

Let's Go Fly a Kite



Stephanie Lopez, 6, tries her hand at kite-flying at this past weekend's Treasure Island Kite Festival. The 15th annual festival and competition took place on Saturday and Sunday. The young Ms. Lopez practiced with the assistance of her father while her mother watched. The Lopez family lives in Largo.

Election Gets Ugly

Gulfport Incumbent David Hastings Reports Campaign Signs Stolen; His Opponent Admonishes Thief

By Cathy Salustri

Incumbent David Hastings says someone stole 13 of his campaign signs Gulfport.

On Saturday morning, Hastings called the police and told them a Gulfport Boulevard resident, who asked that we omit her name from this article, told him she saw somebody rip up his campaign sign in front of Gulfport Veterinarian.

According to the police report, a stocky white male with salt and pepper hair and a red circular emblem on his sleeve pulled up to Gulfport Veterinarian, reached out of his car, grabbed a sign and ripped it up. He then drove off. When the Gabber asked, the witness confirmed this information.

The witness could not identify the subject and did not get the tag number, but saw Hastings replacing the sign and told him what she saw. That's when Hastings called the police.

Staff at Gulfport Veterinarian say
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Gulfport's "Clean Energy" Program Flounders

The city's PACE program lacks an administrator, but it could still progress

By Cathy Salustri

Last year Gulfport city council approved PACE, a program that would allow commercial property owners to make energy-saving improvements by borrowing against their property's equity. At the time, many in the city – including councilman David Hastings – expressed concerns about ramifications for property owners. Despite those concerns, the council approved the program and began searching for a company to administer the program.

Last night, the only company bidding for the job failed to win the bid. Councilman Sam Henderson made a motion to approve the contract and, in a rare move, no other member of council seconded the motion.

Without discussion, the motion to contract with District Management Services (DMS) died. After the meeting, two councilmembers said they

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Blazing on the Beach



Andy Strickland, a St. Petersburg lawyer, enjoys his cigar on Gulfport Beach Saturday morning. He was one of a small group who met to enjoy a smoke and protest the tobacco-free beach.

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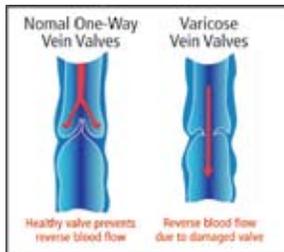
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Blazing on the Beach

By Cathy Salustri

Hoping for a ticket to test Gulfport's new law against smoking on the beach, a small group braved the wind Saturday morning. Their purpose? To smoke on the beach, get a ticket, and fight the ticket on grounds that Gulfport officials had no right to pass the beach tobacco ban.

Despite their best efforts, police would not issue the group tickets, but not because the police agreed with the protesters or the city's right to pass the law. Instead, police officers wouldn't ticket the smokers because the police chief said he didn't think the signs would stand up in court.

"If somebody were to go into court with a picture of that sign... I think we would lose," Police chief Rob Vincent told the Gabber.

The city has some signs posted, but he says their placement would "leave a reasonable question that smoking is only prohibited in the pavilion or where these signs are."

Despite the chief trying to contact Strickland to let him know the

smoke-in would not meet with the group's desired results, the smoke-in took place as scheduled.

"We're out here today to challenge the unlawful smoking ordinance in Gulfport that's clearly preempted by state statute," attorney Andy Strickland said. "What the city of Gulfport (is) trying to do is pass something that they don't have the authority to do."

The police chief told the Gabber he would authorize officers to issue tickets for tobacco use as soon as the city posted appropriate signs.

"Once the signs are in place, the

officers will be authorized to issue citations," he said.

So will Strickland and his group.

"Once the signs are posted, then we'll be back," he said.

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Contact Cathy Salustri at
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Gulfport Celebrates Arbor Day

On Friday, January 20th at 10 a.m., the City of Gulfport celebrates the life of trees and their importance through honoring Arbor Day. This event will be held this year at Tomlinson Park (corner of 54th St. S. and 19th Ave. S.). The Gulfport Recreation Division have included the children from the School Year Child Care Program to read excerpts, the Gulfport Teen Council will provide refreshments and a new tree will be planted in Tomlinson Park. Free Pecan and Myrtle Leaf Holly seedlings will be available to the guests who attend. The Mayor and Council will also be there during the celebration. All are welcome.

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Azalea Disc Golf Competition

ST. PETERSBURG- Enter the Disc Golf Clinic and Competition for youth and beginners on Saturday, January 21 beginning at 9 a.m. at Azalea Park. All you need is a two-person team

consisting of at least one player age 16 or younger. The other player can be any age. Scores for 18 holes of play will be combined. Trophy discs will be awarded to the top three teams and there will be plenty of giveaways for all participants. The cost is \$25 per team and includes 18 holes of competition, lunch by Chipotle Mexican Grill, an instructional clinic and player's package complete with a new disc and many more giveaways. Teams can register for the event at the Azalea Recreation Center, in Azalea Park, 1600 72nd St. N. For more registration information www.stpete.org/recreation or call Cory Kapes at 727-893-7150 to sign up.

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Trash & Treasures Sale

Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 100 Pasadena Avenue N. in St. Petersburg will hold a Trash & Treasures Sale on Saturday, January 21st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Use the Fellowship Hall entrance on Pinellas Way. Light lunch is available for \$3. Doors will not open before 9 a.m.

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Gulfport Art Center to hold Meeting

City of Imagination is hosting a meeting to talk about what people want to see at the Gulfport Art Center, (i.e., concepts and visions about the space). This will also be an open house for anyone who wants to teach workshops, classes or get private or group studio time to learn about how to do so.

The meeting will be held in the newly updated Gulfport Art Center, 2726 54th Street S. on Saturday, January 21 from 4-6 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided, feel free to contribute to the fare. Visit www.CityofImagination.info or call Jessica Sager at 727-686-2564. "Like" them on Facebook to stay informed about upcoming events and exhibits.

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Early Voting Starts January 21 for Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections

For Pinellas County voters, Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark announces that early voting for the January 31 Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 21.

A new state law changed the dates for early voting, which will now begin 10 days prior and end three days prior to an election. The new law affects all but five Florida counties, which are bound by a U.S. Department of Justice pre-clearance order and cannot implement the new law until it is pre-cleared by a federal court.

"We want to emphasize to Pinellas voters that our early voting dates are different than those for our friends in Hillsborough County," Clark said, "and the hours will also vary from county to county throughout the state, as they did in the past."

In Pinellas County, early voting will be conducted January 21-28 in all three Supervisor of Elections offices. Hours will be Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **THE LAST DAY FOR EARLY VOTING IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, PER NEW STATE LAW.**

Voters can check early voting wait times online at www.votePinellas.com.

Early voting locations:

- Election Service Center, Starkey Lakes Corporate Center, 13001 Starkey Rd., Largo, 33773
- Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court St., Room 117, Clearwater, 33756
- County Building, (Annex Conference Room), 501 First Ave. N., St. Petersburg, 33701

Only the Republican Party is having a presidential primary. Florida is a "closed primary" state; only registered Republicans are eligible to vote for the Republican presidential nominee.

Five municipalities will also have elections on January 31. All registered voters in Clearwater, Kenneth City, Safety Harbor, Tarpon Springs, and St. Pete Beach Districts 1 and 3 may vote in their respective nonpartisan municipal elections.

All eligible voters may also vote by mail or at a precinct on Election Day.

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"I have gotten reports recently all over the place, in Pasadena Yacht and Country Club, in Gulfport and in South Pasadena about day time sightings so throw out that rule about dusk to dawn critters," stated Vice Mayor David Hastings. He also received a call from a citizen who reported seeing one in his driveway

at approximately 5 p.m.

Here is some important information from the Pinellascounty.org website to prevent the threat of Coyotes:

- Never leave pet food or trash outside where it will attract wildlife.
- Clear brush and dense weeds from around dwellings. This reduces cover for coyotes and their prey, such as rodents and other small animals.
- Protect children. Although rare,

coyotes have been known to seriously injure children. Do not leave young children unattended, even in a backyard.

- Protect pets and livestock. These are favorite prey for coyotes. Keep pets indoors, especially at night. When not indoors, keep dogs and cats leashed at all times. There is a Pinellas County Ordinance that prohibits dogs or cats from roaming freely.

• Avoid walking dogs during dawn or dusk hours, which are coyotes' normal feeding times (Note: You may see a Coyote anytime if it is rabid). Avoid using a retractable leash. Coyotes will notice a dog walked frequently on an extended leash. The coyote will come back, grab the dog, and leave the owner holding an empty leash. When walking a pet, carry a stick, whistle or air horn.

• Use negative reinforcement. Make sure the coyotes know that they are not welcome. Make loud noises, throw rocks in their direction or spray with a garden hose.

Vice Mayor David Hastings also states "I have only been told about one coyote at a time so it's possible it's only one. I was told about a coyote about this size being seen on Bay Drive and this may be the same one. Please be careful when outside and obviously don't leave any small children or pets outside alone until we are sure we have no more sightings."

If you would like more information concerning coyotes or would like to report a sighting, please go to the Cities website at www.mygulfport.us or call Pinellas County Animal Services at 727-582-2600.

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The Industrial Arts Center in Gulfport announces that Glass Blowing Ladies Night is scheduled for Friday, January 20th from 6-10 p.m. Space is limited for Ladies Night, so reservations are required. Visitors are also invited to blow their own glass masterpiece during Art Walk on Saturday evening, January 21, 6-10 p.m. Registration is open for Sculptural Welding and Fun with Torches lampwork series. For more information or to register, call 727-289-9365 or visit www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org.

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Second Monthly Prayer Gathering

Like-minded individuals are meeting for the second time at the Gulfport beach park on Shore Blvd., shelter #5 on Sunday, January 22nd from 3-4 p.m. to share prayers. This is ongoing each Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. All are welcome.

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City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: Road Construction

Q: What's going on along Blind Pass? Who's paying for the road construction? What is the purpose and when will it be done?

A: The same thing that's happening on Gulf Boulevard – landscaped medians. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is paying for the work, which should be done in the next three or four months, according to city manager Mike Bonfield.

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The shops will be open until 8 p.m. Bring your chairs and join the fun at the Celebration under the Lights on 8th.

The Pass-A-Grille Community Association is hoping to make this a quarterly event and they look forward to seeing you there!

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Town Shores Golf Outing

Residents of Town Shores and guests are invited to participate in the next golf outing to be held Saturday, January 28 at Twin Brooks Golf Course, 3800 22nd Avenue in St. Petersburg. This captain and crew format event will begin with an 8:30 a.m. tee off, registration at 8:15 a.m. The fee of \$27 includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and beverage at Beef O Brady's, 4775 34th Street, and

prizes. Golf club rentals (\$3.75) and walking carts (\$2.68) are available at the course. (Please note there are no riding carts available.) Submit a foursome or they will pair you up. Any level of player is welcome to join! Cash payments can be submitted to Ellen Johnson, Manchester Bldg, #207 by January 23rd. For more information, contact Ellen at 727-345-2109, email elenajota@hotmail.com or Natalie Reardon, Diplomat #107, at 813-343-8918, email natreardon@gmail.com.

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Take a Basic Drawing Class

The Gulfport Arts Center, a City of Imagination Project, will offer a Basic Drawing Workshop on Saturdays starting January 28 and running through March 3 from 1-2:30 p.m. The Center is located at 2726 54th Street S. in Gulfport. For more information or to pre-register, contact the instructor, Joseph Weinzettle, at 727-418-5083 or email to weinzettle@hotmail.com.

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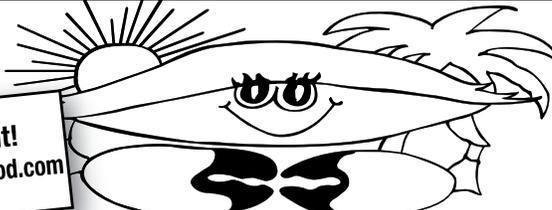
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Canine participants must be kept on a leash at all times (max. 6 feet), have proof of current canine vaccinations and be six months old or older. Only canines and their humans may participate and should respect each other's space at the event.

Gulfport Recreation Center is located at 5730 Shore Boulevard S. Contact Sandy Valentine at 727-320-2069 or like them on Facebook at Bark For Life-Gulfport.

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Sons of Italy Fashion Show

Sons of Italy, 2500 34th Street S., will host a Fashion Show with fashions by Beall's Dept. Store on Sunday, February 5th from 12:30-4 p.m. Event includes entertainment by a Frank Sinatra impersonator, dinner and dessert for \$15 donation. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Public is invited. Call 727-798-6355 or visit sonsofitalysp.org.

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Club to hold Annual Card and Game Party

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

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Gulfport City Council Debate

Dear Editor: I read the article about the debate for Gulfport City Council, I experienced two emotions.

I was extremely disappointed by the "slinging of mud" that seemed to be a priority for the candidates in Ward 1. I was very happy with the apparent respect and understanding that seemed to be apparent by the candidates of Ward 3. The candidates of Ward 3 seemed to be more concerned about the issues than their opposing candidate, and for this resident and voter of Gulfport, that is very reassuring.

It is time, in my opinion, that candidates talk about the issues that are being confronted by the populace on a daily basis, and the candidates in Ward 3 did just that. I realize that politics have changed over the years, but as a voter and resident, I am concerned with the issues and their resolutions.

Ms. Salmon is to be commended for all of what she has done for the town of Gulfport. Before she was on the City Council, she worked tirelessly as a concerned citizen of Gulfport. Ms. Salmon was instrumental in getting the HRO passed, she was on the ground floor of the Gulfport Progressives, her energy and education have helped the city of Gulfport in many diverse ways.

In reading the article regarding the debate for City Council for Gulfport, it seems to me, that the candidates for Ward 1 were more concerned about their personal image and not the image of Gulfport. The concern of these candidates did not seem to reflect the actual issues affecting many of us, it seemed that they were more concerned with attacking each other.

I am extremely grateful to the *Gabber* for printing this article, by reading this and other supporting information, it reinforced my opinion on politics in Gulfport, or any small town. It is much easier to be a fish in a small pond, much harder to be a fish in a large pond, and this is demonstrated by the candidates in Ward 1. One thing that I urge the

various residents of Gulfport to do, is attend a City Council meeting, or a Town Hall meeting put on by their City Councilperson, this affords us to see and hear the pros and cons of politics in a small town. When I hear a person complaining about a certain issue, I try to ask if that individual voted or not, if that person did not vote, their opinion/complaining is not paramount to me.

No matter where one lives, what political affiliation one has, the act of voting is extremely important.

The various forms of information are out there, this article in the *Gabber* is but one that is readily available to the public. As has been said before, an informed public is an active public. Hopefully the *Gabber* will continue to print relevant articles concerning the City Council election.

Mark L Grantham

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Make St. Pete Beach a Family Place Again

Dear Editor: Over the years, many people in the area have helped to make St. Pete Beach a beautiful place to live. Corey Avenue, the Don CeSar and the Pass-a-Grille area, etc. are examples of beautification of St. Pete Beach.

My big concern is the two adult businesses that are now in our area which includes The Mermaids Gentlemen's Club and the adult book store. Research shows that in adult business areas, crime is 23% higher an sex-related crime is up over 20%. And in real estate, homes in the study areas appreciated at only half the rate of homes in other areas of the city.

In our past history, over 40 citations have been issued against the Mermaid Club by St. Pete Beach Police. The Club can have freedom of expression and speech but they shouldn't be able to break the law more than 40 times. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Dept. told me that if a club in the unincorporated areas had three citations, they would shut it down.

We need to shut these places down and make St. Pete Beach a beautiful family place again.

W. Paarlberg

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My Recent Experience with Dispatch

Dear Editor: This past Monday, I had my first experience with Police dispatch since it was contracted out to the Pinellas County Sheriff.

After enjoying breakfast at Stella's, we walked home to find that the stormwater grate in the middle of Gulfport Blvd. at 56th Street in front of our house had caved in and was sitting about 6 inches below the surface of the road. It looked extremely dangerous, so I stayed nearby to steer cars away, and called the Gulfport Police non-emergency line.

I explained the situation, and the dispatcher told me that she would send an officer as soon as possible. Within two minutes, a Police car arrived, and it was our Police Chief. He assessed the situation, and with the help of another Officer, was able to reseal the grate, until Pinellas County could make the permanent repair.

I remarked at how quickly he had arrived, and he showed me his patrol car laptop, and explained to me that he had responded to the call as soon as it showed on the computer screen, BEFORE IT WAS EVEN DISPATCHED! The ability to respond to a NON-DISPATCHED call, is something we did not have with the old system.

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Gulfport Public Library Welcomes Pinellas County Extension

Through its Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project, Pinellas County Extension is promoting a new gadget that aims to get citizens more energy conscious and eco-friendly. Gulfport is one of the eight Pinellas County libraries hosting the class. The presentation there is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th from 10-11 a.m. Gulfport Library is located at 5501 28th Ave. S. (enter on 27th Ave. S. side).

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have come together to make these Kill-A-Watt™ monitors available for check-out at their libraries to make the assessment of personal energy consumption even easier.

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The Charity Ball was originally started more than 80 years ago

by women in the St Petersburg community to help raise funds for charity. It became a fundraiser of the original Crippled Children's Hospital. The Charity Ball has been held in St. Petersburg each year since, with the exception of a few years during World War II.

The women of the All Children's Hospital Guild Evening Branch work hard throughout the year planning the Charity Ball. Attendees can look forward to appetizers, libations, dinner, a 10-piece band, dancing and a live and silent auction. There is something for everyone, including special live entertainment! The Evening Branch has a reputation of keeping their guests wondering until that evening just what the theme is all about and giving guests that feeling of awe upon entering the ballroom.

To purchase tickets to the Charity Ball, please contact Janet Lynn at 727-347-6288 or blumerlynn@aol.com.

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St. Petersburg Aglow Lighthouse

St. Petersburg Aglow Lighthouse invites you to its meeting on Saturday, January 21st at Piccadilly Restaurant, 1900 34 Street N. in St. Petersburg at 11:30 a.m. The speaker is Minister Ruth Murphy, a Minister of Music and the Word from Inverness. In order to use the restaurant facility, a food purchase (large or small) is required. Call 727-327-9070 or 727-348-3587.

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A 30 minute WalkWise BikeSmart program will be offered on Friday, February 3rd at 5 p.m. This program covers WalkWise pedestrian information, as well as Florida bicycle laws, traffic crash statistics and demographics for bicyclists, and important safety tips for riding in the roadway and on the sidewalk. All attendees will receive a reflective slap bracelet or reflective backpack, bike/pedestrian law enforcement guide and safety tip bookmarks.

A 15 minute WalkWise Pedestrian Safety and 90 minute BikeSmart program will be held on Thursday, February 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

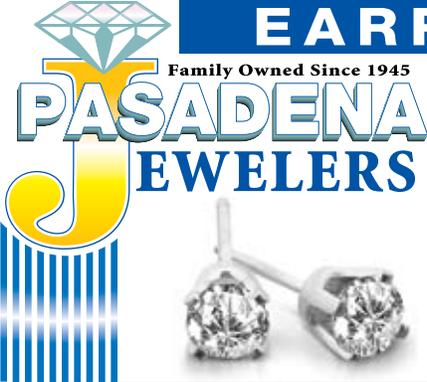
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The BikeSmart Class covers important information for riding a bicycle in the roadway as a legal vehicle. The course material includes Florida bicycle laws, route selection, lane positioning, appropriate attire,

proper helmet and bicycle fitting, carrying gear, handling intersections and safety tips. All BikeSmart attendees will receive a front or back blinking bicycle light and reflective slap bracelet or reflective backpack.

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By Douglas Hudson

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We will be removing old fencing, installing donated fencing, trimming trees, raking, hauling debris, removing an unsafe deck, and much more!

Come out to help on Saturday, January 28th, at 8 a.m. to 5200 8th Avenue S. This is a large job, so we need as many volunteers as possible. Please invite all of your friends.

Water will be provided, but please bring work gloves, rakes, tree pruners, wheelbarrows, shovels,

hammers, and other tools. We could also use an air compressor and nail gun.

Our first four cleanups were a huge success, with a total of 199 volunteers! Please, invite all of your friends and make this our most successful event yet!

For more information, please call Doug at 727-744-9248.

Follow this event on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gulfport-Neighbors/120966434676930?sk=events#!/events/219589624795789/>.

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Coming up soon in the non-profit line-up:

- January 24: the Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project will offer energy-efficiency advice for consumers, as well as free promotional items.

- January 31: Creative Clay of St. Petersburg, offering creative expression opportunities to people with developmental disabilities, will showcase the works of its resident artists for sale.

- February 7: Dancers 4 Cancer will be promoting and selling tickets to their Feb. 17th charity dance benefitting Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation.

- February 14: Friends of the Gulfport Library will return, offering a large assortment of used books, CDs and more at bargain prices.

The free space for non-profits is currently being scheduled and any interested and qualified non-profit groups may apply to use the space as available in upcoming weeks and months. Dates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups may use the space to offer free information, promote upcoming events and community outreach, to raise funds, or to sell items for fund-raising. Any items to be sold must be pre-approved by Market managers. All funds raised in any manner must be for the benefit of the non-profit organization, rather than any individual(s).

For more information and to apply, please contact Daniel Hodge, Fresh Market Coordinator, at 727-366-4086 or dan@igc.org.

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By Fred Wilder

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Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

ACROSS

- 1 Palindromic lady
- 6 Burn treatment
- 10 Partner of pieces
- 14 Greek marketplace
- 15 Oahu feast
- 16 Four Corners state
- 17 More infrequent
- 18 Odds' partners
- 19 Martha's Vineyard, e.g.
- 20 1974 Charles Bronson film
- 22 Unflappable
- 23 1948 pact
- 24 Drip catcher?
- 26 *Where Did Our Love Go?* singers
- 31 Quick trip
- 35 1963 Liz Taylor role
- 36 Chelating agt.
- 38 Lofty lair
- 39 ABA member
- 40 Glossy
- 42 Marvin Gaye's *Can I ___ Witness?*
- 43 Day ending
- 45 Tale
- 46 Nameless, for short
- 47 ___-la-Caneda,

France

- 49 *The Daily Planet* reporter
- 51 Botch
- 53 Gomer Pyle's rank: abbr.
- 54 Milky gem
- 57 James Clavell novel
- 63 Remote button
- 64 Mrs. Nick Charles
- 65 *Exxon Valdez*, e.g.
- 66 The A in NEA
- 67 Flourish
- 68 Plains Indian
- 69 Marsh plant
- 70 Like the White Rabbit
- 71 Horne and Olin

DOWN

- 1 School add-on
- 2 *The People's Choice* author
- 3 Harvard housing
- 4 Vicinity
- 5 Evangelist Gortner
- 6 Sacredly
- 7 Polly, to Tom Sawyer
- 8 ___ slipper
- 9 Carter's secretary of state
- 10 General Motors

model

- 11 ___ girl!
- 12 Like Lincoln
- 13 Noah's son
- 21 Furniture designer Charles
- 25 FDR agency
- 26 A lot
- 27 Extreme
- 28 Prokofiev hero
- 29 Poker hand
- 30 Shoplift
- 32 Chicago's United Center, e.g.
- 33 Radon, once
- 34 Patriot Silas
- 37 Heathrow sight
- 41 Shiv
- 44 Practice starter
- 48 Holland, for one
- 50 Group of groupers
- 52 Part of a college cheer
- 54 Persian poet
- 55 Cole Porter's birth-place
- 56 Hill denizens
- 58 Enfant terrible
- 59 Seine feeder
- 60 ___ Bator, Mongolia
- 61 Nintendo rival
- 62 You are, in Yucat'an

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They did not report the sign missing; Hastings says he noticed it gone when he drove past the veterinarian Saturday morning.

This is not the first time someone has removed Hastings' signs; two years ago, police answered an early morning call from another eyewitness.

In the early morning hours of February 13, 2010, Gulfport police dispatch received a call from Teddy Kehoe. Kehoe told police he saw a woman take Hastings' campaign signs from fiance' Gina Burke's front yard, get in the passenger side of a red truck and drive away. Hastings later reported 40 signs stolen, the report says. Gina Burke, who works for Hastings and was serving as his campaign treasurer at the time, was ill in bed and did not witness the event or speak to police. She still works for Hastings and is serving as his campaign manager in the current election.

Police later presented Kehoe with photos of women, including the girlfriend of the son of Hastings' opposition; Kehoe could not identify the suspect. Police questioned the son of one of Hastings' opponent, Dave Steinke, but did not find sufficient evidence to make an arrest.

The Gabber contacted the other candidates and incumbents in the current election; Jim Perry and Jennifer Salmon both told the Gabber they had no signs up yet to be stolen. Dan Liedtke says he has had signs removed when both he and

his opponent, Hastings, had signs in the same yard, but added that he had no plans to pursue the matter.

"I don't really care. I have more things to worry about than chasing down a campaign sign thief. The police have more important things to do," he told the Gabber. He did send a message to whoever took Hastings' signs:

"If you are a supporter of mine and you are stealing my opponent's

signs, you don't represent what my campaign is about, and you should stop and return any signs you may have taken," Liedtke says.

Police have assigned the current case to a detective, who will investigate the theft. Anyone with information should call the non-emergency police number, 893-1030.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The intellectual air sign energy is strong while the sun and Neptune are in Aquarius and Saturn transits Libra. Finding common interests and improving the lot of humankind don't have to be complicated processes. Ego needs and power structures are what usually get in the way, though these types of obstacles will be greatly reduced now. The new moon in Aquarius on the 23rd solidifies a purpose that's right for everyone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Every surface around has a new polish and gleam, though it's no cleaner than before. Your new level of attention makes you see things differently. It's all because there is someone who sparks your curiosity and interest. The common places you go seem to light up when this person enters the scene.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Add incentives for tending to your main priorities. A sense of urgency, perhaps in the form of a deadline or a special reward, will help to reel in your attention. Your busy mind needs excitement to keep it focused. Otherwise, you're likely to spin out on meaningless and unimportant tangents.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a time for dreaming and a time for doing. You're ready to bring the airy visions of yesterday down to earth. You'll plant your feet firmly and get to work. You will be much more analytical than you've been in a while, too, which helps you move your efforts along sensibly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As any accomplished movie director can attest to, there's such a thing as over-rehearsing. You'll get prepared for the busy week ahead, but there are some things that, gladly, can't be anticipated. The unknown elements are what will keep you fresh and on your toes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Concentrate on solving a problem for your boss, customer or client, and you'll be a star. Avoid explaining yourself along the way or making any sort of excuse. You don't have to show

people the inner workings of a job in order to have their faith. Talking too much about your process is a rookie move. Just get 'er done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Romantic relationships run a natural course that usually includes a mellowing phase. So if you notice that a sense of urgency and overwhelming passion has been replaced with mutual respect and deeper understanding, this is a good sign. A sense of excitement will soon return, in a different form.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Over the course of the week, you'll get in touch with your perceived limitations and also with what motivates you. This might come from the urge to delve into your subconscious. There are many methods for doing so, including dream interpretation and self-hypnosis. You'll experiment with an open mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You long to expand your horizons. With a little inspiration and a lot of follow through, you will soon construct an amazing adventure. Imagine how you might evolve and who you might become. Make a plan that involves travel, learning, reading and conversation. You will blossom early in this new year.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The perspective of distance is needed. It's time to get a snapshot of where you are. Identify what is already working very well in your life and what is not working so well. Once you identify the red dot that tells you "you are here," you will see the route to where you want to go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will be called on to defend yourself or someone close to you. Stay calm and as unemotional as possible. Once someone gets under your skin, you'll have a hard time controlling your tongue, and you may say things you will regret for a long time afterward. So keep your guard up. Walk away if you have to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll receive cooperation from those who haven't been very helpful up until now. The truth is that they either

didn't know what to do, or didn't know how to do it. The multitude of helpful examples in the immediate environment will trigger a wave of participation. Everyone will have an easier time working together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your need for security doesn't feel nearly as urgent as your need for spontaneity, freedom and space. You'll put the element of surprise into all you do. You'll be a host to others later in the week, and this will highlight your talents, especially your stellar sense of humor.

This Week's Birthdays: Your social skills are stellar and always improving. New people warm up to you quickly, and your affable nature will attract many friends and customers. You'll use your cleverness to get into an exclusive arrangement next month. There will be an opportunity to apply what you've recently learned and make money in February. March features the freedom and independence you've been working toward, and you'll take off on an adventure. July and September bring lifestyle upgrades.

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Monday, 1-3:30 p.m.

Karaoke by The Toonsters, "J" & Lolita

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Wednesday, 1-3:30 p.m.

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Thursday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Karaoke by Cookie and Dave

Friday, 2-4:00 p.m.

Entertainment by "Geno"

Saturday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Music for listening & dancing by Chicago Rich or by Overdue Bill

Sunday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Entertainment for dancing by Woody & his accordion

Weather permitting

“Training Run” yields Second Place for Treasure Island Teen



Last week the *Gabber* ran a photo of 15-year-old Hunter McCann winning Gulfport’s Prostate Run. This week we saw him race not one, but two days in the St. Pete Beach Classic. On Sunday, the Hunter took second place in the marathon. His father – who also ran the run – said it was a “training run” for the teen, who competed in the Saturday run.

If you ran in Sunday’s marathon, check the Gabber’s photo gallery to see if we snapped your photo.

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PACE, from front page

didn't want to make the motion because they preferred the other vendor, Ygrene. City staff recommended Ygrene, but the company that withdrew its bid when the city opted to seek a second bid.

"Given the commission's direction to negotiate two contracts simultaneously and the related procurement process that followed your staff's recommendation of Ygrene to the commission, we have decided to withdraw," John Wakefield, president and COO of Ygrene, said in an e-mail to the city manager.

Whichever company administers the PACE program will run the financial aspect of finding loans for property owners. The company would charge interest and fees. Last year council asked the city manager to get several bids for an administrator.

"I was not comfortable seconding the motion last night because I was not ready to give my support to the one contract presented to me,"

councilwoman Barbara Banno said. "I didn't believe in it; I didn't want to give my support that way. I agreed to review two contracts. I understand that Ygrene didn't present us with a contract, but I also feel that also maybe we should not have micromanaged the city manager and the staff two months ago."

Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon said she wasn't comfortable with DMS.

"I am in favor of affordable, clean energy... not with high interest rates," she said. "The DMS proposal I thought was an inferior proposal. They didn't address my concerns with the financing part."

"YGrene backed out," Councilman Henderson said. "We didn't kick YGrene out; they didn't want the competition. I think the competitive aspect is healthy. I think that puts the people who would take part in PACE in a better position."

Shortly before Tuesday's council meeting, vice mayor David Hastings had told the Gabber that, despite his reservations about the PACE program – he's long warned the city putting such a program in place

could hurt people's chances of getting a mortgage in Gulfport – he "couldn't see a reason that I can't support (approving the contract with DMS)."

Tuesday night, though, the vice-mayor remained silent when councilman Sam Henderson made a motion to approve the contract for a PACE administrator.

"That (his statement made to the Gabber Tuesday afternoon) was based on a quick reading. Once I had time to read the entire agreement and look at the example, it just brought back the same issues of why I voted against PACE consistently in the past," he explained.

"I just don't think the PACE amounts to anything but profit for these other people," the vice mayor said. "I was hoping to argue that last night, but when the room went silent, I was kind of a little disappointed. At the same time, not having the motion seconded was the end result I would have been arguing for if the motion had been put up for discussion. I wasn't going to make a second, because if the second had been made, I was going to be arguing to defeat it."

Mayor Mike Yakes admits that he could have "passed the gavel" and momentarily surrendered his position as mayor to second the motion, but cited apathy as his reason for not doing so.

"I could have and I'm very conscious of my abilities of passing the gavel, but I was disappointed that there was not a commercial property owner there to express that it was a benefit for them, or that it would not benefit. I didn't receive a phone call from a commercial property owner," Mayor Yakes said, adding that no commercial property owner had contacted him in support of the PACE program. He said Jeri Reed, a business owner supported PACE, but "the tenant doesn't drive the train; the property owner does, so I allowed the process (of the motion dying) to go forward."

Despite the lack of support for DMS, city manager Jim O'Reilly says council can still look for another administrator.

"The city still has its ordinance, and if city council would like to revisit it at any time, all they have to do is direct me to bring the issue back," he said.

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“Music in the Afternoon” Returns

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Recreation Division and the Friends of St. Pete Beach civic group are excited to bring back the very popular “Music in the Afternoon” event, free and open to all. The first event of 2012 will be held on Sunday, February 12th from 2-4 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Community Center and Aquatic Complex, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, with events also scheduled for March, April and May. This casual afternoon tea will feature light desserts and refreshments and plenty of dancing and socializing to the classic music of “The Rhythm Kings,” playing music from the 1840s to the 1940s. Those interested in attending are asked to call and pre-register by calling 727-363-9245.

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Raffle Items needed for Classic Car Show

The 49th Street South Business Association (So49) invites local businesses and individuals to get involved in the First Annual So Classic Car Show. The So Classic Car Show will be held Saturday, February 4th on the Tangerine Greenway. The Committee is looking for gift certificates for dinners, gift baskets and gift cards that will be raffled off during the day. The So Classic Car Show will benefit the Suncoast Law Enforcement Charities, Gulfport Teen Council and Gulfport Police Explorers. For more information, call 727-327-3509 or email jsrtraining@aol.com. The committee then invites everyone out to enjoy the live music, food, crafts, kiddie area and of course, those So Classic cars.

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Maine Lobster Feast and Elvis

Sons of Italy, 2500 34th Street S., will hold a Maine lobster feast on Sunday, January 22nd with entertainment by Elvis. Donation of \$20 includes a full Maine lobster meal with desserts by Ann. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit cancer charities and food for the needy. Event is open to the public. Call 798-6355 or visit www.sonsofitalysp.org.

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- Grants for Eagan Property
- Engineering & Grant Application for a City Marina
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Town Shores Shuffleboard



Pictured (L-R): Blair Libby, Jack Sutphin, Judy Bravard and Peggy Brennan.

On a cold Friday the 13th, a mixed doubles tournament was held at the Town Shores Courts with Judy Bravard and partner Jack Sutphin winning the Main Event over a field of 18 participants. In the Consolation, it was Peggy Brennan with partner Blair Libby winning three of four matches claiming the title.

Club to Hold Annual Card/Game Party

On Wednesday, January 26th the Gulfport Women's Club will be holding its Annual Card/Game Party at The First United Methodist Church on the corner of 28th Ave. S. and 53rd St. S. in Gulfport. The Card/Game Party is the Club's largest fundraising event with proceeds to be awarded to help the schools and Gulfport's senior residents.

Most tables are sold for games of four, six or eight. It is open to the public. Typical games played are bridge, canasta and tiles. Using your imagination and start your own game with a few friends (Scrabble, Boggle, etc.). If you don't have a group they will put you with one.

Door prizes will be given and an auction for additional prizes. Hold the date and join them on January 26th for fun, friendship and a great lunch.

For more information or to buy your tickets (\$12 donation) call Petie at 727-343-6450 or Julie at 727-343-6587.

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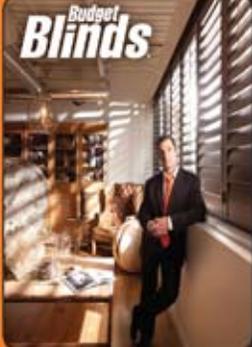
Anchoring and Mooring Summit

ST. PETERSBURG- On Tuesday, January 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. the city will host its second public meeting to collect input on a proposed pilot program to explore potential options for regulating the anchorage and mooring of vessels outside the marked boundaries of public mooring fields. The summit will be held in the Karen A. Steidinger Auditorium at the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 100 Eighth Ave. SE.

To R.S.V.P., call the St. Petersburg Municipal Marina at 727-893-7329 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. or email: marina@stpete.org.

For more information, including citizen comments and recommendations from the first summit held last October, visit http://www.stpete.org/marina/waterfront_summit.asp.

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Overheard at the St. Pete Beach Candidate Forum

On January 31 St. Pete Beach voters in District One and District Three will choose a representative. Thursday evening the five candidates squared off during a League of Women's Voters debate.

For a full video of the debate, please read this story online at TheGabber.com and look for the link.

**District One:
Al Halpern
(incumbent),
Lorraine Huhn and
Deborah Edney
(challengers)**

Opening Remarks

"We're all here for a reason. Whatever that reason was that brought us here in the first place is irrelevant."

– Lorraine Huhn

"I'm concerned with the ecology that makes St. Pete Beach a great place to live."

– Al Halpern

"My history with St. Pete Beach goes back decades. My family started vacationing here... 40 years ago."

– Deborah Edney

On political action groups and city division

"I think that's pretty easy... At this point I'm not supported by any PACs"

– Al Halpern

"I think that two candidates who are running against me... have been supported by the hotels if you look at the financial reports."

– Deborah Edney

"The committees are something in the past. We need to go forward."

– Lorraine Huhn

Comprehensive Plan

"There's so much about the comprehensive plan that people don't know about."

– Deborah Edney

"The new comp plan covers a lot of ground... but the biggest change we're going to see there is with the 9/10 of a mile, the large hotel district... the new comp plan allows the hotels to build to a density where they'd be able to get financing. Without that I'm afraid that ... the hotels would sell out to condominiums."

– Al Halpern

"Change is inevitable... when we create an environment that is healthy for business, whether it's a small dress shop or a large resort... a healthy business community makes for a happy, successful city."

– Lorraine Huhn

About the large hotel districts and stormwater runoff costs

"It is not the job of the hotelier or the city commission to decide what those fees are... It's not in our hands, it's done fairly."

– Lorraine Huhn

"The stormwater fees were set up in an enterprise fund. The hoteliers don't have a choice; there's no freebies there. The only thing that is allowed is that if you can show that you've invested in a stormwater retention area... then you would get a credit."

– Al Halpern

"I don't personally think that anything is a done deal. I think for every rule there's exceptions to the rule. I think that I don't want – and the residents don't want –

another recreation center that started out to be three million dollars and ended up... eight million or nine million dollars."

– Deborah Edney

About the police going to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

"There is a reluctance to go to the sheriff service. Once we do that there's no turning back... Even though it may be cheaper up front, I think once we do this we're at the mercy of the sheriff for what they charge us. I don't think we're going to save that much. Residents, feedback I've gotten, didn't even want to go with farming out the switchboard to the Sheriff. We wanted to keep our hands on all of that."

– Al Halpern

"I haven't talked to one resident that wants to get rid of our police department, including myself... but when you have a city manager (and commission)... that have not dealt with an underfunding of our police and fire... why has that not been dealt with? You can say you don't want to lose your police department, but if you're pushed to the point, what are we going to do?... We've got to do whatever we have to do to protect our police officers and fund their pension."

– Deborah Edney

"There is also an issue that is beyond the control of the city commission (about pension underfunding)... every issue that's been mentioned has to do with communication. The communication level has been less than ideal."

– Lorraine Huhn

About the proposed marina by the community center

"Not one of the residents I talked to, hundreds I'm talking I talked to, knew a thing about a marina... We have a marina right now, Pass-a-Grille marina, and I looked it up and... it's got a full service of everything. It's got boat storage, inside facilities for large boats, small boats, sail boats, deep water slips, dock slip rentals, one day rentals, weekly rentals, one day rentals, it's got five people on staff there at all times, boat fuel of all kinds and six docks to fill your boat up with gas."

– Deborah Edney

"Sometimes things that look they're an A priority get bumped down to a B... There has been a diversion that has been created that has cost the city more money than we want to talk about."

– Lorraine Huhn

"Let me explain a little about the marina. Any way we can increase or find a way to raise money in the city is going to ease the tax burden... we're sitting on property that anybody in their right mind would (convert into) a marina."

– Al Halpern

Pension deficit

"Be sure that all things as a result of the negotiations are fair and equitable."

– Lorraine Huhn

"We've made the unions an offer to change from a defined benefit to a defined contribution plan... similar to a 401k... and it was a very nice 401k we offered them... We can't do anything about the \$22 million we already owe..."

– Al Halpern

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"It's getting bigger every year because it's not being dealt with every year. I've heard it said if we eliminate our police department we can save a million dollars. I've been told our police department make an exorbitant amount in their pension plans..."

– Deborah Edney

Corey West citizens ask for help

"With more people on the street, it's not a safe haven for drug dealing or anything else anymore... What's going to make west Corey better is for the city to get more businesses there."

– Al Halpern

"Businesses are not going to help the drug problem... I can tell a drug deal like a drug dealer... As your commissioner I will deal and take care of that drug problem"

– Deborah Edney

"This is not the same category of people who would be looking for the Four Seasons... we have got to take the action ... that we will change the nature of the city, we will change the image."

– Lorraine Huhn

About the couplet

"98% of the people that I've talked to on the phone don't want it."

– Deborah Edney

"We have a lack of information. I believe there was one workshop... Why are we jumping to conclusions?"

– Lorraine Huhn

"We only had one workshop and it's certainly not a done deal by any means. There are some things I like about it and some things I don't. This is about vehicle safety, pedestrian

safety... We're going to have more workshops. It's kind of premature to make a decision one way or another about that."

– Al Halpern

What have you done for the residents?

"I can take a project, I can do the analysis, and then take a simple notion of saying, 'OK if we work it together and we have all the analysis done then we can make a successful move'."

– Lorraine Huhn

"I've spent four years on this commission. We've got the comp plan... we've fought lawsuits about the comp plan... we've done a myriad of things that make the city one and it's been very frustrating and it gave me a lot of satisfaction."

– Al Halpern

"I have, for probably the last eight years, worked on the drug problem in my district. I've worked with the police officers... I've worked with the residents... I live across the street from a drug rehab and I've worked closely with them... I have worked diligently... on this comp plan and this community redevelopment to try to explain to residents in simple terms how their lives are going to be impacted..."

– Deborah Edney

Budget Priorities

"What we're trying to do is basically not raise your taxes... that's the balance, to make the city work (without raising taxes)".

– Al Halpern

"Saving our police department, funding our pensions like they should be, checking out our infrastructure... police and fire, our drug problem, fixing the things we have and

making them better... How many more projects is our city going to push to do that's going to come out of general fund when, if our city had signed the contract would have come out of the comm redevelopment fund."

– Deb Edney

"It seems that the facts are getting a little elastic. The thought process for me would be the concern for the way the city can gather funds..."

– Lorraine Huhn

Closing Comments

"If anybody has read the *Gabber* today... this is the one very, very big difference between me and Miss Huhn... I don't think there's anything out of the range or insight of a resident."

– Deb Edney

"I'm working really hard to understand how effectively we can change the environment so that we become more focused on making decisions based on intellect rather than emotion... I'm looking for redevelopment of Corey from one end to another... We have got to stop the divising, we've got to stop the talking about things in half truths and misunderstanding... I ask that each of you when somebody says something, here or out in the courtyard, don't take their word for it."

– Lorraine Huhn

"There's still a number of projects that are in progress and I'm asking for the opportunity to continue serving and see these projects to fruition."

– Al Halpern

**District Three:
Marvin Shavlan
(incumbent) and
Brooke Anderson
(challenger)**

Opening statement

"It breaks my heart to see it deteriorate the way it has over the past few years. My commitment to public safety and health have gained me the support for our police officers."

– Brooke Anderson

"I'm here to ask you to allow me to continue my work. I believe that we can have a balance..."

– Marvin Shavlan

About tax rate and maintain/reducing taxes

"The millage rate has gone up only because the property rate has dropped... We need to be more efficient with the resources we have in place."

– Marvin Shavlan

"Maintain or reduce or taxes, huh? The tax rate has gone up over the last couple of years... we need to... start from scratch and look at everything and go line by line and try to eliminate what we can and save the taxpayer money."

– Brooke Anderson

About code enforcement

"I was a code enforcement officer for almost 19 1/2 years... It's important to... take a look at not only the codes that we have on the book and how they're enforced but also take a look at foreclosed houses... there are a lot of areas in the city that quite frankly just don't look very good. In the past several years it's just become shabby. We need to improve code enforcement and that means hiring somebody else to do it in addition to who we already have, let's do it..."

– Brooke Anderson

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“The commission just took a big step... we just approved on first reading a new ordinance that will make it easier for the code enforcement personnel to enforce our codes... Now, for repeat offenders it’s going to be much easier and much faster. We can go right to the magistrate and not have to give any notices. Plus the fact that... it’s going to be more expensive...I think this is going to help us a lot in this problem.”

– Marvin Shavlan

Marina

“I support it. There’s two different phases; the first phase is transient docks. The only way we’re going to proceed with that is if we get a grant... The only way I would want to proceed is if we get that grant, which will pay for most of those expenses... It’s just a no-brainer.”

– Marvin Shavlan

“I’ve had an opportunity to talk to quite a lot of citizens... why would we commit to building a transient marina, that means daily rentals?”

– Brooke Anderson

City manager

“Commissions have come and gone... he’s used the pension fund to pay for other projects. Maybe it’s time for a change.”

– Brooke Anderson

“The commissioners, all the commissioners, evaluated Mike, just about a year ago, and every commissioner gave him perfect marks. Could we all be wrong?... I find him to be smart, honest... The city manager doesn’t control the pension fund, so I don’t understand where that comes from, and in terms of co-mingling funds, we can’t use pension funds for other things and we get audited every year”

– Marvin Shavlan

Maintaining small town charm

“A lot of it is redoing what we have now. We’re old and tired. We need to move forward. Enough of the fear already.”

– Marvin Shavlan

“I am all for economic development... (Explained that former town had an economic development coordinator and program) I would work to get a similar program started here in SPB.”

– Brooke Anderson

Why vote for them?

“I have a degree in Public Administration. I’ve worked for almost 20 years in local government. I’ve done code enforcement in the past, I’ve worked on pension boards. I was 11 years on the pension board... four of those years (I was the vice chairman) of the pension board.”

– Brooke Anderson

“I understand the issues.”

– Marvin Shavlan

Couplet

“We don’t have all the facts yet, ... the Corey Avenue was identified in 2002 as an area we need to improve. Here we are 10 years later and we haven’t done anything. We’re just looking into it... There are a lot of concerns out there; I have some questions myself. I think we need to go through these exercises.”

– Marvin Shavlan

“This would put several local businesses out of business. Now, we’re for economic development but we’re also... putting local businesses out of business. That doesn’t make sense to me.”

– Brooke Anderson

Pension Plan

“Currently the deficit is at \$22M and growing... while

my opponent has been in office the deficit has grown 50%... the police have offered to take a pay cut... Mr. Bonfield has rejected this offer, he wants to get rid of the police department.”

– Brooke Anderson

“We’ve made an offer to the unions that would basically go to a defined contribution plan, which would save the taxpayers significant dollars and would allow us to pay down that \$22M over 15 years, and at the same time it’s going to give fair and equitable benefits... If the police have a way to do it... I’m open, but so far what they have presented, the savings is miniscule.”

– Marvin Shavlan

Will the new comprehensive plan help the city?

“Without a doubt it can help the city. First of all it will lower our taxes.”

– Marvin Shavlan

“There are good things and bad things about the comprehensive plan. Although I do not believe that the current administration has studied the comprehensive plan enough for us to be able to make a good decision... I do think the comprehensive plan needs to be looked at.”

– Brooke Anderson

On how they ensure the accuracy of the information they disseminate

“By being truthful and above board with the citizens. I have always been a very honest person.”

– Brooke Anderson

“We’ve got a great staff. If independent research needs to be done, I can do that, too.”

– Marvin Shavlan

How do you feel about “Support Our Troops”?

“It’s still on our web site. It has the city’s full support”

– Marvin Shavlan

“That’s a good question. I don’t have a good answer for that... I don’t want to give the citizen’s false information.”

– Brooke Anderson

About voting to support those who donated to their campaigns

“I would probably recuse myself from most anything as far as that’s concerned... All of (my contributions) are coming from citizens, they’re not coming from hoteliers, who are funding my opponents campaign.”

– Brooke Anderson

“If you take a look... only 20% of the contributors are hotels. I’m proud to say we’ve got a broad based group of people who have supported me. Businesses are part of the city, too. There’s no reason for me to vote for special interests because actually I’ve got more support from other areas.”

– Marvin Shavlan

Do you have the time?

“Yes. I’m fortunate that I’m in a family business that I’ve been running for 30 years.”

– Marvin Shavlan

“I am retired and I am ready to work for you all full time, even if I’m away I will be available cell phone. I can’t necessarily say my opponent is available 24/7.”

– Brooke Anderson

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RECREATION WEBSITE-www.mygulfport.us and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure services, Rec. Center.

ACTIVITIES

Open Gym- Tues., 6-9 p.m. and Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res./\$22 non-resident

Open Gym/Game Room- Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

PROGRAMS

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM - The School Year Child Care Program is for children entering Kindergarten thru age 14. It is also a quality program which provides a nurturing atmosphere where each child has the opportunity to experience many recreational, social, creative and enriching activities at a cost affordable to families. The program is licensed by the Pinellas County License Board. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

2011-2012 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM-The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 18 (if still in high school). It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The

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

2011-2012 TOT TIME & VPK PROGRAMS - The Tot Time & VPK Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who have turned 4 years of age by September 1st. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten. The Tot Time Program cost is a non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents with two, three and five-day monthly options available. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The VPK Program is FREE but parents must apply at Coordinated Child Care to receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Both programs are limited to 10 children each. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Hours for registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- Cheerleading- Thurs. 5:45-6:30 p.m. Call Alison at 410-2227.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.

- 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.
- Stretch N Tone - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10 a.m. Call Jean at 631-226-7894.
- Tai Chi - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.
- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 280-4276.
- Walking Club Returns Thur., Jan. 5th. Call John at 893-1079
- Watercolor with Patsi - Beginners/Intermediate - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., from 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga-Wed., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba- Call Valerie at 557-4258.

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

Effective October 1st, all skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a new City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson Lake Skate Park. Stickers MUST be visibly placed on the helmet. Annual fee for stickers is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Also, all skaters/bicyclists 17 years of age or younger MUST have a signed parental consent form filed at the Gulfport Recreation Center which is located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Availability to register: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Stickers valid from October 1, 2011 - September 30, 2012. Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



Gulfport Library

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or fax 893-1072

GULFPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY - PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

Search for/request books and other items on our online catalog: <http://pals.polarislibrary.com>

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, January 19, 10:00 am. Discussion of *The Waste Land*, by T.S. Eliot, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a discussion guide and a copy of the poem. Call 893-1073 FMI.

Winter Crafts Program: Saturday, January 21, 1:30 pm in Youth Services area. Enjoy making seasonal creations with Pat. All ages welcome.

Kill-a-Watt Energy Saving Program: Saturday, January 28, 10 - 11 am. James Stevenson of Pinellas County Extension Service will instruct on use of the devices, which will also be available for loan from the Library.

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!

Open Monday-Friday: 10am-7pm
& Saturday: 10 am-4 pm

PROGRAMS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For more information, call: 893-1074, email gpublib@yahoo.com, or visit www.mygulfport.us/gpl

Services 893-2237

5501 27th Ave. S.

Senior Center

SPECIAL EVENTS

2012 Gulfport Historical Calendars are available at the Senior Center for \$5.

Annual Health & Beauty Fair: Mark your calendar now for Mon. Jan. 23, 9am-noon for our annual Health & Beauty Fair. Sponsored by Palms of Pasadena Hospital. Includes a variety of health screenings and lots of good health info. Also, includes free haircuts, manicures, beauty tips and massages (first come, first serve). A hamburger and hot dog lunch on the grill will follow. Must purchase meal ticket in advance: \$3.00. (No NCN lunch served).

Senior Talent Show: Don't miss the Senior Talent Show on Wed. Jan. 25 at 1pm in the Hickman Theater. Tickets: \$5.00. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the theater concession during intermission.

Clothing Boutique: All small sizes of like new clothing will be available for sale on Wed. Jan. 25, 9am to noon. Come check it out!

No Bingo: There will be no Bingo on Fri. Jan. 20 due to early set up requirements for the Health Fair that will start on Mon. Jan. 23 at 9am.

Chair Yoga: No Chair Yoga on Jan. 23 due to the Health Fair. Classes will resume on Jan. 30.

Coupon Club: Come join our Coupon Club every Fri. at 11am. Bring unwanted coupons for an exchange and learn ways to save money at the grocery store.

January: Pain Management Presentations: All are welcome to attend the free Pain Management presentations every Thurs. at 1pm at the Senior Center. Topics: Jan. 19: Pain Management and the Role of Good Nutrition; Jan. 26: Adaptive Equipment/Energy Conservation and Joint Protection. Sponsored by Palms of Pasadena Hospital. Watch for more health presentations in February.

Senior Center Mardi Gras: Get your tickets early for our Mardi Gras on Tues. Feb. 21, 2-4pm. Tickets: \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. Lots of fun and refreshments.

Senior Trips: Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for info on upcoming day trips such as *Gabber January 19 - January 25, 2012*

Hard Rock Casino, on Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 12 or 20(\$20); Royal Lipizzan Stallions of Austria on Jan. 21 (\$52); Valentine's Day Matinee at Arabian Nights in Kissimmee (\$53), etc.

Senior Dance: Our next Senior Dance will be held on Tues. Jan. 31 at 2pm with live music by Chuck and Friends. Admission: \$2.00.

Line Dancing is offered every Thurs. at 9:30am at Scout Hall (5315 28th Ave. S.). Great exercise and fun!

Coming Soon: Problem Solving for Seniors: Mark your calendar now for Mon. Feb. 13 at 1pm. Another great presentation by Peg Stella to help you with your day to day living.

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 for fee and registration info.

Elder Law Clinic: Volunteer attorneys will assist clients 60 and over with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, and health care surrogates on Fri. Jan. 20 at 9:30am. Must meet income criteria. Call for more info.

Phones for Hearing Impaired: Come to our Health Fair on Mon. Jan. 23, 9am-noon. Deaf & Hearing Connection will be on hand to share info about their services. Free phone distribution for hearing impaired Floridians will be available at noon but not during the fair. (Also, no phone distribution on Jan. 17).

Support Groups

Diabetic Support on Mondays at 9:30am. (No meeting Jan. 23)

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"](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org).

Neighborhood Center
1617 49th St. So./893-1070
Faith Cathedral International Church:
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8-10:30pm Dance

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7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson

8-11pm Swing Dance, \$7

Every Thursday
Salsa Dance

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

8-10pm Dance, \$7

Gabber Reporter Imposter

On at least two occasions, a person or persons identified themselves as a Gabber reporter. On the first occasion, this person told a neighbor they were taking photos of a home for an article that would appear in the *Gabber*. On the second occasion, a woman called Gulfport Ward One candidate Dan Liedtke's church to verify his volunteer service.

The *Gabber* editor and staff had nothing to do with these incidences. We contacted the Gulfport police as well as the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and filed complaints.

While we may assume that these people wanted to gather information and used our name and long-standing reputation in the community in order to do that, we cannot rule out that the person or persons are assuming our identity for less-than-journalistic purposes.

In that vein, we implore our readers to ask for identification from anyone presenting themselves as a *Gabber* reporter.

All of our reporters have valid Gabber photo identification. If they do not, please contact both our offices at 321-6965 as well as the Gulfport police, 893-1030.

BPW to Meet

During this all-important election year, the St. Petersburg/Pinellas local organization of Business and Professional Women (BPW) proudly presents a panel of distinguished women addressing the question: Why do state and federal elections matter to working women? The event will take place Tuesday, February 28, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Marriott St Petersburg Clearwater, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd., St. Petersburg.

Well-known political consultant Dr. Susan MacManus, USF, will moderate the event which includes three panelists: Deborah Clark, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections; Democrat Nina Hayden, former Pinellas County School Board member and current Attorney and Assistant Director of Academic Success & Bar Preparation Services at Stetson School of Law; and Republican Karen Williams Seel, Pinellas County Commissioner.

The format of the program will include networking opportunities, a panel forum and discussion, and one-on-one interaction with the panelists.

Attendance will be limited, so purchase your \$15 tickets soon. Tickets are available on the BPW website, www.bpwstpetepinellas.org.

For more information, contact Kristine Ketcham-Szerenyi, kristine@kristineketcham.com or 727-366-3439.

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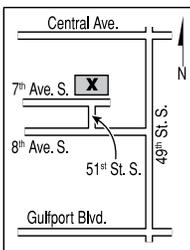
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COHEN, HARRY, 96, of St. Pete Beach, passed away Jan. 6, in South Pasadena. Graveside services will be Jan. 23, at Woodlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery. Beach Memorial Chapel.

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LOMBARDY, MARY K., 54, of Gulfport, died Jan. 10, 2012. Survived by a father, 3 sisters and a long time friend. Abbey Affordable Cremation & Funeral, Largo, 727-517-2340.

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SHAW, DONALD LEE, 79, of St. Pete Beach died on Jan. 7th. He graduated from St. Pete H.S. He worked for Florida Power and Maas Brothers at West Shore Mall. Survivors, 2 daughters, Debra Schoofs and Susan Moore; granddaughter, Lauren Baillie.

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Cash donations are always welcome to purchase other needed clothing items. Donations accepted M-F, 9-5, at 3251 3rd Ave N, Ste. 145, St. Petersburg, 33713 or 1059 N. Hercules Ave, Clearwater, 33765 or call 727-441-5050.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Go Tebow

I'll get right to the point. Tim Tebow has done more for religion than all the institutional school prayers, creches, and religious displays on public grounds put together. His audiences have been in the millions each week, the discussions in newspapers, magazine and the internet reached millions more. His simple gesture of kneeling and praying is known as Tebowing. Three Muslim religion brothers in Denver even put up a bill board supporting him. Talk about marketing. You can't buy that stuff.

Yet, Tebow himself has said very little. People have spoken for him and assumed for him. He never contended that winning football games was a priority of God or Jesus. Other people did. In fact, he said the opposite. All he said was that his faith is the most important factor in his life. So, winning or losing, it's there. He inspired his teammates. He didn't whine about criticism. He led a losing team to the NFL playoffs, but got blown out by a better team and a better quarterback. It didn't change his faith.

He continued his work with handicapped children bringing children to his games as well as partnering his foundation with a Phillipines organization for disabled children. He risked condemnation for his pro-life ad at last years' Super Bowl in which he discussed the fact that he was a baby that was supposed to be aborted. He risked ridicule by declaring his virginity and pledging it until marriage. His faith IS the focus of his life. He leads by individual example.

In the meantime, during the Holiday (read: Holy Days) season, there were disputes in some communities about putting up manger scenes on government property. One town has for 50 years, but was blocked this year. Outrage? Why? No one can stop individual citizens from putting up their own creches. Think what the reaction would have been had a thousand residents put up creche

scenes on their own property. Think Tebow and his faith and his actions. How much more powerful those one thousand displays would be than the one government-sponsored presentation.

Think how much more powerful individual, or collective individual prayers are than government sponsored or institutional sponsored expressions of faith. Yes, prayer is allowed in school, it just can't be school initiated or sponsored. What should be allowed or even required is religious study. Religion is too important to be ignored as an academic subject. That, of course, means all religions, or at least the principal ones. I still have, somewhere, a paper I wrote in my junior year in high school comparing Christianity, Buddhism and Mohammedism (that's what we called Islam way back then). I don't think it was very good and written today would certainly have been more lively.

As for needing government to endorse religion, the U.S. Constitution expressly forbids a state religion. James Madison once remarked that "government shouldn't take cognizance of religion". Even he didn't go that far and our government and governments are strewn with religious expressions and symbols. A few years ago Newt Gingrich (no, this is not a Gingrich plug) wrote a very informative and interesting book about that. The point was and is that our American culture and founding is permeated by religious thought, mostly Christian, and that we shouldn't blot out history with faux non-religious purity.

However, the key perspective is that we're free to express any religious (or non-religious) thoughts and expressions we might have. Government does not sponsor or control religion. We may not have a prayer in our publicly paid for schools, but we're free to pray at school and certainly can pray at home on rising, on going to bed, and at meals or at any other time we're so inclined. We can pray publicly or privately. We

can pray individually or collectively and if religion is really important to us we can share it with others.

That's what Tebow does. He doesn't force it on anyone. He simply displays his faith by gestures and works. Irritating? I can see that although I know Catholics who cross themselves publicly when they feel it is appropriate for them. Some Muslims pray five times a day. Buddhists meditate and/or chant. Big deal. No one has to like it, and if it creates "good" (whatever that is), it's well, good.

From all we know, Tebow lives an exemplary life. We know he strives to. His is the good athlete example and he is not alone. His message is infectious and has been extraordinarily effective. Clearly, the message is that goodness, faith, works, however you label them, is up to you individually, not the government. Tebow and religion are on a roll. Go Tebow.

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Friday 1/6

- Alarm Residential-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
 - Area Check-** Shore Blvd. S./54th St. S.
 - Panhandler/Solicitor-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 49th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Suspicious Vehicle-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Alarm Residential-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
 - Suspicious Vehicle-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Civil Matter-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Theft-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Sexual Battery-** Location Withheld.
 - Animal Call-** 58th St. & Shore Blvd. S.
 - Burglary-** 3000 Blk 52nd St. S.
 - Neighbor Problem-** 1200 Blk 55th St. S.
 - Overdose-** 900 Blk Hull St. S.
 - Animal Call-** 2000 Blk 54th St. S.
 - Alarm Residential-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
 - Assist Citizen-** 1200 Blk Gray St. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 2600 Blk Upton St. S.
- Saturday 1/7**
- Suspicious Person-** 7th Ave. & 58th St. S.
 - Area Check-** Boca Ciega High School.
 - Trespasser-** 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
 - Area Check-** 4900 Blk 17th Ave. S.
 - Area Check-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Ordinance Violation-** 5200 Blk 23rd Ave. S.
 - Domestic-** 700 Blk Gray St. S.
 - Unknown Problem-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Ordinance Violation-** 62nd St. S. & 14th Ave. S.
 - Neighbor Problem-** 1200 Blk 55th St. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 4700 Blk 27th Ave. S.

- Domestic-** 5300 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
 - Civil Matter-** 5800 Blk 20th Ave. S.
 - Juvenile Trouble-** 58th St. & 15th Ave. S.
 - Domestic-** 5600 Blk 11th Ave. S.
 - Juvenile Trouble-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Hit & Run-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
 - Domestic-** 700 Blk Gray St. S.
- Sunday 1/8**
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 2500 Blk 50th St. S.
 - Theft-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Unknown Problem-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Hit & Run-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Area Check-** Tomlinson Park.
 - Juvenile Trouble-** 2100 Blk 55th St. S.
 - Assist Citizen-** 5900 Blk Bayview Cir. S.
- Monday 1/9**
- Domestic-** 1800 Blk 56th St. S.
 - Traffic Control-** 15th Ave. S. & 58th St.
 - Suspicious Person-** 1100 Blk Gray St. S.
 - Injunction Violation-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
 - Vandalism-** 18th Ave. & 54th St. S.
 - Juvenile Trouble-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Burglary-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
 - Accident without Injuries-** Gulfport Blvd. & 52nd St. S.
 - Panhandler-** 52nd St. & Newton Ave. S.
 - Burglary Res-** 1000 Blk 60th St. S.
 - Assault/Battery-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
 - Suspicious Person -** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 2800 Blk Upton St. S.
 - Harassing Phone Call-** Location Withheld.
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- Tuesday 1/10**
- Animal Call-** 900 Blk Hull St. S.
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The Italian-American Society of St. Petersburg will hold its third annual Valentine dinner-dance on Saturday, February 11, at the Treasure Island Community Center, One Park Place at 106th Ave., Treasure Island. There will be music by Bobby Tess and his four-piece band; hors d'oeuvres; a gourmet buffet dinner; free wine, soft drinks, and coffee; and dance hosts for unescorted guests. The price of tickets is \$30 per person.

The menu is as follows: at 7 p.m., appetizers, hot stromboli and veggies with dip will be served. At 7:30 p.m. dinner of salad, rolls and butter, pork medallions, tilapia, stuffed shells and grilled vegetables is served followed by assorted desserts.

The Tarantella Dancers will perform a short exhibition of Italian folk dances between 7:00 and 7:30, and the band will play from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. for your dancing and listening pleasure.

Mail checks (made out to Italian-American Society) to IAS, c/o Steve Dante, V.P., 17167 2nd St. E., North Redington Beach, FL 33708. Please include a phone number. Reservations need to be made by Friday, February 3rd.

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T.I. Art Guild Winter Show

By Mary Marsh

The rich talent of five Treasure Island Art Guild members is now on display at our Community Center through March 1, 2012. Featured are Ginger Byrne, Patricia Marklin, Ron Marvin, Sally Pierce and Fred Wilder.

Ginger Byrne loves the energy of the vibrant colors she uses in her watercolors such as: "Hello Gorgeous," a large orange hibiscus; "Oh what Fun," with three young children and

"Fore!" showing a tall vase to hold a bunch of golf clubs. Yet the most commanding is "Misty River," a value study in dark, muted greens in the trees overhanging a tranquil, misty river.

Working in oil, renowned portrait artist, Ron Marvin, introduces his lovely, young daughter, "Jennifer," in a warm, soft profile. From the Portrait Workshop, in "Donna," Ron contrasts lights and darks and warm yellow highlights with cool green shadows; "Donna II," who sat for us a second time in more subtle lighting and

finally, "Frank" in bold, masculine strokes, sparked by the highlight on his baseball cap.

Pat Marklin says, 'Birds are my passion--Tigers and Zebras, too,' so it is no surprise that her watercolors include a bright Toucan in "Piece of Paradise," two colorful parrots in "Polly's Fantasy" and an Egret in "Fishing." In "Southern Beauty," she captures a blue Heron comfortably perched in a lush tropical plant, whose huge leaves are clean and transparent, from dark greens to bright yellows.

Another watercolorist, Sally Pierce, artfully combines color, light and form to convey four contrasting moods. Untamed nature is evident in "Out On A Limb" and "The Wind and the Rain," but "A Special Place" lets us escape to a quiet, restful side of nature. Beautifully executed, "Clowning Around" is special to Sally 'because of its pure color and ultra simplicity,' and it was her first-ever large watercolor.

Former Art Guild president, Fred Wilder demonstrates his versatility in his selection of paintings: "The Rebel," a pastel portrait; a display of Sumi Ink and an imposing watercolor, "St. Simon, GA Lighthouse." Lastly, his most unexpected entry is a pencil composition, with a half dozen large elephants, oblivious to their reflections, gathered around the "Water Hole."

Plan to see our show at the Community Center located on 106th Avenue, just east of Gulf Boulevard, Please call 547-4575, ext. 238 for hours of operation.

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Donate a Bike

YNOT Ministries is a 501c3 youth outreach located at 1000 55 street so in Gulfport. They are focused on leading teens closer to Christ through service to others. They are in need of bikes that can be reworked for the homeless and youth of the area. Their youth plan to recondition these bikes so others can have transportation to work and school free of charge. If you have new or used boys or girls 24" or 26" bikes, or would just like to make a donation please contact Nick Harper at 727-418-7777. They are also looking for a storage location to work on these bikes. If you have one please email Nick at ynot4jesus@gmail.com.

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The Gulfport Senior Center will hold their Annual Health & Beauty Fair on Monday, January 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. Event features health screenings, haircuts, manicures, massages, and information about avoiding the "Donut Hole". You need to purchase a \$3 ticket if you want to eat lunch from the Gas Grill. Call 727-893-2237 or 727-893-1231. The Center is located at 5501 27th Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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Deadline Nears to Register for Get Rescued

Gulfport's Get Rescued, the animal rescue festival and fundraiser, is preparing for its eighth annual event to take place on Saturday, February 25th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This popular street festival has evolved from one block and a handful of animal rescue groups in its first year to a popular and festive event representing as many as 60 animal rescue groups from throughout the region.

Gulfport's Get Rescued is one of the largest such events in the state, with all profits to benefit participating non-profit rescue groups. Animal rescue organizations, many appearing with adoptable pets, take over Beach Blvd. to raise money and awareness for their causes. Additionally, animal-related vendors, artists and crafters offer their wares to festival-goers. Pet related activities will include a pet parade (bring your rescues and showcase them in the parade!), pet care education, pet services, a pet food and supplies drive, adoptable pets, free samples, training demos, food, music and games. Each year, thousands of attendees, many accompanied by their own canine companions, make their way to Gulfport to support what has become a beloved tradition.

Visit <http://www.suzieking.com/applicants/winter/applicants-get-rescued> for information and to register. As always, 501c3 non-profit rescue groups can participate for free, with proof of non-profit status. Deadline for applications is January 24, 2012.

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Spreading Christmas Cheer



Submitted by Pat Bailey

Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 1000 55th Street S. in Gulfport, went in December to Boca Ciega Nursing Center to sing Christmas carols to residents and staff as an annual event for the past four or five years. Pastor Dennis Belus read "The Christmas Story", Pat Bailey read "The Meaning of the Candy Cane" and Leah Lepore sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and even signed the lyrics while she sang. The Women of Trinity group handmade some gifts for them to enjoy. They especially liked the pillow dolls. Also attending were Sunday evening Pastor Ralph Huckeba and Visitation Pastors Horace and Marilyn Ellsworth.

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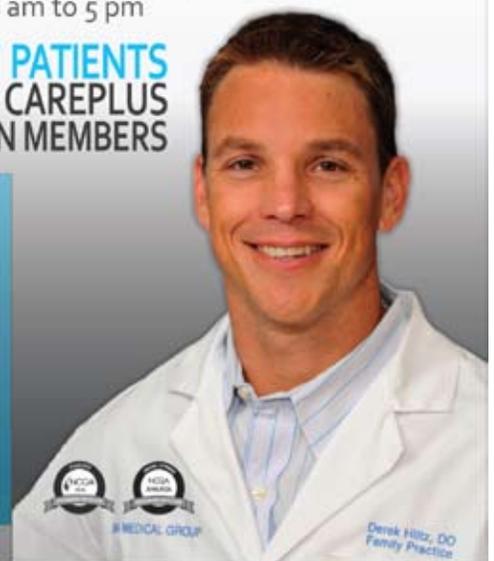
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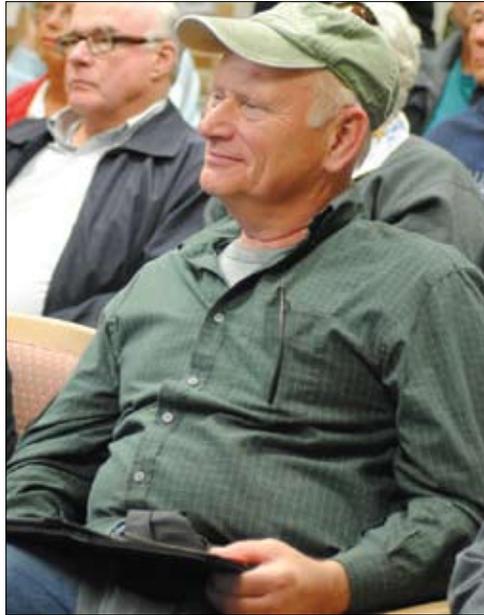
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Tech Talk to a Crowded Room

Richard Gerdoney listens as Chad Marin explains to a standing-room-only crowd at the St. Pete Beach Library the ins and outs of using e-readers. Gerdoney will spend a few months on St. Pete Beach but lives in Westchester, Ohio the rest of the year. He heard about the class from his neighbor, Myrna, who knew he had a Kindle.

"I've put the basics in, but now I'm going to go back and explore," he said after the class. The Friends of St. Pete Beach Library paid for Marin's time; the event was free for attendees. Library staff will also explain how to use e-readers if people need to learn, Library Phyllis Ruscella says. In addition, a monthly iPad users group meets at the library.



Guild to hold Card/ Game Party

The Women's Guild of Our Savior Lutheran Church will hold its annual Mini-Luncheon with card party and other games on January 26 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. It will be held in the Wegner Hall of Our Savior located at 301 58th Street S. in St. Petersburg. For more information or tickets contact Ruth Summers at 347-1548 or rtsummers@verizon.net.

Call for Vendors

"Island Festival", an event celebrating culture of the South Pinellas Gulf Beach Communities, will be held at Gulf Beaches Historical Museum 115 10th Ave., St. Pete Beach, on March 3. Artists, crafters and antique/collectible vendors are invited to participate. There will be space for 25 vendors in Pass-a-Grille park adjoining the museum. There is no fee, but a donation would be greatly appreciated in exchange for your participation. Email alicegails@gulfbeachmuseum.com or call 727-599-1442 to reserve.

Take a Safe Boating Course

Take the Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Skills and Seamanship course. Programs are conducted from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. each Tuesday and are conveniently located on the USCG base at 1300 Beach Dr. SE, St. Petersburg. Visit www.cgaux72.info/ or call 727-898-1324 for information. Completion satisfies the state of Florida boater I.D. safety education requirements.

Card/Game and Bocce Party

Join the Sons of Italy, 2500 34th Street S., for a Card/Game and Bocce Party on Friday, January 27th from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tables are for card/games of six and eight. This event is open to the public. Bring your own group or join one of theirs. Light lunch is served. Donation of \$7 in the form of advance ticket sales only. A portion of the proceeds will benefit cancer charities and food for the needy. Call 798-6355.

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Renowned Author to Speak in Gulfport

Thomas French, former *St. Petersburg Times* investigative journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner will be the speaker at the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library's annual meeting on February 9th. Mr. French wrote "Unanswered Cries" about the murder of Gulfport resident Karen Gregory and "Zoo Story" about the inner world of Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue S. Call 488-0663.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members are looking forward to the chapter social hosted by Miriam Garcia and Donna Smith on January 21. Members and guests will meet at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Pinellas Park at 11:30 a.m. and then after enjoying a delicious lunch, they will go to the movies at the theaters at the Shops of Parkside.

The next regular meeting of Laureate Epsilon Theta will be held on Wednesday, January 25 at the home of Janet Taylor at 7 p.m. The Ritual of Jewels Ritual will be given to Barbara Bofferding and Sharon Ingram will present the program.

Sunshine City Council's Ways and Means Project will be the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Sauce Contest and Dessert Auction. It will be held on Saturday, January 28th from 5-7 p.m. at the Magnolia Club House - Five Towns Complex at 58th Avenue and 79th St. N. The meal includes salad, spaghetti, bread, beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, children 2-10 years \$3. Please contact Val Rankin, Chairman (544-4409) or Sharon Ingram, Reservations (321-2849) for tickets. There will also be a silent auction.

The Sunshine City Council's regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at Dixie Hollins High - ROTC Room, 4940 - 62nd Street N.

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

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City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: Candidate Endorsements

Q: What is the city's policy on candidate endorsement? Can councilmembers and staff endorse candidates?

A: According to Gulfport's personnel manual, city staff cannot "engage in political activity such as campaigning for any candidate while on duty, while representing the city or while wearing city uniforms or identification." Furthermore, city employees can't do anything "of a political nature that could interfere with their duty."

City staff can engage in political activities when they're not working, the manual says, as long as they don't represent the city or any of its departments.

Essentially, that means that a city employee can have a sign in his or her yard but cannot put a sign in the back of their city vehicle.

The manual does not address whether or not elected officials can endorse candidates.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

The Real Estate Buyer's Legal Checklist

One of the single largest investments of your lifetime may be when you purchase a home or some other type of real estate. In many cases, your entire life savings could be invested and potentially at risk. As a result, it is very important that any prospective purchaser of real estate proceed with a certain amount of caution.

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

The first document that a potential buyer of real estate will encounter is the Real Estate Purchase And Sale Agreement. This document is one of the most important papers you will sign in a real estate transaction. The details contained in this agreement determine what real property you will buy and how you will buy it.

What is in this agreement also establishes what your rights and responsibilities are in the upcoming real estate transaction.

The following is a brief checklist of items which should be considered by a buyer of real estate:

1. What exactly are you purchasing? Are land, buildings and personal

property included as part of the sale?

2. When will you be entitled to take possession of the property? Will the current owners need time after the closing to move out of the property? Can you live with this?

3. What kind of deed should the seller of the real estate give you? Should it be an agreement for deed, a quitclaim deed or a warranty deed?

4. Will the seller provide you with good, marketable title?

5. Who is responsible for the payment of real estate and other taxes? Will they be prorated?

6. What persons should be required to sign and accept the real estate contract and closing documents? Is it necessary for both a husband and wife to sign the documents? Who should sign the documents if a corporation is involved in the deal?

7. What are the zoning or other restrictions on the use of the real property?

8. Are water, mineral or timber rights involved in the sale of the real estate? Have they been properly covered in the agreement?

9. In what time frame does the purchase offer need to be accepted or refused? Are there certain contingencies in the real estate contract which require satisfaction prior to the contract becoming effective and legally enforceable?

10. Who pays for the costs of title insurance, property inspection, intangible tax on the mortgage, documentary stamps and the broker fee?

These are but a few of the questions which should be answered before you sign a real estate agreement. Only then will you know if the real estate purchase you are contemplating will truly meet your needs.

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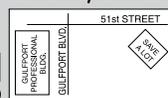
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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Market Madness

The St. Pete Beach commission can't catch a break. Not that I care about them – those lunatics knew what they were in for when they threw their hat in the ring – but I do empathize with the sense of frustration that comes with the “damned if I do, damned if I don't” situations that abound on our sandbar.

Last week at the commission meeting Mayor Steve McFarlin expressed concern about the Corey Market. No, not that Corey Market – the other Corey Market. The one not on Corey anymore. See, the original Corey Market – the one that used to be on Corey – now takes place in Horan Park. Think of it as the “Horan Corey Market.” You with me so far? Good. The new Corey Market – the one that doesn't actually go by the name “Corey Sunday Market” – takes place on Corey. Think of that one as the “Corey Corey Market.”

Why the two markets? I have my suspicions that people couldn't play nicely with one another, but that's unsubstantiated. All I know for sure is that the city now has two Corey Markets (I know they have slightly different names, but who do they think they're kidding?) and the mayor has a bee in his bonnet about one of them.

I think Steve's a decent enough guy. We disagree on things – really, what the hell was he thinking when he reversed the vote on red light cameras? – but I believe he's sincere in his desire to serve St. Pete Beach.

Sometimes misguided, but sincere. He's also empathetic – mostly. He empathized with Best Buddies when code enforcement told them to take down the inflatable dog. Best

Buddies loves him now. The other ninety-nine places who didn't get a Mayoral Puppy Pardon when code enforcement came around? They don't understand why one business gets special treatment.

See? Damned if you do.

Then, there's the issue of the couplet, or this wacky idea that we can slow down traffic on Gulf Boulevard, make it safer for residents and tourists, and get people to notice the businesses instead of flying by at 40 miles per hour – if we make a portion of the street one way. As a resident who must regularly navigate the Dog Leg From Hell (not to be confused with the inflatable puppy; see above), I love the idea. The businesses on Corey? Not so much, initially. Then the mayor spent an afternoon on Corey – an area he admitted he initially didn't think too much of – and explained the plan and heard concerns.

What strikes me as odd is that, after spending some time on Corey, it seems that Mayor Steve has an issue with the Horan Corey Market – the one that left Corey for greener pastures. Last week the mayor seemed pretty damn down on one of the best things I've seen on the beach in while, calling the Suntan-sponsored market a “flea market” and insisting that they should pay the city more money than they already do. He did not suggest the city collect more money from other markets, festivals and bazaars on other pieces of public property.

Now, I haven't visited the Wagon Wheel in quite some time, but I fail to see the resemblance. The Horan Corey Market is a huge improvement over last year's Corey Market. I'm sorry, guys, I love your shops and understand why you want the market on Corey, but the Horan Corey market rocks. There's more space, better parking, and a wider variety of vendors. For what it's worth, when I finish at the Horan Corey Market, I invariably stroll over to the Corey Corey Market, and I see plenty other people doing the same thing. I would even say that the Horan Corey

Market drives more business to the Corey Corey Market than the market saw last year when it was the only game in town.

Clearly, Corey merchants do not agree. It seems some businesses think the city could treat them better. Which is funny, because it seems to me that the crux of the lawsuits that have rained down on the commission's head like a plague of frogs is that the city treats businesses too well. One group sues because they say the city panders to businesses and another group thinks the city needs to help businesses more. I can point to several recent decisions that have helped local businesses, and I can point to just as many that have helped residents. In some places that's called “trying to strike a balance;” here, the city's damned if they do, damned if they don't.

We are, sadly, not known for sitting down and working out our differences. We are, however, known for suing. It's like we're the city of brotherly hate.

Look, I'm the first person to point out the faults, like the glut of annoying signs, empty lots and buildings and full-combat-crosswalks. I choose to live here, however, because, while there's change I'd like to see, think there's still some paradise left out here. That means I accept dueling markets, resorts, and adult entertainment venues.

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- St. Michael, the Archangel, Defend Us In Battle; Be Our Defense Against the Wickedness and Snares of the Devil. May God Rebuke Him We Humbly Pray; and Do You Oh Prince of the Heavenly Host, By the Power of God, Thrust Into Hell Satan and the Other Evil Spirits Who Prowl About the World For the Ruin of Souls. Amen. St. Michael, I Resort to Your Protection and in My Faith, Offer This Light Which Shall Burn Every Tuesday. Comfort Me in My Difficulties and While Lodging in the House of Our Savior Intercede for Me and My Family That We Will Be Able to Hold God Close to Our Hearts and Be Provided for in All of Our Necessities. I Beseech You, to Have Infinite Pity in Regard to Favors I ask of You (Name Them) So That I May Be Able To Overcome All Difficulties as You Did the Dragons at Your Feet. Our Father (Say 3 Times). Hail Mary (Say 3 Times). Glory Be (Say 3 Times). This Prayer is to be Said 9 Tuesdays, in Succession and Each Tuesday a Candle Shall Be Lighted and a Copy of This Prayer Lft in the Church to Help Another Soul in Distress and Support the Devotion to St. Michael. This Miraculous Saint Grants Everything, No Matter How Difficult, Before the Termination of 9 Tuesdays. G.F.

MAY THE SACRED Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. Blessed Mother, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. Say this prayer for nine days, nine times a day. Then publish this prayer. Thank You, Jesus. G.F.

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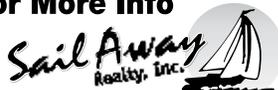
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