

Shavlan Wins District Three; Halpern and Huhn Will Face Off for St. Pete Beach Commission Seat

By Cathy Salustri

74 votes.

That's how many votes it took for St. Pete Beach District Three commissioner Marvin Shavlan to win re-election. Shavlan won re-election with 53.9% of the votes.

His opponent, Brooke Anderson, received 438 votes. "Logic and reason prevailed," Shavlan said shortly after the results posted. His opponent's husband, Jim Anderson, is embroiled in a costly lawsuit against the city. Anderson ran for the District Three seat in 2008. He lost by 47 votes to Chris Leonard, who stepped

down in 2010.

When the *Gabber* called Ms. Anderson for comment on the results, her husband told the *Gabber* his wife did not wish to comment and disconnected the call.

North of Shavlan in District One, even fewer votes – 66 – separated the top two candidates. Lorraine Huhn, former chairperson of Save Our Little Village, received 315 votes to incumbent Al Halpern's 249 votes. Deborah Edney received 231.

This was Edney's second bid for a seat on the commission. She lost to Halpern in 2008. In that election, Halpern

had over 67% of the vote. Ms. Edney did not return the *Gabber's* call before the paper went to press.

Because none of the three contenders for District One received over half of the votes, the top two candidates – Huhn and Halpern – will square off in a runoff election on March 13.

Huhn thanked her supporters and told the *Gabber* she intended to "move forward." Halpern said the results surprised him but hoped to get the support of Edney's voters.

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By Cathy Salustri

"I called Doug Hudson, and boom!" Officer Robert McLaughlin says of the Gulfport Neighbor's response when he made them aware of a neighbor whose property needed some help. Officer McLaughlin joined the Gulfport Neighbors' volunteer effort Saturday.

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Gulfport Fire Victim Dies

By Cathy Salustri

Jody Lee Hutchins, a victim of a Gulfport house fire last week, died Saturday morning as a result of injuries in the fire.

At 12:30 Thursday afternoon, Gulfport police officer Jennifer Crowson arrived at 907 Hull Street South for a welfare check. Officer Crowson noticed smoke coming from the house but before she could call 911, fire trucks arrived at the home: neighbor Ray Lee McClure had called and asked police to check on his neighbor, but when he saw smoke he also called 911.

Firefighters pulled non-responsive 54-year-old Jody Lee Hutchins from the home. She was not breathing when firefighters found her in her bedroom. Gulfport firefighters revived her at the scene.

Firefighters reported

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Beach Election,

from front page

Huhn and Shavlan co-hosted a post election party at Agave Lounge; Mayor Steve McFarlin and Vice-Mayor Bev Garnett both attended. Halpern's post-election party took place at Riptides; Commissioner Jim Parent attended.

Watch the Gabber for continuing coverage of the St. Pete Beach runoff.

Final Results

District One: 795 votes

Lorraine Huhn, 315 votes (39.62%)
Al Halpern (Incumbent), 249 votes (31.32%)
Deborah Edney, 231 votes (29.06%)

District Three: 950 votes

Marvin Shavlan (Incumbent), 512 votes (53.89%)
Brooke Anderson, 438 votes (46.11%)

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Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions Club is pleased to invite the public to join them in their third Pancake Breakfast of the season. Monies raised at these fund raisers go to support service projects on the local as well as national level. Money collected at this event will go to support the Little League.

On Saturday, February 4th from 7-11 a.m., they will be serving all you can eat pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs for a donation of \$5 in their clubhouse on beautiful Boca Ciega Bay. The address is 4630 Tifton Drive S., right behind the Gulfport Marina.

Classic Car Show to Benefit Charities, Teens

A Classic Car Show is coming on February 4th on the Tangerine Greenway (49th St. and 18th Ave. S.) in Gulfport from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show fee is \$30 per vehicle and there will be trophies awarded for

Best of Show, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Mayor's Choice. Event features food and crafts, live music all day, moon walks, bungee jump and rock wall for the kids and 50/50 drawings and raffles. Motorcycles are welcome; same fees apply. Email jsrtraining@aol.com for vendor information and competition entry forms. Call Phil at 727-327-3509 for vendor and sponsorship opportunities.

Proceeds will benefit Sun Coast Law Enforcement Charities, Gulfport Teen Council and the Gulfport Police Explorers.

South Pasadena Civic Association News

The South Pasadena Civic Association will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 8th at 1:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Natalie Leggette, South Pasadena's Horticulturalist. This is always a very interesting and enlightening meeting. Meeting will be held at City Hall.

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Fire, from front page

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The state fire marshal is investigating the fire, which Gulfport Fire Chief Jim Marenkovic says started in the living room on the couch and ottoman. At this time police and fire fighters say they are unclear on how the fire started.

On a related note, former Gulfport police dispatcher Frank Wheelehan answered and dispatched McClure's call for a welfare check. Wheelehan went to work for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Dispatch when Gulfport eliminated its internal dispatch system earlier this month.

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Calling All Celts

The New World Celts (NWC), are a group of people dedicated to preserving Celtic culture. They meet on the third Monday of the month at the Horse and Jockey Pub, 1155 Pasadena Ave. S. in at 7 p.m. If you are Scottish, Irish or Walsh, come and join them.

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Couples are invited to blow a glass heart together at Wine, Chocolate & Fire on Saturday night, February 11, 6-10 p.m. Hearts on Fire, a fun event open to all on Sunday, February 12, will be the last chance to blow a glass heart before Valentine's Day.

The Kids Art Club continues on Saturday, February 4 at 10 a.m.

For those who want to learn a bit more about glass blowing, two all-day classes are scheduled. Glass Blowing 101 is scheduled on Sunday, February 5, followed by Glass Blowing 102 on Sunday, February 19. Both classes are held from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Continuing this month is the Fun With Torches lampwork series with instructor Jason Bourgholtzer of Gulfport.

Registration is also open for the next Sculptural Welding series with Jonathan Schork. January's course is scheduled for January 19, 21 and 22.

Registration is open for the next glass blowing beginner classes including Intro to Glass Blowing with Christian Zvonik, a series of six 3-hour workshops, beginning in March.

For information about any of these classes or special events visit www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org or call 727-289-9365.

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Town Shores Bocce

Hard to believe we are in February and the weather has not been exactly what one might call winter. It certainly has made playing Bocce

a little more comfortable.

The Town Shores TV Channel 96 does have the standings and the weekly schedule is posted. Watch this channel daily, as information regarding the Town Shores activities will keep you up to date and you will not miss out on any of the events that are offered to you.

They are now wrapping up their membership drive which includes all residents, owners and renters. If you wish to support Bocce, either by being a player or one who is a supporter for a yearly \$2 donation, please call your building rep or contact Cathy at 341-1219 or Betty at 345-0445.

The next coffee and donut general meeting will be held on Friday, February 10th at 9:45 a.m. in the clubhouse auditorium. All are welcomed to attend.

The Bocce Blast is a go. George White and Cathy Lunney have offered to chair this event. More details will be discussed at the February 10th meeting.

The next Bocce Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 24th. Lee Roy Selmons will be catering and Al Ruggiero will entertain us for the evening. More information will be available at the meeting.

Come down to the bocce courts and enjoy the games.

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Debtors Anonymous to Hold Workshop

Debtors Anonymous (DA) will hold a workshop on Saturday, February 4th from 1-4 p.m. at First Unity Church, 460 46th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. A speaker panel will address the group. Light refreshments will be served.

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Club to hold Annual Card and Game Party

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Community Club announces their annual Card and Game Party, scheduled for Saturday, February 4th from 1-4 p.m. The party will be held at the Warren Webster Building, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, and will feature door prizes as well as and coffee and desserts. A donation

to the Community Club of \$4 will be collected at the door. The party is open to the public – come alone or with a friend. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon playing games and cards and supporting a local philanthropic cause. Call the Community Club at 360-8216 for more information.

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Women's Self-Defense Class Offered

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Community Center and Aquatic Complex is proud to offer a new and exciting program, "Self Defense for Women." This course focuses on the development of core

competencies and confidence. This simple yet effective program can help you avoid becoming a victim. Learn defensive strikes, kick and escape maneuvers, and how to use everyday items such as shoes and keys for self-protection. The small class size will offer personal attention so that every woman leaves feeling safe and prepared. Classes are held every Monday night from 7-8:30 p.m. and the month-long course costs \$40 per person. This course begins in March and has limited enrollment so make sure to call and reserve your space; contact instructor Jay Komisky at 727-252-6270.

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Beef O Brady's. The next golf outing is scheduled for February 25th. Watch the *Gabber* and building posts for more information.

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Boating Safety Courses

USCG Auxiliary Gulfport Flotilla 7-16 will offer a BS & S Class (four weeks) on Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$50.

They also offer a ABS Class (one day) on Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Cost is \$40.

Classes are held at the USCG Auxiliary Building, 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport. For reservations and details about the class or to schedule a vessel safety check call 727-399-7986.

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Free Seminar on Dog Training

On the first Saturday of every month, Pinellas County Animal Services provides the Learn the Basics of Dog Training Seminar at 10 a.m. Located at Animal Services, this session is conducted by a certified pet dog trainer and member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. Participants will learn about housetraining, loose-leash walking, and dealing with other challenging behaviors such as chewing and jumping.

The next seminar will be held on Saturday, February 4th. The seminar is open for anyone who has adopted a pet from Pinellas County Animal Services or from any other shelter. Owners are asked to leave their dog at home. Admission is free.

For more information or to register for the seminar, visit www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices. Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo.

For news on how to adopt, donate or volunteer, join Pinellas County Animal Services on Facebook. To learn more about the shelter, visit www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices or call 727-582-2600. The lost or found pets hotline is 727-582-2604.

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Workshop

The Florida Department of Transportation, District 7, is offering free bicycle and pedestrian safety educational classes through its WalkWise Tampa Bay campaign. The classes will be held at the Treasure Island Community Center located at One Park Place (Gulf Boulevard at 106th Avenue).

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

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

The WalkWise Pedestrian Safety covers Florida pedestrian laws, Florida traffic crash statistics and demographics and important safety tips. All attendees will receive a free reflective backpack and safety tip bookmarks.

The BikeSmart Class covers important information for riding a bicycle in the roadway as a legal vehicle. The course material includes

Florida bicycle laws, route selection, lane positioning, appropriate attire, proper helmet and bicycle fitting, carrying gear, handling intersections and safety tips. All BikeSmart attendees will receive a front or back blinking bicycle light and reflective slap bracelet or reflective backpack.

Reservations are required as spaces are limited. All interested persons should contact Jessica Brenner, Outreach Coordinator for Grassroots Pedestrian Campaign, at 813-974-9215 or jlbrenne@cutr.usf.edu.

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the Tennis round Robin or Scramble Golf Tournament on Saturday morning. Proceeds benefit the Treasure Bay Junior's Program, Gulf Beaches Rotary Foundation and the Treasure Island Recreation Children's programs. For more information, please contact Karen Keaton, at 727-822-2200, extension 4.

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Republican Club to Meet

Len Ciecieznski of the Pinellas County Information Office will address the members and friends of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday, February 8th at 7 p.m. at the Piccadilly Cafeteria

located at 1900 34 Street N. in St. Petersburg.

Mr. Ciecieznski will address the organization of Pinellas County and how that organizational structure effects the delivery of services to our residents. Following his presentation, Len will answer questions from the audience. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Question and Answer session. There is no charge for this event.

For more information on this event and the club's activities, call Gus Pries at 864-0312.

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Gulfport Arts Center News

Open Studio sessions will begin on February 4th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., \$6 per session. The purpose of the sessions are to provide open studio space for all artists who wish to work independently on their art in a safe, creative environment. All non-toxic mediums are welcomed. The COI Gulfport Arts Center is located at 2726 54th Street S. between the small and large dog parks, and is a space with tables, chairs, and a sink with running water. Participants will be required to sign in and pay \$6. They will be responsible for cleaning up their area afterwards and disposing of their trash. Please bring your own art supplies, containers for water if necessary, plastic bags, paper towels, rags and newspaper. For more information contact Patsi Aguero at 727-501-3559. Visit www.CityofImagination.info.

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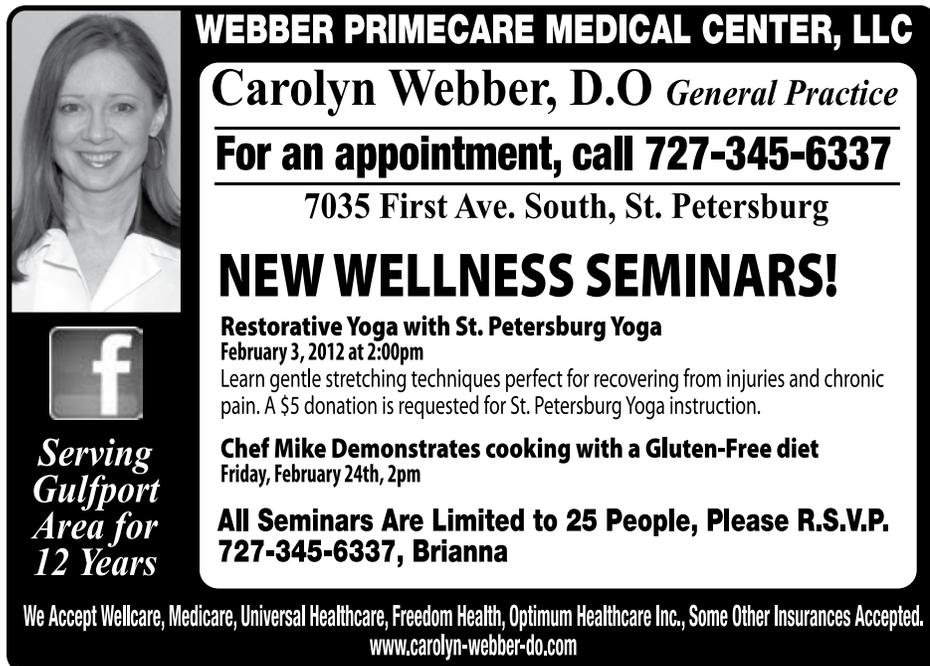
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Smoking Ban on the beach

Dear Editor: My husband and I just became permanent residents of Gulfport. We were so very delighted to see that smoking had been banned on the beach. Last year the beach was so trashy with the cigarette butts (dead soldiers my mom used to call them). It was disgusting and so unappealing to be there. I saw a woman and her daughter picking them up for a science project for the daughter's school.

We came from the Delaware beaches where cigarette smoking is banned in Bethany Beach boardwalk and beaches. It is legal there, so why would the police chief think it might not be legal here? I sure hope that this law stays in effect. It's an aberration for people to protest the banning of such an unhealthy, unsafe and unsightly bad habit.

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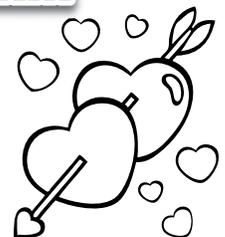
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Democratic Club to Meet

On February 9th, the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will welcome, Patrick Manteiga, editor of *La Gaceta*, the nation's only trilingual newspaper (serving Tampa and surrounding communities) and Obama organizer, Meri Fortemamuj.

The meeting, to be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd in Pinellas

Park, starts with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a varied and sumptuous buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. and concludes with the speakers' presentations and discussion. Don't miss this important meeting. Everyone is welcome.

For questions or reservations (dinner \$15) please call Betty Morgenstein at 727-360-3971.

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Massachusetts Society to Meet

The next meeting of the Massachusetts Society will be on Wednesday, February 8th at 1 p.m. at the Lion's Club, 4630 Tifton Drive S. in Gulfport. This month's event will be their ice cream social. The cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. They cordially invite all Bay state neighbors and friends.

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New classes in Tai Chi for Beginners will start on Thursday, February 2nd. These classes, which meet on Tuesday and Thursday at the Gulfport Recreation Center on Shore Blvd. S. and 58th St. S. are for those new to tai chi, as well as those who are already familiar with the tai chi set. It is best to attend both classes. Emphasis will be on the many health benefits derived from each move of the tai chi set. Wear sneakers or shoes that will not slip off. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per class which goes to the Taoist Tai Chi Society. Call Marjorie Grudzinski at 345-6708.

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Learn about Florida-style Gardening

ST. PETERSBURG- St. Petersburg's Water Resources Department will offer a series of free workshops on Florida-style gardening through March 7th. The series - which will help gardeners save water, time, and sweat equity - will include presentations, hands-on activities, give-away items, displays, publications, and tours of a Florida-friendly Demonstration Garden. The sessions will be offered by specialists from Pinellas County Extension and St. Petersburg Florida-friendly Landscapingtm.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Water Resources

Department's "green" administration building located at 1650 Third Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Pre-registration is strongly suggested as seating is limited. To pre-register, call 727-551-3177 and leave your name, phone number, selection of the workshop(s) and date(s), and number of attendees.

- February 8: Landscape Design 1- Basics (the first of two classes). Bring your landscaping ideas! Tour of the city's Florida-friendly Demonstration Garden prior to workshop.

- February 22: Landscape Design 2- Clinic (continuation from Feb. 8th

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- February 29: Sensible Sprinkler Systems and Micro-Irrigation Clinic. Includes hands-on activities and product demonstrations.

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Group Art Show

GULFPORT- The schork~munsell studios is celebrating St. Valentine's Day with their first group show, "Ars Erotica", on Sunday, February 12th. In collaboration with neighboring artists Owen Pach Glass and Victory Body Art, jonathan schork & Ciara Carinci are transforming their end of Gulfport's "Artists' Alley" (off 29th Ave. S. at Beach Blvd.) into a complete arts event. Starting at noon, the "Artists' Alley Cooperative" will be offering foundry and smithing demonstrations as well as a full

inventory of blown glass at Owen Pach Glass; a collection of erotic and romantic art in photographs, paintings, jewelry, sculpture and other media by a varied stable of participating artists at the schork~munsell studios; and body painting by Victoria Wenner. Live music is expected in the evening, and light snacks and refreshments will be offered until supplies run out. Even though the theme is "erotic", all work and events are tasteful and absolutely family- and kid- friendly.

For more information, visit the schork~munsell studios page on face book, or contact jonathan schork at 305-304-3018. This event is free to the public.

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The Speaker Series are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., September through April. Programs are free and open to the public. Call 727-893-7326 or visit www.stpete.org/boyd.

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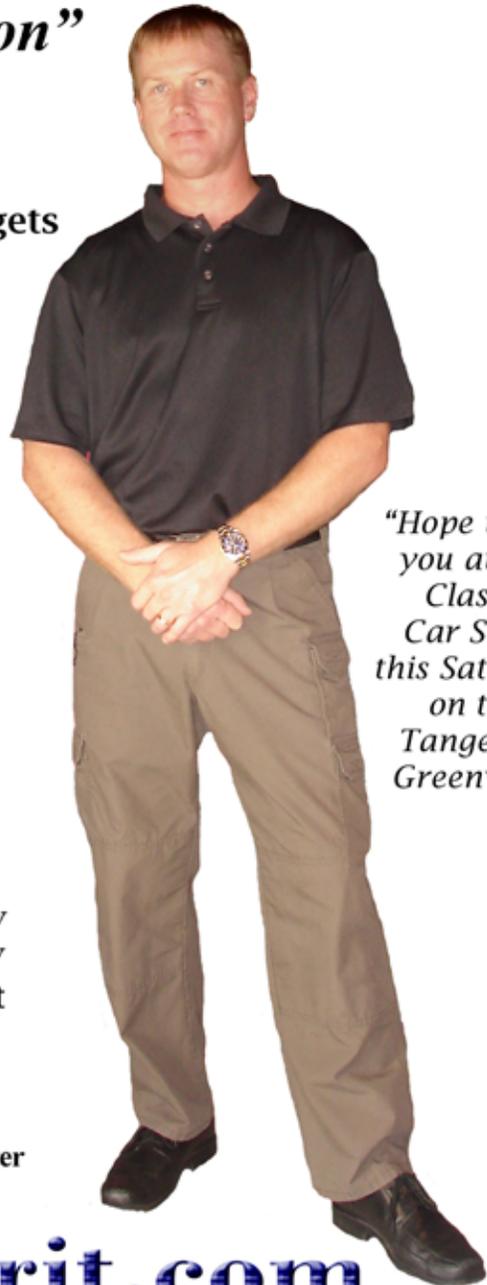
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Gulfport Little League News

Registration takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. upstairs at the little league field or you may register your child on-line at www.gulfportlittleleague.net. If your child would like to play ball, please register them as soon as possible. This will allow them to place the child on a team, connect you with his or her coach, insure the correct uniform size, and get them practicing sooner.

On Sunday, February 5th at 2 p.m. a Coaching Clinic will be held at the field (1820 55th Street S.). If you are interested in being a manager or coach for GPLL, this clinic is required.

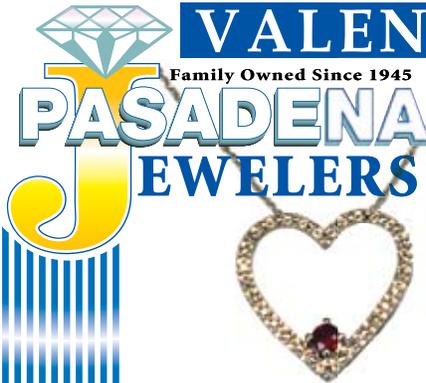
The Second Annual Gulfport Little League Reunion will be held on Sunday, February 19th at 4 p.m. Come reminisce with old friends and meet new ones. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. Everyone is encouraged to bring his or her glove and join in a softball game.

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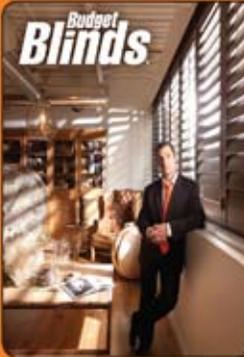
This year the Garden Club will be participating in the national Great Backyard Bird Count which will be held February 17-19. Registration papers and instructions can be picked up at the home of Joyce McMahon, 2614 Beach Boulevard on February 9th (their regular meeting day) between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

All members are encouraged to participate. If you live in a home, just look in your backyard. If you live in an apartment, go to a friend's backyard or to the beach. Or a group can get together and go to a nearby park. It is easy to help with this worthwhile project.

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Julie Tatgenhorst, Hair Things: "Controlling the wind. We have hanging displays. Other than that, everybody seems really nice."

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Ashley Roberston, Finchberry Soapery: "Heavy lifting. Set up and take down."

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Jeannie Weidinger, Jeannie's Jewelry: "The wind. The weather. I don't work in the summer."

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Sandy Walker, Parts of Art: "The unknown; the variables. That could be weather. That could be the customer base. Even if you've done the same show before, you never know if people are going to respond the same way week to week."

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Solution on Page 18

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- 5 Turkey trot, e.g.
- 10 Moon-landing trans-ports: abbr.
- 14 Hautboy
- 15 Kingdom
- 16 Length x width
- 17 Lost one's footing
- 18 Nobelist Oscar _____ Sánchez
- 19 *Critique of Pure Reason* writer
- 20 "Holy night" follower
- 22 Mount _____
- 23 Sexy
- 24 Satirize
- 26 Needle
- 30 Like a DeMille film
- 32 Small chicken
- 34 Canine gp.
- 35 Molecule component
- 39 _____ Spumante
- 40 Seed-man Burpees
- 42 Bight
- 43 Irish dance
- 44 Ill temper
- 45 Hang out
- 47 68 Across, e.g.
- 50 Idolize
- 51 Farmers

- 54 B&O, et al.
- 56 New, used tire
- 57 Rock group
- 63 Latin 101 verb
- 64 Dumbbell moves
- 65 Warsaw Pact country: abbr.
- 66 Harvard's rival
- 67 Walkway
- 68 Desert monster
- 69 General's insignia
- 70 Good time
- 71 VCR button

DOWN

- 1 Resting place?
- 2 *Genesis* gent
- 3 Terry Bradshaw's coach
- 4 Sandwich shop
- 5 Athenian statesman
- 6 Freshen
- 7 Door closer
- 8 Silent
- 9 Ambulance letters
- 10 1980 Winter Olympics site
- 11 Clio's sister
- 12 Anabaptist Simons
- 13 Evildoer
- 21 Queens diamond

- 22 Communion cup
- 25 Music sheet abbreviation
- 26 Ski lift
- 27 Let up
- 28 Pre
- 29 Oklahoma State U. site
- 31 More waxen
- 33 Corn
- 36 Dorothy's dog
- 37 Through
- 38 Less
- 41 Serene
- 46 Drying oven
- 48 Devilkin
- 49 Borers
- 51 Meditates
- 52 Paul, of *American Graffiti*
- 53 City south of Gainesville
- 55 Change the clock
- 58 Celestial bear
- 59 Hairpieces
- 60 *Whose Life* _____ Anyway?
- 61 Scandinavian capital
- 62 Golf hazard
- 64 Truck front

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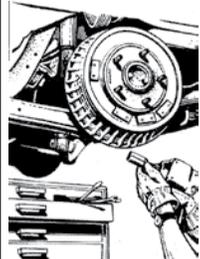
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

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Actually, this is my daughter-in-law and son's dog, but I've read your information page about aggressive dogs, which she is. She has bitten at least twice, the most recent time being this past week -- and the victim was their own young son, my grandson. My daughter-in-law refuses to give the dog up or have it destroyed for exactly the reason you state on your info page: "It's her first baby." Our son is standing with his wife.

The rest of the family -- on both our daughter-in-law's and our son's sides

-- have said they need to get rid of the dog and protect their son, put their son first. But they want to train the dog instead. Please help me try to reason with my children and prevent any further damage or death to my grandson.

"It's her first baby" is a far more common feeling than you might realize, and I believe what it really means is at the root of this rising percentage. "It's her first baby" is just another way of saying the family dog is no different from the children and the parents, that the dog is no different from the humans. And this humanization of our dogs leads to emotional confusion on the part of grownups and psychological confusion on the part of dogs.

When you see your dog as no different from your child, it becomes difficult to prioritize appropriately and make

decisions that promote the safety of your child. And from this clouded perspective, your expectations of your dog become unrealistic.

A dog is not a child and does not learn like a child. You can teach your child not to pinch people and have a realistic expectation that he will not pinch. Your dog's animal instincts have a greater degree of control over his behavior than do you in certain situations. Teaching him not to bite isn't as simple as teaching your child not to pinch, and your expectations should not be the same.

You can't have a heart-to-heart with your dog about consequences and the feelings of other dogs and people. You have to understand a dog on his own terms, which means educating yourself about canine behavior and acknowledging -- and celebrating -- the differences between dogs and their human companions.

In short, when you think of your dog as a child, you do the dog a disservice. You deny the animal. The best gift you could give your dog -- and your human family -- is to take the time to learn the language, behavior and needs of a dog. Only then will you be able to recognize and deal with problem behaviors such as aggression.

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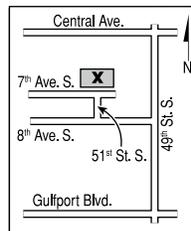
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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The dramatic tension builds as we head for the full moon in Leo on Tuesday. The shenanigans that play out on the big stage of life may seem pretentious and unnecessary, but it doesn't make them any less entertaining. With so much posturing and ego-based behavior happening, you may wonder whether it's better not to get involved. Perhaps. But it will be more fun to participate than to crunch popcorn from the perimeter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Beware of those who believe they are so special that the rules don't apply to them. Someone who has little regard for the way things are generally done may seem at first charmingly seductive. But make no mistake: This type of troublemaker will eventually make trouble for you, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You never want your friends and loved ones to spend too much energy, attention or money on you. You prefer to be an easygoing presence in their lives. It's OK to be high-maintenance sometimes. Everyone has a need to help others, and your loved ones will really enjoy being of service to you this week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A day spent thinking of what you don't yet have is a wasted day. However, if you consider your accomplishments, assess your resources and define steps to make your wishes a reality, you can call it a "planning day," which is not only useful, but necessary. Wednesday and Friday are ideal planning days.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Success seems to come easily to some people, which has a diminishing effect on your affection for them. You're not one to let jealousy stand in the way of friendship, though you may mentally wrestle around a bit before you acquire the poise necessary to take the high road.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you didn't have anything else to do but give your love to a certain person, you would fill the hours in devotion, admiration and service. Alas, your life is much too busy and varied for that kind

of dynamic. Do what's necessary to keep your scene moving in a good direction. The ones who love you will try to keep up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You would love it if someone would take initiative on your behalf. Instead, it feels like you have to do it all; otherwise, it won't get done. Soon this dynamic will change. So for now, appreciate the fact that you are strong and able enough to take on such enormous responsibilities and execute them so well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your dedication will pay off. Your talent will be nurtured and recognized. Knowing this will happen, you can relax and enjoy what's going on around you. Have a little fun. What you learn in the process will make your work more valuable, meaningful and on point with the current milieu.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's as though you came to life with a particular belief system and it's a fixed part of your personality. Over the years, the way these beliefs have manifested has become a kind of trademark. This week you'll be able to look objectively at this aspect of you and appreciate how your character has shaped your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The special care you take in your physical presentation will be most effective. Even if no one comments or compliments you, you can be sure that the impression you make is felt and that it will make a difference in what people decide to do in the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While you concern yourself with doing what's necessary to cover basic requirements and household expenses, someone close to you is thinking about a high-end luxury. There's a way to satisfy both needs and wants if you work together. Great goals require cooperation and teamwork.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Things that worked just yesterday can become quite dysfunctional overnight. Instead of worrying about

what happened to change the scene or who is to blame, look for fixes. Problems can be solved easily while they are still quite small. And there is opportunity here, too. You'll meet new helpful people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have all the answers you need, but you will. Knowing this should help you stop searching your mind and environment for indications that you are on the right track. Since you won't get that validation for a while, the best you can do is act in a way that feels good and right and have a little more faith.

This Week's Birthdays: Don't even try to deflect the energy lavished on you. It won't work, so you may as well soak it all in. The next 10 weeks bring advancement. You'll move ahead with projects, be promoted at work and become more deeply bonded with a loved one. Make a pitch in March. Financial luck will be the happy consequence of a family visit in June. Marriage proposals or second honeymoons happen later in the summer. Enroll in formal education or hire a coach or trainer in September.

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Change in Flood Insurance Rate Maps

City of Gulfport receives letter from FEMA on a successful change in Flood Insurance Rate Maps

Every year prior to hurricane season, the City of Gulfport hosts its annual Hurricane Safety Seminar. At these events, guest speakers are invited to speak to residents regarding hurricanes, mitigation, and personal and property safety. In 2009, representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and the insurance industry came to speak. During that meeting, residents voiced their concerns regarding flood zone designations in the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club as depicted on FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). As a result of the seminar, City staff started to investigate the FIRMs for Gulfport and the locations of the "VE" and "AE" Flood Zones as depicted on the FIRMs.

City staff noticed inconsistencies in the locations where FEMA

determined where the "VE" and "AE" Flood Zones were located. One area along the City's coastline that was noted was the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club area. The "VE" zones consistently followed the coastline from Clam Bayou to Town Shores. Then the "VE" Zone dipped to the upland areas to include most of the subdivisions of Skimmer Point and Bay Estates, all of Kipp's Colony subdivision, parts of Marina Estates subdivision, and nearly all of Pasadena Point Estates Phase II subdivision. Then the "VE" Zone came back and followed the coastline of the unincorporated area of Pinellas County immediately to the west of the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club.

Staff further investigated and evaluated the location of the flood zones along the entire coastline of the City. The purpose of the investigation was to perform data collection, evaluate marine and land features, perform coastal modeling, and evaluate possible revisions to the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas, or flood zones, along City's coastline.

The LOMR application and

supporting analysis was submitted to FEMA in August 2010 by the City. During FEMA's technical review process, additional data, flood modeling, and information was requested several times by FEMA engineers. Then in July 2011, FEMA was satisfied with the technical review portion of the LOMR application and sent the application to their mapping division to revise the affected FIRMs. Following this 90-day period, FEMA required a 120-day review and comment period whereby the public had the opportunity to comment on the application. If all went well, at the completion time of the review and comment period, the LOMR would become effective.

FEMA sent a letter to the City dated September 8, 2011. The letter informed the City of Gulfport of the proposed flood elevation determinations affecting the FIRMs for the City. This was the beginning of the review and comment period of the LOMR process. Then, FEMA sent a letter dated January 23, 2012 which informed the City that FEMA has not received any valid requests for changes to the modified flood zones as submitted in the LOMR. Therefore, revisions to the "VE" and "AE" Flood Zones as established in the LOMR became effective on January 20, 2012. The LOMR successfully changed the configuration and location of the "VE" and "AE" flood zones on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the City of Gulfport.

You can view the new maps at www.mygulfport.us under the Community Development Overview page. For more information, please contact Mike Taylor at 727-893-1087.

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Gulfport Marina May Welcome Liveboards

By Cathy Salustri

Boaters who want to live on their boat may soon find open arms at the Gulfport marina. Last week harbormaster Denis Frain, at Mayor Mike Yakes' request, presented information on how the city could go about allowing liveboards at the marina.

Right now cruisers can spend up to two weeks in one of the city's seven transient docks. Boaters who rent a slip on a monthly basis can spend up to 72 hours every 30 days on their boat.

"You don't know how many people come in as transients and fall in love with this place and say 'Can I stay here?'" Frain says.

Frain has to tell them no, the city doesn't allow liveboard boaters.

By October, all that could change. When the council looks at the city's budget for the coming year, it will consider Frain's plan for allowing liveboard boaters in 10% of the city's slips.

When creating a proposed plan for allowing liveboards, Frain used standards for marinas leasing state land as a guideline. As with those marinas, Gulfport would designate 20 slips as liveboard-approved. Although Gulfport owns, not leases, the land under the marina, Frain said he looked at DEP guidelines to ensure the city marina minimized any possible environmental impact.

Although he expressed hesitancy in the past about allowing liveboards, Frain says the plan in question allows the city quality control over the types of vessels used as liveboards.

"It has to be done right. It can't be half-assed,"

he says. "I think if they (council) do this, they'll make improvements to make this one of the more desirable liveboard marinas in Tampa Bay. There's revenue potential there."

To make money, though, the marina will have to spend money. Frain estimates it will cost \$233,000 for Gulfport to open its marina to liveboards.

Of that money, \$200,000 would go for a new building that included a laundry, day room, showers and lockers. It would also house a renovated ship store. Other improvements include additional sewer pumpout equipment (\$22,000), mailboxes (\$1,200), cable television (\$5,000), safety ladders (\$5,000) and enhanced wireless internet access.

On a regular basis, he says, adding liveboards at the marina will cost about \$55,000 year in staffing (that figure includes benefits and wages for one full time and one part time staff, including a nighttime security person).

The marina operates as an enterprise fund, meaning it takes no money from the general fund (the taxpayers) for its operation or improvements. Last year the marina subsidized the city's general fund by over twice the amount needed to make the improvements, public records show. Once operational, income from liveboards could recap the initial investment in two years.

Based on area rates, Frain suggests the city start liveboard rates at roughly \$500 per month, with boaters paying their own electric. If the city could fill all 20 slips – which Frain says he thinks

he can – liveboard boaters would add over \$120,000 to the marina's income.

"Realistically, are we going to fill all 20? Yes, because there's that much of a demand," he says. The Gulfport marina currently has 70% of its 195 slips occupied with a waiting list for smaller slips (30' and under.) Even at 70% occupancy, liveboards would bring in over \$80,000, he says.

Frain's suggested plan includes the following guidelines for liveboards:

1. *To qualify as a liveboard, the boat must be 40' or longer.*

"A 40' boat tends to have the necessary equipment to sustain liveboards," he said.

2. *Only the boat owner and one other person may live on the boat.* Although Frain said he isn't hard and fast on the two person per boat rule, he doesn't think subletting boats in the marina is appropriate.

3. *Each boat may have a maximum of two vehicles parked at the marina.* The marina has 85 spots in the Tifton Drive parking lot.

4. *The boat must get underway every six months "to prevent the vessel from becoming part of the dock,"* Frain says.

"Did you ever watch Pirates of the Caribbean when the crew comes out of the Flying Dutchman, where they're part of the ship?" That, he says, is what he hopes to avoid.

5. *Boaters must have insurance, a current photo of the boat, and, if the boat is over 10 years old, a current survey.*

6. *Liveboards must submit to a visual inspection of the boat and get a voluntary*

US Coast Guard Auxiliary inspection.

7. *Boats must have grey water holding tanks.*

8. *Liveboards must meet minimum credit standards, pass a background check, and provide references.*

The rules, Frain said, are to ensure only responsible boaters make the cut as liveboard residents.

"We don't allow junk on the docks now. It's going to be a privilege to keep your boat here, not a right," he said.

GULFPORT MARINA BY THE NUMBERS

Total Marina Income

2011 – \$1,625,511
2010 – \$1,564,374
2009 – \$1,462,211

Fuel Sales

2011 – \$797,446
2010 – \$598,447
2009 – \$538,556

Monthly Slip Rental

2011 – \$671,326
2010 – \$792,821
2009 – \$786,150

Monthly Transient Boater Income

2011 – \$30,000 (188 boats)
2010 – \$33,000 (216 boats)
2009 – \$49,000 (248 boats)
2008 – \$29,000 (163 boats)
2007 – \$19,000 (no record)

Money Paid to General Fund

2012 – \$530,294
2011 – \$620,247
2010 – \$665,294
2009 – \$556,615
2008 – \$418,796
2007 – \$236,849
2006 – \$246,052
2005 – \$291,571
2004 – \$239,050
2003 – \$217,589
2002 – \$217,070
2001 – \$216,670

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Organ Concert at St. Matthew's

There will be an organ concert at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 738 Pinellas Point Drive in St. Petersburg on February 12 at 4 p.m. Stephen Allen, Director of Music and organist at First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, will perform on St. Matthew's beautiful pipe organ. Call 866-2187.

SPCREA to Meet

The South Pinellas Retired Teachers Association (SPCREA) meets at

11 a.m. the second Thursday of each month from October through May at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 19th Ave. and 34th St. N. Meetings are open to all who have worked in the field of education whether here in Florida or elsewhere, including teachers, support personnel and administrators. The meeting begins at 12 noon with an activity planned by the hospitality committee.

At their February 9th meeting they will learn about the life of Salvador Dali from former teacher Judith Overcash, who has been a docent at the Dali Museum for 14 years. She has traveled to Spain to see where

Dali worked and lived. The meeting adjourns by 1 p.m. SPCREA often plans fun field trips of interest to the group. They are planning to meet for luncheon and a field trip to the new Dali museum. Email Joyce Walters at jellen1943@yahoo.com for more information.

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Jewish Genealogical Society Seminar

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This seminar will focus on developing the proper approaches and applying

the necessary tools, techniques and short cuts to most effectively connect you with your ancestors in the old country. This seminar is an extensive revision of the presentation given two years ago; new genealogical resources and new databases will be demonstrated and all Internet links and sites have been updated.

The course is free to current paid-up members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay. A one-year family membership will be included in the \$25 course fee for non-members. An additional \$10 fee will be charged for seminar materials to defray

printing costs, but only one booklet will be needed per couple or family. Annual membership in the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay is \$25 per individual or family.

Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogical research is invited to attend. Early registration is recommended so that sufficient copies of the printed booklet and handouts will be available.

To pre-register for the class, for further information on the organization, or for directions to the meeting, call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

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Vendors Wanted

Vendors are wanted for a flea market at King of Peace MCC, 3150 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg on Saturday, March 3 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Space rental is \$20; tables are \$5. Call 727-735-7094 for information and registration form.

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Learn how to Use your GPS

Are you ready to expand your boating knowledge and skills? Using GPS is a two hour class presented in one evening by the St Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron and is available to anyone 12 or older. This seminar explains the principals of way-point navigation and shows you how to relate the GPS to your charts. The seminar also shows you how to operate your GPS - what the buttons do, what the screens show and how to access the functions you need. You will also get some tips for choosing a GPS if you do not currently own one. Materials include the waterproof Captain's Quick Guide to Using GPS to take aboard your boat and remind you of the basic steps while underway. GPS is now so easily available, this has become an essential seminar for all boaters. Bring your handheld if you have one.

Course will be held on Wednesday, February 15 from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$25 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at www.boating-stpete.org.

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61st Anniversary of the Polish American Society

The Polish American Society will celebrate its 61st Anniversary on Sunday, February 12th. The club located at 1343 Beach Drive SE in St. Petersburg is open on Sundays September through May with dinner served from 3-4:30 p.m. and dancing from 4-7 p.m. Members are \$5 and guests are \$7. Call 727-894-9908 or visit www.polishsociety.org.

Community Yard Sale

The Isle of Capri community in Treasure Island will hold a yard sale on Saturday, February 11th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. To enter, turn off Gulf Blvd. east at 11th Ave. Turn left on 2nd St. Start at Rosselli Park where breakfast and lunch will be available. Maps of the island's participants will be handed out. All participating in the event will have red hearts displayed. All proceeds go to benefit many organizations and projects throughout Treasure Island.

Chamber to host Pam Iorio

The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce will host former Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio, and her book, *Straight Talk*. Mayor Iorio offers her many talents helping organizations build strong and effective leaders. Iorio's fresh, straight forward approach to leadership not only inspires and motivates, but provides immediate actionable methods and ideas that will help professionals at all levels lead with integrity and achieve optimal results.

Meeting takes place on Thursday, February 16th at the Tradewinds Sandpiper Resort, 6000 Gulf Boulevard in St. Pete Beach. Check in is at 11:30 a.m. and the Program begins at 12 p.m. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 non-members. The first 100 registered will receive a complimentary book. Parking will be complimentary.

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Bring your Sweetie to a Valentine Dinner Dance

The Italian-American Society of St. Petersburg will hold its third annual Valentine dinner-dance on Saturday, February 11, at the Treasure Island Community Center, One Park Place at 106th Ave., Treasure Island. There will be music by Bobby Tess and his four-piece band; hors d'oeuvres; a gourmet buffet dinner; free wine, soft

drinks, and coffee; and dance hosts for unescorted guests. The price of tickets is \$30 per person.

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

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

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

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meetings, Saturday Group, weekly hands on projects and card games or information on renting their Historical Clubhouse, please call 727-822-4982. Check out their website at www.StPetersburgWomansClub.org.

The program will be music by Steve Middents. Call for reservations 399-1272.

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Community Band in Concert at Casino

The South Pasadena Community Band will present a free concert on February 16 at 7:30 p.m. Musical Director Max Millsbaugh has entitled this concert "Classics to Swing". Come and enjoy a program that includes, among others, music from Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" to Mancini's "The Swing March", from excerpts from Wagner's operas to "A Tribute to Harry James". The "Cheerio March" will leave you singing and whistling.

The casino provides adequate free parking and handicapped accessibility. Refreshments are available. Seating capacity has been increased for the concert. The City of Gulfport and the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce sponsor the concerts. The South Pasadena Band is sponsored by the City of South Pasadena and community donations.

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Retired Officers Wives Club to Meet

The Retired Officers Wives Club of St. Petersburg will meet for luncheon on February 14th at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. in Pinellas Park. Social hour will be 11:30 with lunch at 12:15 p.m.

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Women's Club to hold Annual Flea Market

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Pinellas Youth Symphony in Concert

The Pinellas Youth Symphony continues to celebrate its 54th Anniversary season with a concert performed on Saturday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Petersburg College Music Center (6605 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Donations are gratefully accepted.

The Serenade Strings Orchestra, the showcase string orchestra of the PYS, will perform under the direction of Mr. Lei Liu, Second Assistant Concertmaster of The Florida Orchestra. Soloists will perform string repertoire from pieces composed by Vivaldi, Haydn, Hummel, Viotti, Accolay and Hoffmeister.

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Charity Wine and Auction Event

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St. Pete Beach Legal Costs Top \$46,000 for November

By Cathy Salustri

According to city records, St. Pete Beach paid Bryant Miller Olive over \$46,000 in legal fees for work performed in November 2011. Among other items, Bryant Miller Olive billed for the following work and reimbursements:

- \$6,585 for city legal fees (a \$5,000 retainer plus expenses)
- \$20,743 for the Jim Anderson lawsuit
- \$9,043 for the Coconut Inn lawsuit
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• Tai Chi - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.

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GULFPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY - PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

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Valentine Crafts Program: Saturday, February 11, 1:30 pm in Youth Services area. Enjoy making holiday creations with Pat. All ages welcome.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, February 16, 10:00 am. Discussion of American Tragedy, by Theodore Dreiser, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy of the book. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

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Senior Center

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Senior Center Mardi Gras: It's Mardi Gras time! Don't miss out! The Senior Center will be hosting this exciting event on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2-4pm. Tickets: \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. Includes refreshments, "Best Mask" Contest, great door prizes, strawberries/chocolate fountain, entertainment, and more! Get your tickets early. Another fun activity spearheaded by volunteer Julie Fuce.

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

Dealing with Pain: All are welcome to attend free Pain Management presentations every Thurs. at 1pm. February topics include: the benefit of exercise, therapies such as yoga, meditation, massage, acupuncture and patient self advocacy. Sponsored by Gardens of Yoga, The Longhouse, and RN Patient Advocates of South Pinellas, LLC.

Flea Market: Mark your calendar now for our next Flea Market on Tuesday, February 7, 9am to noon.

Sudoku Class: Come and learn how to play Sudoku on Mondays at 1pm. Great for brain fitness and fun, too.

Honor Flights: Honor Flight is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. Our heroes are transported to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to senior veterans - World War II survivors, along with other veterans who may be terminally ill. Now, with over 1,000 World War II veterans dying each day, our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out. Mark your calendar for Wed. Feb. 8 at 1pm to learn more about Honor Flights. Visit www.honorflight.org

Senior Trips: Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for info on upcoming day trips such as Hard Rock Casino, on Feb. 12, 20 or 29(\$20); Camellia Rose Tea Room with Plant City Antique Shopping, \$54.00; Valentine's Day Matinee at Arabian Nights in Kissimmee (\$53); The Irish Rovers at Ruth Eckerd Hall (\$54). Two day trips also available.

Property Tax Exemption: Representatives from the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's office will visit the Senior Center from 9am until noon on Friday, February 24 to help seniors file applications for the 2012 Property Tax Exemption.

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

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

Coming Soon: "One Man Show": Mark your calendar now for another "One Man Show" by "J" Wygant on Wed. Mar. 7 at 1:30pm at the Senior Center. Watch the Gabber for further details.

SPECIAL SERVICES

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

AARP Driving Class: are offered on the first two Tuesdays of every month at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. Call 727-341-0130 for fee and registration info.

Elder Law Clinic: Volunteer attorneys will assist clients 60 and over with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, and health care surrogates on Fri., Feb. 17 at 9:30am. Must meet income criteria. Call for more info.

Phones for Hearing Impaired: Phones for hearing impaired Floridians will be available for distribution on Tues. Feb. 21, 9:30-11:30am courtesy of Deaf & Hearing Connection.

Support Groups

Diabetic Support on Mondays at 9:30am.
Hearing Support 1st & 3rd Mon. at 2pm
Visually Impaired Support, 2nd & 4th Mon. at 2pm.
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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Downgrading Children

The 39th anniversary of Roe v. Wade (the right to an abortion) was observed a couple of weeks ago, and, besides wondering about the significance of a 39th anniversary, I was perplexed by comments made by President Obama. "Our daughters" he said, "have the same rights freedom and opportunities as our sons to fulfill our dreams".

Does that mean that children are not a part of fulfillment of dreams, or that to fulfill one's dreams one has to be free of the bothersome burden of children? Or, does he mean that men are free to walk away from the responsibility of children and that women should be able to also? Are children pesky, bothersome things? Or, is the fertilization of the egg no different than the egg itself which is

washed away monthly?

I understand, to an extent, the freedom of choice, I-can-do-with-my-body-and-its-issue-what-I want, debate (although we ban prostitution and suicide), I just can't grasp the fulfilling of dreams and parity with men aspect. Are women just like men? Are their biological roles identical? Are their physical attributes identical? Aren't there women's health issues? Or, are we talking strictly about civil rights? If so, are men equal or unequal when it comes to fatherhood? Should men have any say in abortion? If not, does that imply that they have no responsibilities either?

Some men feel that way. They breed and move on from woman to woman seemingly without obligation. That's the central issue of the single-parent household - a financially

non-supporting nor participating male sperm donor. Is this a civil right whose costs must be borne by someone else? Of course, with abortion it never gets to that point which is sometimes THE point.

Why bring someone into the world when the creators of that someone don't want it (him/her)? Abortion has always been controversial. Right-Wrong. Practical-Impractical. Safe-Unsafe. Forced-Unforced. The Eugenics movement -supported by big name politicians and scientists - promoted doing away (abortion and other means) with undesirables and societal burdens such as the severely handicapped and so forth. Others have felt that abortion is appropriate for anyone who can't support the issuing child. Indeed, many felt and probably feel that abortion keeps down the unwanted. A community doctor I knew way before Roe v. Wade was neutral on abortion, but argued that if it were legalized that government should most definitely pay for those who couldn't afford it. Those are the ones who need the right, he implied.

Indeed, the poor, particularly minorities - black and hispanic - have higher rates of abortion than the majority. Some feel that is not only a desirable result, but a good reason for abortion. The China, one-child policy, has led to aborting of females and there is now a deficit of Chinese women in ratio to men. To address both these issues, most states in the U.S. try to prohibit abortions for race or gender. Use of abortion for birth control is also discouraged. However, isn't that an infringement of the right to choose? Why is the state making those distinctions?

It is not difficult to understand why someone should want or need an abortion. There are many legitimate and reasonable and practical reasons. My issue is the elevation of it by equating it to a fulfilling of dreams in an equality competition with men. This is degrading to children making them only incidental beings to those in pursuit of a career or, simply, individual freedom.

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We invite Auxiliary members to attend our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. We welcome your ideas. Please plan to join us on Sundays starting at 1p.m. for Steak-Ums games. Have fun and win great food!

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LAUDENSLAGER, KENNETH H., 64 of South Pasadena, passed away Tuesday Jan. 24, 2012. Surviving include his loving wife, Nancy Angelovich Laudenslager; his sister-in-law, Betty Laudenslager, and niece Tracy Bruner. He is preceded in death by his parents Naomi and Herman Laudenslager and his brother, Herman. Originally from Kalamazoo, MI, he proudly served his country with 2 tours of duty as an Army soldier in the Vietnam War and was a recipient of the Soldiers Medal and Purple Heart. Kenn later graduated from Ohio Northern University, School of Law in 1977 and was a practicing attorney until retiring in Florida in 1991 due to medical challenges. He remained a Member of the Michigan Bar. Over the years, many people

would comment "what an inspiration he was" because he fought his health problems so valiantly. His spirit and his faith never faltered. He was very much loved and will be missed beyond words. A memorial Service will be held at Bay Pines Veteran Cemetery on Friday Feb. 3, 2012 at 3 p.m. Beach Memorial Chapel St. Pete Beach 727-360-5577. In lieu of flower donation made be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) of which he was a member.

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PRICE, BETTY FOSTER, 89, of St. Pete Beach, died Thursday at home. Service at Faith Presbyterian Church in Seminole Tuesday at 10 a.m. For complete obit www.reesefuneral.com.

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RICHARDS, RHEA A., 90, went to be with the Lord Jan. 8, 2012. Matriarch of 5 generations: 6 children: Barb, Rich, Denny, Dotty (Greg), Bill and Tommy (Cheryl); 9 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren. Member of the Lions Club, American Legion, Elks, DAV, and S. E. Guide dogs. Memorial for family and friends will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2-4 p.m. at Gulfport Lions Club, 4630 Tifton Dr. S. in Gulfport. Born a red head, dyed a red head.

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SCHMIDLEY, ARLENE A., 81, of St. Pete Beach, passed away Jan. 26, 2012. Services will be held in Janesville, WI. Guestbook at davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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SNOW, MARY ELLEN B., 68, of South Pasadena, died Jan. 25, 2012. She is survived by loving family and friends. Holloway Funeral Home, Inc. Oldsmar, FL, 813-855-2439.

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Federal Grant First Step for Welcoming Boaters on St. Pete Beach

St. Pete Beach to Build
12 Slips for Cruisers

By Cathy Salustri

Cruisers from all over the world will be able to step directly from their catamaran onto St. Pete Beach.

Thursday afternoon St. Pete Beach Public Works Director Steve Hallock announced that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) awarded the city a \$219,000 Boating Infrastructure Grant. The city will use the money to build 12 transient boat slips by the Community Center. The dock will have electrical, water and pumpout facilities, city manager Mike Bonfield said.

Arriving boaters will have access to community center facilities such as the pool, fitness room and restrooms, although, Bonfield said, the city has not made a final decision about this access. In addition, the city will provide bicycles for boaters to use ashore.

The project's estimated total cost is just over \$310,000; the city will pay the difference, although part of the match will come in the form of in-kind services such as administrative work and city engineering services.

St. Pete Beach will spend \$73,250 in actual cash.

Administrative Services Supervisor Dan O'Connor said the city had to include the in-kind services as part of the grant application.

"As part of the application, a part of it has to be in soft money or in-kind services," he said.

Bonfield estimates the city will receive between \$50,000 and \$75,000 in slip rent annually. Across the bay, Gulfport Municipal Marina averages \$30,000 a year from its seven transient slip rentals. That number does not include fuel sales or ship store purchases. St. Pete Beach's plan does not include selling fuel.

Gulfport Harbormaster Denis Frain says he expects Gulfport to lose transient boat traffic to St. Pete Beach. He also praised St. Pete Beach for building the transient boating dock.

"I think it's the ideal location. I think they have everything in place except for the docks, which now they have a grant for. I think if you build it you will come. Unfortunately, we'll lose some of our transients to St. Pete Beach, but they're not as well protected as the Gulfport Marina," Frain said.

Although the federal government awarded the grant through the FWS, the federal government has yet to give the go-ahead to build the dock.

"It's a case of the right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing," Terri Skapik, a senior hydrogeologist and owner and president of Woods Consulting, said.

The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), the FWS, the United States Coast Guard (USCG), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries (NMF), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Pinellas county's Department of Environmental Management's (DEM) Water and Navigation Control Authority all must all approve before the city can build the 12 slips.

"It has to be the home run of permits,"

Skapik said.

First, the city submits its application to the ACOE, who then coordinates with NMF and FWS. FWS reviews the impact docks will have on the manatee population and may require a manatee education component as a condition of the permit.

"They don't want more manatees to die. They want to make sure that the use of docks is not going to lead to more manatee deaths through watercraft collision," Skapik said.

While the ACOE reviews the plans, the DEP will also review the city's plan and decide whether it will grant a submerged land lease and a permit of its own.

Finally, the city will apply for a county permit through the DEM's Water and Navigation Control Authority.

The process, Skapik said, "will probably take 12 -14 months total, because of the submerged land lease."

After that, the city can start building the dock.

The 2011 marina feasibility study included four floating docks (transient slips on the east and permanent slips on the west) with 70 total slips and a ship store. Bonfield said the city isn't building a marina just yet. Right now, Bonfield says, all that's up in question is a dock.

"A decision on more docks has not been made," he said, although the city's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) asks for consultants who can help the city get permits for 24, not 12 slips.

Construction manager Renee Cooper told the Gabber that the city wants to get permits for 24 slips in case it moves ahead with more slips in the future.

"The permit lasts years. It doesn't mean that you have to build it all at the same time," Cooper said. "Going through the permitting one time is going to be a cost-saving move instead of having to pay twice."

To review the marina feasibility study and the RFQ, please read this article online at TheGabber.com.

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- Ordinance Violation-** Skate Park.
- Person Under Influence-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Drug Call-** 1700 Blk 55th St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 31st Ave. & 49th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 2200 Blk York St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 19th Ave. & 54th St. S.
- Alarm Business-** 5500 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 4900 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 2600 Blk 54th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.

Saturday 1/21

- Noise-** 1200 Blk Hull St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 1400 Blk 54th St. S.

- Noise-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Hit & Run-** 19th Ave. & 58th St. S.
 - Ordinance Violation-** 5200 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Disturbance-** 49th St. & 14th Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 5000 Blk 10th Ave. S.
 - Stolen Vehicle-** 5300 Blk 12th Ave. S.
 - Theft-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 47th St. & 26th Ave. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 29th Ave. & Miriam St. S.
 - Disorderly Conduct-** 52nd St. & Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Person Under Influence-** 3000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Sunday 1/22**
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5300 Blk 28th Ave. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** Gulfport Blvd. & 58th St. S.
 - Theft-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Suspicious Vehicle-** 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
 - Domestic-** 2600 Blk 47th St. S.
 - Neighbor Problem-** 2800 Blk 52nd St. S.
 - Civil Matter-** 5400 Blk 30th Ave. S.
 - Noise-** 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.
 - Disturbance-** 54th St. & Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Theft-** 1100 Blk 61st St. S.
 - Burglary-** 2100 Blk 55th St. S.
 - Burglary-** 5700 Blk 19th Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Shots Fired-** 49th St. & 17th Ave. S.

- Prowler-** 2800 Blk Seabreeze Dr. S.
 - Shots Fired-** 1300 Blk 58th St. S.
- Monday 1/23**
- Drugs-** 1900 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Theft-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Animal Call-** 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.
 - Theft-** 2800 Blk 54th St. S.
 - Disorderly Conduct-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.
 - Trespass-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.
 - Keep the Peace-** 5200 Blk 18th Ave. S.
 - Theft-** 2900 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Juvenile Trouble-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.
 - Neighbor Problem-** 2600 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Disturbance-** 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** Shore Blvd. & 57th St. S.
- Tuesday 1/24**
- Domestic-** 2900 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Suspicious Vehicle-** Save A Lot.
 - Domestic-** 1500 Blk 54th St. S.
 - Vandalism-** 5000 Blk 12th Ave. S.
 - Domestic-** 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.
 - Fraud/Forgery-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Theft-** 2700 Blk 9th Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 5100 Blk 27th Ave. S.
 - Fraud/Forgery-** 2800 Blk Clinton St. S.
 - Theft-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 5300 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 7th Ave. & 53rd St. S.
 - Domestic-** 5400 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
 - Noise-** 2200 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Wednesday 1/25**
- Person Under Influence-** 5000 Blk & 18th Ave. S.
 - Ordinance Violation-** 54th St. & Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Theft-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Civil Matter-** 5200 Blk 18th Ave. S.
 - Trespass-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 8th Ave. & 49th St. S.
 - Suspicious Person-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
 - Juvenile Trouble-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
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Woman's Club Supports the Homeless

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Blvd N.E will be holding their monthly meeting on Friday, February 17th at 1 p.m. Guest speaker will be Sara Snyder, Director of the Pinellas Coalition for the Homeless. They urge attendees to support the relief effort by bringing healthy, non-perishable snacks to fill back packs for the children of these families. Back packs have been made by members of the club and will also be donated. Come early (12:30) to enjoy flute and oboe music! Refreshments will be served after the business meeting. Guests are welcome. Call 727-822-4982 or visit www.StPetersburgWomansClub.org.

Gulfport Free Clothing Swap

GULFPORT- Gulfport's next free clothing swap will take place at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market on Tuesday, February 14th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event continues to grow in popularity and is now regularly scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month. The swap takes place in the courtyard adjacent to the historic Peninsula Inn at 2937 Beach Blvd. South. Participants are invited to bring up to five gently used garments to exchange for vouchers that may be used to select clothing brought in by other participants. Clothing may be for women, men or children. Please provide hangers for all garments to be used in the swap. For anyone interested, vouchers may also be purchased for \$3 each.

Donations of clothing above the 5-garment limit are encouraged and accepted. All additional donations should be contained in bags or boxes. All cash proceeds, donated clothing, and non-selected garments at the end of the swap will be donated to Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA). CASA is a local non-profit organization providing services to survivors of abuse or violence. For more information on the clothing swap, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org. In case of rain, the next clothing swap is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th.

Crime Awareness Meeting

The next City Wide Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention Meeting will be held on Monday, February 13th at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center located at 1617 49 Street S. All residents are welcome to attend. Topic will be current criminal activity and crime stats from December and January. Please remember to use 911 for all emergencies and the 893-1030 for non-emergencies and report all suspicious activity to police.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

The Real Estate Buyer's Legal Checklist

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

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

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

will buy and how you will buy it.

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

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

1. What exactly are you purchasing? Are land, buildings and personal property included as part of the sale?
2. When will you be entitled to take possession of the property? Will the current owners need time after the closing to move out of the property? Can you live with this?
3. What kind of deed should the seller of the real estate give you? Should it be an agreement for deed, a quitclaim deed or a warranty deed?
4. Will the seller provide you with good, marketable title?
5. Who is responsible for the payment of real estate and other taxes? Will they be prorated?
6. What persons should be required to sign and accept the real estate contract and closing documents? Is it necessary for both a husband and wife to sign the documents? Who should

sign the documents if a corporation is involved in the deal?

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Myers is the owner of Akerson Law Offices which is located at 1135 Pasadena Avenue South, Suite 140, St. Petersburg, Florida. The telephone number is 727-347-5131. Mr. Myers welcomes calls regarding this article and other related legal topics. This column outlines general legal principles and is not intended to give you legal advice. If you have a specific question about the law, please consult an attorney.

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The policies written by his agency are supported by the federal government through FEMA. FEMA pays a commission to the agencies that write their policies. Jeff and his agency are sharing that commission with their customers. Jeff says, things are tough for everyone, and if his company has a little to share with the community, it's happy to do so. *"With the economy the way it is, we thought it would be nice to give something back, especially since insurance has such a negative connotation,"* Jeff says. Maybe not anymore.

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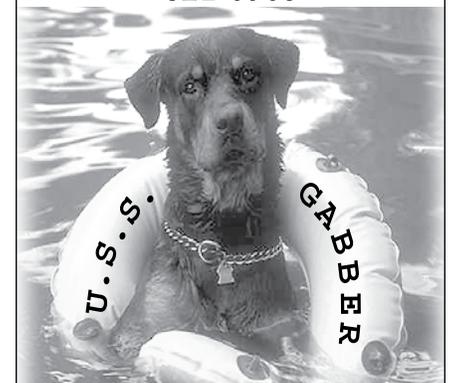
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8th Annual Pink Flamingo Home Tour

Gulfport's 8th Annual Pink Flamingo Home Tour will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tour begins at Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street S. in Gulfport. Tickets are \$15 or pre-sale for \$13. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 727-344-3711 or visit www.PinkFlamingoHomeTour.com.

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Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day is presented by the City of Gulfport Recreation Division. The event is Saturday, February 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tomlinson Lake Park (corner of Tangerine Ave. S. and 54th St. S.). The free event will include inflatables, entertainment, arts and crafts, family competitions and food (hot dogs and bottled water while they last). Please come join them for this wonderful family event! For more information, please contact 727-893-1068.

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Community Wellness Expo

ST. PETERSBURG- Make a day of fun, fitness and health at the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Community Wellness Expo on Saturday, February 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Willis S. John Recreation Center located at 6635 M.L. King Jr. Street N. Event features educational wellness presentations with live healthy cooking and fitness demos. Vendors focus on health and wellness with valuable health information and free vision and blood pressure screening. Enjoy a family fun area with a rock wall, inflatable games, raffles, prizes and more. All ages welcome. Call 727-892-5994.

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Renowned Author to Speak in Gulfport



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

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Top Penedès wineries include: Albet I Noya, Agusti Torellò, Antonio Mascaro, Can Rafols del Caus, Gramona, Miguel Torres, Jean Leon, Juve & Camps, Parés Baltà and Rovellats.

Over the last couple of months we have toured the wine regions of Spain. Next we will move on to Australia.

Book Donations Needed

Donations of books are needed by the Bookstore of The Friends of the West St. Petersburg Community Library located on the St. Petersburg College Gibbs Campus, corner of 8th Ave North and 67th Street North. The proceeds from the sale of these items are used to fund special children's and adult programs to benefit the community. They are a volunteer non-profit c-3 organization and can provide a receipt to you for your possible tax deduction. Please call Elaine Wenstrom at 253-6904.

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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 meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 4364, 5773 62 Street N. in St. Petersburg.

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.

They also participate in parades, as color guards for special events, flag folding for military funerals, as honor guards for military funerals, rendering support to members in need and participation in other patriotic and charitable endeavors along with various youth oriented events.

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

March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, is their annual dinner for members and their guests to be held at The Wine Cellar followed by entertainment.

Their meetings reflect a relaxed yet formal format which concludes with sharing coffee, sandwiches and pastries while engaged in pleasant conversation and socialization with members and guests.

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KrisAnne Hall will speak on "Defending the US Constitution", at the Pinellas Park Library Conference Room, 7750 52nd Street, on Sunday, February 26th, at 2 p.m. She is a former prosecutor and Constitutional attorney. She is a disabled veteran of the US Army, a Russian linguist, a mother, a pastor's wife and a patriot. She now travels the country and teaches the Constitution and the history that gave us our founding documents. She has received numerous awards and is the author of "Not a Living Breathing Document."

This free event is sponsored by the South Pinellas 912 Patriots. Seating is limited. Visit www.912Pinellas.org.

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BPW to Meet

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

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

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

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

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Be sure to get your tickets for the Hog Heaven Barbecue dinner. Joining in the church's centennial celebration, John Verville, the "Ribdog" and Master Kansas City Barbecue Society judge, will be back at First United Methodist Church, Gulfport, on Saturday, February 18th cooking some old time championship pork for you. In addition to generous portions of competition quality hickory-smoked pulled pork, dinners will include hickory smoked baked bean, cole slaw, bread and dessert. Tickets are \$8 per person in advance, \$9 at the door. Hot dog dinners for children under 12 are also available for \$3. Dinners will be served from 5-7:30 p.m. and takeouts are available. Buy your tickets at the church, 2728 53rd Street S. in Gulfport or call 727-321-3620 or 727-488-9031.

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Concert at Pasadena Community Church

Pasadena Community Church invites you and all your friends, family and neighbors to their concert, Starlight goes Country, on Friday, February 17th at 7:30 p.m. It will feature the church choir singing favorites like "I'll Fly Away", "Country Road", "Your Cheatin' Heart" and many others, with guest artists on the fiddle, banjo and bass. Soloists doing favorites like "Blue Bayou", "Crazy", "Mississippi Squirrel Revival". Charlie Weaver and Minnie Pearl will be there too. Dancers will do clogging, the Texas two-step and square dancing. Admission is \$6 and all seats are reserved with tickets available Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church office, 227 70th Street S.

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The event will be held at the Duncan McClellan Glass Studio, 2342 Emerson Ave S. in St. Petersburg. Art work from other local artists will be on display as well, including painting, sculpture and clay. All proceeds will benefit Family Resources, a non-profit organization which provides counseling to families in crisis, shelter to troubled teens and support to grandparents raising grandchildren.

For a night to remember and a wonderful way to give back, visit greatechfestb.org or call 727-521-5202 for tickets (\$100 for one or \$75 each for two or more). Hurry, tickets will sell out quickly. Complimentary beer and wine. Free valet parking. Casual elegant attire.

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Recycling Directory Now Available

The new Recycle Today: 2012 Pinellas County Recycling Directory has just been released. The directory is packed with the latest information about how to recycle in Pinellas County including local options for recycling cans, bottles, paper, yard waste, electronics, chemicals, motor oil, cooking oil and much more. Find out what's new in 2012, such as expanded recycling programs for plastics #1-7 in Tarpon Springs, Oldsmar and Gulfport. In addition, pizza boxes and plastic bottle caps may now be recycled.

Citizens can pick up a free copy at local libraries, Sweetbay stores, Nature's Food Patch Market or Pinellas County drop-off recycling centers. The directory may be viewed online at www.pinellascounty.org/recycle.

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Pampering on Corey Avenue



Shelley Rush samples a Pampered Hearts body polish at the 18th Avenue Corey Avenue Beach Craft Show. Shirley Wilson rinses the scrub and talks about her products.

At this weekend's craft show on Corey, over 100 crafters and artists displayed and sold their work on Corey, including the Wilsons. The Wilson family makes preservative-free body scrubs and polishes.



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Saturday at Alan Dreischarf's home was as close to a barn raising as a city in the state's most densely populated county could have. There was no barn in sight, but everything else was a page out of small-town Americana: neighbors pulling together to help neighbors.

57-year-old Alan moved to Gulfport from Eau Claire, Wisconsin two decades ago. In college, he majored in geography. After college he worked in mapping. When he describes what he did for a living, it sounds, to a layperson, a lot like he was Google Earth before Google Earth existed. But he had a tough time finding work up north, so he moved south, settling on making a home in Gulfport. He's lived here for 20 years. He is unable to work anymore. He's long known his next-door-neighbors, but this Saturday, he met his Gulfport Neighbors.

Thanks to Gulfport police officer Robert McLaughlin and Gulfport Neighbor Doug Hudson, a lot more people know about Alan, and Alan's learning what it means to be part of a community.

It started with a trampoline.

As a student at Maine West high school in Des Plaines, Illinois, Alan climbed up on the trampoline in gym class. Although there were spotters around, they were high school students like himself, not trained gymnasts. Alan took his turn on the trampoline. He jumped. He landed on his forehead.

He broke his neck.

He says this today matter-of-factly. He does not complain that he can only support half his weight at one time. He does not moan about his

aches or that he can't do what he did even a few years ago. Instead, his steely blue eyes glint with the hint of a smile as he hears the buzz of chainsaws and the "poomph" of nail guns.

Over the years, Alan's always tried to look after his home, facing the challenges head-on. He used to cut his grass himself, using an electric mower and keeping one hand on the mower, one hand on his walker.

That's not really possible anymore.

"2009 was the last year I mowed the grass," he says. When he can, he hires a lawn service. He receives social security disability but, at a young 57, isn't old enough for many benefits that would make his life easier. He is completely capable of taking care of himself, but large projects, like fixing the roof or replacing the home's original fence, are beyond his ability.

Officer Robert McLaughlin, the community service officer who works the Gulfport side of the 49th Street corridor, is part of the cacophony of sounds Alan can hear from his couch.

The veteran policeman met Alan when he responded to a call for help about a year ago. The yard was overgrown, and more than once someone, assuming the home was abandoned, tried to kick in Alan's door. Alan called the police, and Officer McLaughlin responded.

The police didn't catch whoever tried to kick in Alan's door, but neighboring Burkhardt Industries installed a metal plate that made it impossible to kick in Alan's door. In addition, Officer McLaughlin took a personal interest in Alan. He says Alan's immediate neighbors helped where they could. Sometimes they pick up trash on his curb; other times they offer Alan a ride when he needed to get



Alan Dreischarf just needed "a little help" to get things under control. Gulfport Neighbors offered him that help.

somewhere.

Alan's property still had issues. Alan's deck had fallen prey to wood rot. The dead trees in the yard were one big storm away from going horizontal. The fence felt like balsa wood.

Officer McLaughlin didn't call code enforcement. That, he says, isn't how he works.

"The main focus of my position is to deal with quality of life, code issues, crime, and perception of crime" he says. "To me, it's more important than compliance. What's a \$93 fine doing to do? It isn't going to get the job done."

When nearby Beachway mobile home park replaced its fencing, he convinced them to donate the perfectly serviceable used fence to Alan.

McLaughlin didn't stop there. He got in touch with Doug Hudson, a Beautification Committee head of Gulfport Neighbors. Gulfport Neighbors have organized cleanups for the better part of a year, but Alan's home would be the first massive beautification project.

"Somebody said, 'call Doug Hudson,'" Officer McLaughlin recalls. "So I

called Doug Hudson, and, boom!"

Doug called on the Neighbors to help Alan with his home. In addition to taking down the old fence, the Gulfport Neighbors called on its army of volunteers.

At first light Saturday morning, the Neighbors – almost 100 in all – started showing up. They spent their day removing the old fence, installing the new, cutting down dead trees, removing the rotted deck, replacing a ceiling, and cleaning out and repairing wood on Alan's garage.

"The transformation is huge," Officer McLaughlin said. He, too, donated his time to the project.

The official members of the Gulfport Neighbors weren't the only people involved in the cleanup. When Neighbor Margarete Tober approached Smokin' Js and asked for help with lunch, the small business owner offered to feed the crowd – for free. Tim Coppola, who owns Coppola Tree Service, brought along three of his crew and his bucket truck – for free. Jim Perry, a cabinet maker who's currently renovating parts of the Don CeSar, offered not

only the use of his tools and shop, but to build new kitchen cabinets for Alan (Alan's kitchen was severely damaged by an electrical fire.) Perry will not charge for the work.

The day was an amalgam of small projects and large. No one sat idle, regardless of their skill level.

"If I had a contractor in, this would take a lot longer," Alan says, stressing his gratitude, although he admits he's a bit of a loner, unused to so many people. "I'm not used to having all these people here."

"I'm like Sheldon on the Big Bang Theory," he admits.

It didn't matter that Alan wasn't a social butterfly. He was a neighbor in need and that, Gulfport Neighbors president Gina Burke said, was all that mattered. Her three daughters – the eldest in high school, the youngest in elementary school – all helped work on the property.

"He's a good Gulfport resident and a good guy," she said. "He just doesn't have the capability to do it himself."

If it had been one thing – a busted fence, or a small kitchen fire – Alan says things would have been different. But everything all together? It was too much for him.

"If you have too many problems at one time, nothing gets done," he says. "I just need enough help to get things under control where I can handle things. Now, things are getting back to normal. With," he smiles as an army of power tools whirs outside, "help from your friends."

In all, almost 100 people volunteered their Saturday to help a neighbor, including vacationers from St. Pete Beach who asked if they would be welcome "even if they didn't have their own tools." Countless residents – too many to name here – offered their services, as did many local businesses. Gulfport Neighbor Doug Hudson expressed pride and gratitude that so many people answered the call. To learn more about Gulfport Neighbors, visit GulfportNeighbors.org.

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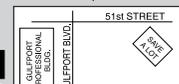
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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: Fire Dept. Procedures

Q: Is it true that the fire department is not allowed to use 54th Street anymore because the sirens were disturbing businesses?

A: More than one person sent this to the Gabber. It is only partly true. Yes, the city manager reports, vice mayor David Hastings (who has two businesses at the corner of 54th Street and Gulfport Boulevard) did ask why the fire trucks had to go past that corner, and yes, the fire department has a new directive about how they should get the trucks to Gulfport Boulevard, but the city manager stressed that what happened is something that would have happened for any resident, not just the vice mayor. He and the fire chief both told us that the new procedure – explained below – makes more sense.

Here's the history, courtesy of fire chief Jim Marenkovic: The fire trucks historically used 54th Street to get to Gulfport Boulevard because, at one time, there was a blinking traffic light at that corner that allowed the trucks easier access to Gulfport Boulevard. The flashing light went away but firemen still used that route. After the vice mayor questioned this, the city manager spoke with the fire chief and the fire chief created a new policy.

Fire trucks responding to a call now use 54th Street to get to Gulfport Boulevard if they're heading west. If they're heading east, the drivers will take the trucks down 53rd Street.

"This is actually better," the fire chief said, adding that the new procedure hasn't impacted his department's ability to do its job.

Celebrity Pro-Am Golf to Benefit PARC

USF Head Football Coach Skip Holtz is the Featured Celebrity Host for the inaugural PARC Celebrity Pro-Am Golf Tournament to be held February 12 and 13 at the prestigious Avila Golf & Country Club in Tampa, one of the most exclusive Clubs in the area. The premiere sponsorship packages offered to the public include many benefits, such as the opportunity to play incomparable champion golf and a chance to have a celebrity golfer as the fifth member of their team. All proceeds from the tournament benefit PARC, a nonprofit agency supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities since 1953.

The PARC Celebrity Pro-Am begins with an evening Pairing Party for sponsors and additional guests at Avila's enchanting mansion-style Clubhouse on February 12. At the Pro-Am Tournament on February 13, golfers will have a chance to play on the world class Bob Sierra & Jack Nicklaus designed Avila course – a golfer's dream.

Tournament Celebrity golfers currently scheduled to appear along with Coach Holtz: Dick Crippen, David Greenwood, Jon Gruden, Joe Magrane, Tino Martinez, Anthony McFarland, Fred McGriff, Ryan Nece, Lou Piniella, Shelton Quarles, Reginald Roundtree and Vinny Testaverde.

Started in 1953, PARC supports over 700 adults and children with developmental disabilities in a variety of programs. Recent funding cuts have impacted the amount of services offered to an individual with disabilities and all proceeds from this tournament will allow PARC to continue to help all ages reach their greatest potential and live a quality of life deserved by all.

For more information on how you can support the PARC Celebrity Pro-Am Golf Tournament Featuring Skip Holtz, contact Kim Waag at 727-410-6025 or kwaag@parc-fl.org. For more information on PARC, visit www.parc-fl.org.

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Goodwill Kicks off Annual Book Drive

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To donate books, attach a note indicating they are "For BookWorks" and drop them off at any Goodwill-Suncoast store or donation site. For store and donation site locations, visit www.goodwill-suncoast.org or call toll-free 888-279-1988.

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Other requirements are listed on the scholarship application and in the scholarship guidelines, which are available for download at www.votepinellas.com.

Applications should be submitted in the county in which the student is registered to vote.

Scholarship applications must be received by 5 p.m. March 19 in any Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office: 315 Court St., Room 117, Clearwater; 13001 Starkey Rd., Largo; or 501 First Ave. N., St. Petersburg.

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By Scott Lafee

The Woe in Women's Health

In studies asking women to rate their own health, women typically describe their health as being worse than men's. Researchers have usually attributed this to reporting bias. "In general practice, there has been this idea that women over-report health problems, or are more likely to say they are ill or pay attention to their symptoms than men," as Davide Malmusi of the Public Health Agency in Barcelona, Spain, told Scientific American.

But in a new study published in the European Journal of Public Health, Malmusi and colleagues suggest a different reason: Women say they're less healthy than men because, on average, they actually are. Specifically, they suffer from a higher rate of chronic disease.

The researchers analyzed data from 29,000 Spaniards who were queried about their health. Half of the respondents were between the ages of 16 and 44; the other half was older. Almost 39 percent of the women interviewed rated their health as poor or very poor; 25.7 percent said they had some sort of chronic ailment that limited activity. For men, just 27 percent self-reported poor health; 19 percent said they had a chronic limitation of activity.

The study suggests the difference isn't a matter of groundless complaining. When researchers compared men and women with the same type or number of chronic conditions, gender differences disappeared. Men and women equally described poor health.

The bigger question of why women appear to have a higher rate of chronic health problems was not resolved, but Malmusi said it's likely

a mix of factors, biological and social. "Gender influences the way people are diagnosed and treated in health systems," he said. "It influences the kind of health conditions they suffer from, the way people relate to their own bodies and what kind of access to health care they have."

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A distraught patient phoned her doctor's office. Was it true that the medication prescribed by her doctor was to be taken the rest of her life, she asked?

Yes, the nurse replied. She should take the pills for the rest of her life.

A long, silent pause ensued before the woman asked, tremulously, "Then I'm wondering just how serious my condition is. The prescription is marked 'No refills.'"

OBSERVATION

"You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred." -- American comedian Woody Allen

CURTAIN CALLS

Garry Hoy, a 38-year-old Canadian lawyer died in 1993 when he fell to his death from the 24th floor of the Toronto-Dominion Centre tower. Hoy had thrown himself against one of the skyscraper's windows to prove that the glass was unbreakable. He was right. The glass did not break, but the window frame popped out -- followed by Hoy.

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HEY KIDS!



Gulfport Little League is Now Registering For The Spring Season

Registration: Tuesdays and Thursday from 6pm to 8pm upstairs at the little league field or you may register your child on-line at www.gulfportlittleleague.net. If your child would like to play ball, please register them as soon as possible. This will allow us to place the child on a team, connect you with his or her coach, insure the correct uniform size, and get them practicing sooner.

Sunday February 5th @ 2:00 Coaching Clinic at the field (1820 55st. So.). If you are interested in being a manager or coach for GPLL this clinic is required.

Second Annual Gulfport Little League Reunion Sunday February 19th @ 4:00pm. Come reminisce with old friends and meet new ones. Hors d'oeuvre and drinks will be served. Everyone is encouraged to bring his or her glove and join in a softball game.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members and guests enjoyed Sunshine City Council's Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction. Valerie Rankin, member of LET was the chairman and did an outstanding job. They congratulate the winner of the Golden Spoon JoAnne Good of Beta Xi Master for the winning sauce. Congratulations also to Sue Henry of Xi Pi Omicron for 2nd place and Paula Adams of Beta Xi Master for 3rd place. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and had fun bidding on the desserts and the items in the silent auction. Several of our members participated in the sauce competition: Paula Roberts, Val Rankin, Sharon Ingram, Joyce Keller, and Pam Puskas. Several brought desserts for the desert table and items for the auction.

The "Souper Bowl" Social will be held on Sunday, February 5 at 5 p.m. at the home of Jim and Kay Brown. Lucy Brushaber, Kay and Jim Brown are the hosts for this annual event for the members and guests of LET. Members bring a soup mug along with a variety of appetizer items. The hosts provide soup and chili. Everyone gets to watch the Super Bowl game, cheer for their favorite team, and enjoy good food and times.

Laureate Epsilon Theta's executive board will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at the home of Elaine Penner at 7 p.m. and the next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8 at the home of Kay Brown at 7 p.m. Kay Brown will present the program. The chapter sweetheart Elaine Penner will be honored at this meeting with special refreshments and gifts.

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The ABCs of Fire Extinguishers



Louis Distasio takes a go at using a fire extinguisher Thursday night. As part of ongoing training, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) offered fire extinguisher training. Fran Worthington partnered with Louis for the exercise. Note her hand on his shoulder; when extinguishing a fire, the partner in the rear guides the firefighter backwards to safety.

During Thursday night's exercise CERT used ABC dry powder extinguishers. CERT lead coordinator and former firefighter Bob Worthington explained this type of extinguisher as "pretty much a catch-all" fire extinguisher for putting out very small fires.

CERT will meet again at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 7 p.m. on February 16. They welcome everyone at their meetings.



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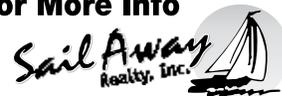
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