

Corey Car Show Attracts Locals, Parrots and Tourists



Auto Mobile the parrot supervises Bob Rajewski's '66 Beetle at the Corey Car Show Saturday afternoon. While Mr. Rajewski does most of the driving, he allows the yellow-shouldered Amazon to inspect the controls periodically. Auto Mobile spent a good amount of time on top of the Beetle on a miniature Radio Flyer. The car show lasted into the afternoon.

Council Streamlines New Business Process

In response to Councilwoman Barbara Banno's request that the city streamline certain processes for new businesses, the city planning department shortened public notice time frames and cleaned up other language in parts of its zoning regulations.

Most notably, zoning staff suggested – and council agreed – shortening the public notice time frame from 14 days to seven.

Councilwoman Salmon thanked Councilwoman Banno for bringing this forward.

Simplifying Doing Business in Gulfport

On the heels of streamlining how long it takes new businesses to get started with the city's blessing, city council voted to make it easier for businesses to have outdoor seating and displays. Outdoor seating and displays will still require a site plan, but of instead

See *Gulfport Business*, page 7

Police Stay Unless Entire Council Says "Go"

GULFPORT – City council voted a second and final time that the city cannot outsource its police department without a 5-0 vote of the council to do so.

Councilwoman Barbara Banno, who initially favored keeping the vote with city council rather than allow a voter referendum, said she "would rather see it go to referendum" than make the council vote unanimously to outsource its police department.

The ordinance will not only require a 5-0 vote to remove the city police department, it requires a 5-0 vote to change the ordinance should the council, for example, want to send the issue to a voter referendum or make the police a chartered department.

Councilwoman Banno said she wanted the city change it so it didn't require a unanimous vote to change the ordinance.

The council, apart from Councilwoman Banno, approved of the need for the unanimous vote, both to outsource the police and also to change the ordinance

By allowing a lesser vote to change the ordinance, "you're writing ordinances to overturn ordinances," Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon said.

Councilwoman Banno asked to change the ordinance to require a voter referendum to outsource the police.

See *Police*, page 2

Baby's First Santa Visit



Otis Russell, nine months old, checks out Santa's big white beard and fluffy red suit at Gulfport Cafe Saturday morning. Santa Claus – the real deal – stopped by the eatery to see Gulfport's youngest residents for a few hours Saturday morning.

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Police, from front page

"I do believe in participatory government, but if we put all hard decisions out for a vote, you don't really get the decision that's best the city," Councilwoman Salmon said. "I'm very comfortable with [a 5-0 vote]."

"This ordinance really handcuffs this city," Councilwoman Banno said. "This is an injustice to you [the citizens]."

"This is the farthest thing from an injustice to the citizens of Gulfport," Councilman Dan Liedtke told her.

The council voted a second and final time to require a unanimous vote. Only Councilwoman Banno voted against.

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Newton Avenue Christmas Stroll

Eleven homes on Newton Avenue are decorated for the holidays! Come out and see your favorite Christmas story characters, Frosty the Snowman, the Grinch, and many more. They are collecting new and used toys for the Christmas Toy Workshop of St. Pete. Lights are lit from 6:30-9:30 nightly in the 5600 block of Newton Ave. S.

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Due to Christmas and New Year's falling on a Tuesday, The Gabber Deadline will be extended.

For the issue of Thursday, December 27, **Deadline for advertising will be Thursday, December 27, at noon.**

The paper will be delivered on Friday, December 28th.

The following week, New Year's Day falls on a Tuesday. **Deadline for that week's issue will be Thursday, January 3rd, at noon.**

The paper will be delivered on Friday, January 4th.

The Gabber office will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

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The Gulfport Historical Society's 2013 calendars are available at the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce office, 4926 Gulfport Blvd., M-Th. 9-3, and Fri. 9-12, and at the Historical Society Museum. The museum is open M-F 2-4, and Sat. 10-12. They remain the best buy in town at only \$5 and contain the best pictures of our City's history.

Sign Ordinance

This election season, candidates shouldn't have any problem displaying their signs, regardless of who else has a sign on the same property. City Council— one seat of which will be impacted this election season by the decision – voted Tuesday night to allow properties to display more than one candidate's sign.

When Denise Wimmer Lowe suggested different rules about signs by the polls, but Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon spoke up and said that while she agreed, the state

stipulates some setbacks for signs by polling places.

This issue came up last year during the Ward One race, with current councilman Dan Liedtke took issue with the city's interpretation of the existing ordinance to mean that the city would not permit more than one sign per property.

Reading Garden Comes to Gulfport

The library will build a reading garden outside the building. City council voted to allow the Circle of Friends to use \$25,000 of funds donated on behalf of the library to build an outdoor reading garden just west of the library's atrium. The Circle of Friends estimate the garden will cost about \$40,000 to create. It will incorporate landscaping and art and will have enough space to accommodate folk concerts and poetry readings.

"It's really a dream location, a dream space," Circle of Friends member Phyllis Plotnick said.

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lucky bamboo plants, other exotic plants such as bonsai trees and grafted cactus, as well as gift and home decor items. They will also make up great leis for wedding entourages and what could look lovelier at beach nuptials than the wedding party wearing leis made of delicate orchid blossoms. The store also creates leis for other events such as themed parties or corporate events.



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Thursday, December 20th, and the lights will be officially turned on at 6:30 p.m. Participating merchants will be open to partake in the official "lighting" of the street with refreshments, music and fun for all. Corey Avenue is located just off Gulf Blvd. in downtown St. Pete Beach. Visit www.coreyave.com or call 727-498-8778.

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Come out for Winter Festival

As part of its year-long Centennial Celebration, the Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church (PAGBCC)

invites the community to join in the fun of a Winter Festival to be held in Pass-A-Grille's Hurley Park on Friday, December 28th from 6-9 p.m. The joyous and fun-filled festival will feature locally provided live music and the rhythmic sound of steel drums. The evening's finale will be the lighting of a huge bonfire on the beach (16th Ave.) at 8 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from local vendors. There is no charge for this event and people of all ages are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

The congregation gives thanks for its first 100 years and prays that it may continue to serve the Lord and the community for the next 100 years.

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Tuesday, January 1, 2013
Monday's pickup remains the same.
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No yard waste pickup this week.

Please recycle your Christmas tree.
Trees will be chopped and processed into mulch then made available to residents at The Neighborhood Center located at 1617 – 49th Street South.

To prepare your tree for recycling:

- Remove all decorations, including hooks, garland, tinsel and lights.
- Place tree at curb or alley for regularly scheduled Wednesday yard waste pickup. Do NOT bag or place tree in can.
- For multiple-dwelling units, place your tree near the dumpster without blocking access to it.

Please call 727.893.1089 if you have any questions.



Gulfport Business,

from front page

of going before council, city staff will review and can approve those plans.

Councilman Dan Liedtke asked the city manager to look at reducing the \$138 fee for the application.

City Manager Jim O'Reilly thanked Councilwoman Barbara Banno for bringing the issue forward.

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Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on December 21st at 10 a.m. and learn the proper way to water plants. Barbara Gilberg Habitat is located at 1600 Pasadena Avenue next to the electronic billboard on Shore Drive. Meet Natalie in the Pavilion.

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Gulfport Women's Club to hold Card Party

The Gulfport Women's Club will be holding their Annual Card Party this year in the Town Shores clubhouse

South Pasadena Civic Association

The South Pasadena Civic Association will hold its annual Wine & Cheese party on Wednesday, January 9th at 1:30 p.m. Come and see "Elvis Presley" for an entertaining afternoon. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.

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Sophie's Thrift Extends Christmas Hours

Sophie's Attic Thrift Shop, a mission outreach of First United Methodist Church - Gulfport, will have extended hours for the next two weeks to aid you in this busy season of the year. You can shop from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. both Friday and Saturday for the two remaining weekends until Christmas is here. Need party clothes or warm clothes for a trip up north? Want some fresh Christmas decorations or reasonably priced gifts? They have them all at affordable prices, ready to go, all nice and clean. You will find them near the corner of 53rd St. S. and 28th Ave.

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Letters

Stop fishing at Wood Ibis Park

Dear Editor: I would like to thank Armand Taddeo of the Gulfport Cafe for his eloquent letter concerning the unacceptable situation at Wood Ibis Park. I would also like to thank him and his staff for their compassionate help in notifying the Gulfport police when I entered their restaurant seeking aid for a cormorant that had swallowed a fishing hook. I would also like to thank the Gulfport Police officers who responded so quickly to the call and for offering to keep the injured bird at the office until someone from Seabird Sanctuary could come for it. The park is a refuge and sanctuary, a haven for all.

Unfortunately it is being abused by irresponsible and cruel individuals who view it only as a place to catch their dinner by whatever means they can. Catch-and-release fishing is evidently permitted, but that is not what is happening: turtles and crabs are being trolled for with chicken legs tied to strings, birds are getting

hooked and then cut loose with disregard to their suffering, wildlife is getting tangled in carelessly discarded fishing line. No fishing should be permitted, both for the sake of the wildlife that lives there and for those of us who find solace in the park.

Linda Burke

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Be a Little Wary

Dear Editor: I recently had an experience that I hope by sharing, will help others.

Someone came to my door recently, an African American female who asked to charge her phone as she had to pick up her baby at day care and her phone was dead and she couldn't call her brother to get the "baby". I let her charge her phone and the next day my house was broken into.

So I am concerned that will happen to others, especially older people. And perhaps an article warning people about anyone coming to their door may save someone else this aggravation.

Jane Carpenter

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Holiday Decorations Winners

A large number of entries were received this Season for the Holiday Decorations Contest. Santa along with a few of his elves ventured out on that warm and breezy winter evening, Monday, December 17th and found many wondrous wintry sights! All the homes and businesses were glittering with the Holiday spirit! The choice was a difficult task for Santa and his crew, as so many homes and businesses really did a fantastic job! The winners are - General Theme: 2644 49th St. S. and for Commercial Theme: Yummy's, 2914 Beach Blvd. S. Please check out all the houses and businesses that decorated this holiday season (in no particular order). The Neighbors of Newton Avenue 5600 block of Newton Ave. S., 6244 13th Ave. S., 5902 15th Ave. S. and 5020 27th Ave. S. Thank you to all that participated. You truly brightened up Gulfport this season! The winners will be recognized and be presented a certificate at the Gulfport City Council meeting on January 3rd at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 2401 53rd St. S. Thank you again to all who participated.

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Classes Resume Next Year

USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 7-16 will not be conducting the Boating Safely Class for December 2012. Classes will resume in January 2013.

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A great selection of gifts is offered each week at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market. The Fresh Market is more than just fresh produce. Hundreds of great gift ideas are available from over 50 Fresh Market vendors each week. Florida citrus fruit is in season at the Fresh Market and always makes a tasty gift. Other delicious gift ideas from the Market include artisan jams and jellies, hand-made candies, nuts, local honey, vegan specialties, artisan pastas and sauces, teas, gourmet olives and oils, and spreads. Holiday parties or hostess gifts may include fresh breads or cheese, fresh local seafood, Florida-raised meats, prepared gourmet foods, and a variety of desserts.

Gift choices from non-food Fresh Market vendors are bountiful. Over six vendors offer a variety of hand-made jewelry. Specialty earth-friendly hand-made soaps and other pamper-ready bath and body products are offered. Many local artists and crafters are on hand with original paintings, kitchen crafts, home décor, fashions and accessories. Gifts for pets and pet-lovers include treats and doggie necessities. Live plants, herbs and fresh flowers are on hand each week.

Many other unique items are available from Market vendors, each its own "Mom and Pop" business setting up in the open air every week. Live music in two locations is always

featured. The village in which the Market takes place includes a variety of independent shops, boutiques and restaurants, all within walking distance. Parking is free and convenient. Gulfport's Fresh Market is a community-spirited gathering in a small, "Old Florida"-style town. They offer food for your body and community spirit for your soul, and a welcome alternative to chain stores and malls. The Fresh Market is located on Gulfport's Beach Blvd. below 29th Ave. South. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Tuesday, except for the first Tuesday of each month, which includes evening hours, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (The Market will be closed for the holidays on Tuesday,

December 25th and Tuesday, January 1st.) See their website at www.gulfportma.com or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gulfportfreshmarket. For more information, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org.

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Town Shores Bocce

As they approach January, each team will need six or more players for weekly play. Captains, please encourage all team members regardless of experience to participate in weekly play.

Currently the top five teams are Lancaster, Eton, Chatham, Diplomat and Nottingham. It seems that the standings have been changing every week. Please come down and support the Bocce teams.

They are now on a two week holiday break. Bocce play will resume on

Wednesday, January 2nd with Gro/Fax and Nottingham, Buckingham and Dover all playing. On January 3rd Windsor and Chatham, and Embassy and Jamison will square off. The week of January 7th will once again be a full schedule.

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Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor Class

Interested in becoming a lifeguard or water safety instructor? City of St. Petersburg Aquatics Division offers training classes for both.

Lifeguard training classes are open to anyone 15 years, by the time class concludes or older. Classes begin January 12 - 20 at North Shore Aquatic Center, 901 North Shore Dr. NE. and April 8 - 25. at Lake Vista Pool, 1450 60th Avenue S. Sign up now to learn and test to be a certified lifeguard.

Water safety instructor classes are offered to individuals 16 years or older. Sign up now to learn and test to be a certified instructor. Classes begin February 1 - February 16 at North Shore Aquatic Center, 901 North Shore Dr. NE. and April 23 - May 11 at Lake Vista Pool, 1450 60th Avenue S. For more information visit www.stpeteparksrec.org/lifeguard-training.html or call 893-7727.

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Check out Gulfport Toastmasters

Looking to improve your speaking and leadership skills? Ignite your career? Win that job interview? Meet new people? Gulfport Toastmasters is the right place for you!

Stop in and be their guest- they meet every Wednesday night from 6:15-7:30 p.m. at The Gulfport Meeting Center (5021 Tangerine Avenue S. (off 49th St. S., one block from Gulfport Blvd). There is no charge to be a guest, you can stop in as many times as you'd like. You don't need to be a Gulfport resident either! They can also be reached via email info@gulfporttoastmasters.com or 727-537-9096.

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First Friday Flea and Pantry Donations

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For more information or to get involved call 727-893-2237.

German American Society News

Their New Year's Eve dance is Monday, December 31 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission for the event is \$28 and Sepp and Heinz from Germany will be playing. Members and guests bring their own snacks. A Champagne Toast and lintel soup will be offered at midnight. Kitchen closed, bar open from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

If you enjoy ballroom dancing this is the place to be for a fun filled evening, 8098 66th Street N. in Pinellas Park. Visit www.germantampa.com. Everyone is welcome. For group reservations of four or more please call Bob 727-238-8201.

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Lithuanian-American Lunch this Thursday

The Lithuanian-American Club at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. This week's menu is Cepelinai (grated potato meat dumplings) with bacon and/or sour cream, dessert and coffee.

For the holidays, December 20th

at 12 p.m. the club will have its Lithuanian Christmas Fair of homemade and imported ethnic crafts and goods. Also available will be delicious homemade cakes and pastries baked by the ladies of the club.

As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and homemade Lithuanian bread to buy every Thursday. They will be closed on December 27th. They will celebrate the New Year on January 3rd at 1 p.m. This luncheon will have a special celebration menu including a champagne toast for \$15. Call Vida at 866-7936 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

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Town Shores Red Hatters

Many thanks to Bev and Carol for all their work to make sure everyone had a great Christmas luncheon.

They now look forward to January activities which include Bunko, a play and their annual cruise. Bunko will be played in the clubhouse lounge on Friday, January 11th. They have tickets for the St. Petersburg City Theatre on Sunday, January 27th at 2 p.m. to see the musical "Nine

to Five". Cost is \$19 and the money must be in by January 11th. Call Bev at 381-2122 or Judy at 344-7558.

Their cruise is January 19-23rd. They have a bus to pick up and return them to Town Shores. The cost round-trip is \$16 which includes tips. Money must be in by January 8th. See or call Judy at 344-7558.

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Town Shores Billiards

Sign up sheets for the annual billiard tournament are posted in

the Billiard room at the clubhouse. Those interested in competing in this year's tournament are asked to sign up no later than January 5th. Singles and doubles contests in 8 ball, 9 ball, strait pool and snooker, can be entered by any Town Shores resident who enjoys playing and competing in pool games.

Each entry is responsible for the scheduling of his matches in a timely fashion so that the tournament can be completed by February 28th. The only entry fee is \$2 dues to the Billiard Club to play in one or all categories of the tournament. The billiard room is open every day to all residents with proper I.D. for casual play and practice.

The weekly ritual on Saturday mornings continues with the games of "pea pool," when the "ball bangers" get-together to show their skills and to prove it's better to be lucky than good. These games are open to all with proper I.D. and a pocket of change.

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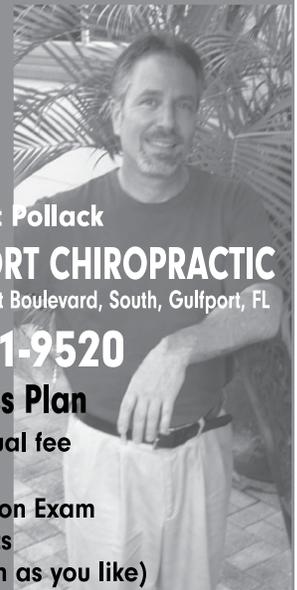


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Every Wednesday evening dinner is served so when the Accordion Club meets, be sure to come early, have a great dinner and an evening of entertainment by some very gifted Accordionists.

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Gulfport Women's Club

December's holiday meeting of the Gulfport Women's Club was hosted by Westminster Shores in St. Petersburg. The marketing director June Bilbro and the CEO Michael Shaw welcomed the group of 42 ladies and provided a wonderful lunch along with some door prizes. The room was beautifully decorated

providing a perfect background for our Yankee Swap.

As is their tradition, the Gulfport Senior Center was the beneficiary of their donations for the holidays. The club provided two Publix gift cards, a GEMS scholarship and a monetary donation to help with their food pantry and to award to someone in need.

Gulfport Women's Club is a volunteer not for profit organization whose goal is to better serve the

children and seniors of Gulfport. They encourage and welcome new members from surrounding towns to join them. Meetings are scheduled the second Wednesday of each month from November to April. Anyone interested in joining, please call Joan at 345-5443 or send a check for \$25 made out to GWC, POB 5036, Gulfport, FL 33737 for an annual membership. The next meeting will be January 9th to be held in Town Shores auditorium.

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Garden Club of St. Petersburg Events

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg is located at 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. Join them in expressing yourself by creating "Amazing Painted Glassware" on January 7th at 10 a.m. Cost is \$3.50 for members, \$4.50 for guests.

On January 8 they will have an all members meeting at 1 p.m., program: Cactus & Succulents by Wilda Meier of Sarasota Garden Club. Visitors are welcomed.

On January 10 they offer "Learning How to Grow Orchids by Michael Polen of Art Stone Orchids". Coffee is ready at 9:30 and the program is at 10 a.m.

On January 31st they have a card and game party at 11:30 a.m. Bring your cards and/or game boards. New this year will be activities on the patio. Donation of \$12, checks

payable to GCSP, reservations to Liz Coerver by Monday, January 20th, 2634 66 Terrace South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712 .

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Women's Chamber to hold Luncheon

The Women's Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Gulf Beaches, established in 1936, will hold their luncheon on January 2nd at the Wine Cellar located at 17307 Gulf Blvd., North Redington Beach. They will have two guest speakers, C. Coffee

on "planning" your funeral and B. MacNeil from "Protech" security solution, a wonderful speaker who will give you a number of "smart" things to protect yourself. Social hour is at 11 a.m. with lunch at 12 p.m. Cost is \$18 payable at the door by check only. For a reservation, please call Ruth at 343-0223 by the Friday before the luncheon. All monies collected will go to their two charities, "Angel Against Abuse" and "Women in Transition". The Chamber is now accepting new members. Please join them as they help others in need.

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The Christmas luncheon at Pasadena Steak House was quite a festive occasion. The food was good and there were many nice gifts given that were taken to Boca Ciega Center.

The January 10th program will be a Bonsai workshop held at Sunken Gardens in downtown St. Petersburg. The demonstration will begin at 10 a.m. in the Garden's Amphitheater. Cost for seniors to enter the gardens is \$6.

Make arrangements to carpool or drive on your own. This is a wonderful opportunity to see Sunken Gardens as well as to learn about this Japanese art form. Call Ralph Shy at 954-0655 if you need additional information.

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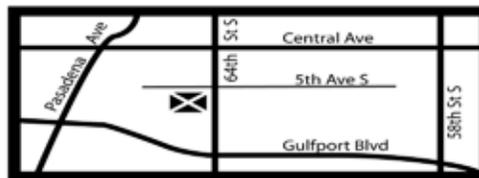
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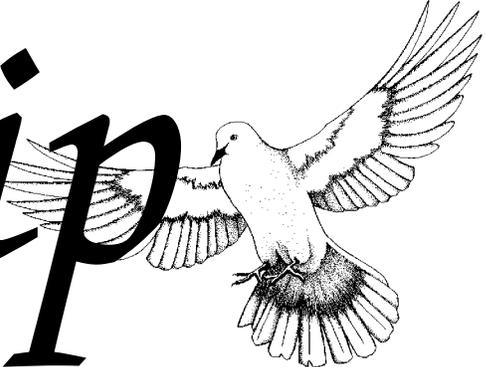
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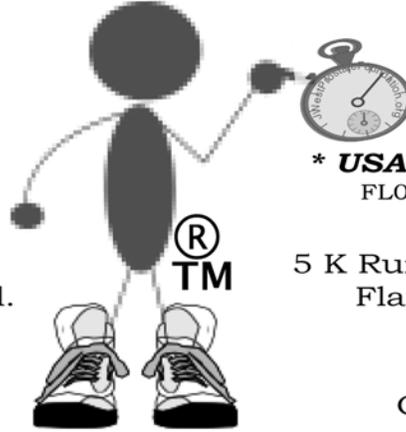
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- Now-Jan 17: Schools that offer these programs will host Discovery Nights, to provide more information to parents and students.

- Now-Feb. 15: Shadowing opportunities for eighth-grade students who are interested in specific application programs. Contact schools to set up opportunities.

- Jan. 9-23: District Application Programs application period.

- Feb. 13-20: To guarantee a seat in a specific program, parents must log on to the Student Reservation system and accept an invitation during this period.

All of these dates are important for parents who are interested in these programs and have children who will enter kindergarten through 10th grade next year. For more information, visit the district website, www.pcsb.org. If you have questions about the process or upcoming events, call the Student Assignment office at 727-588-6210.

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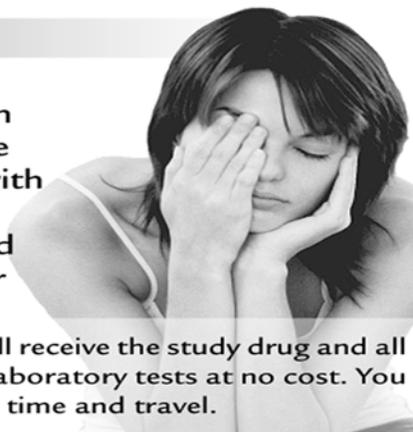
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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta is proud to announce at the December 12th meeting the chapter voted on the Chapter Sweetheart for the 2012-2013 year. Congratulations to Kay Brown, the LET Sweetheart. Kay has been in Beta Sigma Phi since 1964 and has held all chapter offices and most of the committee chairmanships. She is a past president of Sunshine City Council and is currently serving as LET's Corresponding Secretary. She is active in many other local organizations and is the proud mother of three grown children and six grandchildren. Her bubbling personality, care for others and willingness to help her sisters are just a few of the wonderful traits she possesses. They are very proud to have Kay as their Chapter Sweetheart.

On Saturday, December 15, members and guests met at the Lake Rich Village Club House for a Christmas social/dinner hosted by Val Rankin, Sharon and Rogers Ingram. It was a delicious meal and an exchange of ornaments and assorted gifts was held. A special ritual was conducted

by President Lucy Brushaber to honor and recognize the contributions of Jimmy Brown and Rogers Ingram in support of the chapter's activities. Both were recognized as Envoy Members and presented a membership card, certificate and Envoy pin. Congratulations to these two very deserving men who have been there over the years to assist with the activities of the chapter.

The chapter members are enjoying the holiday season and the executive board will meet on January 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Lucy Brushaber.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

Crop circle enthusiasts may remember the circle at Avebury Manor in Wiltshire, England, on July 15, 2008, which more or less coincided with the astrological chart of this week. The artist, whether an alien, a giant or a human astrologer with a weed wacker, is unknown; however, the entry of Mars into Aquarius on December 25th favors the imaginative version of this and other stories. May your holidays be infused with creativity and fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll need a fair assessment of your work in order to know your chances of success with a particular endeavor. An enthusiastic supporter is not going to help in this regard. You need the truth. Get the lowdown from someone who has taken the same kinds of risks you're taking now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just as many smaller countries tend to be neutral in world politics, those who can offer little help or harm will stay out of an argument and hope for the best. For the most part, this will be a peaceful week, but there will be certain crucial junctures in which choosing this route would be wise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whatever you do, you'll do it all the way. That's why you'll feel it necessary to choose your ventures carefully. If the endeavor isn't worthy, your precious time and energy will be wasted, which is much worse to you than a financial repercussion would be. But a worthy undertaking will bring happiness to many.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're really ready to make a change, help yourself out. If you know something (or someone) is bad for you, make it so that thing or person is impossibly out of reach. As one of your sign mates suggested, "Most people would like to be delivered from temptation, but would like it to keep in touch." Robert Orben

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your heart is open, and people will be compelled to share their stories with you in detail. Don't ask a question if

you don't have time to listen to the answer. Also be aware that listening is its own kind of special gift, so it's not always necessary to offer an answer or a solution. Your attention is love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's best not to force yourself to be consistently productive this week. Your pure creativity has an ebb and flow. The flurry of activity when the moon is in your sign at the beginning of the week will come to a natural pause over the weekend, bringing an ideal moment for reflection. What a year it's been!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know so much about people in general that you may find it challenging to see each one as an individual. This week's lesson is about letting go of expectations and experiencing people as they really are. When you assume nothing, you can get to the truth quickly and act on that knowledge.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You realize that in the physical world, getting things done requires a certain amount of force. You also know that with people, force isn't the most effective way to make things happen. Force gets only temporary results. The world of emotions, identity, intellect and belief holds much more powerful tools and methods.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Leos have an inner showman. Many rules of entertainment will apply this week. For instance, the show must go on. Also, mistakes can be entertaining and a delight to your audience -- if you commit to them. Whatever you do, put your whole self into it. If you're going to be wrong, be strong and wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The world of business will soon open up to you. You can relax in this knowledge and take the next few days to creatively recharge. Stay in the moment and let it gift you with many wonders. At the end of the week, you'll bring sunshine and light to someone who desperately needs the levity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone filters the world through what they know and believe. You try to stay

open-minded, though, and you'll succeed to a great degree in this regard. With a certain amount of detachment, you will think and perceive the world clearly in the present instead of reacting to triggers that originated long ago.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When people tell you how lucky you are, you accept the accolades graciously even though you know they are wrong. Your life has little to do with luck. You've worked for what you have, and usually the work was hard, smart and consistent. You'll get a break in the early week, and for that you really will feel lucky!

This Week's Birthdays: You'll explore love in its many forms this year. January puts you in a new environment, and you'll have to adapt quickly. Your inner drive and lofty ideals will play a vital role in your March achievements. You'll adventure in May with the one who shares your hobby. High-intensity romance in June will mellow and grow in interesting ways through the summer. Giving back to your community will be a major theme, and your greatest happiness will come from knowing you made a difference.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: SilverSneakers

Q: How does someone participate in SilverSneakers at the Community Center?

A: "If their insurance includes SilverSneakers then all they need to do is fill out two forms," Recreation Center Director Jennifer McMahon says. After that, you can participate in the city's eligible SilverSneakers programs for free. In addition, SilverSneakers members can use the city's fitness room and pool for free.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: Trash

Q: What do I have to do to get my yard waste collected? Can we get something in stone about that? – Stan Kreuter, at the city council meeting

A: According to Don Sopak, the city's Public Works Director, the city will pick up yard waste for free on Wednesday. The city will only pick up small piles of tree and shrub trimmings. These trimmings should not be bagged or bundled, "but gathered neatly in a pile not to exceed 3 ½ feet high, four feet wide, or four feet long and cannot exceed four inches diameter" (per branch), according to Mr. Sopak.

If your yard waste exceeds those limits, call Public Works to schedule a special pickup, which will cost you extra on your utility bill.

Mr. Sopak says you must bag yard clippings and leaves, but the city will collect these for free if you call and schedule a pickup.

If you hire a lawn or tree trimming service, remember that city law says that service must remove the yard waste they create.

"If your contractor offers you a discount for leaving the yard waste and having the city pick it up, please be aware that this must be called in as a 'special pickup' and will be billed as an extra charge on your utility bill," Mr. Sopak says. In addition, he adds, "the contractor may also receive a fine."

If a tenant or owner doesn't call the city to schedule a special pickup, once the city does collect the waste, it will bill the account holder an additional charge. Call Public Works at 893-1089 to schedule a special pickup.

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Here's How Repair & Fix

By Pat Logan

How to Design a Living Room to Complement Furniture

Dear Pat: I am designing my new home, and I am not sure how big or the shape to make the rooms, especially the living room, which we will often use. Do you have some design tips to help me at this early stage? -- Dianne B.

Dear Dianne: This is an excellent question and the proper time to give this some serious thought. Architects and home designers often use a somewhat standard formula for the

relative size of the rooms, the window placements and the shapes. This method does not always yield the biggest bang for the building buck.

The living room or family room is generally the second-most-often-used room in a house after the kitchen. The shape of the room can be as important as the size when functionality is considered because this will dictate the traffic flow patterns through the living room.

Design and size your living room first, and then fit the rest of the rooms around it. When designing it, consider how the room will be used and the types of furniture, groupings

and amenities you would like in the living room. Will it have a large fireplace, unique window with a view, piano, large-screen television, etc.? These are all items that will be focal points or centers of activity.

Once you have determined the basic activities for the living room, consider the furniture you will have for each of these activities. For example, you may want to have a large sofa in front of the fireplace or a large window, or a comfortable chair near a window for reading.

The key to proper design and furniture placement is considering the living room to be a grouping of various activities and keeping the areas separate. Each activity area should be arranged so traffic patterns into and through the living room do not pass directly through an activity area. In this way, several people can be doing different activities without interfering with one another to a great extent.

Depending upon the activities of interest to you, the best living room shape may be square or longer and more rectangular. A square shape provides the most floor area with the least lineal wall area for lower building costs. A rectangular shape is better for large rooms because this still provides adequate width to walk through without disturbing others.

If you select a square room shape, it is often best to have the entrance to the room in the center of the wall opposite the most unique feature, such as a large fireplace. This design provides space for two activity areas and furniture groupings on either side of the entrance and the main furniture grouping in front of the fireplace. A person can enter the room and access any activity area without passing directly through any of them.

There are some general guidelines for placement of the furniture and for the width of traffic lanes. When you place chairs opposite a sofa, a distance of about 6 feet between them is good for conversation. The traffic lane into a room and to the primary activity area near the unique feature should be at least 42 inches wide. Minor traffic lanes to the other less-often-used activity areas can be as narrow as 24 inches, but 30 inches is preferable.

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Walking Club Returns

The Gulfport Walking club meets on Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. and departs by 9 a.m. from January through March. Their walking adventures take them to many of Pinellas County's beautiful parks. It is a walk at your own pace so feel free to do a mile or five miles. They return before 12:30 p.m. Registration and a brief meeting will be January 3rd at 8:45 a.m. with a local walk in Gulfport to follow. The first walking adventure will be January 10th. The bus fee for each trip is \$2. Please contact John at 893-1079 for further information.

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Sign up for Electronic Device Classes

Do you have a smart phone, Ipad or android tablet you need assistance with? The Gulfport Senior Center is setting up for January classes with Karen Gates on Mondays at 11 a.m. Smart Phone classes are on Monday January 7, Ipad classes are Monday, January 14 and Android tablet classes are Monday, January 28. You must be a registered Senior Center member. If you want to be on the class list, please call 727-893-2237 or 727-893-1231.

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Learn More about Your Heritage

Do you want to learn more about your family tree? Beginning Friday, January 11, 2013 and every second Friday, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Catherine Hickman lobby at 5501 27th Avenue S., instructor Kay Boatwright will assist you in

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Get your Space for Beach Yard Sale

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Yard Sale are on sale. The City of St. Pete Beach Community Center hosts the Yard Sale at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Community Center does all the advertising for the event. The cost for the 10' x 10' space is \$15 and table rental is \$5. This is open to residents and non-residents of St. Pete Beach. For more information or to reserve your space, contact the Recreation Department at 727-363-9245. Spaces and tables will sell out fast, so call today.

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Tomlinson Lake Skate Park new Rules

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

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

Stickers and consent forms are available at the Recreation Center between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday-Friday. Consent forms are also available on the City of Gulfport's website, www.mygulfport.us. Click on City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec. Center and Skate Park. The

web form must be notarized and mailed to the Gulfport Recreation Center along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and check/money order. A registration sticker will be mailed to you upon receiving check/money order and envelope. Please make check/money order payable to: The City of Gulfport. For more information, please call 727-893-1068.

Bicycles permitted on Sundays only. Stickers valid from October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013.

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Table Tennis is Back

The City of Gulfport Recreation Center is once again open for Table Tennis on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Anyone who is interested in playing should come to the Recreation Center and register. The one-time fees are \$2 for Gulfport residents and \$22 for non-residents. You must have your own equipment. If you have any questions please call 727-893-1068.

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Tis the Season

Donations of small items are always welcome for the next 1st Friday Flea Market scheduled for Friday, January 4th from 9 a.m. – noon. Ideas for items include watches, any kind of jewelry, including costume jewelry, wallets, change purses, tote bags, purses, knick knacks, Knitted slippers or any type slippers. Any clean usable item or items are greatly appreciated.

With the holidays around the corner, please bring a canned good or two to the new "bucket of love" which will be located in the Senior Center lobby. This food goes into the Center pantry where local seniors who are less fortunate can get the assistance they need. For more information or to get involved call 727-893-2237.

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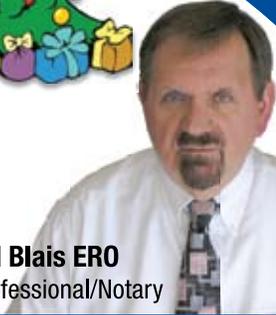
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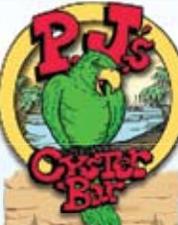
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Birthday Contest Extends Eligible Age

Do you have a child who loves trash trucks, free cool stuff and fun things to do on their birthday? The City of Gulfport Public Works Department has created a chance to win a fun-filled, garbage themed birthday party for your child's next birthday. Extending the age category to 10 years old, they are now accepting applications for the next quarter. To enter, you must be a current resident of Gulfport, limited to children celebrating their 3rd - 10th birthday. The lucky party winner will receive a birthday box that includes: Twelve Customizable Invitations, a Garbage Party Idea sheet with photos and tips for decorations, food and games, twelve garbage themed Goodie Bags and a surprise visit from a City of Gulfport garbage truck.

Deadlines for next quarter to apply: For a party in April, May & June, the application deadline is March 1st and the winner will be drawn March 15th.

To enter the "We're Talking Trash Birthday Contest," you must fill out the entry form completely and mail to: The City of Gulfport's Public Works Department, 2401 53rd St. S. Gulfport, FL 33707. You could also fax attention/Public Works Dept., fax number 727-893-1695, or email attachment to rcataldo@mygulfport.us. Other locations to pick up entry forms are the Gulfport Recreation Center at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. and the Gulfport Public Library at 5501 28th Ave. S. You can also find the form online at www.mygulfport.us and scroll under latest news, then "Were Talking Trash Birthday Contest" (rules link below). For more information, contact 727-893-1089.



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Artist for a Day: Blowing Glass

By Cathy Salustri

Kelli Umstead always wanted to blow glass. This 45-year-old restaurant owner and mother of a pre-teen has long admired glass artwork, but she's never actually tried it.

Until this week. Kelli volunteered to help out *the Gabber* as an artistic guinea pig. While we frequently run artist profiles, we thought it would be interesting to see how a layperson viewed making art.

"I've always been interested in art but never found my niche that would be a good fit for me. I went to a Chihuly exhibit 20 years ago and fell in love with art glass," she says.

Kelli got her chance Tuesday morning. Glass artist Owen Pach volunteered to spend the morning teaching the art of blowing glass to Kelli.

"You could really tell how much he enjoys what he does. He was very quick to answer questions and very detailed in his explanations. He didn't get upset when I asked a zillion questions," she said of Owen Pach later.



Kelli's "Artist for a Day" started with her selecting colored bits of glass, called frits, to make her glass ornament. She chose three colors and an opalescent white. Owen started molten clear glass on a long metal rod, but then it was up to Kelli to follow his instructions to hold the rod in the fire and turn the it, keeping the liquid glass centered on the pipe.

"If you don't turn it, it globs off. Think of Dali's melting clocks," Kelli explained. "Once it's off-center, he said you can never get it back on center."

Next, she added the frits and put the rod back the fire. After all the frits colored the clear glass, Owen let Kelli make hatch marks to swirl the colors on the glass. The glass took another turn in the fire, then Owen showed Kelli how to blow into the rod to transform the glass from a glob of molten silica to a thin sphere streaked with teal, mauve and lime.

"Being able to go in and blow glass for the first time was a dream come true," Kelli says. "I always thought it would be fun, and it was, it was!"

While Owen watched over the process, gently coaching and supervising and, towards the end, fashioning the hook at the top of Kelli's ornament, Kelli says she felt like she has blown glass.

"For my first time, I was playing with 3,000° molten blown glass, so I was thankful he was there, helping. I was glad he was hands-on instead of just telling me what to do," she says.

Her love for glass won't end with her "Artist For a Day"; after her first time, Kelli's hooked. She plans to take a class at the Industrial Art Center in Gulfport, where she will learn more glass blowing techniques.

Neither Owen Pach nor the Industrial Arts Center received any compensation for participating in "Artist For a Day", and neither Kelli nor the Gabber paid for Kelli's participation. If you want to be considered for our next "Artist For a Day", either as an artist or a student, please e-mail CathySalustri@theGabber.com.

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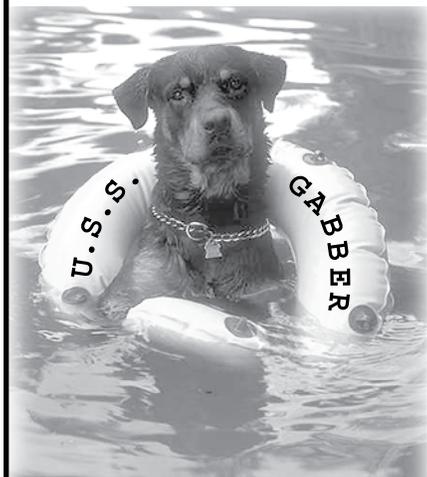
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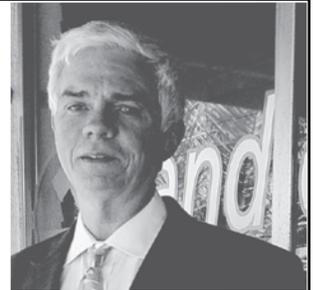
The Corey Fresh Market will now stay open an hour later Sundays until 3 p.m. October through May, weather and other events permitting. Bringing you some of the best local market vendors around: Mr I Got 'Em BBQ, Meet Me At The Market Organic Produce, Charlie's Seafood, JR Kettle Korn, Lilly The Lash Children's Books,

Cheese Lodge, How Sweet It Is Rum Cakes, Matthews Wildlife Rescue, Kato's Plants & Orchids, along with hand-crafted jewelries and gifts, specialty foods and oils, wood and metal crafts, and always top live music! The market averages 40 local vendors.

Corey Fresh Market is located on Corey Avenue in downtown St. Pete Beach just off Gulf Blvd. Free admission and parking. Visit www.coreyave.com or call 727-498-8778.

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Give yourself a gift this Holiday Season. Don't let credit card debt, bill collectors harassing calls or the fear of foreclosure Ruin Your Holidays. Call us for a FREE appointment, and let us see what can be done to make your Holidays Happy Again, and Give You Peace in the New Year.



You could say my motto is 'been there, done that,' says Keith Sanders, from Sanders Law, P.A. people get a fresh start," said Sanders.

He says that for two reasons. First, he says his more than 20 years of experience as an attorney specializing in handling "literally thousands" of bankruptcies means that he has dealt with virtually any kind of problem or issue that might arise with them. And, secondly, he had to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy himself. He says that experience makes him very sensitive to the kinds of things people face when making the difficult decision to file.

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

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

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

"I like what I do because I feel like I can help

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

Sanders has held a number of seminars and written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

The firm also handles Short Sale negotiations, defense against foreclosures, wills & trusts, civil litigation and personal injury.

Despite what you may have read or heard recently, any debt discharged in Bankruptcy is a non taxable event as far as the IRS is concerned. Every situation is different and therefore has a different solution, so please call us and let us discuss what is best for you, and then you can decide what course to take. Remember there are "LEGAL SOLUTIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE" and we would like the chance to show those to you.

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Gulfport Leisure

Recreation Center 5730 Shore Blvd. So 893-1068

ACTIVITIES

Open Gym – Tues. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

PROGRAMS

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM:

Registrations for the 2012-2013 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. 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.

2012-2013 TOT TIME PROGRAM

PREREGISTRATION: Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 Tot Time Program are currently being accepted. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Classes begin September 4th, 2012 and is limited to 10 children. Call 893-1068 for more information.

2012-2013 VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) PROGRAM: Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 VPK Program are currently

being accepted. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Parents must apply at the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. VPK will start on Tuesday, September 4th and is limited to 10 children. Contact the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. at 400-4411 for questions or call the Recreation Center at 893-1068 for more details.

2012-2013 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.

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

• Walking Club- Returns Thurs., Jan. 3rd 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call John at 727-893-1079.

• Spanish Class- Returns Mon., Jan. 7th. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 727-482-2125 for more info.

• Stretch-n-Tone- Returns. Tues. Jan. 8th. 9-10 a.m. Call Jean at 727-302-1016 for more info.

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

• Braveheart Bootcamp- Call Ally at 727-748-6612 or allymorrell@scotsmanfitness.com

com
• Chair Yoga- Fri., 10-11 a.m. Call Joyce at 727-345-0679

• Cooking Classes- Call Heather for dates and times at 850-264-1715

• Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.

• Hula- Call Kalina at 727-251-0424.

• Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.

• Scotsman Soccer- Email Ally at allymorrell@scotsmanfitness.com

• 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

• Yoga in the A. M. – Wed., 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

• Yoga in the P.M. - Wed., 6:30–7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

• Zumba- Thur., 7:45 p.m. Call Rachel at 727-748-6612

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

All skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a 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, 2012 – September 30, 2013. Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



Gulfport Library

5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074

or fax 344-6386

Library will be closed Dec. 24 & 25

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

One-on-One Computer Instruction:

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 am-1:00 pm. First come, first served.

eSalon: Tuesdays, 3 – 5 pm. Would you like to download ebooks from the Library? Learn how! Browse, place a hold, and check out ebooks from our digital catalog. Meet with others to learn the basics or to discover new ways of using your e-Reader; tablet; and/or mp3. Come by or call the Reference Desk, 893-1073.

ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step)

Meeting: Tuesday meetings have been rescheduled for alternative dates due to holiday closings on Dec. 25 & Jan. 1. Please call 727-360-9069 FMI.

Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers:

Wednesdays at 10:00 am. (previously known as Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers).

Beginning Spanish Classes: Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 am. FREE & open to everyone.

Business Debtors Anonymous Meeting: Thursdays, 4:30 - 6 pm. FMI: call 727-238-1688.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, Dec. 20, 10:30 am (NOTE TIME CHANGE). Discussion of "Cannery Row", by John Steinbeck,

over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

Real Estate News You Can Use Forum:

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 5:00 – 6:45 pm. FMI, call Stephanie Slavick, 727-202-7011.

Conscious Awareness Group: Thursdays, Jan. 3 – Feb. 28, from 12:30 – 4 pm (some sessions will not last this long). Sessions will include a short meditation, an audio recording of a chapter of Practicing the Power of Now, a discussion, and video recordings of Eckhart Tolle's teachings from Eckhart Tolle TV.

DrumQuest: Friday, Jan. 4, 7:00 pm. Join us for a highly interactive evening of fun for all ages – no drumming experience required! FMI, call Cailey 893-1134.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, Jan. 19, 10:30 am is first feature, followed by second film at 1:30 pm. Enjoy them with free popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library! FMI, call 893-1073.

An Evening of Orchids & Scandal with Craig Pittman: Thurs., Jan. 24, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Don't miss this suspenseful evening with Tampa Bay Times staff writer and author of several books. Reserve your seat today – Call 727-893-1073.

SCORE Consulting: on vacation in December, will resume on: Tuesday, January 22.

FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS

StoryTime: Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 am. Our staff reads picture books and leads activities selected for preschoolers. Youth Services area around the rocking chair by the Easy books.

Reading Assistance Dog Maya: Thursday, December 20, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Share a story with a beautiful Golden Retriever. Call to schedule an appointment, 893-1073.

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TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Game Zone: Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 pm. Come challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hangout. Free Refreshments. FMI, call 893-1074 & ask for Sheri.

Services *City Sponsored Activities* in the Community

Senior Center

5501 27th Ave. S. 893-2237

**Closed Dec. 24 & 25
and 31 & Jan. 1**

Enjoy the benefits of all the classes and events below at the Gulfport Senior Center. It's easy to join. Come in and sign up today! Ask for Gail or Cynthia to give you a tour! This is your Center!

All Spanish Classes are on Holiday and will resume on Thursday, February 7, 2013.

New class started this December. Tai Chi for Arthritis every Thursday at 2 p.m. Tai Chi is an ancient practice proven to reduce pain and improve your mental and physical well-being. This takes a softer approach for those with arthritis.

Singing group forming. If you like to sing and love music, please come in and sign up to be in a newly forming singing group. You must be a Senior Center member to participate. Stop by the Senior Center or call Gail at 727-893-2237 or Cynthia at 727-893-1231 to get on the list!

Sign up now for Free classes in January! Do you have a smart phone, Ipad or android tablet you need assistance with? The Gulfport Senior Center is setting up for January classes on Mondays. You must be a registered Senior Center member. If you want to be on the list, please call Gail at 727-893-2237 or Cynthia at 727-893-1231.

Mini-Flea Market: The 1st Friday of the month is the Friday Mini Flea Market. Come visit the Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center. Join us Friday, January 4 from 9 a.m. - Noon. Find great items at affordable prices while supporting Senior Center special programs. If you think of it, drop off some canned goods into the new "Bucket of Love" for the Senior Center pantry. Your small donation helps the less fortunate with the extras to help them through the week.

Puzzle Party: Think you know all about word games like sudoku, crosswords, find the words, Try Quares etc... Challenge your mind at the Puzzle Party and learn more about these mind refreshing games on Tuesday, January 8 at 11:00 a.m.

New Hard Rock stop by Escot Tuesday, January 8. \$20 gets your \$30 in free play and a luxury ride. Bus leaving at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday,

Wednesday & Thursday and 3:30 p.m. stop on Sunday and Tuesday. Call ahead to reserve at Call for reservations 727-545-2088 or toll-free: 888-571-7778 or reserve ahead on line at www.escotbuslines.com

Free Medical Alert Seminar. Cindy from Life Alert will be giving information on Wednesday, January 9 from 1:30 -2:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

Snack Bar Movie Day: Snack Bar Movie Day is Tuesday, January 15 at 11 a.m. The Snack Bar movie day was so successful, they have moved to a bigger room!. Stephanie is cooking up something special for \$2.50, then stay and watch a special holiday movie with friends.

Free Blood Pressure check on Friday, Thursday, January 31st by Simone Healthcare in the Theater Lobby from 10 - 11:30 a.m.

SPECIAL SERVICES

G.E.M.S. Gulfport Extended Mobility Service: Affordable transportation for Gulfport residents 55 and over. \$65 annual membership. \$2 per ride and your ride to the Senior Center is FREE!. Go to the mall, grocery store, doctor's appointments and more. Call 727-893-2242 for more information.

FITNESS CENTER SCHEDULE: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, Friday: 8:00 am -3:30 p.m. Annual sign up for the Fitness Center is an affordable \$25 a year or \$40 a couple. Stop by the Senior Center and take a tour of our state of the art fitness facility.

Snack Bar: Bring a friend to the Senior Center and enjoy a light breakfast for only \$2.50 or lunch for only \$3.00. In a hurry? Order a boxed lunch-to-go by calling 893-2259. Great food! Great prices!

FREE Legal Help for people over 60 and meet the required income criteria: Community Law Program visits the Senior Center every 3rd Friday of the month at 10 a.m. Call 727-582-7480 to see if you qualify.

AARP Driving Classes: are offered on the first two Tuesdays of every month at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. Call 893-1231 or 893-2237 to register.

Support Groups
Diabetic Support Group on Mondays at 9:30am

Caregivers: Every Wed. at 2pm
More Activities: To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety, please log onto HYPERLINK <http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>.

Neighborhood Center
1617 49th St. So./893-1070
Faith Cathedral International Church:
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8pm-12:30am**

Dinner Buffet 727-742-3368
\$15, Students \$13

Thursday, Jan. 3

Salsa Dance

6:30-8pm Beg. & Inter. Lessons
8-10pm Dance, \$7

From Donation to Design

By Shelly Wilson

Tucked into the Disston Plaza shopping center on 49th Street, near the Bealls Outlet and Dollar Tree, the Suncoast Hospice Resale Shop seems to fit right in. But walk past the wide windows, and it's likely something unusual will catch your eye. Is that a Lady Gaga costume? Guess again: it's a shower curtain.

The Suncoast Hospice Resale Shop has made a home in Disston Plaza for almost 11 years, taking in clothes, furniture, home goods and more for the benefit of Suncoast Hospice. And for nearly as long, volunteer Audrey Fournier has given the most common of donations a new life in the store's window displays. From feathers and Christmas ornaments to book covers and angel's wings, Audrey takes the ordinary and makes it truly extraordinary.

With help from her sister, Margaret Rogers-Kline, and store manager, Kathy Solitaire, Audrey has put her extensive design background to charitable use. As the seasons change and major holidays come and go, Audrey finds new inspiration for her designs from the generosity of others.

"It's a lot to do with fabrics, textures, colors," she explains of the materials she uses for the displays that have long captured the attention of Plaza regulars. "Just unusual things. Anything that catches my eye." It's often the stray bits and pieces that come into the store, she explains, that make the biggest splash on her center stage.

While the ladies have gotten ideas from various themes, anything from Sweeny Todd to romance novels, Audrey admits that mostly the inspiration just comes to her. "I've always done costume design, sculpting, artwork," she says. "I'm creative and this has just evolved. It's just something that's in me."

It's a talent that brings more than admiring glances from curious shoppers, Kathy notes. It actually brings in more business. "We have such great displays. And we do get more people because of it." With a twinkle in her eye, Kathy adds, "We have to wipe the nose prints off the windows every day."

You can check out the winter window display for yourself, and maybe even find that unique gift through the holiday season. But don't wait too long. Audrey is already contemplating the next bold design. Even now, she admits, people are saying, "I can't wait to see your next one!"



These original window displays are designed by Audrey Fournier, a Suncoast Hospice Resale Shop volunteer who has been giving new life to odd donations for nearly ten years.

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DrumQuest at Gulfport Library

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Contact Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us or 727-893-1134.

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Support the Circle of Friends

When a person joins an organization they often wonder where their membership dues go. The Circle of Friends supports the Gulfport Library and its programs – buying snacks for the children’s programs, providing coffee for the Coffee Talk Book Club, purchasing the required

licenses for the teen programs and sponsoring speakers are just some of the examples of this support. Their funding comes not only from membership dues but from their semi-annual book sales and the on-going book shop within the library. They would like to thank all of their members for their continued support, including their business members. They also want to thank the generous people of Gulfport who have donated such wonderful books to stock their book shop and their book sales. Without these donations the book sales could not take place. Exciting things are in the works, the most important being the proposed Library Reading Garden which will be funded by the Circle of Friends of the

Gulfport Library. Anyone interested in becoming a new member please call Angela Herritt at 727-290-6590.

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Hawaiian Hula Dance Class

Learn to dance the Hawaiian Hula at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon, starting November 28th and ending December 19th. The cost is \$32. The instructor will be Kalina, who has studied hula for over 30 years. She will share her dance knowledge, stories and protocol. Have lots of fun while doing a gentle exercise, great for strengthening bad knees! Call Kalina at 727-251-0424.

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A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

Gift Books for Gardeners

Well here we are again, looking for gift ideas for our favorite gardeners. I know many people will be getting electronic book readers this year, but real, in-your-hands books are still alive and preferred by many gardeners. I have five books for your consideration today.

First up is Jere and Emilee Gettle's "The Heirloom Life Gardener." Across America, there is a movement towards getting back to the earth and growing your own vegetables. The Gettle family is ahead of the curve as they have been growing their

own vegetables for generations. Jere started selling heirloom vegetable seeds from his bedroom office as a teenager. Now he owns the Baker Creek Heirloom seed company in Missouri, the Comstock Seed Company in Connecticut and the Petaluma Seed Bank in California.

This book covers how to grow vegetables in the typical garden and how to grow them in city garden containers and rooftops. There is an A to Z guide on the specifics of growing dozens of vegetable varieties.

Now that you are growing all those vegetables, what do you do with them? Eat them of course. The Gettles wrote "The Baker Creek Vegan Cookbook."

You don't have to be vegan to enjoy the recipes. Believe me, the apple pie is just as good no matter what else you had for dinner.

Order both books and the seed catalog at rareseeds.com where you can also order the Heirloom Gardener Magazine.

Another gardening book published this year is the part-historical and part-practical, how-to-grow-vegetables book, "Vegetable Gardening the Colonial Williamsburg Way." In many respects, gardening hasn't changed from the past and yet, it is constantly being updated. This book looks at the historical gardening methods used on some of the original gardens grown by the colonists and shows how today's gardeners can use the tried-and-true techniques.

"Bulb Forcing," for both beginners and the seriously smitten, by Art Wolk, is a wonderful book. If you are wondering what to do with all those tulip, daffodil and crocus bulbs you forgot to plant this fall, this book is for you. Art isn't just good at forcing bulbs, he is the master. He doesn't just let the bulbs grow and bloom when they want to. He has them in perfect bloom on a specific day to be judged at a flower show. He won hundreds of ribbons for having the perfect pot of many bulbs all in bloom at the same time. In this lavishly photographed book, he humorously explains how each species can be grown to perfection in your home. If you love bulbs, buy the book and then go to the store and buy all the half price bulbs they have left. In a few months, you will be surrounded by flowers.

Now that you have the perfect vegetable garden and bulbs blooming all over the house, it is time to photograph the garden. The "Photographic Garden" by Matthew Benson will help you master the art of digital garden photography.

You don't have to have the perfect garden to get great pictures of small vignettes. He teaches the reader how to see light the way the camera does and how to use it to best illuminate your garden. He covers photographing the large garden as a whole, doing botanical portraits of individual flowers and arranging still life photography. The book is published by Rodale Press.

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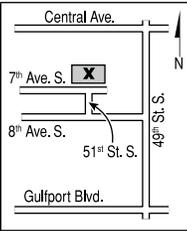
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Gulfport City Council Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

Mayor Mike Yakes was excused from the meeting and did not attend.

“Just be respectful. Additionally, as we enter into this crazy season, let’s not do any campaigning in this venue.” – Acting Mayor Sam Henderson, before opening the public comment

“I wanted to ask if the board can do anything to help with the wildlife in Wood Ibis Park.” – Dorothy Hidalgo-Mota

“As a citizen of Gulfport... we have a reasonable expectation of protection under this human rights ordinance... Unfortunately, the Boy Scouts do have a right to discriminate [under their charter]...”
Denise Wimmer Lowe, about the Scouts who meet in Gulfport for free in a city building.

“This person said that pedophiles are all gay.” – Denise Wimmer Lowe, about a letter to the Mayor from Gulfport resident Patricia Millward, in which she wrote “pedophiles are gay.”

“I don’t know why he’s not here... He got the heads up last time, so...” – Jan Lowe, while recounting a conversation with a local Scout Leader. Acting Mayor Sam Henderson interrupted her and reminded her that she was discussing someone who wasn’t present. Reporter Cathy Salustri witnessed the exchange (viewed the videotape of what Ms. Lowe said occurred) and verified to this paper that Ms. Lowe’s recounting was, for the most part, correct verbatim.

“In light of what happened in the past week, me and my wife have started a grassroots movement to get retired military and police officers [into schools]”
Dan Fahey, who has a child at Gulfport Montessori

“I’m also proud that my nephew... called the local office and wanted to know how he could give back his Eagle Scout award.” – Mark Grantham, who asked Gulfport city staff to “do due diligence” about the Boy Scouts and potential Human Rights Ordinance violations.

“I was in a quandary in which way to take with this, but it’s already being argued... I think we have an intelligent attorney, an intelligent city manager. I think we can sit down with the Boy Scouts. Charge them rent, make an agreement with them. Offer to sell them the building. I don’t want to take the Boy Scouts away; they’ve done tons...” – Metria Jones

“I think it would be appropriate to name a facility or a park after [Mayor Mike Yakes].” – City Manager Jim O’Reilly, during one of the few times since taking the position that he spoke to offer ideas during the “city manager reports” section of the meeting.

“So that’s no police on coyotes?” – Councilman Dan Liedtke, who asked Acting Mayor Sam Henderson to clarify if people should call the police every time they see a coyote. Acting Mayor Henderson said, no, only if you feel concern for your safety.

“It [the letter saying pedophiles are gay] just goes to show no matter how far we go, there’s still discrimination. If we don’t continue to fight for it it’s not going to stop. One comment in the letter said, they gave us the HRO and... that that’s what we want. Let me tell you what we want. We want the rights – over 1100 rights that ... married people – we want the same rights and we want to be recognized as a couple equally...” – Councilwoman Barbara Banno, who asked council to workshop a resolution whereby the Boy Scouts would have to honor the Human Rights Ordinance

“Why do we need a resolution to say we’re going to enforce the ordinance?... If we have to do the ordinance in support of the ordinance, we didn’t do the ordinance right.” – Acting Mayor Sam Henderson, about Councilwoman Banno’s suggestion. Councilwoman Banno said she wanted a resolution to ensure that groups using city facilities understand that the city has a human rights ordinance

“I don’t want a group of kids to feel punished... I don’t want to see the kids in that pack punished” – Sam Henderson, who said he saw a need for a solution but wanted one that didn’t punish the kids

“You’re not a lame duck. You’re making things happen!” – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, when Councilwoman Barbara Banno asked if, since she would not run for re-election, councilmembers with time left in their term wanted to serve on her stead as the alternate for the Suncoast League of Cities

“Even though they haven’t been sworn in, they have, for the purposes of the Sunshine Law, been elected.” – City Attorney Andy Salzman, about the new members and their need to observe the Sunshine Law



Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Dog-Proofing the Holidays

It's the season of good will, good cheer and good food. It's also the season of bite-sized breakables, tempting buffets, berried plants and unfamiliar faces -- at least to your dog. Here are

a few things to keep in mind to keep your dog safe and happy at home for the holidays.

Hang high that mistletoe. And keep those other berried plants that surface this time of year out of reach, as well. Ingesting holly berries or poinsettia bracts probably won't kill your pet, but it's likely to induce diarrhea and

vomiting -- no fun for him and an added stress for you.

No sniffing around the Christmas tree. However you want to achieve this -- with training or by way of a physical boundary -- make it clear that the tree is off-limits. There is just too much temptation: shiny, bite-sized ornaments, the metal hooks that hang them, cords of twinkling lights plugged into nearby electrical outlets, stagnant water, not to mention the weight and heartbreak should the whole thing come crashing down.

Open flames and furry tails don't mix. Place candles on high and stable surfaces. Never leave those in tail range unattended. And keep your fireplace screen closed when not adding a Yule log or roasting chestnuts.

No booze, no candy, no chocolate. Year-round, it's best to stick with dog treats for the dog. If you want to give him something special for the holidays, there are cookbooks and online recipes for seasonal dog treats, as well as bakeries that cater to the canine set. Candy and chocolate are bad for dogs. So are their wrappers. So is that spiked eggnog. 'Nuff said.

Paws off the buffet. It's not just the sweet stuff your dog should stay away from. Fatty foods, rich dishes, spicy cuisine, cooked bones -- it's all designed to wreak havoc on your dog's digestion. Save yourself the heartache -- and him the heartburn -- and keep your furball out of the kitchen and away from your plates, refrain from feeding him tablescraps and leftovers, and cover your garbage receptacles.

Deck the doghouse. One great way to keep your dog out of the food, away from the fire and safe from the good intentions of partygoers is to set him up in a room of his own. At the very least, he should have a warm, quiet, comfortable place to escape to should he become overwhelmed by the festivities. One fleece blanket, a few favorite toys, a treat-filled Kong, a fresh Nylabone and a pinch of peace and quiet added to a comfy crate or dog bed might be the recipe for your dog's perfect holiday.

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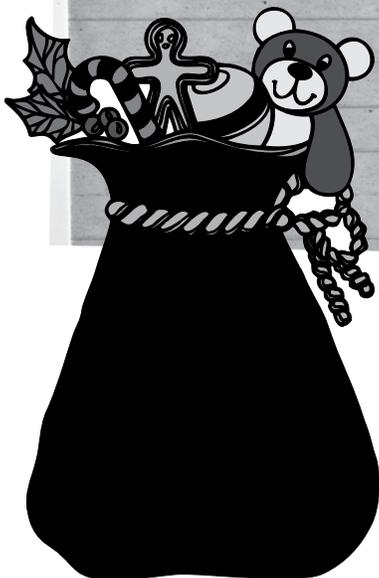
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Local Obituaries

ERDMAN, DENNIS E., 87, passed away on Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at his home. Dennis was born Aug. 23, 1925 to the late Clarence and Viola (Pratzer Fesing) Erdman in Sheboygan, WI. Dennis was brought up on the family farm and learned his favorite game of golf as a caddy at nearby Pine Hills Country Club. He graduated from Sheboygan Central High School in 1943 and, starting at the age of 17, proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific returning in 1946. Dennis was united in marriage to Helen E. Landwehr in Sheboygan on Dec. 29, 1948. He was the proprietor of Denny's Bar for several years, was a member of the Sheboygan Jaycees and played on the Sheboygan Redwings Football team. He retired from Kohler Company in 1987. Dennis enjoyed golfing, bowling, a good game of cribbage or sheephead and watching his Green Bay Packers. A most kind and gentle beloved soul, Dennis is survived by his son, Thomas of St. Pete Beach; daughters Jenny Erdman of St. Pete Beach and Kristine (Thomas) Michel of Sheboygan; grandchildren, James, Peter and Laura Michel of Sheboygan and Andrea Michel of Santa Monica, California; and nephews, Karl (Barbara) Kaeppler, Howards Grove, WI and Richard (Carol) Kaeppler of West Bend, WI. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, his parents and sisters and brothers-in-law, Florence (Roland) Kaeppler, Henrietta (Dr. Jerome) Maas and Gertrude (John) Van Vleet. A memorial contribution may be made to the Salvation Army or The Wounded Warriors Project. The

family wishes to thank Dr. Mark Norwacki, Dolphins View Health and Rehab Center, PH Companion Health Services of St. Pete Beach and all of his dear friends at Point Pass a Grille Condominium for their care, love, friendship and kindness. Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Pete Beach. 727-360-5577

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LI, CHOU HSIUNG, of South Pasadena and West Orange, NJ, passed away Dec. 2. Born in 1923, Chou received his Ph.D. in metallurgical engineering at Purdue U and worked for RCA, General Instruments, and Grumman. He held over 50 patents in semiconductors, automation, and material science. He had an enthusiastic and generous spirit, loved his family and was proud of their success. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Shao Min; children, Larry and Suzanne and 5 grandchildren. A memorial celebration will be held on May 25, 2013. clues5179@mypacks.net.

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SEARCH, JAMES ARTHUR "JIM", 58, of St. Pete Beach, passed away Dec. 14, 2012. Jim was an avid fisherman and enjoyed riding his bicycle around the beaches whenever he could. He is survived by his son, Travis James (Courtney) Search; grandsons, Trace James and Lance William Search; mother, Marion Search; as well as many loving members of his extended family and friends. A private cremation has been planned. Guestbook at davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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Market offers Free Space for Non-Profits

GULFPORT- The Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market continues its program of offering one free vendor space each week for community non-profit organizations. The Fresh Market is a year-round event. 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) or for-profit entity.

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. Non-profits that have made use of the space in recent months include library boosters, historical society members, environmental advocacy groups, community health organizers, art and theatre groups, veterans' groups, animal rescue organizations and many others.

For more information and to apply, please contact Daniel Hodge, Fresh Market Coordinator by email to dan@igc.org.

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By Mary Hunt

Customer Service Halls of Fame and Shame

If there isn't a Customer Service Hall of Fame, there needs to be. And a Hall of Shame to go with it. As such, I would like to present my nominations.

For the Hall of Fame, I nominate the online shoe store Zappos.com. Oh, my goodness, is there anything this company does not do impeccably?

Zappos, I love you for your 2 million pairs of shoes in stock, for always having a sale; for your 1,300 employees, your detailed views of every angle of every shoe, your user reviews, your free shipping both ways, your 365-day-no-questions-asked return policy and your 24/7 call center.

For the Hall of Shame, I nominate Home Depot. I'm still fuming over a recent carpet purchase. The carpet

sale was spectacular, but it took nearly four weeks to receive my carpet -- from the day I walked into the store searching for someone, anyone, to take my order. But that person couldn't take my order until a completely different third-party company could come to my house to measure the rooms, two weeks hence. After a total of three trips to the store to get all of the paperwork in order, installation day arrived. I waited and waited. Paced and called. Would you believe the crew was 9.5 hours late? Smoke was pouring from my ears as I was fed one excuse after another for the where, why and how an entire crew -- along with my carpet -- could go missing.

Home Depot, you know that I have choices when it comes to home improvements, and for that I am grateful. I am good with your products and prices. But your customer service stinks. And please, drop the third-party vendors. They are not representing you well. For now, I believe I will stick with local independent companies that respect their customers' time and patience, and place customer satisfaction at the top of their priorities.

I nominate Levolor Blinds for the Hall of Fame. Like a ninny, I lost the brackets to a pair of window blinds during a painting spree. Of course, the blinds are no longer manufactured, and I couldn't get the replacement parts from the store where I purchased them -- so I went straight to Levolor. Those wonderful people jumped through hoops to find not one but three sets of hanging brackets. They searched, they shipped, they followed up -- and would not accept any payment at all.

Levolor, I am still smiling about the brackets. I cannot thank you enough, and I will not soon forget. You can count me in as a Levolor customer for life.

I'm reading a fascinating book, "Good to Great" by Jim Collins. What I have learned so far is that one thing that makes a company great is its customer service. Isn't that the truth! Maybe I should send a copy to the folks at Home Depot. They could certainly benefit.

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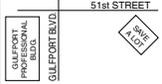


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Our featured agency for January will be CASA, which needs clothing, linens, personal care and especially blankets and quilts for children. The meeting generally ends by 1 p.m. Our January 10th meeting will take place at Harold Seltzer's Steakhouse,

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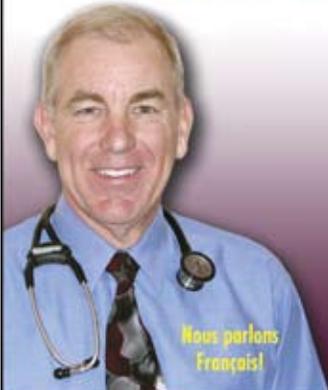
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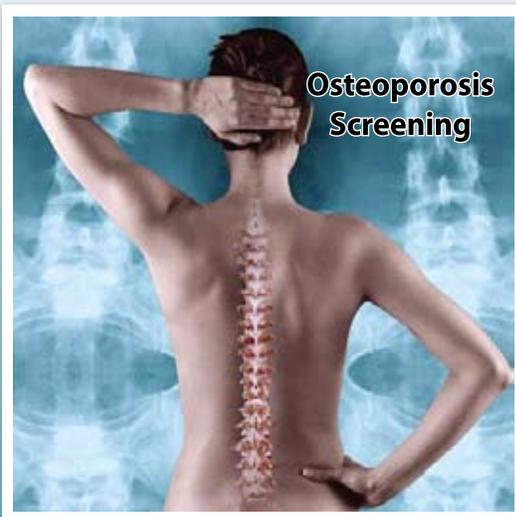
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Douglas Templeton, chief investigator at the department, warns that citizens in the county should be alert for offers of free energy audits, significant utility savings and federal government rebates. "Always be alert when approached by unsolicited salesmen," says Templeton, "offers of large energy savings or government rebates are danger signs." Templeton adds, "If it's too good to be true, it usually is."

Consumers should never sign agreements or contracts without documentation and checking to make sure the service provider is licensed through the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board. Contractors offering solar energy improvements are required to have specific licensure for this service in Florida.

Pinellas County offers these tips to protect you from consumer fraud:

- Home solicitors are required to display permits issued by the Pinellas County Clerk's office.
- Incredible savings or rebates are a signal to use caution.
- Ask for written rebate information for any product or service.
- Be wary of unsolicited sales agents.
- Scare tactics are often used to get your approval for unnecessary products or services.
- Check for licensure through the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board.
- Claims of a government connection to any product are a warning sign.

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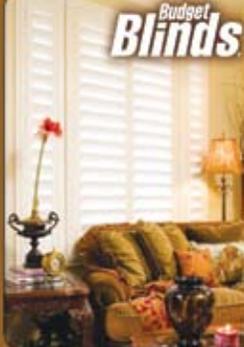
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Happy Trashday To You



Paxton Clubb, who lives in Gulfport with his parents, helped clean up Gulfport at James Kile's city-assisted garbage party.

By Cathy Salustri

James Kile got trashed on his birthday.

Of course, at three, "getting trashed" has nothing to do with drinking and everything to do with actual trash.

James' parents, Jon and Monica, entered his name for a chance to win Gulfport's city-sponsored trash themed birthday party. James won, which meant that on the day of his party, a Gulfport trash truck showed up for James and his guests to explore.

The party didn't stop there, though. The city also gave James a wooden Melissa and Doug garbage truck as a present, one that dad Jon says "is really nice. It would have cost at least \$20 at the store." The city also gave the Kiles "City of Gulfport Junior Sanitation Crew" orange safety vests and 13 goodie bags with recycled piggy banks, temporary tattoos and an activity book. The city also created trash-themed party invitations.

Not to be outdone by the city, Mrs. Kile created a cardboard Gulfport town, including a miniature O'Maddy's, Bo-Tiki, Casino, the Gabber, and Pia's. Guests at the party could crawl through the buildings and hunt for trash Mrs. Kile hid in the buildings.

"My dad had done that for me when I was a kid," Monica said of the maze city, "it was the best party I ever had. I remembered that box maze. It was a memory I had had and I thought it would be a good thing for multiple ages."

James had no comment, but he was all smiles and laughter at the party. Since the party, though, he's been playing "trash man" games.

"All day today he's been picking up trash," Mrs. Kile said. "When the garbage truck came this morning, he asked 'was that the garbage truck that was at my party?'"

Mr. and Mrs. Kile both say the party made them the envy of their friends, especially ones who didn't live in Gulfport.

"There was a lot of recognition that it was a very cool thing for Gulfport to be doing. Most of our friends live in St. Pete, and a lot of people were saying 'St. Pete should be doing this,'" Mrs. Kile said. "All the people who came with the truck were really excited to be doing it. They didn't seem put out to be coming to a birthday party on a Saturday."

"It was awesome. It was a really cool thing," Mr. Kile said. "It makes us love living here."

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 - Domestic-** 1200 Blk 53rd St. S.
 - Theft-** 5600 Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - Juvenile Trouble-** 2300 Blk 51st St. S.
 - Noise-** 2600 Blk 48th St. S.
 - Burglary Residence-** 5600 Blk 15th Ave. S.
 - Disorderly Conduct-** 5400 Blk 20th Ave. S.
 - Shots Fired (Heard)-** 2700 Blk Skimmer Pt. Way S.
- Saturday 12/8**
- Disorderly Conduct-** 3000 Blk 50th St. S.
 - Person Under Influence-** 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

- Trespass-** 2100 Blk 55th St. S.
 - Vandalism-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Theft-** 700 Blk 60th St. S.
 - Noise-** 5600 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Vandalism-** 2600 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Hit & Run-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Theft-** 5000 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Sunday 12/9**
- Domestic-** 2100 Blk 52nd St. S.
 - Domestic-** 31st Ave. & 56th St. S.
 - Animal Call-** 5800 Blk 28th Ave. S.
 - Assault/Battery-** 2200 Blk 51st St. S.
 - Noise-** 5100 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Monday 12/10**
- Animal Call-** Beach Blvd. & 29th Ave. S.
 - Noise-** 6300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 1700 Blk 56th St. S.
 - Vandalism-** Tangerine Ave. & 52nd St. S.
 - Theft-** 6000 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Tuesday 12/11**
- Juvenile Trouble-** 700 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Disorderly Conduct-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
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- Noise-** 5400 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Wednesday 12/12**
- Domestic-** 5600 Blk 31st Ave. S.
 - Burglary Vehicle-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Burglary Vehicle-** 1200 Blk 56th St. S.
 - Burglary Residence-** 5400 Blk 13th Ave. S.
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- Thursday 12/13**
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By Scott Lafee

No Joy to the Whirl

For most of us, Christmas Day marks the end of holiday shopping, which every veteran shopper knows tends to be no holiday at all. Out there in the crowded stores and malls of the season, everybody has a story or 12 about fellow consumers who have been more naughty than nice.

While Santa isn't likely to punish them, conventional social norms apparently dictate that the rest of us do. Research published in the Journal of Consumer Research says consumers typically seek to punish errant peers for violations of the unwritten rules of shopping, though exceptions are sometimes made.

Obvious rules include cutting in front of others waiting in line for a cashier, taking multiple free samples of something or making a huge mess of a store display. "Punishment is a complex decision for consumers to make as it is difficult to punish someone, but also difficult to look the other way," wrote co-authors Lily Lin and Darren W. Dahl at the University of British Columbia and Jennifer J. Argo at the University of Alberta in Canada.

Though there are always seasonal stories of shoppers who run amok, the typical consumer-to-consumer punishment tends to be some form of verbal chastisement or perhaps a complaint to a store employee. The social scientists said consumers are less likely to punish another consumer if they have already been punished by a store employee. Other studies suggest consumers are also less likely to seek punishment if the offender is clearly already experiencing adversity or suffering from a negative physical attribute beyond their personal control.

GET ME THAT. STAT!

The typical Christmas Day dinner, with all the trimmings, contains between 4,000 and 6,000 calories, according to various estimates.

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Santaphobia -- Fear of mythical, white-bearded men in red suits. It is *not* Claus-trophobia.

OBSERVATION

"I didn't expect to recover from my second operation but since I did, I consider that I'm living on borrowed time. Every day that dawns is a gift to me and I take it in that way. I accept it gratefully without looking beyond it. I completely forget my physical suffering and all the unpleasantness of my present condition, and I think

only of the joy of seeing the sun rise once more and of being able to work a little bit, even under difficult conditions." --French artist Henri Matisse (1869-1954)

EPITAPHS

"Everybody loves somebody sometime." --American actor/singer Dean Martin, who died at the age of 78 on Dec. 25, 1995.

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An Interview With Santa Claus

On the best part about being the real Santa Claus, Nintendo Wii, and how he gets in your house if you don't have a chimney

With scant days left before Christmas, the Gabber caught Santa Claus in a quiet moment at Gulfport Cafe. While some assumed this Santa was an "assistant Santa" – one of Santa's many cousins who helps Santa out at the holidays – Santa proudly showed us his very real snowy gray hair and beard and graciously agreed to give us some insight into what makes him tick. His answers weren't quite what we expected, but then, we'd never met the real Santa before.

Our first question? How Santa has time to visit Gulfport when so many other towns get one of his lookalike cousins. Seems that since Gulfport is such a small town, Santa can spare a few hours to stop by and see the kids who live here. He also said that he enjoys getting in a little beach time as the days grew colder at the North Pole. We're not sure, but it seems like Santa might have been thinking about a midwinter beach holiday.

We also ask why he's sipping root beer instead of his famous milk and cookies. While he loves milk and – he's quite specific on this – chocolate chip cookies on Christmas Eve, he says, every now and then he likes to go crazy with a coffee mug filled with root beer. He also asks everyone to leave out a carrot for the eight reindeer alongside his milk and cookies.

Speaking of reindeer, Santa wants to clear something up. When one young girl approaches him and asked "Is Rudolph the one who leads your sleigh?" he tells her this:

"We use Rudolph when we can get him," but adds that Rudolph often has other things to do. "He wasn't one of the original reindeer," Santa tells the girl, then shows her his brown leather belt with all the reindeer names on it. Rudolph, he points out, isn't on there. He always invites Rudolph, but Rudolph can't always make it. Usually, he comes in to work when it's foggy or cloudy.

What, we ask next, is the best part about being Santa Claus?

"Religion doesn't matter. All are welcome," he says, "I can talk to anybody about anything."

How about one of the hardest parts? "You imprint in kids brains 'don't talk

to strangers' and then you plop them in my lap and say 'smile,'" he says. A lot of kids don't understand that he isn't a stranger at all, but a friend, and they might be scared of him.

Does that mean kids don't have the Santa spirit?

"The spirit's coming back," Santa tells us. Although, in the past, he's had parents who want to take a picture with Santa without Santa in the photo (they just want their kid in the chair with the decorations), he feels as though things are changing. "I'm seeing more young adults – 13, 14, 15 – who believe. They need something to hang on to. You can't hang on to a Wii."

Some kids, Santa explains, "aren't sure if they believe." He has about 30 seconds – when they sit in his lap – to make them believe. It isn't easy. If they tell him they don't believe in him, he simply asks them what they do believe. It's enough to make kids think.

Do you really read all the letters kids send you?

Yes. "It's the ones that say that they want their dad to feel better" that get to him, but he reads them all.

So can you really grant wishes and give kids everything they want?

Santa can bring you presents. He sees you when you're sleeping, he knows when you're awake. And, while he knows if you've been bad or good, there are some things even he can't see.

"I had a four year old boy who came up to me and said, 'I want to know if my dad is coming home,'" Santa says, and he grows quiet while his eyes get a faraway, sad look. "I couldn't answer him."

The boy's dad, Santa tells us, eventually came home, but Santa didn't know that he would when the young boy asked. That's the hardest thing about being Santa.

Just as we're wrapping it up, we have one more question for Santa. So many homes in Florida don't have fireplaces. How does he get in those houses?

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

The Mirror

Well, it didn't take long for the rants to start. Gun control, of course, topped the list, but not soon after that I started seeing Facebook posts and outcries that "the media" sensationalized last Friday's brutal murder of schoolchildren and teachers in Sandy Hook, Connecticut. One of my acquaintances posited that if "the media" didn't make such a big deal out of things like this, they wouldn't happen. He seemed to believe that the media coverage of these tragedies encourage these horrid acts of violence.

Had I not recently been chastised for my use of harsh language in this column, I would call that statement a steaming pile of male cow excrement. Honestly, if a news program changes you from "responsible, moral person"

to "black-hearted serial killer", you probably had a few issues before you switched on the telly.

I find it particularly insulting when people refer to "the media" as if we are all one giant group that meets in some sort of journalistic Batcave to plot how to control the public. There is no "them." The media is people, from the local weekly opinion columnist to the national news anchorman. We make mistakes on occasion (just as you do in your job, I'm certain), but we're not a group of horrible people who delight in tragedies because it gives us more stuff to do. We hate reporting on kids getting killed, or someone drowning a puppy. But we have a job to do, and choosing that graphic or writing that headline? It's our job. What's more, we're paid to show you an accurate reflection. Not a picture: a reflection.

Think about that – please. "The media" only writes about things that happen and how people react to those things. We don't make it up, guys. Humans have the ability and, in some cases, the propensity, to be hideous to one another. You want us to stop glorifying mass murderers? Stop committing them. A healthy step towards that might be, oh, I don't know, talking about mental healthcare for everybody rather than pointing fingers at the people who report on the hideous things that the mentally ill do.

Look, I'm not suggesting that it's responsible or ethical to contact the parents of a murdered child and ask them how they feel simply because "people will read it." I also have little tolerance for the dozens of non-authentic news sites that capitalize on the tragedy du jour. And I'm certainly not using the tired tabloid excuse of "we only print it because people buy it."

No, I'm reminding you that we only print it because it happens. The media doesn't need to sensationalize something like last Friday's shooting, because it was shocking enough on its own. But we do need to cover things like that, because that's part

of who we are as a society, like it or not. When bad things happen, people want to understand how and why they could, so they ask questions. The media, in turn, seeks answers.

And here's something you may not know: we don't enjoy it. We don't lick our lips with anticipation when something horrible happens. We do our job, and we try to do it with some modicum of objectivity, which, to an outsider, may sound dispassionate or cold and calculating. A journalist has to function like that, at times like those, to function at all.

Every reporter I know would rather wish you a Merry Christmas and publish the top ten best fruitcake recipes, but that's not how it works. Why? Because some people have unabiding darkness in their souls. Unlike everyone else, members of the media cannot ignore things they find unpleasant, because those horrible people are reflections of our world, too.

Even at a community paper, where it's supposed to be mostly cake and ice cream as opposed to greed and corruption, we don't get to choose our reality. The *Newtown Bee*, a weekly paper not unlike the *Gabber*, covered Friday's tragedy from the start. I'm certain that as they interview people and write the stories, those reporters cry. I'm fairly certain most of the men and women who have covered this story for national and international media cried last Friday. But they have a job to do, and they do it.

Believe me, I love to write about all the cool art stuff in Gulfport and the families vacationing on St. Pete Beach and all the other stories that make you feel warm down to your pinky toenails, but even here, unpleasantness exists. I have to write about the idiot setting fires to palm trees, or the guy who molested a little girl. More than once I've cried writing articles about animals or kids who are mistreated, but I write them. Why?

Because we're a mirror, not a painting. If you don't like what you see, don't break the mirror.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

Why Buy-Sell Agreements are Important (Part 2)

ENTITY AND CROSS PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

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

To fund this agreement, XYZ can obtain life insurance contracts on

both Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales. XYZ pays the premiums and is the owner and beneficiary of the policies. When Mr. Gonzales dies, his stock passes to his estate. At the same time, the insurance company pays a death benefit to XYZ as beneficiary of the policy.

Pursuant to the entity-purchase agreement that Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales entered into with XYZ, Mr. Gonzales' estate will transfer his entire interest in XYZ back to XYZ in return for the cash payout on Mr. Gonzales insurance policy. The entity-purchase agreement allows the value of the stock for estate tax purposes to be determined and gives the Gonzales family the liquidity they need.

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

In a cross-purchase agreement arrangement, XYZ is not a party

to the agreement. Instead, Ms. Smith obtains a life insurance policy insuring Mr. Gonzales. Ms. Smith pays the premiums and is both owner and beneficiary of the policy. Mr. Gonzales does likewise. Under the terms of the cross-purchase agreement, each agrees to buy the other's stock in the event of death using the proceeds of the life insurance policy.

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

A cross-purchase agreement carries with it several advantages. First, it insulates cash values and death benefits from the imposition of corporate alternative minimum tax and corporate creditors. Second, it provides a step-up in cost basis for the surviving shareholder and the decedent. These are significant benefits when the surviving shareholder intends to sell the business following the death of the other partner.

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

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