center). Packets will be available on Friday, April 30. Call 893-1068 with any questions.

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Your Health

By Rallie McAllister M.D.

Buffing Up Your Breakfast Could Bring High Cholesterol Levels Back to Normal

If you've been diagnosed with high cholesterol levels, you may have been offered a prescription for a cholesterol-lowering medication. Like all drugs, those used to lower cholesterol can have a number of unpleasant side effects, and they can be expensive to boot.

The good news is that taking medications isn't the only way -- or even the safest way -- to lower your cholesterol. In many cases, making a few changes in your morning meal can reduce cholesterol levels as effectively as many cholesterol-lowering drugs.

Eating a bowl of oatmeal for breakfast can get your day off to a great start, and it can also have a significant impact on your cholesterol. Oatmeal owes its cholesterol-lowering properties to a type of soluble fiber known as beta-glucan.

Soluble fiber is a gel-like plant substance that binds to cholesterol in the gut and causes it to be excreted from the body rather than absorbed. The soluble fiber in oats reduces levels of bad, low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol without lowering levels of heart-healthy high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol.

Research shows that consuming just 3 grams of oat fiber daily, the amount found in a serving of oatmeal, typically lowers total cholesterol by as much as 23 percent, and reduces LDL cholesterol by around 5 percent in just a few short weeks.

If you're looking for a little variety in your whole grain breakfast foods, you might want to give barley a try. Barley is often used as an ingredient in casseroles, soups and salads, but it's delicious and nutritious when eaten as a hot cereal.

Like oats, barley is rich in the cholesterol-lowering soluble fiber, beta-glucan. Scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported that volunteers who ate 6 grams of barley fiber daily for five weeks experienced reductions in LDL cholesterol levels of 11 percent to 23 percent, and reduced their total cholesterol levels by 9 percent to 16 percent.

Adding a few teaspoons of psyllium to your breakfast cereal can further increase its cholesterol-lowering benefits. Psyllium fiber is sold as a nutritional supplement in supermarkets and health-food stores in the form of powders, capsules and tablets.

Researchers at the University of Kentucky reported that men diagnosed with high cholesterol who consumed 10.2 grams of psyllium fiber daily for eight weeks experienced significant reductions in their cholesterol levels. For the study, the scientists gave male subjects either 5.1 grams of psyllium or a placebo twice daily for eight weeks.

At the end of the two-month study, the researchers found that compared to the men who received the placebo, those taking psyllium had total blood cholesterol levels that were an average of nearly 9 percent lower. Levels of LDL cholesterol were 13 percent lower in the psyllium group than in the placebo group.

Sprinkling a little cinnamon on your favorite breakfast cereal does more than just add flavor, it can also help reduce your cholesterol. Scientists at the Human Nutrition Research Center found that when diabetic adults consumed a half-teaspoon of cinnamon daily for six weeks, their total cholesterol levels fell by 12 percent to 26 percent.

Adding a dose of plant sterols or stanols to your morning meal can provide additional benefits. These natural compounds block the absorption of cholesterol in the gastrointestinal tract and can significantly lower blood cholesterol levels when consumed on a daily basis.

Plant sterols and stanols are available in specially labeled margarine substitutes and spreads, such as Benecol and Take Control. A number of breakfast drinks, including orange juice and flavored yogurt beverages, are now fortified with the cholesterol-lowering substances.

At the University of California, scientists studied the effects of plant sterols on healthy adults with mildly elevated cholesterol levels. Subjects were allowed to eat their normal diets, but with the addition of a cup of orange juice at breakfast and lunch.

Half the volunteers received regular orange juice, while the other half received orange juice fortified with plant sterols. At the end of the eight-week study, the researchers found that the volunteers who drank the sterol-fortified juice experienced a 12.4 percent decrease in LDL cholesterol levels, while those consuming the regular juice had no significant change.

For some individuals with high cholesterol, the use of cholesterol-lowering prescription drugs may be appropriate. But for folks who are determined to avoid taking a pill, making a few changes in the morning meal may be all that's necessary to bring cholesterol levels back into the normal range.

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Band to Present Last Concert of the Season

Max Millsbaugh, Musical Director of the South Pasadena Community Band, has announced that the band's final concert of the 2009-2010 season will be May 13 in Galatea Garden, South Pasadena's very ornate Greek-themed garden. "We end each year with favorite selections. This year we will develop the theme "Director's Choice" and I will share some personal favorites with our audience," commented Mr. Millsbaugh. "I have included some well known favorites that are main-stays of the concert in the park setting. I also have chosen some other titles including "Pirates of the Caribbean", "2nd Connecticut March", some music from Jimmy Hughs, and "An American Tribute" said Millsbaugh. "This will be a lot of fun" he said.

The concert is free to the public. Galatea Garden is located on Sunset Avenue one block west of the Pasadena Avenue and Gulfport Boulevard intersection. Adequate parking is available around the garden and rest room facilities are available. The hour-long concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Concert goers are reminded to bring a chair or blanket to enjoy the concert and in the event of inclement weather the concert will move one block west to the city hall.

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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 8 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.

Oral cancer belongs to the head and neck cancer group, and is often referred to by other names such as 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 type 16).

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Gulfport and the Oral Cancer Foundation. To learn more about oral cancer go to www.oralcancer.org on the web. For event information, email dhastings@mygulfport.us or call Gail Biron at 727-893-1118.

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Waiting for the Wizard



By Melissa Lattman

Movie goers waited outside the Beach Theatre on Corey Ave. for the 1 p.m. showing of Wizard of Oz on Sunday. The theatre celebrated its 70th anniversary with films and prices from 70 years ago.

The St. Pete Beach Theatre was built in 1939 and the first movie was shown in January 1940. For more information go to the theatre's Web site at www.beachtheatre.com

SNAG (Starting New at Golf) School Event

The City of Treasure Island's Parks and Recreation Department has provided for the development of youth golf in Pinellas County Schools with the introduction of the pilot SNAG program (Starting New at Golf). Elementary school age children are introduced to golf as part of the Physical Education curriculum and then transitioned to the golf course for hands on experience. The funds for the SNAG program which include SNAG equipment for each school, training of physical education staff and field trips are provided through the sale of the Junior Golf License Plate.

Twelve (12) Pinellas County Elementary and Fundamental Schools, approximately 1,010 students grades K-8 will transition to the golf course throughout the month of May to experience play on a golf course.

Volunteers are needed for each field trip to assist as caddies for each foursome of students. SNAG training for volunteers is Saturday, May 8 from 12 noon-1 p.m. at Treasure Bay Golf and Tennis, 10315 Paradise Boulevard. Each volunteer will receive a complimentary free round of golf for assistance with the SNAG Program.

The event is sponsored in part by the City of Treasure Island, the Pinellas County School System and the Florida Sports Foundation.

For additional information, please call Gary Metzger, PGA Professional, at (727) 360-6062 or Delia Skye, Pinellas County School Golf Program Coordinator, at (727)550-6706.

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Donate Your Glasses- Help Others

By Melissa Lattman

For me thoughts of mission trips had often brought up images of hammers, nails, and other manual labor. While I am not adverse to house cleaning and yard work and I often was the one scrubbing toilets at the church cleanup day at my former rural church I realized after I heard about a mission trip where they held babies in an orphanage for a week that type of service was more me. So I began to look for opportunities to serve.

I love photography and looking at and exploring the world through the lens of my camera. Sometimes dust or sand gets on the lens and it becomes hard to see through it. What about going through life not seeing clearly? What if I lived somewhere where having a pair of prescription glasses was a fuzzy dream?

Two years ago I learned about the opportunity to go on a 7 to 10 day trip and provide people with eyeglasses to help them see more clearly. I journeyed just south of our border into Juarez, Mexico and helped 700 people in four days get eyeglasses. Now I have the opportunity this summer to go even farther south to Peru to provide people with eyeglasses.

You can also help people to see. All the eyeglasses that will accompany our team of about 15 people from around the United States are donated. We will take about 3,000 pairs with us in order to accommodate the wide possible range of prescriptions we will need. MOST Ministries of Ann Arbor, Michigan will sort through the glasses. If the lenses are scratched but the frames are good then they grind new glass for the usable glasses. MOST uses prescription, reading or sunglasses. Sometimes people just need protection from the sun's harsh rays through sunglasses.

If you would like to help, glasses can be dropped off at The Gabber offices at 1419 49th Street South in Gulfport. Donations to MOST ministries (a non-profit) can also be made to defray the costs for the three of us from the St. Petersburg area going on the trip. For more info. on MOST go to www.mostministries.org

Donated reading glasses, prescription glasses and sunglasses are being

sought. A small group from the St. Petersburg area is taking glasses to people who need them this summer in Peru. Please drop off donations at *The Gabber* office at 1419 49th Street South in Gulfport.

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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.

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Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

Questions From and About Widows

Q: My wife and I are both in our 70s and we each get our own Social Security benefit. I'm confused about what she would be due if I die. Can you help?

A: First, she'd be due that miserly one-time \$255 Social Security death benefit. Frequent readers know I've often written about this embarrassing pittance the government doles out to the spouse of someone who has died. I say it should be raised (to maybe \$2,500) or simply eliminated. But no one listens to me. So again, your wife would get a check for \$255.

She would also receive a widow's supplement from your Social Security account IF her own benefit is less than yours. As a general rule, the supplement would take her total benefits up to whatever amount you were getting when you died. For example, let's say you are collecting \$2,000 per month, and your wife gets \$1,500 per month from her own retirement account. If you die, she'd keep receiving her \$1,500 payment, but she'd start getting an extra \$500 in widow's benefits to take her up to your \$2,000 per month level.

One other little bit of Social Security business: She'd have to return any Social Security benefits deposited to your bank account for the month

you die -- and any subsequent months. In other words, if you die on Aug. 15, she'd have to return the Social Security benefit sent on your behalf in September (which is the August payment). Many times this won't be an issue because the Social Security check isn't even given once the government knows you've died, or the bank automatically returns the funds to the government if the Social Security check was authorized before the government learned of your death. But if your check falls through one of those cracks, it's your wife's job to return it.

No matter how the money gets returned, the bad news is that even though you were alive half of the month, the entire month's payment has to be sent back. The good news is that your wife would be due that widow's supplement for the entire month of August, even though she was a widow for only half the month.

Q: My husband died several years ago and I received the \$255 death benefit. I never received any monthly widow's benefits because my own Social Security was more than my husband's rate. Now I've learned that when I die, my children won't get the \$255 death benefit. Is this true?

A: Yes, it's true. A number of years ago, in an attempt to save a few nickels for the Social Security

trust funds, Congress restricted the payment of the death benefit to "a spouse who was living with the deceased when he or she died." When your husband died, there was a "living with spouse" (you), and that's why you got the \$255 check. But when you die, you will leave behind no spouse, so there is no death benefit due.

Q: In a past column, you said a widow gets 100 percent of her husband's Social Security. I don't receive anywhere near that. How do I get the full 100-percent rate?

A: I usually say a widow can get "up to" 100 percent of her husband's Social Security benefit. How much she actually receives depends on several factors, primarily her age when she started getting widow's benefits. If those benefits start before age 66, they are permanently reduced roughly one-half of 1 percent for each month a check is paid before that magic "full Social Security age." For example, at age 60 -- the earliest that widows can receive benefits -- she'd get about a 70 percent rate. At age 62, it would be about 82 percent.

Q: I am getting widow's benefits from my deceased husband's account. I am due to inherit a substantial amount of money from my sister's estate. I was told that because the amount is more than \$14,000, my Social Security benefits will be suspended when I claim the inheritance. How long will that suspension last?

A: Your Social Security benefits will not be suspended. The \$14,000 limit (it's actually \$14,160) applies only to earned income. In other words: If you were working and earning more than \$14,160, and if you were under age 66, you might lose some or all of your widow's benefits. But the money you'll get from your sister's estate is not "earned" income. So, you could inherit a million dollars and you will still be eligible for Social Security benefits.

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My Friend The Clown

By Beverley J. Combs



This past February I received a phone call informing me my best friend, Mary “Leppy” Bradshaw, had died.

Many of you will, no doubt, remember Leppy, dressed in her emerald-green and white leprechaun clown suit pulling a small red wagon occupied by her doll Lepette, dressed in a matching costume. I met Leppy in the mid-90s at the Gulfport Senior Center where we both attended a writers’ group. Leppy had written an article about her favorite subject: herbal medicine.

Leppy asked me to meet her for breakfast at Sal’s Restaurant. I learned later, eating out was one of her favorite pastimes. We would often lunch at Gulfport Family Restaurant or as Leppy called it, “the diner”. I remember her scolding me when I’d get up to leave: “You sit back down here and finish that water. We don’t want another bladder infection, do we?”

Leppy and I loved La Cote Basque; moreover, the staff there loved Leppy so much, they finally hung a picture of her by one of the tables and when we went there, we’d always eat at “Leppy’s table”.

After a while, Leppy and I knew all about each other’s families. “Don’t you think Mona looks like me?” she’d ask, showing me the latest picture of her daughter.

“Yeah, she’s pretty, like her mother.”

Leppy and I continued our fun lives, interrupted only by her attempts to exercise another hobby. Listen to the voice of Leppy The Matchmaker: “You haven’t been dancing lately. I heard so-and-so loves to dance, and he’s divorced now.” I’d never known Leppy to give up on anything; she’d simply back-burner the subject then serve it up later at an opportune time.

A few weeks later we were sitting on the beach; and she said, in the authoritative voice she reserved for such occasions: “I’ve arranged for a big party at the Casino next week for my 80th birthday.” She gave me her little secretive, half-smile look: “I know you; there’s no way you’d dare miss my 80th birthday.”

She knew me. The party was pure Leppy. She loved to dance and she was out there keeping up with the best of them. There was a huge cake with a clown on it. And yes, as I’d expected, he was there. Leppy’s party was eight years ago now; and today he and I are still good friends.

Life was treating Leppy and me kindly as Leppy moved into her 80s, but it was not too long before the world began whirling around us. Leppy’s daughter, Mona, found a job in North Carolina and was unable to come to Gulfport as often. The apartment building where Leppy rented was sold for condos and she was forced to find a less convenient place to live.

One day I picked Leppy up to take her home after a Gulfport parade; she didn’t have her clown costume on. “I didn’t want to put all that makeup on. I thought it would be good enough if I just pulled Leppette along in the wagon.” Soon after that, I noticed Leppy had changed her diet. Ice cream and white bread replaced her usual healthful choices. “I just eat anything I want to now,” she said.

Within a couple of years, Leppy developed arthritis and began limping. She struggled, successfully, to make it across the street. Finally Leppy became overly zealous about the war in Iraq; she envisioned a similarity to World War II. In addition, she infuriated a few of her contemporaries by insisting the U.S. was headed for an economic collapse rivaling the Great Depression.

Before long, “for her own good” the state of Florida—ignoring Leppy’s wishes as well as the advice of her close friends and family—assigned Leppy to a nursing home. As ‘nice’ goes, the home was nice. But it wasn’t Leppy. Nevertheless, each time I visited her, I could detect, beneath her despondency, a faint spark of the old Leppy: “Mona will get me out of here.”

Time dragged by. Then one evening Mona called to say she was coming to take her mother to North Carolina. Mona, like her mother, had never given up.

Leppy moved into Asheville Manor, a retirement home that offered some assisted living, a place where residents are encouraged to pursue their own beliefs. Leppy thrived. She gained weight, got out of bed by herself and walked with a walker. Asheville Manor had a charter Red Hat Society and Leppy joined again. With more to live for and on fewer prescriptions drugs, Leppy was free.

During Christmas I learned Leppy could write again. I received a card from her with a letter. She told me it was snowing so hard the mall was closed so she had enclosed \$20 for my Christmas present. She wanted me to buy “a black short lace nightie.” I left the money and letter in the card and put it with my other treasures.

Two months later I received notice of Leppy’s death. An evil germ had attacked her and put a quick end to her earthly life. She was 88 years old.

After a few days, I took the money she’d sent and bought a beautiful nightgown on a clearance sale. It’s not black though; it’s sunny-sky blue, a color that reminds me of the many days Leppy and I spent on the beach, laughing and singing and playing, like two happy children.

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Sunken Boat Removed from Boca Ciega Bay



By Cathy Salustri

After several months of unsuccessful attempts like the March 14 attempt pictured here, crews managed to raise the sunken sailboat

After several months, the owner of the sailboat that sank just south of the Casino managed to raise it this weekend. Although the boat sank in Gulfport waters, the land underneath belongs to the state. In such cases, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has jurisdiction over the case.

Gulfport police took a report when the boat sank, and Gulfport harbormaster Denis Frain notified the United States Coast Guard to issue a Notice to Mariners that the sunken vessel was a hazard to navigation. The police also contacted the owner and allowed him two weeks to raise the vessel.

"After two weeks and the vessel still not raised, I contacted FWC's division of Law enforcement," Frain said. FWC contacted the owner and issued him a warning to raise the boat. Almost two months later and several unsuccessful attempts the owner raised the vessel this past weekend.

In cases like this, if FWC can't find the owner, the agency issues a derelict identification number to the vessel. Then the FWC works with Pinellas County's Water and Navigation division. The county gets three quotes from salvage companies and salvages the boat. The state gives local government funds to raise derelict boats from the vessel registration fees it collects.

"In most cases it takes two to four months, depending if contact is made with the owner, to have the vessel removed," Frain said. "There is a difference between an abandoned vessel and a vessel with a owner.

Had the boat dragged anchor onto city property, things may have moved along quicker, Frain suggested. If the boat lands on city property, the city tries to locate the owner. If the city can't find him, it immediately removes the vessel and tows it to the city marina, where the owner will then accrue storage fees in addition to the towing charges.

The city has a low chance of recovering those fees, Frain said.

"In most cases, the storage charge exceeds the value of the boat," Frain explained. If the city can't find an owner within 30 days, they dispose of the boat by removing hazardous materials, crushing it and bringing it the county landfill. With boats over 25 feet, the city asks the county to help demolish the boat.

"They've been really helpful," Frain said. If the city does find an owner, the boat could end up mired in either red tape or litigation while the city attempts to recover the money spent on removing the vessel from Boca Ciega Bay.

The average Sea Tow bill for towing a non-grounded vessel costs about \$350. Raising a sunken boat costs at least \$100 per foot, Frain said. In addition, the Gulfport marina charges \$1.50 per foot per day for storage.

Boca Ciega High School Scoreboard

By Leigh Clifton

Baseball Boys Varsity

4-19-10
Boca Ciega 2
St. Pete Catholic 19

4-16-10
Boca Ciega 10
Northeast 2

Softball Girls Varsity

4-15-10
Boca Ciega 4
Tarpon Springs 3

4-13-10
Boca Ciega 3
Lakewood 4

4-12-10
Boca Ciega 3
Dunedin 1

Football Girls Varsity

4-13-10
Boca Ciega 19
Lakewood 6

4-12-10
Boca Ciega 12
Osceola 6

4-09-10
Boca Ciega 14
Tarpon Springs 6

Girls Junior Varsity

4-13-10
Boca Ciega 6
Lakewood 26

4-12-10
Boca Ciega 2
Osceola 6

4-08-10
Boca Ciega 19
Northeast 0

Tennis Boys Varsity

4-06-10
Boca Ciega 0
St. Pete 7

Beta Sigma Phi

Sunshine City Council members will celebrate Beta Sigma Phi Founder's Day with a banquet to be held on Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Wine Cellar on Redington Beach. The Sunshine City Council officers for the 2010-2011 year will be installed, new chapter presidents will be recognized, and chapter women of the year will be announced and honored. The Sunshine City Council Woman of the Year and Ideal Sister will be announced. If you would like to learn more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Sharon Melton at 595-9625.

The next regular meeting of Sunshine City Council will be held on Monday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting election of officers will be held for the 2010-2011 year.

Laureate Epsilon Theta's next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the home of Miriam Garcia with Miriam Garcia presenting the program. At the conclusion of the meeting, installation of officers for the 2010-2011 year will be held. For more information, contact Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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BPW to Meet

Government relations consultant and former state representative Leslie Waters will be the speaker for the Business and Professional Women meeting on May 6. Waters will discuss her experiences training 37 women candidates who were running for the Egyptian Parliament.

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

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

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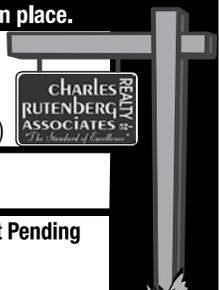
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<p>Cigarette - 3 Pack Specials (Including Tax)</p> <p>305, DTC, Sky Dancer, Westport - \$10.00 Marlboro, Camel, Newport - \$16.00</p> <p>Check in store for Pack Specials & more deals...</p>	<p>Carton – Special Prices (Plus Tax – with coupon, prices valid till April 28th 2010)</p> <p>305, Sky Dancer, DTC, Westport - \$29.99 Marlboro - \$38.99 (Special Blends & 72's only)</p>	<p>Arcos Cigars</p> <p>79¢ per Pack \$6.99 a CTN</p>	<p>Remington Cigars</p> <p>89¢ per Pack \$7.99 a CTN</p>
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