

## Boca Ciega High Teacher Jailed for Smacking Student

By Cathy Salustri

Gulfport Police arrested Boca Ciega High English teacher John Robert Able Monday morning at the school board's Walter Pownall headquarters in Largo. Abel allegedly struck a freshman boy Friday afternoon.

At the time of the incident the school was on lockdown because the school received a tip that a student had a gun, Gulfport police say. Although the police did not find a gun – and the student in question cooperated fully with police and administration, during the lockdown Able chastised the student for telling another student to “Shut the f\*\*\* up.” Able allegedly smacked the student in the back of the head.

School Resource Officer Jason Motte found out about the incident and investigated. Monday morning Gulfport police met Able at the school board building in Largo, arrested him, and took him to jail.

The school board placed Able on administrative leave Monday. The school board says they have reassigned Able so he has no student contact while on paid administrative leave.

## Gulfport Allows Sandwich Boards

Businesses who wish to display free-standing signs (called sandwich board signs) may now legally do so. Signs can be as large as 42” \* 30”; businesses may place them on private property or, if there is not private property available, on public property. They can't get in the way of people walking or block a car's ability to see around corners.

## Haggling at the Women's Club



Jean Clark, a member of the Pasadena Women's Club, haggles with a customer over a wood “RELAX” sign.

“I'll give you a couple of bucks,” the customer said.

“Betty, how much for this?” Ms. Clark called out.

“Fifty cents?” Betty said.

“Well, she said she'd give me two dollars!” She said.

The negotiations ended at one dollar.

Betty Ann Patterson, a board member, said the money raised will go for improvements to the clubhouse and the Sallie House. The Sallie House in St. Petersburg is a home for children who cannot stay with their parents or guardians, either because of abuse, neglect or abandonment.

## Gulfport's Charter Amendments in Plain Language

On March 13, Gulfport voters will vote on five amendments to the city's charter. The Gabber has prepared a plain language version of these amendments to better help the voters understand the issues.

### Referendum Question #1

*Shall the Charter of the City of Gulfport, Article I, The Corporation, Section 103, Extraterritorial Powers, be amended to provide for amending title to acquisition and disposal of properties; prohibiting the sale, trade, vacation or giving away of any real property which provides park, beach, recreational lands, beach access or submerged lands except after referendum approval of the city's electorate?*

### What that means in plain language:

If you vote yes, the city cannot sell, trade, or give away any city parks, beaches, recreational lands or submerged lands without a voter referendum. Right now the city

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## Two Uses, Too Cool

Dunedin resident Sally Hess looks at a fishing-lure-turned ice cream scoop at the PAVA 2Cool Art Show at the Gulfport Casino last weekend. PAVA, or Professional Association of Visual Artists, assists working visual artists and artists who want to make their art a career.

## Good News For Gulfport Businesses: City Makes Site Plans Faster

Tuesday night Gulfport city council took the first step in making life easier for new businesses. In the first of two votes the council voted to allow city staff to make decisions about many site plans. This ordinance will remove the requirement for both the planning and zoning board and city council to review site plans that don't require a conditional use permit.

Currently, all site plans must go through city staff, the planning and zoning board, and then the city council. If this ordinance passes on second reading, city staff will be able to approve the site plans. Any site plans that seek a variance or ask for a non-permitted use will still go before the planning and zoning board as well as city council.

"This should shave a couple of months off the process," Community Development Director Fred Metcalf said.

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## Shell Club to hold Show and Sale

The St. Petersburg Shell Club will present their 65th Annual Shell Show, "Treasures of the Seas". Come on February 25-26th to learn all about shells and the creatures that inhabit them. The exhibit will be held at the Seminole Recreation Center; 9100 113th Street N. in Seminole on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults and children under 15 are free when accompanied by an adult. There will be beautiful exhibits of local and worldwide shells, shells in arts and crafts, a special kids area, a raffle and door prizes. Dealers will be there to sell shells, books and much more.

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## Catch a Jazz Concert

The Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will sponsor the following concert:

- On Thursday, February 23rd, "Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps" will play from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Bilmar Beach Resort, Treasure Island. Admission is \$7. Call 727-522-6877.

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## Garden Club to Hold their Annual Sale

• Feb. 23, 24 & 25: Garden Club of St. Petersburg presents their Annual Flea Market/Collectables/Plant Sale.

• Thursday, Feb. 23rd: Preview Night with Wine & Cheese - \$5 (preview night only) from 5-7 p.m.

• Friday, Feb. 24th from 9-3 and Saturday, Feb. 25th from 9-1: Trash to Treasures Sale: Something for everyone, jewelry, collectables, clothing, household items, plants and homemade lunch/snacks/drinks available.

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## Friends Gearing up for 2nd Annual Book Sale!

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library will hold their 2nd Annual Book Sale on Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at historic Scout Hall at 5315 28th Ave. S. in Gulfport.

There will be plenty of great finds and buys on good condition fiction and nonfiction, hard cover and soft cover books. This event is supported by the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library who assist in additional funding for special Library programs for children and adults. For more information on this event or the Circle of Friends, email [phylirose@gmail.com](mailto:phylirose@gmail.com) or call Phyllis Rosenblum at 727-368-1598.

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## Candidate Forum

GULFPORT- On Thursday, March 1, the Gulfport Democratic Club will sponsor its third Meet the Candidates Forum at which Gulfport voters will be able to meet and get to know the candidates for city council in the upcoming election.

The forum will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the 49th Street Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street S. The candidates will each make a brief statement and take questions from the moderator and the audience.

This forum is open to all Gulfport voters, regardless of party affiliation. We welcome you to take this opportunity to educate yourself about the upcoming election so that you can make a more informed choice.

## Deadline Nears for Property Tax Savings

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

Permanent residents of Pinellas County may qualify for one or more property tax exemptions, which may result in hundreds of dollars in property tax savings. But, they must apply before the March 1st deadline.

Florida offers several types of property tax benefits for qualified residents:

- Homestead Exemption for a primary residence
- Low Income Senior Exemption
- Widow/Widower Exemption
- Disability Exemptions and Exemptions for Blind Persons
- Exemptions for Veterans with a Service Connected Disability (or for his or her surviving spouse)
- Discount for combat wounded Florida Veterans over age 65 who entered the service while a Florida resident.
- An additional property tax exemption for certain deployed members of the United States military.

Some important facts to remember:

- The homestead exemption automatically renews each year, but not all of the exemptions do.
- If you purchased a property that had a homestead exemption at the time of purchase, that exemption will be removed on December 31, and you will need to apply for your own.
- The deadline to file for a personal exemption for 2012 is Thursday, March 1, 2012.

Each exemption has its own set of qualifications. To find out if you qualify, or for additional information, call the Personal Exemptions Division at 727-464-3294, or visit the Pinellas County Property Appraiser website at <http://pcpao.org>.

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## Thanks for a Great Family Day

The City of Gulfport's Recreation Division would like to thank everyone who helped make our Family Fun Day Event at Tomlinson Park a great success! A special thank you to Gulfport CERT for the wonderful hot dogs and refreshing water, the Gulfport Teen Council for helping out with the arts & crafts and inflatables, and to all the people who showed up to participate and have fun at our event.

The winners for the family competitions are – Potato Sack Race: 1st Ariana and Brice, 2nd Damon and Destiney and 3rd Jaydi and Cierra; Kangaroo Race: 1st Destiney and Damon, 2nd Katelyn and Cierra and 3rd Ariana and Brice; Base Running: 1st Samantha and Selena, 2nd Paul and Katelyn and 3rd Destiney and Lula; Obstacle Course: 1st Ariana and Brice, 2nd Destiney and Lula and 3rd Jaydi and Cierra. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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## Gulfport May Get Historic Park

The city has plans for a historic-themed park at the Tangerine Greenway – if it can get the \$200,000 to \$300,000 park fully funded by the federal government. The Trolley Market Square Park would be part of the Tangerin Greenway by 49th Street and would include a replica of an old trolley car.

If Gulfport gets the full grant, the park will include electrical hookups and pavers vendors. The Chamber of Commercer would use the trolley as a welcome center that focused on businesses in the 49th Street redevelopment area.

Community Development Director Fred Metcalf and city planner Mike Taylor will prepare and submit the grant by March 3. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development funds the grant, called a Community Development Block Grant, or CDBG.

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## March Madness! The 10 best things about March

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## Gospel Concert at Trinity Church

Buddy Liles who has appeared with the Gathiers and other gospel groups, will be in concert on Sunday, February 26th at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Church of the Nazarene, 1000 55th Street S. behind Boca Ciega High School. Admission is free, a love offering is optional. Call 727-239-1548.

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## IAC Instructor/ Student Show

Art works by Industrial Arts Center instructors and students will be on display now through March at the Juxta Center Art Gallery in St. Petersburg's Grand Central district. An artists reception is scheduled for Saturday, February 25th from 6-10 p.m. Exhibiting instructors and students include IAC founder Jackie Ballard, Brad Bedillion, Caity

Pautler & Elise Pautler, Donny Weidenkopf, Tony Vouis, Jason Bourgholtzer, Jonathan Schork, and Eric Holdsworth.

The Juxta Center Art Gallery is located with the Ric Castro Salon at 2157 First Avenue South in St. Petersburg. For information call Castro at 727-479 4228. For information about the Industrial Arts Center, call 727-289-9365 or visit [www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org](http://www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org).

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artist, participate in the live and silent auctions or simply relax and enjoy the evening with a glass of fine wine and spectacular food.

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 [greatchefstb.org](http://greatchefstb.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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## Mardi Party at Woman's Club

You don't want to miss the Mardi Gras Dinner & Masquerade at the St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Blvd. N.E on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m. A delicately flavored Cajun menu of appetizers, entrée, desserts (including beignets) and coffee. This inclusive dinner with professional entertainment is \$18 per person. There will be a cash bar, featuring Hurricane Punch! Costumes and masks are encouraged to make it a truly festive evening. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Historical Building Restoration Fund.

For reservations, call 727-823-9258 or email: [mayflowersharpe@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mayflowersharpe@tampabay.rr.com).

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## Take a Boating Class

USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 7-16 Gulfport will offer the next ABS Class on Saturday, March 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the USCG Building, 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport. Enter through the rear door. Cost is \$40 per student. For reservations or more information call 727-399-7986.

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## Audition for "Breaking Legs"

Open auditions for "Breaking Legs" will be held on February 27th and 28th at 7 p.m. at the Players' Back Door Theater located at 1619 49th Street S. in Gulfport. Director Eileen Navarro needs five men, ages 40 to 50, and one sexy woman, age 25 to 30. Must have an Italian accent for this comedy. The play will run from April 19th through 29th at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport. All interested people urged to try out for a part. Visit <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org> for a map showing directions to the Back Door Theater.

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## Democratic Executive Committee Meeting

Alex Sink, Florida's former Chief Financial Officer and founder of the Florida Next Foundation, will speak at the February 23rd meeting of the Pinellas County Democratic Executive Committee. Also on the agenda is St. Petersburg physician Dr. Mona Mongat, the southeast regional director of Doctors for America. Florida Next Foundation was created to build a stronger economic foundation for the state while protecting quality of life. Doctors for America is a national movement of physicians and medical students working together to insure

that everyone has access to affordable, high quality health care.

The PC-DEC meeting is at 7 p.m. at the St. Pete Marriott Hotel, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd. N. in St. Petersburg. Call county Democratic headquarters at 727 327-2796.

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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.

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## Gulfport Yard Sale Permits Required

As a reminder to all Gulfport residents, Code Enforcement would like to remind everyone who plans to have a yard sale, to review Code 13-25 at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us). A yard sale permit must be obtained from the code enforcement office located at 5330 23rd Avenue S. Please review the instructions on this permit as to where and how to post signs related to the yard sale. On several weekends up to 2/7/2012, Code Enforcement observed multiple violations of yard sale signs. These signs not only bring down the beauty of Gulfport, each violation can be addressed separately, starting with a Class V with a \$93 fine.

Some residents involved with yard sales this weekend were not aware that as of June 21st, 2011, the "First Saturday of the Month Yard Sale" resolution was amended. Current code allows for a NO-COST permit that would allow a person to have a yard sale from 1-3 consecutive days once every 60 days.

- Gulfport Officer LK Garrett

## Freedom Fighter Award Winner to Speak

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](http://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](http://www.bpwstpetepinellas.org).

For more information, contact Kristine Ketcham-Szerenyi, [kristine@kristineketcham.com](mailto:kristine@kristineketcham.com) or 727-366-3439.

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## Cancellation

The Treasure Island Historical Society's scheduled Dinner/Show on Sunday, February 26th at 2 p.m. has been cancelled.

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# Letters

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## Move On!

**Dear Editor:** I had the pleasure of attending the candidate debate. Given the time limit imposed I welcome the Gabber's effort. Here, in no particular order, are a few comments.

Transparency of council. Unless council holds secret meetings to conspire to put money in their pockets, I don't pay much attention. "At various meetings council members seemed to not be prepared". If they attended a secret meeting before hand, I guess the agenda was not clear. What does get my attention is bad decisions that affect Gulfport and it's citizens. Red light cameras. Ok, council didn't do it's homework. However, it will soon be a non-issue. If the numbers presented by Mr. Liedtke prove correct, not only is Gulfport coming up short, so is the vendor. It's a small town, the tickets aren't there. The vendor will soon end it all.

Dispatch, a cost cutting move plain and simple. Who's idea was it? Who approached whom? Who talked to who about it first? Who cares. The public debate was PUBLIC, citizens spoke out, a vote before the PUBLIC was taken, it passed, move on, please.

Bring in revenue. Careful here, Gulfport is a more senior community. What works in Treasure Island might not go here. Get with the Chamber of Commerce on this one. For starters go with the easy one, the Marina. No mooring fields, just a nice place to park your boat at a reasonable cost that still makes a profit. Then move on to what would fit in on 49th street.

The big one. Safety on 49th Street. Mr. Liedtke and Mr. Perry have concerns about walking on 49th after dark. Nobody does that, there's nothing open. Not many people walk that corridor in the daytime. See above, bring in revenue. Lots of business, lots to see and do, more people, too many witnesses for crime to pay. The ball is rolling, there's talk of putting a police sub station on 49th. Actually, since dispatch moved, police presence has increased. Kind of takes away from the rest of the city, but when you call, after the fact, there is little or no delay, just like

before. Can't grasp this one. Council, challengers any ideas?

Citizens can count on being well informed. There's print, like the Gabber, Internet and Facebook, and nothing beats going to a council meeting in person. You can't rehearse a council meeting, go, you'll see. What you hear is business held out in the open. Good luck challengers, just keep away from bad press, watch what you support. It's hard to beat experience, just saying.

Stan Kreuter

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## Gulfport's Finest

**Dear Editor:** On Monday, February 13th the Avalon building at Town Shores had the misfortune of experiencing a crucial gas main break on its premises which triggered the evacuation of the entire building for safety purposes. The Avalon Building would like to gratefully thank the Gulfport Fire Department for their rapid response to the emergency situation after receiving the 911 call and their continued cooperation in keeping us informed through out the afternoon. We would also like to thank the fire departments of the cities of St. Petersburg and South Pasadena for their hasty backup response and the Gulfport Police Department for their assistance with traffic control and safety. The City of Gulfport has one of the finest emergency response systems in Pinellas County and we are fortunate to be under their care.

With the utmost of gratitude,

Dorothy Malmstedt, President  
Avalon Board of Directors

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## No one is Entitled

**Dear Editor:** Entitlement is a buzz word lately, this word is thrown around a lot, one uses this word to reinforce, frighten others or to make a point, hopefully. The various residents of Gulfport also seem to feel entitled to behave in a certain way. Apparently the feeling of entitlement gives one a false sense of security in insecure times.

This feeling of entitlement is demonstrated in how one chooses to drive, how one chooses to behave in a public facility (library), how one chooses to assist or ignore others. I suppose in many ways this

entitlement is telling of the time we are living in, the current time seems to be one of selfish thinking as well as acting.

This lack of concern for others is demonstrated at the levels of speed that one sees on a daily basis. In my front yard is a speed limit sign, this sign and the speed limit that it represents is ignored more times than I want to count. The lack of compassion and concern for others is seen at the library, there are individuals there who are reading, researching or wishing for some solitude. The lack of concern and compassion for others is witnessed at the various local business on a daily basis.

Hopefully, this feeling of entitlement or superiority will dissipate soon! Each of us is an other to someone else, how would we like to be disregarded and ignored? If a sign says 25 MPH, it means it, if one is to wait a few minutes in a line for a service, so be it. If one is expected to be mindful of the surrounding, that is what they should be doing.

The sense of entitlement or superiority is a frightening sense to me, for it gives off an arrogance to me, this might be intentional or not, but that is what I am receiving from this.

The beautiful thing about being a Gulfportonian is the sense of diversity that many of us share. Gulfport is not the PYCC, Town Shores, the Art Village or Boca Ciega High School, it is a composite of all of the neighborhoods. As the Mayor previously said, Gulfport belongs to all of us.

Mark Grantham

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## Get the Most from your E-reader

Chad Mairn will be back at the St. Pete Beach Library on Saturday, February 25th at 10:30 a.m. to present "Getting the Most from Your E-Book Readers: Tips and Tricks to take you from Frustrated to Delighted!". The library is located at 365 73rd Avenue. Call 727-363-9238.

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## Town Shores Red Hatters

They are meeting for lunch next Tuesday, February 28th at Neptune's Grill on Beach Blvd. Meet at 11:30 a.m. at the clubhouse if you wish to walk to the Village. If not, meet at Neptune's at 12 p.m. Call Julie at 343-6587 or Judy at 344-7558 for reservations. Don't forget to wear your purple and red along with your hat.

Their next Bunko games will be held in the clubhouse lounge on March 9th.

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## Junior League to hold Open House

ST. PETERSBURG- The Junior League of St. Petersburg (JLSP) is pleased to announce it will be holding two informational open houses providing prospective members an opportunity ask questions about JLSP membership and hear from current members on experiences as part of one of the most dynamic, service-driven groups of women in the Tampa Bay area.

The new member open houses will take place on Thursday, February 23, or Thursday, February, March 22 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at All Children's Hospital Education and Conference Center, 701 Fourth Street S. in St. Petersburg.

Attendance is recommended but not required for membership. For any questions or more information email HQ@JLStPete.org or call 727-895-5018.

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## Bernie McCabe to Speak at Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of the Gulf Beaches meets every Tuesday at noon, at The Club, Treasure Island, 400 Treasure Island Causeway, Treasure Island, FL 33706. Bernie McCabe, State Attorney, 6th Judicial Circuit, will be the featured speaker on February 28. Guests are welcome to attend these lunch meetings.

The 13th Annual Gulf Beaches Rotary Golf and Tennis Challenge is scheduled for February 23-25 at Treasure Bay Golf & Tennis, 10315

Paradise Blvd., Treasure Island. Play Glow Golf on Thursday night, watch the St. Petersburg College Women's Tennis Team Match on Friday afternoon, attend the Silent Auction preview and draw party dinner on Friday night, or join in 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, ext. 4.

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## Teens Ready for Second Visit behind the Scenes

On January 25th, about a dozen high school students got a close-up look at Pinellas County Public Works. They saw firsthand what it takes to control the timing of traffic lights, make roadway signs, run Mosquito Control and operate a host of other services provided by the department. They learned about the new Emergency Responder building, constructed to withstand a hurricane so Public Works staff could safely stay there during a storm and quickly spring

into action to clear roads before other recovery efforts could begin.

For the next Teens Behind the Scenes on Wednesday, February 22, teens will visit the grand jury room of the Criminal Justice Center and learn about the Sheriff's Office, state attorney and Sixth Judicial Circuit Court.

The program offers students the opportunity to experience the inner workings of government while touring the various facilities. The monthly program runs through April and is presented by the county's Youth Advisory Committee, modeled after

the Pinellas Citizen University.

Program line-up is as follows:

- Law & Order on February 22. Investigate the roles of law enforcement, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys and the judge.

- Most Wanted! on March 21. Take a tour of the Pinellas County Jail. Learn about intake, maximum security, and direct supervision. (Parental release required to participate.)

- 9-1-1 101 on April 18. Get an up-close look at the Pinellas County EMS system and get the chance to participate in a first responders' demonstration.

- Awards Night (6 p.m.) on April 24. Be on PCC-TV with your County Commissioners and receive your certificate.

The sessions are offered the fourth Wednesday of the month from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the site of the featured department. This free program is open to high school students who are at least 14 years old. The registration deadline for each session is two weeks before the program date. Class size is limited.

To register, go to [www.pinellascounty.org/yac](http://www.pinellascounty.org/yac) or call 727-582-2656.

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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](http://www.PinkFlamingoHomeTour.com).

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## Get Rescued this Saturday

**GULFPORT-** Gulfport's Get Rescued, the animal rescue festival and fundraiser, is preparing for its eighth annual event to take place on Saturday, February 25th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This popular event, which Gulfport Merchant's Association (GMA) hosts, has evolved from one block and a handful of animal rescue groups in its first year to a popular and festive event representing as many as 60 animal rescue groups from throughout the region. Gulfport's Get Rescued is one of the largest such events in the state, with all profits to benefit participating non-profit rescue groups. Animal rescue organizations, many appearing with adoptable pets, take over Beach Blvd. to raise money and awareness for their causes.

Additionally, animal-related vendors, artists and crafters offer their wares to festival-goers. Pet related activities will include a pet parade with domestic and adoptable pets, pet care education, pet services, a pet food and supplies drive, animal rescue groups, free samples, training demos, canine massage, food, music and games. Each year, thousands of attendees, many accompanied by their own canine companions, make their way to Gulfport to participate in what has become a beloved tradition. Live performance artists include "Turley Brothers", "Chicago Rich", "D'Leid Parrots" and "Lola & the Sinners". Well behaved pets and their leashed people are welcome! The daytime event is free for the public to attend with plenty of free parking in and around the area.

The Get Rescued Celebration is the popular evening component of a full day of festivities that begin with Gulfport's Get Rescued, the beloved annual street festival and fundraiser held on Beach Blvd. on the same day. Later in the evening, all are invited to a lively evening of fun for humans that will also donate to the important cause of animal rescues. The evening will include dancing and music. Free catered hors d'oeuvre, a cash bar, fresh flowers and festive décor will add to the party atmosphere. Opportunity

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drawings will take place during the evening. Proceeds from ticket sales, after expenses, will be donated to rescue groups participating in the evening event.

Live and silent auctions will offer a chance to support up to ten non-profit rescue groups with a variety of auction items up for bids including travel, hotel stays, art, wine and food, pet accessories, restaurant gift certificates and much more. Rescue groups solicit their own items and will receive 100% of proceeds from their auctions.

Tickets for the Get Rescued Evening Celebration are \$20 each. Advance tickets may be purchased by calling 727-323-3892. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door on Saturday, February 25 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom, 5500 Shore Blvd. S. For more information on the evening Celebration, contact Lynda Shehan at (727) 323-3892 or No1Ringmaster@aol.com.

Visitors and attendees are encouraged to bring donations of

dog and cat food, cat litter and pet supplies. Several convenient drop off locations will be on site, and contributions will be distributed to participating rescues on the day of the event.

Supporters can become involved in Gulfport's Get Rescued by sponsoring an individual animal rescue group for \$50, which will include a prominent sign at that group's Beach Blvd. booth during the event. Local businesses are also encouraged to donate items for live and silent auctions, with the proceeds being divided among the participating rescues.

For more information on Gulfport's Get Rescued, visit [www.gulfportma.com](http://www.gulfportma.com) or [www.facebook.com/GetRescued](http://www.facebook.com/GetRescued) or contact Suzanne King at 727-322-5217, email [SuzFest@gmail.com](mailto:SuzFest@gmail.com). Pet friendly vendors and rescue groups can download the applications at [www.SIKPromotions.com](http://www.SIKPromotions.com) under the vendor info tab.

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## Waterfront Trolley Schedule

The famous red and green Waterfront Gulfport Trolley loop schedule runs on 1st Friday and the 3rd Saturday during the Gulfport Art Walk. The Trolley also runs during large special events.

The Trolley loop stops are Essex Ave. S. & Beach Blvd. S., 31st Ave. S. & Beach Blvd. S., 29th Ave. S. & Beach Blvd. S., 28th Ave. S. & Beach Blvd. S., 23rd Ave. S. & Beach Blvd.

S., 27th Ave. S. & Beach Blvd. S., 15th Ave. & 58th St., 18th Ave. & 55th St., Wood Ibis Park – 58th St., 23rd Ave. S. & 54th St., 28th Ave. S. & 54th St., Recreation Ctr., 5730 Shore Blvd. S., Wood Ibis Park – 28th Ave. S., 58th St. & Shore Blvd. S. Trolley can be waved down anywhere along the route.

If you are looking for additional parking for your vehicle and would like to take the trolley into the Waterfront district, you can park at Ted Phillips Wood Ibis Park (58th St. S. and 28th Ave. S.), The

Recreation Center (3750 Shore Blvd. S.), The Library (5501 28th Ave. S. – enter on the 27th Ave. S. side), The Senior Center (5501 27th Ave. S. and Chase Park – (Parking by the Dog Park 2726 54th St. S. and Behind the Gulfport Museum 5301 28th Ave. S.).

For more information on the trolley, contact 727-893-2237.

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## “An Inspector Calls” Opens Soon

The Gulfport Community Players will be opening J.B. Priestley’s suspense-packed play, “An Inspector Calls” on March 1st. The play will run through March 11th at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport.

This play will keep you in suspense from beginning until the end. Set in 1912, an upper class English family is interrupted by a police inspector investigation of the suicide of a lower-class girl. Any or all of the family could have had a hand in her death. But just who is this mysterious inspector and just what could he want of them?

Tickets are just \$15 each and are on sale now at Eileen’s Resale Boutique, the Gulfport Casino, the Gulfport Beach Bazaar, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, or reserve them by calling them at 727-322-0316 for will-call tickets.

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## Learn about Emotions Anonymous (EA)

There will be a Community Information Meeting about Emotions Anonymous on Tuesday, February 28th 6:45 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Public Library (Main Branch), 3745 Ninth Ave. N.

Emotions Anonymous is a twelve-step organization, similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. Their fellowship is composed of people who come together in weekly meetings for the purpose of working toward recovery from emotional difficulties. EA members are from many walks of life and are of diverse ages, economic status, social and educational backgrounds. The only requirement for membership is a desire to become well emotionally. Call 893-7724.

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## 100 Artists and the Art of Hot Dogs

Dick Ward, a volunteer with the Suntan Center, grills hot dogs for the crowd at this weekend's 100 Artists in Horan Park. Suntan operates and staffs a city building with volunteers.

To find out why these volunteers do what they do for Suntan, check out the Gabs on page 19.

## Rotary Golf and Tennis Challenge

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## Mardi Gras!



Maggie Hall and Leon Leemad celebrated Fat Tuesday last Saturday at the Kiwanis Mardi Gras fundraiser. The Kiwanis event, held the Gulfport Casino, raised money for programs that help kids. St. Pete Beach mayor Steve McFarlin and his daughter Molly were crowned king and queen of the Mardi Gras.

## Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

March 8th is the trip to Egmont Key. All are welcome. The ferry leaves from Fort DeSoto Park at 11 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. There is also a \$5 charge per car to enter the park.

If the weather is bad, the trip may be cancelled. If that happens, the trip is rescheduled for March 15th.

So pack a lunch, bring a lawn chair and enjoy a day at this beautiful park. If you have any questions, call Joyce McMahan at 321-9029.

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## Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop Exhibit

The Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop, under the direction of volunteer art instructor Betty Staebell, will celebrate their 20th anniversary. Students will display their artwork at the Gulfport Public Library (5501 28th Ave. S. in Gulfport) during the month of March. Please come to the opening reception on Friday, March 2nd from 6-8 p.m. The art will be on display at the library for the entire month. Each student has prepared at least three new original paintings in watercolor, acrylic or oil. Open to the general public. For more information, please call 727-893-2237 or 727-893-1231.

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We asked volunteers working at this weekend's 100 Artists show why they chose to volunteer their time and efforts at St. Pete Beach's Suntan Arts Center.



**Dick Ward:** "Because it's a worthy cause. An artist enlisted me!"

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**Karianne Kapfer:** "Because it's fun and so I can be the National Junior Honor Society."

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**Joe DeMarco:** "Because I'm a member and to help out and because we need volunteers!"

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**Maria Scrivner:** "I just think it's a wonderful, creative place to be. It's community oriented – we're open to the community, people of all ages."

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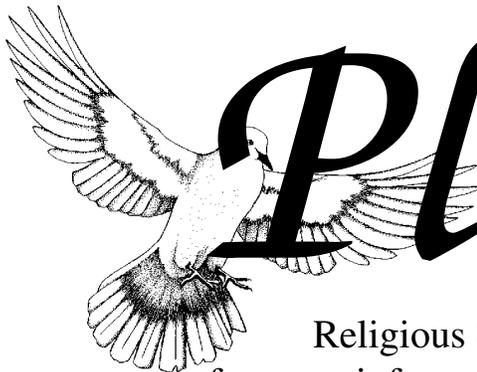
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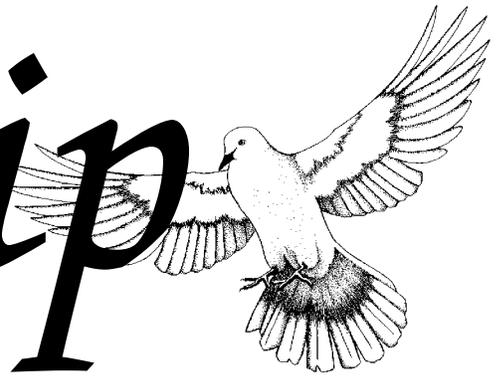
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# Worship



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## Fish Fry at Gulfport United Methodist

The annual United Methodist Men's Fish Fry has been set for Friday, March 2nd from 5-7 p.m. by the United Methodist Men of First United Methodist Church. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall at the church, 2728 53 Street S.

Featuring the always popular menu of fried fish, cole slaw, tartar sauce, baked beans, hushpuppies, grits, tea, coffee and dessert and all you care to eat at a donation of \$7.95, this annual event continues to be bigger and better each year. Take outs are available.

Advance tickets are strongly suggested in order to assure an adequate supply of fish. Tickets are available at the church office or by calling Les McEwen at 321-3672.

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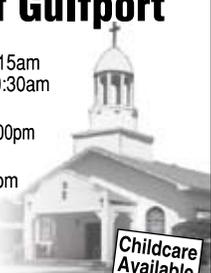
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The Science Center of Pinellas will hold the 2012 Innovators' Ball on Saturday, March 3rd from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 501 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. Event features dinner, dancing, drinks, silent auction and prize giveaways. Come fundraise to the sounds of Motown with entertainment provided by "The Black Honkeys". Tickets are \$60 per person or \$100 per couple and are available by calling 727-384-0027 or online

at [www.sciencecenterofpinellas.org](http://www.sciencecenterofpinellas.org). Attire is dressy casual. All proceeds to benefit hand-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education to students grades K-12.

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## Skate Park Closed for General Maintenance

The Gulfport Skate Park is closed for general maintenance and will reopen in time for Gulfport Little Leagues opening day on Saturday, March 3. Call 727-893-1066.

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## Art Guild Show

The March Art Guild show is a workshop show. They will also accept paintings not done in a workshop. Entry date is March 1 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Treasure Island City Hall, 120 108th Avenue. Members may enter up to two paintings. If you are not a member, they invite you to become one.

On March 10th at 1 p.m. there will be a reception for the winners of the show. They will also have an art demonstration by Libit Jones. Refreshments will be served. Visit [www.treasureislandartguild.org](http://www.treasureislandartguild.org).

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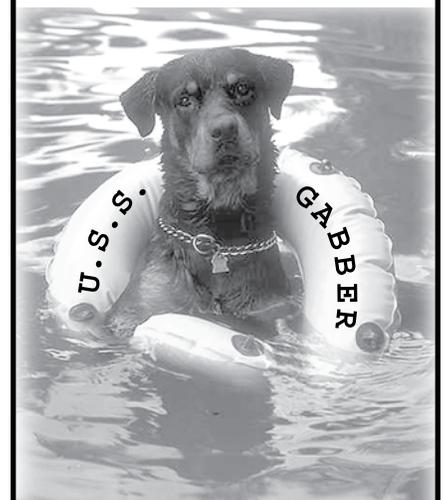
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# Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

## ACROSS

- 1 Smell
- 5 Gullet
- 8 Coll. teacher, for short
- 12 Director Stone
- 14 Actress MacGraw
- 15 Scream
- 16 Appetizer
- 17 With 19 Across, team that won the prize in 1996
- 19 See 17 Across
- 21 Succinct
- 22 Mideast peninsula
- 23 1982 NL Rookie of the Year
- 24 Coach Parseghian
- 27 CSA soldier
- 28 Mongrel
- 29 Physicians' org.
- 32 The prize
- 36 Gymnast Korbut
- 37 Recline or dissimulate
- 38 Pet that's really a plant
- 39 Team that lost the prize in 1996
- 44 2,000 pounds
- 45 Duct: anat.
- 46 Not wide, briefly
- 47 Draft org.
- 48 Use a stun gun
- 49 Port of Rome

51 Tim, of *Home Improvement*

- 54 Sport in which the prize is awarded
- 58 1996 MVP in quest of the prize
- 60 Sacred sites
- 61 Help a felon
- 62 Unlucky gambler's note
- 63 Pertaining to the spinal cord
- 64 Actor Calhoun
- 65 High hill
- 66 Disagreement

## DOWN

- 1 Name of five Norwegian kings
- 2 Actress Merrill
- 3 Racetracks
- 4 Fixes
- 5 Speed exceeded by SSTs
- 6 Lotion ingredient
- 7 Actor Wheaton
- 8 Name on a baking dish
- 9 Bring up
- 10 Ransom Eli \_\_\_\_
- 11 Sheet of ice
- 12 Wood sorrel
- 13 Curdling agent

18 Eared seal

- 20 Esoteric doctrines
- 23 Take to court
- 24 In the air
- 25 May, who wrote *Love and Will*
- 26 Inert gas
- 28 Purify
- 29 Hurts
- 30 Naturalist John's family
- 31 Made \_\_\_\_ at it: tried
- 33 Patriotic org.
- 34 Small drink or bite
- 35 Educ. institution
- 40 The Donald's ex
- 41 Skip stones
- 42 Hale who was hanged
- 43 Musical note combinations
- 48 Very tasty
- 49 Happen
- 50 Misbehave
- 51 Slightly open
- 52 Timber wolf
- 53 Stare salaciously
- 54 Year in the Middle Ages
- 55 Basketball's Wolters
- 56 Part of QED
- 57 Designer monogram
- 59 Container

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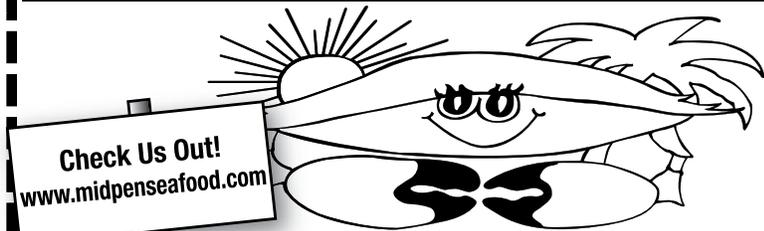
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Plan to attend Get Rescued in Gulfport's annual event this Saturday, February 25. Save Our Strays will be on hand during the street festival with pet-related t-shirts, pillows and pet blankets from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The evening event at the Gulfport Casino from 7-10 p.m. will feature great auction items including a weekend for two at a Clearwater resort and a chance to bid on a NASCAR driving experience. Save Our Strays is a no-kill, non profit organization; all proceeds directly benefit its strays in need of permanent homes. For more information call 727-545-1116 or go to [saveourstraysinc.com](http://saveourstraysinc.com).

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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

This week marks the beginning of the tense Uranus and Pluto square, which lines up in a peak position on June 24th of this year. Uranus in the warrior energy of Aries wants revolution, and Pluto in Capricorn, the sign of authority, is not likely to back down without a fight. This aspect begins to turn the tables between the “haves” and the “have nots.” Wealth comes from knowing your real resources and using them well.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes moving forward feels like coming home and moving backward feels unfamiliar, so it’s difficult to tell the difference between progression and regression. Don’t worry too much about it. Instead, just be mindful not to get too comfortable where you are, and welcome change in whatever form it shows up.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You will have to tear down the old in order to rebuild. There’s an area of life that’s been begging for your attention -- maybe an unorganized closet or a messy financial arrangement. Take out all the relevant facts and items, and lay them out. It will look worse before it looks better. Bit by bit, you’ll improve the situation.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A certain amount of nervous energy gives you an edge if you direct it well. But being nervous too much of the time has the opposite result. Address your emotional state. Do what’s necessary to create a sense of safety in your world. This may mean pulling back from overly stressful situations for a while.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You know how you like to be treated, and that’s why you will be careful to give people a good degree of your attention. When you’re genuinely curious about someone, this is easy. It’s a bit trickier when your immediate interest level is low. But you have a knack for asking the questions that draw people out and you in.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Make more time for exercise. This week brings exciting challenges, and

you’ll need to use your head. Did you know that increased muscle tone improves your ability to think? Getting stronger physically will help you stave off fatigue and tension that could interfere with a person’s ability to learn.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You will be dealing in the unfamiliar this week, and it’s the perfect opportunity to experiment with questions of identity. Ask yourself: “Whom are you portraying?” If the role you have chosen is not working, you can change your role in regard to the situation. People who don’t know you will be none the wiser.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is too easy to live for others. You see a need and fill it. You follow a direction. You stand in a line. Don’t forget yourself. Make time for what you want to do. No one will organize around your secret wish, but your public request will be honored. Energize your spirit with an endeavor that is uniquely yours.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may be feeling slightly out of step. If you have any time to yourself this week, strongly consider celebrating your uniqueness with a solo dance. This will put you back in touch with the rhythms of the universe. When you’re alone, turn up the music, and let it move through you, restoring your “groove.”

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Before something exists, it doesn’t. And when it doesn’t, it’s often unimaginable. Have faith that things you haven’t experienced and would never imagine can still happen. Faith will help you invigorate a dull scene, blast through the creeping malaise or turn a chore into a party.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take measures to simplify your life. Cutting out the extraneous things you own and do will unclutter your environment and help you focus on what really matters to you. The reductions you make this week will go a long way toward creating a happier, healthier and more satisfied future.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Success depends largely on your expectations and attitude. Before you leave the house each day this week, preview the day’s events in your mind’s eye. See things going well. See yourself working happily and being excited about the results you get. This “preview of coming attractions” will strongly influence events.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You won’t take advice from just anyone. You will be in a flexible mood, though, and will feel willing to try the suggestions of people you trust. There are only a privileged few in the category. You don’t give your trust easily, and when you do give it, you don’t take it back easily, either.

**This Week’s Birthdays:** You’ll finish a project over the next 12 weeks and cash in at the end of May. March brings an unusual opportunity to change your life in a remarkable way, all because you dared to look beyond the immediate. The excitement in June centers on mysterious secrets and investigations. Love lifts your spirits and gets you involved with new people, too. Invest in July. Your travels will be mostly to see family and handle business, but you’ll enjoy them as though they were complete leisure.

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## Got Books?

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library will hold their 2nd Annual Book Sale on Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Scout Hall at 5315 28th Ave. S. in Gulfport.

If you have books, DVDs, CDs in nearly new condition and you are looking to find a new home, please drop your donations off at the Gulfport Library at 5501 27th Ave. S. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The Friends are unable to accept video and audio cassettes or magazines at this time. Donations are gladly accepted throughout the year for the Friends Book Shop in the Library.

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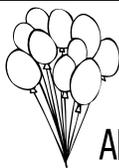
## City of Gulfport: Waterfront Sign

**Q:** What happened to the old "Gulfport Waterfront" sign that was at Clymer Park and Gulfport Boulevard?

**A:** Although the city replaced the old sign with a piece of public art, city officials are still looking for a place to use the old sign. City manager Jim O'Reilly says the city will keep the sign in storage until they find a suitable place for it.

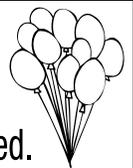
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# Energy Express The latest trends for staying healthy

by Marilyn Preston

## Tweet Revenge: Fitness Tips to Set You All a'Twitter

It's a revolution. Tweeting is in. Short is the new long. Attention spans are shrinking. R U serious? 4 sure! Less is more. #Cool.

**#4TIGHTRABS.** Want more core strength? Of course you do. Lie on your back in front of a chair. Put your heels on the seat in front of you so you form a 90-degree angle at your hips and knees. Clasp your hands lightly behind your neck, elbows moving toward each other. Slowly lift your shoulders up, off the ground, pressing your lower back into the floor. Lift and lower with awareness, focusing your attention on your ab muscles. Breathe! Do each one perfectly, until your abs are screaming for you to stop.

**#HUNGRYORTHIRSTY?** Next time you want to snack on a cookie or a bag of Fritos, drink a glass of water first. Then wait 30 seconds. Is that

hungry feeling still there? Probably not. You'll be amazed how well this works.

**#KIDSLOVETHEARTS.** If your son or daughter can't find their sport on the ball field or basketball court, start looking east. Kids who don't like traditional sports can find great joy and exercise and even themselves in the martial arts. Aikido (my fav), judo, karate and taekwondo can all work wonders on kids. They build strength and flexibility, boost self-confidence and teach kids discipline. Plus, the outfits are adorable.

**#ANGERBGONE.** There is a maddening amount of research that suggests men and women who walk around irritable and moody and angry are seriously increasing their risk of heart disease. The best revenge is no revenge at all. Give it up. Let it go. Laugh it off. When you transform negative emotions into positive ones -- joy, gratitude, compassion -- your health improves, and your heart grows stronger.

**#CR8SPACEONYOURPLATE.** Taking smaller portions and eating more slowly -- lowering your fork between bites, chewing each mouthful 15 to 20 times -- are two excellent ways to reduce your food intake. So is designing your plate to have more open space. That's where the calories were. And when you combine fewer calories with more exercise, you put yourself on the light-filled path to losing weight without dieting. Way 2 go!

**#BKIND2YOURBACKSIDE.** The mirrors in the gym only show us the front side of our bodies, so, naturally, we tend to spend more time developing those areas: our quads, our chest, our shoulders. Nice ... but not good enough. For better balance and greater strength, spend an equal amount of time on your backside: your hamstrings, your triceps and rhomboids, your lower and middle back.

**#DONTBSAD.** Do you turn blue in winter? It could be S.A.D. -- Seasonal Affective Disorder -- a depressing downturn in your mood due to less sunlight. What to do? Get out in the sun. Expose yourself to full spectrum light by way of special bulbs or light boxes. Exercise with enthusiasm. Vacation in a warm, sunny spot. Get tested to see if you're getting enough vitamin D.

**#REENERGIZE!** Falling asleep at your desk? Here's a quick way to re-energize. Put your elbows on the desk, close your eyes, and cover them with the palms of your hands, pressing gently against the entire eye socket. Breathe deeply, listening to the sound of your inhalation and exhalation. After a few minutes, take your hands down and open your eyes, and you should feel totally refreshed.

**#LOSEWORNOUTSHOES.** Most athletic shoes lose their cushioning and support after three to six months of steady use. If you don't replace them, your risk of knee and ankle injuries goes way up. Check out your shoes today. Tread gone? Cushioning shot? Heels worn away? Toss or recycle them depending on the wear, and treat yourself to a new pair.

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## Lions Club Shrimp Boil

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The menu features a great supply of fresh peel and eat shrimp, homemade hushpuppies (check to see if they have any "Barbaric Hushpuppies" too) and cole slaw, baked beans, coffee and iced tea and desserts. Each serving is a generous 1/2 lb. (weighed before cooking) for everyone and at a cost of \$8 per person, you can bring out the entire family. Additional shrimp can be purchased at \$5 per 1/2 lb. Unfortunately, this is not an all you can eat dinner for a one time cost (as most of our events are) but well worth the price. Children under 10 years of age are 1/2 price.

You are welcome to bring your favorite beverage (as they cannot sell beer or wine) as long as you share with the chefs.

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

This is a Gulfport Lions Activities Project, with all of the net proceeds generated to be allocated to their community outreach programs, especially Sight First activities and community sponsorships, i.e.. Little League, Scouts, Christmas Toy Shop, eye exams and glasses, etc. as are all of their fund-raiser projects (spaghetti suppers; pancake breakfasts, and fish fry).

Please make sure you are part of this popular annual social event. If you need directions call them at the Lions Den at 515-7509 the day of the event.

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## Referendum, from front page

can sell any property under a half acre in size without a voter referendum; if this referendum passes, the city will need voter approval for selling any of these types of property.

### Referendum Question #2

*Shall the Charter of the City of Gulfport, Article I, The Corporation, Section 103, Extraterritorial Powers, be amended to prohibit the sale, trade, vacation or giving away of any real property used for administrative and support facilities during the pendency of the administrative and support facilities use, except after a referendum approval of the City's electorate?*

#### What that means in plain language:

The same thing the first charter question means, except it refers to administrative-type buildings rather than the recreational-type lands mentioned above. This only applies to buildings currently in use; the city may sell unused buildings of this type without asking the voters.

### Referendum Question #3

*Shall the Charter of the City of Gulfport, Article I, The Corporation, Section 103, Extraterritorial Powers, be amended to provide for the affirmative vote of a minimum of four (4) city council members to establish a referendum election concerning the disposal of properties pursuant to this section?*

#### What that means in plain language:

A yes vote means that if the council wants to ask the voters if it's OK to sell city property (as mentioned in the first two items), four of the five council members need to agree that they want to do this.

### Referendum Question #4

*Shall the Charter of the City of Gulfport, Article X, Qualifications and Elections, Section 509, Public Supervision and Information, be amended to establish the ability at elections for council for qualified candidates to appoint watchers and challengers at each polling place in accordance with Florida law?*

#### What that means in plain language:

State law decides the rules about poll watchers and challengers, but Gulfport has a similar section in its charter that must say what the state law says. Every time state law changes, Gulfport must hold a voter referendum to change this part of its charter (the city has done this three times since 1985). A yes vote will make this section of the charter automatically change as the state law about poll watchers and challengers does.

### Referendum Question #5

*Shall the Charter of the City of Gulfport, Article X, General Provisions, Section 1005, Improvements, Financial Limitation, be amended to prohibit the City from any expenditures of ad valorem tax revenue in excess of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) per calendar year for any separate improvement or project, unless approved by a vote of the majority of the qualified electors of the City voting thereon in a referendum election?*

#### What that means in plain language:

Right now the city needs voter approval to spend more than \$500,000 of general fund money for any one improvement or project. A yes vote will change this to restrict this rule to property tax monies, which will mean the city *can* spend over \$500,000 as long as the money doesn't come from Gulfport property taxes.

## Ashtanga Yoga Classes in Gulfport

Ashtanga Yoga will be available at the Gulfport Recreation Center on Fridays February 24, March 9 and March 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This is a training group of teachers and on any given Friday you may have up to five instructors assisting with correct alignment, breath control and meditation practices. Donations are accepted. For more information please contact Tamara Harte at 727-512-2763 or tharte@tampabay.rr.com for more information.

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## Borrow the Kill-A-Watt™ Monitor

Through its Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project, Pinellas County Extension is promoting a new gadget that aims to get citizens more energy conscious and eco-friendly. You can view the video of the Gulfport Public Library presentation from Saturday, January 28th on the City of Gulfport's Youtube site at <http://www.youtube.com/user/cityofgulfport>.

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• Tuesday, March 6 from 1-4 p.m.: Workshop presenters will include Detective Carl Reschke, Florida Department of Financial Services, Anna Marie Millett, Investigator with Pinellas County Justice and Consumer Services and Sherri Lanham, US Postal Inspector.

• Wednesday, March 7 from 1-4 p.m.: Workshop presenters will include Detective Nancy Pillucere, Economic Crime Unit, St. Petersburg Police Department, Cathy Stallings, Senior Victim Advocate, Pinellas Area Agency on Aging and April Hill, Elder Law Attorney.

To request a seat, please call ahead to 1-727-235-6939.

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## PYS to offer Annual Senior Spring Concert

The Pinellas Youth Symphony will present a concert performed by senior level orchestras and chamber ensembles on Saturday, March 3rd at 7 p.m. at St. Petersburg College Music Center (6605 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg). Admission is free, donations are appreciated.

The Serenade Strings, The Pinellas Youth Symphony, and PYS chamber ensembles, comprised of top musicians from the county and surrounding areas, will perform in this evening's annual concert. Highlights include Mendelssohn's *Sinfonia No. 2 in D Major*, *Russian Easter Overture* by Rimsky-Korsakov, a movement from Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony and an array of string, woodwind and brass music pieces.

Visit [www.pysmusic.org](http://www.pysmusic.org), call PYS voicemail at 727-438-3149 or email to [pysdirector@yahoo.com](mailto:pysdirector@yahoo.com).

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## Rhode Island Reunion

Come out for a picnic in the park with other Rhode Islanders on Monday, March 12th from 10 a.m. to dusk at Fort DeSoto Park, East Beach, second shelter on the right #14 (this is a covered picnic shelter). Everyone brings their own food/drink and utensils (alcohol not permitted by the park). Please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert for everyone to share for the pot luck table. Any questions call 727-367-4044.

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## Volunteers needed for Spring Fling

The 2012 Gulf Beaches Rotary Spring Fling, hosted by the City of Treasure Island and the Gulf Beaches Rotary Club, will take place on March 15th through March 18th at the Treasure Island Community Center Park. In order to make this great event a success and raise as much money as possible for local charities, they will need help from other community organizations and local residents. They will need volunteers to help operate the ticket sales booths and parking concessions. Each volunteer will receive a commemorative t-shirt, meal ticket, drink ticket, and a beach parking pass.

Visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FOA4FA8A829A13-ticket> to sign up online. Volunteers can also sign-up by sending an email to [dfagan100@msn.com](mailto:dfagan100@msn.com) or calling Dennis Fagan at 727-643-7111.

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## Community Center hosts Huge Yard Sale

ST. PETE BEACH- The City of St. Pete Beach is hosting another huge yard sale at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, on Saturday, March 10th from

8 a.m. to noon. Indoor spaces in the gym and outdoor covered spaces are available on a first-come basis for just \$15 for SPB residents and \$17.50 for non-residents. There is no entrance fee for shoppers. Don't waste your time and energy having a sale at your house or driving around from neighborhood to neighborhood-

sales at the Community Center have up to 60 sellers all in one place and are usually frequented by nearly 500 shoppers. Registration is going on now and continues until all spaces are filled. Come by the Recreation office or call 363-9245 with questions or to reserve your spot.

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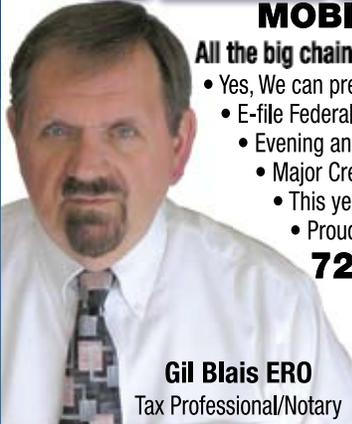
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## Welcome to the Waterfront



Artist Tom Pitzen created the city's newest piece of public art, the "Historic Waterfront" sign. Pitzen also created the art in front of the 49th Street Neighborhood Center.

## Registration Open for 2012 Clown Alley

Registration is now open for the 2012 Clown Alley Clown School, produced by the Suncoasters of St. Petersburg and sponsored by All Children's Hospital. This popular community program, which is open to students of all ages, has been a tradition in St. Petersburg since 1972.

Christine Davison, a graduate of the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Clown School, teaches character definition, make-up, costuming and performance techniques during the one day class. All participants will be invited to show off their new skills in the Illuminated Night Parade on Thursday, March 22nd and again in the Santa Parade in December.

The class will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the All Children's Hospital Education Conference Center, 701 Fourth Street S. in St. Petersburg. The cost is \$20 per person, plus \$10 for each additional family member. The fee includes instruction, a Clown Alley t-shirt and a box lunch. Clown make up will also be available for sale during the class. Registration forms are available on the Clown Alley page at [suncoasters-stpete.com](http://suncoasters-stpete.com) or by calling the Suncoasters office at 727-821-9888. Advanced registration is recommended. Same day registration begins at 9 a.m. until the class is full. Call 727-821-9888

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Saturday, February 25th  
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## Free Tax Preparation for those who Qualify

AARP will be offering free tax preparation and assistance at the Gulfport Public Library at 5501 28th Avenue S. on Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 13th.

This service is offered for households with low to moderate incomes, for taxpayers of all ages, but with an emphasis on those over 60 years of age. Taxpayers must bring social security cards for all persons listed on their tax returns, a picture I.D., and all pertinent records such as W2's, 1099's, other income and credits and a copy of last year's return. Free electronic filing is available. To locate other sites in the area, please contact 1-888-227-7669.

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## Vendors needed for Festival

Vendors are sought for the 2nd Annual James Weldon Johnson Literacy Festival which will take place on Saturday, March 3rd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the park land behind the Johnson Branch Library and the Enoch Davis Center located at 1059 18th Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. This event will feature a puppet show, moon walks, free books for children, music and more. Bay News 9's Erica Riggins has agreed to be the Keynote Speaker and they will also present their 2nd Annual Community Service Award winner.

Vendors can rent a 10'x10' space for \$25; nonprofit organizations are free. Vendors must supply their own tables, chairs and tents (tents must not be larger than 10x10). The completed vendor application, general release form and \$25 check must be received by February 24. Set up time for all vendors is between 8-9:30 a.m. Make checks payable and mail to: The Friends of the Johnson Branch Library, POB 1061, St. Petersburg, FL 33731. Proceeds will benefit the library. Call the library at 727-893-7113, Kevin Johnson at 727-342-2235 or email to kevinjohnson5370@yahoo.com.

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## Gulfport City Council Meeting

# Public Comment & Council Quotes

***"We put together a little PowerPoint together, but we don't have a screen."***—Public Works Director Don Sopak, about a presentation to council about trash collection practices. The Gabber has posted the presentation online on our web site, theGabber.com. Please look for the presentation under "Gulfport News."

***"You don't have to just throw it away. Go through it."***— Stan Kreuter, about the possibility of the city reselling some of the salvageable trash

***"Am I supposed to go out and take pictures of the holes in the street and send it to the town manager? Do I have to take graph paper and draw it out pretty good? ... I don't know what to do. How many holes do we have to have?"***— Patricia Millward, about street repair. The city manager said all Mrs. Millward had to do was call the city manager.

### About Streamlining the Site Plan Approvals

***"I don't believe our city is doing the best that we can be doing about this. I do know there are other cities in other areas, like the county for example who has really streamlined this process.... I was wondering if we have gone to these different cities and done our homework?... It does still seem very difficult process to get through."***  
— Gina Burke

***"It seems that the one district has all of the problems, the Shore district."***— Lawrence Burke

***"Communities that I have dealt with... have had in their ordinance if you have a professional sign off on your plans that is taken as a professional stamp... and therefore it s streamlined... quite effectively."***—Wesley Whittaker

***"I do not believe that ... what we have before us will necessarily do that..I don't see anything that would lead me to believe that the three-month - which is a myth anyway - current time frame would be substantially improved."***— Bob Newcomb, Executive Director of the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce. He also said that Chamber President Lori Rosso could not attend but "would love to have been here this evening to speak on this issue" but said she "was generally in favor of streamlining this process."

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## Local Obituaries

**CASTO, CARL S.**, 98, of South Pasadena, died Sunday, Feb. 12th, 2012 at Bay Pines VA. He is survived by his loving family. Memorial Park Funeral Home, 727-527-1196.

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**HALL, LYDIA M.**, 104, passed away on Feb. 13, 2012, in South Pasadena. She was born and raised in Forest Park, IL and moved to South Pasadena in 1969. Lydia was known as a positive and loving person. She lived through 5 wars as well as many presidents. Lydia worked in her earlier life as a secretary, where she met the "man in her life" and started her family in Oak Park. She is preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Roy William Hall Sr., and sons Dick and Jim. She is survived by her son Roy W. Hall Jr.; 9 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

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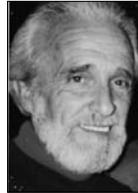
**KARPAN, MICHAEL**, 69, of Gulfport, died Feb. 12, 2012 at St. Anthony's Hospital. There are no known survivors. ALife Tribute-Gulfport.

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**WHITE, ERLINE M.**, 90, of St. Pete Beach, passed away Monday, Feb. 13, 2012 at Arbor Oaks of Tyrone in St. Petersburg. She was born in Kennedy, AL and came here in 2002 from Memphis, TN. She was Methodist. She is survived by 1 daughter, Pat (Quentin) Parsons of St. Pete Beach; 1 son, David (Catherine) White of West Memphis, AR; and a granddaughter-in-law,

BeBe Brown. She was predeceased by her husband of 32 years, Hester White and two grandsons, David White and Will Brown. Services will be in Fulton, MS. The family request memorials to Suncoast Hospice 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760. Online memorial and guest book at [www.gunterfuneralhome.com](http://www.gunterfuneralhome.com). E. Dale Gunter Funeral Home St. Petersburg, 727-528-2880.

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**WOLCOTT, WILLIAM (BILL)**, 64, Sunrise 2-17-1947 (Akron, Ohio); Sunset 2-12-2012 (St. Petersburg, Florida). Survived by four children: Jeff, Chaz, Greg and Teresa and six grandchildren. Preceded in death by Rhea Richards, a long time Gulfport president. Also survived by four siblings: Richie, Denny, Dotty and Barb. In lieu of flowers family suggests donations to Nevada Victims of Crime VOCP, 2200 S. Rancho Drive, Ste. 130, Las Vegas, NV 89102. Memorial gathering at Woodside Hospice Chapel, 6770 102nd Ave. N., Pinellas Park, FL on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 2-3 p.m.

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### Celebrate the Life of CAROL A. MCCARTHY

All are welcome to celebrate the life of Carol McCarthy beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24, 2012 at Stella's, 3119 Beach Blvd. in Gulfport.

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## Cleaning Closets?

Finding lots of unwanted and unworn things that you would like to get rid of? Sophie's Attic Thrift Store would be thankful for all your donations of clean, gently used clothing, household, small furniture and miscellaneous items. If you need help packing up or dropping off, call the church office at 321-3620.

All donations may be dropped off at the church office M-F, 9 a.m. to noon at 2728 53rd Street S. or the Thrift Store Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

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## Congregation Beth Sholom

Congregation Beth Sholom of Gulfport (1844 54th Street S.) will hold their Semi-Annual Rummage Sale on Thursday, March 15th; Friday, March 16th; and Sunday, March 18th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event features clothing, furniture, housewares, jewelry, shoes, artwork, linens, Judaica, and decorative items. Contact Toby Hurtado at 321-3380.

Beginning Hebrew lessons are available to members and non-members, one-on-one or in a group. Call Dr. Paul Cohen at 321-3380.

Haftorah lessons are available to members and non-members as well. The ability to read Hebrew is required. Call Dr. Paul Cohen at 321-3380.

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## Cathedral Latin High School Alumni Meeting

The meeting on Tuesday, March 13th is open to all graduates of the Cathedral Latin High School which was located in Cleveland, Ohio. Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at The Red Lobster Restaurant 6151 34th Street N. in St. Petersburg. Meeting take place after the luncheon. If you would like to attend please make reservations by calling Tom Begley at 727-804-1594 or email him at [tom@tbegley.com](mailto:tom@tbegley.com). Spouses are also welcomed to attend.

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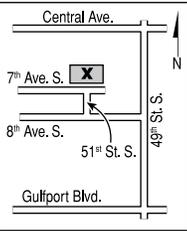
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## Gulfport Arts Center News

Gulfport Arts Center, a City of Imagination Project, (located at 2726 54th Street S. between the small and large dog parks) announces the following classes are studio time:

- Basic Drawing Workshop with Joseph Weinzettle, MFA. Workshop will be held on Saturdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. starting April 7th through the 28th. FMI or to pre-register contact Joseph Weinzettle at 727-418-5083 or email weinzettle@hotmail.com.

- Silk Painting Workshop which includes all materials and two silk scarves begins Wednesday, March 7, at 10 a.m., and are held bi-weekly after that. Pre-registration is required, contact Silvia Tamira-Powell at Tamirart1@yahoo.com, or 727-551-1000

- Open Studio sessions are held weekly at 9a.m. to 12 p.m. for all artists who wish to work independently. For more information contact Patsi Aguero at 727-501-3559.

- Live Model Figure Drawing every Sunday from 4-6 p.m. A model is provided. Contact Patsi Aguero at 727-501-3559.

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## Country Gospel Sing-a-Long Sundays

Each Sunday you can join in a country gospel sing-a-long from 6:30-8 p.m. at 4017 56th Avenue N. Call 565-8856.

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## EarthFest 2012 Parade Workshops

First Florida Frontiers and Earth Scouts of St Petersburg are hosting a series of community workshops every Sunday from March 25th through April 1, 8, 15 from noon-2 p.m. at the City of Imagination Gulfport Art Center, 2726 54th Street S., Gulfport. Come help them make puppets, masks, signs, banners, flags, and costumes for the "Water" Walking Parade to be held during EarthFest 2012 on Saturday, April 21st in Gulfport. The series costs just \$5 per family and includes four 2-hour workshops. Children must be accompanied by an adult. They can take their artwork home with them

after the parade. Kids learn to reuse, reduce, recycle and rethink!

They need donations of remnants, trims, art papers, paint, brushes, beads, glitter, paper and fabric glue, fabric pens, artificial flowers, bamboo poles, plastic containers, or anything that can be recycled for the parade. Contact Rosemary at 727-385-7083 or email rosemarieseawall\_47ymail.com for more information about donations.

EarthFest 2012 is also putting out a call to local artists to assist with developing designs for the parade.

For more information or to register for workshops visit [www.floridafrontier.com/EarthFest2012.html](http://www.floridafrontier.com/EarthFest2012.html) or call Elizabeth Neily at 727-744-7051.

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## Community Band to Perform at Casino

The South Pasadena Community Band will present a free concert on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. Come join Musical Director Max Millspaugh and the band for a little bit of Irish and brass. Selections include Fantasia

on an Irish Hymn, Ireland, Tiptoe through the Tubas, Frescobaldi Taccata, Concert for Trombone and Band, as well as Iassus Trombone.

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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## Lithuanian-American Lunch this Thursday

The Lithuanian-American Club is serving lunch on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The cost is \$7. Today's lunch is cepelinai (potato meat dumplings) with soup, dessert and coffee. By popular demand, they are doing cepelinai one week and koldunai every other week. Also available to buy is Lithuanian beer. Call Vida at 866-7936 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

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**Thursday 2/9**

- Vandalism-** 4100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Harassing Phone Call-** Location Withheld.
- Noise-** Tifton St. & 27th Ave. S.
- Panhandler-** 5500 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trespass-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Vandalism-** 1800 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Panhandler-** 1700 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Domestic-** 900 Blk Gray St. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 6200 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 1400 Blk Freemont St. S.

**Friday 2/10**

- Disturbance-** 2800 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Animal Call-** 5400 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** Shore Blvd. & Clinton St. S.
- Vandalism-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 5300 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 900 Blk Hull St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 6200 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Harassing Phone Call-** Location Withheld.
- Suspicious Person-** 2800 Blk 59th St. S.

- Animal Call-** 1900 Blk 60th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 5000 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Disturbance-** 12th Ave. & 55th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 1700 Blk 55th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Drugs-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 26th Ave. & 49th St. S.

**Saturday 2/11**

- Prowler-** 1600 Blk Hull St. S.
- Unknown Problem-** 5000 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 3100 Blk Miriam St. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5000 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Electrical Hazard-** 5200 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 1400 Blk 48th St. S.
- Traffic Hazard-** 15th Ave. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 2400 Blk 53rd St. S.

**Sunday 2/12**

- Noise-** Tifton St. & 27th Ave. S.
- DUI-** 15th Ave. & 49th St. S.
- Hit & Run-** 4900 Blk 23rd Ave. S.
- Disturbance-** 1800 Blk 50th St. S.
- Civil Matter-** 1400 Blk 55th St. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 900 Blk Hull St. S.
- Noise-** Tifton St. & 27th Ave. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 1800 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 5100 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Unknown Problem-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 54th St. & 31st Ave. S.

- Suspicious Person-** 6200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 26th Ave. & 54th St. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

**Monday 2/13**

- Disturbance-** 4700 Blk Coronado Way S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 2000 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 1800 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 1800 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 5200 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Disturbance-** Seaside Villas
- Disturbance-** 4700 Blk Coronado Way S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 6300 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 1800 Blk 53rd St. S.

**Tuesday 2/14**

- Hit & Run-** 59th St. & 17th Ave. S.
- Business Alarm-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Domestic-** 2500 Blk York St. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Hit & Run-** 17th Ave. & 59th St. S.
- Abandoned Vehicle-** 2700 Blk 53rd St. S.

**Wednesday 2/15**

- Suspicious Person-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
- Disturbance-** 31st Ave. & 49th St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 2100 Blk 58th St. S.
- Noise-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 51st St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Disturbance-** 4900 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Disturbance-** 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 9th Ave. & Gray St. S.
- Animal Call-** 5000 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Residential Alarm-** 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 6100 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 1800 Blk 56th St. S.
- Theft-** 5800 Blk 23rd Ave. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5700 Blk 17th Ave. S.

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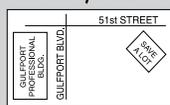


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## You Really Need a Contingency Fund, Really

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It's not chump change. Even though you can begin building your CF with the change you have in your pocket, your goal is to save enough amount to pay your bills for at least three months (six is better) without any income. Under the debt-proof living plan, 10 percent of your net paycheck goes straight into your CF before you pay any bills.

It's counterintuitive. When you're in debt and committed to getting out, it seems to make no sense to keep any money for yourself. Common sense says you should be sending your creditors every penny you have. Here are the top five reasons why you need a Contingency Fund, even if you're deeply in debt:

1. It is the antidote for your credit card habit. Just knowing you have money in the bank quiets that thing inside of you that wants stuff right now, even when you have no money to pay for it.

2. It counteracts that pathetic feeling of being broke. One of the reasons you are in debt is that you can't stand that feeling of being poor.

No one likes being broke. Curiously, a pocket of credit cards makes us feel rich in a really false way. Knowing you have money in the bank is the authentic way to not feel broke -- even when you know you're not going to touch that money.

3. It gives you an alternative to hitting the panic button. When you're broke, you live on the edge of panic. Even the smallest thing can make us press the panic button. Having money in the bank allows you to calm down so you can think reasonably.

4. It's the lifesaver that keeps you afloat while going through deep waters. If you can get all the way to paying off your very last debt without facing some unexpected expense (tires, water heater, medical expense), you will be fortunate indeed.

The chances are far greater, however, that while on your journey

to becoming debt-free something unexpected will happen. It's your Contingency Fund that will allow you to keep going without having to run back to your credit cards for a bailout.

5. It's your guarantee that you'll make it to the finish line. I say this on the basis of my own experience, and that of countless readers who are now debt-free: Having a Contingency Fund, whether fully funded or in process, is the secret to your debt-free success. It creates the emotional and financial margin you need to move away from the edge.

Your Contingency Fund will keep you going and going. And going some more, until you pay off that last dollar of debt.

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## Try your hand at Sudoku

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# Gulfport Leisure

## Recreation Center 5730 Shore Blvd. So 893-1068

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### ACTIVITIES

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

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

### PROGRAMS

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

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

area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res./\$22 non-res.

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

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

**CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.**

- Ashtanga Yoga- Fri. 6:30-8 p.m. Call Tamara Harte at 727-512-2763
- Cheerleading- Call Alison at 410-2227.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Floral Design - Wed., 4-7:30 p.m. Must

pre-register with instructor. Call Laurie at 617-247-9278.

- Gymnastics-Fri. 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
- Hula Dance Class- 11 a.m. -Noon, Call Kalina at 727-251-0424
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Stretch N Tone - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10 a.m. Call Jean at 631-226-7894.
- Tai Chi - Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.
- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 280-4276.
- Walking Club - Thur., 9 a.m., Call John at 893-1079
- Watercolor with Patsi - Beginners/Intermediate. Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., from 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga-Wed., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

### TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

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



## Gulfport Library

5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074  
or fax 893-1072

**GULFPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY - PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS**  
Search for/request books and other items on our online catalog:  
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**Book Sale!** Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library is asking for donations of clean & gently used items (currently unable to accept magazines or tapes) for their upcoming 2nd Annual Book Sale on Sat., March 3rd from 9 am - 2 pm at Scout Hall. Donations gladly accepted at the Library for this event & also throughout the year for the Friends Book Shop located in the Library.

**AARP Income Tax Assistance:** Fridays & Mondays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. FMI, call 893-1073. TAXPAYERS MUST BRING SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL PERSONS LISTED ON THEIR TAX RETURNS, A PICTURE ID, AND ALL PERTINENT RECORDS SUCH AS W2'S, 1099'S, other in-

come & credits, & a copy of last year's return if available. Free Electronic filing is available at all sites.

**Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop Reception & Exhibit** - celebrate their 20th anniversary! Opening reception is Friday, March 2nd from 6-8 pm. The art will be on display at the Library for the entire month. Each student has prepared at least three new original paintings in watercolor, acrylic or oil. FMI, please call 893-2237 or 893-1231.

**Free Family Movie Day:** Saturday, March 10, starting at 10:30 am, The Smurfs (2011); and, Real Steel; Enjoy with free popcorn provided by the Library! FMI, call 893-1074.

**Coffee/Talk Book Club:** Thursday, March 15, 10:00 am. Discussion of We the Living, by Ayn Rand, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy of the book. Please call 893-1073

FMI.

**One-on-One Computer Instruction:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 am-1:00 pm. First come, first served.

**Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step) Meeting:** Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. FMI: Call 727-360-9069.

**Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers:** Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

**Game on! Teen Board Game Afternoons:** Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00 pm. Stop by after school to challenge your opponents!

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

PROGRAMS AND DATES ARE  
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# Services 893-2237

## 5501 27th Ave. S.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Dealing with Pain:** Wrap-Up presentation: "How to Take Charge of Your Own Pain Management & Health Care in General" by Rita Sewell, RN Patient Advocates of South Pinellas, LLC. Thurs. Feb. 23 at 1pm.

**March Presentations on Healthy Vision:** A variety of presentations on Healthy Vision will be offered every Thursday in March starting Thurs. Mar. 1 at 1pm: "Common Ocular Problems in the Senior Population" by Heeral Shah, MD, Fellowship trained retina specialist. Sponsored by Updegraff Vision. Watch for more topics in the next Gabber issue.

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

**Senior Trips:** Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for info on upcoming day trips: Feb. 29 & Mar. 4: Hard Rock Casino (\$20); Feb. 28: The Irish Rovers at Ruth Eckerd Hall (\$54); March 1 or 7: Strawberry Festival in Plant City (\$35); Call for info on other upcoming trips: Lord of the Dance, Mar. 18; Tony Bennett, Mar. 23, Sailor Circus, Mar. 31 and more!

**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.

**Betty Staebell's Art Class Exhibit:** The Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop, under the direction of volunteer art instructor Betty Staebell, will celebrate their 20th anniversary. Students will display their artwork at the Gulfport Public Library (5501 28th Ave. S. in Gulfport) during the month of March. Please come to the opening reception on Fri. Mar. 2 from 6-8pm. The art will be on display at the library for the entire month. Each student has prepared at least three new original paintings in watercolor, acrylic or oil. Open to the general public.

**Coming Soon: "One Man Show":** Mark your calendar now for another "One Man Show" by "J" Wygant on Wed. Mar. 7 at 1:30pm in the Senior Center dining hall. Tickets: \$2.00 to support the Senior Center's Food Pantry for low income seniors.

**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.

**"Healthy Meals on a Budget" and "How Fitness Fits":** All are welcome to come to this two-fold presentation on Fri. Mar. 9 at 10am courtesy of nurses from St. Petersburg College.

**Senior Follies:** It's time for our annual spring Senior Follies on Fri. Mar. 23 at 7pm in the Catherine A. Hickman Theater. Tickets are \$8.00 and sell quickly so don't delay.

**Senior Open House & Gulfport History Expo:** A Senior Center Open House and Gulfport History Expo will be held at the Senior Center on Wednesday, March 28 at 2pm. The event is designed to showcase the rich history of the Senior Center as well as the community. The Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and Gulfport Historical Society will partner with the Senior Center to make this an event you won't want to miss. Other Gulfport businesses/organizations are invited to participate. Call the Senior Center for more info.

### 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.

### Support Groups

**Diabetic Support** on Mondays at 9:30am.

**Hearing Support** 1st & 3rd Mon. at 2pm

**Visually Impaired Support**, 2nd & 4th Mon. at 2pm.

**Caregivers:** Every Wed. at 2pm

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

**Neighborhood Center**  
**1617 49th St. So./893-1070**  
 Faith Cathedral International Church:  
 9:30am, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays;  
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**Overeaters Anonymous:** Sun.  
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**Sun., Feb. 26, 6-10pm, \$7**

**WEEKLY DANCES**  
**Every Tuesday**  
**Ballroom Lessons** 12-3pm, \$7  
 12-1 Intermediate  
 1-2 Beginner  
 2-3 Dancing

**Argentine Tango** 6:30-10:30pm, \$7  
 6:30-8pm Lesson,  
 8-10:30pm Dance

**Every Wednesday**  
**Swing Dance**  
 6-7pm Bonus Lesson  
 7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson  
 8-11pm Swing Dance, \$7

**Thursday, Feb. 23**  
**Salsa Dance**  
 6:30-8pm Beg. & Inter. Lessons  
 8-10pm Dance, \$7



# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## The Lunches from Home - A Good Start

In November I wrote about congress' discussions about nutritionally (and politically) correct school menus. I made a number of implementation and enforcement suggestions. What I didn't know was that the Food Police were already at work.

The story broke two weeks ago when a North Carolina parent of a four-year-old reported that her child's lunch was taken away at pre-school and replaced with chicken nuggets, a fried food staple of McDonalds. Her child's lunch consisted of a turkey and cheese sandwich, a banana, some chips and juice. Apparently, that's inferior to greasy nuggets. Or, maybe it was a punishment. Plus, the parent was billed \$1.25. That was later withdrawn. Then another parent reported a similar incidence at the same school.

Apparently this school or the state is very serious about food. And, it

appears it is without the assistance of the federal government. Just think how much more effective the program could be. Perhaps Homeland Security can best handle the "Lunches From Home Problem". Think about thousands of new federal hires, rubber gloved, x-ray and scanner equipped, guarding school cafeterias against the "Fat Monster", ready to snatch away Lunches From Home that do not meet government commanded nutritional standards of the minute, or day, or week, or year, or whatever. We might even be able to cover the cost of the program by getting sponsorships from vegetable and fruit industry and whole grain companies.

In my prior discussion I suggested that 1) all such programs start with application to the federal government in general and to its employees specifically, 2) government employees be weighed and measured and evaluated for fatness, 3) all food expense accounts cover only specifically nutritious food, 4) food at

the grocery stores and restaurants be strictly proscribed, 5) school lunch boxes be x-rayed, 6) neighbor inform on neighbor in the interest of a healthy individual, nation, and a less costly health care system.

These suggestions are fair. Fair and equal are the goals these days. What is good for one is good for all. All should sacrifice a bit for all. Those who are "good" (read thin) need to lead those who are "not" (read fat). Those who have excess (fat) should decrease in size to fit the perceived norm. The collective good trumps individual ambition. That opposition to "good" ideas is obstructionism and not for the collective good. That the U.S. Constitution is outdated, restrictive, and stands in the way of progressive ideas that are both good and true. That fairness and equality of status and result are, indeed, desirable and just goals. That government is the vehicle to achieve all of the above.

These are all reminders that if we are to achieve these goals, which are, as we stated, good and true, it is inconsequential to sacrifice a bit of individual liberty. Individual liberty presumes responsibility and that, too, is easily and preferably turned over to government which has the resources to deliver and the power to enforce ideas whereas individual liberty, including the liberty not to do anything, can be annoying, divisive, and sometimes disruptive and often apathetic.

It is easier and proper, too, to substitute money for individual liberty. At whatever level: education, employment, raising a family, the security offered by money makes priority over any individual liberties one might want to express. Appropriately controlled thoughts and speech and writings are preferable to disruptive, provocative, or unapproved emissions.

Food, of course, is more essential than liberty. What better place to begin for a more stable and prosperous country?

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Lunch Served 11am-3pm  Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Kitchen Open 11-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Dinner 5-7pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Breakfast 8:30-11am Kitchen Open 2-5pm	No Lunch Served	Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Euchre 1pm Bingo 6pm Kitchen Open for Bingo

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! Service Officer, Bob Cannon is at the Post on Thursday's from 9a.m. till noon to offer assistance. The Ladies Auxiliary Tournament is coming up in March. Read upcoming Gabbers for more information.

## Post 305

**6999 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach 367-1596**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7 pm  Food served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm  Barry Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	Steak Dinner 6-8pm  Sound Unlimited 6:30-9:30pm	Sports & Pizza 126pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm  Denny on Piano 6:30-9:30pm	<b>SAL Mtg.-6pm</b>  Harry 7-10pm	Legion Dinner 6-8pm  Music

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# Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

## I Am Not a Cop

**I**t was like being back in high school gym class.

In a burst of enthusiasm and with a slightly-more-than-gentle shove from my editor, I attempted to see if I could pass the Gulfport Police Department's newly-enacted physical fitness standards.

Spoiler alert: I can't.

This week I laced my running shoes, sat in the front seat of a squad car, and waited for instructions from Detective Hahn Pham, a department trainer. He appeared on the cover of the *Gabber* at the first round of practice runs. You might recall the picture: a muscled Hahn caught in mid-leap as he easily cleared the four-foot wall. Pham ran the course in 4:31.

Taking pictures of the officers running the course, as it turns out, is a lot easier than actually running it. When I first saw the course, I remarked that I thought it would be harder. Pham looked at me and said, "You know, you should really try running the course."

So, here I am, seated in the front seat of the Chief's car, waiting for Pham to start barking orders at me. He smiles.

"OK, so you're going to buckle your seatbelt and put your hands on the wheel. When you're ready, tell me, and I'll say 'go.' Unbuckle your seatbelt, open the glove box and get the keys out. Get out of the car, leave the door open, unlock the trunk, get the gun and the baton out of the trunk, leave the gun here, close the trunk, run to where Detective Embry is. Jump over the wall, go over the hurdles, serpentine around the cones, go under the hurdles, drop the baton, run to the dummy, pick up the dummy, drag it to the other cone, pick up the baton, and do it all in reverse. When you get back to the car, fire the gun six times with each hand, open the trunk, put the gun and baton in the trunk, close the trunk, get in the car, close the door, put on your seatbelt, put the keys in the glove box, and put your hands on the wheel. Ready?"

Uh, no. "Did you say close the trunk?"

He smiles. "Yes. Are you ready?"

I put my hands on the wheel. I can do this, I tell myself. Everyone else did it, even the guys who spend most of their lives at a desk. You go to the gym. You've signed up for a 5K next month!

Pham shouts "GO!" and I do just fine until I start to run off, and he calls me back to shut the trunk. I'm off again, running. Hey, all this treadmill time at the gym is starting to pay off. I feel pretty good.

Until I get about a quarter of a way around the Rec Center path. See, at the gym I walk for five minutes to warm up. I also don't go all-out, preferring to run at a leisurely pace. Today, for some reason, I've sprinted and my lungs are already calling me all sorts of names. I slow it down but keep running, making it to Detective Embry (who beat Pham's time by five seconds) at about 1:30. I shove myself over the wall, clear the hurdles, wind around the cones, and go under the remaining hurdles. I run to the dummy, squat, and grab the fat red man by his chest handles.

"Use your legs!" Detective Pham shouts, trotting over.

I try to stand. I fail. I try again. I fail again. I try a third time. I can't even lift the thing. It's supposed to weigh 150 pounds, but I start to wonder if it's still carrying a few holiday pounds. Every one of the officers did this, even Eva Iwanowski, a beautiful tiny creature who can apparently lift what must be twice her weight after completing half an obstacle course. Even the desk jockeys. Even the officer who has had two knee surgeries.

"Try using your legs," Detective Pham repeats.

"I am," I tell him. He demonstrates another technique for me; I try – and fail – to replicate it. The chief jogs over.

"Are you not going to do this?" he asks. I count to three and remind myself that he has a gun. On his person. I grab the dummy by the handles, intending to drag him down the field. He doesn't budge. I curse. I squat again, thinking that adrenaline-fueled anger and embarrassment will help me get the dummy off the ground. Nothing.

"OK, OK, leave the dummy. Just run the rest of the course!" Detective Pham says, and that's when I notice he's filming me. Are you kidding me?

I crawl under the hurdles, run the serpentine, clear the higher hurdles, scale the wall, and at the edge of the grass I see a spectator. 15 minutes ago this man was doing incline pushups; now he offers me a sympathetic smile.

"It's OK. You did good," he says. I hope he doesn't think I'm an officer. I hope Embry explained that to him while I was wrestling with the dummy like it was a futon mattress in a stairwell, because I sure as hell can't. I can barely breathe, much less run. I walk quickly back to the car, where I grab the gun, fire it six times with each hand (there are no bullets in the gun), get back in the car, fasten my seatbelt, and try to find the ignition. I can't.

"No! Put them in the glove box, not the ignition! The glove box!" Detective Pham is trying very hard to be nice, but even I can't believe he's still going with this charade. I put the keys in the glove box and my hands on the wheel. Detective Pham stops his stopwatch.

8:14.

That's two minutes and ten seconds longer than allowed. I will not be joining the Gulfport police force any time soon. I can't imagine an officer doing any part of this as easily as they did, although some of them looked as though they were struggling. They all did it under or close to the allotted time. They all lifted the dummy.

Officer Robert McLaughlin offers me a bottle of water. "Just keep moving," he says. "Don't sit down just yet."

I notice that two of the officers who ran the course before me are gone, getting ready for their night shift. I can't believe they don't get to go home and relax after that, and I pity whoever breaks the law in their presence tonight.

Me, I go home and collapse on the couch, whine about my failure on Facebook, and make plans to step up my training program. Not because I want to be a cop – I don't – but because I should be able to clear this course. It just doesn't look that hard; any idiot should be able to do it.

Of course, that's what a lot of people say about policemen, too.

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## Classes at the IAC

The Industrial Arts Center is accepting registration for the following classes:

- Fun With Torches Glass Lampwork Class with Jason Bourholtzer of Gulfport. Meets Monday, February 27, and Wednesday, February 29, 7-9 p.m.

- Intro to Glass Blowing series with Christian Zvonik, beginning March 6. Held on Tuesdays, from 6-9 p.m. for six weeks.

Other glass art classes include the Fun With Hot Glass series, Glass Blowing 101, 102 and Boot Camp, offered two Sundays each month from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fun With Torches lampwork is offered twice monthly.

The Industrial Arts Center is located at 2902A Beach Boulevard S. in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard. For information about any of these classes or special events visit [www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org](http://www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org) or call 727-289-9365.

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## Boating Safety Courses

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

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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## Gulfport SpringFest

The 18th Annual Gulfport SpringFest Street Festival celebration will take place on Saturday, March 31st from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. along historic Beach Boulevard in the heart of the City's quaint and charming downtown. The event is co-produced by the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Gulfport and The Gulfport Merchant's Association.

The SpringFest event is free to the public and dozens of vendors featuring a wide variety of arts and crafts have already signed up to participate. This year they will add

a gardening twist to their spring event, and are currently seeking vendors with live plants, garden art and other garden type products. Local and area restaurants are encouraged to join with other food vendors offering an array of culinary delights to enjoy. Live entertainment is scheduled to perform on two stages all day long. The children's area will provide activities for the kids, and will include bounce houses, games, face painting and more! The Easter bonnet walking parade at 5 p.m.

is an audience participation event and everyone is welcomed to join in anywhere along the parade route. Following the hat parade the hat contest will take place at the south stage, with prizes given for largest and most unique hats. Additionally, other venues downtown will also feature music and other activities.

Free parking and trolley rides are available in and around downtown. For more information, please contact the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce at 727-344-3711.

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

and go through the process myself, that usually helps to put people more at ease and understand that I have been there and done that MYSELF."

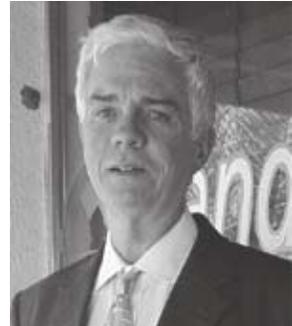
"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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

"I like what I do because I feel like I can help people get a fresh start," said Sanders.

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## Candidate Signs:

### What You Can and Can't Do in Gulfport

By Cathy Salustri

With some residents misunderstanding what campaign signs they can and can't display in their yards, the *Gabber* asked the city to clarify the rules on candidate signs.

City attorney Andy Salzman, city manager Jim O'Reilly, and community development director Fred Metcalf all agreed that Gulfport residents and businesses may have one sign per candidate on their property.

To clarify: if someone wants to put up a sign for Newt Gingrich as well as a sign for Ron Paul, the city says it will not stop them and it will not fine them.

"My understanding is that if you want to have one sign per candidate on your property, they're not telling you to take it off," Salzman said.

Gary Sanchez, a Pasadena Yacht and Country Club resident, says he was told differently.

"We were told that we were only allowed to put out one sign for politics. If my daughter wants to vote for Ron Paul and my wife wants to vote for Romney, we can't put out those two signs, so that's really treading on somebody's rights of freedom of speech. If we can't do that, the people who are making those rules, are the very same people we do not want in office," he said.

O'Reilly told the *Gabber* that no city staff had told anyone that they couldn't have opposing signs on their property.

"Nobody's been told they can't have more than one sign on their property," Salzman added. "The city is making sure it does not infringe on anybody's free speech. We're still enforcing the number of signs: no more than one political sign per ballot item or candidate shall be allowed on any property."

Salzman and O'Reilly both told the *Gabber* that they were enforcing the number of signs. Residents may not have multiple signs for the same candidate (for example, two Ron Paul signs) on their property, but they may have opposing candidate signs in their yard.

"If they want to have two people from the same race, they can do that," O'Reilly said.

## Retired Officers Wives Club to Meet

The Retired Officers Wives Club of St. Petersburg will meet for luncheon March 13 at The Dolphin Inn, 4900 Gulf Blvd. in St. Pete Beach. Social hour will be 11:30 with lunch at 12:15 p.m. The program will be a fashion show by Christopher & Banks. Call for reservations 399-1272.

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## Enter for a Scholarship Award

The Art Guild of Treasure Island is seeking a high school student for their \$1,500 scholarship. If you are going to college this fall and are planning a career in painting or photography they would like your entry by March 10th. Call Kathy Vanasse at 727-422-6577 for an interview. Visit [www.treasureislandartguild.org](http://www.treasureislandartguild.org).

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## Seniors' Chat Room

Join others as they experience table topics with the Gulfport Senior Center's Chat Room every Friday at 2 p.m. The Center is located at 5501 27 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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## Grief Support Group

If you have suffered a loss of a loved one, you are invited to attend a 13 week grief support group through April 1. It meets on Fridays from 10 to noon at Cornerstone Community Church at 6745 38 Avenue N. in the Fellowship Room. Top expertise in grief recovery will be featured on the professional DVDs. For more information please call 727-343-7747.

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## Call for Vendors

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

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## Adult Basic Sailing School

Boca Ciega Yacht Club will be offering a five week Adult Basic Sailing Class beginning Wednesday, March 7th. The course includes five Wednesday evening classes as well as four weekend waterfront sailing sessions. Students will put classroom theories into practice sailing the club's Catalina 16.5 feet. Cost is \$250 per person including all classroom materials and an U.S. Sailing Association Basic Keelboat manual. Participants will receive a complementary three month membership. With a 2:1 student teacher ratio this is the most reasonably priced program in the Tampa Bay area. For registration information, visit [www.sailbcyc.org](http://www.sailbcyc.org) or call Jennifer Rogers at 727-345-7544. Pre-registration is required.

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## Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta will honor Valerie Rankin and Paula Lyens with a Golden Circle Brunch at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club on Sunday, March 4. Members and guests will meet at 12 noon for this special event. Both ladies have been members of Beta Sigma Phi for at least 50 years. Many special surprises are planned for this lovely afternoon.

LET's executive board will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at the home of Val Rankin at 7 p.m.

Sharon Ingram is the 2013 Beta Sigma Phi Florida State Convention chairman and will hold a general

meeting for all members of all Sunshine City Council Chapters in pre-planning for this convention. The convention will be held at the St. Petersburg Hilton Downtown on May 17-18-19, 2013. The theme of the convention will be "Suncoast Fiesta." The general meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Dixie Hollins High in the JROTC Room.

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

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## Flea Market 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. Please call Jeannie at 727-735-7094 or Peggy at 727-323-5857 for information and registration form.

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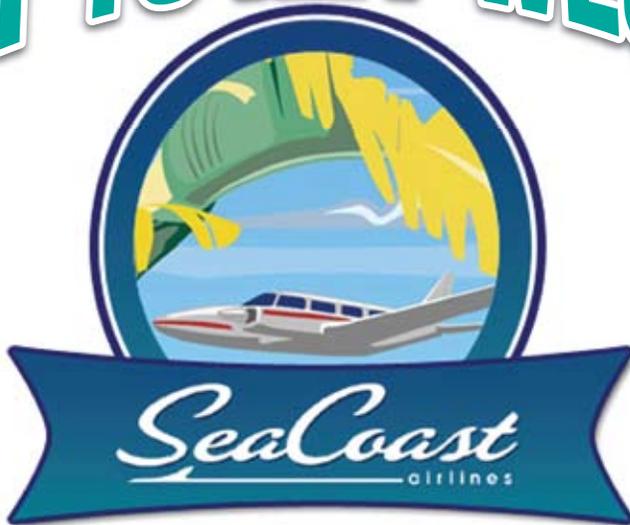
## Coconut Chili?



At the Grand Central District's Chili Cookoff, Paul Bailey (owner of the Queen and I) offers a taste of a different type of spicy dish: his coconut soup with chicken. The Grand Central District's annual event invited businesses and individuals to enter their chili recipes.

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February's program includes: "Your Boat's Radio" Feb. 28.

March's program includes: "Which Boat is for You" March 6, "Equipment for Your Boat" March 13, "Waterway Watch/Trailing Your Boat" March 20, and "Handling Your Boat" March 27.

Cost is \$40 for 13 weeks and includes new 400-pages of materials. Call Jim at 360-4846, Warren at 321-7801, or Phil at 865-2226

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## 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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## Card Party for Charity

On March 14, the Women's Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Gulf Beaches, a not for profit organization since 1936, will hold their annual "Card Party" and luncheon at the Wine Cellar located at 17307 Gulf Blvd., No. Redington Beach. They will play cards from 10:30 till 3 with lunch at noon. Cost is \$20 payable at the door with a reservation. This includes a raffle. For reservations please call Mary Alice at 866-2688. All money collected will go to their charity, "Angels Against Abuse".

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## Elections Association Offers Scholarship

If you are a college junior or senior majoring in political science, public administration or business administration, journalism or mass communications at an accredited Florida college, you may be eligible for a scholarship!

The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections, comprised of the 67 county supervisors, will award a \$1,200 scholarship this year to an eligible student.

Applicants must be registered voters who have lived in Florida at least two years and must have maintained a "C" average or above during the past year.

Other requirements are listed on the scholarship application and in the scholarship guidelines, which are available for download at [www.votepinellas.com](http://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.

For a mailed application or additional information, please call the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office at 727-464-6108.

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## Love is Still in the Air



Dale and Joan Richardson of Town Shores celebrated Valentine's Day by renewing their wedding vows to celebrate their up and coming 50th Wedding Vows at Unity St. Petersburg. Joan wore the original veil from 1962. Officiating was Rev. Fred Clare. The couple were married in Unity Toronto on May 5th, 1962. They wish to thank Fred for making their special day such a happy and wonderful memory.

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# Family Fun Day

Gulfport Recreation hosted the annual Family Fun Day event at Tomlinson Park on Saturday. The free event included inflatables, entertainment and arts and crafts.



**Down left side:** Alex Legros, 6, uses a straw to create a pattern in paint. Selena Ramires, 12, uses marbles to paint. Ariana Dickens, 8, shows off a painting she made with paint and marbles.

**Center:** Brice Lewis, 7, shows off his mad potato sack skills. He and his friend Ariana Dickens won first place in the sack race, beating older kids as well as elected officials.

**Right column:** 18-month-old Jack Cowan shows mom Jennifer what he wants to do next: face painting. Allie Bossert, 7, makes stained glass out of tissue paper. Korben Tucker, 6, bounces down the slide.

# March Madness!

## The 10 best things about March

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# Teen Corner

By Elizabeth Brown-Worthington

It's time again for another installment of the monthly Teen Council news. Our last meeting was January 19th, 2012. The meeting was called to order at about 4:45 p.m. We had three of five members present, and our three advisors also present, we also had two visitors.

Our first order of business was to discuss one of Teen Council's upcoming events, the So49 Car Show. Phil Reed was there to discuss it with us. He began by explaining how all the proceeds of this event are being split and donated to three different organizations the Fallen Officers Foundation, the Gulfport Police Explorers, and the Gulfport Teen Council. Mr. Reed told Teen Council that we would be in charge of selling sodas in the soda truck and working the inflatables. We thank Mr. Reed and the rest of the So49 organization for thinking of Teen Council while planning this event.

Next, we discussed the Florida League of Cities Video Competition that Teen Council entered. President Nolan Slone, Vice President Michael Wos, and I met a few times over Christmas Break and created the video, we also met, along with Member Laura Karbowski and wrote a narrative about our Teen Council, and the video we made. We were able to watch the finished product and it turned out great.

The New Business we have is that Daniel Hodge would like to let Teen Council have a spot at the Tuesday Fresh Market over the summer. The Fresh Market offers a free spot to one community organization a month and would like us to set up a table and talk to people about Teen Council. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

For the next couple of months I will be highlighting one Teen Council Member a month.



**Name:** Nolan Slone  
**Position on Teen Council:** President

**School:** Osceola Fundamental High School

**How long he's been on Teen Council:** 2 Years

**Why he joined Teen Council:** "I wanted to get active in my community and I thought Teen Council would be a good way to do that."

**What he would like to accomplish while on Teen Council:** "First I would like to show the people of Gulfport that not all teens are punks; I also want to make a positive change in the city. Like how the teen council wanted to find and report safety concerns, and starting the teen of the month program to recognize teens that have made a difference in Gulfport."

**Events he would like to start for teens:** "Besides teen of the month I would like to open all events that teen council helps with to all the teens in Gulfport for volunteer opportunities. I want teen council to do more to represent the youth of Gulfport on issues they may be facing. I would like to have a teen dance or some kind of sport event for the teen also."

**Favorite City Event:** "The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks."

**Favorite thing about Gulfport:** "Probably Wood Ibis Park, I go there all the time to run."

Our next meeting is February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 p.m. at the Gulfport Recreation Center.

If you would like to join Teen Council, the only requirements are, you must be from thirteen to eighteen years old and you must live in the City. For an application, you can find one on the City Website ([mygulfport.us](http://mygulfport.us)) or you can pick one up at the Gulfport Rec Center.

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## Calling all Crafters and Artisans

Girls Incorporated of Pinellas is now accepting applications for "Crafts in the Park," a premier showcase for handmade crafts and custom artisans scheduled for all day Saturday, March 17th in Pinellas Park. Crafts in the Park is part of the larger Country in the Park weekend celebration sponsored by the City of Pinellas Park and the PinellasPark/Gateway Chamber of Commerce.

Crafts in the Park attracts crafters from all over Florida and as far away as New York. Attendance records in recent years have topped 20,000.

Vendor spaces are 10' x10' and are \$50 for Saturday. Space is available for 125 crafters. Vendors have the option of setting up Friday afternoon and selling on Friday evening March 16th during the wildly popular Chili Blaze Cook-Off sponsored by Pinellas Park Firefighters. The vendor fee for selling Friday evening is \$25. The fee is \$75 for both Friday and Saturday.

Vendor registration fees benefit Girls Incorporated of Pinellas, a non-profit youth development organization in Pinellas which operates an empowerment-based before/after school program and a full time summer day camp for girls ages 5-17. Visit the Girls Inc. website at [www.girlsinc-pinellas.org](http://www.girlsinc-pinellas.org).

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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](http://www.pinellascounty.org/recycle).

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By Scott Lafee

## For Cosmetics Users, a Bit of 'Tad' News

It's not time to toss the mascara and blush, but a new study out of Brown University suggests that even very low concentrations of a chemical commonly used in cosmetics hinders brain development -- in tadpoles.

The chemical is called methylisothiazolinone or MIT. It's used as a preservative and biocide in personal care products, from cosmetics to shampoos, and it is considered to be safe in humans in concentrations of less than 100 parts per million. However, lab studies have found that lower concentrations affect the growth of model animal neurons.

"The lower concentrations we studied didn't kill the animals or cause any big deformities or affect the behavior you'd see just by looking at them," says Carlos Aizenman, an associate professor of neuroscience at Brown and the study's senior author.

"But then we decided to do a series of functional tests and we found that exposure to this compound during a period of development that's critical for the fine wiring of the nervous system disrupted this period of fine tuning."

Aizenman and colleagues found that tadpoles exposed to different concentrations of MIT displayed varying deficits in behavior and basic brain development. The changes weren't lethal, but they were measurable.

Aizenman said there's no evidence that the same thing happens in humans, but that the findings merit further investigation.

And maybe wearing less make-up.

### BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

On average, a person can hold their breath for about one minute. The world's record is 19 minutes and 21 seconds, held by Peter Colat, a Swiss free diver. (He prepared by first inhaling pure oxygen for 10 minutes, saturating his body.)

### BEST MEDICINE

Two travelers were comparing

notes.

Traveler No. 1: I visited the Amazonian rainforest this past summer. Before leaving, I asked my doctor how I could avoid getting any diseases from biting insects.

Traveler No. 2: What did he advise?

Traveler No. 1: He told me not to bite any.

### STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

"Bath salts" is a euphemism for an illicit recreational drug similar to meth or cocaine. Normally, it's snorted or smoked, but a 34-year-old New Orleans woman at a party recently thought a faster way to a high would be to directly inject the synthetic substance.

Two days after the party, she went to a local hospital complaining of a painful, swollen arm. Doctors diagnosed a skin infection and prescribed intravenous antibiotics. There was temporary improvement,

but two days later, the swelling returned. That's when the woman informed doctors of her illegal drug injection.

When they cut open the arm to investigate, they discovered a raging infection and rapidly increasing dead muscle caused by a flesh-eating bacterium. The more they cut, the more dead tissue they found. Ultimately, they were forced to amputate the woman's entire right arm and shoulder, and perform a radical mastectomy to save her life.

### DOC TALK

Capillary refill -- When a fingernail is pressed, the nail bed turns white. Capillary refill refers to the return of blood to the nail bed, giving it a pinkish color. A good "cap refill time" is 2 seconds or less.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## How is your Legal Health? (Part 3)

[This Article is Part III in our series of articles on your legal health.]

### MARITAL STATUS

During your legal checkup, a review of your marital status may uncover certain aspects of the marriage which you may wish to address. For example, couples may desire to enter into prenuptial agreements or

separation agreements to help avoid disputes in the event of a divorce.

Prenuptial agreements or separation agreements can address property rights, child support, child custody and visitation rights you may have regarding your children. These agreements can be finalized before or during your marriage. Unmarried couples who are living together may desire to enter into an agreement to specify expected rights and responsibilities which are similar to a prenuptial or separation agreement. Prenuptial and separation agreements can additionally specify how to value assets which were jointly obtained such as a home, retirement plans and investments.

### ACCIDENTAL INJURIES

Accidents can occur in your automobile, at home or at your workplace. As a result, you may be entitled to compensation from someone who caused or contributed to your injury. Compensation for personal injuries may include lost income, reimbursement of medical expenses, money for disabilities as a result of the accident and pain and suffering which you endured during a recovery period. Many times, compensation is paid through an insurance company which has coverage for those who contributed to your accidental injury.

### EMPLOYMENT

Legal problems may arise in the workplace. Federal laws protect employees against discrimination by employers. However, there are specific procedures which must be followed and time restrictions on the filing of a claim or lawsuit.

### PURCHASE OR SALE OF A HOME

The purchase or sale of a home probably is one of the largest investment decisions you will make in your lifetime. As a result, it is important to avoid unfavorable contract provisions in your sales agreement. Also, the real estate agent's listing contract should be carefully reviewed so that you understand what your rights and obligations are under the agreement. If you are buying or selling a home, a review of all documents by an attorney may save you time, money and aggravation so that your interests are protected and the sale can be completed.

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*Dr. Miller treats kids and adults for a variety of foot and ankle ailments, from sports-related injuries to diabetic-related foot issues. He also has a Fox Laser to treat toenail fungus.*

If you have feet problems, odds are it makes the rest of you feel not-so-hot, too. Foot pain, ingrown toenails, and toenail fungus all impact the way you feel and also the way you feel about yourself.

While Dr. Miller treats all types of foot and ankle issues, from wound care to diabetes, he has a state-of-the-art laser to treat foot fungus. This process takes less than five minutes per toe, is "totally painless" according to Dr. Miller, and FDA approved.

Previous treatments like pills, scraping down the infected nails (which doesn't cure the fungus), topical medicines (which the doctor says rarely work), or total permanent nail removal are all things of the past. Dr. Miller says.

Toenail fungus is one of the most common types of fungal infections: 25 million Americans have it. If you have a history of athlete's foot, diabetes, an immune deficiency disorder, or circulatory problem, you're more likely to develop a toenail fungus. If you've ever had an injury to the nail bed, sports or shoe trauma, or if you sweat a lot, you're also prone to developing toenail fungus.

While a toenail fungus isn't generally a painful condition, it's not pretty to look at and can be very embarrassing for you. There's also

a risk of the infection spreading to healthy nails That's where Doctor Miller can help you.

"Anyone with toe fungus can come in for laser treatment; there isn't any type of toenail fungus this laser won't treat," Dr. Miller says. The treatment typically involves two treatments. Here's how it works:

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**WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**-Thurs. Feb. 23rd. 9am.-2:00pm. 6800 Park St. So. South Pasadena.

**6TH ANNUAL HAWAIIAN CLUB** -Yard Sale, 5019 8th Ave. N. Fri. & Sat. 8am.-2pm. Please No Early Birds—E Komo Mai.

**HUGE YARD SALE**- Friday & Saturday 8-? Lots of Toys, Baby Stuff, Furniture, Misc. 6234 2nd Ave. N.

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## Happy Talk

## Yard/Garage Sale

**LARGEST SELECTION OF**-Men's Hawaiian Shirts. 50% of Everyone of them. Eileen's Resale Boutique, 5401 Gulfport Blvd. Open Tues.-Sat. 10-3pm.

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### ANNUAL FLEA MARKET PLANT SALE GARDEN CLUB

Of St. Petersburg. 500 Sunset Dr. So. St. Petersburg. Fri. Feb. 24th 9am.-3pm & Sat. Feb. 25th, 9am-1pm. Jewelry, Collectables, Clothing, Household, Plants. Homemade Lunch/Snacks & Drinks Available.

**MOVING SALE**-Saturday & Sunday. 10:00am.-2:00pm. 10200 122nd Ave. N. #1404. Everything Goes!

**4130 NARVAZ WAY S.**- Lakewood Estates, Off 31st St. S. Estate Sale, Wood & Bamboo Furniture, Small Tools, Pool Table, Some Misc. Friday & Saturday 9-1p.m. No Early Birds!

**SATURDAY 9AM-3PM**-8253 29th Ave. N. Corner of Park St. N. & 29th Ave. Bromeliads, Collectibles, 2 House Clean-out!

**MULTI-FAMILY ANNUAL GARAGE SALE**-Saturday, Feb. 25th, 8-4. Pasadena Isle, 7050 So. Shore Dr. S.

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## Card of Thanks

**POWERFUL PRAYER TO** Holy Spirit - Holy Spirit, you who solves all problems, who lights all roads so that I can attain my goal, you who give me the divine gifts to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me, I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you, in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine.

The person must say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the favor requested will be granted, even if it may appear difficult. This prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted, without mentioning the favor, only your initials should appear at the bottom. CB

**NEVER FAILING PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL** - St. Michael, the Archangel, Defend Us In Battle; Be Our Defense Against the Wickedness and Snares of the Devil. May God Rebuke Him We Humbly Pray; and Do You Oh Prince of the Heavenly Host, By the Power of God, Thrust Into Hell Satan and the Other Evil Spirits Who Prowl About the World For the Ruin of Souls. Amen. St. Michael, I Resort to Your Protection and in My Faith, Offer This Light Which Shall Burn Every Tuesday. Comfort Me in My Difficulties and While Lodging in the House of Our Savior Intercede for Me and My Family That We Will Be Able to Hold God Close to Our Hearts and Be Provided for in All of Our Necessities. I Beseech You, to Have Infinite Pity in Regard to Favors I ask of You (Name Them) So That I May Be Able To Overcome All Difficulties as You Did the Dragons at Your Feet. Our Father (Say 3 Times). Hail Mary (Say 3 Times). Glory Be (Say 3 Times). This Prayer is to be Said 9 Tuesdays, in Succession and Each Tuesday a Candle Shall Be Lighted and a Copy of This Prayer Lft in the Church to Help Another Soul in Distress and Support the Devotion to St. Michael. This Miraculous Saint Grants Everything, No Matter How Difficult, Before the Termination of 9 Tuesdays. G.F.

**PRAYER TO ST. JUDE** - This novena has never been known to fail. This novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Publication must be promised. Oh Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and call you to be invoked. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. Say 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Marys & 3 Gloria's. R.S.

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

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