

## Dustin's Golf Emporium



Dustin Hansen and his partner Elizabeth Mayo win the Gabber's Most Unique Yard Sale award during last Saturday's semi-annual Gulfport city wide yard sale. With literally hundreds of Golf clubs for sale Dustin would not reveal his handicap.

## Cold Trail in Local Robbery

By Cathy Salustri

Gulfport police still have no suspects in the robbery that occurred at the Liberty convenience store (also known as the Kwik-Stop or the old Circle K) on October 30, public information officer Detective Sergeant Robert Burkhart told the Gabber.

Two Sunday nights ago, at 6:38 p.m., a slim-built man of questionable of indeterminate ethnicity, entered the convenience store with a black hoodie over his head and a black and silver bandana over his face. The clerk told Officer Jesse Kellington that the suspect wore black gloves, and pulled out a firearm and ordered the clerk and the one customer

See *Robbery*, page 3

## Swigwam Can Keep Outdoor Drinking

ST. PETE BEACH – There were free drinks at the Swigwam Tuesday night, if only for a little while.

In celebration of the city commission's vote not to revoke a permit that allows customers to drink on the sidewalk outside the Swigwam, tavern owner Rob Williams bought his customers drinks to celebrate the 3-2 vote. The vote shot down protests from some Corey business owners who complained about crowds on the sidewalk, discarded beer bottles, and how the crowds hurt their business.

St. Pete Beach issued the Swigwam its permit last year, but since that time

See *Swigwam*, page 22

## Beach Staff Cannot Protect Boca Ciega Bay From Harmful Runoff

ST. PETE BEACH – With an aging stormwater system that city staff says can no longer adequately protect Boca Ciega Bay from harmful runoff, the city commission finalized its vote for a special assessment to pay for repairs and upgrades.

Public Services Director Steve Hallock told the commission that the hundreds of miles of stormwater pipes running beneath the resorts, homes and shops needed attention to meet with national pollution standards.

Until Tuesday night the city had no set-in-stone plan to pay for upgrades and repairs to stormwater lines that, Hallock said, had a myriad of problems.

"Barnacles this big," he said, holding his hands far apart to show the commission the size of obstructions blocking pipes that are four feet in diameter. When the pipes have blockages or intrusion from tree roots, sand or other failures in the lines, rainwater that has washed over streets, collecting both litter, oil and anything on the streets and sidewalks, overflows and, with enough rainfall, wash directly into Boca Ciega Bay or onto the beach.

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## November Meeting at Woman's Club

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard N.E. will hold their November general meeting on Friday, November 11 at 1 p.m. There is no charge and guests

are welcome. Elizabeth Neily of First Florida Frontiers will impersonate Katherine Bell Tippetts. First Florida Frontiers is an organization that celebrates Florida's unique natural and cultural history. Katherine Bell Tippetts was a pioneer clubwoman of St. Petersburg, during Florida's "Boom" time in the 1920's. Come hear her story.

For information on monthly meetings, club activities or rental information on their historic clubhouse, please call 822-4982 or visit [www.stpetersburgwomensclub.org](http://www.stpetersburgwomensclub.org).

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## SPCA Extends Saturday Hours

LARGO- SPCA Tampa Bay announced today that it is expanding its Saturday service hours to the public beginning November 12th. The extended hours on the agency's busiest day of the week can help more animals find their forever homes. The new hours are Tuesdays through Fridays from 1-7 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

To preview adoptable pets visit: [www.SPCATampaBay.org](http://www.SPCATampaBay.org) or visit in person at 9099 130th Avenue N. in Largo.

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## Sierra Club to Meet

Suncoast Sierra will meet on Thursday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. at Moccasin Lake Park located off of Drew St. and Hwy. 19 in Clearwater. The speakers will talk about "Transforming Your Life and Food, the Wholesome Way". Eric, Anna and their family made a huge New Year's resolution - each month of the year they give up something society takes for granted - ranging from no electricity, no plastic, to no processed food. It's been an eye opening adventure that has brought them closer as a family, to their community and to the earth. Some of this was not totally new to them; they have been transforming their yard into a garden and chicken pen. They will share how this has affected their food - from growing, to processing, to storing and finally preparing. The public is welcome to this event. Call Joyce at 727-526-5065.

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**Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
"HEROES WEEKEND" Veteran's Parade, 4 p.m.  
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then west on Shore Blvd. S.  
Enjoy quaint downtown Gulfport after the Parade.

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**  
JELVIS in Concert! - Gulfport Casino Ballroom  
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**Robbery**, from front page in the store to lie down. Next, the report says, "the suspect ordered the clerk to give him the money." The clerk handed over the cash and, at the gunman's orders, laid back down on the floor. The gunman then left the store.

An incoming customer saw a man dressed in all black running north down the alley east of the store.

The store lost almost \$1000 in the robbery. Police have no suspects and say they have nothing to go on, although they've been going through records from various agencies.

If anyone knows anything, Gulfport Police ask that you call 893-1030.

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**Polish American Society News**

The Polish American Society of St. Petersburg located at 1343 Beach Drive SE in St. Petersburg (next to the Coast Guard Commissary) will have dances on the first and third Sunday of the month through May. They will be open every Sunday with the exception of Christmas and New Years. Dancing will be from 4-7 p.m. Food will be available. Admission will be \$5 for members and \$7 for guests. Call 727-894-9908 or visit [www.polishsociety.org](http://www.polishsociety.org). For hall rental, call Randy at 727-525-8255.

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**Volunteers Needed for Soup Kitchen**

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

Contact Gail Stark, at 727-550-8080, ext. 332 or by email at [Gail\\_Stark@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Gail_Stark@uss.salvationarmy.org).

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## Palm Tree Arsonist Strikes Yet Again

A third palm tree fire in the same alleyway provides law officials with no further clues as to who keeps setting fires in city alleyways

By Cathy Salustri

The city's now-notorious palm tree fire starter struck again last weekend, Gulfport police say. Police responded to a call about a flaming tree in an alley at 3:20 in last Sunday morning. This fire marks the third set palm tree fire in the alley between DuPont Street and 57th Street along the 2800 block.

It is the city's 27th suspicious fire since 2007 and the seventh such fire this year, police say.

Detective Sergeant Rob Burkhart told the Gabber the fire signals an irregularity in the criminal's established pattern.

Burkhart says this "fire is outside the suspect's usual pattern," because the fires in the past were set between late spring and early summer.

Most of these fires fall just short of arson because they damage foliage only and not buildings; of the 27 fires, only two qualify as arson, Burkhart says. He adds that the police continue to investigate and Officer Matthew Parks is heading up a problem-oriented patrol focusing on suspicious fires like this one.

Police have no leads but ask anyone with information call 893-1030 with any information about these fires.

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## The Beach Officially Goes Green

ST. PETE BEACH – After working through 19 pages of things a city can do to receive its "Green" certification, the Florida Green Building Certification awarded St. Pete Beach its green designation. St. Pete Beach has adopted "green" practices that range in scope from ensuring its police use non-lead bullets on the firing range to adopting integrated pest management to control bugs.

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## Dr. Seuss Christmas Breakfast

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard N.E. will hold the first Dr. Seuss Christmas Breakfast on Saturday, December 10th. There are two seatings, one at 9 a.m. and the other at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$6 ages 11 and under and \$12 ages 12 years and older.

Green eggs and ham (plain egg and add green sprinkles) and more. Event features games, prizes and music. Dress as your favorite Seuss character for their fun fashion show! Help this fund raising event provide books to needy children. Reservations are made by calling the club at

822-4982 or Joanne Walker at 525-2914. Seating is limited.

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## Fresh Market Seeks Vendors

Vendor space is available for new Corey Fresh Market in downtown St Pete Beach. The new Sunday market takes place on Corey Avenue between Blind Pass Rd. and Boca Ciega Dr. from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Applicants of foods, spices, arts/crafts, hand-made products are needed. Vendor fees are \$20 each market day. If interested please contact Kathi Hansen, at 727-498-8778. Vendor applications can be found at: [www.coreyave.com](http://www.coreyave.com).

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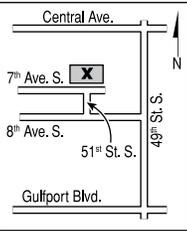
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## Town Shores Bocce

Play began on Monday, October 31 and the weather was good and all of the matches for the week were played as scheduled.

The Bocce Dinner Dance will be held this Saturday, November 12 in the clubhouse auditorium. Dinner consisting of chopped salad, meatloaf and chicken, potato wedges, baked beans and apple dessert will be catered by Lee Roy Selmon's Restaurant. Al Ruggiero will entertain. All residents are invited to join in the fun. If you have just arrived to Town Shores and would like to join the party call Judy at 344-7558 for information.

## Bark 4 Art Bash

On Saturday, November 19 from 3-6 p.m., the City of Imagination/Gulfport Arts Center will hold its 1st annual calendar fundraiser kickoff. The 12 original watercolor portraits contained in the calendar will be displayed and the artists and pet

owners will be present. There will be free refreshments and a professional pet photographer will share how-to tips and photograph pets. Calendars will be available for a \$12 donation. This is a free event hosted by City of Imagination/Gulfport Arts Center located at 2726 54th Street S. between the small and large dog parks. Visit [www.CityofImagination.com](http://www.CityofImagination.com) and click on the "current fundraiser" tab at the top of the page.

## Gulf Boulevard Improvement Plan

ST. PETE BEACH – The city will receive almost six million dollars in public funding to make improvements to Gulf Boulevard. The commission voted to accept money from the county – \$5.7 million – to make improvements along Gulf Boulevard.

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## Free Concert Kicks Off Weekend of Celebration

The South Pasadena Community Band will present a free concert entitled "We Won't Forget" Thursday evening, November 10 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Gulfport Casino in downtown Gulfport. Door will open at 7 p.m. "The concert kicks off a weekend of celebrating our heroes in uniform, past and present, who defend our country, our freedom, our dignity, and our democracy," said the band's musical director, Max Millspaugh.

Millspaugh noted that arrangements have been made to add about 100 chairs for the audience and the band expects to be on risers to facilitate the audience seeing the band and the activities surrounding the band's presentation. "The concert is free and plenty of parking is available and refreshments will be available," said Millspaugh. He said the program is designed to salute each branch of the armed forces and also reminisce musically about our heritage and the legacy of our heroes in uniform. "We will never forget; and it is important that we

formally recognize and pay homage to our veterans of the armed forces," concluded Millspaugh.

The concert will include military marches, patriotic music, the official march of each branch of the armed forces, and some big band tunes that were popular during World War II.

Gulfport Mayor Mike Yakes said "we invite everyone to make an evening out of the planned events. Come downtown and have dinner in one of our fine restaurants and take in a very up-lifting patriotic concert. Then come and enjoy the rest of the activities including the parade on Saturday and the entertainment venues on Sunday. The whole weekend is dedicated to remembering our heroes," the mayor concluded.

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## Gulfport Neighbors to Hold Clean-up

Please join your Gulfport Neighbors and friends on Saturday, November 19th, from 9 a.m.-12 noon for their third litter clean-up. This clean-up will focus on trash and litter on Gulfport Blvd, one of Gulfport's main entry-ways. They'll be cleaning up the area between 49th St. and 59th St.

Meet at 9am in the Walgreens parking lot, located at 5701 Gulfport Boulevard S. Bring your gloves and sunscreen. Trash bags and cold water will be provided. To RSVP and for event info via FaceBook: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=225574224172223>.

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## Heroes Weekend to Honor Active Military and Veterans

GULFPORT— Former Marine and current Stetson Law student Javier Centonzo is spearheading Heroes Weekend, a series of public events to honor military service men and women and veterans on November 10, 12 and 13 in Gulfport.

The public is invited to enjoy a free concert, a parade and a musical performance benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project. Centonzo joined forces with the American Legion Post 125, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Gulfport to create the Heroes Weekend.

Events include: Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.: The Pasadena Band performs a free concert sponsored by the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd. S. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 12, 4 p.m.: The City of Gulfport sponsors a parade along Beach Blvd. in Gulfport. Those interested in participating in the

parade should contact Gail Biron with the City of Gulfport at 727-893-1118 or [gbiron@mygulfport.us](mailto:gbiron@mygulfport.us). The deadline to register for the parade is November 8.

Sunday, Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m.: "JELVIS" will be performing a "Tribute to Elvis" at the Gulfport Casino. The tickets are \$10 each and will be sold at the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and at the American Legion Post 125. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Tables that seat eight can be reserved in advance for \$200. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 6 p.m. For reservations, tickets or additional event information contact Javier Centonzo 913-706-9340 or [jcentonzo@hotmail.com](mailto:jcentonzo@hotmail.com).

Donations to the Heroes Weekend can be mailed or delivered in person to the American Legion Post 125, 6440 5th Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

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## Auction to Benefit Special Needs School

Nina Harris School's annual auction is scheduled for Friday, November 11. Previewing of items and dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. Bidding on live items will begin at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the programs, activities and equipment at this special needs school. Nina Harris School is located at 6000 70 Avenue N. in Pinellas Park. Call Chris Stuckey at 727-547-7850.

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## Lighted Boat Parade Calling for Entries

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena Holiday Lighted Boat Parade is seeking participants for this year's event. The Lighted Boat Parade is a time-honored tradition, making its way past St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena residences through the waters of Boca Ciega Bay. There is no fee to enter and tons of cash and prizes are given away to winners for best decorated boats in several different categories. The deadline to enter this year's parade is Tuesday, December 6th. Parade is December 9th. Entry forms can be downloaded from [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com) and returned to the Recreation office. Call 363-9245 to register your boat and join the beach's best holiday tradition.

## Discover the Life of Sri Chimnoy

The life and amazing creativity of the late artist Sri Chimnoy will be presented in a special program and video presentation on Thursday, November 10 from 6-7 p.m. at the Gulfport Public Library. Tilvila Hurwit, longtime student and fan of all of Chimnoy's creative endeavors, will guide the audience through the remarkable tapestry of his life and work.

Chimnoy was born in Bengal, India in 1931. He traveled extensively and moved to New York City in 1964. He became known worldwide for his colorful paintings promoting peace. During his life, he also performed musical concerts including esraj, flute, piano, harmonium and cello, while devoting 30 years of service for the United Nations. Nelson Mandela, Mother Theresa, and Leonard Bernstein are just three notable contemporaries who found his work inspiring.

The "World Harmony" Art Exhibit by Sri Chimnoy will continue to be displayed in the Francis Purdy Room Gallery Walls throughout the month of November.

A guest book is available to sign as well as add your thoughts on world peace, which was so important to this artist. Visit and enjoy samples of Sri Chimnoy's creative tapestry of color at the Gulfport Public Library at 5501 28th Avenue South.

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# Letters

## Great job, Teen Council

**Dear Editor:** At the last Regular City Council Meeting, held on November 1st, agenda item 6, Ordinance A 2011 – 2013 came up. It was the second hearing for a ban on smoking on the beach, playgrounds and ball fields. This issue was intriguing to the Teen Council, since this was an issue that they prepared for and were willing to speak to the City Council about. The three teens that were present were anxious and held their prepared speeches and waited their turn to speak.

When the agenda item came up, they each got a chance to speak. Their message was simple: Instead of banning smoking on the whole beach, why not do half the beach. This way, the playground by the Recreation Center will be protected from cigarette butts and little children won't be tempted to put them into their mouths.

When my daughter spoke, I was very proud of what she wrote and how she delivered her message. This was her first time addressing City Council. When she came back from the podium, she said her knees were knocking. I told her "you're braver than me," as I am fearful of getting up there.

As the public session for the smoking ban continued, one resident (Al Davis) came up to the podium and said "I am not here to represent teens for cancer". He went on to insult the parents of the teens who spoke, for apparently, we all advocated smoking. He talked of his support for the smoking ban and to display how bad smoking really is, he pulled out his feeding tube and showed it to the teens and people sitting in the room. He explained it was because of smoking. Immediately, the teens went from being proud of exercising their civic duty to being upset, insulted and angry.

How disrespectful, I thought. Now I felt angry and felt the need to say something. The teens said nothing of advocating smoking. They asked for a "compromise". They were open-minded about an issue that only a few could fight. After all, if most of Gulfport doesn't smoke, why should the majority care what they think?

After hearing many residents talk of their personal experiences with cancer and picking up cigarette butts, it started to become apparent that this wasn't a forum addressing the need to ban smoking on the beach, but how bad smoking is for you and the apparent litter problem associated with smoking.

When I spoke to City Council, I made a point by saying there is more second-hand smoke at a City event, i.e. Gecko Fest, Art Walks, 4th of July, etc. than on the beach, with a sea breeze. But we are not talking about banning that. That second-hand smoke is OK, because business is making money. I explained that I am an ex-smoker and don't personally like the smell of smoke. But I don't avoid these events, because I have learned "tolerance".

When the public session closed, each Councilmember got their chance to speak. Everyone thanked the Teen Council and praised what they did. When Vice Mayor Hastings spoke, he started by praising the teens, but then told them he has more experience than they do and suggested they go back on the internet and do more research.

Now the teens have been insulted by a resident and now a Councilmember. Again, the teens didn't say anything about the advocacy of smoking. They simply asked for a "compromise".

How could a compromise be misconstrued as advocacy? As proud parents, we were now insulted as well as the teens. How did this become a personal attack on our youth? The answer, I believe, is passion. A deep passion felt by Vice Mayor Hastings, Al Davis and anyone else that has been affected, in some way, with cancer.

I truly feel for those affected, including my own family, by cancer. But let's be honest and objective, just for a moment. Most of us have the sense to know that by breathing in a breath or two of smoke, is not going to cause cancer. If one does believe this, than I suggest one stay indoors and not leave their home. Because in case one hasn't noticed, Tampa Bay does not have the cleanest air or water. It's called "pollution".

Years back, the state made it illegal to smoke indoors, in public places. Many bars and restaurants were given a "compromise". They started seating people outdoors, where they can eat, drink and yes, smoke. Many office workers need to smoke outdoors, usually by the entrance of the building.

I believe most of us, by now, know the dangers of smoking and the effects it has on others. Certainly our teens do. I believe the real problem with second-hand smoke comes from being indoors. People, who are exposed to smoke all day, like children or family members in a home. Not from a breath or two here and there. This argument being used isn't logical or objective. It is passionate. So passionate, that after the unanimous vote for the ban by the City Council, we learned that one of the teens saw a piece of paper being passed around by the residents, with a picture of three teens smoking.

Truly, I ask, is this even right? Did our teens get the proper respect? They deserved better from that resident and our Council. In fact, if this is for the "children", as many Councilmembers said before they voted, then why didn't you listen to them? They have learned tolerance and compromise. They haven't been pressured by others or overwhelmed with personal feelings not to be objective.

For all those reading my letter and are now upset at me, let me say this; I don't have a problem with the ban at the play grounds and ball fields, but a compromise would have been nice to see at the beach. I don't care for the smell of smoke, but have tolerance for those who do. I truly believe this is more of a litter issue on the beach and a nuisance, rather than a health issue. Vice Mayor Hastings states there are 17 percent of Floridians who smoke. If Gulfport has at least 11,000 residents, that would equate to 1,870 residents you just told don't matter. So when you're going to the beach and you pass a smoker on the sidewalk, in front of the playground, ask yourself; was it worth it? Did I really vote for the right reason? Did I do my best to help accommodate everyone, or just the 83 percent who don't smoke? (*con't.*)

## Letters (con't.)

Because, I will certainly think about your vote and the actions of a few residents, the next time we are at a City event and I smell smoke right next to me. I am sure the 1,870 other residents will think of you as well.

And for goodness' sake, leave the doodles and comments at home. After all, we're supposed to be role models, aren't we? Our small community is becoming divided. We used to have tolerance for everyone. What happened?

Let's support our teens. We are proud of them. After all, they have learned tolerance from us.

Steven Karbowski

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## What happened to "We, the People"?

**Dear Editor:** What happened to that sleepy old Florida feeling that Gulfport prides itself in? Being the last few towns left in Florida where people simply will just say hi to you whether they know you or not and go out of their way to help you? I'll tell you what, council members have lost their focus on what makes Gulfport Gulfport. And oh, by the way, that would be the people who live in this town.

You have taken our trolley service and possibly our police dispatch outsourced to the sheriff's department as well as our ability to smoke on the beach. Maybe you council members should focus on how you can make a difference in people's lives, yes, people who are struggling in this economy, losing jobs, trying to raise their children and put food on the table. But instead you would rather waste time and energy on ridiculous petty issues.

Oh, and to Mr. Hastings, you don't like the cigarette butts and tobacco because you're an oral cancer survivor. You don't want people to smoke on the beach and you do want them to get screened every year for oral cancer. Well maybe you should not promote such things while having a cigar factory connected to your very prosperous restaurant. Kudos to one reader who wrote that you are a hypocrite! She got it right.

Katherine Rogers

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## Live-aboards bring sense of community

**Dear Editor:** As a Gulfport home owner and municipal marina slip-renter I feel I must add my voice to the discussion on live-aboard boats. I spend four months living on my "northern" boat in the Thousand Island area where the US borders Canada. Every marina in that area allows, even encourages live-aboard boaters. Live-aboard boaters bring a sense of community to a marina. Their presence makes the entire area safer as well as more welcoming. It is a totally different group of people than what I have seen described in letters to your editor.

I don't know where those opposed to live-aboard have been boating, but my experience has been nothing but positive as I have traveled up and down the ICW. If Gulfport lawmakers want to do some investigating, I suggest they travel to Bradenton and Palmetto. There are two marinas right across the river from each other. They are clean, safe and welcoming.

Right now there are empty slips in our marina. We could be collecting rent on them. In fact a 50% surcharge on live-aboard boats would still put Gulfport at the lower end of the price range for the area. St. Petersburg has been cashing in on this market for years. I suggest we try two or three boats on each dock and see how it goes. I would be very happy to have residents of the marina looking after my boat when I am away.

Mike Flood

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## Emergency Transport of Patients

**Dear Editor:** I have read the articles in *the St. Petersburg Times* and *the Gabber* concerning the use of fire trucks for the transport of patients. I have asked some of the Gulfport firefighters if people could be transported in the fire trucks. They say no patients could be transported in the fire trucks. Cities who have a fire truck that is for rescue in addition to fire fighting use could transport patients. Gulfport has one but it is not in use. This vehicle which is parked behind the Gulfport fire station is in need of repairs. Councilman Hastings told my husband and me at the Lions Club breakfast that he

thought the rescue vehicle belongs to the Scout Explorers. If you do not have a rescue vehicles in service it seems that an ambulance is needed for transport of patients. It seems the concern about the Suncoast Ambulances is their home office is in Texas. Usually a call is put out for submission of contract proposals and there is a decision based on the proposals received. There seems to be an issue concerning \$200,000 for the contract of ambulances. Another issue seems to be the firefighters being the first responders. What I read is the firefighters do the triage on the patient and perform whatever first aid is needed. The paramedics perform the same examination when they arrive on the scene. Then the EMTs and paramedics compare notes and decide to transport the patient. An ambulance or rescue truck is the only vehicle capable of transporting the patient. Either every city buys a rescue truck and has paramedics or the city uses the ambulance service. Maybe I missed something.

Patricia Millward

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## Recycling- A long way to go

**Dear Editor:** It is exciting to see the strides that have been made in regards to recycling in Gulfport, but there seems to be a long way to go. Part of recycling is education and changing the mindset of many in Gulfport. It is very distressing to walk by a house on garbage day, and see the amount of recyclable items that are being thrown away. Change does happen, and this change will happen one person at a time.

I walk each and everyday, there are a few trash receptacles here and there, no recyclable receptacles that I have seen,

this seems to be sending a message to the residents that this is not a priority in Gulfport. There is but one Earth that we inhabit, we are the caretakers of this planet, we have an obligation to see that it is handed to future generations, but this obligation is not being met here in Gulfport.

Gulfport wants to be a Tree City, and this is wonderful, but the simpleness of recycling is not a priority. There will be no trees to look at, to allow them to make oxygen if there is not a program of recycling.

# Letters (con't.)

The current brouhaha, and in many cases rightfully so, is about Code Enforcement, to me recycling falls under this as well. It is extremely encouraging that on Tuesdays during the Green Market, one can swap clothing, this a form of recycling. Currently, the idea of recycling is not a 'Hot Topic', I am afraid it will become one, but that day might be too late.

Please, take a few seconds or minutes and do your part in recycling, rinse out your tin cans and milk jugs, save your newspapers, these are recyclable. There is a list of accepted items on the City of Gulfport website, each and every item is a way that we can recycle and show our appreciation for Mother Earth.

Mark Grantham

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## Operation Santa 2011

It's that time of year again! Santa is putting his list together for this year. If you are a Gulfport resident and could use a little help, the Gulfport Police Department is now accepting applications for Christmas assistance through December 2nd between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2401 53rd Street S. Gulfport. Each family's head of household must bring photo identification, proof of Gulfport residence as well as the name(s) and age(s) of child(ren) living in the home. Operation Santa will collect Christmas gifts for children ages 0 to 10 years of age. There will be no home deliveries and you must pick up your gifts at the Police Department from December 17th through 19th between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., so it's important that we hear from you right away. For more information on Operation Santa, please call either Francine at 893-1042 or Cindy at 893-1049. A home visit is required.

## To assist Operation Santa 2011

For 20 years, Gulfport Police Department employees have sponsored a program called "Operation Santa" in which toys are donated to needy children that live in the City of Gulfport. Operation Santa has always been very successful in part due to the contributions we receive, we would again like to ask you for your help in the form of donations, i.e. monetary, new unwrapped toys, and gift cards. Any help that you can provide would be greatly appreciated. If you have any question, please call either Francine Whitten at 893-1042 or Cynthia Hayes at 893-1049.

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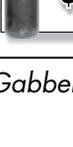
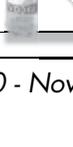
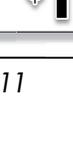
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contact the PCCA office if you have any questions regarding this preparation session.

The prep days will be on Saturdays, November 12 and December 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Gibbs High School, 850 34th Street S. in St. Petersburg. Contact Francine Giannotti or Donna Hearn at 727-893-5452, ext. 2031 or email to giannottif@pcsb.org or hearnd@pcsb.org.

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## SPCREA to Meet

The South Pinellas Retired Teachers Association (SPCREA) meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of each

month from October through May at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 19th Ave and 34th St. N. Meetings are open to all who have worked in the field of education whether here in Florida or elsewhere, including teachers, support personnel and administrators. The meeting begins at 12 noon with an activity planned by the hospitality committee. Ann Crum will present the program for November 10. She will impersonate either Betsy Ross or Molly Pitcher and bring flags to tell us how this American symbol came to be and the changes it has had over the years. The meeting adjourns by 1 p.m. SPCREA often plans fun field trips of interest to the group. Email Joyce Walters at jellen1943@yahoo.com for more information.

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## Kiwanis to hold First Annual Prayer Breakfast

Sunshine City Kiwanis will hold their first annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, November 12 at 8 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 1900 Gandy Boulevard in St. Petersburg. RSVP to 727-576-5508. Ben Collins from the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Stetson University, Deland, FL will be the speaker. There is no charge.

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## Veterans Tribute

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## Food Basket Sign-up

Thanksgiving Food Baskets are being distributed by the St. Petersburg Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sign-up is required by November 18 and food must be picked up on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 22 and 23. Call Elizabeth at 727-488-5544 to sign up. If no answer, leave message with name and phone number.

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## SPC Madrigalians to Perform

On Sunday, November 20, at 3 p.m. the Madrigalians choral group from St. Petersburg College will perform in the sanctuary at Pilgrim Church at 6315 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg. This talented group has performed at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Epcot Center, the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, the Palladium Theater, the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center and many other venues. Donation is \$5 at the door.

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is a free program. Reservations are required. Call 727-893-7899.

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## Boca Ciega High Presents "Our Town"

The Boca Ciega Pirate Players will present Thornton Wilder's classic play "Our Town" November 17-19 at 7 p.m. in the BCHS main auditorium. Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at the door.

First produced in 1938, the Pulitzer-Prize winning play has become an American stage treasure and is Wilder's most renowned and frequently performed play. Set at

the turn of the 20th century, the play reveals the ordinary lives of the people in the small town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire.

The show features many of Bogie's finest student actors, including Rachael Goetsch as Emily Webb and Jordan Merritt as George Gibbs. Mr. Scott Durspek will be making a special appearance as the Stage Manager. Other performers include Emily Matthews (Mrs. Gibbs), Daniel Knoll (Mr. Gibbs), Carson Evans (Mr. Webb), Stephanie Freshman (Mrs. Webb), Anthony Vieira (Simon Stimson), Nicholas Massanet (Howie Newsome) and Danielle Anderson (Mrs. Soames).

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## Lithuanian-American Lunch this Thursday

The Lithuanian-American Club is serving lunch on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. Today's lunch is Koldunai (meat dumplings) and soup. Also available to buy is Lithuanian beer. Call Vida at 866-7936.

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## St. Anthony's to hold White Elephant Sale

St. Anthony Hospital Auxiliary is having a White Elephant Sale on Monday, November 14 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will be held in the Fishbowl (hospital cafeteria), 1200 Seventh Avenue N., St. Petersburg. Many items from household to personal are included at low prices. Plan on stopping by to shop. There is a treasure to please even the most critical shopper.

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## Celebration of the Arts at Eckerd College

One of the great hidden treasures of the St. Petersburg community is the group of working artists – faculty, staff, students and alumni – at Eckerd College. The creative inspiration fostered at Eckerd will be showcased through a "Celebration of the Arts" on Saturday, November 12 on the Eckerd College campus (4200 54th Avenue S. in St. Petersburg). Starting at 11 a.m., the daylong event will highlight the disciplines of the College's Creative Arts Collegium – the visual arts, music, creative writing and theater. Admission is free to all events.

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The United States Power Squadrons Seminar Series, Mastering the Rules of the Road, will be presented by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron on Wednesday, November 16 from 7-9 p.m. This seminar provides an explanation, with examples, of the 37 Rules of the Road relating to recreational boat operation. This seminar provides a starting point for those preparing to take the USCG License Examination by clarifying

the sometimes complex laws related to boat operation. Materials provided include McGraw-Hill's publication, The One Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road by Charlie Wing and copies of the Power Point Slides with space for student notes. The seminar will be held at St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$35 per family; maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Contact [www.boating-stpete.org](http://www.boating-stpete.org).

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## Hamilton Disston to hold Rummage Sale

Hamilton Disston School will hold their 2nd annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, November 12th from 8 a.m. to noon at 5125 11th Avenue S. in Gulfport. Items include but are not limited to clothing, electronics, books, household items and more. Donations of city-wide yard sale leftovers would be appreciated. Stop by the sale and help support the school!

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## Town Shores Red Hatters

The November Bunko will be held tomorrow, Friday, November 11 in the clubhouse lounge at 12:45 p.m. Don't forget your \$2.

Their annual breakfast trip will be Tuesday, November 15 at the Cracker Barrel on 54th Ave. N. The reservation is for 9:30 a.m. Meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m. for directions and also if you need a ride. You must call Judy at 344-7558 or Bev at 381-2122 for a ride before Monday, November 14th. Also they need to let the restaurant know how many people are coming so call Bev or Judy.

Mark your calendar for the holiday luncheon on Monday, December 5 at the Bil Mar.

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## St. John Vianney offers Thanksgiving Dinner

St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 445 82nd Avenue in St. Pete Beach, will hold a Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be a delicious and inexpensive real turkey dinner. All proceeds raised will support their youth ministry program, provide food for the poor through St. Vincent de Paul and honor our veterans. Donate a can of food and you will be entered into a raffle for some great prizes. They also need adult and youth volunteers to help. Call Marjorie at 347-8611 or 727-743-1583.

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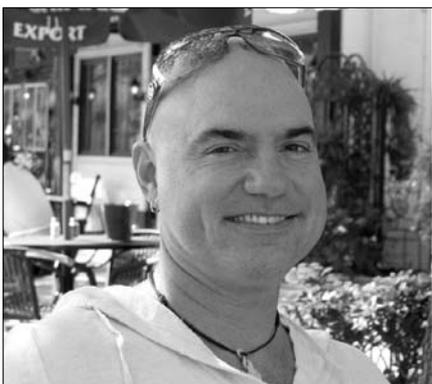
**George Mastro, Tarpon Springs:** "A week before Thanksgiving."

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**Jenny Vultaggio, Tierra Verde:** "Not before Halloween."

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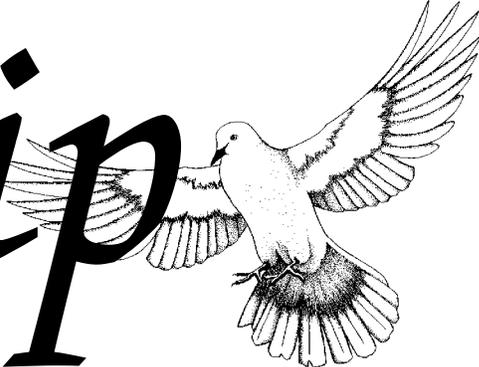
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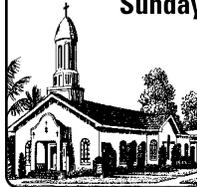
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**Swigwam**, from front page commissioner Al Halpern said he had heard complaints from people who didn't like having to say "excuse me" repeatedly when trying to navigate the sidewalk in front of the beach bar. He said the property owner asked the city to revoke the permit, but the majority of the commission ultimately decided the issue should stay between the landlord and tenant. Vice-Mayor Bev Garnett and Mayor Steve McFarlin cast the dissenting votes.

Before the vote the city heard close to two hours of comment from Swigwam customers, beach residents and Corey business owners. Mr. Williams presented the commission with a petition with over 400 signatures in support of allowing drinking outside his business. He also presented a letter from the Chamber of Commerce calling him an "asset" to Corey Avenue. Greg Phillips, the owner of Gone to the Dogs, presented the commission with a petition with the signatures from a dozen local businesses who wanted the city to revoke the Swigwam's permit. He, along with other businesses, alleged that the customers at the Swigwam made it hard for him to do business on Corey.

"These are the same complaints from last year (when the city first issued the permit). Nothing has changed. This has been their little agenda for over a year now," Mr. Williams said.

Williams worked as bartender for 23 years at the previous Swigwam location (currently the Postcard Inn); when that bar closed, he opened the Swigwam on Corey. He says that none of the people who complained had ever approached him. In addition, he said, they hadn't brought their concerns to the Corey Avenue Business Association (CABA).

"I go to every CABA meeting, and at not one CABA meeting has anyone said anything to me about the chairs or that people can't get through," Mr. Williams added. He said his landlord had received bad information that led to the concern.

"He's being fed information from other business owners that I can't keep control of my business owners, which is a falsehood."

He showed the commission signs he'd had printed requesting patrons keep the sidewalk clear for pedestrians. He said he was open to creating a beer garden behind the Swigwam but had concerns that the library may have issue with people drinking so close to the building as well as the smoke. He also added that he didn't own the property and hesitated to spend money on improvements he couldn't take with him if he moved to another establishment.

"I'll bend, but I really don't want to break," he said.

Some people speaking during the public comment session suggested that the Swigwam allow smoking inside to draw people off the sidewalk

and into the bar.

Mayor Steve McFarlin asked Mr. Williams why he didn't allow smoking inside the Swigwam.

"I really don't like smoking bars," Mr. Williams said. He also told the commission he had recently survived throat cancer. When he opened his own bar he decided to make the bar nonsmoking, although he does allow dogs inside.

He also said that he'd like the see the commission make Corey Avenue a "wet zone" when the street is closed for events like Sunday markets and first Fridays; he added that the state allows him to operate as a package store or sell draft beers in covered "to go" cups, which he admitted to doing but said he and his staff did not encourage.

After hearing from several people about the chairs outside the Swigwam, Commissioner Al Halpern reminded the commission that no matter how the commission voted the Swigwam could keep the chairs outside because the private property extended almost two feet onto the sidewalk. The issue, he told the crowd, centered on whether or not patrons could bring their drinks out on the sidewalk in front of the bar.

CABA president Jeff Janson said he frequented the Swigwam and praised the Swigwam for increasing business revenues along Corey and suggested businesses look at their revenue "before the Swigwam showed up and how are they doing now?"

Mr. Williams offered to install cameras to allow monitoring the allegations. The commission did not ask him to do so, but commissioner Jim Parent asked him if he would purchase "no alcohol allowed" signs for area businesses who requested them. Mr. Williams agreed. People in the audience started calling out that the other businesses should have to do that, not the Swigwam.

In the end the commission sided with the majority of the public commentors who spoke in favor of allowing the Swigwam's permit to stand.

"I've been there for four consecutive days and I never saw a problem," Commissioner Marvin Shavlan said. "I've got to believe he's bringing business to Corey. I'm strongly against rescinding this."

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# Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

## Gory

### ACROSS

- 1 Risqué
- 5 Young codfish
- 10 Bartender's req.
- 13 Spanish river
- 14 Country singer Charlie
- 15 To shelter
- 16 BLOOD ties
- 19 Coast
- 20 Natural talent
- 21 \_\_\_ du Diable
- 22 \_\_\_ society
- 24 Old three woods
- 28 John \_\_\_ Swayze
- 31 NYC commuter rte.
- 32 Singer Bobby
- 33 Vigor: L.
- 35 Patton, to the corp
- 39 *The Gold Bug* author
- 40 Watchful
- 41 "\_\_\_ a song go..."
- 42 Knock about
- 44 Singer Bernadette
- 46 Pitcher Saberhagen
- 47 Tune
- 48 Stuffy
- 51 Spaghetti spice
- 55 More BLOOD ties
- 59 Famed coach Stagg

### 60

- Committee type
- 61 Software option list
- 62 Rile
- 63 Rhone River feeder
- 64 Woodwind

### DOWN

- 1 Zebra, for short
- 2 Burrows and Vigoda
- 3 Motley \_\_\_: rock group
- 4 *Star Wars* Jedi guru
- 5 Victor's share
- 6 Unrefined
- 7 Russian hemp
- 8 Unusual
- 9 Pol. party
- 10 Mother of Romulus
- 11 Sub station
- 12 Necromancer
- 15 More capable
- 17 Confucian truth
- 18 Scandalize
- 22 Jeweler's weight
- 23 African wild man
- 24 Spill over
- 25 Whale type
- 26 Mandate
- 27 Royal symbol
- 28 Key officers group
- 29 Embryo

### 30

- Saltpeter
- 32 Common biblical word
- 34 Speedy planes
- 36 Scottish chiefs
- 37 Wine flask
- 38 Shoo!
- 43 \_\_\_ *Irish Rose*
- 44 Alda role
- 45 Therefore
- 47 Pavilion
- 48 Serb, e.g.
- 49 Keep track of
- 50 Strong as \_\_\_
- 51 Will - \_\_\_ - wisp
- 52 Vapor: prefix
- 53 Vanuatu's other name: abbr.
- 54 Wine: prefix
- 56 Fencer's cry
- 57 Overdoses, on the street
- 58 Lament

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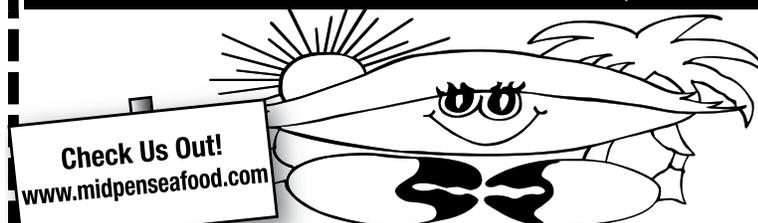
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# Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

## Training for Aggressive Dogs and Their Owners

The bulk of my time is devoted to helping aggressive dogs and their owners. Their stories tend to begin something like this: My dog is wonderful 99.9 percent of the time, but he bites. The behavior is getting worse, and I don't know what to do. I love my dog very much.

The following letter exemplifies this dilemma:

*We adopted a trained hunting dog two years ago. I love this dog more than anything; however, he has bitten us on multiple occasions and recently bit my face rather viciously. I cannot trust him.*

*The issue isn't guarding or a lack of discipline or attention. Every day, I walk him, play with him, give him affection, feed him, have him do tricks and have him listen to me when I tell him to do things. He is sweet, affectionate and well-behaved 98 percent of the time (not an excuse, just explaining his general temperament).*

*I think whatever issues he has are deep-rooted psychological ones. I am not sure what to do, but we cannot have a dog that hurts my husband or me. Please help.*

Here's what you can do at this point in the game:

-- Find a more experienced owner for the dog.

-- Become a more experienced owner yourself with the help of a professional trainer who specializes in canine aggression.

-- Limit the dog's exposure.

Simple as that. Those are your options.

A lot can be done to help an aggressive dog "get over it." And the sooner you recognize and accept the problem the better for all involved, especially the dog.

The problem is that people do not want to accept. They either do not recognize the red flags their dog is waving, or they choose to ignore them. And animals do warn us. They aren't cunning. They aren't biding their time. Anyone who says their 8-year-old dog just up and bit them in

the face one day without any warning wasn't paying attention.

A professional trainer works with the dog to eliminate or at least control the aggressive behavior. But the trainer also works with the owner, educating him about the nuances of his dog's behavior -- good and bad -- so he can recognize the warning signs and respond appropriately. Training is the path to renewed trust, real confidence and deeper understanding.

But you can't remove aggression like you would a problem appendix.

Sometimes, even with training -- but surely without -- those responsible for aggressive dogs must learn to live with limitations. Depending on the circumstances and the severity of the aggression, the dog's exposure to people and other animals must be controlled. Aggressive dogs should never be around small children, no exceptions. Whether they can be around teenagers and adults in some situations depends on the dog. A good trainer will help you make these decisions intelligently and with full knowledge of the moral and legal issues at stake.

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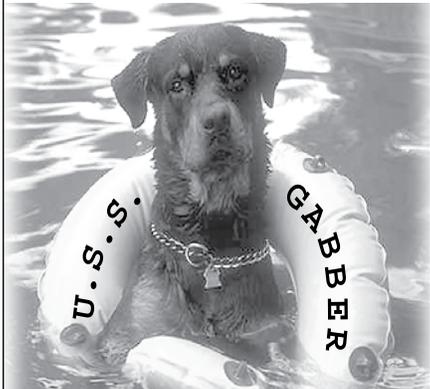
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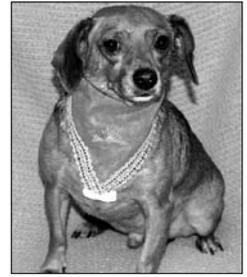
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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

Success breeds success. This is the ideal week for spotting what is already working in your life and in the world at large and building on those winning elements. A harmonious arrangement of Mars and Jupiter dominates the skies all week, helping to advance our interests in finance, art and beauty. The Leo moon Wednesday through Friday injects fanciful entertainment and a creative spirit into the proceedings.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You dream of a world very different from the one you now experience. And yet still you'll see the wisdom in flowing with today's currents. You can tell that it's going to be a colossal waste of energy to resist. Besides, you'll be able to do more good from inside the mainstream. You'll form a plan as you float along.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You might worry that you didn't say the right thing or that you came across as under-confident. Maybe you regret that you didn't think things through. Successful people take risks and go with their gut. They don't always have time to think it through. You're on the right track. Keep going.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll see the necessity for negotiating to reach a mutually acceptable arrangement, but you may have trouble participating personally in this negotiation. That's what mediators are for. A knowledgeable, wise and impartial third party will help everyone get what is fair out of a deal.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You recognize your growing need for mental serenity. Ease in your life will start with ease in your mind. But you are dealing with so many different obligations, opportunities and responsibilities that unless you make an effort to calm and clear your mind, it won't happen. Meditation will help.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be learning again this week, and the new territory you cover today is potentially lucrative. Listen well, and don't be timid about asking questions.

A good teacher should be able to adapt to your pace. Sometimes it will take longer, and other times you'll speed ahead. Do what's comfortable.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You've experienced moments of connection, when you feel like a person really understands you and relates to who you are. These moments illuminated your inner world, making you feel alive on every level. You'll have the experience again this week, with someone new.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). People close to you sometimes disappoint you by proving they really don't know you. You still long for someone to understand you and relate to who you are on the inside. The best way to find this person is to take measures to know yourself well and act to make yourself happy.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're such a passionate, deeply feeling person that sometimes you're afraid to let yourself experience certain emotions. You're afraid they will carry you away. But the reality is that most strong feelings don't last long at all. Let the feeling happen, and it will cleanse you. Fight the feeling, and it will drag you down.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). If you can manage to leave town for a few days, do it. It's important to get out of your environment regularly. This broadens your perspective and allows you to take things less personally. You can do more from a detached place. Instead of labeling a mood as "your life," you will be able to see it as passing weather.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You've seen dogs who enjoy traveling in a car, head out the window, ears and tongue flapping in the wind. They don't mind traffic and seem to enjoy every bit of the journey as a big, free adventure. You'll feel equally unfettered this week after you drop a burden, fulfill an obligation or are cut loose of a responsibility.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in a positive mood from the start and can take advantage of this by writing a list of things that make you smile, bring you enjoyment or give you the

feeling of being safe and comfortable. Then you can read the list later in the week when your busy schedule will pose a bit of a challenge to your winning attitude.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just because you sometimes get carried away by the moment doesn't make you characteristically flighty -- that is, unless you don't return to what you were doing before the diversion. As long as you honor your word, the detour will make a positive contribution to your life and work.

**This Week's Birthdays:** Your intuition is strong this year, and you'll get flashes of insight that help you make a stellar deal in December. In February, you'll meet just the kind of person you have been wanting to know. This individual's optimism will be an inspiration and a guiding light to you, and there are other perks that will arise as the relationship develops. You'll apply your talent to helping family in March. Your specialized interests will bring you into new projects and lucrative arrangements in May and June.

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gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res./\$22 non-res.

#### **2011-2012 TOT TIME & VPK PROGRAMS**

The Tot Time & VPK Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who have turned 4 years of age by September 1st. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten. The Tot Time Program cost is a non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents with two, three and five-day monthly options available. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The VPK Program is FREE but parents must apply at Coordinated Child Care to receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Both programs are limited to 10 children each. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Hours for registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 893-1068 for more information.

**NEW CLASSES- Interested in teaching a class? Call John at 727-893-1079 for more info**

#### **CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.**

- Cheerleading- Starts November 3rd. 5:45-6:30 p.m. Call Alison at 410-2227.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Cam-

- poli at 813-855-3112.
- Gymcraftics-Tues., 6-7p.m. Calll Abby and Jeff Robbins at 727-954-4899.
- Gymnastics-Fri. 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Tai Chi - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.
- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 280-4276.
- Watercolor with Patsi - Beginners/Intermediate - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., from 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga-Wed., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba- Call Valerie at 557-4258.

#### **TOMLINSON SKATE PARK**

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. Availability to register: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Stickers valid from October 1, 2011 - September 30, 2012. Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



## Gulfport Library

5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074  
or fax 893-1072

**Sri Chimnoy, video presentation,** find out more about this fascinating and multi-talented artist for World Peace. One-hour program presented by Tilvila Hurwit, Thursday, November 10 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

**Paws... 2 Read to Monty! Our Reading Therapy Dog,** Saturday, November 12 from 10:30 - 11:30 am. After you read him a story, pick out a new book as our gift to take home & enjoy for keeps! Children ages 5 and up look for Monty & Lisa in the Youth Services area.

**National Gaming Day@Your Library:** Saturday, November 12 from 10:30 am - 3:30 pm for ages 12 & up. Board games, card games, & video games. Come & get your game on!

**Coffee/Talk Book Club:** Thursday, November 17, 10:00 am. Discussion of "Things Fall Apart", by Chinua Achebe.

Books & discussion guides available at the Reference Desk.

**Crafts Club for All Ages:** Miss Pat is back! Saturday, November 19, 1:30 - 3:00 pm. She will lead participants in creating decorations in the spirit of the season.

**Free Family Movie Day:** Saturday, November 19, 11:00 am.: Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows, Parts 1 & 2. Enjoy with free popcorn provided by the Library! FMI, call 893-1074.

**Genealogy Assistance.** Saturday, November 26, 1:00 pm. Get help and expert advice while using traditional and online resources for researching family history.

**Read to Linda, one of our staff members:** Mondays, 2:00-3:00pm. Sign up for a 15-minute time slot at the Circulation Desk. All ages welcome.

**One-on-One Computer Instruction:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 am-1:00 pm. First come, first served.

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

**Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers:** Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

**Game on! Teen Board Game Afternoons:** Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30pm. Stop by after school to challenge your opponents!

**"World Harmony" Art Exhibit:** Display of artworks by Sri Chimnoy. The late artist was renowned worldwide for his colorful paintings promoting peace. Frances Purdy Friends Room Gallery Walls.

# Services

## Senior Center 5501 27 Ave.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Closed for Holidays:** The Gulfport Senior Center will be closed on Fri. Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) and Nov. 24 & 25 (Thanksgiving Holidays).

**Understanding Medicare:** Is Medicare confusing to you? Join the club! Get the basic information at 1pm on Mon. Nov. 21. Courtesy of SHINE (a program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs).

**Holidays & Grief:** The holidays are especially difficult for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. A special seminar "Mourning through the Holidays" will be offered on Thurs. Nov. 10 at 1pm to help you along the grief journey. Facilitated by Carole McLeod, President of Grief Matters.

**Social Security and You!** A presentation on the benefits of Social Security and why it should be protected will be offered on Mon. Nov. 14 at 1pm. Don't miss out on this educational talk. Presenter: Norm Bungard, retired Social Security employee. Bring a friend.

**Thanksgiving Dinner Party:** Tickets (\$6.00) are going fast for our Thanksgiving Dinner Party on Tues. Nov. 22 at 11:30am. Sponsor: Brentwood Senior Community Living. Seats are limited. Must be a registered member of the Gulfport Senior Center.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

**Senior Trips:** Looking for day trips? How about Legoland on Nov. 25; Christmas Survival Guide (a hilarious revue Off-Broadway Palm in Ft. Myers) on Nov. 26; Hard Rock Casino trips on Nov. 20. Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for info on these and other upcoming trips.

**Learn the Basics of Arthritis & Heart Health:** A presentation by St. Petersburg College BSN student interns will be offered on Tuesday, November 15 at 10:30am. Door Prize: Ticket to the Thanksgiving Dinner Party.

**Free Memory Screenings** - Only a few time slots left for one-on-one memory screenings Tues. Nov. 15, 1-4pm, Call for appointment.

**"Where Did I Leave my Car Keys"?**

Gabber November 10 - November 16, 2011

A memory technique workshop with active participation on Fri. Nov. 18 at 1pm facilitated by Peg Stella.

**Tea Dance:** Music by "Chuck & Friends" Mon. Nov. 28, 2-4pm Admission: \$1.00. Refreshments may be purchased at the Snack Bar.

**The Debby Bacon Holiday Dream Show:** on Wed. Dec. 7 in the Hickman Theater. Tickets for the 1pm performance: \$10/advance or \$12 at the door. Tickets for the 7pm performance: \$12/advance or \$14 at the door. Available at the Senior Center or at HYPERLINK "<http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>" www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org.

### Off Site Activities:

**Yoga,** Wed. at 10am at Scout Hall, 5315 28th Ave. S.

**Tai Chi,** Tue. & Thurs. at 9am at the Rec Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S.

**Line Dancing,** Thurs. 9:30am at Scout Hall, starts Dec. 8th

### SPECIAL SERVICES

**Transportation Service:** GEMS Door-to-door transportation service for Gulfport seniors 55 and over is available Mon. thru Fri. 8:15am to 4pm. Annual registration fee is \$55 and each one way ride is \$1. Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more info.

**AARP Driving Class:** are offered on the first two Tuesdays of every month at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. Call 727-341-0130 to register for November.

**Elder Law Clinic:** Volunteer attorneys will assist clients 60 and over with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, and health care surrogates on Fri. Nov. 18 at 9:30am. Must meet income criteria. Call for more info.

### Support Groups

**Diabetic Support** on Mondays at 9:30am

**Hearing Support** 1st & 3rd Mon. at 2pm  
**Visually Impaired Support,** 2nd & 4th Mon. at 2pm.

**Caregivers:** Every Wed. at 2pm

### **Neighborhood Center**

**1617 49th St. So./893-1070**  
**Faith Cathedral International Church:**  
9:30am, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays;  
4th Sunday Bible Study  
**Overeaters Anonymous:** Sun.  
6:15-8:15pm



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**"We Won't Forget"**

**Thur., Nov. 10, 7:30pm**

Cash Bar

**"JELVIS" IN CONCERT**

**Tribute to Elvis**

**Sun., Nov. 13, 6pm, \$10**

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**DIVERSITY ON THE RUNWAY**  
**Transgender Fashion Show**

**Mon., Nov. 14, 7pm**

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**Every Tuesday**

**Ballroom Lessons 12-3pm, \$7**

12-1 Intermediate

1-2 Beginner

2-3 Dancing

**Argentine Tango 6:30-10:30pm, \$7**

6:30-8pm Lesson,

8-10:30pm Dance

**Every Wednesday**

**Swing Dance**

6-7pm Blues lesson

7-8pm East Coast Swing lesson

8-11pm Swing Dance \$7

**Every Thursday**

**Salsa Dance**

6:30-8pm Beg. & Inter. Lessons

8-10pm Dance, \$7

## Occupy Gulfport - A New Movement?



Photo submitted by Cheryl Grogan

This Gabber reader gives her opinion on all the new ordinances recently put before Gulfport council. "No Smokin, No Trailerz, Ain't no more boats in yard, no RV's neither. No lawn

## Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me on Wednesday, November 16 at 10 a.m. for brochures and to discuss why hiring an arborist is the best choice for you and your trees. Anyone who has a group can contact me at 384-0701 to tour the park. Barbara Gilberg Habitat is located at 1600 Pasadena Avenue next to the electronic billboard on Shore Drive.

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## St. Petersburg Aglow Lighthouse

St. Petersburg Aglow Lighthouse invites you to its meeting on Saturday, November 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Piccadilly Restaurant, 1900 34th Street N. in St. Petersburg. Pat Dickens, Co-Pastor and Director of Women's Ministries at House of Faith in Hudson will be the guest speaker. In order to use the restaurant facility, a food purchase (large or small) is required. call 327-9070.

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## The Beach Lawsuits Are Over.

St. Pete Beach votes to accept a settlement on all but one lawsuit

Commissioners, acting on advice from city attorney Mike Davis and a desire to stop the lawsuits that have plagued St. Pete Beach for the past several years, voted 4 – 1 to accept a settlement offer from plaintiff attorney Ken Weiss.

After a week of settlement offers going back and forth between the city and Mr. Weiss' clients, four of the five commissioners agreed to settle the bulk lawsuits for \$12,000, with assurances from Mr. Weiss that he would work to resolve the final suit as well.

The settlement ends three of the city's five active lawsuits related to the comprehensive plan at a cost of \$12,000 (in addition to legal fees the city has already paid Bryant Miller Olive.) The city and Save Our Little Village (SOLV) will share this cost, as both were named in the suits. The \$12,000 will stay in an escrow account until March 31, 2012 or until the final lawsuit, Anderson vs. the City of St. Pete Beach, gets settled, whichever happens first.

Attorney Mike Davis said it would benefit the city to accept the settlement offers, citing fiscal reasons.

Only Mayor Steve McFarlin voted against the settlement. By agreeing to these terms the city ends the two Kadoura lawsuits: the one currently on appeal and the one in the lower courts, as well as the 2009 Kadoura case. The settlement will also remove any motions seeking attorney fees and costs.

The Anderson lawsuit remains unsettled but Mr. Weiss pledged to work to settle that suits as well, Commissioner Halpern read from an e-mail. View the settlement agreement at [TheGabber.com](http://TheGabber.com)

Contact Cathy Salustri at [CathySalustri@theGabber.com](mailto:CathySalustri@theGabber.com).

## Beach Gears Up For Elections

ST. PETE BEACH – St. Pete Beach finalized its vote to hold elections in concurrence with the Republican primary on January 31. This decision could mean higher voter turnout, city manager Mike Bonfield said.

"Granted, it's a Republican election," he said.

By changing the election to coincide with the national election, the city also must change its qualifying date for candidates. The qualifying period for candidates will start at 8 a.m. on November 14 and close at noon on November 30.

Two seats are up for grabs: District One, currently represented by Al Halpern, and District Three, which currently has Marvin Shavlan at its helm.



## We invite you, your friends and family to be our guest at these upcoming events.

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH | 12:00PM**

*Lunch & Learn: Good Grief* – Carole McLeod, Certified Bereavement Facilitator, will offer expert tips for coping and thriving through the holiday season after losing a loved one. A delicious lunch will be served, compliments of The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay.

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH | 12:00PM**

*Lunch & Learn: Retirement Options with Host Allen Bingen* – Learn how to secure the independence you want, the assistance you may need and the peace of mind knowing care is available. Our wide range of financial options makes it easier than ever to thrive with us.

**TO ATTEND EITHER OF THE ABOVE EVENTS, PLEASE RSVP TO 1-727-474-8814 AT LEAST TWO DAYS PRIOR.**



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# Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

## Waiting for a Miracle

I have been reminded recently by my overflowing mailbox of this simple truth: Desperate financial situations demand drastic measures.

Desperate situations do not typically occur from out of the blue. They are the accumulation of small things that were ignored -- things that didn't seem significant enough at the time to be taken seriously.

Take my own situation, for example. Things didn't get out of hand overnight. Our financial condition didn't turn from OK to desperate because of one single occurrence. It was a gradual process over a period of time. It was one bad choice on top of another that turned into desperation. Unfortunately, I chose not to recognize the problems early on when things could have been turned

around quite easily and quickly. Instead, I chose to ignore all of the signs of a gathering storm and lived as if everything was OK.

As things progressed to a more desperate level, I hoped for a miracle to fix everything -- an unexpected inheritance or a lottery win. Through a blend of denial and pure fantasy, our financial situation deteriorated over time until my husband and I found ourselves in a horrible state. And still we did nothing significant to put the brakes on an out-of-control situation. That was the worst thing we could have done. And it's the worst thing you can do, too.

The minute you realize that your financial situation is getting out of hand, don't procrastinate. Move quickly, and take whatever measures are necessary, whether big or small, to turn things around. Stop believing that things will just work out on their own.

Drastic measures may mean taking a second job on the weekends, relocating to an area where you can live more cheaply, moving in with family members for a season, selling a vehicle and other assets, moving the kids into public school or renting out a room in your home (with discretion, caution and lots of background checking, please).

Failure to recognize your desperate situation early on may mean the difference between a relatively easy solution and one from which you will have a difficult time recovering.

Today is the perfect time to take inventory of your financial situation. Are things getting tight? Are you worrying about money? Juggling bill payments? Avoiding creditors? Being less than truthful with your spouse? Whatever your situation, make an assessment, and if you find it less than acceptable, face it head-on. Make a commitment to do something about it now, before things get desperate and you are forced to take drastic measures.

If you have fallen behind in your mortgage payment or other bills, the folks at the National Foundation for Credit Counseling can offer help online or through one of their family of more than 800 certified counselors located throughout the U.S. Go to [www.NFCC.org](http://www.NFCC.org) or call 800-388-2227.

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## Reserve Now for Thanksgiving Dinner

Don't miss the deadline! Reservations are due Monday, November 14 for Paradise Lutheran Church's Annual Thanksgiving dinner at 12 noon on November 24. It will be turkey with all the trimmings and everyone is welcome. There is no charge, no religious service - just a time of fellowship and good food. Paradise Lutheran is located at 10255 Paradise Boulevard (just off the TI Causeway). For reservations call 360-5739 or 347-2272.

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## Toastmasters Club to Meet

The St. Petersburg Toastmasters Club is internationally recognized as one of the most successful in world. They meet every Tuesday at 6:20 p.m. in the Piccadilly Cafeteria at 1900 34th Street N., St. Pete. For more info, contact Tom Szena at 727-481-2318, or tsezna@tampabay.rr.com or visit <http://stpetet Toastmasters.org/> or <http://2284.toastmastersclubs.org/>.

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## Register for Co-Ed Kickball

ST. PETERSBURG- This is kickball just the way it used to be. All skill levels are welcome. Simple rules make for a fun time. Kickball co-ed adult league general registration is November 7 through December 23, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Athletics office, 1400 19th Street N., Bldg. A.

Winter league begins the week of January 9, 2012. Games played at North Shore Park, 901 North Shore Dr. NE. Teams compete for league championships with emphasis on socializing and fun. Cost is \$270 league team fees. In addition, all city residents must purchase an ADVANTAGE Card Membership or non-resident card for \$38/season or \$125/annual. Visa, Mastercard, cash

and checks payable to the City of St. Petersburg. Call Athletics at 727-892-5223.

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## AMVETS Post 8 Bus Trip to Estero Island

AMVETS Post 8 will take a bus trip to Estero Island/Fort Myers Beach on Friday, December 9 through Sunday, December 11. Trip includes two-nights at the luxurious Pink Shell Resort & Spa, gulf front studio rooms with screened-in lanais, 50 cent trolley ride to historic district

with waterfront cafes, shopping and more. Cost is \$235pp, dbl occupancy. \$470 includes roundtrip bus fare, all resort fees, complimentary snacks and liquor drinks on bus, pre-trip mimosas, bloody mary's, donuts. They will keep you busy and laughing with fun gambling games on the bus. They will stop at AMVETS Post 312 for more fun in North Port on the trip back. They welcome non-military people to join our veterans on this trip. Call Pat Webber at 727-420-5500.

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## Thrift Store Treasures

If you haven't been to Sophie's Attic Thrift Store in Gulfport, please stop in and browse around for those hidden treasures you always hope to find in a thrift store. Saturday is also the church Bazaar and lots of nice items will be offered at both places to help with holiday purchases.

Sophie's is always desperately seeking donations which may be dropped off at the church office M-F, 9 a.m. to noon at 2728 53rd Street S. or the Thrift Store Friday and

Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, or call the church at 321-3620 for pick up at your convenience.

Sophie's Attic is a mission outreach of the First United Methodist Church of Gulfport.

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## Braille Classes forming in November

The Pinellas Braille Group, a non-sectarian organization sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Temple Beth El, specializes in producing Braille-format books and audio-recordings

for the visually impaired. Their work reaches beyond Pinellas County to the entire country.

To learn more or to register, call 727-545-4724 or 727-347-9836, or email [stargaizer@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:stargaizer@tampabay.rr.com).

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## Boca Ciega Yacht Club to Hold Lighted Parade

Boca Ciega Yacht Club, a not for profit organization of over 200 family memberships, is holding its 26th Annual Lighted Christmas Boat Parade on Saturday December 10th. Members spend many hours planning and then decorating their boats in hopes of sharing the holiday spirit with the surrounding communities. Residents of Gulfport, South Pasadena, and St. Petersburg frequently contact the club for the date so holiday parties can be planned around the event.

The parade will begin by entering the Gulfport Municipal Marina at approximately 6 p.m. It will then travel past the William's Pier in Gulfport and into the canals of Town Shores Condominiums and Pasadena Yacht Club Estates. This year Isla Del Sol Yacht and Country Club will be included on the route. The parade will cross the bay and pass by the club docks before returning to BCYC. For those non-members who do not wish to return to your home port, please feel free to use the club's T-Docks so you can easily join them for the post parade celebration party.

There is an entry fee of two unwrapped toys or a donation can be made. Each year toys are collected for "Operation Santa," and presented to Gulfport's Police Department for distributing to needy children.

Sail and power boats are welcome to join in the fun. There is a sign up board posted at the club, 4600 Tifton Drive S. in Gulfport. Entry forms will be available the night of the parade. Donated prizes are awarded to the participants during the post parade party, always to a clubhouse filled with family and friends.

For information regarding participation or to sponsor this parade, please contact Barb Meyer at 727-430-7241 or visit [sailbcyc.org](http://sailbcyc.org) or [www.bcyc.com](http://www.bcyc.com) The BCYC family wishes you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

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*Derrick Cox, MD*  
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 Palms of Pasadena Hospital Professional Building,  
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### Stroke Series III – Women and Stroke

*Barbara Rowland, RN (ED)*  
**NOVEMBER 15** • 12:00 noon - A light lunch will be served  
 Palms of Pasadena Hospital Professional Building,  
 Boca Ciega Room, 1609 Pasadena Avenue South



### Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine

*Christopher Morrison, MD, Board-Certified in Wound Care, Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine and Family Medicine*  
**NOVEMBER 16** • Lunch 11:30am - Seminar 12:00 noon  
 St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 3308 85th Avenue  
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### The Diabetic Foot

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## St. Pete Beach City Commission Meeting

# Public Comment & Council Quotes

### About Settling the Lawsuits

**"He's expecting two of us to vote against him tonight."** – Vice Mayor Bev Garnett, about attorney Ken Weiss' settlement offer. The vice mayor voted in favor of the settlement offer.

**"I would recommend against that."** – Attorney Mike Davis, to Commissioner Marvin Shavlan about Commissioner Shavlan's suggestion that the commission approve the settlement offer contingent on plaintiff attorney Ken Weiss encouraging his other client, Mr. Anderson, to settle as well.

**"I don't care if they bring Ken. I just don't want to pay a ton of money. No offense, I don't want to pay Bryant Miller Olive."** – Commissioner Marvin Shavlan, about bringing attorneys to workshops. Attorney Mike Davis said he would not charge the city an hourly rate but did not tell them what he would charge.

### About the Swigwam

**"Some people's pleasure is taking other people's away. Don't let other people's pleasure take another people's away."** – Don Flynn

**"I think it's smart that you don't let people**

**smoke in your bar."** – Commissioner Marvin Shavlan

**"I hate to use this word, but he's been poisoned against me."** – Swigwam owner Robert Williams, who says other businesses have lied to the property owner about what goes on at the Swigwam.

**"I hope you allow him to keep the chairs."** – Warren Weathers, the chief deputy property appraiser for Hillsborough County, who has a home in St. Pete Beach as well as Tampa and frequents the Swigwam.

**"I do believe an outdoors and beachy feel is a positive for the area...I never had any problems. I think this gentleman has been wrongly attacked by members of Corey Avenue who seem to hate everyone."** – John Michael, who owns a hotel on Bay Street.

**"If I was sitting in your chair, my concern would be two blocks north, two blocks south."** – Jay Layman, one of the founding deans of the USF medical college who frequents the Swigwam. He referred to allegations of crime in the neighborhoods surrounding Corey Avenue.

**"Rob is a nice guy, the Swigwam's a great business to have. The problem with that is the sidewalk is not part of his building. The sidewalk does not belong to him,**

**it's a public right-of-way."** – Vincent Cianciola, owner of Vincent William Gallery who said he'd brought the issue to CABA (Corey Avenue Business Association)

**"Quite honestly, if you see more than three people on the sidewalk during a business day, the average age is 55 to 60 years old. How intimidating can we be?"** – CABA president Jeff Janson, who said that no one had complained at CABA meetings. He also said he didn't remember seeing Mr. Cianciola at CABA meetings.

**"In my opinion, the chairs are not the issue."** – Greg Phillips, owner of Gone to the Dogs, who said he'd heard "inappropriate language" in the Swigwam as well as lost a customer because someone told his customer to "shut your f--ing dogs up."

**"It helps my business a lot. Many, many times, unfortunately, it's the only place that there's people on the street. I welcome the crowd; I welcome the people. I would love to have that problem with the traffic. We see everything that goes on. I have to be honest, it usually doesn't look that exciting."**

– Robbie Caan, owner of Simply Perfect.

**"I've never seen a problem. With respect to all the other business owners, they should be**

**proud and be happy that somebody's there to keep people on the street."** – Jeremy Shaffer, owner of Wheelhouse Pizza, next to the Swigwam.

**"It's like the Wild West out there."** – Bob Blachford, owner of Avenue Gourmet, the shop on the other side of the Swigwam.

**"It does seem like they bring people to Corey Avenue. Maybe this is an opportunity for the business owner and the Swigwam owners and the commission to get together."** – Deborah Schechner

**"I wanted to know if that applied to Madeleine Cottage also?"** – Commissioner Jim Parent, who asked Greg Phillips, owner of Gone to the Dogs, if a petition signed by 12 business owners that protested allowing alcohol outside applied to the restaurant down the street from the Swigwam. Mr. Phillips said it applied to the Swigwam only.

**"I'm beginning to think this isn't a problem that really needs fixing."** – Commissioner Al Halpern, who says the concerns he heard about the Swigwam weren't things the city would legislate.

**"Ultimately the owner is going to decide if he wants the tenant there."** – City Manager Mike Bonfield, about the lease.

## Foundation's Annual General Meeting Highlights Volunteers

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, Inc. held its annual general meeting on Monday, November 7 at the Gulfport Senior Center. Foundation President Sarah Peel praised the invited guests who were honored for spearheading special fundraising events during the past years.

Fundraisers included Jay Edwards for his Wags & Whiskers event and Flea Market support; Julie Fuce for Winter Wonderland event as well as Card Parties and Mardi Gras; Pam McGinnis for Flea Markets, Gift Baskets and Door Prizes; Richard Tellone for Italian Theater Performances for several Night in Italy events; and "J" and Lota Wygant for Senior Follies, Do-Wop Show and upcoming Holiday Follies (Dec. 22) and Senior Talent Show (Jan. 25).

Ms. Peel announced that their names will be mounted on the Foundation's Volunteer Honor Board which will be located in the Senior Center lobby. Ms. Peel also listed many of the Foundation's accomplishments during the past year and announced a new committee chaired by Michael Audino that will focus on a Donor Development Program. Foundation elections were held with no opposing candidates. Past Board Members offering to serve another term are the following: Michael Audino, Joan Barry, Barbara Burkham, Cynthia Dean (ex officio), Bill Distel, Susan Frank (ex officio), Carole Gabrio, April Hill, Bernadette Homan, Jane Ogilvie, Sarah Peel and Patricia Smoot.

The Senior Center Foundation is now seven years old and continues to be the fundraising arm of the Gulfport Senior Center meeting critical needs and enhancing programs and activities.

## Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members will be attending Sunshine City Council's Sister-to-Sister Tea on Saturday, November 12 at the Clearview United Methodist Church. The tea is from 1-3 p.m. and is a fun social event. Members will be participating in the Teacup Exchange activity whereby everyone stands in a circle and passes a bookmark with a number on the back to the right or left as directed by the story read. At the end the number on the back of the bookmark indicates the corresponding wrapped teacup they will receive. Everyone participating in the exchange goes home with a lovely teacup.

LET members will then gather at the home of Sharon and Rogers Ingram for a social hosted by Paula Roberts and Paula Lyens. The hostesses will be providing the appetizers, meat dishes and desserts while the members attending will bring a dish to share. This will be a fun evening of visiting and relaxing before all the holidays begin.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16 at the home of Sharon Ingram at 6:30 p.m. This is the annual Thanksgiving meeting and members will enjoy "Hobo Stew". Members will have provided a variety of canned vegetables at the meeting before and Sharon will prepare the stew for their pleasure. The program at this meeting will be presented by Paula Roberts.

Members of Beta Xi Master, Laureate Epsilon Nu and Laureate Epsilon Theta will entertain each other with a reciprocity brunch on Saturday, November 19 at Lake Rich Mobile Home Park's Clubhouse. Each chapter will provide a variety of items for the brunch and favors for those attending.

An ice breaker game is planned for all to enjoy. The brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

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You need not be a member of the Cultural Center to attend the ethnic dinners. Call Mary at 727-573-4645 by noon on Fridays to make your reservations. Hall is available for rental; call Anna at 727-345-8707.

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## Register for Co-ed Softball

ST. PETERSBURG- Slow pitch softball co-ed adult league general registration is November 7 through December 23, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Athletics Office, 1400 19th Street N., Bldg. A.

Winter league begins the week of January 9, 2012. Games played at Woodlawn, 1450 16th Street N. Teams are A.S.A registered and sanctioned. Cost is \$345 league team fees. In addition, all city residents must purchase an ADVANTAGE Card Membership or non-resident card for \$38/season or \$125/annual. Visa, Mastercard, cash and checks payable to the City of St. Petersburg. Call Athletics at 727-892-5223.

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## It's Jobs, Stupid.

While newspapers, internet, and television fill their columns and airwaves with reports of Herman Cain's alleged harassment of women 12 years ago, or gasp, (had he been drinking?) at an over-enthusiastic Rick Perry speech, or puzzle over what the radical mob group called Occupy Wall Street really is, the issue is JOBS. Not the Apple guy. It's jobs, stupid, to paraphrase the old political war cry "It's the economy, stupid".

Jobs are there. Good jobs. Long term jobs. Jobs just awaiting approval of the Obama administration. Big problem, though. The jobs are oil jobs. No, not the off-shore oil drilling jobs. Those are just restarting after a too-long moratorium. I'm talking about pipe-line jobs for a 1200 mile pipe that will carry oil from the tar sands areas of Alberta, Canada to the U.S. Gulf Coast refineries. A three-fer, if you will. Jobs here, help your allies, and decrease Middle East oil dependence.

The State Department has to approve it and Obama said he's making the final call. Environmentalists don't like it, of course, and Obama's no friend of fossil fuels. That means an estimated nearly 150,000 jobs are likely to be held up and are already being held up. There is a natural gas

boom, and potentially an oil boom, in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and New York. This is generating high paying jobs and could create more. The feds main interest has been to slow the process down.

Ask yourself, do you recall one speech in which Obama has discussed the boom going on there? Has he talked about converting gasoline vehicles over to natural gas? I don't recall any mention. Yet, it's being done as you read this. What has been mentioned is electric vehicles and solar and wind projects. How have those gone? Have you heard much from the administration about the oil boom in North Dakota? Well, there was one story about birds dying because of it. Not much about then 200,000 birds killed by windmills, of course.

There could be jobs in South Carolina, too. Boeing wants to build a plant there. Can't says the administration. It hurts the union in Washington even though the net number of jobs would increase. Got a job idea? Check out the regulations from raising capital to hiring and operating and paying taxes. "I'm from the government. I'm here to help" Yeah, right.

Instead what's being pushed are government jobs: teachers, police and fire, bureaucrats. The allegiance to the public union SEIU is no coincidence. There's no unemployment in Washington, D.C. It's booming there

and the natural resource there is the U.S. Government. We're sure drilling that. Problem is most citizens are trying to decrease the size of the government. Note that Coloradians voted down new taxes to increase the size of government.

There is an Obama project I favor - sort of. It's a program to address the problems with the infrastructure: roads, highways, airports, ports, public transportation, air traffic control system, parks, forest roads, high speed rail, low speed rail, freight rail, water, storm water, sewage, dams, levees, solid waste, open spaces, pollution reduction, energy transmission, energy efficiency. Pretty comprehensive. That's why I wrote "sort of."

To do this, the legislation, which is part of the jobs bill, creates a huge centralized bureaucracy and the price is in the trillions. Not billions, but trillions. Taxing a few wealthy people won't mean a thing even if the taxes are augmented by user fees (also proposed). Nor are these shovel ready jobs (though they are union jobs, and centralized fed government funding adds as much as 25 per cent in costs). Shovel ready they aren't. Not even close. Review processes, not to mention planning, will take years. This is the bill Obama's pushing the republicans to pass now. Oh, don't the democrats control the Senate? They won't even pass a budget, for goodness sakes.

Let's think big and we do need to maintain our infrastructure. But, the centralized government taking on of every project imaginable and in every corner of the U.S.? The only thing that's going to get big is government, and the prospect of these projects getting done quickly or at all is small.

Hey, by the way, all the unions are backing this. They're also backing Occupy Wall Street. So is the Obama administration. Is this a conspiracy? Is this a coincidence? Is this a new legislative process? Out of chaos we get our way? Oh, I forgot, we can all have jobs if the government runs everything.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Lunch Served 11am-3pm  Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Kitchen Open 11-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Dinner 5-7pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Breakfast 8:30-11am Kitchen Open 2-5pm	No Lunch Served	Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Euchre 1pm Bingo 6pm Kitchen Open for Bingo

There will be a Veteran's Day ceremony on Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. with color guard, gun salute and Mayor Mike Yakes will say a few words.

The Auxiliary is very proud of our Juniors, who did a wonderful job at the penny auction and Halloween party. They have proved themselves as very important and productive members of our Auxiliary! There are upcoming bake sales to satisfy your sweet tooth! We invite members to bring in homemade goodies to please our members. Friday, Nov. 18th and Friday Dec.16th, 4p.m. both dates. Show your culinary expertise! The Auxiliary is very proud to have helped a National Guard member that lost everything in a house fire. A Wal-Mart gift card and home made goodie bag was presented to the family. Thanks go to Wal-Mart for matching our donation. Members, please plan to attend our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of every month and bring us ideas on how we can be of service to our Veterans and the community. We welcome your input! See you next month!

Service Officer, Bob Cannon will be here Thursday's from 9a.m. till noon to assist veterans, spouses and widows. Please come and see him if you need assistance, that's why he is there!

We are still collecting items to be sent to our soldiers and schools supplies.

## Post 305

**6999 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach 367-1596**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7pm  Food Served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm  Barry Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	Steak Dinner 6-8pm  Sound Unlimited 6:30-9:30pm	Steak-O 1-3pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm  Dee Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	Reg Post Mtg-6pm  Harry 7-10pm	Accordion Club Dinner Buffet 6-8pm

November 11th Veterans Day Ceremony 11:00. Lunch to follow.

Thanksgiving Dinner, turkey with all the trimmings, Thursday, Nov. 24th, 1-5 p.m. \$8 Donation.

Just in case you might not know, Post 305 will celebrate New Years Eve. Join us for dinner, lobster and New York Strip steak, heavy appetizers, champagne toast only \$37.50 each. Cash bar, entertainment by Barry. Tickets available at the bar, get them early.

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Outreach: Collecting Thanksgiving donations for those in need, non-perishables or frozen turkeys.

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## Local Obituaries



**DAWSON, TERI LEE BUTLER**, 39, formerly of Gulfport, died Friday, October 21, 2011 in Clearwater. She is survived by her mother Deborah Ferguson, brother Michael Brugnoli, daughter Crystal Clough, all local; daughters Lacey and Sarah Baer of Burlington, VT. She was raised like a sister to uncles Larry and Paul Battle, both of St. Pete, Lonnie Battle of Long Beach, CA; aunts Sherie Haig of Pinellas Park and Linda Jenkins of Lake Panasoffkee and many loving cousins, friends and companion. She played softball for Gulfport for several years and went into the medical field after high school at Boca Ciega. Graveside services will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 2 p.m. A Life Tribute-Gulfport.

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**PARENT, WILLIAM J.**, 74, of St. Pete Beach, passed away Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011. Bill was a veteran of the Marine Corps from 1955-1959, and avid sports fan. He is survived by his brothers, Robert Parent and John Parent; sister; Jean Hooper; niece, Lisa Marie Caussey. A gathering of family and friends will

be held on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011 from 10-11 a.m. at Beach Memorial Chapel St. Pete Beach. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery St. Petersburg.

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**RIEL, HOWARD E.**, April 15, 1955-October 27, 2011. A memorial service will be held in honor of Howard Riel at Pasadena Community Church, Goodwin Chapel. Service to begin at 2 p.m. followed by a reception. Howard leaves behind a fiancée Tina Murders, the Riel, Stanley and Morgan families. Another service will be held over break at Asbury College near Wilmore, KY for family there. Howard was a former Royal Ambassador, president of his canoe club, Pinellas County business owner, marathon runner, randonneur and mountain biker. He will be remembered for having lost over 225 lbs. in one year by exercise and diet alone. He was featured on the news by Irene Maher and became the 1998 Ecotrin Heart Patient of the Year. Howard will be deeply missed.

**STEELE, EVELYN MAXINE**, 78, of South Pasadena died Oct. 27, 2011. Survived by her loving family. Holloway Funeral Home, Inc., Oldsmar. 813-855-2439.

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## Care Givers Support Groups

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

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

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## Join the Annual Fitness Walk

Paradise Lutheran Church of Treasure Island will host its Third Annual Fitness Walk on Saturday morning, November 19. The event is open to the public with registration beginning at 8 a.m. at the church building, 10255 Paradise Boulevard (just off the TI Causeway).

Walkers can choose between two events: a 1-mile walk through the Paradise Island area or a 5K walk (about 3 miles) to the TI beach and back. There will be one water stop on the 5K event and walkers will have a chance to preview some of the sand sculptures entered in TI's annual beach contest.

Both walks will end at the church where participants will be rewarded with refreshments and Certificates of Completion.

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- Arrest on Warrant-** 4900 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trespasser-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Burglary-** 1600 Blk 60th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 2800 Blk 50th St. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.
- Battery-** 5800 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5700 Blk 25th Ave. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 5800 Blk 9th Ave. S.

**Saturday 10/29**

- Noise Complaint-** 6000 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5000 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5800 Blk 23rd Ave. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 2900 Blk 49th St. S.
- Accident with Injuries-** 5200 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1400 Blk Gray St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 1400 Blk 58th St. S.

**Sunday 10/30**

- City County Code Violation-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 2800 Blk Dupont St. S.

**Crime Awareness Meeting**

The next City Wide Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention Meeting will be held on Monday, November 14 at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center located at 1617 49 Street S. come meet the new Community Resource Officer R.Mc Laughlin, topics will be on current crime in our city and crime stats from June - October. For more information, contact Jeri Reed at 727-548-5566 days and 727-327-3509 evenings or at Jrvolunteer@aol.com.

- Criminal Mischief-** 5000 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Drunk Person-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 2500 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Call for Officer-** 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Battery-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 1000 Blk 54th St. S.
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- Trouble with Individual-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Monday 10/31**
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- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5700 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Lost/Stolen Tag-** 3000 Blk Dupont St. S.
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- Lost/Stolen Tag-** 2100 Blk 59th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2100 Blk 55th St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5300 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Tuesday 11/1**
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Call for Officer-** 3100 Blk 56th St. S.
- Theft-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.

- Domestic Battery-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Wednesday 11/2**
- Street Obstruction-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
- Trespasser-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Call for Officer-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Robbery-** 1500 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Civil Matter-** 5000 Blk 24th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 5200 Blk 15th Ave. S.
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# Here's How

By Pat Logan

## Repair & Fix

### Select and Replace Kitchen Cabinet Fronts

**Dear Pat:** I would love to remodel my ugly and outdated kitchen, but right now it is just not in my budget. How can I make my kitchen seem like it was remodeled without dipping into too much of my savings? -- Shawna I.

**Dear Shawna:** There are so many ways to make a kitchen trendy and up-to-date without having it completely remodeled.

Choose replacement doors that go with the new look you are trying to create. Make a few days to visit home shows in your area and write down styles and colors you think will fit your decor. Kitchen showroom shops are excellent resources, but even just visiting home center stores can give you some ideas. Flip through magazines for kitchen designs you find attractive.

Once you have decided on the replacement cabinet parts, you are ready to install them. They are easy to install with the only tricky part being getting the new doors to hang straight. This is the most time-consuming part of the job, and installing doors on an 8-foot section should take about six hours. If you are planning to use your old hinges on the new doors and the doors are about the same sizes, leave the hinges attached to the face frame. But if you decide to use new hinges, take the old doors and hinges off of the frame.

A good idea to help keep the doors straight is to use masking tape along the top of the old door frame. Use the tape as a guide for the new door. Even if it is not the same size as the old one, it is still nice to have a point of reference. The new doors should be centered side-to-side over the cabinet opening and overhang the top and bottom by 2 to 5 inches.

If you are up for it, an even better way to assure the doors will be straight is to build a jig to hold the doors at the correct height. After you think the doors will be straight, mark the location of the hinges on the new doors with a pencil, or you can use a nail to mark the holes to be drilled.

Drill some pilot holes in the replacement doors, making sure you do not drill through the other side of the door. Next anchor the hinges in place to the door using a hand screwdriver to tighten the screws.

To fasten the door to the cabinet, place the door on the frame and hold the hinges against the frame. Mark and drill pilot holes once again, only

this time into the cabinet frame. Make sure you are making new holes and not using the old ones, which won't secure the door as well. Finally secure the hinges with the appropriate screws.

Once you have the doors installed, add the decorative handles, knobs or other hardware that will compliment your kitchen. Attach those using the manufacturer instructions.

Tools and materials required: tape measure, screwdriver, power drill, drill bits, safety goggles, replacement doors, hinges, screws.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## Why Buy-Sell Agreements are Important (Part 2)

### ENTITY AND CROSS PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

The entity-purchase agreement is a contract within the company, not one among the partners or their families. In the case of XYZ, Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales would enter into a binding agreement with XYZ for the purchase and sale of their respective interests. Upon death, disability, retirement or resignation, Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales are obligated to sell their stock to XYZ and XYZ is obligated to buy that stock.

To fund this agreement, XYZ can obtain life insurance contracts on both Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales. XYZ pays the premiums and is the owner and beneficiary of the policies. When Mr. Gonzales dies, his stock passes to his estate. At the same time, the insurance company pays a death benefit to XYZ as beneficiary of the policy.

Pursuant to the entity-purchase agreement that Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales entered into with XYZ, Mr. Gonzales' estate will transfer

his entire interest in XYZ back to XYZ in return for the cash payout on Mr. Gonzales insurance policy. The entity-purchase agreement allows the value of the stock for estate tax purposes to be determined and gives the Gonzales family the liquidity they need.

Entity-purchase agreements do have some disadvantages. There will often be a build up of the value in the life insurance policy which may, along with the policy death benefits, be subject to the claims of corporate creditors and susceptible to alternative minimum tax.

In a cross-purchase agreement arrangement, XYZ is not a party to the agreement. Instead, Ms. Smith obtains a life insurance policy insuring Mr. Gonzales. Ms. Smith pays the premiums and is both owner and beneficiary of the policy. Mr. Gonzales does likewise. Under the terms of the cross-purchase agreement, each agrees to buy the other's stock in the event of death using the proceeds of the life insurance policy.

When Mr. Gonzales dies, the insurance company pays the death benefits to Ms. Smith that she uses to buy back Mr. Gonzales' interest in XYZ from Mr. Gonzales' estate. Again, the Gonzales family gets the liquidity they need to settle his estate.

A cross-purchase agreement carries with it several advantages. First, it insulates cash values and death benefits from the imposition of corporate alternative minimum tax and corporate creditors. Second,

it provides a step-up in cost basis for the surviving shareholder and the decedent. These are significant benefits when the surviving shareholder intends to sell the business following the death of the other partner.

One clear disadvantage of cross-purchase agreements occurs if the partners who are entering into the agreement are of different ages because the younger partner will pay more to insure the older partner.

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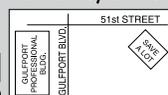


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## Register for Men's Flag Football League

ST. PETERSBURG- Men's flag football adult league general registration is November 7 through December 23, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Athletics office, 1400 19th Street N., Bldg. A.

Winter league begins the week of January 9, 2012. League play by the Florida Sports Foundation 7 on 7 rules with playoff games for top four seeded teams. Games played at Woodlawn Park, 1450 16th Street N. \$385 league team fees apply. In addition, all city residents must purchase an ADVANTAGE Card Membership or non-resident card for \$38/season or \$125/annual. Visa, Mastercard, cash and checks payable to the City of St. Petersburg. Call Athletics at 727-892-5223.

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## Seeking Players for 45+ Basketball League

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Community Center is seeking teams for the new Men's 45+ Basketball League that will launch this fall. Games will be played on Wednesday nights in the indoor gymnasium at the Community Center & Aquatic Complex, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Game times are 6:45, 7:45 or 8:45 depending on weekly schedule. If you have a team of men ages 45 and up who would like to register for this fun, lightly-competitive league, call the Recreation Division at 363-9245 for more information. The season will begin when a minimum of four teams are registered.

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# City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport

**Q:** What, precisely, are the duties and responsibilities of the Vice-Mayor? – Frank Verdino

**A:** According to Section 304 of the city's charter, the vice mayor performs the duties of the mayor if the mayor is absent or disabled, or if "a vacancy should occur." If that vacancy should occur, the vice mayor will serve as mayor until the next general election. The city council would then elect a new vice mayor and the city would appoint a new council member to represent the ward represented by the old vice mayor. At the next election, the clerk says, the city would hold an election for a new mayor and the vice mayor would no longer have a seat on council, so unless the vice mayor entered and won the mayoral race, he or she would no longer have a seat on city council.

What, exactly, then, does the mayor do that the rest of council does not? The mayor presides at council meetings and is recognized as the head of city government for "all ceremonial purposes and by the governor for purposes of military law, but shall have no regular administrative duties."

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# A look at Old Florida

## Floridiana Festival and Highwaymen Artist Show

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg was the host to the 11th annual Kitschy-Kool Floridiana Festival and Highwaymen Arts Show last Saturday. The show was sponsored by Hula Hula of Gulfport.

“Florida Highwayman” is a term coined in the mid 1950’s when a group of African American men broke away from traditional labor and through self-taught, and innate skills, began painting Florida landscapes using artists oil paints, tree trunks as easels, and any suitable scrap they could find as a canvas. They sold their paintings along the roadside from the trunks of their cars and became known as the Florida Highwaymen.



Kitsch abounded at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg during the 11th Edition of the Floridiana & Highwayman Artist Show on Saturday, November 5. The show sponsored by Hula Hula of Gulfport.



Florida Highwayman Artist Roy McLendon, Sr. painting an original Florida landscape painting at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg during the 11th Edition of the Floridiana & Highwayman Artist Show



Once a Mermaid, Always a Mermaid!  
Original Weeki Wachee Mermaids Bonnie Geogiadis, Dianne McDonald, and Judy Cholomitis (Left to right) were on hand to share stories and sign autographs.

Bonnie, Diane, and Judy performed at Week Wachee during it’s heydays from 1947-1950.



Florida Highwayman Artist Charles Walker displayed his original Florida wildlife and marine painting

## Drop Food Donations at Boca Ciega High School

The Salvation Army Food Drive will accept donations at Boca Ciega High School located at 924 58th Street S. in Gulfport through November 14. The best way to find JROTC is to head south on 58th St. S. and turn left on 11th Ave. S.. Once you turn left look to the left and you will see a fenced in parking lot. They are in Bldg. 8 in the same parking lot. Look for a large JROTC sticker on the back door.

You can call or email mcglamryw@pcsb.org, bracciom@pcsb.org, or whiteheadf@pcsb.org to give advance warning so they can step outside and pick up as you drive in. They are collecting only from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., M-F. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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## Free Poetry Contest

The Christian Poets Academy is sponsoring a free poetry contest open to everyone. There are 50 prizes totaling \$5,000 with a \$1,000 grand prize for the winner. Poems of 21 lines or less on any subject and in any style will be judged by the contest director Dr. Jeremy Cameron. Send poem by November 15 deadline to: Free Poetry Contest, POB 761, Medford, OR 97501 or enter at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com). Include your name and address on the same page as your poem. For a winner's list, please enclose a stamped return envelope.

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## Tomlinson Lake Skate Park New Rules

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, HYPERLINK "<http://www.mygulfport.us>" [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 727-893-1068.

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Come early for sweet treats and coffee for breakfast, shop and relax, then enjoy lunch, too. You'll find this wonderful Christmas Bazaar on 28th Ave. S. near 53rd St.

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## Fall Children's Book Drive

The Christmas Toy Shop Project, Inc. is having a Fall Children's Book Drive. Donations of new and gently used books for ages 0-12 are requested. The books are included as part of the toy distribution to local needy children at Christmas. They are also requesting the participation of local clubs and youth groups in the book drive. Toys, both new and gently used, are also welcome. Donations are accepted at the Toy Shop, 550 16th Street N. in St. Petersburg or visit their website for other locals [www.christmastoyshop.org](http://www.christmastoyshop.org). If your organization can help out with the book drive, please call 727-898-3962 or email [toyshopelf@juno.com](mailto:toyshopelf@juno.com).

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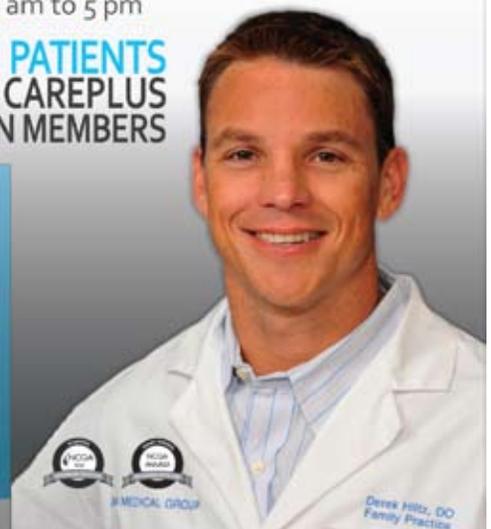
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By Scott Lafee

## Sleeping off Alzheimer's

At this point, it's more speculation than hard science, but researchers at Washington University in St. Louis say they've identified a marker for Alzheimer's disease in spinal fluid that ebbs and flows in a pattern echoing the sleep cycle.

The marker is a protein called amyloid beta, a byproduct of brain activity that accumulates during waking hours and is cleared away during sleep. In healthy, young people, amyloid beta levels are highest about six hours after waking up and lowest about six hours after falling asleep. These levels begin to flatten with age when sleep periods typically become shorter and more prone to disruption. In persons with Alzheimer's, amyloid beta plaques become permanent and levels of the protein don't change much at all.

"We've known for some time that significant sleep deprivation has negative effects on cognitive function," said Stephen Duntley, a professor of neurology and director of Washington University's Sleep Medicine Center. "But it's recently become apparent that prolonged sleep disruption and deprivation can actually play an important role in pathological processes that underlie diseases. This connection to Alzheimer's disease isn't confirmed yet in humans, but it could be very important."

The scientists want to pursue further studies to determine if sleep deprivation in young people increases the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease later in life and, conversely, if getting sufficient sleep might help prevent it.

"It's still speculation, but there are tantalizing hints that better sleep may be helpful in reducing Alzheimer's disease risk," Duntley said. "We know from a number of studies that exercise enhances sleep, and research also has shown that exercise is associated with decreased risk of Alzheimer's. Sleep might be one link through which that effect

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## MEDTRONICA

With the value of PSA's in question and surprising results from a study looking at the therapeutic (not) effects of vitamin E, prostate cancer has been much in the news lately. This blog, cancerprostateblog.net, written by the wife of a prostate cancer survivor, offers a thoughtful look at what's happening and, more importantly, how patients and their families cope with the disease.

## STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

The cost of cancer is not just in the toll it takes on one's health. It's hard on the wallet, too. And just as different cancers affect people differently, so, too, their financial costs. A recent study out of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle provides some eye-opening numbers.

Researchers looked at bankruptcy rates in Washington state and compared them to a registry of 232,000 cancer patients between the years 1995 and 2009. Five years after diagnosis, cancer patients were four times more likely to declare bankruptcy than the general population. The five most costly cancers: lung, thyroid, leukemia/lymphoma, uterine and colorectal.

Why these cancers top the list isn't entirely clear, but the study's authors have some ideas: Lung cancer typically afflicts smokers, who are more often on the lower end of the socioeconomic scale and more vulnerable to healthcare

costs. Likewise, with thyroid cancer patients, who tend to be younger and under-insured.

The complexities and high costs of treatment are more likely to blame for leukemia and colorectal cancer cases. For uterine cancer, the researchers say they aren't sure why it to the top of the list.

## DOC TALK

Bumps and lumps -- a description of the cases usually assigned junior doctors (interns).

## PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Barophobia -- fear of gravity

## OBSERVATION

"Laughter is the best medicine - unless you're diabetic, then insulin comes pretty high on the list." -- English humorist Jasper Carrott

## EPITAPHS

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## Garden Club of St. Petersburg Calendar

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg announces its schedule of events for the month of November.

• Tuesday, Nov. 29th: Luncheon and Fashion Show at 11:30 a.m. at the Garden Club. Fashions by Patchington at Isla del Sol. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 at door. RSVP ONLY by Nov. 22nd to Liz 865-0341.

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# City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of St. Pete Beach

**Q:** What's the deal with the construction in the middle lane of Gulf Boulevard, and why didn't the city do it over the summer? – Kari Coletta

**A:** The city of St. Pete Beach explained that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is doing the bulk of the work. They state is installing new medians; the city will then come in and re-landscape the old ones and landscape the new ones.

St. Pete Beach city manager Mike Bonfield estimates that the construction will complete by January 1, if not sooner. FDOT has completed almost 10 since September 1 and only have about five more to do, he says.

As for the timing? It's actually at the city's request. Mr. Bonfield says this is one of the slower times on the beach.

"We just told them we didn't want it to go one during the season, which is Valentie's Day through May 1. We actually prefer this to over the summer, as that's busier than it is now," he explained.

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# Feast On This

Don't feel like cooking? Dread facing Thanksgiving alone? Want to shake up your Thanksgiving routine? Here's a list of local places offering Thanksgiving dinners. Not every one takes place on Thanksgiving, and some require an RSVP, but they all offer something different this holiday season.

## **November 12:**

### **Turkey and Bingo**

5:30 p.m., South Pasadena City Hall

South Pasadena Civic Association members will pay \$12 for their annual Thanksgiving dinner; non-members will pay \$14. After dinner the Association will play 10 games of Bingo.

Call 347-5292 for tickets.

### **In-Home Thanksgiving Baskets (Pick up November 22 and 23)**

The St. Petersburg Seventh-day Adventist church will give away Thanksgiving food baskets, but you must sign up by November 18. You can pick up the baskets on November 22 and 23.

Call 488-5544 to sign up and leave a message with your name and phone number.

## **November 20:**

### **Early Turkey**

11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 445 82nd Avenue, St. Pete Beach.

The church will serve a turkey dinner. It's not free, but it is cheap, and the proceeds go to the church's youth program, St. Vincent de Paul, and to honor veterans.

Anyone who comes to dinner with a can of food to donate will also get entered in a raffle.

For more information call 347-8611 or 743-1583.

## **November 24:**

### **Traditional Turkey**

Noon – 4 p.m., Fellowship Hall 6315 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg.

Free Dinner: From noon until 4 the Pilgrim Church will serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal. This is an open house style event so diners may arrive at any time between noon and 4:00 PM. There is no RSVP required and there are no eligibility requirements.

Entertainment courtesy of Mike Balistierri.

Prospective diners may contact the church for information at 347-1226.

### **Full-Court Press Dinner**

Noon, Paradise Lutheran Church, 10255 Paradise Boulevard, Treasure Island.

The church will serve a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and they welcome everyone, regardless of your faith. The meal is free.

Call for reservations by Monday, November 14: 360-5739 or 347-2272.

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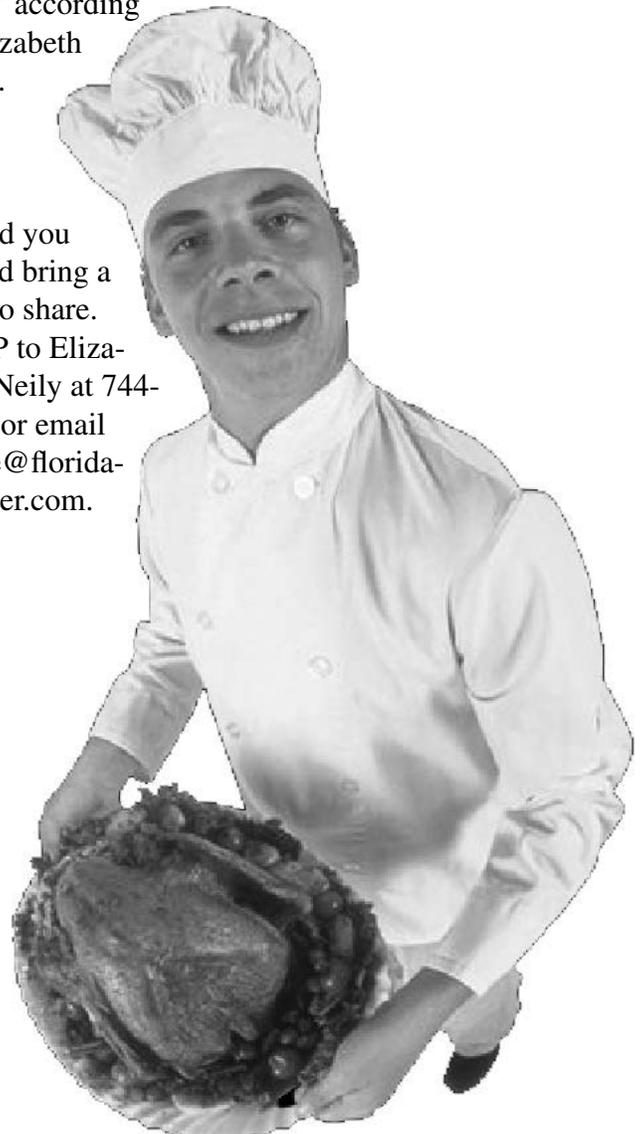
4 p.m. – 8 p.m., City of Imagination, 2726 54th Street South, Gulfport

First Florida Frontiers will hold a Thanksgiving Feast potluck at the City of Imagination Gulfport Arts Center. The event will "celebrate the gifts we have been provided by our Mother Earth and listen to ancient tales," according

to Elizabeth Neily.

The meal costs \$3 and you should bring a dish to share.

RSVP to Elizabeth Neily at 744-7051 or email [office@florida-frontier.com](mailto:office@florida-frontier.com).



## Teen Board Game Afternoons

"Teen Board Game Afternoons" is a new group forming every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Public Library. Stop by after school to enjoy some fun and face-to-face interaction with your opponents! For more information, call Sheri at 727-893-1074.

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

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

and go through the process myself, that 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. Department of Justice 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.

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Sanders has held a number of seminars and



written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia. **The firm also handles Short Sale negotiations, defense against foreclosures, wills & trusts, 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 four dogs and a cat.

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New or gently used clothes and shoes can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at Clothes To Kids two convenient locations in Clearwater at 1059 N. Hercules Avenue. and their new store in St. Pete at 3251 Third Avenue N. Cash donations are always needed to purchase clothing in short supply and new underwear. Adult and youth volunteers are always needed especially in the new St. Pete store.

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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# Community Treasures

## One Man's Trash Picked Up By Community's Treasure Dawn Fisher

**D**awn Fisher walked across Spain in 41 days as part of the Camino, a pilgrimage to northwest Spain where some say the apostle James is buried.

"What an experience, climbing up those mountains, walking them," she says, but what's extraordinary about her 500 mile journey wasn't that she made it, but that she made it without picking up any trash.

If you're not familiar with Dawn, you may know how hard that was for her. Ever since she first visited Gulfport in the 1980s, she's walked her streets with a mission: to pick up trash.

As long as she's lived in Gulfport – since the 1990s – she's woken up almost every morning and picked up her city. She leaves no stone unturned, pulling her trash cart behind her, picking garbage from streets, curbs and lawns with a pick stick.

She has picked up cigarette butts, dog poop, and wrappers from every fast food store in the area.

"I guess I've been kind of a neat freak all my life," she says. She ferrets out trash in every nook and cranny of the city.

She's picked up by the drug houses on 49th Street.

"I remember picking up one morning and I kept hearing shots. I talked to Curt (Willocks, Gulfport's former chief of police) later and he said, 'the FBI and the federal agent were over there and they were having a shootout,'" she says. It did not stop her from going back and picking up litter along 49th Street.

There isn't much she won't

pick up.

"If I see weeds in the walk, I pull weeds. I pick up all the dog poop – There's some guy with a big dog who lets him poop on the corner up there on 28th and Beach. I have stepped in it I don't know how many times," she says.

Every morning she picks up garbage. She used to stay out longer but, she says, "I'm getting older now." She goes out early in the morning and finishes by noon. It's about a five-hour day for her most days.

She is 78.

Outside Barnes and Noble, she spies litter. She had planned to run in and get a book, but now she can't. She goes back to her car, grabs her pick stick, and gets to work.

"It doesn't matter where I am," she explains. "I've picked up trash in Alaska – got off a train and picked up dirty and discarded socks." When she and Cathy visit Michigan's Upper Peninsula every summer, she picks up litter there.

Dawn admits what she calls her obsession with garbage sometimes gets to Cathy.

"She says, 'can't we just go for a walk without picking up

litter just one time?'" Dawn says. She agrees, and they go for a walk. Once they get home, though, Dawn grabs her gloves and heads back out to pick up the litter she saw.

"I have to laugh at myself,"



Dawn Fisher picks up litter wherever she goes, including on vacation. "I'm a very biblical person," she says "You cast your bread upon the water and it comes back to you. It comes back to you in different ways."

she says, but adds that she sees her "obsession" as a way of giving back to her community, much like serving on city council.

She did that, too, serving two years on city council. While on the dais, she made her stance on litter well known, going so far as to offer to buy anyone a pick stick who wanted it.

It would be nice, she says, if others would follow her lead.

"When I go up north to the upper peninsula of Michigan in the summer, I know it (garbage) gets out of hand sometimes. I just figure maybe somebody will notice it and pick it up," she says. She has inspired others, but so far no one person has matched Dawn's drive.

Doug Hudson organizes group litter cleanups through Gulfport Neighbors. He calls Dawn "inspiring."

"Seeing Dawn pull her cart up and down the streets and alleys, block after block, is what gave Leonardo and I the motivation to always carry a trash bag with us on our nightly walks around town," he says. "This city would have a different look if we only had a couple more Dawn Fishers patrolling the streets."

And people do see her as patrol of sorts. She hasn't served on council for several years, but people still pull her aside on the street and bring problems to her attention.

Instead of telling them who to call or what to do, Dawn makes the call herself. She gets in touch with city manager Jim O'Reilly, public works director Don Sopak, or Parks Supervisor Bob Williams – whoever she knows can help.

"They get the job done," she says. Then, she's back to her litter. It's always there, waiting for her. She knows that it's an endless job.

"It only lasts about five or ten minutes, then somebody comes along and throws out a McDonald's bag," she says, but she still keeps at it.

"I get a lot of satisfaction when I drive down 58th Street. When I get done I feel good about this city," she says.

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# Energy Express The latest trends for staying healthy

by Marilyn Preston

## Fall Fitness Tips that Inform, Inspire, Irritate

Fall is here, dazzling us with the splendor and mystery of seasonal change. Overnight, green leaves turn red and gold. Birds perk up, pack up and fly south. Autumn days grow shorter and darker.

And the point is? When the season's change, so can we. Nature is us, and if you've been yearning to embrace a more active lifestyle that dances you down the path to better health, greater energy and looser jeans, fall is the perfect time to press "restart" and see how far your sap can rise.

But know this: Change is rarely easy. It takes courage, patience and a rock-solid conviction that you have the ability to do things differently. You do! You can! You must! If a tiny hummingbird can fly 5,000 miles with wings the size of gum wrappers, you can walk 30 minutes a day and give up pecan pie for desert. Here are a few fall fitness tips to inform, inspire, even irritate:

**DO A KITCHEN MAKEOVER.** Let's start with an irritating one, just to test your resolve. How pure is your pantry? Go there right now, and scan the shelves. If you see a lot of processed foods, packaged foods and manufactured faux foods pretending to be good for you, throw them out. Or recycle them to the nearest nonprofit that feeds hungry people, knowing that some food is better than no food.

I'm sorry for the waste. I'm a clean-plate girl from top to bottom, but the bottom line for change this fall is to start eating real food in modest portions, and that can't happen if your pantry is filled with pork rinds and Hamburger Helper. Replace the enemy with fitness-friendly foods that nourish your body instead of clogging your heart: fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts and beans. And one more thing, also annoying if you're addicted to fast food: This fall, learn to cook.

**START SLOW AND BUILD.** If only 10-10-10 was getting the attention we're giving Herman Cain's 9-9-9 plan. 10-10-10 is the

surgeon general's suggestion for the minimum amount of exercise you should get every day. Ten minutes in the morning, 10 in the afternoon and 10 more at night.

Call it fitness lite. It's not enough exercise to get you into peak condition, but it's a terrific way to get your body used to moving. Start where you are. That's the secret to success this fall and every season. Is more exercise better? Yes. The American College of Sports Medicine wants to see you doing some form of aerobic exercise (running, walking, biking) three to five times a week and two days of weightlifting. I'd like that, too. I'd also like to push into a handstand from a forward bend, but that won't be happening this lifetime. Start where you are.

**DEAL WITH THE DARKNESS AND COLD.** Do not, dear reader, allow yourself to backslide into hibernation mode this fall. The temptation to sleep in when it's dark and stay in when it's cold is ever present. Resist. Refuse. Repeat after me: Exercising in the cold will not kill me. In fact, it's remarkably invigorating.

The trick is layering: a light wicking layer closest to your skin (to keep you dry), a second layer for warmth, and a top technical layer to protect you against the rain or wind. If you run, walk or bike when it's dark, wear a light or a reflective vest.

**SCHEDULE YOURSELF FOR SOMETHING NEW.** In fall, all sorts of classes begin. Sign up for something fun, even if you don't think you have the time. Make the time. I've promised myself some kettlebell training this fall. What excites you? Ballroom dancing? Tennis? Bridge lessons (for mental fitness)? If you can't think of anything, do yoga. It's the best.

**PREPARE FOR STRESS.** Expect stress this fall, and forever after. It's part of life, but harmful to your health and wellness. Develop a plan for dealing with it. Hot baths? Warm friendships? Meditation? If you can't write down your strategy for calming mind and body, you don't have one.

What's your healthy lifestyle goal

this fall? Want to run a 5k? Ride your bike to work? Set a goal and make a plan.

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