

## The Miracle League



By Cathy Salustri  
Four year old Michael Whitaker-Russell takes a swing at a ball with a little help from his dad, Gus Stokes.

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## Gulfport Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday night Gulfport city council asked concerned residents to come forward and comment on proposed changes to parts of the city code. City staff previously drafted proposed changes for council to use as a starting point to fine tune certain codes, but at a workshop last month resident comment took up the bulk of the allotted hour set aside to discuss the changes. Council decided to hold a town hall meeting to hear more from the residents before the elected officials made a final decision.

“This meeting is a defensive move that I, as your mayor, felt necessary to prompt,” Mayor Mike Yakes told the crowd at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center.

Instead of leading the meeting, council sat and heard comment from



Mayor Mike Yakes- “What we’re looking for tonight is results.” Mayor Mike Yakes told Gulfportians gathered to discuss how Gulfport should handle concerns about city codes.

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## Police Dispatch Petition Awaiting Verification

By Cathy Salustri

This March, Gulfport voters may have to decide whether or not to make the city police department a chartered office. Last Thursday local activist Frank Verdino turned in 93 pages of signatures on a petition titled “Save Our Dispatch.” The petition calls for the city to make the police department a chartered department. Currently the city has three chartered offices: the city clerk, city manager and city attorney.

A chartered office refers to whose existence the city’s charter mandates.

If the county supervisor of elections verifies at least 862 signatures on the petition, city clerk Lesley DeMuth says, the city will take the next step.

“If the Supervisor of Elections verifies the signatures, we’ll bring it back to city council for the first meeting of December for discussion. The city attorney may just want to write them a memo,” she added.

City attorney Andy Salzman calls the council’s role “pro forma” as long as the petition meets the state’s legal requirements.

“They have little wiggle room” when it comes to whether or not to place the issue on the ballot, he says.

Florida Statute 166.031 says voters may place an amendment to their city charter on the ballot if they present a petition signed by 10% of the city’s registered voters

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**Dispatch**, from front page (as of the last election). As of March 2010, Gulfport had just over 8,500 registered voters, hence the 862 signature requirement.

"The Supervisor of Elections will have the verification of signatures done this week," DeMuth said.

If the supervisor verifies the signatures and the city places the referendum on the March ballot, Verdino says petition organizers will seek an injunction to halt the city's plans to outsource dispatch.

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## Sanding Ovations in Treasure Island

The 3rd annual Sanding Ovations Masters Cup Professional Sand Sculpture Competition and Music Festival comes to Treasure Island November 17-20. The free four-day event features professional sand sculptors, live music, food and arts and crafts vendors. Parking on the beach at 112th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard is available for \$10. Visit [www.mytreasureisland.org/sandingovations2011.htm](http://www.mytreasureisland.org/sandingovations2011.htm).

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## 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. Artist introductions begin at 4 p.m. calendars will be available for a \$12 minimum donation.

Other fun and free activities include a drawing for a one-of-a-kind original painting by folk artist Kimberly Dawn Clayton, tips and tricks for catching your furkid's best side by professional pet photographers, and complimentary refreshments will be served.

## Apology

Last week the Gabber ran a story about St. Pete Beach's stormwater system upgrade. While the headline should have read "Beach Staff Says Stormwater System Needs Upgrade to Protect Boca Ciega Bay," it did not. We apologize for our error.

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. For more information visit [www.CityofImagination](http://www.CityofImagination) and click on the "current fundraiser" tab at the top of the page.

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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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## Thanksgiving Break Kids' Camp

ST. PETE BEACH- The kids have no school the week of Thanksgiving but you have to work. Not sure what to do? St. Pete Beach's Thanksgiving Camp offers daily fun for kids in elementary school. The camp is offered 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily from Monday, November 21st to Wednesday, November 23rd. The camp includes gym games, arts and crafts, park play and a special field trip on Wednesday. Daily cost for the camp is \$30 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$50 for non-residents. Enrollment is limited so call 363-9245 or drop by the Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, to reserve your child's spot.

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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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## Thanksgiving Dinner at Czechoslovak Center

The Czechoslovak Cultural Center at 1601 49 Street S. in Gulfport serves Sunday dinners. All meals are prepared by their Czech chef.

On Sunday, November 20 they will serve a Thanksgiving dinner of turkey or ham with all the trimmings. Dinner is served at 12:30 p.m.

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## TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

**THANKSGIVING** – Thursday, November 24, 2011

Thursday's pick-up will be on Wednesday, November 23, 2011

Friday's pick-up will remain the same

No Yard waste pick-up this week

**CHRISTMAS DAY** – Sunday, December 25, 2011

No change in schedule

**NEW YEAR'S DAY** – Sunday, January 1, 2012

No Change in schedule



## 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.

## 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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## 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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## Beta Sigma Phi

On November 21st the City Council Executive Board will meet at Joyce Keller's Home at 7 p.m. Additionally, the City Council Meeting is convening November 28th at Dixie Hollis High-ROTC Room in St. Petersburg. It is requested during this meeting that you wear a dress or skirt to remind us of old traditions.

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

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Look for lots of events coming in the New Year.

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

## Glass Blowing Classes Continue

Registration is open for the second Introduction to Glass Blowing series

with the newest IAC instructor Christian Zvonik. This series of six classes is offered on Tuesday evenings, 6-9 p.m., beginning November 29.

Glass Blowing 101 and 102 continues on Sunday, November 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This in-depth workshop stresses safety and team work. Students will make two objects that will be available for pick up the following Tuesday or by appointment.

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contemplative meditations all day, as well as representatives from Sacred Lands, Dances For Universal Peace, and much more. This is a free family event.

Vendor space is still available for \$35. For more information, contact [alternativemarket@yahoo.com](mailto:alternativemarket@yahoo.com) or call 541-227-6655. Visit on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GreenSaturday>.

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## AME Celebrates 117 years

Bethel AME invites the general public to its 117th church anniversary celebration that will be held on November 20 beginning at

10:30 a.m. The church is located at 912 Third Avenue N. in St. Petersburg and is the oldest African American church in the city. This years anniversary theme is "Rooted in God's Powerful Promises with Unwavering Faith and Praise." The speaker for the service is the Elder Jimmie Thompson. A fellowship dinner will be served after the service. Please contact the church at 727-822-2089.

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## Sidewalk Sale at Sophie's

Stop by Sophie's Attic Thrift Store on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and shop their big sidewalk sale for all those great bargains.

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

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## Calling all Craft Vendors

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club is looking for arts and craft vendors to participate in the 2nd Annual Arts & Crafts show on December 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 40 Snell Isle Blvd. N.E. To participate, the cost is \$25 per vendor space. For more information, please contact Carolyn DeFreitas at 727-674-3484.

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Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Charter provisions, the City of Gulfport will hold a Municipal General Election on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, for the election of two Council members - Ward 1 and Ward 3 and six proposed referendum questions for changes to the Gulfport City Charter.

Qualifying for office will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 5, 2011 and will end at Noon, Monday December 12, 2011. Candidates shall be residents of their ward for at least one (1) year prior to the date of qualification in order to be a candidate in that ward.

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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).

## Cat Association to Hold Quarterly Show

The International Cat Association (TICA) will hold its quarterly show Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Save Our Strays, a no-kill, non-profit organization, will have a variety of cats and kittens on hand for adoption.

The cat show, which features purebred cats as well as household cats for adoption from rescue groups, is held at the Minnreg Center, 6340 126th Avenue N. in Largo.

## Happenings at the IAC

It's a busy weekend at the Industrial Arts Center, starting with Ladies Night Friday from 6-10 p.m. Come one, come all, mothers, daughters, sisters, friends ... let your hair down and get close to the flame at the hottest place in town. Instructor Brad Bedillion will help you every step of the way.

The glory hole will be glowing Saturday morning for the Kids Art

Club at 10 a.m. Art Club focus for November is glass ornaments. Kids will make two objects in their own choice of colors and blown with their own breath.

Looking for glass art bargains? Find them at Shopapalooza Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the St. Petersburg pier. Artist and IAC instructor Jonathan Schork will be hosting several Gulfport/St. Petersburg artists for demonstrations of work.

Advance reservations are suggested but not required for Ladies Night and the Kids Art Club. Call 727-289-9365 or visit the IAC online at [www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org](http://www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org).



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## Gulfport Lions to serve Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions Club will be presenting their 2nd Pancake Breakfast of the season on Saturday, December 3rd from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Gulfport Lions Center, 4630 Tifton Drive S. in the Gulfport Marina area.

Pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, with coffee or tea to drink, and all you care to eat at the donation price of \$5 per person. Bring your family and friends and spend an enjoyable morning overlooking beautiful Boca Ceiga Bay, You might even see a manatee! Children really love these Breakfasts.

This year as in the past, they ask you to bring a toy unwrapped to put into their Christmas Toy Box. They will be making their annual Christmas toys and food distribution soon.

When you come and support their fund raising activities, you are doing much to help those in need. Gulfport Lions is a service organization, meeting the needs of those less fortunate, especially at this time of the year.

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## SPC Madrigalians to Perform at Library

The St. Petersburg College Madrigalians, directed by Dr. Vernon Taranto, will perform in the

auditorium of the Main Library, 3745 Ninth Ave. N. in St. Petersburg on Saturday, December 3, at 2 p.m. Barry Stevens is the piano accompanist.

They will sing old and new music of the season, with an emphasis on carols from around the world. Called "SPC's Musical Ambassadors," the college's premiere performance ensemble has appeared nationally and internationally, most recently on a concert tour of Russia.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, phone the Main Library at 893-7724.

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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.

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## 2011 City of Gulfport Holiday Tree Lighting

The Gulfport Holiday Tree Lighting is on Monday, December 5th starting at 7 p.m. in Clymer Park located at Gulfport Blvd. S. and Beach Blvd. S. Bundle up for an evening of festive music by the Gulfport Recreation division, and join the Mayor, Council and Yvonne Johnson in caroling, a true Gulfport tradition. There will be refreshments and festive cheer as the Mayor lights the tree for another holiday season. He will be looking for a few helpers this year, so kids get ready. This is a free admission event and all are welcome!

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## Town Shores Bocce

They have completed three weeks of play and will now take a week off. Check Channel 96 for results of the standings. Play will resume Monday,

November 28. The December schedule is now posted at the courts. Give the referees a big thank you as without them there would be no games. If you are interested in becoming a referee and they do need more, call Ruth at 347-9723.

The Bocce dinner dance held on November 12th was a fun time. "Reno" filled in for Al Ruggiero and his music was enjoyed by all. The food was good and the chopped salad was the big hit along with the apple dessert. Thanks to the building reps for contacting residents and selling tickets in their buildings.

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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 [.com](http://.com) The BCYC family wishes you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

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## Newton Avenue's Christmas Walk

The neighbors of the 5600 Block of Newton Ave. are getting ready for their annual Christmas Display & Walk. They will be collecting new and used toys for The Christmas Toy Workshop of St. Pete. They are adding a bake sale, children's crafts, and more displays this year. If you would like to support them with a donation of plywood or Christmas lights please contact Amy at 727-798-2901 or Sharon at 727-557-6349.

Display features 12 homes all decorated for Christmas, Santa and Mrs. Claus, elves and baked goods. Lights are lit nightly from 6:30-9:30 p.m. from December 2nd through January 2nd.

Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy goodies from the bake sale and make fun kids crafts from 7-8:30 p.m. on December 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th and 23rd.

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Debby charms audiences with her combination of first-rate musical abilities and her charismatic personality making her one of the most enjoyable, busiest and well-liked entertainers in show business. Debby was classically trained on organ and piano from the age of four and has since mastered no less than eight different instruments. Debby Bacon now performs worldwide and returns to her home in the United States during the winter months.

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Tickets available at the Senior Center are \$10/advance or \$12 at the door for the 1 p.m. performance; \$12/advance or \$14 at the door for the 7 p.m. performance. The evening performance will include a Meet & Greet with Ms. Bacon at 6 p.m. in the Theater lobby. For more information call the Senior Center at 727-893-2237 or check online at [www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org).

## 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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By Cathy Salustri

## City of St. Pete Beach

**Q:** What is being built next to the 7-11 on Gulf Boulevard?

**A:** A t-shirt shop, according to St. Pete Beach Senior Planner Catherine Hartley. The vacant property north of the 7-11 used to house a t-shirt shop, but "the building was not in great shape," she says. The owner demolished the building, and the new shop should be about the same size.

As for what's inside?

"It will be another t-shirt shop, as far as I know. Basically, the plans say retail," Hartley says. The city approved the plans "quite a while back, but the property has changed hands."

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## South Pasadena Best of Lights Contest

The City of South Pasadena is having a Best of Lights Contest for the holidays. All businesses, homeowners and multi-family complexes (condominiums, mobile home parks, etc.) are invited to have a display of lights at their establishment. Lights can be placed on the store front or the exterior and need to be visible from the street. Holiday signs, window painting and twinkling lights are allowed. These lights and decorations will make a spectacular sight for everyone visiting the City and also attract attention to storefronts.

There will be two winners in each category: 1st place and 1st runner up. First place winners will receive a framed award certification and an official yard sign. Runners up will receive certificates. The 1st place winners and runners up will be selected by the Beautification Committee on December 14. First place winners and runners up will be notified and signs and certificates will be presented at the City's Regular Commission Meeting on January 10, 2012. The City's cable Channel 615 will display winners' names throughout the holiday season.

## Gov. Scott Appoints Poul Hornsleth to Commission

Florida Governor Rick Scott on Tuesday, November 8th appointed Gulfport's Poul Hornsleth to the Florida Real Estate Commission (FREC) for his third term. Poul is a Realtor® and is President, Principal Broker and Primary Agent for Gulfport's oldest business, R.W. Caldwell, a real estate and insurance company founded in 1937. He is married for over 43 years to April Caldwell Hornsleth, a daughter of the recently deceased R.W. 'Bob' and Adele Caldwell, and has run the four generation family firm for now more than 38 years, since 1973.

Hornsleth is a veteran of the FREC having been appointed twice before both times by Governor Jeb Bush in 2001 and 2005 and having served from 2001 into 2010. He was elected Chairman by his fellow Commissioners in 2006 and was instrumental in bringing the FREC hearings to Gulfport in 2007, chairing them in the Great Hall at

the Stetson University College of Law. It was the first time ever the hearings were held in the Tampa Bay area. The FREC administers and enforces the real estate license law and is also empowered to pass rules that enable it to implement its statutorily authorized duties and responsibilities.

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## 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.

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They currently need volunteers to sort and pack food for Christmas dinners; prepare toys for community children; assist with Christmas distribution; prepare and serve Christmas Eve dinner; assist in the food pantry and serve as ambassadors to the community by ringing bells at various community locations to raise funds for Christmas and human needs throughout the year. If you want to know how to volunteer contact: Gail Stark, Community Relations Coordinator 727-550-8080, ext. 332.

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**Seniors' Chat Room**

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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.

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Clothes To Kids is 501c3, nonprofit organization that provides school clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge. For more information, 727-441-5050 or visit [www.ClothesToKids.org](http://www.ClothesToKids.org).

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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### Friday, December 9th

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The M.A.D.D. Festival of Trees and Wreaths will be set up where festival-goers can browse through decorated trees and wreaths. Make the winning bid and take one home!

### St. Pete Beach & South Pasadena

#### Holiday Lighted Boat Parade - 6:00pm

Beautifully decorated boats will light up the night as they cruise from South Pasadena down the Boca Ciega Bay towards Pass-a-Grille. REGISTER YOUR BOAT NOW!!! There is no fee to enter and cash and awesome prizes will be awarded in three different categories to the best decorated boats!

### Saturday, December 10th

#### Holiday Land Parade - 9:00am

Festive floats, marching bands, cheerleaders, and much more will travel down Gulf Blvd. & Corey Ave. Our panel of judges will pick the best entry who will win a private pool party at the Aquatic Center. Enter your float now!!!

### Wednesday, December 21st

#### Breakfast with Santa - 9:30am

Kids in K through 5th grades can come and enjoy a delicious breakfast, create a holiday arts & crafts to take home and of course, hang out and take photos with Santa!

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## Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

It was a lovely day and the visit to the garden of Miki Vaughn and her husband was a delightful experience. They have a great variety of flowers and plants neatly arranged throughout the yard plus bird baths, wind chimes and a small pond. It is a charming, restful place and a joy to visit.

Members then proceeded to the home of Joyce McMahan where sandwiches and tea were enjoyed by her beautiful pool. A program was presented about the Audubon Back Yard Bird County in February in which the club plans to participate. Thank you to Miki and Joyce for a wonderful morning.

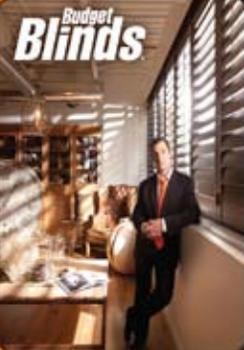
The Christmas luncheon will be held at the Backfin Blue restaurant on December 8th. Members can choose from three items from a special menu so there is no need to pay in advance; however, please let Joyce McMahan at 321-9029 know by December 5th if you are planning to attend so the restaurant can prepare the tables. More details in next week's Gabber.

On January 12th a bus trip is planned to the Morse Museum in Winter Park to view the Tiffany Glass collection. The bus holds 32 people and club members will be given priority; a wait-list will be established for guests. The cost is \$20 (bus, entrance fee, taxes and tip for the driver). Checks should be made out to the Gulfport Garden and Bird Club and sent to Barbara Dye, 2613 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport, FL 33707 by December 8th. Further details will be in next week's Gabber.



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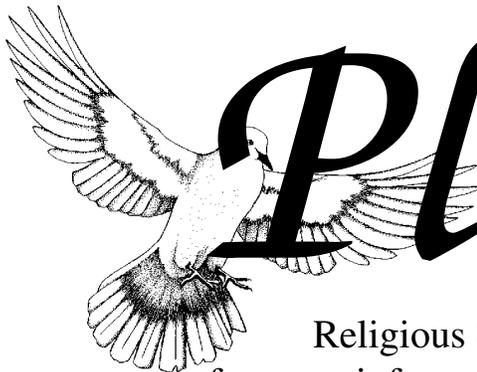
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# Worship



## Play to Benefit Shoebox Ministry

The Omega Players will present "Paul and Company: Laughter and Life" on Tuesday, November 29 at 5 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue S. in Gulfport. The one-time event is a benefit performance for the Shoebox Ministry of Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Major portions of the show have been written by Paul Fornatar. His company includes: Gladys Battle, April Brown, Donna and Jack Denis, Marianne Feraca, Deborah and Craig Frethem, Carrie Hinton, JJ Johnson, Gail and Larry Lewis, Kay and Ed Mann, Florence Moon, Ric Ortisi, Anne Robinson and the Reverend Wayne Robinson.

Laughter and Life is a series of sketches and blackouts to provoke laughter and the importance of laughter. There will also be musical selections by Fornatar and the Sun Shine Girls as well as two mystery guests.

Admission is \$5. Tickets are available at the door or from members of the company. Reservations can be made by calling 302-9404. If you love to laugh, need to laugh or want to laugh, join them!

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# Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

## ACROSS

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- 5 Acct.'s
- 9 Expressed disdain
- 14 AKA Hapi
- 15 Bics or lite starter
- 16 Thorn bush: Grk.
- 17 Semis
- 18 Tyro
- 19 Main artery
- 20 Dime novels
- 23 Author Umberto
- 24 Peanut and sun-flower
- 25 News
- 26 Go back on
- 28 \_\_\_-fi
- 29 Spread hay
- 32 Fable or parable
- 36 Shan, Lao and \_\_\_
- 39 Give \_\_\_ whirl
- 40 Thor's dad
- 41 L'Amour specialty
- 46 Cleopatra killer
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- 48 Hypnosis developer
- 52 Pugilistic punch
- 54 Bread, in Brest
- 56 Hello or goodbye
- 57 Whodunits

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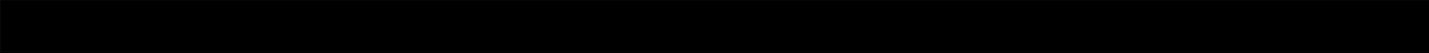
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- 68 Side \_\_\_

## ACROSS

- 30 First name in cotton gins
- 31 8 Down's locale
- 33 Country contraction
- 34 Diamond wts.
- 35 Playthings
- 36 Doubled, a la Scotch
- 37 \_\_\_ a Real Nowhere Man
- 38 Garroting, e.g.
- 42 Hams
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- 44 Left out
- 45 Gambling town
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- 51 Fix a French door
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# Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

## Fear Tinkling

It's happening every day in homes all over the world: fear tinkling.

The dog is so submissive and fearful that he piddles in an instant when triggered by something. What turns on the tinkle? Several things can cause this unwanted behavior, including a loud noise, a visitor reaching out toward the dog, or the dog's owner pointing and yelling.

By any other name, fear tinkling is called "submissive wetting," and it is common among shy and fearful dogs. Something frightens the dog, and he wets out of fear. So let's explore this behavior, see what causes it, and determine how to solve or minimize it.

We will start with the dog's temperament. What has caused the dog to be shy and fearful? It could be a number of things: bad breeding, lack of socialization or too much discipline. You may have adopted a dog and don't know his history. He may have been mistreated. And, of course, it's important to know that

your dog hears five times better than you do, so if you raise your voice or point at him while saying something like, "You bad dog, you," that will only heighten the fear of your already-frightened dog. And this causes more fear tinkling.

The only way to solve or at least minimize the problem is to build up your dog's self-confidence. And the only way to do this is for you to be patient, kind and loving.

Start the process by socializing your dog. When he meets new people and dog-friendly dogs, praise him and tell him what a good boy he is. Use only positive reinforcement. And be sure to train your dog. This is very important.

Dogs love to learn and to reach their potential. Submissive wetting is most common when you answer the door or when you come home after being gone for a while. For example, when the doorbell rings and your trained dog accompanies you to the door, you will be able to tell him to SIT and STAY. Then praise him and open the door. Your well-trained dog will

remain in the sit position, and this makes it difficult for him to cower and tinkle out of fear.

Choose a trainer who does not teach by intimidation. Love, praise and affection are always required to educate and modify the behavior of any dog, especially one that is shy and fearful. When you work with your dog, always praise him as he learns the sit/stay command and all the rest. In fact, praise him throughout the educational process, even if he is only able to partially accomplish a command. He's trying, and he will only get better if you reward him with loving praise.

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day. Gift store is open from 10-2 on Wednesday only.

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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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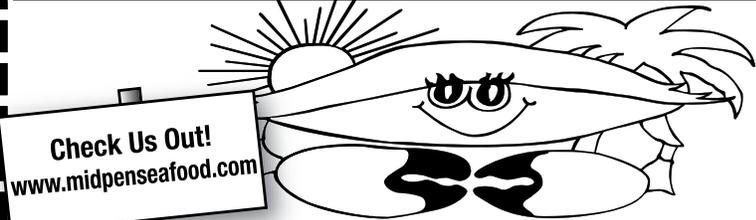
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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The Sagittarian solar journey begins on Tuesday, and an adventurous mood takes hold immediately. Surprise events and unexpected expenditures will be featured. New tools, such as professional equipment or technology that aids social connection, will help us expand our reach. The partial solar eclipse on Thanksgiving suggests that a conscious and deliberate effort will be necessary in order for everyone to feel appreciated.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Just because emotions are probably coming from a more primitive and ancient part of your brain doesn't mean that logic should prevail in your life. Your best decisions are made because you listen to what your feelings are telling you, even when the logic of those feelings doesn't add up.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The need to classify and label your experiences may be a way of distancing yourself from the full intensity of them. Resist the habit of trying to fit everything that happens and everyone you encounter into neat definitions. There's something wonderful that happens when you accept the mess of life.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Work on building your "faith muscle." You can exercise it by simply knowing what you believe and believing it. For instance, how about believing that whatever happens, you can pick up the pieces and start over? When you know this is true, you won't be afraid to take the risks necessary to live life to the fullest.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your limitations may be mostly self-created, but that's not to say you didn't have help constructing the roadblocks and barriers that hold you back. So why not get a little help with obliterating them? A powerful ally will gladly partner with you this week to bring down the obstacle in your path to success.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You might not feel like following anyone's advice -- and not because you're stubborn,

but because something inside you is holding back. Maybe you fear nearby swindlers or are overwhelmed by an ocean of information. Honor your feelings. You'll know when it's time to open yourself up to external guidance.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your knee-jerk reaction may be to come up with an excuse as to why you can't create a certain dynamic. Within the excuse is your golden ticket. The excuse is another way of stating a belief you hold that is keeping you from what you want. Being aware of the belief is the first step to changing it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Low expectations can be a self-fulfilling prophecy. High expectations can breed stress and narrow-mindedness. The best way is to have zero expectations. If you can practice the Zen art of being free of assumptions, expectations and attachments, you will see the true range of opportunity that lies within every situation.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Something menial will prove well worth learning. This could be a word you didn't know the meaning of but finally understand, or a mundane action you've yet to master, such as flossing, that gets your attention and ultimately saves you from future hassles.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your interests and influences are so varied that there are those who will find you extremely difficult to categorize. Let them try. There's a benefit to your baffling persona: You'll be memorable while others fade into the background. Because you stand out, you'll be given more opportunities.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your decisions are firm, but not final. That's the way it has to be now. It's important to come across with as much confidence as you can muster, and with full knowledge that things will change and you will adapt to those changes. It's called intelligent diplomacy.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a talent for turning a difficult

situation into a beautiful one. This is accomplished in part by sharing your feelings. Also, you're not afraid to be vulnerable, and you allow intimacy between you and those you love to grow naturally out of your shared frailty. This is what it means to be human.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You like being challenged, but this week it might feel like the world is resisting more than is really necessary for a good game. When things seem overly tough, instead of fighting the currents, turn around and go with the flow. You'll still get where you're going, but you'll take a different and easier route.

**This Week's Birthdays:** You will be brave and live large. With your exterior and interior images in sync, you rise to the level to which you aspire. In February and March, you learn skills that either earn you more money or make your dollar stretch further. 2012 brings you the answer to a question you've been asking for many years. Romantic and platonic connections lead to an adventure in March. June brings social excitement and travel, as well. In the summer, you will express your entrepreneurial spirit.

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## Town Shores Red Hatters

Their holiday luncheon will be held on Monday, December 5 at the Bil Mar Resort in Treasure Island. It was decided not to have a gift exchange this year. The cost for lunch is \$20 payable to Bev Finnerty. Checks and or money must be paid before November 25. Also reservations are a must. Call Bev at 381-2122 or Carol at 345-2303 before November 25 for reservations.

The December Bunko will be held in the clubhouse lounge on Friday, December 16. If you would like to come at 12 noon and bring a sandwich they can enjoy lunch together. Drinks will be provided.

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On the other side of the galaxy is the "Oxford History of the American West" by Milner, O'Connor and Sandweiss.

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## Treasure Island



## Holiday Banquet

by Luba Robinson

Add to the festivities of the season with a visit to the Treasure Island Community Center where the work of award winning Treasure Island Art Guild members, Sheila Crain,

Joseph Martin, George Greenfield, Kathryn Vanasse, and Gay Womack is now being exhibited through January 4, 2012.

A passion for working in oils developed as Sheila Crain studied art in various media abroad. A soft touch with a harmonious palette of colors exhibit her talent in the placid "Sunrise on Tampa Bay". Realism in "Groom Time" and "Lowry Park" give us a taste of paradise in Florida. A glowing ultramarine blue wave, with its tonal quality, pulls the viewers' eye into "Ocean".

A blend of digital photography and artistic ability define the art of Joseph Martin. Less is more in the simplicity of "Red Boats", brought to life with a splash of brilliant color. "Coming About" and more notably "Lily", are bathed in glowing saturated hues. A painterly effect in "Panama" showcases the artists' mastery of his technique.

More examples of fine digital art gives us artist George Greenfield whose instructors include world class photographers. Incandescent "Peppers" stimulates the eye and palette with its bold use of yellows and reds. "Red and Green Stems" transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary and a surreal journey of color walks us through a forest of "Purple Leaves" and Floral Fantasy".

Talented artist Kathryn Vanasse works in watercolor, acrylic, and clay sculpting, all of which led her to teaching our veterans at Bay Pines VA Hospital. Her versatility shines in a mixed media abstract, "City Life" and in acrylic "The Many Layers of a Mans' Journey". "The Storm", a blue gray watercolor of the sea and sky gives us a sense of the sailboats' impending danger. Acrylic "Florida Lighthouse" combines traditional with a touch of the contemporary.

Delight in the oil paintings of impressionist Gay Womack whose extensive training and teaching experience is evident as she skillfully combines form, color, and light in "Flowers in a Brass Pot", "Pottery with Crotons", and "The Long Brass Flower Pot". Especially luminous is "Yellow Flowers" where she plays the brilliant cool hues against the warm.

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**Code**, from front page residents compelled to speak. Before they did, city manager Jim O'Reilly spoke about the existing method of code enforcement as well as proposed changes to the code. O'Reilly also showed the residents a slide presentation (to see the presentation, read this article online at theGabber.com and look for the link) highlighting the changes.

Right now, O'Reilly says, the city's code enforcement program takes a three-pronged approach: building and life safety, nuisance abatement and redevelopment. The city has one code enforcement inspector, Bruce Earling, who simultaneously patrols five code enforcement sectors of the city and takes complaints. Earling patrols one of the five zones every month.

Here's how the system works: a citizen calls in a complaint, and Earling investigates. If he finds a violation, he mails the property owner a notice that they have between seven and ten days to correct the issue, whereupon Earling reinspects. If the issue remains,

a special magistrate will hear the case and determine the penalties. Earling has the latitude to handle life and safety issues differently as dictated by the severity of the issue. Inoperable and unregistered vehicles get a tag placed on them and Earling sends a certified letter; the owner has 30 days before Earling will reinspect the property.

O'Reilly stressed that the changes he presented in the slide show were not final.

"This is a starting point," he said, for the city to resolve issues it currently has no means to address.

Although residents should read through the presentation to fully understand the issues, here are the highlights:

**Proposed Changes Include:**

Special pickup trash by the curb must be picked up within three days rather than seven.

Trash containers. Currently the code says that residents must move the cans off the curb; it does not specify where. The changes stipulate that residents must move trash cans to the side or rear of the home.

**Edging**

Currently the resident must maintain the right of way but not the curb or the sidewalk. The change will make this the resident's responsibility.

**Inoperable vehicles**

The changes would not allow inoperable vehicles in the front yard any longer.

**Number of Trailers and RVs**

The change will allow only one licensed boat, trailer or RV in the front yard, as it does at present, but allows the property owner to store other boats, trailers or RVs in the back or side yard

**Outdoor furniture**

The code change would allow only furniture "designed for outdoor use" outside the home.

**Recreational Vehicles**

The city has two ordinances; one is a draft that never passed. Currently the ordinance doesn't "give you a whole lot of room, if you can even find room" to fit a larger trailer or motor home type, Community Development Director Fred Metcalf said. The city would like to blend the two ordinances

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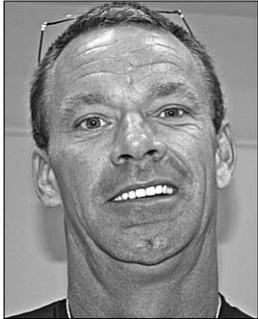
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# Gulfport Residents Speak Out at Town Hall Meeting

Mayor Mike Yakes asked residents for solutions to concerns residents raised about code violations and proposed changes to the city code. Here's some of what the residents had to say at Tuesday night's Town Hall meeting.



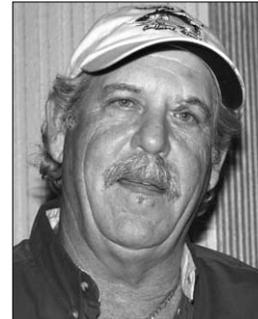
**Ronald Joyce**

"Used to be, Gulfport looked like a spider web of mullet net everywhere. I've seen a lot of change...A lot of military boys coming home. I wouldn't have a heart to tell a military boy he couldn't park in front of his house, and I know about a dozen of them."



**Simone**

"This is a laboring town. I don't have a problem with that. I'm proud of Gulfport being a laboring town. We are a laboring town, we are a mullet community. I love that when we're serving (customers) and Charlie opens the door and says, 'How are you Nazis doing?'"



**Charlie Williams**

"Does anybody really give a damn what my trash can is doing out at 4 o'clock in the afternoon?"



**Gerald Rocks**

"We live on the water, so what's up with these boats? You're trying to limit the boats and everything else? That's not right... You work for us. You do not work for yourselves. Keep in mind that we pay your salaries. You are our voice, not your voice. Or you are not the voice of seven...people who are part of the Gulfport neighborhood. They used to be called a different name but they changed it for legal reasons..."



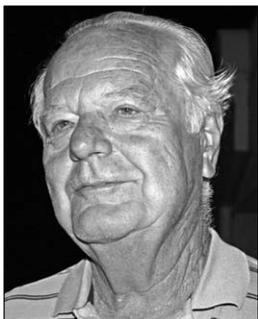
**Mr. Willard**

"If you can't sign the complaint don't make it, because you're too damn yellow"



**Louie Worthington**

"While we're cleaning up, let's clean up the waterfront... I don't know why anybody would want to swim in that mudhole. Let's make it look like it used to look. You're worried about everybody's yard, let's clean up your yard. That's your yard; it belongs to you guys." – Louie Worthington



**Lawrence Burke**

"If we have to maintain the alley, do we have the prerogative to do whatever we want to the alley?"



**Dolores Morton**

"(These) are beyond acceptable to... people who have lived here, some longer than, I suppose, many of you. Now I wonder when you will be telling me I can't dry my clothes on a clothesline...how many enforcers are you going to have to employ to satisfy all of you do-gooders?"



**Ted Kehoe**

"Gulfport operates and takes money for a boat ramp. Boats are allowed front, back, on top of the house."

## Miracle, from front page

Just before the final inning, Jacob Carrington faces the microphone. He starts off slowly but enthusiastically, and if his words aren't crystal clear, well, that doesn't stop his teammates, friends and family from joining in as he leads them in "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

Jacob is like any other ball player: thrilled to be on the field. He shows up every Saturday suited up and ready to go; he takes his turn at the plate. He knows the thrill of rounding the bases; he understands what it means to be part of a team.

The only difference between Jacob and teens like him at the other ball fields at the Azalea Sports Complex Saturday morning is that Jacob does all those things from his wheelchair. His teammates all face similar challenges: some, like Jacob, need help

rounding the bases while others need help taking a swing at the ball. They all share one thing: they're getting a chance to do what generations of disabled children before them could not. They're getting to play ball.

Seven years ago they didn't get to play. Conventional ball fields aren't friendly to physically or emotionally challenged kids. Wheelchairs have a hard time getting over bumps in the field that runners might not notice. Kid with cerebral palsy could fall more easily and injure themselves. Other teams aren't geared towards the array of challenges special needs kids face.

The Miracle League changed all that. Six years ago the Gulf Beaches Kiwanis built a field for kids with disabilities. They built a level surface from recycled tires so kids more prone to taking a tumble wouldn't have as much of an injury risk. They took care

of getting the kids uniforms. They show up every Saturday morning to help the kids learn the ins and outs of playing on a softball team.

Parents, Eckerd college volunteers and Kiwanians help kids in wheelchairs round the bases and take a swing at the ball. The Kiwanis provides uniforms and equipment. Both the Rays and the Yankees donate time to the Miracle League, the Yankees with roving instructor Jack Hubbard and the Rays with administrative worker Tom Meloday.

"I thoroughly enjoy it," Hubbard says. "It keeps life in the proper perspective. All you've got to do is come down here and see the joy in their eyes. It makes everything worthwhile."

The 22-member club built the \$300,000 and runs the Saturday morning program. David Romine, the past president, says that the average Saturday morning sees anywhere from 15 to 30 kids. There Kiwanis don't hold tryouts and they don't set age limits. Every game ends in a tie.

"If the kid shows up, they play," Romine says.

Most of the kids who round the bases as part of the Saturday morning Miracle League don't know how much work went into making sure they have the same chances as the kids playing on the next ball field over. They don't realize their field is different. They don't understand how hard a small group of men and women worked to make sure that every kid, no matter his ability, has a chance to know what it feels like to play ball.

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# Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



## Thanking the Hands That Feed Us

Thanksgiving is a holiday built around food. We gather, we gorge, we acknowledge the work of the cook, and perhaps we thank the divine. But rarely do we honor the hands that feed us.

Growing the food that feeds our country is one of the most thankless and low-paying jobs a person could have. In 2002, the median net income for a U.S. farmer was \$15,848, while hired hands and migrant workers averaged around \$10,000 per year. Farming has become so unpopular that the category was recently removed from the U.S. Census, and federal prison inmates now outnumber farmers.

Migrant pickers often put in long hours -- up to twelve hours a day, in fact -- and earn about 45 cents for each 32-pound bucket of tomatoes. This amount hasn't risen in more than 30 years. At that rate, workers have to pick two and a half tons of tomatoes to earn minimum wage. Most farm workers don't get sick days, overtime or health care. Some farmers often don't fare much better.

But it doesn't have to be this way. If we stopped putting such an emphasis on "cheap" and instead put an emphasis on "fair," maybe those people who grow our food could afford to eat as well. Raising farm wages would have little effect on supermarket prices, mainly because farmers and farm workers are paid only about 6 to 9 cents out of every retail dollar spent.

If we raised farm wages by 35 percent and passed that cost on to consumers, it would raise the retail price of food by only a few pennies, according to the Center for Immigrant Studies. The total cost to consumers for all fresh produce would add up to less than \$34 per year, per family. If we raised wages by 70 percent, that cost would be about \$67. Divide this among 52 weekly trips to the supermarket, and you're looking at spending barely a dollar more each week. Wouldn't you

spend that much to know that people didn't suffer to feed you?

In Jan. 2001, the U.S. Department of Labor informed Congress that farm workers were "a labor force in significant economic distress." The report cited farm workers' "low wages, sub-poverty annual earnings (and) significant periods of un- and underemployment," adding that "agricultural worker earnings and working conditions are either stagnant or in decline."

For agriculture to be sustainable, it must provide a living for those who work our land. Let's honor the hands that feed us by restoring the dignity of a fair wage to farmers and farm workers. Here are a couple ways to do that:

-- Buy your produce from local farms, where you can meet the farm workers and see for yourself whether they're treated fairly. The smaller the farm, the more likely the owners are to treat workers well; often, they'll have only family members working the farm.

-- Support an increase in farm worker wages by joining the Alliance for Fair Food.

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# Parade Honors Hometown Heroes

The Boca Ciega high school marching band provided the soundtrack as war heroes, enlisted men and women, veterans and patriots took part in Gulfport's Heroes parade Saturday afternoon. The parade down Beach and Shore Boulevards also included the American Legion, and other community groups as well as local businesses.

Laura Henderson, wife of Ward Four councilmember Sam Henderson, sang the national anthem. Mr. Henderson rode in the parade with a local veteran, as did Mayor Mike Yakes, who rode alongside his son, Christopher, and decorated Gulfport veteran Irving Zeider. Councilwomen Jennifer Salmon and Barbara Banno also rode in the procession while vice mayor David Hastings and his wife, Jo, emceed the event.



# Dangerous Dog or Beloved Pet?

## A Dog Bite in the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club

By Cathy Salustri

Four years ago Jo Gonzalez-Hastings saw a puppy trailing after a man almost get hit by a car. She stopped her car and told the man about it. He said that the puppy was a stray.

Gonzalez-Hastings opened her car door, gestured to the dog, and said, "come on in, Buddy." The puppy needed no further encouragement: he made himself at home in the back seat of her car. She drove to her husband's accounting office and called through his window for help.

"I thought she had a knife in her neck, the way she was yelling," Hastings remembers. "But then she opens up the door, and there's little Buddy with his big feet.

Hastings, a cat lover – the Gabber once wrote about his rescued cat, Buttercup, who nursed him through chemotherapy and was later killed by a coyote – didn't want the dog.

"I said, 'We're not keeping the dog,'" he remembers. He and his wife spent the afternoon tracking down the puppy's microchip, tracing it back to a vacant apartment.

By the end of the day Hastings gave in to his wife. She could keep the dog, now officially named Buddy. Although he says Buddy officially belongs to his wife, he loves the dog, too.

"You know how it is," he says of his affection for Buddy. "They grow tentacles inside of you."

Last Wednesday after dinner Tom Parkinson called his eight-year-old German Shepherd, Luger, to go for a walk. He sat on his front porch, putting on his shoes, when he noticed his neighbor pulling her dogs away from the Hastings household.

Once he and Luger started walking, he saw why: the Hastings' gate was open and their two dogs, Lamont and Buddy, were out.

"As soon as I saw them, they saw me, and they charged," Dr. Parkinson said. "They were on either side of Luger."

He says that Buddy attacked Luger. "The rest of it happened so fast."

Hastings pulled into the driveway of his Pasadena Yacht and Country Club home and pressed the button to open his electric gate. He drove through the gate and pressed the button to close it. He let Buddy and Lamont, out to play in the yard. He planned to join them once he changed. That's when his cell phone rang: a neighbor told him his dogs were running loose.

After Buddy bit Luger, Parkinson says, the dog left. Hastings found his two dogs lying in his driveway "as if nothing had happened." Together he and Parkinson checked Luger. Parkinson says Luger had a limp, but he couldn't find the source. The two talked for a while.

"We couldn't find any blood," Hastings says.

Gulfport police officer David Cavanah also looked the dog over and found no evidence of an injury or a limp, but when Parkinson took Luger home, he noticed blood spots on his tiles and saw blood dripping out of Luger's chest. He spotted a wound, which he says is a puncture mark from Buddy.

Pinellas County Animal Services is investigating.

This is not the first time Buddy has bitten Luger. Parkinson says Buddy attacked him in May, although he didn't file a



report. He says he and Luger were sitting under a tree when Buddy ran out the Hastings' gate and charged Luger, leaving Luger with a deep wound on his left haunch.

Hastings paid the vet bills.

Parkinson started carrying pepper spray, but he couldn't get it to work last week.

"If I could have gotten the pepper spray to work this problem would have been solved," he says.

Hastings is a CPA; Buddy and Lamont come to work with him every day. His wife cooks them liver and rice. The dogs spend their days dozing at Hastings' feet while he meets with clients. They are socialized with people and get along with the Hastings' cats.

"He just loves people to death. Buddy's not aggressive towards people," he says.

Buddy does like to escape. The Hastings installed a \$3,000 electric fence, but that didn't stop Buddy.

"You could almost see Buddy light up when he went through the thing," Hastings said. When his hand made

contact with the prongs on Buddy's electric collar as he marched his dog back over the electric fence, he decided to install a wooden fence. That still wasn't quite enough, so last year he and a neighbor – at that neighbor's suggestion – split the cost of a wall around the property. Hastings installed an electric gate.

"We've had nothing but problems with the damn thing," he says, adding that the gate works sporadically. After replacing the motherboard twice and numerous repair calls, he says the gate recently started working again.

"You get that confidence that it's fixed," he says. That's what happened last week: "I pushed the button and I didn't even think. I just had the confidence that it did.

"Regardless of that, the gate was open," he says.

Parkinson says the Hastings don't pay enough attention to the gate and the attack could have been avoided.

"They don't close the gate. He never turns around and looks. Are they going to learn

because of this incident? Maybe,” he says. He adds that the neighbors are concerned.

“This is the second time in four years Buddy has gotten out. That’s not paying attention?” Hastings said.

“All the other dogs are smaller (than Luger.) What’s going through their minds is ‘if the pit bull is going to go after this dog, what’s going to happen to my little dog?’” Parkinson says.

Hastings says that Buddy takes issue with Luger specifically, because when Buddy was a puppy two German Shepherds Parkinson owned “flattened Buddy out on his back and had to be pulled off” (he couldn’t be certain if it was Luger or another dog).

“My dog doesn’t get like that dog,” he says. “Buddy’s half the size and weight of this German Shepherd. You’ve got to be pretty damn pissed off if you’re going to go after someone twice as big as you.”

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The police report lists Buddy as a American Staffordshire Terrier, also known as a pit bull, but Hastings says he had a DNA test done on Buddy that identified him as an Australian Shepherd, Sharpei, Dalmatian and border collie and papillion.

Animal Services contacted both Hastings and Parkinson and asked them to submit affidavits. Based

on those affidavits and the severity of Luger’s injury, they could label Buddy a dangerous dog and cite the Hastings for Buddy being a public nuisance. Unless two unrelated households submit affidavits saying they witnessed the violation, they will not issue a public nuisance citation.

What will happen to Buddy? That depends.

If Animal Services feel they have sufficient findings to declare Buddy a dangerous dog, the Hastings can appeal the decision, turn the dogs over to Animal Services, or agree to register Buddy as a dangerous dog.

Currently the county has only two such dogs registered – two Siberian Huskies in Largo. Owners can pay a \$250 annual fee, agree to muzzle the dog whenever it may encounter the public, and allow Animal Services to inspect their property to make sure the dogs are safely contained. The dog owners must also post “Dangerous Dog” warning signs on their property.

Since January 1 of this year, Animal Services has investigated three allegedly dangerous dogs in the 33707 ZIP code; they have received 34 calls about allegedly aggressive dogs although, Britland is quick to point out, they are allegations, not proven dangerous dogs.

Parkinson and Hastings share two concerns. Parkinson says he is concerned that the dogs will escape again.

“I don’t want anything to happen to these dogs, but this is a habitual thing,” Parkinson says.

“Where does he get that two times in four years is habitual?” Hastings says. He says they didn’t call Animal Services when the German shepherds went after Buddy or when his dog chased his cat. The cat ran into a wall and later died.

Hastings maintains that his dogs aren’t dangerous.

“He’s not the victim here. Buddy has retaliated,” Hastings said.

Animal Services has no record of alleged aggression from either dog. In fact, Hastings said, the investigator who came out to interview him “noticed how docile Buddy was.”

“The officer said it wasn’t like Buddy had gone after another kid,” he added. He says that he doesn’t approve of his dog’s actions and will prevent a repeat of last week’s events.

“I don’t want my dogs running around, period,” he says. “We’re both extremely careful. We can’t have Buddy do this again,” Hastings says. “We just can’t.”

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### PROGRAMS

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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.

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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.
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- Zumba- Call Valerie at 557-4258.

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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

**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

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# Services *City Sponsored Activities* in the Community

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Closed for Holidays:** The Gulfport Senior Center and GEMS will be closed on Thurs. Nov. 24 & Fri. Nov. 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**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).

**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 or Christmas Survival Guide (a hilarious revue Off-Broadway Palm in Ft. Myers) on Nov. 26. Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for info on these and other upcoming trips.

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

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.

**Senior Center Flea Market:** Mark your calendar for our next Flea Market on Fri. Dec. 2, 9am-noon.

### The Debby Bacon Holiday Dream

**Show:** International Concert Pianist and Entertainer Debby Bacon is performing two fundraising shows to benefit the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation on Wed. Dec. 7 at the Catherine Hickman Theater. Show Times are 1pm and 7pm. Tickets available in advance at the Senior Center: \$10/advance or \$12 at the door for the 1pm performance; \$12/advance or \$14 at the door for the 7pm performance. The evening performance will include a Meet & Greet with Ms. Bacon at 6pm in the

Theater lobby. For more info call the Senior Center at (727) 893-2237 or check online at HYPERLINK "<http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>" www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org.

**World War II Presentation:** A presentation will be offered by Bob Hanson on Fri. Dec. 9 at 1pm on his experiences serving as an American Air Force pilot in Italy during World War II. A question and answer period will follow.

**Trolley Night Light Tour:** Gulfport seniors are invited to participate in a trolley tour of Gulfport's holiday light displays on Mon. Dec. 19 at 6:30pm. Call the Senior Center if you would like to join us!

**Holiday Senior Follies:** The Joe Koehler Senior Follies Holiday Show will be held in the Hickman Theater on Wed. Dec. 21 at 1pm. Tickets are only \$5.00 and can be purchased in advance at the Senior Center. Refreshments will follow in the Senior Center Dining Hall.

### 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

**More Activities:** To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety, please log onto HYPERLINK "<http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>" www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org.

### **Neighborhood Center**

**1617 49th St. So./893-1070**

**Faith Cathedral International Church:**

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8-10:30pm Dance

**Pre-Thanksgiving Swing Bash!**  
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**Wed., Nov. 23, 6-11pm**

**Thursday, Nov. 17**  
**Salsa Dance**  
6:30-8pm Beg. & Inter. Lessons  
8-10pm Dance, \$7

# Local Obituaries

**BAKER, ELVA MAE**, 95, of Gulfport and South Pasadena, formerly of Lexington, KY, died after a long illness. She was a member of Pasadena Baptist Church where she taught the women's Sunday school classes, vacation Bible school, and sang in the choir. Mrs. Baker is survived by her two daughters, Gloria Wilson and Mary Ann Kelley; three sons, Tony, Curtis, and Les Baker; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held from 3-4 pm on Friday, Nov. 18th at the David C. Gross Funeral Home in St. Petersburg, with services beginning at 4 p.m. Donations in Mrs. Baker's memory to Suncoast Hospice and Feed The Children would be greatly appreciated. Guestbook at [www.davidcgross.com](http://www.davidcgross.com).

David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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**BURGESS, ROLAND "MIKE"**, 73, of South Pasadena, died Nov. 12, 2011. He is survived by 3 daughters; 1 sister; 4 grandchildren. Abbey Affordable Cremation & Funeral Services, Inc., 727-517-2340.

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**DELISI, JOSEPHINE A.**, 92, of South Pasadena, passed away Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, at Hospice House Woodside. Born in Manhattan, NY, she came here in 1975, from Old Bethpage, NY. She graduated from Julia Richmond HS. She worked for the Florida Water Dept., and the "Flying Squad" at Gertz. She was preceded in death by her husband of

64 years Onofrio "Fred" DeLisi. She is survived by her children Frederick J. DeLisi, Suzanne T. Svihovec, and Steven M. DeLisi; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. There will be a visitation from 2-4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11th, with a funeral service to begin at 4 p.m. at Anderson McQueen, 7820 38th Ave. N. Visit the family's personalized online Guestbook at [www.andersonmcqueen.com](http://www.andersonmcqueen.com).

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**PLANTE, GEORGE RAYMOND**, 78, of St. Petersburg died Thursday,

November 10, 2011 at St. Petersburg General Hospital. Born in Holyoke, Mass., he retired from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Parks & Recreation Division. He is predeceased by his wife, Marianne L. (Bobba) Plante. Survivors include his daughter, Deborah A. Plante, St. Petersburg and sister-in-law Gina M. (Bobba) Forgetta, Gulfport. Funeral arrangements will be private.

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**ROSS, DENNIS**, 69, of Gulfport, died October 30, 2011 of a brain aneurysm. Born in Tampa, FL, he was a graduate of the University of South Florida. He served in the Marine Corps and its reserve and started his civilian career as a school teacher and social worker. After the Florida Teacher's Walkout in 1968, Mr. Ross served as assistant administrator for Hillsborough County and the director of administration for Tampa. In 1980 he became then-Governor Bob Graham's deputy chief of staff. He joined the Jim Water Corporation eventually rising to CEO. The suicide of his son in the early 1980s had him volunteering at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay where he eventually became its CEO in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, of Gulfport; daughter, Katie Trabert, of Greensboro, NC; sister, Christopher Ross, of Gulfport, and three grandchildren. The family suggests that contributions be made to the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, 14901 Crisis Center Plaza, Tampa, FL 33613.

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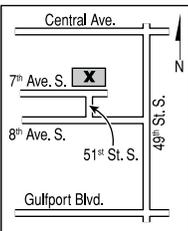
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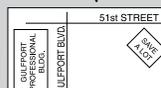
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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## It's about the Children

Where is the public concern about the small children raped, fondled, abandoned, thrown under the bus at Pennsylvania State University? Of what significance is the reputation of the Pennsylvania State University or that of football coach Joe Paterno, or the fall of his colleague and accused, Jerry Sandusky, against the enormity of the crime committed against small children?

The story being told is about sports obsessed coaches and fund raising and student recruiting for a state supported University. However, the real story is about children who may never recover, mentally nor physically, from the abuse they suffered. The real story is about how little anyone cared about the children.

It is not a sex scandal. It is about violence, helplessness, despair, confusion, anger, done to and felt by small children, memories and feelings that may never disappear.

It is about the perversion of one large, domineering man, and heartlessness and selfishness and moral vacuity of a handful of men, some of them wealthy, powerful, and influential.

Think about it: You are a small, 70 pound child being sexually fondled and penetrated in a gym locker room, by a 230 pound, old, powerful and prominent, former defensive coordinator of one of the nation's premier college football programs, a father figure, revered by officials at the University where the assault is taking place, and to whose care you have been entrusted by your parent or parents.

Into this nightmare, which will never end, comes a strapping 28-year-old. He looks, he sees. He does nothing to stop the assault. He leaves. Help never comes. No one in authority, no potential rescuer comes to you, questions you. No one but the man raping you.

This is not an isolated incident. But you don't know that. You don't know that another child a couple of years ago experienced a similar assault,

witnessed by a janitor. Help never came then, either.

You don't know either that one child did complain to his mother and police did come, but nothing was done, nor publicly reported, or even privately reported. You don't know that the University investigated your case, but didn't bother to contact you even though your assaulter was banned from using the facilities (never enforced) though he continued to bring young children to football games and related sporting events.

You don't know either that the same man you so looked up to, the man helping you to go "The Second Mile" (the name of the Jerry Sandusky founded foundation), was "helping" young students at a local high school. You don't know that he was caught "wrestling" with a young boy late at night in a gym. You don't know that type of conduct was stopped, but never reported.

You and others never knew that others saw, suspected, knew what was happening, but like Pontius Pilate, passed on the responsibility to someone else. You didn't know there was a code of silence that protected individuals in the nearly religious program called football in "Happy Valley", the nick name for the university in the scenic mountain community of State College, Pennsylvania.

You would have known about the prestige of the University and its program. You would have known that Jerry Sandusky, your tormentor, was a renowned coach, favored at one time as the successor to Joe Paterno who some referred to, sometimes sarcastically, as St. Joe.

You may even have known that Sandusky came from Washington, Pa., my home town, where it was thought that Paterno wouldn't have been THE Paterno without Sandusky. When Sandusky suddenly retired at age 55 it was believed it was because he was frustrated and angry that Paterno would not retire. The town remembered Sandusky's father, Art, who was revered for

his work with young people in that community. No one there speculated that there might be other reasons for Sandusky's early retirement.

You probably would have been told of the largess of your mentor who started "Second Mile" in the 1970s to help single or split parent kids. You might have heard how good the program was which it seemed to be and probably was most of the times. You certainly would have been impressed with its affiliation with Penn State, now a university of 96,000 students and a football stadium, built by Joe Paterno's football program that seats 106,000 people. You might also have heard that Paterno gave \$2 million (or was it \$4 million) back to the University he loves.

This was a program you and your parents could trust. A program of substance, of prestige, of good people. What you wouldn't know is that the program and its affiliations were worth more than you as an individual; that the program and the University's goodness and reputation had greater weight than simple right and wrong; that unusual or infrequent "incidents" such as yours should not besmirch the reputation of greater men and institutions.

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Hats off to our Auxiliary Juniors who did such a great job in the parade! Don't forget the bake sale Friday, "Nov. 18th starting at 4 p.m. Come and get some homemade goodies. As always, we invite Auxiliary members to attend our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. We welcome your ideas. Please plan to join us on Sunday's starting at 1p.m. for Steak-Ums games. Have fun and win great food!

Service Officer, Bob Cannon is at the Post on Thursday's from 9a.m. till noon to offer assistance.

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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	Sports & Pizza 12-6pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm  Dee Karaoke 7-10pm	SAL Mtg-6pm  Harry 7-10pm	Legion Dinner 6-8pm

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

**Friday 11/4**

- Drunk Person-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2100 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5300 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Call for Officer-** 4600 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 900 Blk Gray St. S.
- Battery-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Saturday 11/5**

- Noise Complaint-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5000 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1100 Blk 58th St. S.
- Suspicious Activity-** 5400 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 5400 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Battery-** 2600 Blk 57th St. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 5000 Blk 23rd Ave. S.
- Hit & Run-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

**Sunday 11/6**

- Trouble with Individual-** 5600 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

- Animal Complaint-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- City County Code Violation-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5000 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- City County Code Violation-** Tomlinson Park.
- Burglary-** 4800 Blk Trade Winds Dr. S.
- Theft-** 5000 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 2700 Blk 54th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Drunk Person-** 5400 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 6300 Blk 13th Ave. S.

**Monday 11/7**

- Domestic Verbal-** 5200 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Burglary-** 900 Blk 55th St. S.
- Theft-** 2000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 700 Blk Gray St. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Domestic Assault-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.

**Tuesday 11/8**

- Domestic Verbal-** 5500 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Call for Officer-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Theft-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 700 Blk Gray St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5900 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5600 Blk 14th Ave. S.

- Animal Complaint-** 5000 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Theft-** Tomlinson Park.
- Wednesday 11/9**
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2900 Blk 57th St. S.
- Theft-** 2900 Blk 59th St. S.
- Call for Officer-** 5800 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5400 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5000 Blk 24th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Theft-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 1800 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5600 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** Tomlinson Park.
- Accident with Injuries-** 2200 Blk 57th St. S.
- Theft-** 5900 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Call for Officer-** 5300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 1400 Blk 61st St. S.
- Thursday 11/10**
- Trouble with Individual-** 2000 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 4500 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 5000 Blk 24th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2700 Blk 56th St. S.
- Burglary-** 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2600 Blk 49th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** Tomlinson Park.
- Trouble with Individual-** Tomlinson Park.
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- Noise Complaint-** 5600 Blk Newton Ave. S.

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By Scott Lafee

**Game Theory**

Hey, kids. Next time Mom or Dad declares you're spending too much time playing video games, whip out a copy of the journal *Computers in Human Behavior* and cite this Michigan State University study:

Children who play video games, violent or not, tend to be more creative.

MSU researchers looked at almost 500 12-year-olds, and concluded that the more kids played video games, the more creative they were in other tasks like drawing pictures or writing stories.

On the other hand, the researchers said that use of cellphones, the Internet and computers (other than for video games) appeared unrelated to creativity.

**STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM**

A new study out of Johns Hopkins University says that kidneys from older donors, those aged 50 to 59, are somewhat more likely to fail within 10 years compared to transplants from younger donors. The failure rate was 33.3 percent to 21.6 percent.

But here's the twist: Kidneys donated from people older than 70 are no more likely to fail than those from people in their 50s. "A lot of people come up to me and say, 'I wish I could donate a kidney, but I'm too old,'" said Dorry Segev, an associate professor of surgery and study author. "What our study says is that if you're in good health and you're over 70, you're not too old to donate a kidney to your child, your spouse, your friend, anybody.

"It's better if you have a younger donor, (but) not everyone has a younger donor. And an older, live donor is better than no live donor at all."

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**LAST WORDS**

"Surprise me." -- Actor and comedian Bob Hope (1903-2003) when asked by his wife where he wanted to be buried. (He was interred in the Bob Hope Memorial Garden at the San Fernando Mission Cemetery in Los Angeles where his mother is also buried.)

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## What are Health Care Surrogates and Living Wills?

A thoughtfully prepared disability plan should cover who should handle a disabled person's health care matters as well as their property management issues. After all, health care matters are of monumental importance because of their deeply personal character and the consequences those decisions might have on the person's length and quality of life. The best way to avoid a guardian being appointed by the court to make these health care decisions is to designate a Health Care Surrogate.

The Health Care Surrogate should be in a good position to use substituted

judgement for the disabled person, the principal, and thus should have a solid grasp of the disabled person's attitudes, the quality of life the disabled person would find satisfactory, and his or her religious beliefs and philosophy of life. The disabled person should be confident in placing these important judgments into the hands of the Health Care Surrogate.

A competent person has the right to refuse medical treatment for any reason whatsoever, even if that refusal will result to an otherwise preventable death. But what happens if that person is unable to communicate his or her wishes?

A living will goes into effect if a person falls into a condition where recovery is almost impossible. It is a set of written instructions stating an individual's desire not to be kept alive through the use of medical technology when that individual is in a terminal condition and incapable of giving informed consent or refusal for further treatment. It also appoints someone to make such decisions on that person's behalf.

A living will is one of the most important estate preservation techniques available to the average person. Numerous studies have shown that a large portion of all health care costs in the United States are incurred in the last few days of a person's life. The cost burdens to the family members of individuals in terminal conditions are also considerable. Many families are forced to spend substantial amounts of their income and savings in order to medically prolong the lives of their loved ones for just a few days.

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## Church offers Cold Night Shelter

Beginning November 15th, Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 1000 55 Street S. in Gulfport will provide a warm place to sleep for any Gulfport resident who does not have heat or adequate shelter on nights where the temperature is 40 degrees or below. This is an ecumenical effort with volunteers from Gulfport Presbyterian Church, the community and Trinity Church. The shelter will operate from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. A warm supper will be provided as well as breakfast. Reservations are appreciated for purposes of meal planning. Only 20 people can be accommodated.

Donations of single serving items such as breakfast bars, instant oatmeal or cereal, small cans of fruit, snack cakes, chips and many more items are needed.

Call 239-1548 if you wish to donate, volunteer or assist or if you may want to use the shelter.

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## Enter Non-alcoholic Drink Contest

With the holiday season approaching, there will be many parties and celebrations. Unfortunately, many

of these parties and celebrations will end in sadness due to a guest driving when he has had a little too much to drink.

Operation PAR is encouraging hosts to provide alcohol free beverages for their guests who will be driving and would like to offer their assistance by sponsoring an annual Non-Alcoholic Drink Contest. The public is invited to submit non-alcoholic drink recipes to: Non Alcoholic Drink Contest, Operation PAR, Inc., 6655 66th St. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33781. The top ten, determined by a team of

judges, will be selected and invited to prepare their drink for a panel of area celebrities who will vote for the first, second and third place drink. The public will be invited.

All drinks submitted will be featured in a free publication.

Recipes must be received by November 28th. Celebrity judging will occur December 6th, 2:30 p.m. at the Shirley D. Coletti Academy for Behavioral Change. The judging/open house will be open to the public. Call Dayle Catterton at 545-7564.

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## Attorney Keith Sanders, Handles Foreclosure Defense and Bankruptcies with Experience and Sensitivity

**Y**ou could say my motto is 'been there, done that,' says Keith Sanders, from Sanders Law, P.A.

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."

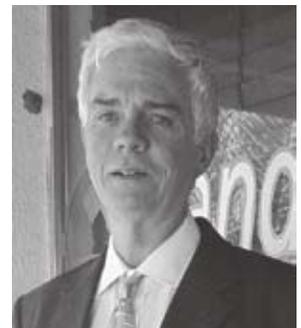
"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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.

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

Sanders has held a number of seminars and



written professional 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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# Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

## When Kids Won't Leave the Nest

In Italy, they're know as "mammon" (mamas' boys). The Japanese call them "parasaito shinguru" (parasite singles). In the U.S., they're referred to as "boomerangs." And in Britain, they go by "KIPPERS," an acronym for "kids in parents' pockets eroding retirement savings." As humorous as this may be at first, kids moving home

after college is a growing problem for many families.

Growing up is getting increasingly more expensive. Add to this, most young adults believe that to find a rewarding career they must opt for college after high school. Four years later, they have school loans far greater than they can manage. Add on the cost of a car, food, clothing, shelter and a social life, and suddenly moving back in with Mom and Dad

(code for: someone else to pay the bills) becomes a financially attractive option. So, what's a parent to do? A few thoughts:

Create a contract. Call it a "Temporary Residency Agreement," wherein you as the parents are the "Landlord" and your adult child is the "Tenant." Err on the side of not cutting your young adult any slack here. This is an excellent opportunity to teach personal responsibility and the fine art of living on a budget. Have a beginning and an end date. Address everything in this agreement and close all loopholes. If you treat this in a business-like way, you'll get a lot more respect in the days (weeks, months?) ahead.

Set rules. This is about money, so don't skirt around the issue. Whether your kids are still with you because they moved back or because they never left, it's time to lay down the law that says everyone in the household contributes to the expenses and maintenance. This includes paying rent, a portion of the utility bills and food. Determine what these amounts will be, and then make it part of the contract. As for their own expenses, adult children need to pay their own car payments, insurance, gasoline, credit cards and cell phones.

Beyond money. Everyone living in the home needs to participate in its maintenance. What are your minimum standards for laundry and meals? Who gets to park where? What about guests? Don't assume anything. Put everything in writing.

Exit strategy. There needs to be a clear cut plan for how long this arrangement will last (do not skip the ending date on that contract) and a plan for its conclusion. Then make sure everyone is sticking to that schedule.

This is not about how much you love your kids or your ability to support them forever. It's about loving them enough to force them to grow wings and learn to fly on their own, regardless the state of the economy, the load of debt they've amassed or their inability to find the job of their dreams.

You may have to push them from the nest, but if you play your cards right, it won't come to that. Hopefully, through your loving persistence, they will gain the strength and stamina to fly off on their own.

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## Chili Part of Fall Fun at Boyd Hill



ST. PETERSBURG – Maddie Winters, 10, ladles out her mom’s chili at the Pinellas Pioneer Settlement’s Second Annual Chili Cookoff. The chili cookoff was part of a day of old-fashioned fall festivities that included hay rides, sack races, rope making and horseshoes. Kids in attendance also had plenty of chances to make different crafts at booths hosted by girl scout groups.

The Pinellas Pioneer Settlement is part of Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. Its next event, the December 10 Christmas Jamboree, will showcase trees decorated with old-fashioned decorations. For more information visit [PinellasPioneerSettlement.org](http://PinellasPioneerSettlement.org).

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## Fish Fry Helps Troubled Youth



SOUTH PASADENA – Three year old Parker Tapp gets to know a police dog Saturday afternoon the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch fish fry. The event took place in the Leverocks parking lot. The program unites sheriff’s departments across the state in helping “kids that are going down the wrong path,” according to Pinellas Sheriff Bob Gualtieri.

The program receives no government funding, surviving on charitable contributions. Sheriff

Gualtieri said he hopes to raise awareness through events like the fish fry. According to Leverocks owner George Lewis, Leverocks’ founder, Johnny Leverocks, helped found the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch.

The restaurant donated the facility and “we lean on our purveyors” to get the fish for the fry as inexpensively as possible. Leverocks donates all proceeds from the event to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch.

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## Early Thanksgiving in South Pasadena



Florence Molella prepares to dig in at the South Pasadena Civic Association's early Thanksgiving dinner this past Saturday. The dinner, held on the first floor of city hall, offered diners a traditional dinner followed by several rounds of Bingo. Former mayor and community activist Fred Held have the blessing before inviting his fellow association members to help themselves to the catered dinner.

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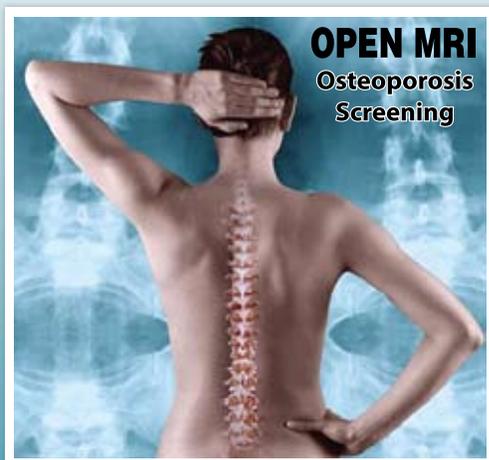
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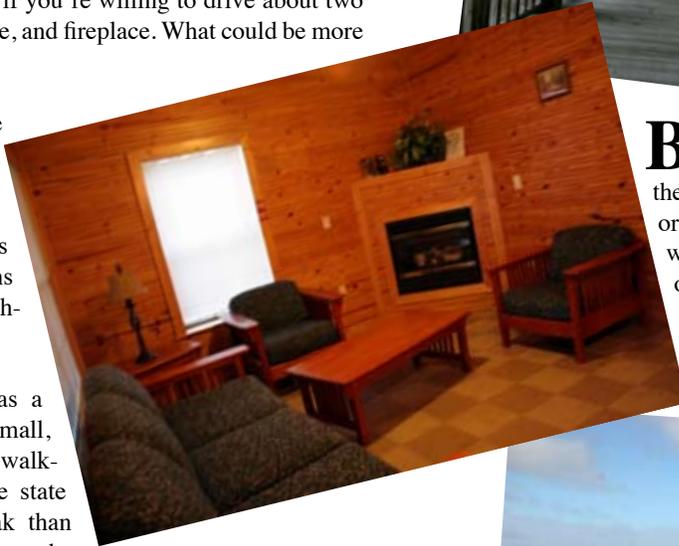
## Fall in Florida: Finding Cozy

By Cathy Salustri

Autumn in Florida can prove challenging. While we're quick to huckle at the northerners with their snowstorms as we stroll along the beach in our shirtsleeves, sometimes even the most hardened Floridian relishes the idea of cozying up to a fireplace in flannel pajamas, mulled wine or hot cocoa in hand. While that's easier said than done with the sound of seagulls right outside your window – that is, if it's cool enough to turn off the air conditioner and open a window – it's still doable, and, if you're willing to drive about two hours, you can have a cabin, lake, and fireplace. What could be more autumn than that?



**WHAT:** So close to Disney that you can see the theme park's nightly fireworks show, Lake Louisa State Park offers an autumn respite for Floridians seeking the feel of autumn without all the pesky snow.



**BEST part:** Along the hiking trails you'll easily find tangerine, orange, and sour orange trees. Sour oranges will be coming into season in the next month or so, although they're hard to find in the grocery store. Happening upon these large, bumpy-skinned, lemon-like oranges is a delight for anyone who loves the taste of sour orange pie.

**WHY:** The park has a series of small, rolling hills, lakes, and wooded walking paths. In the center of the state you'll find more pine and oak than palm, along with wild orange trees that remain from when some of the area had citrus groves on it.

If you have the time and really want to get into the feel of autumn, rent a lakeside cabin. The cabins are Florida-practical with screened porches that keep out the bugs, but serve campers well on chillier fall nights: every cabin has a fireplace, central heat and air, and honey-colored tongue and groove walls and ceilings.

During the day, you can hike over 20 miles of trails (or, if you have your own horse, ride along 15 miles of horse trail), picnic by the lake, or watch the wildlife from a wooden rocking chair on your porch on the water. At night, grab a blanket and a cup of cocoa and watch the fireplace blaze.



**WHO:** Lake Louisa is part of the state park system; it became a state park in 1974, after the state bought the former cattle ranch and orange grove from the Bronson family.

**WHERE:** Head east on I-4 to exit 55, then head north to Clermont on US 27. After about 20 minutes, Lake Louisa will be on your left.

**WORST part:** The park is lovely and large, but the cabins on a lake make the experience altogether wonderful. Best to choose a chillier night to spend the night or else the fireplace goes to waste while the mosquitoes lie in wait outside the cabin.

**MAGIC Question:** Entrance costs \$4 per person or \$5 per car; entrance fee waived with camping reservations. Cabins cost \$120 per night; tent and RV camping costs \$24 per night. The park also has primitive camping at \$5 per person.

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

## For the Love of Reading



Pictured (L-R): Phyllis Plotnick, Carol Parker and Jan Dutton pick the winner of one of the gift certificates. The promotion was put on by the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library to help encourage people to sign up for a library card.

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library held a drawing on Saturday October 22nd for two \$25 gift certificates for the Small Adventures Book Shop in Gulfport. The winners are Candace Weyand and Xolani Jones. Congratulations! They each won a \$25 gift certificate to the Small Adventures Book Shop in Gulfport. Jan Dutton donated the prizes to help encourage people to sign up for a library card.

During the month of October, everyone who applied for a new library card was entered into a drawing to win one of the two prizes: one gift certificate to a child and one for a new adult member. Phyllis Plotnick with the Circle of Friends said the Gulfport Public Library received 48 new memberships in October.

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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.

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# Food for thought

By Daphne Oz

## A Small Indulgence

More than just for fuel, food is there to make our lives richer. When I set out to create a permanent healthy lifestyle plan for myself, I first committed to make room for indulgences and be flexible to include those meals and fun food activities that make life so sensorially exciting! Eight years later, I have been “diet”-free and lost more than 30 pounds without ever giving up the foods I love.

What we eat *most* of the time is what counts in the long run when it comes to health, but every now and then, we can relish an opportunity to enjoy a favorite restaurant meal, a homemade good or a treat because these times allow us to maintain a comfortable relationship with food, one in which we are always in the driver’s seat.

I’m all about making the foods I love a little bit better for me. After all, if I can enjoy the great taste I crave without going overboard on fat, calories or sugar, it’s the best of both worlds! The recipe below is for my favorite blueberry muffin, made with whole wheat and browned butter for an absolutely decadent treat. I love whipping up a batch on a weekend morning, but you also could freeze the batter and bake them up during the week when you’re pinched for time.

The whole wheat provides healthy complex carbohydrates, plus the blueberry’s own dose of vitamins and antioxidants. I also add some yogurt to keep the muffins moist, which increases the protein level, and we’re using maple syrup to limit the amount of processed sugar. (You could use an equal amount of honey or agave instead.) If you can skip the crumble, even better. It does add a nice little something extra. I like mine with all the fixings, but I make sure to limit myself to just one.

You’ll notice that in the recipe, I leave a little bit of regular butter, sugar, eggs and milk in the batter but am using small quantities and supplementing them with healthier

alternatives. This lets us hold on to great flavor while “healthifying” the overall product.

### Browned Butter Whole-Wheat Blueberry Muffins

--For muffins:

- 2-ounce stick of butter
- 2 ounces applesauce
- 1/4 cup yogurt
- 1/4 cup whole milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups fresh blueberries

--For topping (optional):

- 1 1/2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour (sub: 1/4 cup spelt flour)
- 4 tablespoons dark brown sugar, packed
- 2 tablespoons rolled oats, coarsely chopped

Pop blueberries in the freezer for about 10 minutes before you begin

so they won’t stain the batter when folding in.

Heat the oven to 375 F, and put rack in upper third. Grease muffin tin with residual brown butter from pan, or line with cups.

Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook it down until the color begins to change, being careful to remove from heat when it darkens but is not burnt.

Whisk the milk, eggs and vanilla in a small bowl, and then add the butter and whisk to combine. Add applesauce and maple syrup, and stir to combine.

In a large bowl, combine the flours, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add the butter and egg mixture all at once, and gently fold in.

Add your slightly frozen blueberries, being careful not to over-mix, and divide mixture equally among your muffin cups.

To make the topping, place all ingredients in a bowl and use your fingers to rub them together. Crumble over the muffins, and bake for 20-25 minutes.

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### Serve a Meal

• On November 20 from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., St. John Vianney Catholic Church on St. Pete Beach will serve a turkey dinner. The proceeds go to the church's youth program, St. Vincent de Paul, and to honor veterans. To help out with the day's events, call 347-8611 or 743-1583.

• On Thanksgiving Day, help prepare, serve, share and clean up the Salvation Army's Community Dinner. The Salvation Army needs roughly 40 volunteers to help with the 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. meal. Call 550-8080, extension 332 to volunteer.

• On Thanksgiving Day, the Suncoast Haven of Rest Rescue Mission (5625 Park Boulevard, Pinellas Park) needs volunteer servers to help serve dinner to homeless and needy families. Volunteers should arrive around noon for the 1 p.m. dinner. Call 545-8282 for additional information.

### Beyond Thanksgiving

#### Feed the Hungry: Taking it to the Street Ministries 7320 47th Street North, Pinellas Park

The Pinellas County Holiday Tent, a 5200 square foot tent in Pinellas Park, helps families in crisis with holiday assistance. The Holiday Tent accepts donations from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily and will provide pre-screened families with a turkey, all the fixings, two brand new toys and stocking stuffers. In total, Taking it to the Street will distribute 4,000 turkeys and 12,000 toys.

Taking it to the Street needs 90 volunteers a day as well as community support in the form of toy and food drives. Call 776-5767 to find out more, or drop your donations at the address above.

#### Make a Child Smile on Christmas Morning: Gulfport's Operation Santa

For 20 years, Gulfport Police department employees have sponsored "Operation Santa," collecting new toys, money or gift cards for Gulfport's needy children. Call 893-1042 or 893-1049 for information on how to donate.

#### Ring a Bell: Raise Money for Needy Families

Join the Salvation Army as one of the well-known bell-ringers who raise money for local families. The Salvation Army needs bell ringers for two hour (or longer) shifts from noon until 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; bell ringing starts November 28 and ends Christmas Eve. Call 550-8080, extension 332 to volunteer.

#### Be an Elf: Sort Donated Toys and Food

From November 28 through December 16 the Salvation Army needs 10 volunteers a day to help sort both toys and food for needy families. Call 550-8080, extension 332 to volunteer.

#### Play Santa: Deliver Donations

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Submitted by Mike Calamari

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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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## Fashion Show to Benefit St. Anthony's

St. Anthony's Hospital Auxiliary is celebrating the 80th anniversary of St. Anthony's Hospital with a luncheon/fashion show, "Celebrate in Style", to be held November 18 at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort, 501 Fifth Avenue NE, St. Petersburg. Individual tickets are \$75 and include complimentary valet parking. A patron ticket is \$100 and includes valet parking and program listing. Dillard's will be presenting the fashions. Checks should be payable to St. Anthony's Hospital Auxiliary, Inc. and mailed to 6900 10th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33710. If you have any questions about the event, please contact either co-chairman, Joan Jaicks at 896-5097, or Mary Ellen Conte at 821-2078. Proceeds of the luncheon/fashion show will benefit St. Anthony's Hospital's new emergency center.

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"We're having more and more people who need assistance," Ms. Ruscella said as she shelved biographies Thursday afternoon. "It will allow librarians to help people navigate e-government services. It's going to free up staff to assist with one on one help with (things like) Kindles and iPads."

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# The Poodle Palace & Pet Boutique

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By Cathy Salustri



*Poodle Palace and Pet Boutique is a unique blend of masterful grooming services, stylish dog accessories and cutting-edge relaxation therapies for all breeds of dogs. Calypso, pictured here with owner Laura, agrees.*

The name says poodles but in reality, owner Laura Campbell has more than enough to please every breed of dog – and every breed of dog owner – from Chihuahuas to Newfies. At least, Calypso thinks so.

Calypso loves Poodle Palace. She's a long-haired dachshund, so her grooming needs are few and far between, save the occasional sand spur between the toes, but, as you're about to learn, there's so much more to Poodle Palace than their spa-quality grooming services. Calypso isn't there for a pedicure; she's there for the toys and treats.

Poodle Palace is tiny compared to "superstores", but take a look at Poodle Palace through Calypso's eyes and you'll see why Laura – and her loyal following of dogs and humans – calls herself a one-stop shop.

Today Laura's got the shop decorated for Christmas, but, quite honestly, it's like Christmas for Calypso every time she's in there. Laura always has a "sample" treat for her, and they come in every conceivable flavor.

Seriously. Peanut and jelly mini-snack. Cheese, please Snacks made from only cheese. Human-grade mini meatballs, trail mix made from sweet potatoes and chicken or lamb and sweet potatoes. Lamb ears. Frozen treats. Apple pie and pumpkin pie treats.

Calypso's head is about to explode. She takes a cheese treat and carries over to the Christmas tree, which is decorated with a rainbow of doggie toys.

Laura stocks toys like the ones you'll find in the box stores, sure, but she also has some toys I've never seen before: Loofah dental toys shaped like starfish. Squeaky toys rated for "dog durability" on a scale of 1-10. Fang-proof "Invincibles" squeaky toys.

Since Calypso packs a lot of destruction for a little dog, I hesitate before picking up a toy I know won't last more than 20 minutes, but Poodle Palace has toys start at four dollars. And, if you bring your pet in for some spa pampering (or just a bath), they leave with one of the made-especially-for-Poodle-Palace squeaky toys that, oddly enough, I've found last longer than the toys I buy Calypso.

It's enough of an incentive to let Laura bath and pamper her, just so I can get the squeaky toy.

Behind the cornucopia of toys and treats are the grooming facilities. While the name on the shop boasts of Laura's expertise with poodles, she's certified as a master groomer in all breeds. She can – and does – groom dogs for dog shows, although she's more than happy to bathe dogs just because "every dog needs a little pampering."

Poodle Palace also offers spa services like bubble baths and paw-dicures. In fact, if you get one of their free Frequent Grooming cards, your pup can get free spa services after five grooms. What kind of spa services? They have "Paw Bubbles," a fresh vanilla and milk thistle bubble bath to revitalize paws. Poodle Palace also offers a blueberry and fresh vanilla facial scrub that refreshes the face (it's also great to remove tear stains).

Finally, if you, like many people, have started to read the label on your dog food, you're probably aware that one of the challenges in feeding your pet is finding dry food that uses more meat than fillers.

"I've done away with most everything that I didn't like the way the label read, and I'm bringing in more all the time," she says. She lets "tester" dogs sample the food before she agrees to sell it, a practice she also keeps with the grooming materials and toys. Pets test everything Laura sells, both for safety (in the case of toys) and to make sure everything she has appeals to dogs. The shampoos, spa treatments and grooming accoutrements for sale in the front of the shop are the same ones she uses in the back when she's getting a dog ready for a show.

So far, Calypso hasn't found a thing that doesn't appeal to her. If you, like Poodle Palace, are already Christmas minded, consider a doggie spa gift basket with bathing essentials. Also remember the loved ones in your life who may not be able to give their dog a proper bath on a regular basis – consider giving grooming gift certificates this holiday season.

At the second annual MADD Pinellas (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) Festival of Trees and Wreaths on December 9, Poodle Palace will donate a Christmas tree festooned with lime, turquoise, purple and gold ornaments and, of course, doggie bones. Underneath the tree at this year's tree lighting ceremony will be donation boxes for SPCA and PetPal Rescue. Come see the Poodle Palace Christmas tree – and others – at the December 9 tree lighting ceremony in Horan Park, where you can vote for your favorite tree or wreath with a \$1 donation. All proceeds benefit MADD Pinellas.

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# Open House



## Real Estate for Rent

**2BR/1BA HOUSE**- 58th St. & 3rd Ave. N. Appliances Included. C/H/A, Fenced Yard. \$850 deposit, \$850/Mo. 727-641-6773.

**2BR/1BA DUPLEX**-Washer/Dryer, Fenced Backyard, Pets Ok. Walking Distance to Art District. \$875/Mo. 5633 27th Ave. S. Gulfport. 727-871-1482.

**WEST SHORE VILLAGE**-Gated Community. Beautiful 2BR/2BR plus Den/Office Condo. Partly Furnished, 1400sqft. Garage, Large Swimming Pool, Lots of Fruit Trees, \$950/Mo. 727-360-7190.

**NORTH ST. PETE**-Updated 3BR/2BA, On-Site Laundry, Off-Street Parking. \$835/Mo. \$500 Security. 108 SW Lincoln Circle N. 727-688-9799.

**BEAUTIFUL TOWN SHORES 1BR/1BA**-3rd floor, 55+. 1yr. Lease. Newly Updated, Covered Parking. Move-in Ready, Marina View. All Amenities. \$750/Mo. 954-270-4882.

**GULFPORT 1BR/1BA**-in Tri-Plex. Living Room/Dining Recently Updated. Parking. \$600/Mo. plus \$600/Security. Suitable for Singles. Private Entrance. 727-481-7608.

**SMALL QUIET EFFICIENCIES** -All utilities included. \$100/wk. and up. Also need PT Handyman. Possible live-in. 727-289-3588.

**S. PASADENA 2/1 HOUSE**- Quiet neighborhood, New CHA, W/D, New Appliances, Fenced. Pets OK. \$950/mo. 7225 14th Ave. S. 727-643-9777

**TOWN SHORES 1BR/1.5BA**-Unfurnished, Wide Open Waterfronts, w/Covered Carport, Non Smoker Annual \$900/Mo. + 1st, last & sec. 727-343-2579.

**4911 5TH AVE. S.** 3BR House. Large living room & dining room, freshly painted, new carpet, fenced back yard. \$795/Mo. First & Last. Call 323-0051 9a.m.-5p.m.

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**2213 57th ST. S.**- 1st floor duplex apartment w/courtyard. 1Br. Clean, quiet, steps to bus line, & shopping. Perfect for single person. \$485/mo +Sec. 727-343-7933.

**1BR CONDO ST. PETE BEACH**- Annual \$750/Mo. 1 Year Minimum. Seasonal Min 4 months \$2000 plus Security. Close to Stores/Beach. Dock & Pool. Background Check, 727-453-0362.

**7401 5TH AVE. N.**-1BR/1BA \$550/Mo. 2nd Floor, Small complex. Storage and Covered Parking Available \$35.00. Onsite Laundry. Pets negotiable. 727-251-5546.

**TENANT NOT PAYING** - For Fast, Reasonable Eviction Service, Call Gulfport Attorney Karen S. Keaton, Gulf Beaches Law, P.A. at 727-822-2200.

**GULFPORT DUPLEX**-Large 1BR Overlooking Park. CHA, No Pets, Prefer Non-smoker, \$650/Mo. includes WSG. \$650 Security. 727-322-0191. Lv. msg.

## PASADENA

Large 1BR/1.5BA. Overlooking bay, minutes to beach. W/D included, covered parking, secure bldg. No pets. Available immediately. \$750/mo. plus one month security. MARCOUX REALTY, 727-347-1535, 727-360-9494.

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**1BR/1BA DUPLEX**- with New Paint & Carpet. Private Front Porch, Large Backyard. 4942 14th Ave. So. \$600/Mo. No Dogs. 773-563-1194.

**RENT TO OWN MOBILE HOME**-55+. 2BR/1.5BA, Corner Lot with Large Porch. \$400/Mo. plus Purchase Option. St. Petersburg 727-744-3500.

**5945 FAIRFIELD AVE. S.**-2BR/1BA. \$625/Mo., plus \$625/Security. Parking. 727-710-0776.

**GULFPORT ART DISTRICT**-Furnished 1br/1ba, mini kitchen. Utilities included. Close to shops, beach & bus. \$500/Mo. plus Security. Gentlemen Preferred. 727-345-1869.

**GULFPORT 4BR/1BA**- Huge Storage Area, \$900, Remodeled Studio \$500. Super Clean 2BR/1.5BA Fenced Home \$825. WALTON REALTY, 727458-3613.

## Furnished Rentals

**STUDIO APT. FOR RENT**-\$600/Mo. Includes Utilities. Completely Remodeled. Nice Neighborhood near Stetson. 1st/last & Security. 727-415-2992 or 727-424-9269.

**\$130.00 MOVES YOU IN** - Furnished Efficiency, Utilities Included. 727-327-3898.

**GULFPORT ART DISTRICT**- 2BR/1BA, Garden Apt. Newly Renovated. New A/C/Ceiling Fan. Very Clean. No Pets, \$650/Mo. plus Electric, Annual. 727-321-7966.

**ST. PETE BEACH**-Furnished Cozy 1BR. Cable, Waterfront, Pool, Patio, Dock. Close to Rec. Center. \$725/Mo. +Security. RALSTONS REALTY COMPANY 727-367-6702.

## Commercial Properties Rent

### COMMERCIAL BUILDING

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## Real Estate Wanted

**1BR FURNISHED**- Near Beach, Library. Last 2 weeks February. Could lead to long term next year. Call 413-739-7034.

## Real Estate for Sale

**LOVELY 2BR/2BA CONDO**- Tyrone Area, 55+. Fully Remodeled w/Real Hardwood Flooring. New Appliances. \$36,900. Alla Panteleyeva, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL REALTY, 727-251-4004.

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**228 SUN VISTA COURT N.**-2BR/2BA. Large Deck, 2 plus Car Garage. Open Sunday 1pm.-4pm. Directions Call 727-492-7643. LAND OF LIBERTE' REALTY.

**PRESIDENTIAL BLDG. #107 REDUCED!** Bay Island, Open Sunday 1-3pm. Fran Hubert Realtor. 727-360-9264, 727-580-9265. B & L REALTY.

## Real Estate for Sale

**SHORE MANOR**-2nd Floor. Beautiful Updates, End Unit Condo on Water. Partially Furnished. Pool, Clubhouse, Fishing Pier. \$115,000. Call 815-621-1690.

**GULFPORT BEAUTY**-and Perfection. 3BR/2BA, 2 Car Garage, 2 Level Home. Walk to the Art District. Built 2003. \$239,900. LUBIN TEAM REALTY 727-410-5707.

**MOBILE HOME 12'X42'**- w/Florida Room, 55+ Park, Cause Way Village. Lot 113. S. Pasadena, Fully furnished, \$6500. 218-780-0159.

**COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL**- Building on Central Ave. Owner will finance \$170,000. Alla Panteleyeva, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL REALTY, 727-251-4004.

**GULFPORT 50X104 LOT**- 51st Way South and 17th Ave. Quiet kid friendly neighborhood Residential lot, \$34,900 Call 321-1793 or 502-7530

**STETSON AREA**- 3BR/3BA/2CG- Caged Pool, Screened Lanai, Terrazzo Floors, No Realtors. \$199,900. 727-290-6639.

**ST. PETE MOBILE HOME**- Resident Owned 55+ Park, 51'x12', New Flooring, Sunroom, Carport, Furnished, \$30,000. Maintenance Fee \$80/Mo. 315-636-7701.

**PELICAN CREEK CROSSING**-A Beautiful 2/2 Condo with an Amazing Golf Course and Pond View. A Really Lovely and Small Community. \$159,900. The Whole Package here. LUBIN TEAM REALTY 727-410-5707.

**TOWN SHORES BEAUTY 55+** Waterfront Community, 2/2 with gorgeous remodeled kitchen and bathrooms. Splendid water view. \$164,900. Call LUBIN TEAM REALTY, 727-410-5707 or 727-410-5696.

## 5 TOWNS 55 PLUS CONDO FOR SALE

2 br/1 .5 ba, New upgraded windows, 1 year old stove & refrigerator, easy care light wood laminate flooring, 2 large walk in closets, bath has been remodeled, covered parking. Walk to Eagles Park shops, restaurants, and Publix. Many amenities

Please call Frank @ Helene's Realty  
**452-8008 Anytime**

**MOORINGS OF MAXIMO**-1BR/1.5BA adjacent to Maximo Marina. Heated Pool. Close to Beaches. Many Amenities. \$65,000. Karen Wilson COLDWELL BANKER 727-204-4405.

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**MOBILE HOME FOR SALE**-55+. 2BR/1.5BA Corner Lot with Large Porch. New Floors. Central Air. \$8000. 66th St. N. St. Petersburg. 727-744-3500.

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**Rita M. Stutzman** Realtor  
Town Shores Specialist & Resident **727-723-4164**



Renovated 1Br. Deluxe - Annual \$700/mo. Call 343-7949

**NEW ON MARKET - FAIRFAX #311** - Beautiful 1 br Deluxe offering updated kitchen with newer: counter tops, gas appliances, ceiling and lighting. Featuring tinted hurricane windows throughout. You'll find tile and Parquet flooring. This condo has some of Town Shores most picturesque water views. Pride of ownership reflected, immaculate, covered parking, small pet welcome. Make your dream a reality. **\$82,500**

**JAMISON #110** - 2/2, Standard, freshly painted form head to toe, brand new flooring in every room, and much more... Direct view, literally steps to pool. **\$81,900**

**DIPLOMAT #903** - 2/2 Deluxe, 1450 s.f. offering a large eat-in kitchen, updated cabinets with glass inserts, all brand new stainless steel appliances, newer wood flooring throughout, dynamic water views of Boca Ciega Bay, covered parking, small cat accepted, immaculate, move in ready! **\$159,000**

**BUCKINGHAM PENTHOUSE 5** - 2 br/2 ba, condo offering the ever so popular split floor plan. Large kitchen with separate breakfast nook, beautiful wood floors, outside balcony with tile flooring allowing you the most stunning water views of Boca Ciega Bay, Covered Parking, Steps to Pool. Washer/dryer in unit, move in ready! **\$179,900**

**MANCHESTER #612** - SOLD

**KENMORE #205** - 2/2 Standard, newer AC & heating, all new windows, laundry same floor, pool in backyard, covered parking **\$71,900**

**JAMISON #515** - 2/2 Deluxe, West end unit overlooking marina, new kitchen and baths, luxurious wood flooring, storm shutters, pool in backyard, covered parking, move-in ready. Must see to appreciate all the outstanding water views offered here. **\$139,900**

**WINDSOR #510** - 2/2 Deluxe split floor plan, new carpet throughout, panoramic water views, covered parking. **\$154,900**

**NOTTINGHAM #114** - 2/2 Deluxe, remodeled 1st floor living at its best! outside patio, spectacular water views. **\$149,000**

**HAMPTON #203** - 1 br Deluxe, new kitchen & windows, great floor plan, covered parking, water views abound! **\$95,000**

**MANCHESTER #201** - SOLD

**MANCHESTER #502** - SOLD



6311 Pelican Creek Crossing  
2/2 Corner Unit, Ground Floor  
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## TOWN SHORES OF GULFPORT CONDO'S AVAILABLE 55+ COMMUNITY

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<b>Embassy #607</b>	1 Bed/1.5 Bath, Deluxe Unit, Updated, Move in Ready, Bay Views .....	<b>\$138,000</b>
<b>Embassy #308</b>	1 Bed/1.5 Bath, Deluxe Unit, Updated, Bay Views.....	<b>\$138,500</b>

### New Listings

<b>Groton #312</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Deluxe Floor Plan, Carport Marina Water Views .....	<b>\$72,000</b>
<b>Lancaster #403</b>	Deluxe Floor Plan, Freshly Painted, Carpet, Updated Kitchen, Marina Views .....	<b>\$117,000</b>
<b>Manchester #607</b>	Standard Floor Plan, New Kitchen and Baths, Water Views.....	<b>\$115,000</b>
<b>Avalon #206</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Standard, Curb Parking .....	<b>\$79,000</b>
<b>Chatham #203</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Deluxe, Curb Parking .....	<b>\$65,000</b>
<b>Chatham #214</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Deluxe, Water Views, Marina Views, Curb Parking .....	<b>\$88,000</b>
<b>Diplomat #412</b>	3 Bed/2.5 Bath, Corner Unit, Fabulous Views, Carport.....	<b>\$239,000</b>
<b>Diplomat #603</b>	2 Bed/2 Bath, Deluxe Unit, Bay Views, Carport.....	<b>\$168,000</b>
<b>Diplomat #811</b>	2 Bed/2 Bath, Furnished, Updated, New Kitchen, Bay Views, Carport.....	<b>\$165,000</b>
<b>Embassy #711</b>	2 Bed/2 Bath, Deluxe Unit, Bay Views, Extremely Nice Updates, Carport.....	<b>Contract Pending</b> <b>\$174,500</b>
<b>Fairfax #103</b>	2 Bed/2 Bath, Waterfront, Lovely Updated Unit, Carport.....	<b>Contract Pending</b> <b>\$124,900</b>

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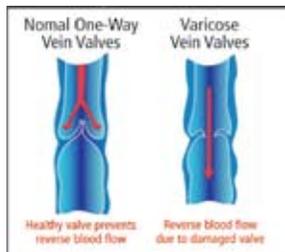
# PUT YOUR TIRED, PAINFUL LEGS INTO OUR SKILLED HANDS.

## Our free consultation will be your first step to pain-free legs.

The signs of varicose veins aren't always obvious. Even if you don't see veins on the surface of your legs, there's a good chance your discomfort is a symptom of vein disease. Half of all men and women over 50 in the U.S. are affected by a vein problem. And without intervention, the problem will only get worse. Fortunately, the solution is a simple one.

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## Don't take your ultra-sound while lying down.

Our more advanced methods detect valve problems frequently missed by less well-equipped clinics.

We test your vein valves while you are standing. If you have ever had an ultrasound of vein valves

Any of these symptoms can signal dangerous, hidden varicose veins. Schedule a **FREE consultation** to see if our **painless procedures** can help.

- Painful, aching legs
- Tired legs
- Leg cramps
- Swollen ankles
- Skin discoloration
- Restless legs
- Itching, burning skin

## A simple procedure will change your life.

There are many different treatments for vein disease, but not all are equal. Some are obsolete, painful & dangerous. Ours are modern, painless & safe.



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