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**A Somber Day**

By Leigh Clifton

Two white crosses are among the hundreds of items left last night on the steps on the St. Pete Police Department headquarters after a shootout with gunman Hydra lacy, Jr. killed S.P.D. Officers Sgt. Thomas Baitinger and K-9 Officer Jeffrey Yaslowitz and wounded Deputy U.S. Marshall Scott Ley. Lacy was later found dead in the house of his estranged wife. He had been wanted on a warrant.



Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent consoles a St. Pete police woman at the shooting scene in St. Pete Monday morning. St. Pete Policemen Sgt. Thomas Baitinger and K-9 Officer Jeffrey Yaslowitz were trying to serve Hydra lacy, Jr. a warrant for aggravated battery and were ambushed around 7 a.m. by Lacy as he hid in the attic of his estranged wife's house in St. Pete's south side. Lacy killed both officers and also wounded Deputy U.S. Marshall Scott Ley, who is expected to survive. A standoff continued until almost 2 p.m., when heavy demolition equipment, including a bulldozer and several heavy armored vehicles knocked the house down. Lacy was found dead inside. Law enforcement officers from the F.D.L.E., F.B.I., A.T.F., Tampa P.D. and other agencies were all on scene to assist in the efforts to capture Lacy.

**Architectural Guidelines  
For Pass-A-Grille**

The city commission approved on second and final reading an ordinance giving the city's historic preservation board authorization to develop architectural guidelines for the Pass-A-Grille historic area. The ordinance allows the creation of new design standards, which would then need to be approved through the planning board and city commission process.

**Merry Pier Lease Renewed**

Merry Pier will be under new management as of February. The city commission approved Jan. 25 a five-year lease for the operation and management of Merry Pier. Randall Coffman and Nancy Davidek of Merry Pier Partners LLC presented the city with a plan, which will pay the city a base rent of \$34,800 annually and 50 percent of the rent received from additional vessels beyond the existing three boats.

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**Hurricane Curtain  
Installed at St. Pete  
Beach Police Station**

Public Services Director Steve Hallock provided a project closeout at the Jan. 25 city commission on storm protection for the police station. The city recently completed a project providing hurricane protection for the glass wall of the police station. Installed in the case of a storm the material is see through but helps stop wind and projectiles, Hallock said.

About 75 percent of the project was federally funded. The storm protection project was in addition to 2008 work providing hurricane shutters, garage doors for the vehicle entrances and sealing/painting of the building.

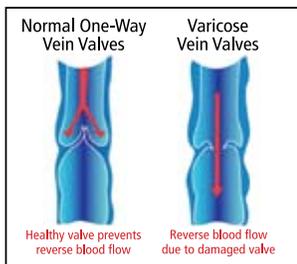
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## Pier, from front page

As a part of the lease various improvements will be done on a timeline at the pier. The planned upgrades include additional lighting, painting, refurbishing restrooms and installing an archway entrance. The city commission had decided on Oct. 26 not to grant a 5-year extension of the existing lease but to go out to bid. The pier located in Pass-A-Grille also has a small store.

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## City of Gulfport Enforcing Ordinance

The City of Gulfport will be enforcing its Ordinance of Sec. 17-28 pertaining to removing dog excrement in City parks. This ordinance will be strictly enforced with a 1st time fine of \$88.00 and for multiple fines of up to \$500.

The description of the Ordinance: Sec. 17-28. Animals.

(a) No animals of any kind shall be permitted in any park at any time, other than domesticated dogs or cats. All dogs shall be controlled and restrained by a leash as provided in

this code. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude the use of service animals for the physically impaired or handicapped. The city council may, by resolution, allow other types of animals in any park for any specific event or exhibition approved thereby.

(b) The owner, or any person having care, custody or control of any dog shall remove any and all excrement left by said dog in any park, and place the same in a container deposited in a receptacle approved for the same.

The City offers the plastic bag containers at all of its parks. This

container provides plastic grocery bags for people to use for their pets. If you have extra bags from the grocery store, don't throw them out. Deposit them at the bin at Gulfport City Hall at 2501 53rd St. S. and their staff will load them in the containers for your convenience. It gives your bag one more extra job to do and you are keeping it clean and safe for those behind you. All facilities have a trash receptacle nearby for you to dispose of your doggies duties. For more information, contact Bob Williams at 727-893-1066.

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## Gulfport Celebrates Arbor Day

By Leigh Clifton

The City of Gulfport celebrated Arbor Day last Friday morning by planting a live oak in Veteran's Park. Mayor Mike Yakes, Vice-Mayor Michele King and Councilman Sam Henderson spoke to a crowd of about 40 people about the significance of trees to the environment. Also speaking to the crowd were Bryson Page, Baylee Reish and Nick Sicilian, three kids from the After School program at the Rec Center who read instructions about how to care for the Wax Myrtle and Myrtle Leaf Holly seedlings being offered to the crowd to take home and plant for themselves.

"We're very proud to achieve the designation of "Tree City" for the past five years," Mayor Yakes told the crowd. To become a Tree City USA, the City must have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Councilman Sam Henderson echoed the Mayor's sentiment and urged everyone to become more aware of their environment and take better care of it. Henderson then grabbed a shovel and helped city workers finish planting the tree. Gulfport's Teen Council members Andrea Hoyland, Malcolm McGruder and Kayla Becker were on hand to serve juice and cookies.

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## Mark your Calendar for Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day is presented by the City of Gulfport Recreation Division. The event is Saturday, February 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tomlinson Lake Park (corner of Tangerine Avenue South & 54th Street South). The free event will include inflatables, entertainment, arts & crafts, family competitions, hot dogs and bottled water. There will also be a community art mural that will be displayed at various City facilities. Please come join in this wonderful family event!

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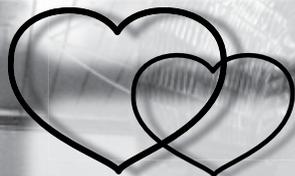


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## South Pasadena Civic Association

The South Pasadena Civic Association is having a Lasagna Dinner on Saturday, February 5 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Following the dinner there will be 10 games of bingo. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Call Agnes at 347-5292 for tickets.

The Civic Association will host a "Meet the Candidates" meeting on Wednesday, February 9 at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall.



## Gulfport Chamber of Commerce Announces Newly Elected Board of Directors, Officers

The Gulfport Chamber of Commerce announces the results of the recent election to the Board of Directors: Joe Soska, Olympus Printing; Linda Craig, Perfect Ten Nail Salon; Esher Venouziou, LocalShop1 and Lynda Shehan, Auntie Lynda's Pet Care. They join Barry Rubin, Time Systems; Walter Dill, Freehold Partners; Rob Fowler, 007 Computers; Andrea Royce, The Longhouse; West Dupes, Insurance Concepts; Charles Gallagher, Gallagher & Associates; Rick McChesney, The Bug Man; Dick Timothy, Storage House and Lori Rosso, Seabreeze Manor Bed and Breakfast.

The Gulfport Chamber of Commerce also announces the election of the 2011 officers. The Board has chosen Lori Rosso, President; Charles Gallagher, Vice President; Barry Rubin, Treasurer and Rob Fowler, Secretary. The officers and the Board continue to serve the business community and the community at large providing information, referrals and supporting local organizations.

## Urgent Need for Type O Negative Blood

ST. PETERSBURG- The tragic shooting of police officers in St. Petersburg earlier this week has caused Bayfront Medical Center to order 18 additional units of type O negative blood. This has drained what already were low reserves at Florida Blood Services'(FBS) main distribution depot. Other Tampa Bay area hospitals supplied by FBS have blood on hand that could be transferred if needed. However, to maintain adequate inventories at all local hospitals, additional donations are requested by all eligible type O negative donors as soon as possible.

Generally, healthy people age 16 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds can be blood donors. There is no upper age limit. Identification is required prior to donation. For further information, please call 1-800-68-BLOOD (25663).

Prospective donors can go to [www.fbldonor.org](http://www.fbldonor.org), enter their zip code and find convenient bloodmobile and neighborhood donor center locations and hours. In addition, people can call 1-800-68 BLOOD (25663) to discuss donation locations.

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## Town Shores Golf

This is a reminder that the January golf outing will be this Saturday, January 29. If you have just arrived in Town Shores, you need to be at the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club in Palmetto between 7:50-8:10 a.m. Call Jim at 381-2122 with any questions.

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## Women's Club to Hold Charity Yard Sale

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## Celebrate Last Friday on Corey Avenue

Come out to Corey Avenue in St. Pete Beach on Friday, January 28 from 5-8 p.m. for their first of the year "Celebrate Last Friday" on Corey Avenue with a wine stroll and scavenger hunt. Participating merchants offering refreshments, wine, prizes and more. Join in the fun of a Pirate Scavenger Hunt for a chance to win a \$50 Corey Shopping Certificate. Costumes welcome! Call 727-498-8778 for more details.

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## Arts Center Offers Basic Drawing Class

Gulfport Arts Center, a City of Imagination Project, is proud to present a Basic Drawing Workshop with Joseph Weinzettle, MFA. This course introduces beginning students to basic drawing materials and concepts. Drawing techniques in this course include charcoal, graphite and ink. Class drawings will be based on direct observation of still lifes. Exercises will develop the students' skill in creating line, tone, volume and composition. Hard Vine or willow charcoal and an 18"x24" medium wt. drawing pad are required for the first class. Workshop will be held on Wednesdays, and has been re-scheduled to begin February 2 from 1-3:30 p.m. It will still be a six-week course. Cost is \$120. Space is limited so pre-registration is encouraged. FMI or to pre-register contact Joseph Weinzettle at 727-418-5083 or email [weinzettle@hotmail.com](mailto:weinzettle@hotmail.com).

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## Jazz Society to Sponsor Concert

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## Annual Card and Game Party Time

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Community Club announces their annual Card and Game Party, scheduled for Saturday, February 5 from 1-4 p.m. The party will be held at the Warren Webster Building, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, and will feature door prizes and light refreshments. A donation to the Community Club of \$4 will be collected at the door. The party is open to the public. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon playing games and cards and supporting a local philanthropic cause. Call 360-8216.

## Last Chance to See "Ain't Retirement Grand!"

With special permission from the New York producers of "Ain't Retirement Grand!" now scheduled for off-Broadway in 2011, the hilarious musical revue about retirement will play one last engagement at the Venue Theatre in Pinellas Park

for three weekends, January 14-30. Performances will be Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and reservations may be made by calling 822-6194. The Venue Theatre is located on Route 19 in the Broyhill Shopping Center in Pinellas Park.

## Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

Gulfport Lions Club invites the public to their third pancake breakfast of

the season. The money that they raise from these events is used not only on state Lions projects, but also for local projects. At this time they are raising money to support Little League.

The breakfast will be served on Saturday, February 5 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 4630 Tifton Drive, right behind the Gulfport Marina. They will serve pancakes, eggs, sausage and tea, coffee or milk for a donation of \$4.

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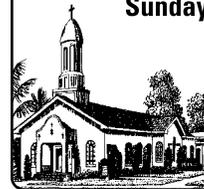
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# Letters



## 49th Street Redevelopment: History & Present

**Dear Editor:** 1999 was the first time I ran for Gulfport City Council and the 49th Street Redevelopment plan was part of the debate back then. Those of us who have been here for awhile remember those discussions. Even though the city has moved forward with the landscaping and businesses have taken advantage of some grant dollars to improve their appearance, nothing much has changed in that corridor. 1999...2011, hard for me to understand "we're moving too fast". How much longer should the 49th Street corridor wait?

In my opinion, this is still the place for potential growth for our city. Personally I've been looking at ways to improve 49th Street for over a year. Being a small city we don't have the ability to garner grant dollars like larger cities do. Most of those dollars come to us from the county. Some based on population, or sales tax, some like the Neighborhood Stabilization Grants (NSP funds) just based on whether the county wants to spend it here or not. Most grants require the city to match the dollars.

What I'm saying is, ways to find money to help redevelop are limited. Once you understand this, you start to look at how cities are selected by the county for grants. Tarpon Springs received NSP funds from the county; they were touted for building low income housing for their residents. Oldsmar received monies; they just completed a desal plant. Get my drift?

In order to diversify the economy and create jobs the State of Florida is focused on what they call industry clusters. That means attracting similar business to a specific area to create a larger meaningful industry. Enterprise Florida, The Florida

Chamber of Commerce, and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council have all done Cluster Studies. Of the list of six industries to encourage, Clean Energy is always on the list. By attracting one of the industry clusters to our city we put ourselves in a position for additional tax dollars, incentives and subsidies from the state. (For more information on Clusters see St. Petersburg Times, Sunday 1-16-11, Robert Trigaux "State Pins Hopes on Industry Clusters").

The "PACE" Program offers us the ability to attract a clean energy cluster to Gulfport. Already there is some interest in the corridor from "Green" companies.

Is PACE the answer to the 49th Street corridor? No, not completely. It is a way to put improvement dollars into the commercial sector without spending the city's money. Brownfield money is great but we only get it after the city has invested it's own money. Without a program like PACE the 49th Street redevelopment plan becomes a 2 legged stool.

To say the city hasn't researched this is absurd. The amount of research each councilperson has done on their own is tremendous, not to mention staffs own research.

A local Gulfport blog back in October wrote: "Taxpayers and city leaders must buy into the proposition that a financially viable and growing commercial base is the best way to bring in added tax dollars and keep city taxes low.

Employment provided by solid businesses will have a huge impact on the quality of life for our residents especially in this time of high unemployment and underemployment.

Real public-private cooperation is an essential element to a successful program."

I believe the author was right on. Isn't that exactly what our city is doing by embracing this program?

Michele King  
Vice-mayor

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## PACE and the 49th Street Corridor

**Dear Editor:** I would like to comment on Cathy Salustri's Hard Candy entitled "PACE Ourselves." I don't believe that PACE is being touted as "...the program that will save 49th Street..." It is more of a piece of the puzzle, or "...just one tool..." to jump start 49th Street. If that tool is successful in any capacity, how can one surmise that "...PACE doesn't seem like it's going to do a lick of good for the city..."

I don't believe the purpose of PACE is to "...make anyone feel safer..." However, empty derelict properties can invite crime. The opportunity for improvements and upgrades can lead to more tenants in the businesses, which can lead to more eyes and ears. More eyes and ears can lead to more community involvement and decrease crime. Crime Awareness & Prevention or Crime Watch is based on community presence and involvement. You can't have that with empty buildings. PACE is not intended to "...stop yesterday's crack babies..." and I do not believe that Council's intent is to "...shift the burden of safety and community standards onto a third party program..." PACE is not intended to "...make St. Petersburg put extra patrol details on their side of 49th Street..." To say that "...49th Street will never change unless both cities - Gulfport and St. Petersburg stop the crime. That's all you need to do, and the rest will work itself out..." is but a dream. There is NO crime free area.

Speaking of apathetic...Cathy, did you know that St. Petersburg has increased their patrol details? Did you know that Gulfport and St. Petersburg have worked on details on the 49th Street corridor together? Did you know that St. Petersburg Police attended at least four meetings of So49 to hear our concerns and work with our issues? In fact, Chief Harmon attended one of those meetings. Did you know there was at least one detail where an attempt to buy drugs was unsuccessful? Did you know that a St. Pete officer in that area has been visiting the local businesses and giving out his cell phone number? Did you know that the crime statistics for 49th Street

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are down? We had a presentation on that by Chief Vincent at a So49 meeting.

Is there a problem on 49th? Of course! There are problems everywhere! However, if you are not a part of the solution, you ARE a part of the problem. I learned early in life that if I am going to complain, I should be ready to provide possible solutions. Apathy, complaints and griping will do nothing. Not showing up at a meeting or contacting a reporter does NOT indicate apathy, disinterest or no opinion. Sometimes, the silent majority speaks in other ways.

Jeri Reed

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**Dear Editor:** I would like to extend my gratitude to the Gabber for publishing the Pace article in which the ongoing problem of criminal activity along the 49th St. corridor is mentioned.

As a resident, business owner and early investor in the 49th Street redevelopment project I feel that exposure and an open and honest assessment of these conditions will help the City reach its goals.

Thank you again for this article and for the many valuable contributions the Gabber has made in our community through the years.

Jane Ogilvie

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Featuring old Florida souvenirs and memorabilia for sale, spanning the range from alligator ashtrays, flamingo figurines, and citrus-shaped radios, to postcards and other fun ephemera from the Sunshine State’s old parks and hotels, the Floridiana Festival brings together premier

exhibitors and collectors of vintage Floridiana, clamoring to be the first ones to discover some unique Florida finds. Serious collectors will enjoy the selection of alligator memorabilia and souvenir sterling silver spoons and hotel china from Florida’s “golden age of souvenirs,” while more casual collectors of kitsch can find postcards of bathing beauties and old tourist attractions, alligator purses and other Florida fashion. Kitsch rules at this show, definitely, but for decorators looking for some serious, vintage tropical furnishings, it’s also a hot spot to pick up some old rattan, tropical lamps, and beautiful wall art.

A special feature of the Floridiana Festival & Highwaymen Artist Show is the opportunity to meet and mingle with many of the Florida Highwaymen artists. The Florida

Highwaymen were a group of 26 African American artists (one woman and 25 men) who traveled Florida’s roads (mainly on the east coast) in the late 1950s and early 1960s, selling their art from the trunks of their cars. They targeted the many new small motels, doctor’s and lawyer’s offices that were popping up along the roads, and often sold their paintings while they were still wet. Although the surviving artists are now well into their 60’s and 70’s, their art today is as beautiful as those pieces they painted almost 50 years ago. In addition to the paintings the Highwaymen artists will be selling, Florida souvenir exhibitors will also be selling vintage upon board Highwaymen paintings, including some from the those Highwaymen artists now deceased.

There will also be lectures, slide presentation and book signings by author Lu Vickers on her books “Weeki Wachee: City of Mermaids” and “Cypress Gardens: America’s Tropical Wonderland”, plus you just might meet some of the original mermaids who will be on hand to discuss their time at Weeki Wachee.

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In addition, couples are invited to join the IAC for a Hot Date on Saturday, February 12. Couples will work together to choose colors and blow a glass heart that will keep their breath locked inside forever. The romantic evening will also include soft music, wine, appetizers, and a light meal under the stars on the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard. Seating is limited for this event to benefit the non-profit 3-dimensional arts education center. Couples should call early to register at 727-289-9365.

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# The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

Would a longer prison sentence for repeat offenders have made a difference in the shooting of two St. Pete police officers this week?



**Ramona Conley, Gulfport:** "I'm not sure that a longer sentence would have helped. I heard that the ex-wife had tried numerous times to get the police to come and they didn't respond. But what happened yesterday was truly awful for those policemen, who were there doing their job. As to longer sentences, where would they keep these people? The jails are overcrowded and there is no chance of rehabilitation especially a sex offender. I believe in the 3 strike law. He had multiple offenses and should have been put away forever."

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**Gail Biron, Gulfport:** "With the laundry list of offenses this guy had, you have to wonder why he was even out on the street. Was he released because his sentence was up or because the system is so overburdened they let him out early to prevent overcrowding? I feel horrible for the families of the policemen he killed and I also feel very sorry for his ex-wife. She lost her home, it was destroyed. What will she do? With the sudden influx of police killings this year, already at 14, should we be looking over the gun laws again? Perhaps we should scrutinize the gun laws more closely because these violent offenders are getting their hands on weapons and killing law enforcement people as well as the average person. It's just a horrible situation and very sad."

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**Peter Salem, Gulfport:** "I would say that longer sentences wouldn't really help, because these repeat offenders serve their time, often cut short to avoid overcrowding at the jail and then go out to re-offend. If you extend their sentence, that just delays them being out on the street for a bit longer. But they're still going to re-offend; it will just be in 3 years instead of two. If all of the criminals were to have extended sentences, and then after serving them, they're let out, you would have the same offenders on the street at the same time again. This guy should never have been kept in jail indefinitely because he molested a child and used force. He also battered his wife. He should never be let out of jail because sex offenders are the worst type of criminal."

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**Steve Romshe, visiting from Ohio:** "We actually had driven right by there a few hours earlier that day. I object to spending a lot of money to keep complete losers behind bars. Child molesters should be dealt with one time. I believe in capital punishment so if they do something so bad that would warrant life in prison, I think they should be executed. I was curious to see if he killed himself, a coward's way out. I believe that anytime you willingly commit a crime, you deserve punishment. The police should not be hampered by the degree of offense. Stealing a TV and being caught by a cop who tells you to stop and you don't is just as bad as committing a violent crime. If the offender knew that the punishment would be severe enough it might stop them. If you break the law, you should be punished severely. That might have stopped what happened yesterday."

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## Community Band to Perform at Casino

The Casino in downtown Gulfport will be the location for a concert by the South Pasadena Community Band entitled Lincoln and Valentines. The concert is free to the public and will be presented on Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Musical Director Max Millsbaugh said that this will be a very enjoyable concert as the band presents music befitting Presidents' Day and

Valentines' Day. "We will present some Cole Porter and Mancini tunes that will serenade the lovers in the audience and we will include "American Anthem" and "Lincoln at Gettysburg" that will pay homage to the presidents of our great country," said Millsbaugh. "And then just for fun, we are going to do a musical salute to that great entertainer Spike Jones and add in a Sousa march just for color," he concluded.

Gulfport Mayor Mike Yajes said that the concerts have been well

received this year. The concession stand in the Casino will be open to provide refreshments for the concert-goers and the Chamber of Commerce will have representatives on hand to greet those in attendance, said the Mayor.

Kathleen Peters, Mayor of the City of South Pasadena commented that in the over 20 years that the city has sponsored the band, this has been a banner season for the band both in terms of performance and audience acceptance. "We are proud of the band and we look forward to each concert they present," she said.

The concert is free with plenty of free parking adjacent to the Casino and the building is handicap-accessible.

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## Town Shores Red Hatters

This is a reminder that they will be going to see "Chicago" at the St. Pete Little Theater on Sunday, January 30 at 2 p.m. Red Hat attire is not necessary as one needs to remove hats in the theater.

Bunko will be played on Friday, February 11. Look for more information on your building bulletin.

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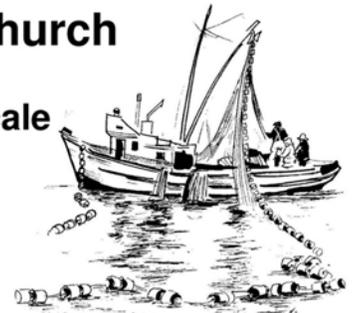
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# City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport: Chamber Building

**Q:** Why didn't the city let the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce use the 49th Street Neighborhood Center for its headquarters? - via Facebook

**A:** The city had the option to do this three years ago but council opted not to do so. Why not? Community Development Block grant monies paid for a portion of the 49th Street Neighborhood Center and, according to city manager Jim O'Reilly, the terms of the grant don't allow for a single use, such as a welcome center for the Chamber. The city could ask the county to change the use agreement that prohibits the chamber from using the space, and there's no guarantee, Mr. O'Reilly says, the county would agree. Such a request would have to come from city council, which council opted not to do when they discussed the matter in 2008.

*Have a question about your city? Send it to [News@theGabber.com](mailto:News@theGabber.com).*

## Club to Hold Flea Market and Bake Sale

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Blvd N.E. will present its annual "Treats & Treasures" Flea Market & Bake Sale on Friday, February 11 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, February 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The kitchen will be open for tasty treats, featuring homemade soups, hot dogs, coffee, soft drinks and other baked goods. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Gulfcoast Oncology Foundation.

For information on monthly meetings, Saturday Group, art and craft workshops, monthly excursions, weekly sewing group, card games or information on renting their Historical Clubhouse call 822-4982 or visit [www.StPetersburgWomansClub.org](http://www.StPetersburgWomansClub.org).

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## BPW to Meet

Carol Barkalow, one of the first class of women to graduate from West Point, and author of "In the Men's House", will speak at the Business and Professional Women meeting in St. Petersburg/Pinellas on Thursday, February 3. Her book highlights her four years at West Point and her early military career. Barkalow spent 22 years in the Army, and served all over the world including in Desert Storm. She retired in 2002 as a Lieutenant Colonel and resides in St. Pete Beach.

BPW 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 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.

Visit [www.BPWStPetePinellas.org](http://www.BPWStPetePinellas.org) or to reserve email [RSVP@BPWStPetePinellas.org](mailto:RSVP@BPWStPetePinellas.org) or call 727 471-8248.

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Ohio State University College of Medicine  
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## Venous Insufficiency and Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) Public Education Series - Topic #1 Nighttime Leg Cramps

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# Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

## ACROSS

- 1 River in SW Asia
- 5 Refs
- 9 Sire
- 14 Hang loose
- 15 Type of insurance
- 16 Arrow poison
- 17 Losers' imperative
- 20 Von Trapps' Vermont home
- 21 Cross threads
- 22 Favorite son of Virginia
- 23 Reverberate
- 26 London transportation
- 28 Winners' euphoria
- 35 Actor Jack or Tim
- 36 Medieval tale
- 37 Papal scarf
- 38 Lyricist Gershwin
- 39 Shelters
- 42 Compete
- 43 First name in cosmetics
- 45 Nice season
- 46 Qualifying contest
- 47 Backers' distress
- 51 Location
- 52 Designer Cassini

- 53 Inquire
- 56 Cilium
- 58 Ottoman sultan
- 62 Electorates' condition
- 66 African tableland
- 67 Fabulous Fitzgerald
- 68 Town in Rovigo, Italy
- 69 To the point
- 70 Incentive
- 71 Kennel talk

## DOWN

- 1 European range
- 2 Defeat
- 3 Countertenor
- 4 Least progressive
- 5 Actress Hagen
- 6 One of Alcott's Little Women
- 7 Boat part
- 8 Unruffled
- 9 Range roamers
- 10 Miss the mark
- 11 British prison
- 12 Sea bird
- 13 Chapeau worn here
- 18 Strait
- 19 French artist

- 24 Tree toad
- 25 Glacial ridges
- 27 Russian space station
- 28 Pilferer
- 29 Arab
- 30 Overjoy
- 31 Lama land
- 32 Expert
- 33 Near the pelvis
- 34 Prongs
- 39 Relic
- 40 Roman ruler
- 41 Lively dance
- 44 Guido's note
- 46 Main route
- 48 In proximity
- 49 Hydrogen and methane
- 50 Tree for a partridge
- 53 Alaskan island
- 54 Herringlike fish
- 55 TV chef
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- 59 Apportion
- 60 Nobleman
- 61 Fall in globules
- 63 Grief
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- 65 Dinghy necessity

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# Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

## Protection ... or Aggression in Sheep's Clothing?

A lot of people say they got a dog for protection. But do those people know the difference between protection and aggression?

Barking at anyone who comes into your yard or house is not protection.

Charging the mailman is not protection.

Snarling at passers-by from that coveted spot at the front window is not protection.

Growling at or biting family members and friends is certainly not protection.

So what is?

A protection dog will recognize a potentially life-threatening situation and act to prevent it. This kind of recognition requires training to develop, as does the dog's ability to respond reliably and appropriately to

the situation. Anything less is simply aggression.

Aggression is an overreaction. It's a form of imbalance. An aggressive dog responds to stimuli, however innocuous, without reason or logic. He's irrational, out of control, unpredictable and even dangerous.

I recently spoke with a couple whose dog bit their upstairs neighbor's child. Their response? "He didn't mean it. He was protecting our son."

From what? The playfulness of another kid? The dog overreacted. He wasn't picking up on a life-threatening situation. He misread the signs, and his response was grossly inappropriate.

With a dog like this, the question becomes: How do you prevent unpredictable behavior?

"He doesn't do it all the time."

I hear this all the time. It just underscores the challenge of making safe an unpredictable dog. If he did it all the time, it would be predictable, and you could, in that case,

desensitize the animal to those tried-and-true triggers. "He doesn't do it all the time" is by no means a good thing. When it comes to aggressive behavior, that he does it at all should be cause to call in a professional.

If you want a protection dog, there are plenty of specialty trainers who can help you find the right one for your needs. Begin by deciding what your needs are -- watchdog, deterrent dog, varying degrees of personal protection. You might be surprised by what you find when doing your research. A trained Yorkie can make an excellent alarm system if you discover that's all you really need.

But if the cold, hard facts determine that you have an aggressive dog, don't dress it up in sheep's clothing. Don't wait until someone gets hurt. Aggressive behavior doesn't mean a death sentence for the dog, and it doesn't mean you're a bad person. In my experience, 95 percent of aggressive dogs can be rehabilitated and their behavior controlled to allow for a good and safe existence in the right environment.

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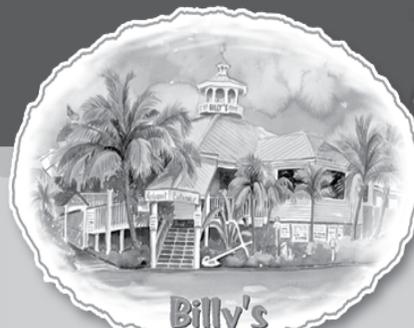


## Save Our Strays



This sweet, friendly big lug of a cat is very sad right now. "Big Head," as he's called at the Gulfport Veterinarians where he was dropped off recently, used to roam around the beach and get his meals on a regular basis -- as one can easily see. However, the person who was feeding him dropped him off at the Gulfport Vets a few days ago with money to pay for having him neutered and to get his shots, telling the staff that Save Our Strays would then foster him. Unfortunately, SOS has no foster homes available

right now. In the meantime, this big loveable cat sits in his cage and wonders what happened to his great life on the beach. If you would consider adding this big loveable guy to your household, please call the Gulfport Veterinarians at 384-4413 and ask to see Big Head.



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## First Beach Yard Sale

By Melissa Lattman



ST. PETE BEACH- Temperatures in the 50s did not keep people from shopping or selling at the first community wide yard sale for 2011 at the St. Pete Beach Community Center. The sale spilled out into the courtyard by the water and the parking lot by the police station. The next quarterly sale will be on March 5th from 8 a.m. until noon.

## Women's Club to Hold Annual Flea Market

The Pasadena Women's Club located on the corner of Central Avenue and Sunset Drive is having their Annual Flea Market Sale on Saturday, February 19 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sale features some of everything from antiques, china, clothing and more.

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## International Adoption Seminars

Free seminars on "Adopting Internationally" will be offered beginning in February in the Tampa Bay area. There will be a workshop held on Saturday, February 12 at Scout Hall in Gulfport and another on Thursday, February 24 at the Warren Webster building in Pass-A-Grille/St. Pete Beach. The seminars are free and open to those interested in adopting children internationally.

Pre-registration is required. Adoption Ark is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3), Hague Accredited, international adoption agency that has facilitated hundreds of successful international adoptions for U.S. families. They have adoption programs in Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria, Hungary and Azerbaijan.

The seminars are a safe and confidential form in which to discuss the options available through Adoption Ark, and the services they provide. Some of the topics that will be covered during the seminar include the process for adopting from these countries, home study requirements, travel, financing/budgeting, background checks, and other matters related to international adoption.

To register for either of these workshops, or for other inquiries about Adoption Ark, call Annette at 727-421-0441 or [internationaladoption@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:internationaladoption@tampabay.rr.com).

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Support Our Troops is always seeking financial support as well as donations of food and hygiene products to provide care packages to troops. For a full list of needed items and to find out more information on getting involved in this fun and worthwhile event, please contact Terri Finnerty at 727-641-2314 or spbsot@yahoo.com.

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## Vote for Survivor



By Melissa Lattman

A sign along Gulf Boulevard urged votes for St. Pete Beach's Captain Dave Winkler, 56, onto the CBS show Survivor. The online video on the network's Web site showed the city's shoreline and the house the captain built from the ground up. Captain Dave's video was one of ten finalists, viewers could vote on through Jan. 25 for a Survivor audition in Los Angeles.

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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is second nature for you to juggle activities, and this week you'll take it one step further by accomplishing more than one interest at a time. You find clever ways to organize your life that will allow you to make headway on several goals while bringing peace and harmony to your personal relationships.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Because you do not pay too much attention to a limitation, it will cease to exist. You will stay focused on your ideals. You will get lost in dreams of how you want the world to be, and this will strengthen your vision. At the end of the week, you will jump over an obstacle or it will be lifted from your path.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). New relationships start this week. However you come across, the other person will expect more of the same from you in the future. Though it is important to be dashing and exciting, do not come in with an energy level that you will not be able to sustain. Endurance will matter, so try to make a realistic impression.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Perseverance is not your strongest suit, but you'll cultivate more of this attribute as the week continues. Given your New Year's resolutions, it will absolutely be necessary for you to be persistent in your efforts. Remind yourself often of that gleaming outcome your heart is set on. Carry a picture of it in your wallet.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). A new person on the scene has something to offer you, though you won't know what it is until several weeks into the relationship. It is not so hard for you to get to know this person once you decide that you really want to do so. You'll soon have an intimate and sincere relationship based on mutual generosity.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You have many people to tend to this week, and for the most part, you won't have the luxury of time to dwell on any individual for too long. Avoid overly sensitive types who are likely to bog down your efforts to move gracefully through the social maze. You'll earn a financial bonus on Friday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Spare yourself some worry. If you can't control it, then don't even think about it. This week, there will be a great deal that you don't have to bother with because it's someone else's responsibility or because it's nobody's and should remain that way. There will be social fun on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's important that you start with the truth, though you don't have to be a slave to it. You'll be in a playful, mischievous and imaginative mood all week. You'll be involved in storytelling and other forms of entertainment. You have a knack for spinning the facts in a lighthearted way that engages others.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your powers of forethought are amazing all week long. You will be able to predict a full range of possible futures for yourself and for those you love. When you get an inkling about what might occur, take precautions. If you are prepared for the worst, it won't happen.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The acts of kindness you do today may be very small in deed -- a smile here, a compliment there and a few instances of holding doors open and tipping well. Yet these efforts will contribute in a meaningful way to your fellow humans and will promote goodness and happiness in ways you couldn't have predicted.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are concerned with adding knowledge and skills to your arsenal,

for reasons of both personal and professional advancement. You will probably be feeling too restless to endure the rigor of formal training, textbooks and lectures, though, and will learn best at the school of life, where you'll receive all A's.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will be more rebellious than usual, and though you still respect the authority of others, you will not respond too quickly to their requests. You will first filter all orders through your highly developed sense of reason. You're a strategist in your own right and will benefit from following your instincts.

**This Week's Birthdays:** Your spirits are high this year, and your faith is strong. This month, you regain control over a part of your life that has veered off track. You'll enjoy learning about different cultures and will teach someone about your own, as well. In April, you will express a talent for writing, religion, politics or music. There's a financial payoff in June. You'll bond with loved ones through physical activity and adventures. Justice will be served to your family in an important way in July.

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**Friday, 1-2:30 p.m.**

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## Girl Scout Cookie Time

It's time for Girl Scout cookies and a special birthday. Samoas turn 35 this year and are second only to Thin Mints in sales in west central Florida. Place an order with a Girl Scout for cookies now through January 28. Cookies from pre-order sales will be delivered beginning February 20.

Cookie booth sales start February 25; at that time visit [www.gswcf.org](http://www.gswcf.org) and search for a Girl Scout Cookie Booth by zip code using the cookie booth locator system. Booth sales end Sunday, March 20.

Cookies can also be purchased for donation and delivery to military troops serving in combat zones overseas.

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## Learn about Anchoring your Boat

The St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron will present a two-hour Safe Boating Seminar entitled "Anchoring" to the public on Wednesday, February 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg.

This seminar explains how to select the appropriate anchor, rode and components and their use depending on sea and bottom conditions. Tables are used to determine the sizing of your anchor and its components based on the size of your boat. Materials include USPS's Anchoring Quick Guide and Student's notes with copies of the presentation slides. This is an essential seminar for all boaters.

Instruction is free, materials cost \$25 per family. Maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration required. Register on-line at [www.boating-stpete.org](http://www.boating-stpete.org).

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# Questions to St. Pete Beach Candidates For March Election

Compiled by Melissa Lattman

On March 8, St. Pete Beach voters will select a mayor from four candidates and commissioners from two candidates.

All St. Pete Beach voters choose the mayor, the winning candidate must get at least 50 percent of the vote plus one vote. If that does not occur, there would be a run-off election tentatively on April 12 between the top two vote-receiving candidates. Registered voters in district four only may vote for one of the district four candidates as well as mayor.

The candidates' unedited answers (beyond a basic computer spell check) to ten questions posed by *The Gabber* are listed below.

## Candidates for Mayor



**Michael Finnerty**  
Incumbent  
Mayor



**William Jacoby JR.**  
Candidate  
Mayor



**Bruce Kadoura**  
Candidate  
Mayor



**Stephen McFarlin**  
Candidate  
Mayor

### *What is your occupation?*

**McFarlin;** Retired president of Dew Cadillac.

**Finnerty:** Retired lumber broker

**Jacoby:** For 35 years I was in the Sporting Goods Industry. I started with Wilson Sporting Goods Co., in their Sales Training Program, which taught me how a company operates from the bottom up. My training included sales training and philosophy; office operations; marketing /product development and product market implementation and manufacturing. Most of my career

with Wilson was spent in the sales and product development area of the company. With Brunswick Corp I was the business manager for golf bags which gave me the chance to further develop my skills of running a business from the ground up. I then proceeded to start a manufacturing company, a sales company and a consulting company focused on golf bags and golf accessories. In a "nut shell" my experience and career has been to solve problems and create opportunity!

**Kadoura:** Accountant

### *Who is your employer?*

All Candidates are retired except Kadoura, he is semi-retired.

### *What is your education?*

**McFarlin;** High school and years of courses sponsored by General Motors.

**Finnerty:** High School – Shore Regional High School, West Long Branch, New Jersey, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, New Jersey (attended).

**Kadoura:** Bachelors of Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University. One year of graduate degree work at Bowling Green State University (Ohio).

**Jacoby:** Attended Lehigh College and left to enter the Sales Training Program

at Wilson Sporting Goods. I have taken additional course work, which included marketing and business law at the College of DuPage, Bellarmine University, and Spalding University. While working for both Wilson and Brunswick I took advanced executive training programs as well. Summary: my education comes from a combination of classroom courses, company training, and real life business experiences. It is an Education that is 100% paid for and is one that is difficult to obtain without commitment and experience.

### *How long have you lived in St. Pete Beach?*

**McFarlin;** 16 years and was born in St. Petersburg.

Moved to Florida from Dearborn, Michigan.

**Finnerty:** 16 years.

**Jacoby:** My full time residency began in 2002, just over 8 years ago.

**Kadoura:** 7 Years in St Pete Beach, 15 Years in Florida.

My grandparents built the

home in which I now live. As a youth I spent over 1/3 of my life, including holidays and most summer vacations here. St. Pete Beach is very special to me; I have watched the changes over the year, some good and some bad. I want to be part of deciding our vision for the future.

Since my wife and I established our full time residence here both of us have become involved in our community. Currently I am completing my 3<sup>rd</sup> term as chairman of the Planning Board, on which I have served for 5 years. Prior to being elected the chairman, I served as the vice-chairman of the Planning Board for 1 year. I pride myself as being the only board member and non-staff person to attend

### ***How does your past experience equip you for office?***

**McFarlin;** I bring a successful business background and vast knowledge of the area.

**Finnerty;** I have served as an elected official for 5 years – 2 years as Commissioner District 1 and 3 years as Mayor.

I have built strong relationships over the years at the state, county and federal levels that have enabled me to bring funding for improvements and opportunities for growth, tourism and jobs to St. Pete Beach.

**Kadoura;** I ran an accounting firm for over 30 years, plus a leasing company for 10 years. I was responsible for 1,000 employees. My financial and budget experience, combined with my broad and extensive management expertise, provide me with a unique combination of technical and people skills that are well suited for the office of Mayor of St Pete Beach.

**Jacoby;** Earlier I told you of my business experiences, my

Florida Planning and Zoning Conferences since being appointed to the board. Being the chairman of the Planning Board also gave me the responsibility of being the chairman of the St. Pete Beach Planning Agency.

I am involved with my church, St. John Vianney where I chair the Lenten Fish Fry's and the Blood Drives that we hold every 90 days with St. Alban's. Kiwanis is another organization in which I am actively involved, especially the swimming program that teaches kids to swim. I am a member of the North Beach Civic Association and was involved with the old St. Pete Beach Events Board that is now the Friends of St. Pete Beach.

civic service with the city, and my volunteering with my church and service organizations. These experiences have afforded me a great background for working with many people, people who are employees, customers, students and fellow members of boards or organizations. As mayor you must be able to work harmoniously with other people even if you might not agree with them on an issue. I have had my share of disagreements, but I always find a compromise so that everyone feels that they are respected.

My experiences have taught me that you always need to be prepared and understand the topic/ goal clearly that is being considered. That being said if you do not completely understand the topic/goal you need to ask questions while doing your research. Example, I spend usually 8 hours before a simple Planning Board Meeting studying the issue. For more complex issues or multiple issues obviously more time

is spent researching and discussing items with the staff at city hall.

Being in business as well as running a business mandates

### ***What two issues do you think are the most important for St. Pete Beach?***

**McFarlin;** Economic redevelopment and preservation of our natural resources.

**Finnerty;** Economic growth. Maintaining the quality of life for residents by continuing to provide high levels of service (ie Police, Fire, Water, etc.).

**Kadoura;** Development and Property Taxes.

**Jacoby;** Communication with OPEN TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT. Most of the issues that we have are because people are not communicating with each other. They are yelling, making false statements and doing political paybacks.

### ***How tall do you think buildings should be above sea level in St. Pete Beach?***

**McFarlin;** Studies have shown that 12 story is a viable model for this beach. This height was also approved by the county.

**Finnerty;** Whatever the height is that will maintain the quality of life for residents and allow our hotels to develop profitability.

**Kadoura;** As tall (or short) as the voters of St Pete Beach wish them to be.

### ***One of the issues the commission faces is the threat of lawsuits. How would this threat affect the way you govern?***

**McFarlin;** Put forth every possible effort in bringing harmony back to our beach and reduce any possible vulnerabilities to future litigation.

**Finnerty;** I have always

that you have the abilities of multitasking and problem solving. I do believe that I have great strengths in both these areas.

We need as a community to begin to have OPEN and TRANSPARENT discussions for resolution, for progress. By communicating we can bring an UNDERSTANDING to residents and businesses, which would pave a path to resolution of our COMP PLAN ISSUES and our FINANCIAL DILEMMA. Wasteful Spending This has got to stop. We have a Washington lobbyist that has not performed at all. We have spent almost \$1.25 M between them and the lawsuits.

We also need to assess all brick and mortar items that create an overhead cost and establish their value to all residents.

**Jacoby;** It is not my decision. It is decided by the voters as established by our charter. With the election in March this will be addressed by the voters again. If this becomes a Commission topic I have my thoughts and suggestions. But until it is an issue that I would address on the commission, it is the voters who decide.

spent many hours reviewing each agenda item on which I voted and after completing my due diligence, I have always voted for what I believe to be in the best interest for all the residents of St. Pete Beach. As Mayor

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I have always done my utmost to open dialogue and build consensus with my fellow Commissioners on all issues, not just the lawsuits. Therefore, I would continue to govern in the same manner.

**Kadoura:** I would reach out to all factions to reach a consensus as to how to govern the City, thus ending the lawsuits.

**Jacoby:** Let me explain

***What are the top two or three things you hope to accomplish for the community while you're in office?***

**McFarlin;** Put a comprehensive plan in effect to allow our community to again prosper, restore our image as a highly regarded travel destination and strive for unity among our residents.

**Finnerty:** Continue building civility and sense of community after the ardent disagreement over redevelopment.

Continue negotiations between the two groups to resolve issues and move forward without further lawsuits.

Bring economic growth to our city by increasing tourism and jobs.

**Kadoura:** I would lead the creation of a development plan that a majority of vot-

***Why do you think four people are running for mayor?***

**McFarlin;** Our city has been a target to an outside activist group pushing Hometown Democracy and has been in need of some solid leadership to protect and guide this community. Our current mayor, although a nice person, clearly lacks any business skills and has resorted to supporting this political group that has caused the problems in this city. Al-

something at this point. The mayor of St. Pete Beach is actually a commissioner elected at large by the total city. He has no extra authority except to control the meeting and serve as a ceremonial figure. Governing with the threat of lawsuits has almost become part of life, unfortunately. Actually doing anything has a threat of a lawsuit. Until we as a civilization decide that we need to share and resolve, attorneys will be making the big bucks.

ers of St Pete Beach would support. I would also drive the effort to lower property taxes. Finally, I would examine the City budget carefully to make the most effective use of tax dollars.

**Jacoby:** I want to Institute a policy of OPEN and TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT with better COMMUNICATION with residents, businesses and property owners. Create a VISION with ACCOUNTABLE GOALS for our city to achieve, both short term and long term with fellow commissioners. Establish ENTREPRENEURIAL THINKING to bring our VISION to reality; to bring RESOLUTION to our differences and SOLUTIONS to our challenges.

though I totally discount one of the opponents due to the fact that he is one of the plaintiffs suing our city, there is a strong calling for change in leadership.

**Finnerty:** This position requires very high level of responsibility in guiding the future of St. Pete Beach and there are many different points of view as to what

the future holds. Therefore, we are all stake holders in this issue and the residents now have the opportunity to vote for the person they think is best qualified to lead us through to that future vision.

**Kadoura:** Four candidates running for Mayor indicates a significant interest in leading the City of St Pete Beach, which will generate a lively, broad-based dialogue about the forwarding direction of our community.

**Jacoby:** I believe that each person has a specific reason for running. As I see it you have each of the Political

Action Groups represented, SOLV and CRG, with their respective candidates. Each of these groups has an interest, a very special interest for their benefactors. You can see this in their financial statements along with the time, resources and money that they will have contributed to each of their candidates during this race. The current mayor likes his job and has burned his bridges with both groups to my knowledge.

That then comes to what is my reason for running. It is important for me to make a very clear statement that I am an INDEPENDENT and have never been associated with any Political Action Group!

***Candidates for District Four Commission Seat***



**Beverly Garnett**  
Incumbent  
District 4



**Harry Metz**  
Candidate  
District 4

***What is your occupation?***

**Garnett:** I am the President of GPS Relocation Resources, Inc., a licensed corporate relocation firm. I also am the Commissioner for

District 4 in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

**Metz:** Retired Military

***Who is your employer?***

**Garnett:** GPS Relocation Resources, Inc.

**Metz:** My wife.

***What is your education?***

**Garnett:** High School, with some college credits

**Metz:** High School, some college and numerous Military Schools and Seminars.

## ***How long have you lived in St. Pete Beach?***

**Garnett:** I have lived in St. Pete Beach for a total of 10 years, and in Pinellas County for over forty years.

**Metz:** Over 60 years.

## ***How does your past experience equip you for office?***

**Garnett:** My father founded SOS Office Systems, a local office equipment company, in 1973, I joined SOS after high school in 1974 and gradually worked up to the position of Vice President. The company grew to employ over 150 people, with offices covering the West Coast of Florida. After the sale of SOS in 1996, I went into the Relocation Industry and eventually opened my own company, GPS.

**Metz:** I had the pleasure of serving Dist. 4 from 07 to 09, as there Commissioner. During my 23 yr. of Military Service I was a First Sergeant and Military Police Operation Sergeant for some of the largest military bases in the world including Korea and Vietnam. I have lived and served in many countries, enjoyed many different cultures, which has given me the knowledge and skills to get the job done, ensuring the residents are safe, secure and informed.

## ***What do you think is the most important issue facing District 4?***

**Garnett:** St. Pete Beach, in common with municipalities across the country, faces a tremendous budgetary issue. In District 4, we face the challenge of allowing property owners to redevelop while maintaining the Charm and Character of the unique communities within the District. A second challenge is to find

the funds to re-construct Pass-A-Grille Way and do it properly by replacing the water and sewage pipes that are underground, and undergrounding the utilities.

**Metz:**TRUST. Tell the residents the TRUTH; do not mislead the residents, as has been done in the past.

## ***How tall do you think buildings should be above sea level in St. Pete Beach?***

**Garnett:** It depends on which District you are referring too. The voter-approved Comprehensive Plan has 11 character districts north of the Don CeSar. It provides a varied landscape from 40 feet on Corey Avenue to the Large Hotel District, an almost mile-long stretch along the Gulf with 12 stories or 146 feet. It reduced the allowed height on Corey Avenue from 5 stories or 50 feet to a maximum of 3 stories or 40 feet in order to maintain the character of our Downtown.

Each district was viewed individually in the voter approved comprehensive plan.

**Metz:** All buildings should first meet FEMA regulations, then Single Family Homes 32 ft. Small Hotels/Condo's 35ft and in the Large Hotels Dist., the residents should vote on height, setbacks and density. All buildings should first meet FEMA regulations, then Single Family Homes 32 ft. Small Hotels/Condo's

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## ***One of the issues the commission faces is the threat of lawsuits. How would this threat affect the way you govern?***

**Garnett:** The threat and actuality of the lawsuits have certainly handicapped our City and how we do business. You can't take \$1 million out of the operating funds and not have an impact on the services the City provides. We have eliminated 28 positions within the City. We need to embrace our differences and find ways

of respectfully working together for the greater good of the Community. We need to stop the decay and the proliferation of the chain link fences in our City.

**Metz:** The Commissioners needs to continue to negotiate so we can get these lawsuits settled and save the residents tax dollars.

## ***What are the top two or three things you hope to accomplish for the community while you're in office?***

**Garnett:** My top priorities for St Pete Beach are: 1) to insure that all new property development must pay its appropriate share of infrastructure improvement costs; 2) Support Tourism to improve the economic health of our city's small businesses; 3) Implement our voter-approved comprehensive plan to allow controlled and sensible development; and 4) to diligently work to maintain tight control on the budget process, while

finding ways to reduce our legal expenses.

**Metz:** I will not raise your TAXES.

One City Commissioner stated that the movers and shakers run our city; I will do my best to ensure that the Commissioners and City Staff understand they work for the residents.

Get District 4 its fair share of the city budget and keep new hotels and condominium's out of Dist. 4.



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**SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM** - Ongoing registration continues for the 2010-2011 School Year Child Care Program for children in Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Transportation provided from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek Elementary and Gulfport Montessori.

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- Cardio Kickboxing - Tues. 6-6:45 p.m. Call Billie at 239-313-0876.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Energy Dance - Starting Fri., Jan. 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call Livia at 727-501-6915.
- Gymnastics - Fri., 5:30 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
- Holistic Workout- Fri., 9-10 a.m. Call Ian 459-8319.
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Latin Fitness Dance - Tues., 6:30 p.m. NEW Morning class- Mon., 9:30-10:30 a.m. Call Daniela at 561-302-6174 to register.
- Noisemakers - Call Gabe at 345-7472.
- Streetwise self protection for women- Tues., Feb. 1st. 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Call Barbara Stark at 727-321-2098.
- Stretch-n-Tone - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10 a.m. call 893-1079.
- Tai Chi -Tues. & Thurs., 9 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.

- Tennis - Tues., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call Jack at 430-0690.
- Walking Club- Thurs., 9 a.m. - Noon. Call John 893-1069.
- Watercolor with Patsi -Beginners/Intermediate-Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Winter Floral Design Classes- Wed., Feb. 9th- Mar. 9th, 4:30-6pm or 6:15-7:45. Contact Laurie at 727-289-4818(makeitandtakeit@yahoo.com)
- Yoga in the A. M. - Wed. 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga- NEW NIGHT- Wed., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Yoga - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

### TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

The City of Gulfport will now allow bicycles on the Tomlinson Lake Skate Park on SUNDAYS only for a trial period.

Effective October 1st, all skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a new City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson Lake Skate Park. Stickers MUST be visibly placed on the helmet. Annual fee for stickers is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Also, all skaters/bicyclists 17 years of age or younger MUST have a signed parental consent form filed at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Availability to register: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.



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**Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step) Meeting:** Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. FMI: Call 727-323-7660.

**AARP Tax Service:** Fridays, February 4 through April 15. A free service for seniors or others on low or fixed incomes. First-come, first-served. Bring all tax papers and a copy of last year's

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**Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults:** Saturday, February 12, 1:00 pm. Make beautiful pages of memories.

**Crafts for Children of All Ages!** Saturday, February 12, 1:00 pm. Pat Brinkley returns with more great winter craft ideas.

**Coffee/Talk Book Discussion:** Thursday, February 17, 10:00 am. Discussion of A Mercy, by Toni Morrison. Copies of the book and discussion guide are available at the Reference Help Desk.

**"About the Law" Study Group:** Thursday, February 24, 1:00 pm. Presented by local chapter of Brandeis University Women.

**Genealogy Discussion Group:** Saturday, February 26, 1:00 pm.

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# Services

# City Sponsored Activities in the Community

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual Entertainment Fair:** All are invited to our annual Entertainment Fair on Fri. Jan. 28 at 1pm. Gibbs High School Choral Group will provide a free performance in the Hickman Theater followed by free refreshments, door prizes and an opportunity drawing in the Senior Center Dining Hall. Come early to buy a delicious sub sandwich lunch at the Snack Bar.

**Thank You, Beauty Fair Vendors:** Special thanks to all who gave of their time and talent to make our annual Beauty Fair on Mon. Jan. 24 a huge success. Hats off to Chris Reed (Bay Breeze), Ellen Clifford (Kohl & Childs... for hair") Diana Herbert (Hair Design) for providing free haircuts; Charles LeMay (Nikken) and Forrest Laux (Fusion Health Care) for providing free massages; Larinda VanDriesen for providing manicures; Lorette Vosloo (Fusion Health Care) for providing the Parafin Hand Treatments, Ronnie McHenry (Mary Kay) for providing facial demonstrations. Also, we would like to thank Sandy Cocklin (Young Living Essential Oils), Todd Kennedy (Travel is Fun), and Debora Cooper (Gulfport Seamstress). Thanks, too, for Well Care for sponsoring this event. Please call the Senior Center if you would like phone numbers for our vendors.

**Thank You, Health Fair Vendors:** Thanks to all of our participating vendors at our Annual Health Fair that was held on Tues. Jan. 25 and especially to the coordinator of our event Diane Vandiver, Outreach Coordinator of Freedom Square. About 200 participants took advantage of the free services and information.

**Senior Trips:** Hard Rock Casino, Jan. 31, Feb. 8 & 22 for \$20; Mission Inn including dinner & visit to Winery on Feb. 4 for \$55, and St. Armand's Circle with lunch at Dutch Heritage Amish Restaurant on Feb. 14: \$44. IKEA and lunch on own on Feb. 19 for \$29. Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for further details about each trip and info about available 2 day trips.

**Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed for our upcoming Wags & Whiskers event. The meeting will be held on Mon. Jan. 31 at 2:30pm. If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to participate, please call Jay at 893-2242.

**Presentations:** Low Income Loan Program, Tues. Feb.

1 at 11am

**Nutrition: Food Cravings!** Thurs. Feb. 3 at 1pm

**Wii Bowling:** There will be a Wii Bowling Tournament between the Senior Center bowlers and students from Stetson University College of Law on Tues. Feb. 15 at 6:30pm. Come join us for a fun evening! Refreshments provided.

**Apply for Tax Exemption:** Representatives from the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office will visit our Senior Center on Wed. Feb. 23 from 9am-noon to help determine if you qualify and help you file an application for a 2011 Property Tax Exemption.

**Senior Center's Want List:** The following items are needed for upcoming Senior Center programs and activities: bingo prizes, greeting cards, tennis balls (100), 7-day pill dispensers (200), small handled gift bags (200), cat/dog new or gently used items for the Bark & Purr Gift Boutique. If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them off at the Senior Center. They would be greatly appreciated.

### SPECIAL SERVICES:

**Free Phones for Hearing Impaired:** Tues. Feb. 15, 9:30am to 11:30am. Courtesy of Deaf & Hearing Connection.

**Telephone Reassurance:** A friendly phone call each morning is available for Gulfport seniors who live alone. City volunteers offer this free service with your safety in mind. Call now for more information.

**GEMS Transportation Service:** Door-to-door transportation service is provided for Gulfport seniors 55 & over. A \$50 annual registration fee is required and rides are \$1.00 each way. All rides to the Senior Center are free. Let us take you to the barber/beauty shop, bank, restaurant, medical appointments, grocery shopping, social outings, etc. Call 893-2242 to learn more about the GEMS service.

**AARP Driving Classes:** are held on the first two Tuesdays of every month at 12:45 p.m. Call 368-3199 for fee info or to register for Feb. 1 & 8 or Mar. 1 & 8. Must attend two consecutive classes.

### Join our E-mail List:

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

### Senior Center/Foundation Website:

Check out what's happening at the Senior Center by going to [www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org)

### Neighborhood Center

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Intersection safety cameras will begin taking photos of red-light runners at designated intersections beginning February 15, 2011. Cameras will capture still images and video of red-light running violations. During a 30-day warning period, a warning notice will be issued to the vehicle's registered owner. There will be no fine for this warning notice. Citations will be issued beginning March 17th. The fine for a violation is \$158.00.

The intersection safety cameras are located at the following intersections:

- North Bound Pasadena Ave. S. @ Sailboat Key Blvd. S.
- North Bound Pasadena Ave. S. @ Shore Drive S.
- North Bound Pasadena Ave. S. @ Park Street S.
- South Bound Pasadena Ave. S. @ Gulfport Blvd. S.
- South Bound Pasadena Ave. S. @ Shore Drive S.

For more information contact the City of South Pasadena, 7047 Sunset Drive S., South Pasadena, FL 33707, 727-347-4171.

## Grab your Sweetie for a Dinner/Dance

A Valentine dinner and dance will be held at the Treasure Island Community Center on Saturday, February 12 with music provided by the four-piece band "Pleasure". There will be plenty of door prizes and free wine will be offered with the three-course meal. You may also bring your own beverages. The event is sponsored by the Italian-American Society of St. Petersburg.

Hors d'oeuvres begin at 7 p.m. and the dinner and music begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased in advance. Call Steve at 727-224-8731.

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## Take Your Pick of Yoga Classes

Valerie Prosser will be having yoga classes on Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. and on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Valerie can be reached at 727-557-4258 and her website is [www.getfitwithvalerie.com](http://www.getfitwithvalerie.com).

Tamara Harte will be having classes on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tamara can be reached at 727-512-2763 or email to [tharte@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:tharte@tampabay.rr.com). The fees are \$35 a month or \$10 per class for each time frame and day of the week you choose to attend.

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## Gulfport Walking Club Returns

The Gulfport Recreation Center Walking Club has returned. The club goes to different locations each Thursday to their walks and the cost is \$2 per trip. They leave promptly at 9 a.m. and return by 12:30 so please be there at 8:45 if it is your first time. Call John at 893-1079 if you have any questions.

On Tuesdays some members of the club meet in the parking lot at the Rec. Center and drive to different locations (this is not affiliated with the Recreation Centers Club).

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## Seniors' Chat Room

Join others as they experience table topics with the Gulfport Senior Center's Chat Room every Friday at 2 p.m. The Center is located at 5501 27 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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## Invitation for Festival Vendors

Vendors are sought for the first James Weldon Johnson Festival which will take place on Saturday, March 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the parkland behind the Enoch Davis Center and the James Weldon Johnson Branch Library located at 1059 18 Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. The event will feature a Puppet Show, Craft Table, a Moonwalk inflatable, and free books for the children. Actor Leroy Mitchell will portray James Weldon Johnson, and the Friends of the Johnson Branch will present their first Community Service Award. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

The festival is sponsored by the Friends of the Johnson Branch Library. Vendors from area businesses and agencies and organizations are invited to apply for display space. The cost is \$25 per standard 6 ft. table which they must supply. Applications must be received by February 28. Proceeds will benefit the library.

For more information or to obtain a Vendor's Application, call Kevin Johnson at 727-342-2235.

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## The Winter Fog



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The sea fog rolled in heavy last Saturday morning as the sailboats anchored just beyond the beach in Gulfport were barely visible in the mist. The fog burned off eventually around noon.

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# Local Obituaries

**GAINES, CARYL**, 94, of South Pasadena, passed away Jan. 18, 2011, survived by her good friend, Sarah Niblack. She was a retired Army Major and Indiana schoolteacher. Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home.

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**GAMMON, WILHELMINA ANN**, 86, resident of Town Shores in Gulfport for many years, died Jan. 11, 2011. Born in Newtown, PA and came here from New City, NY in 1963. Willie was an Registered Nurse for 44 years, member of American Legion Post 125 & 305. She is survived by her brother Bill (Wendy) Fassler; her son, Gene Gammon; daughter, Janice (Don) Howell; granddaughters, Teresa (Jim) Allgeier and Sharon (Marc) Rogers; and 5 great-grandchildren. Her wishes were for Ashes to the Sea and a Celebration of Life. Contact Gene at 727-

644-8009 for time of gathering of friends and family. Please, no flowers but instead donate to Suncoast Hospice who helped greatly.

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**HOPWOOD, ESTHER MAY REPSHER**, 91, died peacefully on Oct. 10, 2010 at Dolphins View Nursing Home in South Pasadena, FL. She retired from Milton Roy Company and volunteered at the Dali Museum and Trinity Lutheran Church. Esther was the loving wife of the late Jack E. Hopwood, advertising designer. Esther will be sadly missed and never forgotten.

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**MOONEY, BARBARA JANE**, 84, of St. Pete Beach, passed away peacefully on Jan. 18, 2011. Born in Spring Lake, NJ, Barbara graduated cum laude from Chestnut Hill College in 1947 and married Richard F.

Mooney of Philadelphia in 1952. She moved to her beloved St. Pete Beach in 1959 with her husband Richard and their four children. After her last child entered elementary school, Barbara decided to pursue a teaching career. She earned her Master's Degree in English and completed all course work for her Ph.D at the University of South Florida. She taught English at the Clearwater campus of St. Petersburg College for 30 years. Her passion was popular culture, and her classes included Mass Communications and Popular Arts. Barbara was always up on the latest bands, music videos, movies and celebrities. After retiring she served on the board of The Friends of the St. Pete Beach Public Library as well as the St. Pete Beach Library Advisory Committee. She enjoyed running the library's book discussion group. Her service to the book club reflected her lifelong devotion to literature, embracing everything from contemporary mysteries to John Updike, Larry McMurtry and Thomas Pynchon, who was also the subject of her PH.D studies. Barbara loved editing everything from the catalogue for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Eckerd College to articles and newsletters written by her daughters. Her friends knew her to be vibrant, intelligent, independent, and opinionated. Her children cherished her feisty spirit and loving concern. She was a vital part of her children's lives and while her death leaves heartache, her memory brings comfort to those who loved her. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Richard in 1996. She is survived by her daughters, Diane and Marianne; son-in-law, Joseph Sasfy; son, Terence; daughter-in-law Nancy; grandchildren, Megan Lobert, Ashley Dyroff, Kevin and Kate; son Neil; and granddaughters Nola and Tallulah. A service will be held at 2 pm on Jan. 29, 2011, at the Beach Memorial Chapel, 301 Corey Ave, St. Pete Beach. Family and friends are welcome to gather one hour prior to the service. A reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Friends of the St. Pete Beach Public Library or to the Suncoast Hospice Foundation in her name.

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**S T A J I C H , SIBYLLE**, artist, columnist, mother, grandmother, volunteer—all of these words could be used to describe how Sibylle Stajich

served and created a positive effect around her. Mrs. Stajich, 87, passed peacefully in her sleep on January 18.

Mrs. Stajich was born in Vienna, Austria and emigrated to the United States with her parents in the 1940s. She worked as a secretary at Treasure Island City Hall for many years and wrote a column for The Gabber newspaper.

"My mother was an artist although she would probably deny it. When my son was born, she hand painted a Disney reproduction covering one entire wall of his room. She also decorated the shutters of our house (at that time) with colorful flowers, also by hand, in a Swiss chalet motif.

She wrote poetry. She wrote a lovely poetic tribute to my father after he passed away in 1995. More recently, she wrote a poem after moving to Freedom Square in Seminole, telling how happy she was there.

My father was an accomplished pianist and composed a number of pieces. Mother wrote the lyrics for

many of them," wrote Jeffrey Stajich.

Mrs. Stajich wrote "This N' That in South Pasadena" for many years for The Gabber. "Sibylle came to City Hall weekly to look for news for The Gabber. She volunteered many years for the city's art show and was named the city's Volunteer of the Year in 1998. She was a very sweet lady," wrote South Pasadena City Clerk Mary Braisted.

Mrs. Stajich volunteered many places including the Palms of Pasadena Hospital helping at the visitor desk. She was the secretary for many years of the condominium association in South Pasadena where she (and her late husband) lived. More recently in Seminole she volunteered at the management office where she lived.

Her husband of 52 years, Maks, a half-sister, Annemarie Kessler, and a grandson, Jeremy, preceded her in death. She is survived by two sons, Gregory of Savannah, GA and Jeffrey of Hillsborough, NC, two granddaughters, Allison Hennek and Kirsten Stajich, a grandson Jason Stajich, and a great-grandson, Jackson Hennek.

A memorial service is planned for Sunday, January 30th, 2:00 p.m. at Paradise Lutheran Church, Treasure Island. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Suncoast Hospice at [www.thehospice.org](http://www.thehospice.org).

## Obituaries (con't.)

**WALL, EDWARD ELLSWORTH**, 80, of Gulfport, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. He is survived by daughter, Deborah McManus and a loving family. ALifeTribute-Gulfport

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Laura Murphy



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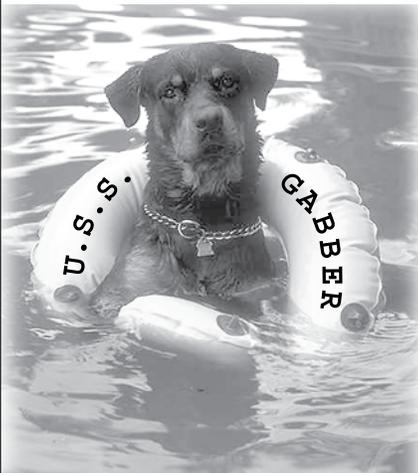
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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## On Being Civil

Wow! I'm floored. Civility is going full tilt in the wake of the Giffords shooting which had absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with civility. Now Congress is into it. No more splitting up sides at the State of the Union address (over by the time you read this). Lambs and Lions (don't know which is which) will lie down together.

That is, they're going to sit with each other Tuesday, instead of with his or her political party. Just like a grade school exercise. The question is which will stand up at which points in President Obama's speech, and who and which will be first to trash talk afterwards.

I was floored, too, a couple of weeks ago when Rep. Steve Cohen, (D-Tennessee) stood up in the House

and linked Republican repeal of the health bill to Herman Goehring's propaganda machine and the Holocaust. The Tea Party is also part of the new Holocaust apparently, because he went on to claim that they are now the new, reborn KKK, ready to burn, lynch and separate the races. My interpretation may be a bit of an exaggeration, but not much. Talk about a Blood Libel (generically used).

He also appeared on CNN with Anderson Cooper after canceling a Fox channel engagement. Cooper challenged him, but Rep. Cohen didn't back down. And, when asked whether he should apologize, he doubled down. All this got some cable news attention, but not much anywhere else and it was not linked to the State of the Union arrangements.

In the meantime, there is talk of restraining talk radio and even of regulating trash talking in sports. Trash talking might not be attractive, particularly in these days of instant and ubiquitous electronic communication, but it has been going on a long time. Even back in my football times (the 1950s), there was trash talk and that's without those big protective face masks. My best friend and receiver liked to trash talk and had the bruises to show for it. However, he was effective in distracting his opponent.

So, words do count and consequently there is talk about forbidding some of them. I believe it was CNN that says no-no to "crosshairs". Personally, I wouldn't want to use those bad words. That would be an attack and an assault on civility. Eliminating civility shouldn't be the target. You may not agree, but I don't want to argue about it. So, shoot me.

Let's keep it civil. Drown out those who disagree. Cut up, slice up their arguments. Murder the facts in the name of debate just don't use provocative words that might promote a smack in the face or a broken bone. Choke off the other party from just about everything. Stomp and beat down their arguments. Strangle and garrote their finances.

Let's shoot straight from the hip. Character assassination, killing credibility, exploding myths, blowing up truths and untruths is all fine in politics and war. It is, has been, and always will be. Just don't all those bad words.

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Crazy Carol Show is coming Feb. 27th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. Open to the public.

Don't forget, Bingo is back, Wednesday 6p.m. Open to the public, kitchen open.

The Auxiliary is collecting aluminum pop tops for Ronald McDonald House. These may be turned in anytime at the Post.

The next blood drive will be Sunday, Feb. 6 during our breakfast buffet. Donors receive free breakfast.

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**Saturday 1/15**

- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
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- Burglary-** 5700 Blk 25th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 800 Blk Hull St. S.
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**Crime Awareness Meeting**

The city wide Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention meeting had some lively discussion about abandoned houses and derelict properties. Some ideas and suggestions were discussed and this topic will continue at the February meeting. City officials have been invited and will be on hand at this meeting. Please note: The February meeting is scheduled for the first Monday of the month due to Valentine's Day being the second Monday. This means that the next City-Wide Crime Awareness meeting will be held on Monday, February 7 at 7 p.m. in the Gulfport Neighborhood Center located at 1617 49 Street S. We encourage everyone to attend and participate.

For more information, contact Jeri Reed at 727-548-5566 (days), 727-327-3509 (evenings) or at jrvolunteer@aol.com. Hope to see you there.

**Sunday 1/16**

- Drunk Driver-** 5400 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** Beach Bars.
- Domestic Battery-** 1400 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 2900 Blk Dupont St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 2600 Blk Upton St. S.

**Monday 1/17**

- Disabled Vehicle-** 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** Wood Ibis Park.
- Accident with Injuries-** 6400 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- City/County Ordinance Violation-** 1300 Blk Gray St. S.
- Stolen Vehicle (Attempted)-** 4500 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5200 Blk 27th Ave. S.

**Tuesday 1/18**

- Animal Complaint-** Clam Bayou.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Worthless Document/Check-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- City/County Ordinance Violation-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.

- Trouble with Individual-** 5600 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Armed Person-** 5500 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5000 Blk 49th St. S.

**Wednesday 1/19**

- Noise Complaint-** Beach Bars.
- Suspicious Person-** 2100 Blk 58th St. S.
- Recovered Stolen Vehicle-** 5600 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 1800 Blk 56th St. S.
- Accident with Injuries-** 2200 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 900 Blk 56th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 60th St. S.

**Thursday 1/20**

- City/County Code Violation-** 5600 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- City/County Code Violation-** 1100 Blk Hull St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 2200 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 5100 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Theft-** Pier.
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If you are a college junior or senior majoring in political science, public administration or business administration, journalism or mass communications at an accredited Florida college, you may be eligible for a scholarship.

The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections, comprised of the 67 county supervisors, will award three scholarships this year valued at \$1,200 each to eligible students.

"I am pleased that the state association is able to continue this scholarship program to assist students during these difficult economic times," said Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark.

Applicants must be registered voters who have lived in Florida at least two years and must have maintained a "C" average or above during the past year.

Other requirements such as letters of recommendation and financial information are listed on the scholarship application and in the scholarship guidelines, which are available for download at [www.votepinellas.com](http://www.votepinellas.com).

Applications should be submitted in the county in which the student is registered to vote.

Scholarship applications must be received by 5 p.m. on March 18 in any Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office: 315 Court St., Room 117, Clearwater; 13001 Starkey Rd., Largo; or 501 1st Ave. N., St. Petersburg.

For a mailed application or additional information, please call the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office at 727-464-6108.

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### ATTENTION GULFPORT TEENS

Are you 13-19 years of age?

Are you interested in becoming a part of changing the way people view teens?

The Gulfport Teen Council is looking for you! Teen members' involvement includes working with the City Council concerning equipment recommendations; budgetary considerations for City's parks and recreation programs; and provide recommendations, suggestions and assistance with youth events for city-sponsored festivals/programs. Teen Council members also gain valuable community experiences by attending local and state conferences, participating in community services projects and by representing the best of the City's youth. Get involved today! There are three vacant alternate member positions available. Applications may be picked up at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard S. or City Hall, 2401 53 Street S. Positions open until filled. A recommendation/reference letter is required from a principal, school counselor, teacher or an adult not related to applicant attached with the application.



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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## What is a Living Trust?

A Living Trust is created while you are alive. The use of Living Trusts has been effective for maintaining personal privacy and control outside of the court system. A Living Trust is also very useful for reducing estate taxes and for probate avoidance.

### LIVING TRUST BASICS

A separate legal entity is created upon the formation of a Living Trust. This entity can own and hold both real estate and personal property. Every Living Trust has a Settlor or Grantor, a Trustee and Beneficiaries. A basic understanding of what these terms mean is important to understanding how Living Trusts work and how they are different from other types of trusts.

## WHO IS THE SETTLOR OF THE TRUST?

The Settlor of a Living Trust establishes the Living Trust and signs the document creating the Living Trust. The Settlor controls what the Living Trust says and does. Living Trusts are revocable, that is, the Settlor can change or cancel a Living Trust at any time in her/his discretion. A Settlor is sometimes also referred to as the Grantor of the Living Trust. When you set up a Living Trust, you are considered to be the Settlor or Grantor.

## WHO IS THE TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST?

A Trustee of a Living Trust manages the trust assets. When a Living Trust is created, assets should then be transferred into the trust. Decisions concerning what property to buy, sell, mortgage, transfer or lease are made by a Trustee. The Trustee has a special duty to beneficiaries of a Living Trust which is called a fiduciary duty. What this means is that the Trustee has a legal obligation to perform her/his duties properly and in accordance

with the law while keeping the best interests of the beneficiaries in mind. In a Living Trust, you act as your own Trustee as long as you are able to or desire to act in this capacity. Upon your death or disability, a Successor Trustee will take over management of the trust assets.

## WHO IS THE BENEFICIARY OF THE TRUST?

A Beneficiary of a Living Trust is someone who benefits from the assets in the trust. Income and earnings are used for the benefit of the Beneficiaries. Trust assets cannot be used for any other purpose. You will initially be the Beneficiary of your Living Trust. Upon your death, the people you have named (normally family members) will become the Beneficiaries.

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

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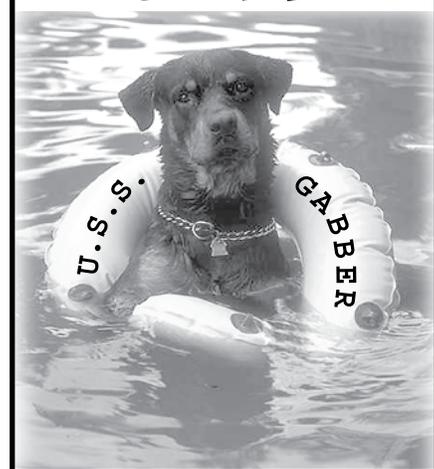
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## Tampa Bay Seagrasses Show Record Increase

Tampa Bay gained 3,250 acres of seagrass between 2008 and 2010 – an 11% increase that is the largest 2-year expansion of seagrasses since scientists began regular surveys of this critical underwater habitat.

The bay now supports 32,897 acres of seagrasses – more than at any time measured since the 1950s, according to data presented this week to the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) and other members of the Southwest Florida Seagrass Working Group. The data was collected by scientists with the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Program. They assess seagrass coverage in the bay approximately every two years, using a combination of maps produced from aerial photographs followed by ground-truthing to verify accuracy. The aerial photographs are taken in winter months when the water is clearer.

Results of this comprehensive effort have been used to track trends in seagrass extent in estuaries throughout Southwest Florida since 1988. All major bay segments showed seagrass gains, according to the SWIM data, including the troubled Old Tampa Bay segment in the northern part of the bay, which has been plagued by algae blooms and an expanding layer of thick, soupy muck near Safety Harbor in recent years.

Seagrasses in Old Tampa Bay expanded by 858 acres over 2008 levels, or nearly 15%. Seagrasses in Middle Tampa Bay increased by 1,549 acres, or 23.3%. The increases could be a result of improving water quality overall. In fact, preliminary results from 2010 monitoring indicates that all bay segments met TBEP's adopted water clarity goals. Recent low-rainfall years, with less runoff entering the bay, may have contributed to the improvements. And some gains also may be a function of constantly improving seagrass mapping techniques.

Seagrasses are an important barometer of the bay's health because they require relatively clean water to flourish. They also provide vital habitat for sportfish such as sea trout, snook, and redfish.

Despite the impressive gains, the bay is still 5,103 acres short of the target goal of 38,000 acres of seagrass set by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program and its local government partners. Reaching that goal will require a continued commitment by the region to reducing excess nitrogen that remains the bay's primary pollutant of concern, said Holly Greening, Executive Director of the Estuary Program. Too much nitrogen fuels algae growth that turns the water cloudy and depletes oxygen.

"The seagrass increases are great news, especially as we mark the

20-year anniversary of the Estuary Program partnership this year," Greening said. "But we still need to manage nitrogen loadings, and to assess and address problem areas in the bay."

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## Free Health Screenings at the Health and Beauty Fair



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Mary Domas, a snowbird from Michigan who winters in Gulfport, gets her blood sugar checked by Carol Dooley, RN. Nurse Dooley was at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center for the annual Health and Beauty Fair. Monday's Health and Beauty Fair focused on what Senior Center Director Sue Frank called "feel good" services, like massages and haircuts. On Tuesday the focus shifted to health concerns such as vision and blood sugar screenings. In all, she estimates almost 1000 people visited the Senior Center over the course of two days.

The Senior Center did not charge seniors for the fair. The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center serves seniors from Gulfport and other local cities. It receives funding from Gulfport tax monies as well as the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, Inc.

## Emergency Energy Assistance for Seniors

Pinellas County Health and Human Services Department provides emergency energy assistance of up to \$600 to senior citizens unable to pay their power bills.

Funds from the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco/Pinellas Inc. can help residents 60 and older in danger of having their power disconnected during the designated cooling and heating seasons when demand and bills are higher than normal. Eligible seniors must have a crisis with a delinquent notice from the utility company or a notice that power has been shut off to be considered for help. They may also qualify to receive repairs to a cooling unit or a voucher for fans, heaters and blankets.

Eligible seniors can receive help up to twice a year during each high-demand season. Health and Human Services staff members screen applicants to determine if they meet income limits. The income limit is 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline. For a household of one, the limit is \$16,245 a year. For two people, the income limit is \$21,855 (add \$5,610 for each additional member of family units with more than eight members.)

Prospective clients can either stop by a Health and Human Services office or call for an appointment and information. Call Annie Shaw at 727-464-8400 in Clearwater or Anne Eicher at 727-582-7781 in St. Petersburg. Health and Human Services offices are located at 2189 Cleveland Street, Suite 230, Clearwater and at 647 First Avenue N. in St. Petersburg.

This program is funded by Area Agency on Aging of Pasco/Pinellas, Inc.

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## Divorce Care Group

Divorce Care Group is a weekly meeting for those separated or divorced to help you move toward rebuilding your life. A new 13 week class will begin on Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m. at Tradewinds Church located at 6740 Park Street S. in South Pasadena. Call 344-1501.

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## Book Donations Needed

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## Bring Donations to Tuesday Market

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

The Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market is a year-round open-air market held in Gulfport's Waterfront District. Vendors offer a variety of produce, including but not limited to, local, organic and hydroponic fruits and vegetables. Vendors also offer local honey, teas, herbs, seafood, cheese, fresh breads, pastries, nuts and granola, gourmet and ethnic foods, candy, garden plants, bath and body products and much more. Many other unique items are available from over 40 vendors. A variety of local artists and crafters offer their wares. Live music is featured during each market. The village in which the Market takes place includes a variety of independent shops, boutiques and restaurants, all within walking distance. For more information, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org.

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By Leigh Clifton

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Clothes To Kids will host the 7th Annual Clothe A Child Fundraising Luncheon on Wednesday, March 9th, from 12-1:00pm at The Coliseum in St. Petersburg. The price for one ticket is \$50. (\$50 is what it costs CTK to provide a low-income, school-age child with a week's worth of clothing.) A complete table of eight can be purchased for \$400. Visit [www.ClothesToKids.org](http://www.ClothesToKids.org) to purchase tickets. No tickets will be available at the door. Questions? Contact Fran Goodwin at 441-5050 x22 or Fran@ClothesToKids.org.

Clothes To Kids, a nonprofit organization provides free clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge. For more information, please call 441-5050 or visit our website at [www.ClothesToKids.org](http://www.ClothesToKids.org).

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## USCG Safe Boating Program

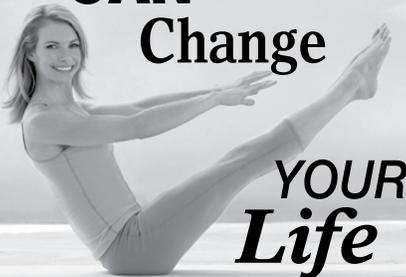
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous Safe Boating program every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Warren Webster Community Center, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (1 mile south of Don CeSar). Start at your convenience. First day, come at 7 p.m. to register. Begin any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to two years to finish.

February program includes "Rules of the Nautical Road" February 1; "Boating Safety" February 8; "Piloting Your Boat - Part A" February 15, and "Piloting Your Boat - Part B" February 22.

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

*"I would like to ask is this what you would like to see up and down Gulf Boulevard ...I respectfully urge the voters of St. Pete Beach to vote no on all of them."* –Resident Bill Pyle, on an architectural drawing of hotels, which he has also shown at some previous commission meetings. When asked about the source of the drawings, he said they were part of the documents in the court discovery process from around 2006. Pyle encourage residents to vote against several ballot measures, which include if voters want to continue voting on comprehensive plan changes, community redevelopment plans and land development regulations affecting heights of structures.

*"I guess on television they call them re-runs...SOLV doesn't have a plan, the city has a plan"* –Resident Lorraine Huhn, asking to get out of "muck and mire" and move forward with improving the city.

*"That's why they nicknamed it patch-a-grille."* –A resident mentioning bumpy roads asked if sidewalk and road improvements around the Don CeSar would continue onto Pass-A-Grille Way. The current road, sidewalk and crosswalk improvements are just around the Don CeSar neighborhood area, city official said.

*"We are interviewing fire chiefs Friday...we have four candidates coming in."* –City Manager Mike Bonfield giving an update on hiring a fire chief with Fire Chief Tom Malone retiring at the end of February.

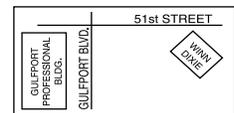
*"This Sunday the Corey Avenue market will be in Horan Park,"* –Mayor Mike Finnerty, on moving the location of the European style market for Jan. 30 because of the 17th Annual Corey Ave/St Pete Beach Art/Craft Festival on Corey Avenue from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Mayor Finnerty said The Tampa Bay Lightning simulation trailer would be at the Sunday market on Feb. 13.



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# Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

## You and Your Money Personality

When it comes to “money personalities,” basically there are two: spenders and savers. This doesn’t mean necessarily that a saver has a big bank account or that a spender is an obsessive shopaholic. It has to do with the ways we think about and react to money.

Take my husband and me as examples. He is a saver; I am a spender. We were just born that way. We can look at the very same 50 percent off sale and have completely different reactions. For him, that means he only has to spend half as much. I see it as a way to buy twice as much. When I have money, my thoughts automatically go to how I could spend it. His natural response is to put it away in a safe place.

I always have admired the ability of a saver to be so strong when it comes to hanging on to money. I’m sure that deep down, a saver might admire me for my ability to be so spontaneous and carefree with money. It’s when savers or spenders live in the extreme that problems occur. Imagine conversations between a married couple in which she’s a spender and he’s a hoarder, I mean a saver:

He: You’re always spending money we don’t have.

She: You’re so tightfisted we never have any fun.

He: How can I balance the checkbook when you don’t write down checks you’ve written or ATM withdrawals you’ve made?!

She: I’ve got more important things to think about.

He: Another credit card? We can’t even make the payments on the ones

we have!

She: The kids and I need things. If you made more money, I wouldn’t have to use credit cards.

And on and on it goes. The spender wants to bring the saver to her side; the saver wants nothing more than for the spender to stop spending and join him in what he feels is the right way. In truth, neither of them is right. They both are operating in the extreme and are completely out of balance.

The secret to achieving money harmony, no matter your marital situation or personality type, is found in finding financial balance -- giving away 10 percent of your income, saving 10 percent and living on 80 percent. The full-blown spender can’t imagine such a thing, and neither can the severe saver. It’s out of character. It doesn’t come naturally.

Though the saver-spender combination appears to be deadly, I think it is in fact one of the best, provided both parties are willing to talk about money issues. They complement each other well. The saver has to recognize that spending money with restraint and wisdom brings joy. The spender has to learn that saving, giving and preparing for the future brings a sense of calm and peace.

Almost everyone is uncomfortable talking about money, but that is the most important thing you can do to promote financial harmony in your home. You have to start talking about it. Instead of having your money be a source of contention, you’ll be able to use it as a tool to enhance intimacy and bring fulfillment into your lives.

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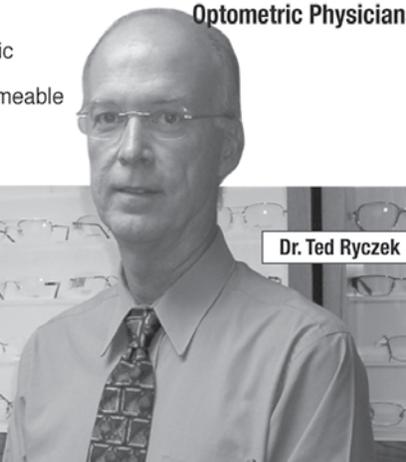
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## Check out the Corey Sunday Market

Every Sunday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on historic Corey Avenue in St. Pete Beach, the street is full of local vendors selling fine art, handmade crafts, fresh produce and seafood, gourmet foods, as well as beautiful plants and flowers. This European style fresh market is hosted by the Suntan Art Center and features many artists and artisans from the community. Live music spotlights some of the best local musicians.

This is the season for Florida produce and St. Pete Beach Produce brings the freshest local produce. Look for Florida oranges, grapefruits and other citrus, turnip greens, broccoli and cauliflower, local tomatoes and strawberries. Check with Mr. I Got 'Em in his tuxedo for BBQ, ribs, sausages and other local favorites. Fresh seafood is provided by Gator's Seafood and great cheeses are available at the Cheese Lodge. Other foods that are available include Greek specialties, pirogies, local honey and fresh fruit smoothies. To satisfy the sweet tooth, enjoy The Angry Squirrel's nutty confections and traditional Italian Ice.

The Sunday market on Corey Avenue is a celebration of the community of St. Pete Beach. Shops are open and restaurants provide a wide choice of breakfast, brunch and luncheon options. Start your morning off with a mimosa and cap it off with a movie matinee at the Beach Theater. Relax and enjoy your day while you support your community.

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

more at ease and understand that I have been there and done that MYSELF."

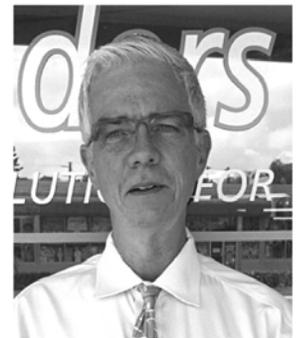
"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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

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

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

Sanders has held a number of seminars and written professional pa-



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

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

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

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## Plate Hunter 900 Patrols Gulfport



By Cathy Salustri  
The Mobile Plate Tracker 900 automates the process of checking license plates.

The days of police officers manually running tags through their portable computers while stuck at a red light may be numbered.

Introducing the Mobile Plate Hunter 900, cameras mounted on police cruisers that automatically detect, read, and check up to 3600 license plates a minutes- all without any input from the police officer.

"It's a good tool," Officer Pete Horning, who attended training to use the Mobile Plate Hunter 900 when the department installed it last month, said.

Department policy states that officers may not type and drive at the same time, so to check a license tag, an officer traditionally must pull over, wait for a red light, or radio dispatch to check the tag. The Plate Hunter 900, Detective Sergeant Rob Burkhart says, streamlines this process.

Once the officer turns on his computer at the start of his shift, the camera starts seeking out license plates. Once the camera reads a plate, it checks the tag against a database. If the tag is associated with a stolen car, expired tag, or driver with a suspended or revoked license or warrant, an alarm sounds in the cruiser.

At that point the officer must check the tag against the National Crime Information Center and the Florida Crime Information Center databases (NCIC/FCIC), either by radioing dispatch with the tag number or by performing a search on the in-car computer.

"We don't have to run tags all the time," Officer Horning says in praise of the system, although he admits that the system has its flaws. Recently the Mobile Plate Hunter 900 sounded an alarm while he was on patrol. The culprit? A mailbox. The camera read the address on it as a license plate, and the computerized check returned information for a Canadian license plate legal issues.

The mailbox was not charged.

The system itself consists of three trunk-mounted cameras- one facing the rear of the vehicle and two facing the front. Currently, only vehicle #2 has the \$20,000 system. The police department paid for the Mobile Plate Tracker 900 with a grant from Pinellas county. A Gulfport police officer made the suggestion to Chief of Police Rob Vincent.

"We had the opportunity to get a grant, and some people had some ideas of what we could get, and the chief liked that idea," Officer Horning says.

St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office also have these cameras. The police department says it does not anticipate any additional costs to maintain the system.

## Latin Fitness Class now Offered

Latin fitness is a dance cardio workout. It incorporates dances such as Salsa, Merengue, Hip hop, etc., no experience needed. Classes are on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and on Mondays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Gulfport Rec. Center. The cost is \$10 per class or \$32 if you pay by the month. Please contact Daniela (instructor) at 561-302-6174.

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## Energy Dance Class forming

This is a weekly class which involves free style dancing to a variety of music. This is a move at your own pace class with warm up, group exercise and a cool down phase of each class. The class will be held in the multi-purpose room at the Gulfport Recreation Center on Fridays from 6:30-8:30. The contribution for the class will be \$5 per session. For questions please call Livia at 727-501-6915.

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## Beta Sigma Phi

The next social event for Sunshine City Council will be the Annual Sweetheart/Preferential Tea on Saturday, February 5 from 2-4 p.m. at the East Bay Country Club in Largo. The theme for the tea is "Sweetheart Memory Lane." The chapter sweethearts will be presented, legacy members and special guests will also be introduced. Past Council queens, princesses and sweethearts will be honored also. For more information please contact Susan Henry at 244-8045.

Laureate Epsilon Theta's members will entertain Xi Theta Rho with a brunch on Saturday, January 29 at 11 a.m. Val Rankin will be the hostess. The members will provide a variety of delicious dishes and gifts for the "Dirty Bingo" game to be played. Laureate Epsilon Theta's executive board will meet on Tuesday, February 1 at the home of Paula Roberts at 7 p.m.

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

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# Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

## Small Town Marriage

I would like to first and foremost express my condolences for the families of Thomas Baitinger and Jeffrey Yaslowitz, the two St. Petersburg officers killed earlier this week while trying to serve a warrant on a fugitive. I appreciate their commitment to making our lives and our communities safer.

I was married once, in another life. To the rest of the world we had a good life. But we would have these disturbances: a fight where words went too far, threats to leave over seemingly minor things. Every time seemed to me like the end of the world. In time, of course, I would push them aside and go back to telling myself that everything how great we had it. It was easy to do, really. My family, his family, all of our friends- they all wanted to believe we were happy. But it turns out marriage isn't all public relations: when things go wrong, you have to dive into the marl and muck and somehow drag out good to save it. Turns out, those disturbances were cracks.

A small town is a lot like a marriage. It wants to put its best foot forward to outsiders and keep its problems its own. It wants to keep all the bad stuff to itself, because if anyone else finds out the bad stuff, maybe they won't love our small town like we do.

Gulfport has one hell of a cheering squad, between the chamber, the merchants, and the mayor himself. I think it's great that so many people love Gulfport- I do, too; this community has been very good to and for me. However, the city can't continue to stick its head in the sand about material threats to its survival. No one who's paying attention can

tell me that the city doesn't seem to have a certain level of divisiveness at its core. Over the past few years I've watched the city divide itself into two camps. It's evident at council meetings, informal discussions, and on the web. There seems to be a lot of cracks in this small town's happy facade, but no one's willing to admit it.

What's causing the cracks? A lot of people have a lot of different answers, but I think it all boils down to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. Remember that from school? It says that humans must meet our basic needs like food, shelter, and safety before we can worry about falling in love or being creative.

Gulfport has oodles of creativity and plenty of opportunities for spiritual enrichment, but at the root of our divisiveness is a fundamental lack of safety. Oh, Gulfport's got a great police force, don't misunderstand. All the same, we have a crime problem. It comes from the next town over.

Monday's shooting was a prime example. How many of you saw the helicopters? Who heard the shots? I know people in the Stetson area who could hear gunfire. Does it really matter what legal boundaries the shooting fell inside? That's just a line, and an imaginary one at that.

St. Petersburg is a much larger city, and it has much larger problems. Gulfport has some trouble spots, whereas St. Pete has multiple troubled neighborhoods. We want to insulate our small town from it, but it doesn't work that way. We drive behind the kid smoking crack on 22nd Avenue South. We buy our seafood from clerks who live with drug deals

around the corner from their Child's Park home. St. Petersburg's road runoff slides into Clam Bayou; the children of the drug dealers share a classroom with our kindergarteners. We are not insulated.

We want everyone to think that we're happy, that it's all good, but in doing that we're glossing over some big problems that aren't going away. We can be as artsy and loving and creative as we want, but until we have a safe community - note that I didn't say city- we're going to be trying, on some level, to get back to that, but we're not going to admit it.

Perhaps you can think of a time in your own relationship when something was bothering you, but you couldn't admit it. Perhaps you felt as though it was a big deal, and if you admitted to it it could jeopardize your relationship. So when your loved one asked, "What's wrong?" you answered "Nothing."

Except it wasn't nothing. It was something, and it wouldn't go away. You ignored it; it festered. Soon you found yourself picking, and turning every small thing into a big thing.

That's how I'm seeing our community operate right now- we're picking at the little things because we're afraid to address the real issue, the big one.

My marriage didn't just end. It collapsed. Spectacularly. All those little cracks? They were trying to warn me that there was this gigantic fault line running under our core, but I was too busy convincing myself and the world around me that I was happy to pay attention.

Gulfport has cracks. And we keep covering them up instead of talking about them. It's scary, I know. But we can't keep ignoring them.

It's time to start talking.

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# A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

## Hydroponic Problems

**Q:** I have been trying to grow some vegetables hydroponically, but they are not doing well. I have them in a sunny window with extra lights for illumination. I am adding liquid fertilizer, hydrogen peroxide and a pH reducer because my water has a high pH. What else can I do?

**A:** If you are following the label directions for the fertilizer and have the lights at the proper height, you will be doing well. Check those two things to make sure they are right.

My biggest concern is that you mention hydrogen peroxide. This chemical should only be used for cleaning the hydroponic system when no plants are being grown. Hydrogen peroxide is an unstable combination of two hydrogens and two oxygens. Plain old water has two hydrogens and one oxygen. The extra oxygen comes off the hydrogen peroxide and binds to anything that has an opposite electrical charge.

Microorganisms are oxidized and killed when the extra oxygen binds to them. Iron oxidizes into rust when

the oxygen binds to it. The problem you are having is probably from the fact that the extra oxygen can't tell the difference between bad bacteria cells and good root cells. The hydrogen peroxide is damaging the roots of your plants at the same time it's killing the bacteria cells. Stop using the peroxide until the vegetables are done. Then clean your system and put in new healthy plants.

**Q:** I have seen ads for LED grow lights, and I want to start some vegetables for next summer's gardens. Do they really work?

**A:** I have only used one type, but it was very successful. Last spring, I used a GlowPanel 45 in a test with my regular fluorescent grow light. I planted the same seeds in two identical trays. There were tomato, beans, peppers and cilantro. The seedlings growing under the bright red and blue LEDs of the GlowPanel 45 were sturdy and stocky plants with good dark-green leaves. In the same room, the plants under my regular grow light were tall, spindly and pale green.

The 1-foot square panel of LEDs uses only 28 watts and can replace a 250-watt metal halide grow light. It does so without producing the heat of a light bulb, too. LED fixtures can be used on hydroponic and soil growing systems and are suitable for all stages in a plants life, not just sprouting seeds. The LEDs last thousands of hours longer than regular bulbs and use far less electricity. In a location where they are used every day and all year long, they pay for themselves quickly. Because they use so little power, they can be linked together by just plugging them into each other and using one timer.

The only drawback that I see is the unusual color. The LED bulbs in GrowPanels are intensely blue and red. Combined, they produce a purple glow that takes some getting used to. The green leaves look strange under the light, but when the light is off, the good green color is obvious. If your local garden center doesn't have them, check them out at [www.glow-panel.com](http://www.glow-panel.com).

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## Get Rescued Evening Celebration

GULFPORT- A special evening event will offer animal lovers a chance to raise funds for several of the area's non-profit animal rescue groups... after the dogs have gone to bed. The Get Rescued Celebration will take place on Saturday, February 26 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom, 5500 Shore Blvd. South.

The Get Rescued Celebration is the popular evening component of a full day of festivities that begin with Gulfport's Get Rescued, the beloved free annual street festival and fundraiser held on Beach Blvd. on the same day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Later, all are invited to a lively evening of fun for humans that will also donate to the important cause of animal rescues. The evening will include dancing and live music by popular local band No Slack, offering a revue of Motown and Soul favorites perfect for the dance floor. Free catered hors d'oeuvre, a cash bar, fresh flowers and festive décor will add to the party atmosphere. Opportunity drawings will take place during the evening. Proceeds from ticket sales, after expenses, will be donated to rescue groups participating in the evening event.

Live and silent auctions will offer a chance to support up to 12 non-profit rescue groups with a variety of auction items up for bids including travel, hotel stays, art, wine and food, pet accessories, restaurant gift certificates and much more. Opportunities are still available for 501c3-certified non-profit animal rescue groups to participate in the auction fundraisers by having their own table. A limited amount of space is available. Rescue groups can solicit items and will receive 100% of proceeds from their auctions. Local businesses are also encouraged to donate items for auctions. To participate in the auction fundraising or to donate items, please contact Lynda Sheehan at 727-323-3892 or rescuedngulfport@aol.com.

Tickets for the Get Rescued Celebration are \$20 each. Advance tickets may be purchased at the following Gulfport businesses: Domain Home Accessories, The Gabber January 27 - February 2, 2011

Outpost and Reef Dog Gifts & Grooming. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door.

For more information, see the Facebook page for Get Rescued Celebration, or contact Mike McCue at 727-667-7531 or mmccue@igc.org.

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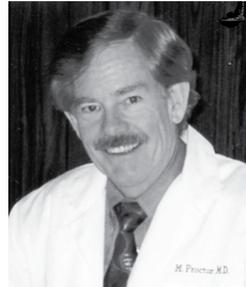
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## Gulfport Elementary Brings a Little Joy to Bogie Center Seniors



Kids from Gulfport Elementary joined the residents at the Boca Ciega Center Nursing Home last Wednesday morning. Teacher Lori Westlund brought the Pre-K four and five year olds over to have an activities day with the seniors, who seemed to enjoy the children immensely.

By Leigh Clifton

About 20 Pre-K four and five year-olds from Gulfport Elementary visited Boca Ciega Center last Wednesday to join the residents in some fun activities. Teacher Lori Westlund and her assistants brought paint, paper and brushes, crayons, string and Cheerios and Play-Dough with molds so the kids could share their activities with the seniors. Places were set at various tables in the center's lunchroom and the kids and residents bonded instantly. It was obvious that the seniors, who were in various stages of rehabilitation, were enthralled with the kids and most engaged in helping to color a giant Martin Luther King, Jr. poster. There was also Cheerios stringing and several residents were wearing Cheerios necklaces by the end of the visit. Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon whose son was among the students, brought along a story to read out loud to everyone. Westlund also brought along some music and

the kids sang along to the residents delight.

"When I was 20 years old, it was my dream to open up a daycare. With half being kids and the other half being seniors. They told me that I would never be able to afford it, but I told everybody it wasn't about the money, it was about the giving back. This," Westlund said, looking around at the kids and seniors, "was exactly what I had in mind."

The Boca Ciega Center's Activities Director Tracy Hartman was thrilled the kids came for a visit.

"Did you see their (residents) eyes light up when they saw those children?" she asked. "They were so glad to see them and it was great to see them so engaged."

After snack-time with popcorn and juice, the children and some of the residents met in the hallway to hang up the completed banner for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both residents and kids had colored it in with crayons.

## Open your Heart by Mentoring a Child

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## Free Acupuncture Clinic for Veterans

Acupuncturists Without Borders is offering a free acupuncture clinic to provide treatment for all military, past and present, as well as their families, and their health care workers. These acupuncture treatments address stress, insomnia, post-traumatic stress syndrome, depression and anxiety. The clinic is held every Thursday at Sanctuary Community Acupuncture, 5111 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg at 7 p.m. The clinic is free, donations are welcome. Call 727-204-5203.

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## See Tampa Bay in a Whole New Way

ST. PETE BEACH- The ever-popular "Senior Excursions" will continue to run weekly from the St. Pete Beach Community Center all winter long. Guests travel to popular attractions and shopping destinations all over Tampa Bay without the hassles of driving, tolls and parking. The trips run almost every Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a few special trips occurring on other days of the week or at night. Travel to places such as the Hard Rock Casino, Strawberry Festival, the circus, IKEA, Ybor City and much more. Trips are just \$10 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$12.50 for others; additional entry fees may apply.

Seniors can also now participate in "Luncheon Excursions" on select Wednesdays where they check out different restaurants for a real taste of Tampa Bay. These trips are just \$3 for residents and \$5 for non-residents plus meal costs.

Call 363-9245 for details or see a full list of trips on [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com).

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## Women's Club Learns about Sallie House



Pictured (L-R): Front: Marian Andrews, Jack, the speaker from Sallie House, Julie Fuce, Joan Larsen. Back: Joan Barry, Jan Hauser, Betty Brown and Phyllis Miller

The Gulfport Women's Club greeted the new year with an informative talk by Marian Andrews, the Program Manager of the Sallie House which is affiliated with the Salvation Army Children's Services. This is a safe place for children ages six month to 12 years to stay while waiting to be placed in a foster home.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9.

The Gulfport Women's Club is a volunteer organization formed to better the lives of children and seniors in Gulfport. Anyone interested in joining this organization can call Joan at 345-5443 or send a check for \$25 made out to the Gulfport Women's Club for an annual membership to Gulfport Women's Club, POB 5036, Gulfport, FL 33707.

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All the news that's fit.

By Scott Lafee

## Belly of the Least

With roughly two-thirds of Americans overweight or obese, rates of diabetes and heart disease are rising alarmingly fast. Researchers at Eastern Virginia Medical School say they may have found a key culprit: a group of enzymes in excess visceral (belly) fat that appear to promote inflammation that can lead to disease.

The enzymes are called lipoxxygenase. Researchers examined fat samples taken from people undergoing bariatric (weight loss) surgery. They found that visceral fat contained much more lipoxxygenase than subcutaneous fat -- the fat that lies just under the skin.

The discovery could lead to new drugs that target lipoxxygenase, blocking it from breaking down fats and causing inflammation. Of course, there's another method to achieve that same result: Don't eat poorly or too much. But you've probably already resolved to do that.

## BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

The fastest growing fingernail is that of the middle finger, particularly on

the dominant hand. The reason why isn't known, though nail growth is related to finger length, with longer fingers growing nails faster.

## BEST MEDICINE

A Freudian slip is when you say one thing, but mean your mother.

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Roughly 1 in 6 Americans gets sick each year from foodborne illnesses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That translates to about 48 million people. More than 128,000 are hospitalized and 3,000 die from their ailments.

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Quackwatch is a long-standing site devoted to debunking medical and health-related hoaxes, frauds and misinformation. There are nearly two dozen affiliated sites on topics ranging from autism research to chiropractors.

## STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

The top 10 phobias, according to MSNBC: Going to the dentist, dogs, flying, thunder and lightning, the dark, heights, other people, scary spaces, creepy bugs, and number one: snakes.

## PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Philemaphobia or philematophobia -- fear of kissing

## OBSERVATION

I reckon being ill is one of the great pleasures of life, provided one is not too ill and is not obliged to work till one is better. -- English author Samuel Butler (1835-1902) in his posthumous novel, "The Way of All Flesh"

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## New Rules for Tomlinson Skate Park

The City of Gulfport will now allow bicycles on the Tomlinson Lake Skate Park on Sundays only for a trial period. During this trial period, only bicycles will be allowed at the Skate Park on Sundays. Monday through Saturday, bicycles are not permitted to enter the Skate Park. These days will be strictly enforced as noted by the penalties listed below.

Effective October 1st, all skaters/bicyclists must purchase a new City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson Lake Skate Park. Stickers must be visibly placed on the helmet. Annual fee for stickers is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Also, all skaters/bicyclists 17 years of age or younger must have a signed parental consent form filed at the Gulfport Recreation Center which is located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S.

Any skater/bicyclist found in violation of these terms will be subject to the following at the Police Officers discretion: temporary trespass, permanent trespass or a minimum \$88 fine.

Stickers and consent forms are available at the Recreation Center between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday-Friday. Consent forms are also available on the City of Gulfport's website, [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) Click on City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec. Center and Skate Park. The web form must be notarized and mailed to the Gulfport Recreation Center along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and check/money order. A registration sticker will be mailed to you upon receiving check/money order and envelope. Please make check/money order payable to: The City of Gulfport. For more information, please call 893-1068.

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# Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

## Why the Social Security 'Payback' Law was Changed

**Q:** I heard that Congress has eliminated the "payback option." Can you discuss this in your column?

**A:** Yes, the so-called "payback option" has essentially been eliminated. Or to be more precise, it's been greatly restricted. For readers not familiar with the term, the payback option is a provision of the law that -- although originally intended for other purposes (as I'll explain in this column) -- came to be used as an interest-free government loan scheme by well-to-do seniors. The rule allowed a person to file for reduced Social Security benefits at age 62 and continue to receive those benefits until age 66.

At that point, he or she would withdraw that first claim, pay back all benefits received, and then file a new claim and receive full retirement benefits from age 66 on. The advantage to this scheme is that the retiree would get to pocket all interest earned on the four year's worth of benefits received between age 62 and 66.

The Social Security Administration recently petitioned Congress to change the law to allow Social Security claims to be withdrawn only for a period of one year after an initial application for benefits is filed. Here is the story behind the change in the law.

Social Security regulations have always given people the option of

changing their minds when it comes to claims for retirement benefits. So since the beginning of the program, the rules have allowed a person to withdraw his or her original Social Security claim. Normally, people would exercise this option because they had a change of heart about retirement.

Here is an example of how that worked. Fred retired at age 62 and filed for reduced retirement benefits from Social Security. But then six months later, he got bored and decided retirement was a mistake. So, he returned to work. Fred would have two options with respect to his Social Security. Option one: He could simply suspend his benefits and start them up again when he decides to retire permanently. In this case, he would keep the benefits already received. And when his Social Security checks are restarted, they would include an early retirement reduction only for the six months he got benefits before going back to work.

But using option two, Fred could withdraw his original Social Security claim, repay benefits received, and then file a new claim once he retires for good. That claim would include no reduction for early retirement -- because he already paid back the reduced retirement benefits he initially received.

So that is why people were allowed to withdraw their original Social Security claims and pay back benefits. And until recently, that's the only reason people used the withdrawal and payback option.

But then wealthier and more financially savvy people came on the scene; the kind of people who saw Social Security not as the foundation of a retirement nest egg, but as just another investment vehicle. And they saw the withdrawal/payback option as a way to get free money from the government -- in effect, an interest-free loan.

As I alluded to at the beginning of this column, they would file for Social Security at age 62 and simply invest every nickel of the benefits received

until age 66. Then they would withdraw the claim and write a check to the government for all the money they had gotten in the previous four years. But they would pocket any and all interest earned and start getting full Social Security benefits from that point forward.

I never was a big fan of this scheme. Even though it was completely legal -- and I did include it in a fact sheet I wrote called "Five Ways To Maximize Your Social Security Benefits" -- I always felt it was just another example of rich folks getting even richer off of a system that was primarily set up to help lower- and middle-income people.

Apparently, Congress felt the same way I did. That's why they've changed the law. By restricting the withdrawal period to one year, they've taken the law back to its original intent: a mechanism to let people change their minds about their initial decision to retire and file for Social Security. And the revised law works the same way as I described in the earlier example involving Fred. It's just that now Fred, and everyone else, would have one year to change their minds. And one final note: The fact sheet I mentioned is still available. I now simply call it "How To Maximize Your Social Security Benefits." Instead of five ways to do that, it illustrates four ways to get the most out of your Social Security investment.

I must admit that the old-fashioned New Deal liberal part of me bristles when I discuss maximizing a Social Security "investment." I still firmly believe in the social roots of "Social" Security.

But I understand that it's only human nature for a person to want to get back as much money as possible from a program that he or she was required to pay into for 40 or more years.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net).

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City Clerk's Office

**FEBRUARY 2011**

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|-------------------|---|
| February 1, 2011  | <b>City Council Meeting</b><br>***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm  |
| February 2, 2011  | <b>Planning and Zoning Board/LPA</b><br>***No Meeting   |
| February 9, 2011  | <b>Board of Adjustment</b><br>***No Meeting   |
| February 15, 2011 | <b>City Council Meeting</b><br>***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm  |
| February 16, 2011 | <b>Historic Preservation Committee</b><br>***Meeting to begin at 5:30pm<br>at the Historical Society Museum |

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