King, Henderson Win Gulfport Elections

Incumbent city council member Michele King from Ward 2 won re-election on Tuesday. Newcomer Samuel Henderson successfully challenged incumbent Mary Stull and two others to take the seat in Ward 4.

King received 1330 votes or 66.57% of the vote. Her opponent Jim Greenwald received 668 votes or 33.43% of the vote.

Henderson won with 786 votes or 39.72% of the vote. Courtland Yarborough received 474 votes or 23.95 percent. Incumbent Mary Stull took 406 votes or 20.52% of the vote and Pam Prell received 313 votes or 15.82%.

Over 800 people went on Saturday’s Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes in Gulfport, making for a busy morning for those checking attendees in. The Tour featured an eclectic blend of over a dozen Gulfport homes plus the Seabreeze Manor Bed and Breakfast and the Peninsula Inn and Spa. Trolley’s took participants from site to site. The popular annual tour is sponsored by the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce.

Expanded Gulfport Little League opens New Season

By Leigh Clifton

With a police escort leading the way, Gulfport Little League opened the new season with style and panache last Saturday morning, including a parade of balloon-festooned cars, trucks and minivans filled with uniformed kids and waving parents. Even the Gulfport Fire Department ladder truck joined in, lending street cred to the groups of happy youngsters ready to start a new baseball season. With the Rec Center as ground zero, the parade wound its way up Beach Boulevard, across 22nd Ave and then once around Lum Atkinson Field before dropping.

See story, page 57
SPC Madrigalians in Concert

St. Petersburg College’s musical ambassadors, the SPC Madrigalians, will perform “Oh, Eternal Spring,” a concert of beloved musical odes to springtime, youth and love on Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the SPC Music Center, 6605 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The 16-voice select ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Vernon Taranto, Jr., will sing a varied program which will include gems dating back to madrigal composer Thomas Morley and Jacob Arcadelt through the evergreen love songs of Rodgers and Hart.

Visit this website to hear excerpts from The SPC Madrigalians’ recent tour of Russia, www.spcollege.edu/spo/music/russiatour08.htm. Free, although donations gratefully accepted.

Short Film/Discussion at the Gulfport Library

Gulfport resident and artist Linda Brassell will introduce and lead a discussion of “In Bed with a Mosquito,” a prize-winning short documentary film about her activist mother, at the Gulfport Public Library at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 18.

Betty Brassell has spent nearly every day of her retirement-rain or shine-protesting in the streets of New York City (her walker recently emblazoned with “Arrest Cheney”). But when an injury sidelines her from a busy schedule of protests and vigils, Betty is homebound and finds herself wondering how much longer she will be able to “take it to the streets.”

This film has appeared in several recent film festivals, winning first prize in the short film category at the 2009 Tribeca Film Festival, and the top prize for short documentary at the inaugural CMJ Cine Minis Short Film Competition. Recently shown in New York at the Museum of Modern Art, “In Bed With a Mosquito” is an intimate portrait of activism and aging in New York City.

Produced by Sarah Frank, with music by Noisola and Mary Timony.
Homeschooling Teachers “Pow Wow”

Homeschooling? Plan to attend a meeting on Wednesday, March 18, from 1-3 p.m. at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28 Avenue S. Network with other homeschooling teachers and review new books and materials that have been added to the Gulfport Library to enhance your efforts. For more information, contact Martha Loyd at 893-1073 or Janette Flanagan at 345-2460.

The Great American Clean Up

Over 24 sites County-wide will be participating in the “Cleaner and Greener 2009” on March 21. The City of Gulfport and Keep Pinellas Beautiful will be hosting the bi-annual Spring Florida Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, March 21st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Clam Bayou Nature Park (49th St. S. to 19th Ave. S. east to Miriam St.) in Gulfport.

People with non motorized vessels (kayaks and canoes) as well as people traveling via land based are encouraged to sign up at the Clam Bayou the day of the event for an enjoyable day while lending a hand to help keep the Bayou clean.

Free t-shirts, beverages and lunch is provided to all dedicated volunteers. It’s a great way to enjoy being outside, meeting your neighbors and helping the Bayou. For more information on the cleanup, please contact 893-1092 or 893-1067.

Get Your Gulfport Address on the City-Wide Yard Sale Brochure!

You are just days away from the City-Wide Yard sale on Saturday, March 21 (rain date, March 22). If you have things to sell, add your Gulfport address on the brochure. Absolute deadline to turn in your Gulfport address is March 16 by 4:30 p.m.

You can easily email your Gulfport address to gbiron@ci.gulfport.fl.us or fill out a Yard Sale form at Gulfport City Hall (2401 53 Street S.) or go to www.ci.gulfport.fl.us and go to the events page, print Yard Sale application and drop off to Gulfport City Hall.

If you don’t have your own space, you can rent a spot at the Recreation Center at 5730 Shore Boulevard S. for $10 (Flea Market is from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and set up time is 7 a.m.) Several spaces are still available and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Paid spots are non-refundable. Call 893-1068 for availability. The CERT Team will be on hand selling morning and afternoon refreshments.

So what are you waiting for? Brush off the stuff you haven’t used in months and make a few extra dollars for the weekend of March 21.

Additional Information:

**Signs:** Temporary signage will be permitted on public right of ways where the sale is being held, as long as it does not interfere/block pedestrian/vehicle traffic views or permanent street signs. In addition, other temporary signs may be placed on other private property with the permission of the owner or occupant. Please do not display signs more than 24 hours before the sale day. Signs must be removed by 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 21.

**Parking:** Vehicles will be permitted to temporarily park in residential only or resident decal required parking the day of the sale as long as they do not interfere/block any right of ways or normal flow of traffic. All other parking provisions under state law will be enforced. Please try not to block driveways, park on sidewalks or park against the flow of traffic. Walking a little further may help you find the bargain of a lifetime!
Gulfport Mayor Reimbursed Legal Fees

Gulfport mayor Michael Yakes was reimbursed $1,014.07 for legal fees he incurred defending himself against an ethics charge in 2007. The city of Gulfport has a policy in place which allows for reimbursement of legal expenses for elected officials if the public official successfully defends himself or herself against charges. The alleged violations filed against Yakes included doing business with one’s own agency, having conflicting employment or a contractual relationship with a corporation doing business with the city, improperly using his position to wrongfully benefit himself or others and having a voting conflict.

Yakes successfully defended these complaints and the Ethics Commission dismissed all charges against him.

City attorney Timothy Driscoll called the attorney fees which Yakes submitted for reimbursement reasonable.

Seabird Sanctuary Needs Your Help

The Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary’s is asking the community’s help to locate its missing bird and long term resident, “Peeps,” an American Oyster Catcher. He accidentally escaped from his aviary on Monday, March 2 located at 18328 Gulf Boulevard in Indian Shores.

He is a small black and white bird with bright orange eyes and a long orange skinny beak. He has pinkish legs and an orange rehabilitation tag on his leg. Peeps is friendly and recognizes his name. Peeps is one of the most recognizable birds in the sanctuary and is popular with hundreds of children in the area.

Peeps is habitualized and has never been in the wild before so he has no survival skills. He needs to be returned to the sanctuary as soon as possible to survive.

Please call the rescue hotline at 391-6211 or 391-2473.

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Shrimp Boil at Gulfport Lions Club

The Gulfport Lions Club will hold their second Shrimp Boil on Saturday, March 14 from 4-8 p.m. at their den at 4630 Tifton Drive S. in Gulfport (right behind the marina), rain or shine.

The menu features a great supply of fresh peel and eat shrimp, homemade hush puppies and cole slaw, baked beans, cocktail sauce, coffee and iced tea and dessert. Includes a generous 1/2 pound serving for everyone. Cost is $8 per person, so bring the entire family. Children under 10 eat for half price. Additional shrimp can be purchased at $4 per 1/2 pound. Unfortunately this is not an all you can eat dinner for a one time cost (as most of their events are).

Plenty of tickets will be available at the door or contact any of your Lion friends.

This is a Gulfport Lions Activities Project with all of the net proceeds generated to be allocated to their community outreach programs, especially Sight First activities, as are all of their fundraiser projects (Spaghetti Suppers, Pancake Breakfasts, Fish Fry, etc.).

Be a part of this popular annual social event. If you need directions call 321-7859 on the day of the event.

Their next event will be a Pancake Breakfast on April 4.

23rd Annual Marine Yard Sale

Eckerd College Waterfront Program (4200 54 Avenue S. in St. Petersburg)

Changes to Retirement Pass Second Reading

Gulfport city council approved on second reading changes to a city ordinance dealing with employee pension plans. The changes call for an employee contribution of 2.7 percent of gross salary and an increase of the multiplier to 2 percent. Additionally, the changes call for the elimination of the city of Gulfport’s administrative services director from the General Employee Pension Plan Board of Trustees and replacing that position on the board with a member of the plan.

Council passed the measure on first reading on February 17, 2009. With passage of second reading, it now goes into effect immediate.

Sale into the Nautical Flea Market

Interested in unloading some nautical equipment or searching for cool nautical gear? Well, look no further as the City of Gulfport Marina is hosting their yearly Nautical Flea Market on Saturday, March 21 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gulfport Municipal Marina, 4630 29 Avenue S. This will be right across the street from the Clam Bayou Cleanup which is held on the same day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost for a 10x10 space is $10, so sign up now as space is limited. Slip renters are free. Please bring your own table. For more information, contact Harbormaster, Denis Frain at 893-1071.

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The City of Gulfport is now a PSTA GO Card location. The GO cards can be used on PSTA buses and the new Gulfport/ St. Pete Beach Trolley Looper. There are various cards that you can choose from to fit your transportation needs.

If you are looking to go out for one day only, you can choose the Daily unlimited ride GO Card which is valid for one day of unlimited rides. The Regular fare is $4 and the reduced fare is $2.

Also available is the 7-day unlimited ride GO card, valid for 7 consecutive days of unlimited rides beginning the first time the card is used. Regular fare available only, $20.

You can also choose the 31 day unlimited ride GO Card, valid for 31 consecutive days of unlimited rides, beginning the first time the card is used. Regular Fare is $55 and reduced fare $35.

And for youth, 18 and younger, use the Platinum Pass. Valid for 7 consecutive days of unlimited rides beginning from the first time the card is used. Youth Fare $12.50.

To receive reduced fare rates, proper ID is required:

For Youth, they must have a School Student ID or Government-issued Photo ID showing age. (Note: ID is required for middle and high school age riders). This is valid for the Platinum pass.

For seniors 65 and older, they need either a PSTA Special Citizen ID or Government-issued ID showing age. This is valid for the Reduced Daily and 31 Day GO Cards.

Medicare Cardholders (Card issued by Federal Government), they need an original Red/White/Blue Medicare Card. This is valid for the Reduced Daily and 31 Day GO Cards.

Disabled (Qualifying disability verified via application process). This is valid for the Reduced Daily and 31 Day GO Cards.

PSTA Youth ID Card to show eligibility for discounted fares.

All of the above are qualified for reduced cash fare.

Gulfport City Hall location is 2401 53 Street S. in Gulfport. Lists of bus routes are available at City Hall. Cash payments only are accepted for all go cards. For more information, call 893-1000. To obtain special PSTA Photo ID, call the PSTA InfoLine at 540-1900.

Yappy Hour to Benefit Pet Pal Animal Shelter

Pet Pal Animal Shelter, a no-kill, non-profit shelter in St. Pete will hold a Yappy Hour on March 12 from 5-7:30 p.m. at The Nature of Art Gallery Adventures in Bradyville, 1100 Fourth Street N., Suite 101 in St. Pete.

Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the ‘Book Nook Club” will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the GFWC St. Petersburg Woman’s Club on 40 Snell Isle Boulevard N.E. The book to be discussed is “The Red Tent” by Anita Diamont. Club member Andi Barlow will lead the discussion. Guests are welcome to join us for a pleasant evening at our historic club house.

For further information on this gathering, monthly meetings, Saturday Group and other diverse activities which include art and craft workshops, monthly excursions, weekly sewing group and card games please call 822-4982.

Vendors Sought for Seafood Festival

Volunteers along with retail and food vendors are being sought for 22nd Street South’s 7th Annual Seafood Festival on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Booths are $25 per space.

Included also will be the quarterly Youth Market event with youth and youth organizations having booths offering their arts, crafts, fundraising products and services. Youth vendors wanted.

For details and registration contact 22nd Street Redevelopment office at 455-5130 or go online to www.Discover22ndSt.com.

All-Pro Dad Day at Williams Pier

Every year in Gulfport, kids and their dads have a special day to hang out while they cast out with their fishing poles and hope to catch the big one. That day is All-Pro Dad Day on Saturday, March 28 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Williams Pier on the corner of Shore Boulevard S. and 54 Street S.

All-Pro Dad is a national charity featuring NFL players, coaches, and alumni, who speak on the importance of fatherhood, and incorporates a monthly gathering of fathers and their kids with the simple purpose of growing closer and making a strong parent/child bond. For more information, call 893-2643. The national website is www.AllProDad.com.

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With a top prize of $300, the St. Petersburg-Gulfport 49th Street South Business Association (So49) announces a not-to-be-missed photography exhibition and judging for all skill and age levels sponsored by Tampa-based Florida Museum of Photographic Arts (FMoPA). Judges are Jim De Mauro, FMoPA assistant director, and Steven Gregory, 2006 Photographer Laureate (www.stevensgregory.com).

Entries are due by April 6; exhibition and awards evening is Saturday, April 11 at the Back Door Theater, 4919 17 Avenue S. at 49th Street S. in Gulfport. Entries are required to be shots of subjects within the So49 district, a wonderfully diverse residential, business, and light industrial area.

Supporting So49’s neighborhood outreach mission, Mr. De Mauro conducts a workshop for beginners and advanced photographers on Sunday, March 15 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Back Door Theater venue.

All forms of photography are encouraged from film to digital; Polaroid to video stills; single use disposals to camera phones.

Entry forms with submittal requirements are at www.so49.org or by calling the Association’s secretary, Walt Dill at 323-3455.

Sponsorships are available for $100 in cash or merchandise. Interested sponsors should call Mr. Dill to secure award slots.

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Science Center Executive Director Retires

Retired Science Center Executive Director Susan Gordon and current Science Center Treasurer David Green stand in front of a mural honoring the Space Shuttle Columbia, which disintegrated upon re-entry into Earth’s atmosphere over Texas February 1, 2003. Says Gordon, “We can teach these kids the hows and whys this disaster happened and encourage them to study the engineering and science necessary so that it never happens again. The Science Center has programs that encourage young minds to think ‘what if’ and not, ‘I can’t.’ The possibilities are endless.”
County Commissioners Seek Public Input

Facing an $85 million reduction in the general fund, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners is asking residents to bring their budget ideas to the table.

The meetings, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., will be held Monday, March 23 at Osceola High School, 9751 98 Street N., Seminole and on Thursday, March 26 at Gibbs High School, 850 34 Street S., St. Petersburg.

The meetings are designed to give residents a chance to learn more about the county budget and the services that the county commission provides to residents county-wide. Parks such as Fort DeSoto are county-owned and operated, as are many roads and bridges. Health and Human Services provides programs to help the indigent, and Animal Services provides assistance throughout the county. There are many more areas that the county is involved in providing residents, those who live within municipal boundaries and those who live in unincorporated areas.

At the meetings, individuals can bring their questions and ideas to individual commissioners, the county administrator and assistant county administrators. A questionnaire is provided so that ideas and priorities on services and programs can be collected. Residents are then afforded the opportunity to speak publicly for three minutes.

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners plans to cut 20 percent from its overall general fund for fiscal year 2010, which begins October 1 and runs through September 30, 2010. This is necessary to meet the current challenges resulting from the national economic downturn and to plan for the continuation of reduced revenues in the county.

The sharp decrease in county revenue reflects the national economic crisis, local reductions in real estate values and property tax caps. Commissioners are currently involved in the process of setting priorities on the county services and programs. Knowing that it cannot continue to provide the current level of service, the commission wants to know the community’s priorities.

The feedback provided at the public meetings and through other public outreach efforts will be used in the decision-making process as the budget is resized. The goal is to offer core services, which will be delivered in a consistent, predictable and reliable manner.

For more information, call 464-3000 or go to www.pinellascounty.org/budget.
Some Last Minute Politicking

Gulfport city council candidate Jim Greenwald, right, and supporters Al and Cindy Davis, left, do some last minute campaigning on Tuesday during the elections. Greenwald and friends took the golf cart around to various polling places throughout the day. Despite these valiant last minute efforts, Greenwald lost the election to incumbent Michele King.

Historic Kenwood’s 2nd Annual Art in the Park

The Historic Kenwood Neighborhood is hosting a day of Fun and Funky Art in their beautiful park at Third Avenue N. and 29th Street in St. Petersburg on Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local artists will be exhibiting in an open air festival set around a Craftsman style Pavilion. There will be a variety of art on display for purchase including painting, pottery, glass, photography, jewelry and mixed media. Come discover local artists all while supporting a good cause, Youth Art Corps of Pinellas County. The featured artist is potter, Dianne F. Caton. Some of the artists included are Russell Smart, Mary Ellen Miller, Coralette Damme, Barbara Lewis, Stephanie Evans, Patti Holcombe, Susan Donathan, David Smith, Boo Ehrsam, Kathleen Bara, Eric Fisher, Nung Bedell, Curtis Sheen and many others. There will be a raffle of art items donated by well known local artists including Charlie Parker. This is a free event open to the public and kid friendly.

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Chamber Seeks to Lend a Helping Hand

The Gulfport Chamber of Commerce office located in the Bank of America Building at 2808 58 Street will now take donations of school supplies and non-perishable goods to assist local residents in need. “The Chamber has always participated in seasonal drives for back to school or holiday meals, now there is a year-round need and we want to be there as a resource.” stated Lori Rosso, Chamber President. These donations will be distributed to the appropriate Gulfport entities to make sure they are used to benefit our neighbors.

More information on programs aimed at helping students and families in need will be forthcoming. Please drop off items at the Chamber office between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. For more information call 344-3711.

“On Golden Pond” Opens Friday

St. Petersburg Little Theatre presents “On Golden Pond” March 13-19. Directed by David Middleton, well known actors Ron Zietz and Elaine Coffin bring richness and depth to this beautifully written show. Take a moment out of your busy schedule and spend time at the cabin on Golden Pond. This play will resonate and make you smile.

Ethel and Norman have returned to their summer home on Golden Pond, as they have for the last 44 years, but this year will be different. A new face is about to change the old routine; enter inspiration and the exasperation of youth. Norman is in for an adventure.

Don’t miss this funny and endearing show. Show times are Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Call the box office for tickets and information at 866-1973. Tickets are $20 adults and $10 students. Website: www.splt.org. The theatre is located just off 275 at 4025 31 Street S. in St. Petersburg.

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Pilgrim Church Offers St. Patrick's Day Dinner

In celebration of Pilgrim Child Development Center's 40th Anniversary, Pilgrim Congregational Church, 6315 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg will offer a St. Patrick’s Day dinner on March 17 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Menu includes corned beef or ham and cabbage dinner with carrots, red potatoes, bread, beverage and St. Patty's cake for $7.50 single and $14 a couple. A hot dog meal is available for children which includes chips, carrot sticks, fruit cup, beverage and cake for $3 (10 years and under). There will be face painting and a few games for children as well. Advance tickets are required as tickets are limited. Call 347-1226 or 347-1227 for more information or to make reservations.

When Pilgrim Child Development Center opened in 1969, it was the first desegregated preschool in Pinellas County. Pilgrim has continued diversity over the years by serving children from many countries around the world including Cambodia, Lithuania, Germany, India, Czech Republic, Morocco, Haiti and more.

Pilgrim is accredited by A.P.P.L.E. It is rated a Gold Seal Center by the State of Florida. It accepts children from two through pre-K and is a State of Florida Certified VPK provider.

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Lighthouse Service at Tradewinds Church

Tradewinds Christian Church, 6740 Park Street S., So. Pasadena will hold a Candlelight Service on Wednesday, March 18 from 7-8 p.m. The evening will be filled with praise and fellowship. Coffee and dessert will be served. Child Care will be provided. Call 344-1501 for more information.

... St. Vincent’s Offers Lenten Series

St. Vincent’s Episcopal Church, 5441 Ninth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg is holding a Lenten series entitled “The Healing Process”. Join them for soup, salad and bread every Wednesday at 6 p.m. until Easter for fellowship and study. Bring a bible and notebook. Also on Fridays at 6 p.m. they offer a moving service entitled “Stations of the Cross”. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

... Toolbox of Recovery Workshop

A free workshop using a unique and highly effective “Toolbox of Recovery” for coping with depression, addictions and codependency will be held on March 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 4301 16 Street N. (corner of Haines Road and 16 Street) in St. Petersburg.

Recovery issues will include re-valuing our self-worth, communication in relationships and a special segment devoted to understanding and processing anger. For reservations call Les or Sandi at 822-3480 or email les@fbao.org.

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Florida Antiquarian Book Fair

The 28th Annual Florida Antiquarian Book Fair, the oldest and largest antiquarian book fair in the Southeast, returns to the St. Petersburg’s historic Coliseum (535 Fourth Avenue N.) March 13-15. Event features more than 116 dealers from all over the United States and Canada. In addition to books and manuscripts from as early as the 1300s, there will be books and paper collectibles of all kinds available for sale, including: modern fiction, Florida history, travel and exploration, fine bindings, poetry, cooking, military history, Americana, the classics, art books, religion, illustrated books and much more. You’ll find books about every conceivable topic as well as maps, prints, ephemera, autographs and other paper collectibles. Visit www.floridabooksellers.com/bookfair.html.

The Florida Antiquarian Book Fair runs Friday from 5:30-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10-5 p.m. and Sunday from 11-4 p.m. Admission is $10 Friday, good for the entire weekend; Saturday’s tickets are $6 per day or $10 for the weekend; Sunday’s tickets are $6 for the day. Admission is free for children 12 and under, as well as or students with valid identification. Parking is also free. The St. Petersburg Public Library benefits from ticket sales.

Tuesday Morning Market

Got Nuts? Check out the Tuesday Morning Market on Beach Blvd. in Gulfport every Tuesday, year round!

Fresh Vegetables, plants, and local artists set up on the sidewalk paver’s from 9-3 p.m. Free Parking! Pet and family friendly.

Vendors can download the application at http://gulfportma.com. For more information call 343-5962.

City Power Toastmasters Club 911

City Power Toastmasters Club meets every Wednesday from 12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. at the Municipal Services Complex Building, One Fourth Street N., Room 600, 6th floor. Guests are always welcome. For more information please call 893-7918.

Box Tops for Education

American Legion Post 125 is collecting box tops for education for Hamilton Disston School. Box tops are found on such products as Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Yoplait, Huggies, Ziploc, Hefty, Cheerios, Nature Valley, Cottonelle and Total. Each box top is worth 10 cents toward such things as computers, books, playground equipment, etc. Drop them at the Legion, 6440 Fifth Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. Visit boxtops4education.com for more information.

Apply for Scholarship

South Pasadena residents and high school graduating students of the City of South Pasadena, have until May 29 to apply for the City’s annual scholarship award. Applicants must have been City residents for the past two years, and been accepted at an accredited college, university, trade or technical school.

A copy of the prior year Federal income tax return for applicant and any other person(s) who claimed applicant as a dependent on a Federal income tax return is required.

Applications are available at City Hall, 7047 Sunset Drive S., South Pasadena and at ci.south-pasadena.fl.us. For more information, call the City Clerk’s office at 347-4171.
USCG Safe Boating Classes

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous cycle of Safe Boating Classes every Tuesday, 7:30pm, Warren Webster Community Center, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (1 mile south of Don CeSar) Start at your convenience. First class, come at 7 p.m. to register. Begin any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to 2 years to finish.


Cost is $36 for 13 weeks and includes a new 400-page manual. Call Jim at 360-4846, or Warren at 321-7801, or Phil at 865-2226.

2nd Mile Recovery Group

Meetings promote growth in Christ and recovery from addictions. Open to all those affected by addiction whether individually afflicted or burdened with someone who is. Meetings will be held Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Tradewinds Church located at 6740 Park Street S., So. Pasadena. Call 344-1501 for more information.

Free Phones for Hearing-Impaired

The Deaf and Hearing Connection recently announced the addition of several new telephones, ttys and captioned telephones available through its no charge equipment distribution program. Deaf and Hearing Connection offers amplified telephones and related equipment at no cost to permanent Florida residents who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/ blind or speech-impaired.

This telecommunications access program is funded by a surcharge currently on all Florida telephone consumers’ bills. Equipment is available by appointment Monday through Friday at the Deaf and Hearing Connection’s main office located at 7821 Seminole Boulevard in Seminole or at satellite locations throughout Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. For a complete list of distribution locations or to schedule an appointment, call 727-399-9983 (Voice) or 727-399-9422 (TTY).

The Deaf and Hearing Connection, Tampa Bay’s only non-profit hearing center, also offers free hearing screenings by appointment, low cost hearing aids, cleanings and repairs. The Deaf and Hearing Connection specializes in communication access for deaf, hard of hearing or late deafened people.
Free Acupuncture Clinic for Veterans

Acupuncturists Without Borders is offering a free acupuncture clinic to provide treatment for veterans, their families, and their health care workers. These acupuncture treatments address stress, insomnia, post-traumatic stress syndrome, depression, and anxiety. The clinic is held at Unity Christ Church, 6168 First Avenue N. in St. Petersburg at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday. The clinic is free, donations are welcome. For further information, please call 727-204-5203.

Drive Someone Happy

Transportation is one of the biggest challenges for seniors. Becoming a passenger rather than a driver can be difficult for older drivers and their families. Many Pinellas County seniors are living alone and are too frail to shop or drive to a medical appointment. Now seniors who can no longer drive can get easy access to transportation through the Neighborly Care Network EZride program.

If you have a few hours Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. you could help improve someone’s life in your own neighborhood and make a real difference. Volunteers are matched with seniors close to where they live or work. Using your own vehicle, transportation is provided to doctor appointments, grocery shopping or errands. Reimbursement for gas is available.

You can start helping those in need today by calling Pat Hazell at 573-9444, ext. 291.

Town Shores Red Hatters

Their March Bunko game will be held on Friday, March 20 from 1-3 p.m. in the clubhouse lounge. The committee would appreciate if you would call Petie at 343-6450, Julie at 343-6587 or Judy at 344-7558 to RSVP.

March 25 is the date for their first fashion show sponsored by Bon Worth to be held in the clubhouse lounge at 1 p.m. Their Red Hat members will be modeling. Check out what’s new for this spring! Special desserts and beverages will be provided for only $3. They will also have a few prizes to give away to lucky members. For more information and to make reservations call Petie at 343-6450 or Julie at 343-6587.
Q: What’s the status of Gulfport’s economic stimulus request?

A: First some history: in December the city of Gulfport, at the urging of the Florida League of Cities (FLC), submitted a list of approximately 20 “wish list” items to the FLC, who in turn submitted these items to the federal government. The city and the FLC hope that they will get a chunk of President Obama’s stimulus package.

According to interim city manager Jim O’Reilly the federal government is funneling the money through state and county governments. So how far down on the food chain does Gulfport sit? The Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) included Gulfport’s requests in their requests.

The MPO ranked these requests, O’Reilly said, and the MPO ranked Gulfport’s Tangerine Parkway Multi-Use Trail nine out of 58 qualified county-wide submissions.

“City staff,” O’Reilly said “awaits further information as to the funding level to be provided and of the number of Pinellas County projects to be funded.”

On a related note, the Gulfport Police Department qualified to submit a COPS grant application, funding included in the Public Safety portion of the stimulus plan.

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This Week's Solution

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Seeking Volunteers

The 34th Annual Mainsail Arts Festival seeks volunteers to assist during the two-day show to be held in Vinoy Park, on St. Petersburg’s downtown waterfront April 18 and 19. Volunteers are needed to fill 2 1/2-hour shifts between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday and between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Each year hundreds of volunteers contribute thousands of hours of their time to produce the juried arts and entertainment event. One of Florida’s most prestigious outdoor art festivals, Mainsail is ranked by Sunshine Artist Magazine among the “100 Best” fine art shows in the nation. The Mainsail Arts Festival features 250 artists from across the nation exhibiting their finest original art work, top name entertainment both days, the Young at Art student show, Kids Create art tent, and a “culinary arts” food court, attracting more than 90,000 visitors.

Volunteer assignments include selling beverages, souvenir t-shirts and posters on April 18 and 19. If you wish to help, please call Ann Vickstrom, volunteer coordinator, at 823-0739. The volunteer application participation form is also available online at www.mainsailartsfestival.org. Volunteers will be sent a confirmation of their assigned date and time.

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As a boater, what are your thoughts on last week’s boating tragedy involving the two NFL football players and a former USF football player?

Josie Longo, Licensed Boat Captain and Sailing Instructor, St. Pete: “I’m a licensed boat captain and sailing instructor in Gulfport and I always stress safety first. I think that maybe these guys knew some bad weather was coming but didn’t pay attention to it. Nature can turn on you and you need to boat defensively at all times. Once you get three miles off shore, cell phones don’t work. So part of your safety equipment needs to be a radio. Once these guys got swept overboard, they were instantly in trouble. Ingesting even a few swallows of salt water can impair your mental capabilities which can lead to bad judgment. It can also make you delirious, which would explain what the survivor told authorities; that the guys in the water weren’t making any sense and were speaking gibberish. I also think that a boat that small wasn’t right for the weather conditions. Most people don’t realize that if you capsize, go in the water and your body temperature goes down to 95, just three degrees, hypothermia will set in. Combine that with swallowing salt water and you can get into major trouble very quickly. There’s nothing scarier than imagining a boat sailing away from you or watching it sink in front of you. You’re just helpless. It’s just a sad, tragic story.”

Craig Smith, boat repair and sailor: “It’s really hard to say. I make my living on boats and I’ve talked to a lot of people about this accident. Quite often, a failure to properly respect Mother Nature is a prelude to an incident like this. Personally, I would never go that far out in the Gulf on a 21 foot boat, especially a center-console. They’re not designed for open water; they’re more like a flats boat or an inshore fishing boat in calm water. A center-console has no protection. There’s no place to get in out of the weather. As boaters, we always watch the weather; we all knew that the cold front was coming and that the weather was going to turn. When people go out on a boat, they must know the limitations of their boat and the limitations of their equipment. That day was probably not a good day to go out. By the time they realized how bad it got, it was too late. It’s really a shame and a needless loss of life.”

Todd Sickler, power boater from Tennessee and part-time St. Pete resident: “I can’t begin to second guess what happened out there to those guys. I do think that a 21 foot boat was too small for four large football players. I have a 19 ft. boat and I never take it offshore. If you plan on going offshore and you have enough money for bait, expensive reels and gas, then you should have enough money to buy an EPIRB or some other tracking device and proper flotation devices and a good radio in case you run into trouble. I’ve been a boater all my life and I will never go out without checking on all my safety equipment. My theory is that maybe they had anchored and tried to lift the anchor when the weather began to go south. Maybe one of them couldn’t pull the anchor up by himself, so another went over to help him. That sudden shift of weight on one side, combined with rough waves could have easily swamped them. I think it got really bad really fast for them. They just got caught unaware and the weather just kept getting worse as the day went on. Obviously something must have gone really wrong because they had been out there most of the day and were fine.”

Bruce Bingham, Sailor/Cruiser, St. Pete: “Most of the boating world knew about that gale by Wednesday of that week. It was on every news cast that there was a cold front coming in and to expect some big weather. If those guys had known what the weather was going to be like, then maybe they just thought that they could handle it. I think a 21 foot boat is too small to go out 50 miles, even if the weather is clear. With those guys, they might not have had enough chain and line for their anchor. If there isn’t enough chain, the boat will drag and that makes it very hard to pull up anchor. They may have been caught in a trough with the waves and got turned beam to the sea. That would have surely swamped them. I just can’t understand why if they knew the weather was getting bad, why they didn’t turn and make a run for it. If it gets too rough to fish, it’s time to turn around and get home.”

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Dear Editor:

Many times we sit by and complain but never voice our concerns to the right people. Election time is here and a lot of complainers will not get out and vote. They complain about everything under the sun, but when it counts they sit back and do nothing. Thus I write to you about a few concerns that I have and through this, I will tell the right people, the readers of this fine paper.

Item one in the last city council meeting the Mayor had to ask for and rightfully so, reimbursement for defending himself against baseless allegations brought against him during his last election. Convenient as it was and carefully orchestrated one week before the election his opposition tried to undo a wonderful career of a devoted public servant to the citizens of Gulfport. Thank you, ethics committee for seeing this allegation for what it was - baseless. My point here though is that taxpayer funds were spent to correct the outrageous wrong. I ask this council to now right this wrong, by directing the attorney to seek through the courts system reimbursement for those funds spent from the individuals that are responsible. It is time to stop this practice of not doing anything and the records will reflect that, when she stated that if the clerk’s office does not respond more timely that a lawsuit is being considered. That type of threat in the eyes of the law could be considered as extortion, and that is outrageous.

Finally to the council it is time that we, the citizens, bring your compensation into the 21st century. You are way underpaid for all that you have to put up with. So I ask you as I did four years ago to consider the pay scales of the cities our size and raise your compensation. Heaven knows you deserve it. You all five are underpaid.

Phil Reed

Suspicious Annexation

Dear Editor: We live in an unincorporated area of Pinellas County that Gulfport has been trying to annex for years. The message from the residents has always been that we have no desire to be annexed by anyone. Please don’t get me wrong. Gulfport is a very nice community, with lots of activities and wonderful people. The problem is with the additional taxes and the local city councils, who seem to think that tax money is endless and they are not very responsible when it comes to spending money.

A case in point is the recent authorization by Gulfport’s city council to spend $24,450 dollars to Beth Rawlings, Inc. to provide an outreach program to convince us that annexation is in our best interests. Ms. Rawlings was already paid by the city to do a phone survey to determine if we were even interested. Ms. Rawlings claims that 60% of those polled wanted more information. Doesn’t it seem odd that the person who got paid to do the survey is also the person now making an additional $24,450 on following up on it? So if the figure was more like 25%, then Ms. Rawlings would not be receiving any more money.

I am not saying that her results were exaggerated, but I know that the person who called me regarding the survey was very pushy, and was annoyed when I insisted that I did not even want to learn more about it. Just the fact that the deal looks suspicious should have occurred to the city council.

I just believe that this was a waste of Gulfport’s tax money, and the outcome, if it comes down to a vote, will be the same as it has been for years, “No, thanks”. The residents of Gulfport, who do pay taxes to the city, should be outraged. I know I would be, and that is why I will continue to vote no to annexation.

Dee Kwiatkowski

Candidates’ Forum

Dear Editor: I’m a little surprised by a couple things I just read in this week’s (March 5-March 11) Gabber. As you are generally always correctly unbiased, it is just a little of a concern to me.

Your article on the Candidate’s Forum quotes Courtland Yarborough as saying he worked for a company that told Sears to sell Coldwell Banker and Allstate Insurance. The article indicates that Courtland Yarborough was 18 in 1981 when Sears bought Coldwell Banker. I think your article is a bit misleading as it infers that Yarborough wasn’t old enough to work for a company that was involved in the sale of Coldwell Banker, Allstate, etc. Please see the article below that I found on Ask.com after I typed in the question “when did Sears sell Coldwell Banker?”. Sears actually sold Coldwell banker in 1993.

I’m also surprised that you didn’t follow through on Yarborough’s accusations against Henderson about partisan politics. Apparently it has some merit as Pam Prell also addressed the issue on her website and made the same accusation.

Margarete Tober
Letters (con’t.)

The Trojan RV

Dear Editor: Does anyone remember the story of the Trojan horse? The Greeks ultimately triumphed when they devised a ruse - a giant hollow wooden horse. The Trojans accepted the horse as a peace offering. A Greek spy, convinced the Trojans the horse was a gift despite the warnings of it’s citizens.

Thinking they had won the war the Trojans celebrated their victory with much wine and dancing, so when the Greeks emerged from the horse, the city was in a drunken stupor. The Greek warriors then opened the city gates to allow the rest of the army in. The City of Gulfport just received an RV as a gift. And while the gift is a wonderful gesture I have received an RV as a gift. And while I know the expense of maintaining a recreational vehicle is burdensome, at best. Why wasn’t it given to one of the many organizations that are in need of donations like this and have the reputation of maintaining them or using them wisely? Why wasn’t it donated in the state that the RV is registered in? It appears the trickery of Odysseus still works in modern times.

Fair citizens of Gulfport be advised, the gate has been opened and the horse is here. Does anyone else hear hoof beats? Kurt Zuelsdorf

...Thanks and Pride from Get Rescued

Dear Editor: The coordinators of Get Rescued...In Gulfport would like to thank the Gabber for the positive press in your last edition (March 5-11).

February 28 was a truly magical day where groups of people came together, in our beautiful city, to show a tremendous amount of support for over 40 animal rescue groups. On that day approximately 50 dogs and cats found their way into new homes with many more awaiting their final destination. These actions don’t only change the fate of the animals but change the lives of those who bring them into their home.

Four trucks were filled with donated pet food, at an estimate of 3,500 pounds and every morsel was distributed that same day. This certainly shows what a group of kind individuals can do when they come together, one bag at a time, to make a difference.

Lastly, I personally would like to thank our city leaders for the opportunity to hold this very worthwhile event, our City Manager and his tremendously kind and courteous staff, our merchants and most of all, the citizens of Gulfport. I love living in Gulfport because it is such a beautiful little piece of heaven but I possibly love living here because the people are so wonderful and gracious. Gulfport had guests from as far away as Lake City, Jacksonville, Orlando, Port Charlotte and beyond on that day. Each individual was amazed by what they saw and promised to return over and over again.

It ‘takes a village’ to make a difference in the world and I am so proud of our big, little village of Gulfport.

...Lynda Shehan

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Child custody can be given exclusively to one spouse, or you can share joint custody. In most cases, one parent has sole custody and the children live with that parent. The other parent usually has visitation rights and takes the children on weekends, holidays, or vacations. In certain circumstances, the parties may agree or the court may order joint physical custody where the children spend time living with both parents on a regular basis. Frequently, spouses share responsibility for important decisions affecting their children, such as choosing schools and medical treatment.

If you are unable to agree on custody, the court will award it based on considerations such as parental fitness, the preferences of the children, and their age and sex. A party who later wants a change in custody must show that conditions have changed and that a new arrangement is in the best interest of the children.

Spousal support is called alimony or maintenance. Either you or your spouse may be entitled to spousal support depending on your income and property, your standard of living, your financial needs, and the circumstances leading to the divorce. If you and your spouse are unable to agree on support, a judge will decide who should pay it, how much is to be paid, and how long it will continue. The judge may award spousal support until the receiving spouse is self supporting or until death or remarriage of the receiving spouse.

You and your spouse are both responsible for the support of your children. If you cannot agree on the proportion of support between you, the Court will apportion the responsibility based on custody, your incomes, financial resources and other obligations.

In some cases, you and your spouse may go back to Court in later years to ask the judge to increase or reduce spousal or child support. However, you must be able to show that there has been a change in financial resources or need.

In our next article we will discuss dividing property, debts and taxes in a dissolution of marriage proceeding.

by Robert J. Myers, Esq.

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South Pasadena Book Swap

The City of South Pasadena will hold a book swap on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Cultural Arts Room at City Hall, 7047 Sunset Drive S. Call 347-4171 for more information.

Want to Join the Band?

If you have never played an instrument or did in the past but are out of practice, now is your chance to join a “New Horizons Band” at Eckerd College.

There are presently over 100 of these bands around the country especially designed for musicians or “would be” musicians over 50 years of age. The program’s message is simple: “you are never too old to play an instrument.”

Contact the band director, David Irwin, at 864-7968 or irwinDE@eckerd.edu for further information.

Adult Dance Class

A new dance class for adults is forming at the Gulfport Recreation Center. This class is fit for all experience levels. Warm up safely, feel good, and move to rhythmic music. First half of class is release, lengthening, and strengthening. Second half is a simple combination based on class exercises and fluid movements across the floor together. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is $7 per class or $25 for four classes. Please call John 893-1079 or Sarah 510-7231 to be added to the interest list. Start date to be announced.
**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**
1  ‘60s song, e.g. 6 Organic-orchard no-no
10 Pizza baker 14 Charo’s rope 15 Group of badgers
16 Exec’s ear 17 Golden Horde member
18 Surprise attack 19 Water pipe 20 “Gypsy” song
22 Countertenor 23 “Torn Paper” artist 24 Sea swallow
26 Gene Autry’s horse 31 Cared for
35 Lord Byron poem 36 Letter drop 38 Carpenter’s box
39 Help a hood 40 Mah-jongg pieces 42 __ Beach, FL
43 Home on the range 45 Stuff 46 Fiendish
47 Breathing disorder 49 Theater feature, once 51 Garden pest
53 Former NRC 54 Bible book 57 “Girl Crazy” song
63 View 64 Della’s creator 65 Basketry willow
66 Stud’s place 67 Groovyl 68 Henri’s earth
69 Pt. of VISTA 70 Eye sore 71 Cornered

**DOWN**
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4 Luigi’s lang. 5 Montero feature 6 Greek hill
7 Edward or Evelyn 8 Slanted 9 Embarass
10 “Show Boat” song 11 Medicine bottle 12 Racilate
13 Forbidden fruit 21 Sweatband’s place
25 Baba ingredient 26 David Copperfield’s mother
27 Cantina beans 28 “__ We All” 1929 song
29 “Fiddler on the Roof” tune 30 Golfer Henke
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Presidential Promises

It is not the purpose of this column to keep watch over the kind and number of campaign promises kept versus broken. That is the purpose of almost every other column.

There is, however, one presidential promise that is relevant to this space: that of a new dog for the first family.

Back in November, Barack Obama made the promise heard ‘round the world: Should the Obamas find themselves living in the White House come January, Sasha and Malia would get a dog as a reward for their patient understanding of excessive parental absence during the presidential campaign.

Well, the Obamas are in. And, after much ado, the breed of dog has been chosen: A Portuguese water dog is due on Pennsylvania Avenue shortly after Spring Break.

The good to be found in this story is that the Obamas set a model example of how to approach the notion of dog ownership:

-- Recognize your limitations with respect to time, energy, space and environment.
-- Be aware of any allergies among family members, and equip yourself to deal with them.
-- Research several different breeds that best complement the needs of your family unit.
-- Arrange to introduce the dog to its new home during a relatively calm time and after a vacation or period of absence, as opposed to right before you leave town or during the frantic holidays.
-- Remember that you are embarking on a 15-year journey with this creature.
-- Take your time.

After taking all of this into consideration, the Obamas settled on their water dog, a breed already beloved among the Kennedy clan and steadily gaining in popularity with the rest of the world, according to American Kennel Club statistics. “Temporarily, they’re supposed to be pretty good,” said Michelle Obama in a recent People magazine interview. “From the size perspective, they’re sort of middle of the road -- it’s not small, but it’s not a huge dog. And the folks we know who own them have raved about them.”

Apparently Sen. Kennedy’s been talking. And some lovers of the breed are none too pleased with the word of mouth.

Think: the “101 Dalmatians” effect, the Taco Bell Chihuahua syndrome and, more recently, a “Marley and Me”-driven spike in Labrador sales. Skeptics wonder: What will Obamania do to the breed?

Will puppy mills specializing in Portuguese water dogs blossom in response to increased demand? Will parents cave in to pleas of, “But, Mommmy! Sasha and Malia have one”? And what happens to all those Portuguese water puppies whose owners didn’t study up on the breed, prepare to cope with allergies, understand the need for proper training or realize the amount of exercise they require?

With shelters already feeling the effects of today’s strained economy, this isn’t the time to breed more dogs or special order one on a whim. And it’s never the right time to think of an animal shelter or rescue as a Plan B if the dog doesn’t work out.

I only hope people are paying as close attention to the process the Obamas underwent in choosing their dog as they are to the breed of dog ultimately chosen.

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Wednesday, MARCH 18
Sloppy Joe
Fiesta Corn
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Hamburger Bun/Margarine
Fresh Fruit in Season
Low Fat Milk

Thursday, MARCH 19
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Potatoes O’Brien
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Wheat Bread/Margarine
Applesauce Cup
Low Fat Milk

Friday, MARCH 20
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Cheesy Grits
Stewed Tomatoes & Okra
Sandwich Bun/Margarine/Tartar Sauce
Mixed Fruit Cup
Low Fat Milk

SPCA Pet of the Week

This six year old American Bulldog is housetrained, has lived with other dogs and can sit and stay on command. He preferably needs a home with a fenced yard and with children older than age 15. If you want to see Fatty or any other pets come visit them at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130 Avenue N., Largo. Visit our website at SPCATampaBay.org.

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Homer, a black male greyhound, is a sociable pet, with a great personality who tries to communicate with us. It’s not really barking but his own “doggie talk” and rooing. Homer would thrive in a family with another dog and/or a human around much of the time to enjoy his companionship. If you would like to meet Homer or any of our other greyhounds, please call Greyhound Pests of America at 595-7852, visit our website: greyhoundpets.com, or see us at the Tyrone PetSmart on most Sundays from noon to 2 p.m. Call first if you want to meet a specific dog.

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Gabber March 12 - March 18, 2009
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Oddly enough, people who are on top of the world and experiencing high-flying success may not be half as happy as those who are struggling. Much is going well for you now, but not all of it -- and that’s OK. Things don’t have to be in perfect order for you to experience great joy. You’ll laugh through the weekend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Usually you work hard to stay positive. You strive to see things from the best angle, and when you can’t, you ask for help from optimistic people. Give yourself a break this week. You are, after all, a human being with + + + a wide array of emotions. Just see things as you see them, without judging yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The destiny you want for yourself seems a little far-fetched, which is why it’s good to keep it quiet. If you tell people and they don’t agree you can make it, you’ll be infected by their doubt. On the other hand, your private belief will make the impossible possible. You’ll have to stretch to meet this fate, but meet it you will.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It may seem as though fun and laughter are luxuries this week. Luckily, you don’t have to pursue happiness in order to find it. In fact, following your bliss might be the last thing on your mind these days. You’re doing what you have to do because you know it’s right. Happiness just happens to be one of the byproducts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though everyone has to find their individual path sooner or later, this is no time to strike out and wander on your own. Right now it would be a waste of time, as there are stellar opportunities at stake. Work from a guide. Cull your inspiration from those who have already been to the promised land and back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It’s simple to achieve lightheartedness. All that is required is that you stick with your own mission and let others deal with theirs. You can still offer to help, but when you do, you may realize that some people don’t want help, only attention and permission to complain. Saturday brings a joyful, wondrous occurrence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your personal rhythms change. Maybe you used to be a night person and suddenly you feel most productive in the morning. Or maybe the places that used to energize you seem stale and an entirely different environment gets you snapping along at an invigorating pace. Move with what feels natural.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Making improvements is practically effortless this week because you want what also happens to be the best for you. Even though technically there might be more work involved, it just feels fun to you. You could even acquire a taste for leafy green vegetables or literature that will last your whole life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). You’re in top form. That said, all you can do is all you can do. When it works, great! If not, shrug it off. This is no time to start taking things personally. Assume that any opportunity you are not able to take advantage of wasn’t meant for you. Keep reiterating that you are always in the perfect place at the right time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you do what makes you feel comfortable, you make the world an easier place to inhabit for others, too. You create an environment around you that people can relate to and feel good in. You’ll have guests and shouldn’t be surprised if they never want to leave. Though inconvenient, this is a huge compliment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You’ve been supportive of others -- now turn those powerful thoughts toward your own endeavors. A reality check on Friday is liberating. You will find out the actual risk involved in an action so there will be no need for stress, worry or speculation. On Saturday, you will make your decision and then stand strong behind it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know what’s real when you see it. You’re not afraid of frank truths and can quickly accept circumstances for what they are. However, your imagination is supercharged this week, too. Keep looking deeper into situations until you find the meaning, romance, poetry and harmony that you seek.

This Week’s Birthdays: You really are finding it easier to be you, to like you and to enjoy the quirks of your own personality. Perhaps this is made easier because someone near you finds you entirely adorable. In April, make a decision about what to discard to get ready for a big addition to your life. Your career path weaves and winds in June, and you’ll meet interesting and inspiring characters along the way. You earn double in July. You will be finished with a pesky problem for good in August -- what a relief!

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Carol & Joe are back. Sing & dance with Karaoke Kraze.
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Wednesday, 1-3:30 p.m.
Wayne & Bill, Karaoke & Dancing
Thursday, 1-3:30 p.m.
Cookie Returns with Karaoke & Dancing
Friday, 1-3:30 p.m.
Jo-Anne’s Karaoke
Saturday, 1-3:30 p.m.
The Toonsters with J & Lolita, Singing & Dancing.
Sunday, 1-3 p.m.
Italian American accordion by Woody for fun and dancing.

Donations accepted
Weather permitting
SPCA Seeks Volunteers to Lend a Paw

Pet lovers are needed to assist in the planning and implementation of fundraising and community events. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Tampa Bay seeks outgoing individuals who are motivated by their passion for animals and commitment to the SPCA’s mission.

Volunteers will speak to the community about the SPCA's services at pet-related events.

SPCA event volunteers change the lives of thousands of pets by bringing awareness and organizing much needed fundraising events. Applications available online at www.SPCATampaBay.org or call 586-3591, ext. 127.

Single Parents Support Group

Single Parents Supporting Single Parents Club strives to make the lives of single parents easier. They are here to educate, encourage, and lend a helping hand. Come join them at USF Barnes & Noble, 500 Third Street S. in St. Petersburg. They meet every Thursday at 6 p.m.

Let the Single Parents Supporting Single Parents Club make the impossible possible. They act as a referral service for members’ overall needs. They create solutions. They help make wishes come true. Membership is free and open to anyone with children and anyone who would benefit from their services. For information visit www.singleparentsgroup.org.

Salvation Army Needs Donations

The Salvation Army St. Petersburg Emergency Shelter is in need of food and toiletry items to provide to needy individuals and families.

Items needed include meats, mashed potatoes, salt, butter, sugar, tooth paste, disposable razors, soap, mouth wash, hand combs, shampoo, tissue packets, hand lotion, insect repellent and sunscreen.

The Salvation Army’s social services encompass a wide range of programs to help individuals and families overcome daunting obstacles. The Salvation Army’s grand design in social work has always been one of empowerment, enabling those in need to change their life’s circumstances and overcome challenges that stand in their way. Services include emergency assistance, self-sufficiency programming, counseling, referral services and much more.

The Salvation Army St. Petersburg Area Command’s Red Shield Lodge Emergency and Long Term Shelter is located at 1400 Fourth Street S. in St. Petersburg. Bulk donations may be picked up by Salvation Army personnel. Individuals wishing to donate items listed above may drop off the items at the shelter.

For more information, call The Salvation Army St. Petersburg Area Command at 550-8080.

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REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Tomlinson Skate Park Sticker-All skaters need to purchase a Skate Park sticker and have a consent form on file at the Recreation Center. Annual cost for stickers is $5 res./$10 non-res. Consent forms are available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S., Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.–8 p.m. Skaters ages 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent and show proof of residency for registration.

ACTIVITIES

Adult Basketball- Thurs. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. $2/res/$20 non-res.

PROGRAMS

Schools

Child Care Program-Grades K-5, (up to age 14 on in-service days). Annual reg. $15 res/$100 non-res. Monthly rates are $133 res/$266 non-res. Extended care available for an additional cost.

Teen Program- Ages 13-17. Teen’s age middle school to 17. Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. $2/res/$20 non-res.

Tot Time Program-Children ages 3-5 year olds. Class times are from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Annual reg. $15 res/$100 non-res. Monthly rates for the 2-day program are $33 res./$66 non-res. The 3-day program are $55 res./$110 non-res and the 5-day program are $88 res./$176 non-res.

CLASSES

AAWA Cheerleading – for ages 5 & up Tues., 6-7:45 p.m. Cost is $6/class & $15 for registration. Call AAWA 813-885-2292 for more info.

AAWA Dance – for ages 5 & up Thurs., 6-8:45 p.m. Cost is $6/class & $10/registration. Call AAWA 813-885-2292 for more info.

Basic Drawing – Thurs., 1:00-2:30pm. The fee is $15 per class. Please call the instructor Doug at 643-2554 or John at 893-1079 with questions. You will need to bring a pencil and paper to class.

Creative Writing-Fri., 6:30-8 p.m. Learn how to put your creative thoughts together and write them down. Meet others with similar interests and exchange ideas. Call Rosiland Miller at 381-1030 for more info.

Dog Obedience-Call Lisa at 772-3631 for information on future classes.

Fencing- Wed., 4:30-5:30 p.m for ages 8-15 and 5:30-6:30 p.m for ages 16-70 are welcome. Cost is $5 per one-hour session. Call Jim Coppoli at 813-855-3112 for more info.

Gymnastics – Fri., 5:30-6:15 p.m. for ages 5-12. Cost is $25 per month. Call Barbara at 804-9400 for more info.

Karate-Mon. & Fri., 6:30-8 p.m. (Beginners), advanced students stay until 7:45 p.m. Cost is $35 per month.

Nia- Thurs., 10:15am. Your first class is free. Fees are: monthly $32, drop in $10 a class or a 8 class pass for $56.

Programs and Meetings:

Art Exhibit (Purdy Friends Room Gallery Walls): Paintings by members of Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop, Betty Staebell, instructor. Through March 25.

Special Program: “In Bed With a Mosquito” Gulfport resident and artist Linda Brassell will introduce and lead a discussion of this prize-winning short documentary film about her activist mother. Produced by Sarah Frank, with music by Noisola and Tony Timony, “In Bed With a Mosquito” is an intimate portrait of social activism and aging in New York City. Wednesday, March 18 at 5:30 pm.

Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers: Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am.

One-on-One Computer Instruction: By appointment only contact Allen Hooks at the Reference Desk, or call 893-1073.

AARP Tax Service: A free service for seniors and others on low or fixed incomes. Fridays, 10:00 am, through April 10. First-come, first-served. Doors close at 3:00 pm. Copy all tax papers and a copy of last year’s return.

Craft Club for All Ages: Saturday, March 21 at 2:00 pm in the Library’s Children’s Area. Presented by Pat Brinkley.

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(a date not yet confirmed)

Socrates Cafe: These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book The Six Questions of Socrates. Author Christopher Phillips traveled the world to lead informal groups, engaging people in the manner of the ancient Greek philosopher, for whom “the questions are more important than the answers.” Thursday, March 12 at 10:00 am.

Suncoast Computer Users: Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. Some supplies available, but you furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album. FMI, contact Kay Boatwright 893-1074. Saturday, March 14 at 1:00 pm.

Bereavement Support Group: For family or friends who have recently lost a loved one. Tuesdays, March 17 and March 24 at 10:00 am. Facilitated by The Hope of the Florida Suncoast. Call 893-1079 with questions. Call Gabe at 345-7472 for more information.

Home schooling? Please join us to network with other homeschooling teachers and to review new books and materials that have been added to the Gulfport Library to enhance your efforts. Wednesday, March 18, 1:00-3:00 pm. FML, contact Martha Loyd at 893-1073 or Janette Planagan at 345-2460.

Coffee Talk: Our 14th annual series of monthly book discussions continues as we meet to discuss Louise Erdich’s The Master Butchers Singing Club. Join us for coffee, light refreshments, and lively conversation. Pick up a discussion guide and reserve a copy of the book at the Reference Desk. Thursday, March 19. Coffee ready at 10:00 am, talk starts at 10:15.

Short Stories Discussion Group: Presented by local chapter of Brandeis University Women. Monday, March 23 at 1:00 pm.

Genealogy Discussion Group: This is not a formal class, just an opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history. Saturday, March 28 at 1:00 pm. FML, call Kay Boatwright at the Library, 893-1074.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings and events are held in the Frances Purdy Friends Room.
Senior Center 5501 27th Ave. So. 893-1231

**City Sponsored Activities in the Community**

**Services**

**Special Announcements**

**Senior Center Theater Group**—Senior actors are needed to participate in some short one act plays. Auditions will be held on Mon. Mar. 23 at 2pm. Also needed: stage hands and help with costumes, props, etc. The performance will be held on Wed. Apr. 20 at 2pm in the Senior Center Dining Hall. Special thanks to Dave Water based for sharing their time and talent to introduce theater to the Senior Center. Call for more info.

**New Caregivers Support Group**—A Caregivers Support Group meets every Tues. at 6pm. Melanie Present is the facilitator and is certified by Alzheimer Association. Caregivers may also meet every Wed. at 2pm with facilitator Georgia Terry.

**Special Events:**

- **Senior Follies**—Sorry but tickets for the Senior Follies on Fri. Mar. 27 are now sold out.
- **Senior Shorts**—A series of one-act plays featuring the Gulfport Senior Center Theatrical Ensemble will perform on Mon. Apr. 20 at 2pm in the Gulfport Senior Center Dining Hall. Free.
- **Movie in Hickman Theater**—Mar. 23 at 1pm. Fried Green Tomatoes.
- **Seminars & Presentations:**
  - **Skin Cancer Presentation**—Fri. March 13 at 1pm by Gulfcoast Community Care.
  - **Lunch & Learn**—with Attorney April Hill on Tues. Mar. 24 at 11am. Lunch included. Topic: “What You Can Do To Protect Assets for Nursing Home Care”.
  - **Falling and You**—A four-week presentation “Falling and You” will start on Fri. Mar. 27 at 10:30am. Watch the Gabber for further details.
- **Clases & Clubs:**
  - **Afternoon Art Class**—Olive Norden’s Art Class meets every Friday at 2pm. All mediums are welcome. Call to sign up. Free.
  - **Social & Ballroom Dancing**
    - **MARIO DELEON’S BAND**
      - Tues., Ballroom Lessons 6-8pm—Lessons $15, Call 322-0316
      - also available at Gulfport Casino, Eileen’s Resale Boutique, Beach Bazaar & Gulfport Chamber of Commerce
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    - Beginners, Advanced and Conversational classes meet at 6pm every Thursday. Advanced and Conversational Italian Languages continue at 7pm. Italian folk dance (Italian Style) offered at 8pm (no 3rd Thurs.) Newcomers welcome.
  - **AARP Driver Safety Program**—Every first and second Tuesdays, 10:30-4:30pm. Fee:$14 ($2 discount for AARP members). Must attend both classes. Call 341-0150 to register or visit www.aarp.org/drive.
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  - **Writers Group**—Every Fri. at 10am.
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    - **Senior Center Food Pantry**—Food items are available for low-income Gulfport residents. Must provide proof of address and income. Donations to the Food Pantry also gladly accepted.
  - **Phone Distribution for Hearing Impaired**—Tues. Mar. 17, 9:30-11:30am.
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Local Obituaries

ROSSON, GLORIA, 83, of St. Petersburg, died March 4, 2009, at Arbor Oaks. She was born in Flushing, NY. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas. She is survived by her son Philip Rosson, daughters Janice Wolancevich, Pam Rosson-Duval, Anne Rosson, and Donna Cordasco, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and dog. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of the Florida Suncoast. There will be a memorial service on March 14 at 10 a.m. at Clymer Park on 22nd Avenue S. and 55th Street. ALifeTribute FuneralCare - Gulfport.

SIMMONS, ARTIE BEE, JR., 68, of South Pasadena went to be with the Lord March 3, 2009 after his battle with lung cancer. He was a loving husband to Lee and a wonderful Dad to Kym Simmons, Lisa Simmons and Becky Simmons (Bob) Young. He was a devoted Pop Pop to Skylar, Mckinnlee and Ashton. He loved boating, baseball and riding his bike around Harbour side. He will be buried in Tennessee and a Celebration of Life will be at the Harbourside Clubhouse on Saturday, March 7 from 2-4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations appreciated to Little League Baseball. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911

SULLIVAN, JAMES P., 93, of So. Pasadena, formerly of Columbus, OH, died March 1, 2009 at Bay Pines VAMC. Survived by loving family. For full obit and registry visit www.veteransfuneralcare.com.

AMVETS Post #1

By John Silva, PRO!
We have been away for a spell and it is now time to come back and let you know what is going on at our Post. First of all, our Commander, Al Davidson sends his personal greeting to one and all, and a special invitation to all veterans. Our post, although quiet for a while is now experiencing a revival. We have many things going on, and we will keep you up to date as necessary. Some that come to immediate mind as a favorite to many is our Friday Barringo from 7 to 9 p.m., then topped off with music from 9-12 a.m.

Each Saturday we feature a band for your dancing pleasure. Come and show us your stuff, the music starts at 8 p.m. and you can put away your dancing shoes at midnight. Do we have meetings at our Post? You bet we do, and every member should attend. Here’s the routine: AMVETS-first Monday of the month at 7:30. Women’s Auxiliary meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Sons of AMVETS meets the last Monday of the month at 7:30. We, like other veteran organizations, are always looking forward to new membership. We hope you will consider us. Should you have questions about membership contact John Silva, at 866-6289. Come visit and see our Medal of Honor portrait display. Also, remember, March 25 is National Medal of Honor day. Come join with your fellow veterans and help us grow. Get involved.
Town Shores
Bocce Dance

The Bocce Blast is set. Sign up sheets are now in your buildings and you need to get signed up by tomorrow, March 13. If you have any questions, call George White at 345-3618.

The first day of the Blast will be on Monday, March 23. The Blast picnic will be held at 12 noon, rain or shine, on Tuesday, April 2. Tickets for a box lunch with 2-piece chicken, beans, cole slaw, roll and beverage for $5 will be available from your building rep.

The Bocce Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 28 with 5:30 seatings and dinner served at 6 p.m. Lee Roy Selmon’s will be catering a wonderful dinner of salad, ribs, chicken breast, vegetables and dessert. The entertainment will be provided by Al Ruggiero. See your building rep for tickets of $15.50. After talking with many of the building reps, tables are filling up. Don’t miss out on a fun filled evening. Call your building rep today.

They have one more week of Bocce play for this season. Come down to the Bocce courts and see the final week of play.

Pinellas Youth Symphony in Concert

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Each week the City of Gulfport tests the water quality in the waters off Gulfport Beach. Gulfport has contracted with the City of St. Petersburg for the tests. Every month The Gabber publishes the results of those tests. If, at any time, the tests show that the water quality poses a health risk, the City of Gulfport will issue a Health Advisory. Gulfport typically receives test results within a week of taking the sample.

Currently, the City tests for two things: enterococcus and fecal coliform. Scientists consider enterococcus a common bacteria found in animal and human intestines, and, resulting, in human and animal excrement. Federal standards used to require agencies to measure water quality by the amount of fecal coliform along public beach waters but recently have replaced fecal coliform with enterococcus as the standard. Fecal coliform also comes from the waste of warm-blooded animals, including humans.

The City of Gulfport currently tests for both types of bacteria. Test results will help classify Gulfport Harbor as “good”, “moderate”, or “poor”. Enterococcus of less than 35 parts per 100 milliliter and fecal coliform of less than 199 per 100 milliliter of saltwater indicate good water quality. For more information, contact the City of Gulfport at 893-1000.

Sample Date Enterococcus Fecal Coliform
February 3 2 7
February 10 2 7
February 17 2 7
February 24 2 7

You can reach Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@TheGabber.com
Town Shores Golf

Now is the time to get your reservation in for the March golf outing on Saturday, March 28. Get your group together or we will partner you in a foursome. The event is open to all men and women owners, renters and guests at Town Shores.

The outing will again be held at the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club in Palmetto, a short drive over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. The price of $42 includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, beverages and prizes. Registration will be at 7:45 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Make checks out to the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club and all checks must be in by Monday, March 23. Please get checks ASAP to Gene Marckini, Chester Halgas, Jim Walters or Lew Lamb. Call them with any questions.

Genealogy and Family History

A free series of talks is presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society on the second Saturday of the month (March 14) from 10-11:30 a.m. at the West St. Petersburg Community Library, Room 101, located at the Gibbs College Campus at the corner of Eighth Avenue and 66th Street N. Charlie Grandmaison is the producer and can be reached at 343-2776 or email to ChasGene@aol.com. This lecture/discussion series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Your Free Time Can Help a Parent

The Parent Aide Program of Help A Child, Inc. has several parents who would really benefit from a mentor and role model for better parenting. Volunteers will be trained to help a parent understand how important what they say and how they say it is to the self esteem of their child, how to discover more about their children and to look for their value, how to help a parent understand their child’s changing behavior and how to appropriately handle misbehavior and much more. Volunteers provide emotional support as a parent faces the unique challenges of raising children in today’s every changing environment.

Call Pat Measel at 544-3900, ext. 169 or visit www.HelpAChild.org for more information.

Help for Women in Transition

The Resource Center for Women (RCW) helps women in transition achieve emotional strength, self-sufficiency and economic stability. RCW offers free training programs to women in the areas of personal growth, career development, basic money management and parenting. In addition, RCW offers a monthly computer orientation class, a free computer lab and a women’s support group.

Classes are held in St. Petersburg at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Avenue S., 893-7134. Registration is required for all classes. Visit www.resourcecenterforwomen.org for more information or call 586-1110.

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VITA (Volunteer Tax Assistance) Sites Pinellas County Locations

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Take advantage of FREE quality electronic filing by IRS certified tax preparers. Don’t pay expensive tax preparation or refund loan fees.

**GROW IT**
Open a bank account, build savings or pay bills and improve your credit. Ask about ways to put your money to work for you.
Spring Clean Safely

When you start your spring cleaning, check your home for chipping and peeling paint on window sills and wells, doors, porches, and outside areas. These may contain lead - if your house was built before 1978. Lead can be harmful to children and pregnant women. You'll need to wet mop floors, porches and clean sills with warm water and TSP (tri-sodium phosphate) cleanser or an automatic dishwashing powder that has phosphates in it.

Vacuum all carpets and wood floors, disposing of bag after use. If you’re asthmatic, wear a dust mask (from hardware store); or use a microfilter vacuum cleaner ag, or one with a HEPA filter.

Clean moldy surfaces with a cleaner containing bleach, but don’t mix bleach and ammonia as this can be toxic. Remove imported vinyl mini-blinds which can contain lead; avoid using sanders and heat guns to remove old paint - wet scrape flaking paint; cover furniture, remove toys, and seal off vents and cover carpets/floors with heavy plastic sheeting before beginning work; clean work area thoroughly with household cleaner containing TSP when work is completed; wet sweep only; dry sweeping or using a regular vacuum can stir up leaded dust.

For more information about making your home lead-safe, call the Pinellas County Lead Intervention Team at 824-6927.

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College Financial Aid Myths

Don’t believe these college financial aid myths.

Myth #1: You can’t afford college.

The truth is most college students require some form of financial aid. Don’t ignore college because of its “sticker price”.

Myth #2: You have to be very poor, very smart or very talented to qualify for financial aid. Financial aid comes in many forms such as the federal government, the college or university itself, a parent’s employer and others. When you take the time to explore all the possibilities, you will be surprised as to what services you may receive.

Myth #3: You can get more scholarships by paying someone to search for you. Scholarship scams are everywhere. Beware of any group or individual that guarantees a scholarship if you pay a fee. Check out www.fastweb.com or www.finaid.org for more information.

Myth #4: My child will pay for college, so my salary doesn’t matter. Most need-based financial aid is based on parents’ income and assets. The FAFSA form, available online at www.fasa.ed.gov asks for information similar to what you need for your income taxes. After submitting FAFSA, you’ll receive a report that shows how much the government expects you to pay.

Myth #5: You can wait until you get accepted to a college before worrying about financial aid. Most financial aid is doled out on a first-come, first-served basis. No one should wait to get started. Looking for financial aid probably isn’t a teen’s idea of a good time, but it is better than graduating from college in debt.
News from VFW Post 39
By Stacy McBeth

The friendliest and oldest VFW Post in the south sends out a big hello to all of you. Our schedule is off with a big start Friday, March 13. The “A Hole” club meets at 5:39 p.m. Saturday March 14 we have a busy day planned starting with breakfast from 8-11 a.m. The Saturday afternoon movie starts at 2 p.m. Danny Boys’ St. Patrick’s dinner will be served by the Men’s Auxiliary from 5-7 p.m. for a $7 donation. Sunday, March 15 stop in for games, sports, Nascar and bingo which starts at 3 p.m. Monday the Post is closed for the day. Tuesday through Friday enjoy happy hour from 4-6 p.m. You can try your luck at pull tab or play free Nintendo WII with Sports Plus. Bring your friends to see the Military Memorabilia Museum located in the Bobby Evans Library.

Have a good week. Keep our military in your prayers and reach out to our veterans. See you soon!

Bayfront Gift Shop Needs Volunteers

The Bayfront Medical Center’s Gift Gallery is in need of volunteers. There are three convenient 4-hour shifts daily. You will receive a meal ticket to their cafeteria, and free parking at the hospital when you work. If you are interested in becoming a Gift Gallery volunteer or would like more information, please contact Cyd Hendrick at 893-6878.

Donate to West St. Petersburg Library

Donations of books, magazines and any collectibles such as stamps are wanted by the Bookstore of The Friends of the West St. Petersburg Community Library located on the St. Petersburg College Gibbs Campus at the corner of Eighth Avenue N. and 67 Street N. The proceeds from the sale of these items are used to fund special children’s and adult programs to benefit the community. They are willing to pick up any items at your convenience. They are a volunteer non-profit c-3 organization and can provide a receipt to you for possible tax deduction. Call Charlie Grandmaison at 343-2776.

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Safeguard Your Dogs Against Heat

Hot weather is often deadly for dogs who can succumb to heatstroke in just 15 minutes and suffer brain damage as a result. Dogs who are left in parked cars are especially susceptible.

Symptoms of heatstroke include restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, vomiting and lack of coordination. If you see a dog showing any of these symptoms, get him or her into the shade immediately and call a veterinarian. Lower the dog’s body temperature by providing water to drink, applying a cold towel to the head and chest, or immersing the dog in tepid (not cold) water.

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) makes the following suggestions for safeguarding animals.

Don’t carry your dog in the bed of a pickup truck. While this practice is always dangerous, heat brings the added danger that dogs’ feet might be burned on hot metal.

Don’t take your dog jogging, except on cool mornings or evenings. Best often, and take plenty of water.

Trim heavy-coated dogs’ fur, but leave an inch of fur for protection against insects and sunburn.

Keep dogs inside. If they absolutely must stay outside, at least try not to keep them outside during the hottest part of the day. Provide all-day shade, drinking water in a heavy bowl and a kiddie pool.

Additional information can be found at HelpingAnimals.com.

Holding Teen Drivers Accountable

With motor vehicle accidents claiming between 5,000 and 6,000 teen lives each year, a new survey commissioned by Allstate Insurance reveals that many teens do not take personal responsibility for safe driving and continue to engage in dangerous driving behaviors.

While nearly 90 percent of teens surveyed said they hope their friends will be safer on the road in 2008, just 11 percent included “driving more safely” among their personal New Year resolutions. One-third (34 percent) of teens surveyed reported being frightened as a passenger because the driver was being careless, but did not say anything to the driver.

Allstate is engaged in a nationwide awareness campaign to help enable parents in discussing safe-driving practices with their teenagers. The Interactive Parent-Teen Driving Contract, available at www.allstate.com/teen can bring accountability to teens and parents as well as reinforce the responsibility of passengers and peers as it relates to driving. The contract includes ‘agreements’ and ‘consequences’ for eight categories including speeding, time of day, crashes, number of passengers, drinking and driving, seatbelts, cell phone and other distractions.

St. Petersburg Writers Club

Anyone interested in writing, whether a seasoned professional or a beginner is welcome to attend a meeting of the St. Petersburg Writer’s Club, the oldest writers’ group in Pinellas County.

The Club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 101 at the West St. Petersburg Library, Eighth Avenue and 67th Street N., adjacent to St. Petersburg College. Come early and socialize with other members of the group. All writers and would-be writers are invited. Call Martha Dupes at 736-3355 or Pat First at 397-8833.
Gulfport Little League Wish List

By Dawn Johnson

We, the Board Members of Gulfport Little League, are asking for your help and support in fulfilling the wishes for the children in our program at Gulfport Little League. Any contribution or act of kindness will be deeply and greatly appreciated.

- Food, oil, any perishables for concession stand
- Equipment: baseball, gloves, bats and catchers gear
- Volunteers: coaches, scorekeepers and concession stand
- Microwave
- Refrigerator
- Pitching machine
- Fans: for concession stand
- Air Conditioner for upstairs office
- Stay Dry and caulk for fields
- Office supplies: file folders, file labels, envelopes and stamps

Call Dawn Johnson, Gulfport Little League President at 710-2676.

Drowsy Driving Danger

The American Association of Safety Councils and the Suncoast Safety Council are issuing a warning about the dangers of driving while drowsy. A U.S. Dept. of Transportation poll says that 37% of the driving population says they have nodded off for at least a moment or fallen asleep while driving at some time in their life. According to the National Sleep Foundation, driving while drowsy may be just as deadly as driving drunk.

If you are about to fall asleep you will experience some or all of the following: You yawn a lot or need to rub your eyes. You have trouble keeping your eyes open and focused. You nod and can’t keep your head up. You daydream or have wandering, disconnected thoughts. You find yourself tailgating or driving at irregular speeds. You miss road signs, drive past your turn or can’t focus on your route. You feel irritable, restless or impatient. You drift off the road and hit the rumble strips or cross into another lane.

Pay attention to these symptoms and make sure you pull off the road.

43rd Street Seniors to Meet

The 43rd Street Senior Citizens Club meets the third Friday of each month at 12 noon at Christ Lutheran Church, 3451 30 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg, September through May. Bring a covered dish and $1 donation. Public is welcome for fun and games. Call Connie at 343-5454 or Mary Ann at 347-4463 for information.

Suncoast Sierra Club

The Suncoast Sierra Club of Pinellas County meets on the third Thursday of every month at Moccasin Lake Park in Clearwater. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Call Joyce at 526-5065 for further information.

Support Our Troops

Donate items such as candy, cookies, microwave popcorn, peanut butter or cheese crackers, small canned fruits, canned meats and tuna, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light, beef jerky, slim jims, any small microwave products (soupas, pastas, etc.), ladies hygiene products, baby wipes, chapstick, sunscreen, bandanas, socks, zip lock bags and Q-tips. Drop off goods at the Army Recruiting Office in Seminole Mall, VFW Post 4256 at John’s Pass, American Legion Post 7 in Clearwater, Extra Storage Space on Duhme Road in Madeira Beach or VFW Post 9273 in Seminole.

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Gulfport Centennial Countdown Continues!

In just 83 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We’ll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, places, and above all the decade of each picture as it comes along. To make it a little bit of a challenge, we won’t publish the correct caption until the following week.

LAST WEEK’S ANSWER:
Built in 1913 of heart pine, the building shown to the left in last week’s picture was the town’s first Methodist Church. When the congregation outgrew its small space in 1956, they offered it to the city, which moved it across 53rd Street to Chase Park. It was used by the Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Civil Air Patrol, and GEMS before becoming the home of the Gulfport Historical Society Museum in 1984. And the “new” Methodist Church has since expanded and relocated their main entrance, too.

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Family Honors Ted and Goldie Phillips

Members of the family of Ted and Goldie Phillips honored their memory on Wednesday morning with the dedication of a bench at Ted Phillips Wood Ibis Park on 58th Street. Ted Phillips was a member of Gulfport city council for nearly 20 years and served as vice mayor for a number of them. He was instrumental in the creation of Ted Phillips Wood Ibis Park and he and his wife were popular members of the Gulfport community. They were married for 62 years. After moving to Deland to be closer to their daughter, Ted died in September of last year and Goldie died in December. Pictured here from left to right: Eileen Weiss, Gulfport; Ellen Phillips, New York; Beth Phillips, Deland; and Steve Weiss, Gulfport.

Most Holy Name Fish Fry Dinners

Lent is here and so are the famous Fish Fry Dinners hosted by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the St. Mary & St. Anne Society at Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, 5800 15 Avenue S. in Gulfport. This year dinners will be served on Fridays March 13, March 20, March 27 and April 3 from 5-7:30 p.m. Baked or fried fish dinners will cost $7 for adults, $4 for children, and shrimp dinners will cost $10.

In addition to baked or fried fish or shrimp, each dinner will include weekly varying side dishes of cole slaw and baked beans or parsley buttered potatoes and green beans. Also included with dinners are roll and butter, homemade desserts and coffee or tea. Sodas and water will be available at extra cost. Wine and beer will be available for a donation.

This annual event has been held for several years with all customers enjoying the delicious food and meeting many friends and gracious hosts.

2nd Annual Rummage Sale

Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Gulfport is having its 2nd annual rummage sale on April 4. They need your unwanted treasures. If you would like to donate any items call Janet at 328-9277.

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Gulfport Community Players
Present Auntie Mame
By Cathy Salustri

I may have been the only person in the Catherine Hickman theatre who hadn’t seen the movie Auntie Mame before walking into the Gulfport Community Players’ production Saturday night, but the Gulfport production didn’t need any help from Rosalind Russell to make the audience smile. Everyone there, from the actors to the audience, looked as though they enjoyed Auntie Mame.

This production, though not without faults, has a lot going for it and plenty of reasons to see it. It’s one of the best things I’ve seen from the Players in quite a while, and much of the credit must go to the director, Ed Stevens, as well as the cast and production staff.

Stevens designed an enchanting set that Frank Hale’s lighting design only compliments. Stevens cleverly “hides” the scene changes by bringing the action downstage of the curtain to help keep the show moving. Everything worked well technically Saturday night with no glitches or noticeable mishaps, no small feat for a backstage crew dealing with multiple set changes and no doubt a lot of pressure to get them done quickly.

Of course, the cast deserves praise for a fine job and a thoroughly enjoyable play. The show ran just over three hours (including an intermission) and the cast kept the energy up and the show moving until they took their last bow.

Without a doubt Ginger King led the cast and set a punishing pace for the show, transforming into Mame for three hours Saturday night. A newcomer to the Players, King delighted the audience with her convincingly thorough portrayal of the eccentric aunt. If sometimes a few of the other players couldn’t keep up you can easily forgive that, because it wasn’t actors trying to keep up with King but friends and family trying to keep up with Mame’s abundant energy and zest.

Both men who played Patrick Dennis, Levi Kidder and Alex DeCosmo, turned in outstanding performances. Kidder especially did a phenomenal job; the middle school student easily kept pace with all the older performers. DeCosmo played several roles (as did several of the other cast members) and made fine work of transitioning from role to role.

Mike Baggs, who last appeared with the Players in Don’t Drink the Water, played Mame’s love, Beauregard Burnside, among other small roles. Baggs gave a powerful performance and seemed one of the few adults who matched King’s energy. Nema Runyan, who plays Agnes Gooch, also does a spectacular job in her role and uniquely compliments Mame’s verve, as does Susan O’Gara as Vera.

The show stealer came at the very end of the show when Mame’s grandnephew makes an appearance. Cade Tanne Wenzel plays Michael Dennis, his first appearance onstage. I’m not sure how hard it is to keep a six-year-old awake until 11 p.m. (or, more accurately, how hard it is on his mom and dad the next morning) but the audience appreciated Wenzel’s performance and Wenzel did every bit as well as the grown-ups.

The biggest criticism I heard Saturday night—and one I had myself—was that the show lasted over three hours. The audience got fidgety and the Players lost a few people in the intermission. As I understand it, Stevens cut a lot of material to trim the show length down, so I’m not sure why the play ran so long, but after a day outdoors I felt every minute of those three hours. Had it been a lesser show I would have walked out but I stayed because the actors kept me engaged.

Overall the Players pulled off a good performance, especially given a mixed bag of talent and a limited budget. The company would be well-served to cast several of these new actors again; I’d gladly go see them.

Auntie Mame runs through this weekend. Last week had sellout shows, so call 322-0316 for tickets. Cathy Salustri has worked as a stage manager throughout the Tampa Bay area. Contact her at CathySalustri@theGabber.com.

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Small Business and Crafters Fair

St. Luke’s United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Small Business and Crafters Fair on Saturday March 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 4444 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. A six foot (6’) booth or table is $25 per space. Admission is free to the public. Please support our local and neighborhood businesses.

For details and booth registration please contact Nancy Horneman at 366-9572 or email her at nhorneman@tampabay.rr.com.

Players Call for Scripts

It’s that time of the year again! The Gulfport Community Players are requesting all playwrights (or wannabe playwrights) to submit their one act script(s) for consideration of being performed during their 9th Annual Summer One-Act Play Festival. This Festival will run from July 9 through July 19 at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport.

The Players are requesting very short scripts, fit for family audiences, less than 20 minutes in length, and easy to stage (no elaborate sets or props). Scripts must be submitted no later than March 31.

Please submit three hard copies of your script(s) to: Gulfport Community Players, 4919 17 Ave. So., Gulfport, FL 33707, Att: Eileen Navarro.

The Players will read and evaluate each script and select around eight of them for staging at the Hickman Theater in July. Sorry, no scripts can be returned.

Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members and guests enjoyed dinner on Saturday, March 7 at Gigi’s Restaurant in Pasadena Shopping Center. Hostesses for the social were Paula Roberts and Paula Lyons.

Laureate Epsilon Theta members will be entertained by Alpha Delta Gamma members with a reciprocity social on Saturday, March 21. Rumor has it they will be playing “Active” Bingo. This will be interesting to see.

Sunshine City Council will host a Sister-to-Sister Teacup Exchange on Saturday, March 14 at the Elmer O. Smith Masonic Lodge, 5021 75 Avenue N. in Pinellas Park from 2-4 p.m. Members will bring a wrapped teacup and saucer to exchange. We will play a game of learning about another sister and share the information and exchange our teacups. This has become an annual social event all members look forward to participating in.

The City Council Executive Board will meet on Monday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at the home of Joyce Keller.

For more information, please call Sharon Ingram 321-2849.

Class of 1984 Plans 25 Year Reunion

Boca Ciega class of 1984 announces their 25 year reunion, Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18. Friday night’s festivities will begin at 7 p.m. at Gators on John’s Pass and Saturday’s celebration will continue at the Sirata Beach Resort, 5300 Gulf Boulevard in St. Pete Beach. For more information call Cindy Brawner Nagel at 813-250-3007 or to register, visit www.bchs1984.com.
Following are some of the calls that Gulfport Police responded to during the past week.

**Friday 2/27**
- Drunk Driver - 2200 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Noise Complaint - 5000 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint - 1800 Blk 57th St. S.
- Animal Complaint - 900 Blk 55th St. S.
- Animal Complaint - 900 Blk 54th St. S.
- Fight in Progress - 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Vessel Stop - Boca Ciega Bay.
- Arrest on Warrant - 5700 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint - 2800 Blk Tifton St. S.
- Noise Complaint - 1200 Blk 59th St. S.
- Drunk Driver - 2200 Blk 59th St. S.

**Saturday 2/28**
- Burglary - 4900 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint - 1300 Blk 56th St. S.
- Animal Complaint - 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Hit & Run - 1300 Blk 56th St. S.
- Cruelty to Animals - Tomlinson Park.
- Fight in Progress - 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual - 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls - Location Withheld.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls - 5400 Blk 29th Ave.

**Sunday 3/1**
- Burglary - 5800 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint - 6300 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- **Monday 3/2**
- Noise Complaint - 4600 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Theft - 2100 Blk 54th St. S.
- Trespasser - 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual - 5300 Blk 21st Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint - 2800 Blk 47th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual - 2000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Stolen Vehicle - 2900 Blk 59th St. S.
- Burglary - 5000 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint - 2500 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual - 5200 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Disabled Vehicle - 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Tuesday 3/3**
- Suspicious Person - 1100 Blk 62nd Ave. S.
- Burglary - 700 Blk Gray St. S.
- Animal Complaint - 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal - 1500 Blk 59th St. S.
- Disabled Vehicle - 5900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- **Wednesday 3/4**
- Burglary - 5200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual - 5500 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Disabled Vehicle - 1100 Blk 56th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief - 5500 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Arrest on Warrant - 5200 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Burglary - 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.

**Thursday 3/5**
- Suspicious Vehicle - 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs - 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs - 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual - 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs - 5000 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Trespasser - 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Criminal Mischief - 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual - 900 Blk Hull St. S.
- Animal Complaint - 5400 Blk. 28th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual - 5300 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint - 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
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The Whites of our Sighs

In the end, it seems, we’re all bleached blondes.

European scientists say they’ve solved the hoary, hairy problem of why most of us tend to go gray: hydrogen peroxide.

“All of our hair cells make a tiny bit of hydrogen peroxide,” said Dr. Gerald Weissmann, editor of The FASEB Journal (a journal for experimental biologists), which published the findings. “But as we get older, this little bit becomes a lot.”

Using cell cultures of hair follicles, researchers found that hydrogen peroxide in significant amounts blocked the normal synthesis of melanin. Melanin is a natural pigment that colors not only our hair, but also our skin and eyes.

As hair follicles aged, they produced less of a key enzyme needed to break down hydrogen peroxide into harmless water and oxygen. Instead, hydrogen peroxide levels accumulated until a visible effect was produced.

“We bleach our hair pigment from within,” said Weissmann. “Our hair turns gray and then white.”

Unless, of course, you’re a guy. Then your white hair falls out.

GET ME THAT. STAT!

At least 84 children ages 2 to 7 have died from organ failure in Nigeria after consuming teething syrup tainted with ethylene glycol, an engine coolant.

NUMBER CRUNCHER

A single-patty cheeseburger with bacon (195 grams) contains 550 calories, 278 from fat. It has 31 grams of total fat or 48 percent of the recommended total fat intake for a 2,000-calorie daily diet.

It also contains 98 milligrams of cholesterol (33 percent); 1,314 mg of sodium (55 percent); 37 grams of total carbohydrates (12 percent); 2.5 g of dietary fiber (10 percent); 9 g of sugar and 31 g of protein.

MEDTRONICA

Dr. Greene
drgreene.com

Dr. Alan Greene is a professor of pediatrics at Stanford University and a practicing physician. His site is a go-to place for straightforward information on the developmental stages of childhood, diseases, conditions and parenting. There are different sections for parents, children, teens and doctors.

MEET GERM

Sapovirus causes diarrheal disease. It was first identified in 1978 but is believed to be an old viral acquaintance, probably evolving along with humans over the centuries. It is transmitted via poor hygiene, incubating two to three days before symptoms appear. Treatment generally means avoiding dehydration. There is no specific antiviral treatment.

STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

Touted as a possible preventer of cancer, green tea capsules may actually have the opposite effect in people taking certain anti-cancer drugs.

Researchers at the University of Southern California gave groups of mice with multiple myeloma tumors one of three treatments: a cancer drug called Velcade, an anti-oxidant found in green tea or a combination of Velcade and the anti-oxidant. The drug alone shrank mouse tumors; the combination of drug and green tea anti-oxidant did not.

Subsequent test-tube studies show the anti-oxidant inactivated the drug.

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Allodoxaphobia -- fear of opinions

BEST MEDICINE

I plan to live forever. So far, so good. -- Comedian Steven Wright (1955-)

OBSERVATION

I brought some mosquitoes. Here, I’ll let them roam around. There is no reason only poor people should be infected. -- Bill Gates, speaking at recent TED Conference on malaria

LAST WORDS

The nourishment is palatable. -- Millard Fillmore, the 13th president of the United States (1800-1874), whose purported last words were as memorable as his administration...
Events at American Legion Post 125

By Don Phipps, Commander

On Tuesday, March 17, St. Patrick’s Day, we will be serving corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, roll and butter for $5.50 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. If you plan to attend, a sign up sheet is in the lobby. Hope everyone has a great St. Patrick’s Day.

The Auxiliary is again having their miniature golf tournament. It will be Sunday, March 22 at the Polynesian Putter on St. Pete Beach. Sign up sheets are in the lounge. Teams of two people are $15 per person. You can also sponsor a hole for $10. Funds from this tournament will benefit the Sallie House for abused, abandoned and neglected children.

Friday, March 13, dinner will be baked or battered haddock, fries, cole slaw, roll and butter for $7.75. The second entrée will be veal parmesan, spaghetti, roll and butter for $6.50. Saturday, March 14 the Color Guard will be serving steak, salad, baked potato, roll, butter and dessert for $7.75. All dinners are served from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Southern Knights Band is here every Friday and Saturday night from 7 to 11 p.m. This is the best band around and I know you will enjoy dancing and listening to their great music.

Sunday breakfast is cooked to order. You get eggs, bacon or sausage, potatoes, toast, juice and coffee for only $3.50. Side dishes are also available. Breakfast is served from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Mondays and Fridays, Marlin will be playing and singing in the lounge from 3 to 6 p.m. Come in and listen to some good entertainment.

Lunches are served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Lunches are not served on Mondays or Saturdays.

Tuesdays and Thursdays come in and sing with Ron’s karaoke at 7 p.m. Darts are played every Saturday at 8 p.m. Play pool for free on Saturdays until 5 p.m.

Bingo is played every Wednesday starting at 6 p.m. Fourteen $50 games are played, plus two progressive cover-all games for $250. The kitchen is open during bingo where you can order hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, onion rings, etc. Join us for an evening of fun, games and good food.

The Auxiliary is collecting donations for troops in Iraq. Items needed include candy, personal hygiene items, batteries, snacks, dry food items, etc. A collection box is provided at the post. For more information call Shirley at 510-1919. Let’s show them our support!

We are located at 6440 Fifth Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. The phone number is 347-6085.

Tennis Anyone?

Come join the Racquettes every Friday at 8:30 a.m. for round-robin tennis at the St. Petersburg Tennis Center, 650 18 Avenue S. All level of players welcome. For more information, please call 398-8055 or the Tennis Center at 823-2225.

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SPIFFS 34th Annual International Folk Fair

From March 27-29, St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society, Inc. (SPIFFS) and its ethnic member groups present their 34th International Festival at the Vinoy Park on St. Petersburg’s beautiful waterfront, transforming it into a microcosm of the world. The Folk Fair, this year emphasizing the “Wonders of the World”, is the highlight of year-long preparations.

Ethnic villages will capture the flavor of each country. Costumed villagers demonstrate time-honored hand craftsmanship and prepare ethnic food specialties for visitors. You’ll have a chance to chat informally with people who know the country. It’s an opportunity to brush up on a foreign language, recapture memories of a past visit and get first-hand information for that trip you’ve been planning. Eat your way around the world as you move from village to village sampling a variety of homemade ethnic dishes prepared before your eyes.

Folk dancing and music will be performed throughout the weekend. Highlights on Friday include Colin Grant Adams, Scottish Balladeer, and the Russian Folk Group Barynya, starring Misha Smirnov, the Russian judge from the NBC program “Superstars of Dance”. Friday night also features Country music and Line Dancing with Arline.

Saturday offers a wide range of entertainment, again featuring Colin Grant Adams and Barynya, but also showcasing a spectacular program of Chinese dancers and acrobats. And be sure not to miss the Grand Opening Ceremonies with the Parade of Nations at 3 p.m., when the members of many ethnic groups will march around the park, led by colorful bands, pipers and drummers.

Sunday is Hispanic Day at Folk Fair, with Latin bands and performers taking center stage. Highlight of the day will be national star group, The Latin League, that recently gained spotlight of Super Bowl performance in the Bay Area and their hair raising performance during President Barrack Obama’s inauguration in Washington DC.

The Folk Fair is your chance to travel the world - without leaving the country. Don’t miss this once a year opportunity to take part in the magic of song, dance and foods from around the world. Hours are Friday, March 27, 3-9 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 10-10 p.m. and Sunday March 29, from 12 noon-6 p.m.

Vinoy Park is located at Bayshore Blvd. and 7th Ave. NE. in downtown St. Petersburg.

2009 AARP Tax Sites

Free tax preparation and assistance is available through April 15 for those households with low to moderate incomes for taxpayers of all ages, but with an emphasis on those over 60 years of age.

Taxpayers must bring social security cards for all persons listed on their tax returns, a picture ID and all pertinent records such W-2s, 1099s, other income and credits, last year’s tax return and real estate tax receipt. Free electronic filing is available at all sites.

Locations and schedules are as follows: Gulf Beaches Public Library, 200 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, 10-1:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28 Avenue S., 10-3 p.m. Friday.

If you have any questions, please call Sylvia Scoble at 595-7408.

Post 125 Auxiliary Golf Tournament

American Legion Post 125 Auxiliary is holding a miniature golf tournament on Sunday, March 22, 10 a.m. at The Polynesian Putter, located at 4999 Gulf Boulevard in St. Pete Beach. Tickets are $15 per person to play and hole sponsors at $10 with proceeds to benefit Sallie house, a safe haven for abused infants and children. Contact any Auxiliary Officer or the Post at 347-6085.

SEND US YOUR NEWS!
321-6965
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Economic Recovery Begins at Home

As mass layoffs, state budget woes, school funding cuts, foreclosed houses and boarded up business leave Florida’s economy gloomy and uncertain, a grassroots push is underway to facilitate economic recovery at the local level. A coalition representing Florida businesses, media and city leaders launched a grassroots campaign urging Florida citizens to plant the seeds of economic recovery in their own backyards - by spending their money close to home.

“Florida’s Gross Domestic Product is 75-percent of consumer spending,” said Rick McAllister, President and CEO, Florida Retail Federation. “Our entire economy rides on how much Florida consumers consume and more importantly where they consume it. We can recover faster than expected if we convince Floridians to do their spending close to home and support the businesses that are invested in their communities and their state.”

Backers of the “Backyard Economics” campaign include the Florida Retail Federation, The Florida Chamber, the Florida League of Mayors, the Florida Press Association, the Florida Outdoor Advertising Association, the National Federation of Independent Businesses and Florida TaxWatch, the nonpartisan, nonprofit research institute and government watchdog.

According to a special Florida TaxWatch report released at the campaign kickoff, Florida consumers spent an estimated $11.2 billion in online shopping from other states and countries last year. The result of this spending - more than 112,000 full-time job losses in Florida. The study - “Out-of-State Online Shopping Costs Florida Thousands of Jobs” - is available for download at www.BackyardEconomics.com.

“Every $100,000 worth of online shopping costs one Floridian to lose his/her full-time job,” explained Dominic Calabro, President and CEO, Florida TaxWatch. “And we’re not just talking about retail jobs either. There is a domino effect that impacts every employment sector in the state.”

While it will take time to determine the impact of the newly-signed national economic stimulus package on job creation in Florida, consumer support for brick and mortar businesses that are invested in their neighborhoods and cities can quickly help save jobs and vital services.

“Backyard Economics is a great, voluntary program that encourages people to buy from Florida companies,” said Mark Wilson, President and CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce. “When Floridians know about the positive economic impacts to our state from buying local, they’re more likely to make a purchase here at home.”

Gainesville Mayor Pagheen Hanrahan leads the Florida League of Mayors and she is hopeful Florida consumers will feel empowered when they learn how the dollars they spend locally will help their community.

“We know that times are tough right now so we’re not asking our neighbors and residents to spend money they don’t have. When people do spend their money, we simply want them to pay attention to where those dollars are going. By keeping their money in their community, they are boosting local revenues in the form of business and sales taxes that will be spent many times over,” she said.

Another industry impacted by the current economy is the media, which is now helping spread the message about “backyard economics.” A significant number of radio, television and newspapers outlets, which rely on advertisements from local retailers and business, are laying off staff and cutting production in the face of shrinking advertising revenues.

“The struggling economy and the impact on communities we serve are documented in the pages of our member newspapers every day,” said Dean Ridings, President, Florida Press Association. “We’re committed to helping our communities rebound and local spending is critical to making that happen.”

All of the campaign partners are working to mobilize their members to join the cause and educate consumers. From member newsletters, magazines and websites to community presentations, newspaper ads and billboards - the grassroots approach pools partner resources to deliver a vital message: Local Spending Works.

For more information about the campaign, visit www.BackyardEconomics.com.

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Credit Card Debt
Getting Trickier

Dear Mary:
I received an invitation from Capital One to transfer balances to a new credit card at zero percent interest until March 2010. Would I be shooting myself in the foot if I accepted this offer and transferred two high-interest balances, currently $4,000 total? I’m worried this is a trap. -- Monica, Tennessee

Dear Monica:
There are many things you need to consider carefully before making your decision.

--Bait and switch. If you read the fine print on that invitation, you will see that Capital One retains the right to substitute a different credit card once you’ve accepted the offer and they check your credit history. You may or may not get zero percent interest.

--Credit score. If you get this deal, more than likely the credit limit will be the same or very close to the total amount you transfer, or $4,000. That means, for at least the first few months, you will be using 100 percent of your credit limit. That is bad for your credit score. Really, really bad.

--Not set in stone. Keep in mind that Capital One will include a clause in your agreement that says they can change the terms at any time for any reason. (This will change, but not until July 2010.) Here’s the scary thing: They could use your newly lowered credit score as the reason to do that!

It’s a real Catch-22.

--Real interest rate. Think July 2010. That’s when new credit card rules go into effect that will prevent credit card issuers from increasing your interest rates retroactively. If something happens that prevents you from reaching zero balances before then, expect whatever rates you’re paying after March 2010 to shoot up on, oh, say, June 15, 2010. They’ll have one last opportunity under the old rules.

You may determine it’s worth the risk to accept this offer to get rid of double-digit interest you may be carrying on these two accounts at this time.

The best option here is to do everything in your power to pay these debts as quickly as possible. If you have a rock-solid plan to do that within 12 months, it just might be worth the prospect of a low credit score for a while to accomplish that worthy goal. Once you are at a zero balance, your credit score will begin to improve, provided you do not close that account.

All that to say that if I were you, I believe I would take the risk. That’s because I hate credit card debt so much that I’d be willing to accept the lesser punishment of a low credit score, along with the possibility of an increased interest rate, for a while. That would be like a kick in the rear end to force me into greater sacrifice in other areas to pay the debt faster than I ever dreamed possible.

Women’s Ministry to Hold Annual Silver Tea

The Salvation Army Women’s Ministry will hold its Annual Silver Tea on Tuesday, March 17, at 2 p.m. at The Salvation Army located at 3800 Ninth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Tickets are available in advance by calling the church office at 323-2222 or by emailing Eileen at Eileen_Conte@uss.salvationarmy.org.

This year’s special guest vocalist will be Commissioner Marilyn Francis of The Salvation Army’s Canada and Bermuda Territory. A meal of light refreshments, sweets and tea will be served following the concert.

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance call the church office at 323-2222.

Guardian ad Litem Needs Volunteers

The 6th Circuit Guardian ad Litem office has launched a major initiative to recruit over 200 new volunteers to be the voice for close to a 1,000 children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned in Pinellas and Pasco Counties.

As a child’s advocate, a Guardian ad Litem visits the child every month, becomes familiar with the child’s case and makes recommendations to the court to help ensure the child has a safe, caring and stable environment. The average time needed is four to six hours a month.

Guardians receive 30 hours of training and ongoing assistance to help them make a positive difference in the lives of children. To volunteer and arrange to attend a brief orientation, call 1-866-341-1425.

For information and an application go to www.guardianadlitem6.org.

Sons of Italy Pasta Night

John Paul 1 Lodge will hold a pasta night every Monday from 4-8 p.m. featuring all-you-can-eat pasta with two meatballs, salad and coffee. Beer and wine available. The Lodge is located at 2500 34 Street S. in St. Petersburg, Take out available. Call 323-2691.

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Korean War Veterans Association

If you served in Korea during the Korean War up to the present, you are eligible for membership in the KWVA. They also welcome anyone who wishes to volunteer their time, energy and service. They meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 4364, 5772 62 Street N. in St. Petersburg. Call Clarence Dadswell, President at 525-6496 or visit www.kwvaflchapter14.com.

KWVA Chapter 14 is dedicated to preserving the historical contributions of our military who have served and sacrificed in the Korean theater from 1950 to the present. They participate in numerous charitable contributions to the memory of our veterans such as the creation and dedication of the beautiful and inspiring granite Korean War memorial at Freedom Lake Park in Pinellas Park.

In addition to parades, they serve as honor guards for military funerals including those veterans without families or friends; folding flags to be later used at funerals; serving as color guards for Tropicana Field and other events, rendering support to members in need and participation in other patriotic and charitable endeavors. They also participate in a number of youth oriented events and sponsor youth scholarships.

Of course there is always time for a number of enjoyable events such as outings, dinners, get togethers, etc.

On March 26 the KWVA will hold its annual dinner dance at the Wine Cellar for members and their guests. Their meetings reflect a relaxed yet formal format which concludes with sharing coffee, tea, sandwiches and pastries while engaged in pleasant conversation and socialization with members and guests.

If you are a veteran of the Korean theater from 1950 to the present, come and join their group of friendly members.

Suddently in Command

Would you know what to do if your spouse, friend or family member fell over board or was hurt or became ill from a heart attack or stroke while you were out boating or fishing?

Calling for help, starting and operating the boat would place you “suddenly in command”.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 72 will present a four hour program on Saturday, April 4 at the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary, Flotilla building from 8:30-12:30 p.m., 1300 Beach Drive SE in St. Petersburg. Call 898-1324 for information. Pre-registration is required as classroom space will be limited. Visit www.cgaux72.info/index.htm, click on Boating Classes for more information.

The program will include: Getting to know your boat; Types of Emergencies to prepare to handle; What to do if one of these Emergencies does happen; Marine communications and an introduction to the Rules of the Road (sea). Paper work will be available for you to apply for your state of Florida boater safety education ID card.

DBSA Support Group

Are you depressed or bipolar or have another disorder? Come to a support group that meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. at Northeast Presbyterian Church, 4400 Shore Acre Boulevard NE. Call Mary at 520-1856 for more information.

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row and column must contain one of each digit. So must every row, as must every 3x3 square.
News Stories Mix
Apples With Oranges

Q: I recently read a newspaper story that said two of the six children the single mom in California already had before she gave birth to the octuplets are getting Social Security disability benefits. Are our elected leaders out to lunch? No wonder the system is going broke if our Social Security tax dollars are supporting children whose only disability seems to be that they have a mother who has a history of making bad decisions! What do you know about this?

A: I know that President Richard Nixon’s advisors were really lousy at coming up with names for government programs! And if that seems like the non sequitur to end all non sequiturs, I’ll explain in a minute.

But first, I must make two points. 1. It is NOT my place in this column to comment on the ethics or the judgment of the mother of these 14 kids. 2. I am NOT privy to any of this woman’s government records.

But I saw the same news story you did. It said that two of this mother’s first six kids are getting “Social Security disability benefits.” And that made me angry. Not because the children are getting disability benefits, but because once again, the press and the public are confusing the Social Security program with the Supplemental Security Income program.

As I said, I know nothing about this family’s actual government records. But I will bet my bottom dollar those children are not getting Social Security benefits. And that’s a good bet because the Social Security program simply does not pay disability benefits to children under age 18.

They must be getting Supplemental Security Income disability benefits. SSI is a federal welfare program that pays monthly benefits to low-income children who have disabilities. Although SSI happens to be managed by the Social Security Administration, it is not a Social Security program and it is not funded by Social Security taxes. It is paid for by general tax revenues.

Now, what’s all this got to do with President Nixon? It was his administration that created the Supplemental Security Income program. Before SSI, the nation’s poor disabled children (and poor disabled adults too, for that matter) received various kinds of welfare benefits administered by each of the 50 states. And many people frequently complained about the inequities among the state welfare programs. One state might hand out a relatively generous monthly allowance to someone with little more than a nagging backache, while another state might grudgingly pay a pittance to someone dying of cancer.

Nixon’s people had the arguably good idea to standardize our country’s diverse welfare programs for low-income disabled adults and children. And they decided to standardize programs for the low-income aged population as well. But then they messed things up in two ways.

First, they decided to give the newly created programs to the already over-burdened Social Security Administration to manage.

Second, they decided to name the new program Supplemental Security Income. They supposedly did this with noble intentions. They wanted to remove the stigma that goes along with the term “welfare.” I was working for SSA in those days, and I clearly remember being instructed over and over again to never use the term “welfare” when describing the SSI program. If push came to shove, we were told to call it a “needs-based” program.

But the fact that the program is run by the Social Security Administration, and the fact that it is called “Supplemental Security Income,” has led just about everyone in the country to assume that SSI is some kind of supplemental Social Security benefit.

And that has led millions of people, including the person who sent me this letter, to lose confidence in their government officials and the Social Security program because they assume their Social Security tax dollars are being squandered on welfare payments to questionable beneficiaries.

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ATTENTION GULFPORT TEENS

Are you 13-19 years of age?
Are you interested in becoming a part of changing the way people view teens?

The Gulfport Teen Council is looking for you! Teen members’ involvement includes working with the City Council concerning equipment recommendations; budgetary considerations for City’s parks and recreation programs; and provide recommendations, suggestions and assistance with youth events for city-sponsored festivals/programs. Teen Council members also gain valuable community experiences by attending local and state conferences, participating in community services projects and by representing the best of the City’s youth.

Get involved today! There are two vacant advisory board positions available and two vacant alternate advisory board positions available. Applications may be picked up at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard S. or City Hall, 2401 53 Street S. Positions are open until filled. A recommendation/reference letter is required from a principal, school counselor, teacher or an adult not related to applicant attached with the application.

My Favorite Older Person Essay Contest

Gulfport Middle and High School Students (including those home schooled) are invited to write a short essay on the topic of “My Favorite Older Person”. What a wonderful way to honor the person who has touched your life in a special way! The older person should be at least 60 years or older and with whom you have a personal relationship.

Entries should be typed, if possible, and limited to two sheets (font 12) or handwritten (please, no pencil). Prizes include $75 Wal-Mart gift card (first prize) and $25 Wal-Mart gift Card (second prize), etc. Essay judges will be looking for ability to describe your feelings for the person; ability to illustrate what you write with examples; ability to write these clearly and concisely; ability to describe the qualities you admire in the person (independence, helping other, courage, etc.); and writing skills appropriate to the grade level.

Completed essays can be returned to the Senior Center (5501 27th Ave. S., Gulfport, FL 33707) by March 31. Essays will not be accepted after April 3. Essay winners and their favorite older person will be recognized at a City of Gulfport Council Meeting during the month of May which is Older Americans Month.

Sponsors include the City of Gulfport, The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, Inc., Gulfport Optimists Club and The Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Call the Senior Center if you would like to receive an Essay Contest Flyer or need further information at 893-2237.

Power Squadron Offers Boating Course

The United States Power Squadrons America’s Boating Course, presented by The St. Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron starting Monday, March 16 from 7-9 p.m. and continues for an additional six weeks on Monday nights. Location is the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost $25 per family. Contact www.boating-stpete.org or 498-4001.

Monthly Meeting at Woman’s Club

The monthly meeting of the GFWC St. Petersburg Woman’s Club at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard N.E. will be held on Friday, March 13 at 1 p.m. The Conservation Department will be presenting a program on “Palm Paradise” - the selection, planting and care of Florida friendly palms. Guests are welcome to attend.

For further information on monthly meetings, Saturday Group and other diverse activities which include art and craft workshops, monthly excursions, book discussions, weekly sewing group and card games please call 822-4982. The St. Petersburg Woman’s Club has been serving the community since 1913.

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**Sustainable Seafood**

Ocean fish are the last wild creatures that people hunt on a large scale. We used to think of the ocean’s bounty as endless. Recently, we have discovered its limits. Between 1950 and 1994, ocean fishermen increased their catch by 400 percent by doubling the number of boats they used and using more effective fishing gear, according to Monterey Bay Aquarium’s Seafood Watch. In 1989, the world’s catch leveled off at about 82 million metric tons of fish per year. We have reached “peak fish,” and no number of boats would help us catch more. Today only 10 percent of all large fish -- both open-ocean species (tuna, swordfish, marlin, etc.) and the large groundfish, such as cod, halibut, skates and flounder -- are left in the sea, according to research published in National Geographic.

“From giant blue marlin to mighty bluefin tuna, and from tropical groupers to Antarctic cod, industrial fishing has scoured the global ocean. There is no blue frontier left,” lead author Ransom Myers told National Geographic. “Since 1950, with the onset of industrialized fisheries, we have rapidly reduced the resource base to less than 10 percent -- not just in some areas, not just for some stocks, but for entire communities of these large fish species from the tropics to the poles.”

“The impact we have had on ocean ecosystems has been vastly underestimated,” said co-author Boris Worm. “These are the megafauna, the big predators of the sea, and the species we most value. Their depletion not only threatens the future of these fish and the fishers that depend on them, it could also bring about a complete re-organization of ocean ecosystems, with unknown global consequences.”

Marine biologist Sylvia Earle said: “I don’t blame the fishermen for this. We, the consumers, have done this because we have a taste for fish and ‘delicacies’ such as shark-fin soup. Our demand for seafood appears to be insatiable ... driven by high-end appetites. I’ve always believed that even when there is only one bluefin tuna left in the sea someone will pay a million dollars to be able to eat it.”

Earle, who is also an author and sustainability advocate, pointed out: “Most people also don’t know how bad it is for us to be eating so much fish, not only because of the destruction of an ecosystem vital to survival but also because the big predatory fish are full of the toxins and other pollutants that we cast into the oceans. It’s not as healthy to eat fish as most people believe.”

Coastal wetlands are fertile habitats for fish and shellfish but also popular places for people. More than half the world’s people live near seacoasts, placing most of our large cities next to oceans. Bay waters are polluted by sewage, oil, chemicals and agricultural fertilizer. Paved surfaces near wetlands and tidal areas increase stormwater runoff.

Trawling and dragging are fishing methods that destroy habitats by dredging up seafloor. Some trawlers put rock-hopper gear, including old tires, along the bases of their nets to roll over rocky reefs, giving sea life no place to hide. Dredges drag nets with chain-mesh bases through soft sand or mud to catch scallops and sea urchins, crushing other life on the seafloor and damaging places where fish feed and breed. Some scientists believe that fishing with rock hoppers and dredges harms the ocean more than any other human activity.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 1 in 4 animals caught in fishing gear dies as bycatch, i.e., unwanted or unintentionally caught. Tons of fish are tossed out because they’re not what fishing boats are after, they have no market value, or they’re too small to sell. Bycatch often kills young fish that could have rebuilt depleted populations if they had been allowed to grow up and breed. It is estimated that for each pound of shrimp caught in a trawl net, between 2 and 10 pounds of other marine life is caught and discarded as bycatch.

Some seafood can be farmed sustainably. Clams are raised in special beds on sandy shores, where their harvest does little to disturb the ecosystem. Oysters and mussels often are raised in bags or cages that are suspended off the seafloor, so little damage is done when they’re harvested. Many farmed fish, such as salmon, are grown in net pens like cattle in feedlots. This is as environmentally damaging in the ocean as cattle feedlots are on land. Additionally, mangrove forests have been cut down and replaced with temporary shrimp farms, which supply shrimp to Europe, Japan and America until the water becomes polluted.

The following are the best choices for your dinner plate, according to the Seafood Choices Alliance: anchovies, arctic char, bluefish, catfish (farmed), clams, crabs (blue, Dungeness, king), crawfish, dogfish, hake, halibut (Pacific), herring (Atlantic), mackerel (Atlantic, Spanish), mussels (black, green-lipped), octopus (Pacific), oysters (farmed), Pacific black cod (sablefish), Pacific cod (pot- or jig-caught), pollock (Alaskan), prawns (trap-caught, Pacific), rock lobster (Australian), salmon (wild Alaskan), sardines (Pacific), scallops (bay-farmed), shrimp (U.S.-farmed), squid (Pacific), striped bass (hybrid), sturgeon (farmed), tilapia (farmed), tuna (Pacific albacore) and sea urchin.
Benefit for St. Pete Beach Fire & Rescue

Join us at The Drunken Clam, Saturday, March 14 for a good old fashioned “Lo Country Boil”, silent auction, raffles and Cornhole Tournament. Event starts at 12 noon and ends when we can’t play any more! A “Lo Country Boil” consists of shrimp, shellfish, corn, potatoes and smoked sausage all cooked in one large pot! The Clam Crew’s goal is to raise $2,500 for a special Stairwell Ventilation Fan to donate to the St. Pete Beach Fire & Rescue. This is a very special piece of equipment that is needed by the Fire Department to help and ensure safety for our Fire & Rescue teams. The Drunken Clam is located just off Gulf Boulevard (south of Dolphin Village) behind the Exxon/Dairy Queen on 46 Avenue. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. For more information on the Fundraiser or to make a donation please call 360-1800 or 692-8465.

Gulfport Safe Boating Program

Plan to attend the Boating Skills and Seamanship program offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-16 Gulfport. The program will be held in the building on Clam Bayou Park Point located east of the Gulfport Municipal Marina. This program is continuous every Tuesday from 7-9:30 p.m. every week. Start any Tuesday and 13 weeks later your will complete the program A certificate of completion will be issued to those participants successfully completing the program. Cost for materials is $40 per person. Successful completion of this program could increase boating pleasure and in many cases qualify you for a discount on your boating insurance. Please call 321-4455 or Kevin at 822-7232 for more information.

Vendors Needed for Arts & Crafts Show

Woodlawn Presbyterian is seeking local artists and craftsmen for their “Artists in the Courtyard” show and sale on Saturday, March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications are due by March 6 and are available at www.woodlawnchurch.net or call 822-4477; 580-8410 or email Woodlawnchurchoffice@verizon.net. The church is located at 2612 - 12 Street N. in St. Petersburg.

You Can Make a Difference

The St. Petersburg Police Department is currently conducting interviews for Volunteer Road Patrol positions. This elite group of nationally recognized volunteer police professionals is looking for good men and women to join our team. If you think you have the “right stuff” and want to make a difference in your community, call 893-7141 today to schedule an appointment.

Support for Adult Children of Alcoholics

A support group for adult children of alcoholics or other dysfunctional families meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 5023 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg. For more information, call Bill S. at 687-3673.
A Generous Donation to Gulfport

Captain Phil Fletcher, his daughter Cindy Davis and her husband Al Davis have offered the city of Gulfport a new mobile disaster emergency response vehicle free of charge. The vehicle would cost nearly $400,000 if purchased retail. The motor home being donated has a 400 horse power turbo diesel engine, an 8,000 watt diesel generator, washer and dryer, multiple slide outs, several large storage compartments and much more equipment. It can easily tow a large trailer of emergency supplies and equipment. “County fire and CERT personnel have expressed enthusiasm for the vehicle,” said Bob Worthington, council member. “It will provide the ability for Gulfport to have an in-house self contained mobile emergency center. It will also give Gulfport the ability to send support teams to any community in need.” Gulfport city council will need to officially accept the donation by resolution, which is planned for the next council meeting on March 17.

Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

The 5th Annual Chili Cook-off at the GFWC St Petersburg Woman’s Club at 40 Snell Isle Blvd. N.E., will be held on Friday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the event is $15 per person. There will be special guest chili judges, a homemade pie and cake auction and a silent auction. Live dance music will be provided by “Free Range”. A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Hospice of Florida Suncoast and the Historic Building Restoration Fund. For tickets please call 822-2473 before March 16.

For further information on monthly meetings, Saturday Group and other diverse activities which include art & craft workshops, monthly excursions, weekly sewing group and card games please call 822-4982. GFWC St. Petersburg Woman’s Club has been serving the community since 1913.

Learn about Toastmasters Club

Toastmasters is a positive learning environment where leaders develop professional skills needed in this tough economy. You will learn to evaluate your current skills, have productive discussions at work, practice speaking in front of a people, control nervousness, take on new roles, and develop yourself as a leader.

City Power Toastmasters is a non-profit organization devoted to continuing leadership skills in a relaxed, diverse and upbeat atmosphere. Join them every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m., One Fourth Street N., Municipal Services Building, 6th Floor, Room 600, downtown St. Petersburg. Guests are always welcome. For more information call 893-7918.

Writers’ Roundtable

The St. Petersburg Writers’ Roundtable meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Borders Tyrone Mall. Writing, reading, discussing and critiquing of original, unpublished works. Free and fabulous. Call 515-8191.
Wildlife Law Conference at Stetson Law

Register now to join a two-day International Wildlife Law Conference at Stetson University College of Law discussing the future of biofuel production, ecotourism, fisheries and species protection with an international panel of experts from eight countries.

The conference will be held at Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61 Street S. in Gulfport on March 26-27.

Speakers include: Wil Burns, editor-in-chief of the Journal of International Wildlife Law & Policy; Royal Gardner, professor of law at Stetson Law and director of Stetson’s Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy, chapter author: Agenda for a Sustainable America; Gunther Handl, Eberhard Deutsch Professor or Public International Law, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.; Clay Henderson, Holland & Knight LLP, Orlando, Fla.; Johannes Huber, executive secretary, Antarctic Treaty Secretariat, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Julia Jabour, senior lecturer, honors and graduate research coordinator, Institute of Antarctic & Southern Ocean Studies, University of Tasmania, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia; and Andi Pearl, manager of Antarctic Krill Conservation Project, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington, D.C.

The two-day conference will discuss topics including the impact of biofuel production on biodiversity, wetlands and forest ecosystems; the impact of ecotourism on regions including Antarctica and Cuba; fisheries and individual species protection; and the protection of wildlife and research whaling in Antarctica. CLE credits are available.

State Required Safe Boating Classes

Do not become a victim, statistic or the subject of a search and rescue. Be prepared for unforeseen, challenging and potentially dangerous events on the water:

Always have plenty of fuel and remember the 1/3rd Rule: Use only 1/3rd out, 1/3rd back and you should never run out of gas.

Start out with a charged battery and back-up when possible.

Always file a Float Plan with someone who cares and cancel it when you get back.

Do not go out in bad weather or when it is threatening. Keep a weather eye and go home before you need to do so.

Always have the required U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) equipment in good working order and not outdated: USCG approved life jackets for each passenger that fit properly and wear them, appropriate fire extinguishers that work, visual distress signals (flares, etc.), navigation lights that work properly, an appropriate anchor with sufficient line and a marine VHF radio that works.

Always appoint a lookout to help watch for other boats, crab traps, shallow water, etc.

Always carry sufficient water/gator aid to prevent dehydration, hypothermia, and sunscreen to prevent burn.

Do not boat under the influence.

Drive safely and carefully at a reasonable speed based on the conditions at the time.

Learn or enhance your Boating Skills and Seamanship at the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary, Flotilla 72 each Tuesday night, 7:30-9:30 p.m., 1300 Beach Dr. SE, St. Petersburg Call 898-1324 for information. Completion satisfies the state of Florida boater safety ID requirements.

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A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

Tomato Fertilizer and Styrofoam

Q: How much and what kind of fertilizer should be used for tomatoes? Please describe fertilizer by ingredient ratio, such as 10-10-10, if possible.

A: The first thing that should be done is to have your soil tested. This is more important if it is a new garden. Follow the directions that come with the container from the testing laboratory. It is often a good idea to label the soil as having come from a vegetable garden or a lawn because the testing lab is used to giving results to farmers. Otherwise, your results may come back being listed in tons per acre.

Without a soil test, garden experts often recommend that one pound of a general fertilizer such as 10-10-10 or 15-15-15 be worked into the top 4-6 inches of soil for every 100 square feet of garden. A garden soil that has lots of organic matter or compost may not need any additional fertilizer.

It is often helpful for newly planted vegetables to get a dose of a starter fertilizer. It is important to get roots established and phosphorus helps to do this. Phosphorus is the middle number of the three, so a ratio of something between 10-30-10 to 10-50-10 would be good. Follow the label directions and pour the liquid into the soil right around the base of the plant.

It just so happens that phosphorus is also beneficial to plants trying to produce flowers and fruit. Potassium helps with this. Phosphorus is the middle number of the three, so a ratio of something between 10-30-10 to 10-50-10 would be good. Follow the label directions and pour the liquid into the soil right around the base of the plant.

Slow release fertilizers are generally best. They continually release fertilizer to the crop as it grows and needs the nutrition. They can be in the form of stakes or granules. Fast release fertilizers can wash out of the soil where they do no good to the intended crop and may pollute lakes, streams and groundwater.

Compost is a good slow release fertilizer, besides adding beneficial organic matter. All garden soils from sandy to full clay will benefit from adding compost.

Q: I was thinking of using Styrofoam cups for starting my vegetable garden plants from seeds. Will they work and can I plant them in the ground with the cup, or do I have to remove the cup? Will removing it damage the roots?

A: Styrofoam is one of those products that is great for what it does, but maybe not so great for some other uses. It is made by adding gases into heated polystyrene. The foam that comes out is over 95 percent air. It is a good insulator as it is a poor conductor of heat, so it is used in hot beverage cups.

Styrene is named after the styrax plant. It produces a resin that can be used to make synthetic rubber. Styrene is found in many foods, including nuts, meats and fruits. Polystyrene is a synthetic material that is used in rubber and plastic parts for boats, carpeting and food containers. It provides an economical and sanitary product that makes a very small percent of the material sent to landfills, according to the EPA.

There are newer products used for food container packaging that are made from corn, sugar cane and beet products and are also good insulators and very sanitary. They may not currently be as economical, but they are heading in that direction as more restaurants use them.

While recycling is technically possible, it is rarely done, except for packaging peanuts. It does not biodegrade, so using it in your garden will not work very well. It can be used to start the seeds. The cup will hold the soil for the seedlings and it will need a drainage hole in the bottom. When the plant is ready to go in the garden, gently slide it out of the cup. If the roots are wrapped around the bottom of the soil, spread them out as you place them in the hole. Save the cups and use them again for several years.

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the teams off at the gate. Gulfportians came out in true style; hundreds lined the streets all along the parade route, waving encouragement and holding signs as they watched this year’s teams strut their stuff in their new uniforms.

Dawn Johnson, Gulfport Little League President and Coach of the Safety Tire and Auto team A Minor division, was absolutely thrilled with the turnout of applicants this year.

“We were just ecstatic, because we added six more teams this year to our league. Six! We now have a total of ten teams and we were able to get several new sponsors,” she said smiling. “I have to give a lot of credit to our parents and volunteers, as well as the Gabber, who got our information out there. We got a tremendous response from the community, too.”

Dawn credits the city as well, saying that they had put in an extra effort to make the ball fields ready for Opening Day.

“Look at how beautiful these fields look!” she said, pointing to the newly mowed green grass and neatened chalk lines. “We got some new equipment, and the volunteers helped spruce up the concession area. The City donated our brand new scoreboard. We are ready to play some serious baseball this season!”

Of course, serious is relative; this year a new division was added to the league; Pre-T ball, for four year olds and first time five year olds. Some of these little ones have hats that are bigger than they are, but Dawn insists that getting them this young helps with discipline and self–respect down the road.

“Many of these little ones are learning from their older brothers and sisters who have played for us since they were little. It a great family tradition to pass along and it teaches these kids teamwork and confidence building, lessons they will use later on in life.”

Lum Atkinson Field had a great turnout to greet the kids as they filed onto the field. Most of the Gulfport City Council was on hand, including Judy Ryerson, Bob Worthington, Michelle King, and of course Mary Stull, who has been a volunteer with Little League for many years. (“It’s in my blood,” she told the crowd.)

Bob Worthington noted that he played on this same field some 50 years ago.…..

District Five representative Swanee Franklin was also on hand for the big day. She’s been involved with Little League for 41 years.

Mayor Mike Yakes threw out the official first pitch to start the season. It was just a bit outside…..

Led by Coach Dawn, the teams lined up along the base lines and recited the Little League motto, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. …
Herman Trappman, an artist profile

By Leigh Clifton

Herman Trappman is an artist with a fascination with history; the history of Florida’s ancient native cultures. It is a passion he has transported into every segment of his life; he lives and breathes and sleeps surrounding himself with art, books and nature on a daily basis. Together with wife Elizabeth, also an artist, Trappman has become the intrepid explorer and chronicler of the rich and multi-cultural history of Old Florida, where Tocabaga Indians, city people by today’s standards, were the main residents of the area now known as Tampa Bay. He translates his findings onto canvas with breathtakingly vibrant colors and intensely accurate detail; he paints the story of the Native Floridians, the people who lived among the alligators and the mastodons. He depicts their everyday lives, and extraordinary accomplishments with meticulous attention. He is a story teller and Florida has a lot of stories to be told.

Trappman is a self-taught artist and originally did most of his work in oils on large canvasses, but after developing severe asthma about 12 years ago, he made the switch to computer-generated art, transferring to a medium he could live with. He still has a great deal of pencil drawings but he found that computer art fascinated him. It also gave him a great deal of freedom and creativity, insisting that art was not just a matter of brushes and paint, but a matter of communicating that was essential.

“But,” he says, “We are all artists because we are communicators and communication is art.”

Trappman’s art is centered specifically on the Central Gulf Coast and its natives; an area that he felt was one of the most influential in Florida’s past.

“This area of Tampa bay was once one of the finest estuaries in the world,” he said. “It was filled with thousands of canoes, traveling from different coasts, bringing articles to trade for other goods. The natives here were city people, heavily into trade and fairly wealthy. They fished one of the most abundant areas in the world. Historians and archaeologists have always had a tendency to minimize their existence. But these people, who were here well before the Seminole Indians were a mix of Africans and Caribbean people. The Seminoles actually wiped out these original natives. History says that the Seminoles were here first, but it was really the blacks who were the first inhabitants of this area.”

Once the Spanish and English arrived with their arrogance and diseases, the natives incurred huge death tolls; since they had never been exposed to these diseases, they had no immune system antibodies and the simplest infections all but obliterated them.

Using descriptions from letters, drawings and accounts passed down from the Spanish and English, Trappman was able to envision what the Indians must have looked like. He researched them very thoroughly, studying and analyzing anthropology and archaeology books for imagery that he then used in his paintings. Now using a mouse to draw instead of a brush, Trappman painstakingly creates his visions with the help of Photoshop. It often requires a great deal of effort; his constant reaching for breath from his asthma can make his work difficult. The images are then sent to a printer, and Trappman gets a printers proof back. It is from this that he makes any color corrections or changes before it is sent back for final printing.

When asked if he thought Photoshop was a legitimate art form, he answered this way; “People get very innovative with tools, with art as the end result. Any tools you can use to get to that end result should be used. I look at Photoshop as a tool that helps me create and interpret my ideas. Thats art and it’s a legitimate way of self expression.”

Trappman, who is also a Park Ranger at Boyd Hill Nature Park, is set to retire next year. He said that working there has enabled him to teach others about native Florida and he hopes he has inspired others to take a closer look at its rich history and culture. His works have hung in the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, the Collier County Museum in Naples and the Panama Canal Museum, which his wife Elizabeth runs, as well as countless private homes and collectors. Trappman does not sell his originals; he sells the reproduction rights to them. His work is uniquely resonant; he has made it is passion and his livelihood to broaden the world’s understanding of the importance of the natives to Florida’s full and multi-cultural past. He is a master storyteller of extraordinary abilities; he is Florida’s conscience and he speaks with joy.

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Maximo Resource Center

The Maximo Resource Center, 4815 34 Street S. has information for you. The Center provides free blood pressure screenings performed by an R.N. on Wednesdays from 12 noon to 3 p.m., free bicycle registration, free CLUB for select automobiles, free cell phones for 911 use only, information and referral materials on many city programs, job listings with the City of St. Petersburg, brochures and phone numbers of various city and other local agencies and programs, lists and free shipment of items needed by members of our Armed Forces overseas.

The Resource Center has a number of the area newsletters and neighborhood newspapers available at no charge, as well as a collection of paperback and hardback books for 25 cents each.

The Resource Center opens at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday and is staffed entirely by volunteers. If you would like to serve as a volunteer or would like more information, please call Betty Watson or John Hall at the Resource Center at 866-7177.

Fill the Box for a Troop in Iraq

American Legion Post 125 Auxiliary has adopted two more platoons serving in Iraq and is seeking donations for a total of three now. Items needed include candy, personal items, books, batteries, snacks, beef jerky, slim jims, tuna packets, white socks, dry food items. A box has been provided at the Post located at 6440 Fifth Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. For more information, call Shirley at 510-1919. Let’s show them our support!

Shop at St. Vincent’s Thrift Shop

St. Vincent’s Episcopal Church Thrift Shop is having a sale. Visit them on Thursday for half-price on all clothing. They have a nice selection of ladies plus sizes. Easter has arrived at their store with lots of nice Easter decorations and supplies for making lovely baskets. There are a few NASCAR collectibles left. Open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5124 Gulfport Boulevard.

Gulfport Yacht Club Kicks Off 2009 Racing Season

Sixteen boats turned out this past Saturday, March 7th to kick off the 2009 Gulfport Yacht Club Racing season. 3 races were sailed on Boca Ciega Bay in light winds with world-renowned GYC sailor Robbie Daniel grabbing the top spot. Jennifer Lindsay took second and Rush Bird placed 3rd.

GYC, host of the 2008 US Sailing Multihull National Championships, conducts races the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from March through November along with hosting a couple of other regattas each year as well. The club races are broken down into a Spring Series, Summer Series and Fall Series with awards presented at the annual club banquet in January. All interested in sailing or racing are welcome to come down to the club and see what it’s all about. For more information, visit Gulfportyachtclub.com.

GYC will be hosting 2 Regattas in 2009 as well, bringing sailors from around the country and around the world. The GYC Multihull Regatta will be held on April 18th & 19th on Gulfport Beach. Also, GYC will host the F16 Global Challenge November 10th through the 14th. An event considered to be the World Championships for the F16, a speedy catamaran which is very fast and exciting. This regatta will also be held on Gulfport Beach with Co-sponsorship by the City of Gulfport.

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PART TIME- Approx 30 Hours/Week, must be able to handle all aspects of small busi-
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5 HP AIR COOLED OUTBOARD- $200.

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**NOTICE OF ACTION**
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
IN RE: The license to practice Real Estate Appraisals of: Steven R. Sides, 6720 Hibiscus Avenue South, Gulfport, Florida 33707. Case No. 2007062582.
The Department of Business has filed an Administrative Complaint against you a copy of which may be obtained by contacting the Division of Real Estate, 400 W. Robinson St., Suite N-801, Orlando, Florida 32801, (407) 481-5632. If no contact has been made by April 27, 2009, the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board in an informal proceeding.

**MAXIMO NEIGHBORHOOD SALE**
Condos, 4908 38th Way South, Baby Items, Easter Decorations, Antique Dolls, Autographed Pictures, Lots of Misc. Pre-Sale 3/13, 8-?, Regular Sale 3/14, 8-?

**TOWN SHORES BUCKINGHAM**
Carport & Bake Sale. Saturday 8a.m. Great Buys & Bargain Prices!

**5817 11TH AVE. S.-** Saturday 8-3p.m. Estate Sale. Furniture, Clothing, Housewares, Etc.

**4914 29TH AVE. S.-** (Alley Behind House) Saturday 8a.m.-4p.m. Great Deals! All Excellent Condition. Furniture, Clothing, Accessories, Men's Large, Women's 14 & 20W, New Drum, Gardening supplies, books, health products. Free Donut 1st twenty purchases! No Early Birds!

**Lost & Found**

**STILL MISSING**
-Cat. Light Orange, Short Hair, Slender, Fixed Female, 12yrs. old. Micro Chipped and up to date on all Shots. Lost Early Sun, Feb. 22nd from Gulfport Municipal Marina. 813-333-3474 or 813-286-6411. REWARD!
NEVER FAILING PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL
- St. Michael, the Archangel, Defend Us in Battle; Be Our Defense Against the Wicked-ness and Snares of the Devil. May God Re-buke Him We Humbly Pray; and Do You Oh Prince of the Heavenly Host, By the Power of God, Thrust Into Hell Satan and the Other Evil Spirits Who Prowl About the World For the Ruin of Souls. Amen. St. Michael, I Resort to Your Protection and in My Faith, Offer This Light Which Shall Burn Every Tuesday. Com-fort Me in My Difficulties and While Lodging in the House of Our Savior Intercede for Me and My Family That We Will Be Able to Hold God Close to Our Hearts and Be Provided for in All of Our Necessities. I Beseech Thee, Holy Mother, I Have Infinite Pity in Regard to Favors I ask of You (Name Them) So That I May Be Able To Over-come All Difficulties as You Did the Dragons at Your Feet. Our Father (Say 3 Times). Hail Mary (Say 3 Times). Glory Be (Say 3 Times). This Prayer is to be Said 5 Tuesdays, in Succ-es- sion and Each Tuesday a Candle Shall Be Lit and a Copy of This Prayer Lit in the Church to Help Another Soul in Distress and Support the Devotion to St. Michael. This Miraculous Saint Grants Everything, No Mat-ter How Difficult, Before the Termination of 9 Tuesdays.

MAY THE SACRED Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and prayed for throughout the world. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. Blessed Mother, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you. M.K.W.

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2BR/1BA GULFPORT HOUSE- Block from Beach. All New Kitchen, Newly Remodeled. $1000/Mo. plus 1st/Last. No Smokers. A Must See and Have! 727-565-5105 or 813-605-7043.


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BAY ISLAND- 2BR/2BA Gated Condo over- looking Bay. Price includes Condo House. A great place to live. $950/Mo. 727-385-3654.

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1/1 HOUSE- 1701 53rd St. S. Central A/C, separate garage, all wood floors, fenced yard, pets ok. $900/Mo. Call 305-975-0840 or 727-504-1579.


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ROOM FOR RENT- In my home. Elderly Person. S. St. Pete. Use of Kitchen / Laundry. $400 mo. 821-4986.


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3BR POOL HOME- Facing golf course for $250K. ($27K less than appraisal.) www.1339RoyalPalmDrS.com Alicia Lowther, Realty Executives, 727-641-3880.

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TOWN SHORES
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344-4460 or email NDMonts@aol.com


Gulfport Art District
New listing - 5004 24th Ave. South Open Airy floor plan masonry with 2brm/2ba + office. Howd floors, 1 c garage, corner lot. 179,900

New listing - 5130 26th Ave. South Bright & Sunny. 2brm/1ba w/terrazzo fls. Newer CH/A & roof, large backyard. Great price 165,000

5302 28th Ave. South 3brm/2ba 5 floors lots of updates. Walk to restaurants, galleries & beach. 219,000

Gulfport Marina District
New listing - 4743 Coronado Way. With Pool Masonry, 331 sq ft. 2brm/1ba with remodeled kitchen, stainless appl. Granite counters and Mahoney cabinets hwd floors throughout newer fiberglass pool and Jacuzzi. 242,900

2809 47th St. South Masonry cottage, 2bedrooms/1ba with florida room. French doors, terrazzo fls. Newest roof and more. Just 1/2 blk from Gulfport Marina and Clam Bayou. New Price 214,000

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