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Gulfport Sergeant Apologizes for Endorsement

By Cathy Salustri

Last week, Gulfport incumbents David Hastings and Jennifer Salmon both posted what they thought was a Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) endorsement on their campaign web sites.

"After carefully considering the positions all the candidates have taken on various issues, the membership believes that both of you have and

See *False Endorsement*, page 17

Your Tax Dollars at Work in Clam Bayou

By Cathy Salustri

Work to alter the flow of water continues in Clam Bayou. Here, workers on the St. Petersburg side build the central pond. These ponds should, Southwest Florida Water Management District scientists say, slow the rate at which contaminants flow into Clam Bayou and, by extension, Boca Ciega Bay.

"The redirected storm water water flow from the thousands acres of water flow coming from the St. Pete side will be diverted into the central storm water pond," Co-project manager Brandt Henningsen said. A multi-use trail will traverse the three culverts seen here.

Just west of the culverts, a "diversion weir" (also called a dam) will force storm water into the central pond.

Work like this in Clam Bayou should wrap up by the end of March, Southwest Florida Water Management District project co-manager Brandy Henningsen says.

See *Bayou*, page 5



Follow the Money

A break down of campaign funding for Gulfport and St. Pete Beach Candidates

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Starting a Gulfport Business?

Changes to how the Gulfport reviews business site plans should "shave a couple months" off the process, according to the city's Community Development Director Fred Metcalf.

Instead of going through city staff, the Planning and Zoning Board, and then city council, city staff may now approve any site plan that does not involve getting a variance or ask for a non-permitted use.

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David Hastings – City Council - Ward 1

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Balanced two consecutive Gulfport City budgets while maintaining Gulfport’s high level of service
- Worked to help clean up Gulfport by bringing awareness to the City’s litter problem, participating in many community oriented clean up’s and proposing and helping to pass the beach/park Tobacco Ban
- Changed FEMA’s City Flood Zone which will save residents millions of \$\$ in Flood Insurance each year

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- Elder Care Tax & Financial Services Pro Bono
- Volunteers at every Community Oriented Clean-up and Green



Event within and surrounding Gulfport.

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Chamber to Hold Mixer

Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce will have an evening mixer on Tuesday, March 13 at Synovus Bank, 6500 Gulf Boulevard from 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

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Lions Club Shrimp Boil

The Lions Club of Gulfport are having a Shrimp Boil for you on Saturday, March 10th at their den at 4630 Tifton Drive S. in Gulfport (right behind the Marina off 49th Street South). Dinner will be served from 4-7 p.m. and is open to the public, rain or shine.

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.

Their next event will be a Pancake Breakfast on April 7th and May 12th.

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"By April 1, the Clam Bayou project should be finished," he said. The water management district maintains a Clam Bayou web site. For more updates, visit this article at the Gabber.com and look for the link.

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Last Weekend to see "An Inspector Calls"

J.B. Priestley's suspense-packed play, "An Inspector Calls" continues this weekend through Sunday,

March 11th presented by the Gulfport Community Players.

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?

The play runs tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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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Meet Your New Teen Councillor

Zachary Teramae will serve as the newest member of Gulfport's Teen Council. Tuesday night Gulfport city council approved his appointment to the Teen Council. His appointment will last through August 2012.

Teen Council has room for seven members and three alternates. The Gabber runs news from the Teen Council in a monthly column penned by Elizabeth Brown-Worthington, the Council's current secretary.

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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.

Free Family Movie Day

Enjoy free movies with the kids on Saturday, March 10, starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Francis Purdy Friends Room at the Gulfport Public Library at 5501 28th Ave. S. The movies this month are "The Smurfs" (PG - 2011) and "Real Steel" (PG13 - 2011). Free popcorn is provided by the Library! For more information, call 893-1074.

Gulfport City Wide Sale Information

Sellers, if you want your Gulfport address to be on the Yard Sale brochure, your address information must be received by Friday, March 9th by 4:30 p.m. Temporary signage will be permitted on public right of ways where the sale is being held, as long as it does not interfere/block pedestrian/vehicle traffic views or permanent street signs. In addition, other temporary signs may be placed on other private property with the permission of the owner or occupant. Please do not display signs more than 24 hours before the sale day. Signs must be removed by 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 17th.

Shoppers, the Gulfport City Wide Yard Sale Brochures are available on Wednesday, March 14th at all City Facilities and online. On the day of the event, The Gulfport Public Library, 5501 27th Ave. S., will be the

main hub to pick up your brochure. If you choose to print your brochure online, go to the www.mygulfport.us main page under "City Wide Yard Sale" link (use 2 pages of 8½" x 14" paper). Vehicles will be permitted to temporarily park in residential only or resident decal required parking the day of the sale as long as they do not interfere/block any right of way or normal flow of traffic. All other parking provisions under state law will be enforced. Please try not to block driveways, park on sidewalks or park against the flow of traffic. Walking a little further may help you find the bargain of a lifetime!

Cat Association to hold Show

The International Cat Association (TICA) holds its early spring show Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11 at the Minnreg Center, 6340 126th Ave. N. in Largo. The two-day event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. features many purebred cats as well household cats that are available for adoption. Save Our Strays, a no-kill cat rescue group, will be on hand. During TICA's fall show five Save Our Strays' cats received awards; one kitten won the Best Household Pet Kitten ribbon. Numerous cat-related vendors also participate in the popular show.

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Come to the Glass Roots Art Reception

Art works by Industrial Arts Center instructors and students are on display now through March 30th at the Juxta Center Art Gallery in St. Petersburg's Grand Central district. An artists reception is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 10th from 6-10 p.m.

Exhibiting instructors and students include IAC founder Jackie Ballard, Brad Bedillion, Jason Bourgholtzer, Eric Holdsworth, Caity Pautler and Elise Pautler, Jonathan Schork, Tony Vouis, Donny Weidenkopf, and Christian Zvonik.

The show will feature works in glass, including Ballard's award-winning perfume bottles, Venetian goblets by the Pautlers, vases and bowls by Bedillion and Vouis, paperweights by Weidenkopf, plus metal sculpture by Jonathan Schork.

The Industrial Arts Center is an innovative non-profit teaching facility offering classes in 3D arts including glass blowing, lampwork, sculptural welding and bronze casting.

The Juxta Center Art Gallery is located with the Ric Castro Salon at 2157 First Avenue S. 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.

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Massachusetts Society to Meet

The next meeting of the Massachusetts Society will be on Wednesday, March 14th at 1 p.m. at the Lion's Club, 4630 Tifton Drive S. in Gulfport. Officer McLaughlin from Gulfport will be their guest speaker. Refreshments will follow. They cordially invite all Bay state neighbors and friends.

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Visitors will find books of every age and about every conceivable topic, including modern fiction, Americana, Florida history and literature, travel and exploration, fine bindings, poetry, cooking, military history, world history, the classics, art books, religion, children's literature and illustrated books.

Additional materials found at the fair include maps, prints, postcards, ephemera, autographs and other paper collectibles. A complete list of the exhibitors is available at <http://www.FloridaBooksellers.com>.

The Florida Antiquarian Book Fair is open Friday, March 9 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, March 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parking is free.

Admission is \$10 Friday and is good for the entire weekend. Saturday and Sunday, tickets are \$6 for the day or \$10 for the weekend. Children 12 and under, and students with valid identification, are free. Ticket sales

benefit the St. Petersburg Public Library System. Discount coupons are available online at Floridabookfair.blogspot.com or on Facebook (search: "Florida Bookfair").

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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 Millsbaugh 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.

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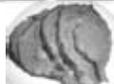


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Letters

In Response to "Nasty is as Nasty Does"

Cathy Salustri's Hard Candy column in the March 1st, 2012 edition of the Gabber

Dear Editor: In Cathy Salustri's Hard Candy column ("Nasty is as Nasty Does") in the March 1st, 2012 edition of the Gabber, she stated that Commissioner Garnett said "that the people that sued the city are poor loser". We are not poor losers, we are people that believe in the law and want to exercise our rights when the law is violated.

If you look back into the history of the lawsuits in St. Pete Beach, you will learn that it was the city under our city manager, Mr. Bonfield, that started the suits against its own residents because of the comprehensive plan. From that point on other law suits developed, mostly caused by the issuance of erroneous building permits by the city. Mr. Bonfield's administration is known to be siding with SOLV's sympathizers and for granting building permits that violated our own city codes.

My husband and I sued the city because the city erroneously granted my neighbor, Mayor Stephen McFarlin, a permit for his illegal dock. But instead of correcting their mistake, the city allowed McFarlin's dock to remain four feet longer than allowed by code and with an eight foot infringement into our water way.

If you ask the people that have sued the city, they will tell you it is the same pattern over and over again. If you are one of the SOLV (Save Our Little Village) supporters you can get away with murder, but if you are against them, the city will chasten you. I was threatened with my life, called all kinds of nasty names and told me to get the hell out of my own neighborhood.

If you noticed, all members of the Commission have been selected and endorsed by SOLV. It does not matter what the character or reputation of the individual is, if SOLV wants them, they get elected. They have the money, and the support of the city administration.

So, maybe Commissioner Garnett is right: We are the "losers" because we don't have the power needed to cleanse this corrupt town.

Maria Luz Urban

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Dear Editor: I am a fan of Cathy Salustri's Hard Candy column but after reading your latest edition, "Nasty is as Nasty Does", it is apparent to me that she missed Vice Mayor Garnett's point.

The Vice Mayor was not making fun of anyone nor was she calling them losers. She was simply pointing out the fact that the Anderson lawsuit is not about right or wrong, rather it is about a political philosophy that has been rejected by the voters over and over again as well as an attempt to

achieve Tyranny by the Minority.

Every citizen has a right and, as far as I'm concerned, a duty to express their opinion about their government. In fact one of the most frustrating things for me as a St. Pete Beach City Commissioner is that so few people take notice and become engaged in their government.

But for those who do become involved, at the end of the day when all the votes are counted they must, in my opinion, accept the results no matter what side they're on and move forward with the majority. This endless litigation over development in St. Pete Beach which has cost its taxpayers nearly 1.5 million dollars, in my view, is not what our forefathers envisioned when they were framing our political system.

It's time for Mr. Anderson and his out-of-town attorney to respect the view of the majority as well as the approval given to our Comprehensive Plan by all of the required state agencies, which has further been confirmed in court and on appeal.

Marvin Shavlun

St. Pete Beach Commissioner District 3

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Dear Editor: Wow! Someone said Cathy Salustri was a hot head and I said she has been nice to me. But she said just what I was planning to say at a commission meeting. Double standards!

I tried to explain that Marvin was only telling half the truth about several issues when the Mayor cut me off and said I could not degrade commissioners at the meeting. Yet the out-of-town attorney, Susan Churuti, can group me by saying, "they are all losers", pointing and naming some of the people to the left side of the court room which I was a part of. Two commission meetings ago, Commissioner Garnett took a cheap shot at a former commissioner and they all laughed. Double standards again.

Yes, most everyone wants the law suits to end. Me too! But when the city's out-of-town attorney directed the commission not to negotiate and asked for delays (read her emails) because she is not ready etc., it becomes a money issue. Trust me, if it was between Commission Garnett (her money) and a plaintiff, they would find that happy middle ground and this would all be behind us.

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Letters (con't.)

Another question Ms. Salustri might ask. Why did the city attorney, Mike Davis, not speak? Fire him and hire Susan. She is doing all the work and we would have only one attorney to pay.

I served my country while she was not even a blip on the radar screen and I did not appreciate being classified as a loser.

Good job to Ms. Salustri!

George Moore

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Where does he get this stuff?

Dear Editor: Normally after reading Mr. Northrop's columns, I simply shake my head and wonder where he comes up with some of the stuff he writes. I've gotten used to his claims that he's politically in the middle even though his own words consistently betray his right-wing leanings. I suppose he's Gulfport's version of Fox's fallacious claims of being "fair and balanced," and come to think of it, Mr. Northrop's columns, like Fox programs, often seem to echo the GOP's current talking points. Still, even though I know better than to get into a battle of words with someone who buys ink by the barrel (thank you Mr. Twain), yesterday's (March 1st) column requires some sort of comment, I believe.

Mr. Northrop writes several items worth noting -- his claim, for example, that the increase in U.S. oil production "started under ... Bush... ." Reports I've seen say just the opposite; U.S. oil production decreased every year of the Bush administration and finally turned around, to an all-time high, under Mr. Obama's.

It is also probably the duty of every decent citizen to take issue with Northrop's statement that "relying on green energy ... is a losing game." If part of Mr. Northrop's point is that we cannot now meet current needs with green energy, I'd have to agree, although I wonder why the reader, rather than the writer, has to supply that meaning. But a losing game? We all know that oil is a limited resource, and if we want our children and grandchildren to be able to do their evening homework under sufficient light, we'd better be working as

fast as we can on developing green energy. That, in fact, is how we will win the game.

And there's this one: "This administration has been aggressively negative on drilling..." Huh? I would guess Mr. Northrop hasn't heard about all of the oil-drilling permits issued by this administration. But wait, isn't this the same column -- the same paragraph in fact -- in which Northrop has acknowledged the increase in production under this administration? As I said, where does he get this stuff?

No, what has me intrigued this time is Mr. Northrop's claim that, except for the fact that it's an election year, the high gasoline prices fit nicely into the Obama administration's "political agenda" because high gas prices will make the public want more fuel efficient cars. My first question is: How has Mr. Northrop unearthed this "political agenda?" Does he have some inside information, perhaps a disloyal political operative or a wiretap inside the oval office? It's a pretty nice piece of detective work, if you ask me, considering the reality that the President has very little, if any, control over the price of gasoline, and especially considering President Obama's statements decrying the price increases. More likely, Mr. Northrop has simply, and

again, twisted this administration's efforts to fit his own political mindset, concluding that because our President is in favor of policies that will help this country deal with the energy realities of the future, he must then also favor higher gasoline prices in order to make it a self-fulfilling effort.

I could very likely answer my own question about where Mr. Northrop gets this stuff, but as a family paper, the Gabber surely would not be able to print it.

Lee Nell

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They Saved a Life

Dear Editor: I wish to express my sincere thanks to our fire department responders that came early Tuesday morning to assist me with my almost 90 year old Uncle who came south to to celebrate his birthday with his southern relatives. His breathing and heart stopped beating and Gulfport's finest were here within minutes, gave him all the medical attention he needed, stabilized him and were so reassuring and kind in a moment of trauma. He was transported immediately to our local heart unit and is awaiting surgery.

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should continue to have the opportunity to represent the city of Gulfport in your respective wards” the endorsement said.

Pretty soon, the phone at the FOP started ringing with members confused as to how they could have endorsed any candidate. The FOP itself didn't issue the press release, and the FOP hadn't had a meeting. So how, members asked, had it issued an endorsement.

The short answer? It didn't.

“I made a colossal mistake,” Sergeant Josh Stone told the *Gabber* Tuesday. Sergeant Stone acts as the Gulfport sergeants' representative for the FOP. He spoke with the city's six sergeants about endorsing candidates in Tuesday's election. “I believed at the time we had the majority supporting two candidates, and I was wrong,” he said.

A quiet, remorseful Stone told the *Gabber* he called the Gulfport sergeants as soon as the FOP contacted him. “The only story here is that Josh made a mistake. I realized I misunderstood. I realized we did not have the majority to support any candidate. I have felt sick ever since,” he said.

How did this happen?

“I spoke with the members about endorsing a candidate or candidates for this election cycle. After speaking with them, I believed we had come to a decision,” he said. “I spoke with a rep at FOP to try and get a letter out. Prior to getting a letter out, I made the decision to send a letter to Jennifer [Salmon] and David [Hastings].”

The two incumbents posted the endorsement on Facebook and their web sites. The FOP called Sergeant Stone to advise him “that the members didn't agree” he said.

Stone apologized to both his coworkers and the candidates. He also asked the incumbents to remove the endorsement from their web

sites. By Tuesday, both candidates had removed the endorsement.

Sergeant Stone asked the *Gabber* to make it clear that neither candidate asked him for an endorsement, and that he alone, not anyone else on the police force, did anything wrong.

“I took this upon myself to investigate to endorse a candidate,” he said. “None of the candidates asked me for an endorsement. Not just David or Jennifer, but no candidate,” he said.

“The other sergeants did nothing wrong. As the representative, I thought it would be a good idea to have an opinion about the election.”

City policy forbids employees from endorsing candidates, but “as the union representative, his work was done on behalf of the union and not the city,” police chief Robert Vincent

said. “He didn't do anything as a representative of the city or on the city's time.”

Sergeant Stone said it wasn't his intention to make any candidate look bad.

Neither Hastings nor Salmon said they were upset with Sergeant Stone.

“I felt bad for Josh,” Hastings said.

“I have the utmost respect for Josh and the other Gulfport Sergeants, as well as our police officers,” Salmon told the *Gabber*.

“This was not a malicious or intentional thing. I'm really disappointed in myself,” Sergeant Stone said.

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Phyllis Rosenblum, secretary: "The books I remember most are the books I read to my kids: 'Goodnight, Moon,' 'The Giving Tree.' I'm reading them again to my grandkids."

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Mary Stull, board member: "Lois Lenski was a local author in my hometown. It was one of her books. My library back home still has a Lois Lenski room."

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Johanna Schneidt, membership chairman: "To tell you the truth, it was probably in Dutch. I remember little Dutch songs; somebody probably read to me in Dutch. I came to America when I was 5 1/2. I was born in Holland."

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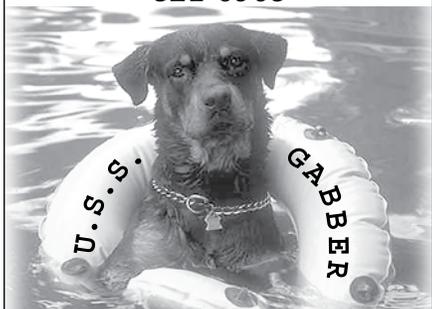
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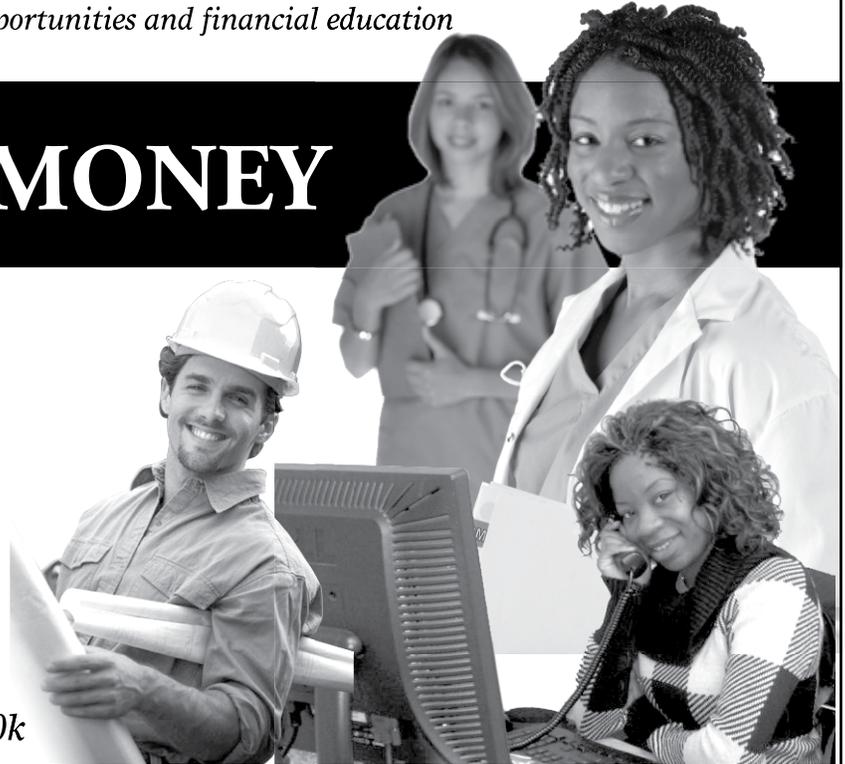
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Solution on Page 18

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- 4 That's a wrap!
- 9 Easter fare
- 13 Subsurface hazard
- 15 Bugged
- 16 TV entertainment
- 17 Ship's position
- 18 Ice-cream units
- 19 Fountain order
- 20 Meat accompaniment
- 23 Approach to eating
- 24 Application
- 25 ___ Antilles
- 28 Dessert trolley
- 31 Short order?
- 34 Quartet member
- 35 ___ to the teeth
- 36 Cup handle
- 37 Deli delight
- 41 Final
- 42 Mound master Ryan
- 43 Belliocese deity
- 44 Domestic retreat
- 45 Overflow
- 46 Brown-gray butterflies
- 48 Dobbin turner
- 50 Bouillabaisse base

DOWN

- 1 Scrooge or Grumpy
- 2 Gymnastics guru Karolyi
- 3 Nose around
- 4 Coffee mavin
- 5 Rampaging
- 6 Deliver a tirade
- 7 Encouraging word
- 8 Bird's ___ soup
- 9 Sharon Stone's curves
- 10 Jam or pie
- 11 Wander
- 12 Health club
- 14 Takes for dinner
- 21 Vegas roller
- 22 Surpass

- 25 Punched up punch
- 26 Skip town
- 27 Veggie for a skinny guy?
- 28 Kind of puff
- 29 Dinner preceder, perhaps
- 30 Court judge, for short
- 32 Cake section
- 33 Ringlet
- 35 Up to it
- 38 Welcoming word
- 39 Bambi creature
- 40 Lane and Hale
- 46 Major assaults
- 47 Dunce
- 49 ___ bird special
- 50 Like Jacques Tati
- 52 Dull noises
- 53 Give off
- 54 Bubby drink
- 55 Wooden's fab five
- 56 Genesis figure
- 57 Greasy spoon sign
- 58 Pea coat?
- 59 Preceding, poetically

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Dog Talk

Whether confessional, emotional, baby-like or all business, we humans talk to our dogs. And as those of us paying attention know: They talk back.

They talk with their tails, with their ears, with their eyes, with their posture, with their bodies, with their tongues and with their voices. And unlike we humans, they say exactly what's on their mind -- no games, no mixed messages, no hard to get.

A woman called recently and told me her dog growls only when she

kisses him goodnight.

Only when she kisses him goodnight? Great. Stop kissing him goodnight. Problem solved.

That's not what she did.

She kept on kissing him goodnight, every night, again and again, until he bit her. Eight stitches on the face later, and she's ready to listen.

Her dog warned her. He told her to knock it off. He said with his growl: I don't like it when you do that, and if you don't stop, I'm going to bite you.

In truth, he probably said it in more ways than one. The whites of his eyes might have been larger than usual. His body and tail probably stiffened.

He likely lifted his head, nose in the air, and gave her a wide-eyed sideways stare. But she didn't hear any of it -- not even the growl.

When I asked her why she persisted in kissing him despite his obvious displeasure, she told me she loved giving him kisses and didn't think he meant it.

Turns out, he did. They always do.

We can do our dogs and ourselves a great service by taking them seriously as the animals they are. And I don't mean "seriously" as in all business, no play. To the contrary, play is an important part of being a dog. In fact, they employ postures and body language that say, "Hey, let's play!" Recognizing a dog's play bow helps dog owners distinguish between friendly play and a potential fight, say, at the dog park.

Taking our dogs seriously as animals means not pretending they are human. It means educating ourselves in the wonderful ways of dogs. It means learning how to communicate with them in ways they understand, and learning to listen to them in their many attempts to get their message across.

Recognizing changes in a dog's eating habits and energy level informs a dog owner as to the possibility of a need for a trip to the vet.

Recognizing fear and anxiety in a dog can help a person pinpoint his triggers and gradually lessen their power over him.

Recognizing shy or antisocial behavior in a dog can serve as a guide to designing effective socialization techniques.

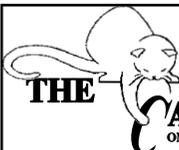
And recognizing the signs of aggression, whether isolated or general, will help protect you, your dog and others from harm. But recognition is only the first step. Acceptance is the next. At that point, you're ready to move forward to eliminating or controlling the problem so it never gets worse.

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The Bay Buzz (www.thebaybuzz.org), Tampa Bay's comprehensive local music website, announces a series of four free "Second Saturday" concerts this spring at the Gulfport Arts Courtyard on the 2900 block of Beach Boulevard in downtown Gulfport. These will be "open mic" shows from 7:30-9 p.m. with a "Featured Artist" from 9-10 p.m. Local singer-songwriter Doz Roberts will be the featured artist on March 10. Doz is a multi-talented artist who combines beat poetry, folk, rap, and rock, and delivers stirring, upbeat performances.

Musicians need to arrive by 7:15 to sign up for a fifteen-minute open mic slot. A PA system will be provided, so artists need to bring only their instruments.

The Gulfport Arts Courtyard is an intimate outdoor setting that has been a popular Gulfport venue for many years. The Bay Buzz is producing this series of concerts in cooperation with hosts, T and Me Tea Company, 2908-1/2 Beach Boulevard. Concerts are free to the public, and

music lovers of all ages are invited. They will be "passing the hat" each month to compensate their featured artist. Dates for the Second Saturday Spring Concert Series are March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 9. Call Constance Hilton at 727-422-2427 or thebaybuzz@yahoo.com.

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way! Your Irish eyes will be smilin' after you call to register at 727-480-0865. Pay-what-you-can day will be on Saturday, March 10 from 3-6 p.m.

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Volunteers Needed for Gulfport Arts Center

Volunteers are needed to help host the Open Studio for Artists on Saturdays mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the City of Imagination-Gulfport Arts Center. By volunteering you get to use the space for free that day; responsibilities are just to lock and unlock the space, and be sure it is tidy before you leave. Call 727-686-2564.

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City of South Pasadena \$1,000 Scholarship

South Pasadena residents and high school graduating students of the City of South Pasadena, have until May 31, 2012 to apply for the City's annual scholarship award. Applicants must have been City residents for the past two years, and been accepted at an accredited college, university, trade or technical school.

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

David Hastings – City Council – Ward 1 A letter to the Citizens of Gulfport

OK, so as much as I didn't want to be mean ol' David, I am soooo tired of my opponent telling non truths about me and what I have accomplished. I have explained this issue before but again here is THE TRUTH.

In regards to FEMA, my opponent says that I am "falsely claiming" my participation in the FEMA process. Until Nov 11, 2009, I had not participated in the FEMA process. I have not ever lied about this. What he FAILS to mention that TBE came back to the city and said we CAN'T advise submitting a LOMAR to FEMA because we don't think the city would prevail. END OF STORY until.....

Jane Freel and Mark Oluvic, President's of Kipps Colony's I and II found another engineer, Dick Tomasello who thought he could convince FEMA that they were wrong and submitted a LOMAR on their behalf. After approximately 1 year FEMA agreed and changed the flood zone back from a V to an A but only for the Kipp's condos. They literally drew a line from the bay up and around the condos and back to bay and said that was an A but everything else was still a V. **That's when Jane came to me and said if he can do it for Kipps why can't he do it for PYCC.** I was the President of the Master Assoc and by now I was also a Councilperson so I formed a FEMA Committee comprised of leaders of Skimmer and the Master and we met and decided after talking to Dick Tomasello to ask the City to use Dick and his methodology for the rest of the City. I met with City Mgr Jim and he said that they had already paid TBE some \$33,000, of which TBE had only used a couple of thousand dollars in determining they couldn't recommend requesting FEMA to change the flood zones back, so the City would have to use TBE if I wanted the City to pay for a LOMAR. He then asked TBE to look at what Dick had successfully done and they concluded that NOW they could now use this new methodology and would now prepare a LOMAR for the rest of the affected V zone in the City. I asked Council to approve giving this a try and we told TBE to proceed and they did and it took some 22 months but FEMA did agree this past January. I also asked City Council to repay the Kipps condos for the \$22,500 they had to spend to do what the TBE and city should have done in the first place and Council agreed and we reimbursed them. Ask anyone on my FEMA Committee (Names and contact info provided upon request—sorry, not enough room here.) and Mr. O'Reilly if ANYTHING I have just said is not the gospel.

I am not, in fact a liar. Never have been and not about to start. Those who say that I lie have not approached me directly to get clarification on their questions or concerns.

I would encourage ANYONE, who is unsure where I stand on any subject to speak to me personally about this or anything else for that matter. Please feel free to stop by my office, call me or email, and I will be happy to speak with you and set the record straight!

Respectfully yours, David

Paid for and Approved by David Hastings for City Council - Ward 1

**John Burgess to
Address St. Pete GOP**

John Burgess, long-time civic activist, will address the members and friends of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Piccadilly Cafeteria located at 1900 34th Street N. in St. Petersburg. Mr. Burgess will address the potential increase in the sales tax to fund the expansion of PSTA bus service and the development of a light-rail system from St. Petersburg to Clearwater. Mr. Burgess has studied this issue extensively and opposes the use

of tax-payer funds for this project. Following his presentation, John will answer questions from the audience. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Question and Answer session. There is no charge for this event.

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

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The St. Petersburg Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m.

at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, 1900 34 Street N. This is their Annual Meeting and many important items regarding their retirement health care benefits will be on the agenda.

This is also your last chance to make payment for their group tour of the Chihuly Museum on April 10th in order to take advantage of the \$5 from the Chapter towards the entrance fee. Call President Wendy Risk at 572-9854.

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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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**Jewish Genealogical
Society offers Seminar**

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay concludes a two-session seminar entitled: "The JGSTB 2012 Guide to Jewish Genealogy Research: A Foundation for Beginners and an Update for Experienced Researchers" on March 11 at 2 p.m. at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd. in Clearwater. Registration will be held at 1:30 p.m. A seminar booklet summarizing all the material to be presented will be provided.

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

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

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Garden Club of St. Petersburg News

On March 13th the Garden Club of St. Petersburg will hold a Membership Open House & Celebration of New Members at 1p.m. at the Garden Center, 500 Sunset Drive S. Program will be "Good Bugs & Bad Bugs" learn which insects are beneficial to your garden and how to control the unwanted ones, presented by Pam Brown, Master Gardener. Visitors are welcomed.

Also on March 13th at 7 p.m. at the Garden Club, the Night Bloomers Circle will present "Fun with Flowers". Learn the principals of floral design and take the St. Patrick's Day arrangement you created home. Reservations are required, call Phyl Lawson at 363-0067 or e-mail pjlawson@tampabay.rr.com, Cost is \$15 for GCSP members and \$20 for guests.

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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 koldunai 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.

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Margo Scannell Retires from Chamber

The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce is celebrating one year at its new location at 4926 Gulfport Blvd. South. This anniversary coincides with the launching of a new website at www.gulfportareachamberofcommerce.org. This past year has brought many new initiatives to the Chamber and we are looking to be the resource for local businesses. We are currently seeking volunteers to staff the office and/or events. If you have administrative skills please contact the Chamber office at 727-344-4711

to sign up. Throughout this expansion of services we will be missing a key supporter, our 12 year volunteer and office manager, Margo Scannell will be retiring at the end of the month. She will continue to volunteer to man the front desk once a week but is ready to hand over the reigns in an ever busier office. We thank Margo for all she has done over the past years to keep the Chamber open and running five days a week. The Chamber continues to roll on as we have two big events this month: March 10 is the Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes and March 31 is Springfest.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

Hold on to your hat -- and to your phone, keys, driver's license and any other day-to-day items that keep you in the basic flow of life. Mercury reverses on Monday in Aries and will continue moving backward until April 4. To avoid being frustrated by the mistakes, hang-ups and glitches that often accompany a transit such as this, remember that there's always a lesson. Nothing in life should be taken for granted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You look forward to spending time with loved ones even though there will be some stress involved. The key is to get your attitude and mindset in a positive, easy place before you enter the scene. Reduce your expectations concerning how people will behave. Remember that everyone has a right to be who they are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Introspection will help you figure out the potential reasons for why you didn't get what you wanted. However, don't blame yourself entirely. Chances are, there were several reasons. And the most powerful one is that perhaps it just wasn't meant to be. So be willing to search for the truth and face it, but also go easy on yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Relationships don't just happen spontaneously. They have to be developed and managed. You'll feel a tiny bit responsible for another person's happiness and a little in control of that, too. There's some truth to your feelings, and perhaps they are an indicator of the great effect you have on others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you think of the dear friends you have known in your life, you wonder how you ever could have drifted so far apart. This is natural, but it doesn't make it any easier to accept. And now the drive to reconnect may be overwhelmingly strong. You'll be quite successful with your efforts to do so.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have a formula for making money that is so ingrained that you hardly

realize what it is. The recipe is a blend of intelligence, specialized skill and the wisdom to apply yourself effectively. You may temporarily forget your talent or be knocked off your game, but you'll get right back up and succeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Asking questions is tricky. There's a fixed number of things you can ask before the other person gets tired of answering, so you want to be smart about it. The wrong questions bring more confusion to the issue at hand than you started off with. The right questions bring clarity and invite new options.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to be a well-rounded person now. Focus on what you do best, and do it to the hilt. There are other people in your life who will fill in the blanks that you're missing. Trust that the gifts you have are both unique and absolutely necessary to the evolution of the world. It's the truth!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). However difficult body tattoos are to remove, it is even more challenging to get rid of ideas and designs that have been imprinted strongly on your mind. This week is a perfect time to start the "mind tattoo" elimination process. The first step is to recognize the existence of your mind tattoos and look at them objectively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You pay attention to the universe's signals, even when you don't like them at first. Trust that the old adage is true: When one door closes, another one opens. But sometimes the next door doesn't open immediately, and the moments in between feel like an eternity if you lose hope. Have faith. You won't have to wait too long.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The project you've taken on is so big that it will feel like all of your work amounts to but a teensy-tiny increment of progress. In other words, you keep hitting it hard, but you barely put a dent in it. Consider this a good sign. It's the big projects that are really worth your while this week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Part of being entirely your own person is having political, social and cultural views that reflect what you really think instead of what the people around you want you to think. You'll exercise that right this week, exploring your beliefs and expressing them in new ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your altruism will shine this week. No man exists in a vacuum, and you're only completely satisfied with an outcome if you believe that others have benefited, as well. You are open-minded, and you believe there is enough happiness to go around. To a great degree, you live for the happiness of all beings.

This Week's Birthdays: This year has a rejuvenating effect. Instead of getting older, you get newer. You don't expect that all of life should bring pleasure and joy, and yet you get much more of both than you would have considered to be your share. Accept it. March and April bring bonding and laughter with someone you admire. A wish comes true in May. New business and hobbies are the focus in June. Personal goals come together for you in September. People follow your fabulous ideas through the fall.

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Music at Gulfport Beach Pavilion

Monday, 1-3:30 p.m.

Karaoke by The Toonsters, "J" & Lolita

Tuesday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Entertainment by Mark Blackwood & his harmonica

Wednesday, 1-3:30 p.m.

Karaoke by Arlene & Len - The Melody Tunes

Thursday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Karaoke by Cookie and Dave

Friday, 2-4:00 p.m.

Entertainment by "Geno"

Saturday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Music for listening & dancing by Chicago Rich

Sunday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Entertainment for dancing by Woody & his accordion

Weather permitting

Elks Lodge to hold Annual Garage Sale

Elks Lodge #1224 (2675 66th Street N, St. Petersburg) will hold their annual garage sale on Saturday, March 10th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Della 727-344-6551.

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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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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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USCG Safe Boating Program

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous Safe Boating program every Tuesday, 7 p.m., Warren Webster Community

Center, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (1 mile south of Don CeSar) Start at your convenience. First day, come at 6:30 p.m. to register. Begin any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to two years to finish.

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

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St. Pete Beach residents and \$175 for non-residents, books and CPR mask not included. Classes are located at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, and all interested participants can stop by to register in person. Reserve your space now. Contact the pool at 363-9264 for more information.

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Antiques in the Park Returns to Gulfport

Gulfport's popular outdoor antiques and collectibles show, "Antiques in the Park", returns on Saturday

March 17th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the first block of Clymer Park at 22nd Ave. and Beach Blvd. The show features antiques and collectibles exhibitors spread throughout the park, so bring your walking shoes! Some of the vintage fun for sale includes estate jewelry, old pottery, art, china and glassware, primitives and folk, kitchen collectibles, linens, toys, fun ephemera including Florida memorabilia, small furnishings, home décor, and more. The show is co-sponsored by the City of Gulfport and Gulfport Lions Club and produced by Hula Hula Productions. Admission and parking is free, and food will be available on site. The rain date is Saturday, March 24th. For registration information, visit www.hulahula.biz or email hulahula@tampabay.rr.com.

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Pilgrim Church to Offer Irish fare Dinner

Pilgrim Congregational Church, 6315 Central Avenue will offer a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner with bread, beverage and cake on Friday, March 16th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The event is in celebration of Pilgrim Child Development Center's 43rd Anniversary. The cost of the dinner is \$8; for children 10 and under, they offer a hot dog dinner with carrots, fruit, beverage and cake for \$3.50. There will be face painting for the children. Reservations are requested. Please call 347-1227 or 347-1226.

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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 Game Room- Mon.-Fri., 10:30 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.

- Braveheart Bootcamp - Starts Tues., Mar. 20th, 6:30 p.m. Call Ally at 727-748-6612
- Cheerleading - Thurs., 5:45-6:30 p.m. Call Alison at 410-2227.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Gymnastics - Fri. 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

- Hula Dance Class - Wed., 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 430-0690.
- Walking Club - Thurs., 9 a.m. Call John at 893-1079
- Watercolor with Patsi - Beginners/Intermediate - Thurs., 6:30-8:45 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga- Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba - Starts Thur., Mar. 22nd, 7:45 p.m. Call Rachel at 727-784-6612

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.

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Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop Exhibit: celebrate their 20th anniversary! View members' new original paintings as rendered in watercolor, acrylic or oil. Art

on display at the Library for the month of March. 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!

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Senior Center

SPECIAL EVENTS

March Presentations on Healthy Vision:

A variety of presentations on Healthy Vision will be offered through March. On March 8: "Preserving Precious Sight" by certified Ophthalmic Technician Robin Quigg. March 15: "Cataracts and the New Era of Laser Treatments" by Presenter Neel Desai, MD. Both presentations are sponsored by The Eye Institute of West Florida.

Sudoku Class: Join the fun and exercise your brain, too, by learning how to play Sudoku every Mon. 1pm.

Senior Trips: Would you like to join others for some great day trips? How about Lord of the Dance, Mar. 18; Tony Bennett, Mar. 23, Hard Rock Casino, Mar. 29; Sailor Circus, Mar. 31 and more! Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for more info.

Betty Staebell's Art Class Exhibit: Senior Center volunteer art instructor Betty Staebell and her students have their artwork on display at the Gulfport Library through the month of March. Each has submitted at least three new original paintings in watercolor, acrylic or oil. Thanks to Betty Staebell who has directed this group for over 20 years. Don't miss it!

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.

Connect With Grandparents: Advocates for Grandparent Grandchild Connection, a nonprofit organization that addresses grandparent visitation issues, now meets at 6:30pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center. For more information, visit <http://www.grandparentchildconnect.org> or email Julia at lostaccesstampabay@gmail.com

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., March 16 at 9:30am. Must meet income criteria. Call for more info.

Phones for Hearing Impaired: Phones for qualifying Floridians who are hearing impaired will be distributed at no cost on Tues. Mar. 20, 9:30am-11:30am.

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).

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 7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson
 8-11pm Swing Dance, \$7

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

Gulfport Candidates Debate

At last Thursday night's debate, three of the four candidates for Gulfport city council discussed their ideas about Gulfport. The Ward One incumbent, David Hastings, did not attend. His representative told the Gulfport Democratic Club he had a "family emergency."

Here are some excerpts of what the three candidates in attendance told the audience. These are excerpts only; for a more complete picture of each candidate, please review the *Gabber's* election coverage online as well as a videotape of this debate, also available at theGabber.com (video filmed by one of the candidate's representative, not the city, the Gulfport Democratic Club or the *Gabber*.)

On improving Gulfport if money were no object...

"I'd put up a sign at the beginning of 55th Avenue that has a venue it that actually tells what's going on down at the beaches." – Jim Perry

"I'd say everybody come to Gulfport [and] let's live tax free. Let's improve our streets... sidewalks... curbing and edging and a better sewer system." – Dan Liedtke

"We really need a city pool and it'd be right outside the rec center... This is a dreaming type question, right?... Maybe we'll get a bequest." – Jennifer Salmon

On the PACE program...

"I think we should continue to research our options... I know there's a lot of concerns. It looks like there's some good value to it. I'm a little concerned about somebody signing up for it and being stuck with it for 20 years." – Dan Liedtke

"At a recent council meeting we were left with just one contractor and I don't believe we should go with last man standing." – Jennifer Salmon

"I think the PACE program would be perfect for anybody... There's plenty of contractors out there to deal

with... I think it's something that should be looked at again." – Jim Perry

On council support of residents implementing an alternative energy source...

"The first thing everybody should do if you haven't done it is take advantage of the free energy audit... I would like us to look at things like solar hot water..." – Jennifer Salmon

"I think solar panels are fantastic. In fact, we have a company here in Gulfport that's been in business for about 15 years. I think another big savings would be people converting to gas... I think that the city should look into (bringing the gas into the houses)..." – Jim Perry

"There's not a whole lot the city can do, but if gas keeps going up people are going to (look for alternative sources)... Programs in California ended up costing \$1M per house... if the city's going to get involved, we need to be careful and make sure that things that happen at the federal level don't happen here." – Dan Liedtke

On making the police department a chartered department...

"I'm all for Gulfport being a chartered department... I don't really understand all of this with the charter, so you'll have to excuse me but I'll look into it. I think we should have the police department and fire department." – Jim Perry

"If GPD was a chartered department we could have avoided the fiasco last year... (and) let the voters decide. But what happens when the money's not there?" – Dan Liedtke

"Our current charter says we must have a police department and we must have access to dispatch, not that it has to be in the city, so (we already have that) - I think we made the smartest decision and the wisest decision... we're actually getting a better level of service." – Jennifer Salmon

On red light cameras...

"Red light cameras do provide safety for a while, but you reach a point when your returns on that technology diminish and we're already starting to see our returns diminish. The biggest issue I have with the red light cameras is when the city council (voted to allow the cameras in Gulfport)... the city of Houston (was being sued for trying to shut off the cameras)..." – Dan Liedtke

"I'm totally against the red light cameras - we don't need

to be harassing them right away, the same way (in) St. Pete Beach they were totally against it.... it was just a way of harassing people." – Jim Perry

"I voted in favor on the red light cameras and it was completely for safety, not on revenue. There was a 25% decrease in crashes..." – Jennifer Salmon

On stricter code enforcement...

"The good thing that happened during this whole process is we had a huge and well-attended town hall meeting and we listened..." – Jennifer Salmon

"Gulfport is Gulfport. We're not a deed restricted community. We do have a lot of rentals here, that's for sure. I think we need to get on the landlords and make sure that they keep it clean.... When are we going to stop with more government telling us how to live our life? Leave people alone, let them live their life. I think people can use common sense whether their house looks like crap or not... People are stressed out by the economy... They don't need to be harassed anymore." – Jim Perry

"It used to be we used to tolerate each other a lot more... they listened, but I don't see them taking any actions on what they heard in that meeting – last year they issued over 3,000 code violations – why aren't they enforcing what's on the books? I live in a deed restricted community, but that's what nice about Gulfport – You don't have to live in a deed restricted community." – Dan Liedtke

On the three most important personal attributes for a council member...

“Honesty, compassion, listen, they need to be tough and they need to do the right thing for the citizens... You’ve got to be fairly good with business... We need people who are going to help the city out and do the right thing for the people.” – Jim Perry

“Honesty, integrity and transparency.” – Dan Liedtke

“All of things that you said about the codes I already said, so we were listening very hard to that town hall meeting. I listen to absolutely everybody... If you listen then you can become responsive... You have to be willing to make really hard decisions.” – Jennifer Salmon

On whether they would feel safer walking on 49th Street after dark if the city had surveillance cameras on 49th Street...

“No, I wouldn’t. I think there needs to be additional measures... The point of the question is ‘how safe is it on 49th Street?’ and there’s a perception that 49th Street is not safe, and then there’s a reality where it’s not safer than most of Gulfport, so surveillance cameras are one tool in an arsenal we will take a look at in some point in the future to help reduce the perception of it being dangerous on 49th and reduce the reality that it’s not as safe as the rest of Gulfport. If we’re just going to put cameras up it’s not going to be safer, but it’s one tool...” – Dan Liedtke

“If the Chief comes to us and says ‘We could really do our job better if we had surveillance cameras’ ... I would love it if we had mobile units...” – Jennifer Salmon

“I thank god they didn’t have them when we had drive in movie theatres. As far as 49th Street... I believe that less is best except for in a crime area... may help a little bit, but let’s face it, if somebody’s going to come up and rob you, they’re going to put on a disguise. If we had some sort of cameras out here it would help a little bit... We’re going to have to work with St. Pete... Let’s try more police officers, cleaning the place up... St. Pete is really terrible...” – Jim Perry

On the Lion’s Club leasing city property for \$1 per year...

“I don’t actually have an opinion on this in all honesty... We have a lot of historical contracts that we’ve kept going for years.... If we were to look at something like that lease... I think we would need to look at all leases and try really to be fair... I’m willing to look at things... It’s something I would only do if I were looking at a bigger picture.” – Jennifer Salmon

“I think the Lion’s Club is fantastic. In fact, I didn’t think they were paying them a dollar a year, I think the city should be paying them to be there. I think a dollar a year is actually paying too much...” – Jim Perry

“Somebody’s been trying to get me to answer this question for about two months now and I’m glad we finally got the question out... The Lion’s Club built the building and ... if we want to change the agreement,

(it needs to come) from both parties... The Lion’s Club would be a potentially a good use for showers, facilities if we ever wanted to go down a liveaboard road, but then again, the Lion’s Club needs to agree if we want to change it...” – Dan Liedtke

On whether they would support Domestic Partner registries...

“I believe I would. I’d have to look into it, but it sounds like something definitely to look into.” – Jim Perry

“I agree with Jim. I think we should look at a domestic partner registry. If your loved one is in the hospital and they say you can’t go look at them.... It’s a horrible experience when somebody’s ill in a hospital and you can’t go see them... (but) I don’t know how much weight a city ordinance would have...” – Dan Liedtke

“Definitely.” – Jennifer Salmon

On annual staff reviews...

“Not only should we have yearly reviews, we should have a yearly goal program, and then you can use that to balance how they did.” – Dan Liedtke

“I’ve been working so hard to get this to happen for the past two years and it’s so frustrating to me because it’s so common sense. I wanted us to set goals, to use an evaluation process that we had before.” She added that when she suggested council discuss the questions on the reviews the council appeared to think “ ‘If we’re going to talk about it, let’s throw it all out.’ Right now Barb Banno

and I are the only ones who want to see that happen...” – Jennifer Salmon

“I definitely believe in it because no matter what you do out there, you should want to be better and work your way up the ladder. If you’re out there and you’re doing a good job, you should be rewarded for it.” – Jim Perry

Closing statements

“I put my heart and soul into this job.” – Jennifer Salmon

“I’ve really met... some fantastic people. Some hardworking people.... You’re never going to make big money living in Gulfport, but you’re going to have a nice way of life. I’m just proud to be from Gulfport. I hope you give me a chance.” – Jim Perry

“Your participation shows that you care about Gulfport, and so do I. I’m not afraid to step on toes in pursuit of truth. Gulfport should always be a happy place to live, laugh, love, and pray.” – Dan Liedtke

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Learn about Anchoring Your Boat

Are you ready to expand your boating knowledge and skills? Anchoring, a two hour class presented in one evening by the St Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron, is available to anyone 12 or older. This seminar explains how to select the appropriate anchor, rode and components and their use depending on sea and bottom conditions. Tables are used to determine the sizing of your anchor and its components based on the

size of your boat. Materials include USPS's Anchoring Quick Guide and Student's notes with copies of the presentation slides. This is an essential seminar for all boaters.

Course will be held on Wednesday, March 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$25 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at www.boating-stpete.org.

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Sierra Club to show the Movie "Bag It"

Suncoast Sierra Club presents the funny, informative, award-winning documentary "Bag It" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15 at The Studio@620, 620 First Avenue S. in St Petersburg. A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated. "Bag It" follows "everyman" Jeb Berrier as he navigates our plastic world. Jeb is not a radical environmentalist, but an average American who decides to take a closer look at our cultural love affair with plastics. Jeb's journey starts with simple questions: Are plastic bags really necessary? What are plastic bags made from? What happens to plastic bags after they are discarded? What he learns quickly grows far beyond plastic bags. Watch the "bag it" movie trailer here: <http://www.bagitmovie.com/trailer.html>.

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Special Glass Blowing Events at the IAC

Two special events will heat up Friday nights at the Industrial Arts Center this month.

The first is Hot Date Night on Friday, March 16th from 6-10 p.m. where you can blow your own green beer drinking vessel. Couples will work with experienced IAC glass blowing instructors to choose colors and create a hand-blown drinking vessel.

Your vessel will have to cool overnight and you can pick it up on Saturday. Then head out for your second hot date to drink green beer from your very own vessel on St. Patrick's Day Saturday night. Registration is first come, first served, so arrive early.

The second event is Ladies Night on Friday, March 30th from 6-10 p.m. Ladies are invited to create their choice of objects on the IAC's 8-course glass blowing menu. Available objects include the new long neck bud vase, plus ornaments, drinking vessels and small bowls. Space is limited, so reservations are required.

For information, call the Industrial Arts Center at 727-289-9365. The IAC is located at 2902A Beach Boulevard S. in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard.

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The Great American Cleanup

Are you, your family, group of friends or organization looking for a great event to volunteer at while enjoying the great outdoors?

The City of Gulfport will be hosting the bi-annual Great American Cleanup on Saturday, March 17th from 9 a.m. to noon at Clam Bayou Nature Park (49th St. S. to 29th Ave. S. east to Miriam St.) in Gulfport. It is only a few hours of a helping hand in your community towards keeping the waterways beautiful. You can support either by land or by water and launch your own kayaks or canoes into Clam Bayou.

Please sign in at the volunteer tent the day of the event to get your supplies. The City of Gulfport staff will be on hand with supplies and lunch for all dedicated volunteers will be provided. For more information, call Gail Biron at 727-893-1118 or Bob Williams at 727-893-1066.

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 Pinellas Park/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.

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 house will take place on Thursday, 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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A Snapshot of Campaign Funding Gulfport and St. Pete Beach Elections to be held March 13

St. Pete Beach

A Look at Who's Financing Your Candidates

On March 13, St. Pete Beach voters in District One will decide the fate of the run-off election between incumbent Al Halpern and challenger Lorraine Huhn. As of February 24, here's what the candidates collected from supporters.

Both candidates will file a final finance report on Friday, March 9; look for the final tallies online at TheGabber.com by Monday, March 12.

Al Halpern

Mr. Halpern has raised \$3,656 total. Of that money, \$1,940 came from within his district.

District One (\$515)

Ann Still, \$100
Verducci's, \$65
John Pickrell, \$25
Gayle's Restaurant, \$25
Andy Abbott, \$250
Phil Stephenson, \$50

Other City Districts (\$100)

Al Dalessio, \$100

Lorraine Huhn

Ms. Huhn raised \$16,835 total. Of that money, \$3,355 came from within her district.

District One (\$925)

Faith or TZ Elinor, \$50
Deborah Martohue, \$100
Michael Lehman and Kathy Mick, \$100
K-S Investments (Paul Skipper), \$500 (\$1000 total counting past donations)
Thomas and Maria deYampert, \$50
Arthur and Mary Mediros, \$50
Frank and Rita Plunkett, \$25
George and Michele Hall, \$50

Other City Districts (\$2,675)

Rosemary Manning, \$200
Ron Holehouse, \$500
Robert and Mary Fernandez, \$100
K. Suzanne and Robert Cummings, \$50
Johannes and K. Jane Gottwald, \$100
Stan and Beverly Garnett, (Bev Garnett, elected commissioner and vice mayor) \$100
Grand Plaza Hotel, \$500 (\$1000 total counting past donations)
Beachcomber Resort, \$500 (\$1000 total counting past donations)
Dolphin Holdings, \$500 (\$1000 total counting

past donations)
Raymond Thibodeau, \$50
Keith and Ingrid Jacobus, \$50
David Milchan, \$25

Outside St. Pete Beach (\$235)

Karen and James Strykowski, Illinois, \$100
C. Grace Walker, Illinois, \$50
Rosalie Mullany, Massachusetts, \$25
D. Craig Canedy, South Pasadena, \$25
Maureen Sicilio, Tierra Verde, \$35

Gulfport

This Tuesday Gulfport voters across the city will elect two councilmembers. In Ward One, challenger Dan Liedtke is trying to unseat incumbent David Hastings; in Ward Three, incumbent Jennifer Salmon faces challenger Jim Perry. As of February 03, here's what the candidates collected from supporters. Both candidates will file a final finance report on Friday, March 9; look for the final tallies online at TheGabber.com by Monday, March 12.

Ward One

David Hastings

Total collected: \$5,925 (includes \$1,000 in loans from candidate)

Money collected from Gulfport residents

Mark and Carmella Oluvic, \$200
Margarete Tober, \$50
Owen Pach, \$150
Ted and Mary Jo Kehoe, \$300
Nancy Hudson, \$100
Madeline Belkin, \$100
Bob and Beverly Newcomb (Bob Newcomb serves as the

Executive Director of the Gulfport Chamber), \$150
Alfred and Luann Marek, \$150
Jeanne Kunkle (domestic and business partner with councilwoman Barbara Banno), \$100
Lawrence and Patricia Burke (parents of Gina Burke, Hastings' campaign manager), \$300
Douglas Hudson, \$150
Nobedine Packer, \$25
Robert Schroeder, \$25
Merril and Sue Hval, \$25
John and Letha Belsher, \$25
Leonardo Robledo, \$150

Francis Rodriguez, \$10
Jane Manlapaz, \$10
Mary Pickart, \$5
Iver Huincho, \$5
Winnie Wilson, \$20
Ed Jennings, \$500
Peter and Dianne Hofman, \$50
Al and Cindy Davis, \$500
Michael Francis and Sherri Jaynes, \$50
Rose-Marie Seawall, \$100
Ann Marie Anderson, \$100
Richard and Laura Goldfarb, \$50
Debra Sabourin, \$100
Gina Burke (employed by Hastings as well as campaign manager), \$100

Eugene and Julia Sorbo, \$100
Maritza Smith, \$200

Money collected from Gulfport businesses

Beach Closing Services, \$25
Lupe Bookkeeping, \$300

Money collected from outside Gulfport

Flor Gonzalez, St. Petersburg, \$250
Helene Hardick Living Trust, St. Petersburg, \$100
Ferris Pools, Inc., South Pasadena, \$100
Superior Auto Body Shop, Inc., Pinellas Park, \$250

Dan Liedtke

Total collected:

\$4,072.51 (includes \$1,100 in loans from candidate)

Money collected from Gulfport residents

Kevin Sorenson, \$100
Mike Whitcraft, \$100
Emmett Walsh, \$200
John and Alison
Lescarbeau, \$50
Poul and April
Hornsleth, \$100
Mike and Lisa
Fredrickson, \$100
Everett Dunn, \$50
Diane Raymond, \$20
Linda Dewey, \$100
Robb Bowman, \$100
James Pascia, \$300
Margo Scannell, \$20
Andrea Cavell, \$20
Donna Boren, \$20
Gil Blais, \$20
Avrio Taylor, \$10
Karean Dorn, \$137.51

\$500 collected from Gulfport businesses

Shatz Tides Rental, \$500

\$1,000 collected from outside Gulfport

Donna Michael, South
Dakota, \$500
Pat Abler,
Wisconsin, \$500

• *Online contribution, no address listed:
Rickie Boze, \$25*

Ward Three

Jennifer Salmon

Total collected: \$4,521.95 (includes \$200 in loans from candidate)

Money collected from Gulfport residents

Julie Macnary, \$25
Margarete Tober, \$50
Marsha O'Brien, \$10
Don Latshaw (husband), \$388
Ernie Stone, \$20
Edward Duensing, \$35
Jane Ogilvie, \$30
Debra Sabourin, \$200
Steve Smith, \$50
Aletta Dreler, \$50
Al Davis, \$500
Steven Karbowski, \$50
Frances Worthington (wife of former councilman Bob Worthington), \$35
Bob Newcomb (Executive Director for the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce), \$48.95
Nancy Hudson, \$320
Leonardo Robledo, \$150
Doug Hudson, \$100
Lloyd Mason, \$100
Jean Proach, \$50
Rose-Marie Seawall, \$85
Robert Hughes, \$60
Paula Hays, \$35
Johnathan, Wilbert
Keyser, \$100
Matthew Hughes, \$35

John, Mumford Walker, \$100
Cindy Davis, \$500
Linda Burke, \$25
Bryan Hilbert, \$100
Ann Allen, \$35
Nancy Kelley, \$100
Gerry O'Regan, \$100
W.L. Seawall, \$35

\$325 collected from Gulfport businesses

Stapella Dependable
Marine (Cliff Stapella), \$300
Crystal Pathways, Inc. (Gary Loper), \$25

\$475 collected from outside Gulfport

Jim Jackson, St.
Petersburg, \$200
Leslie Greene, St.
Petersburg, \$50
Peter Salmon,
Pennsylvania, \$50
Richard Boylan, St.
Pete Beach, \$50
Sharon Weber,
Tampa, \$50
Jeffery Smith, St.
Petersburg, \$50
Lynn Carol
Henderson, \$25

Jim Perry

Total collected: \$1,840 (includes \$100 in loans from candidate)

Money collected from Gulfport residents

Art Padula, \$50

Poul Hornsleth, \$330
Scott Reed, \$20
Larry Cooper (former councilperson), \$50
Lakeisha Isaac, \$40
Peg Jones, \$20
Chris and Sandy
Shallow, \$20
Emmett Walsh, \$100
Elizabeth Faulkner, \$20
Patricia Millward, \$20
Joanne Hahn, \$20
Todd Wareham, \$20
Jane Faulkner, \$20
Larry and Pat
Faulkner, \$50
Mary Ellen Hoeric, \$20
George Sheppard, \$40
Linda Dewey, \$50
Dan Liedtke, \$100
Karen Dorean, \$50

\$100 collected from Gulfport businesses

Beach Boulevard
Condominium
Sales Corporation
(Poul Hornsleth,
President), \$100

\$700 collected from outside Gulfport

Rosanna Riffle, North
Carolina \$500
Patricia Culp, South
Pasadena, \$100
DRL Consulting (Dan
Liedtke, President), \$100

Gulfport Municipal Election Polling Places

Precinct	Location	Address
WARD I 208 212 217	Gulfport Recreation Center	5730 Shore Blvd. S.
WARD II 206 207 218	Gulfport Presbyterian Church	5313 27th Avenue S.
WARD III 200 211 240	Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church	5800 15th Avenue S.
WARD IV 209 210	Trinity Church of the Nazarene	1000 55th Street S.

Polls open from 7 am - 7 pm

Excerpts heard at the March 6, 2012

Gulfport City Council Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

"The next time you meet you're probably going to do a vice mayor selection... There is no procedure in Gulfport for that... It's been done by seniority, it's been done by methods of rotation... I'd like you to do what is best for the community and not, for instance, to assuage a bruised ego." – Al Davis, about the annual vice-mayor selection

"I think it's important that we make it as important as we possibly can." – Bob Newcomb, the Executive Director of the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, about the need to streamline the process for reviewing site plans. In his capacity as Executive Director, Mr. Newcomb works with new and interested businesses.

"I'd like to just bring it up again...which is to consider putting the four wards on a three-year cycle... and put the mayor on a four-year cycle." – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, who suggested extending future terms by one year. Mayor Mike Yakes and Councilwoman Barbara Banno said they would support it; councilman Sam Henderson also said he would be open to discussing it.

Luncheon to Benefit Clothes to Kids

Clothes To Kids will host their annual Clothe a Child Fundraising Luncheon on Thursday, March 22nd, from 12-1 p.m. at The Coliseum in St. Petersburg. The price for one ticket is \$50. (\$50 is what it costs CTK to provide a low-income, school-age child with a week's worth of clothing.) Table sponsorships begin at \$400 for a table of eight. Visit www.clothestokids.org to purchase tickets. No tickets will be available at the door. Call Jennifer Jacobs at 327-7100, ext. 226 or jenniferj@clothestokids.org.

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Sale into the Nautical Flea Market

Interested in unloading some nautical equipment or searching for cool nautical gear? Well, look no further as the City of Gulfport Marina is hosting their yearly Nautical Flea Market on Saturday, March 24th from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Gulfport Municipal Marina, 4630 29th Ave S.

Cost for a 10x10 space is \$10, so sign up now as space is limited. Slip renters are free. Please bring your own table. For more information, contact Harbormaster, Denis Frain 727-893-1071.

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Veterans Group to Serve Pancakes

The Veterans of South Pinellas County are sponsoring their 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast on March 31st from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Hurricane Restaurant located at 807 Gulf Way in St. Pete Beach. The fundraiser will benefit SPB Support Our Troops, Inc. and Building Homes for Heroes. Tickets purchased in advance are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children and are on sale at the Hurricane Restaurant and Tierra Verde Hardware. Tickets purchased on March 31 are \$10 and \$5. Military members in uniform eat free.

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The Scotsman Fitness team is proud to present two new classes at the Gulfport Recreation Center, located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. A husband and wife duo, who is currently taking Pinellas County by storm, Ally Morrell and his wife Rachel will be starting a "Braveheart Bootcamp" and Zumba class. Ally, who recently moved to the US from Scotland, said "We are so excited to be starting at such a beautiful location. Our sessions have been hugely successful thus far and we feel we have a very unique and dynamic take on fitness. Our sessions are effective and just as important, fun!" "Braveheart Bootcamp" begins March 20th at 6:30 p.m. and "Zumba"® begins March 22nd at 7:45 p.m. The first class is free, so please book early to ensure your place in class. Scotsman Fitness is located at www.scotsmanfitness.com or via Facebook. or call 727-784-6612.

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Floral Design Class

Come join us at Gulfport Recreation Center for our continuing Floral Design classes. Laurie Marino floral designer and instructor is offering a Spring Series of three classes. You will learn the secrets of professionals. Each week you will make a different style arrangement using long lasting fresh flowers. Materials and flowers are provided. Classes are 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 4th, April 11th and April 18th. Classes are \$60 for the series of three or \$25 per class. Contact Laurie directly at 617-247-9278 or makeitandtakeit@yahoo.com with questions. Pre-registration with deposit required.

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Fun in the Sun Day Returns

The "Fun In The Sun" Day children's event is presented by the City of Gulfport and Stetson College of Law Public Service Fellows. The event is Saturday, April 7th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Gulfport Recreation Center (5730 Shore Blvd. S.). The free festivities will include an egg hunt for

children ages 8 and under, a raffle for baskets, inflatables, entertainment, food and fun. Children will also have the opportunity to climb into the driver's seat of their favorite vehicle: police car, police boat, fire truck, ambulance, garbage truck and many more. Remember to bring a basket for the egg hunt and a camera to capture a photo with Peter Cottontail. Please come join them for this wonderful event!

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Town Shores Final Golf Outing

Town Shores residents and friends are welcome to join in and play a round of golf on Saturday, March 31st

at Terra Ceia Golf Club, 2802 Terra Ceia Bay Blvd. in Palmetto. The format is captain and crew. Tee off time is 8:30 a.m., registration begins at 8:15 a.m. The \$35 fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, followed by lunch at Beef O'Brady's, 4775 34th Street S. and prizes. Submit your own foursome or you can be assigned to a team. This outing is open to any level of player. Submit cash only to Ellen Johnson, Manchester Bldg., #207 by Monday, March 26th. Call Ellen at 727-345-2109 or email elenajota@hotmail.com. Note: Volunteers are needed to help with future golfing events. This will be the last event of the year. Mark your calendars!

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Korean War Veterans Association

If you served in Korea during the Korean War up to the present, you are eligible for membership in the KWVA. They meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 4364, 5773 62 Street N. in St. Petersburg.

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

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

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

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

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David Hastings – City Council - Ward 1

What makes you the best choice for city council?

My experience and community service makes me the best choice for Gulfport City Council, Ward 1. I have been invested in the City of Gulfport for many years now. I have served on the Board at PYCC for the past 12 years and as its President for the last 8 years. I have served the City on two different boards for 9 years and on the City Council for the past 2 with the last year as Vice Mayor. I volunteer with many organizations within the City of Gulfport all for the betterment of our community and the City at large. Not only do I have a vested interest as the current Vice Mayor, but between my wife and I, we have a beautiful home and two businesses (my CPA Firm and the Habana Café) located in the city that keep us grounded here.



What is the most important issue facing Gulfport?

The single most important issue this City is facing is our unstable worldwide economy and its trickle down impact on our State, County and finally our City. For at least the last two budgets we have faced a very large deficit and very likely will see that continue for our next Budget process. We continue to make tough Budgeting decisions that impact not only our residents but all of our loyal staff. I am invested in a self-sustaining City and City Government. As a CPA I understand the bottom line and how to run a business and the City is no different. Although nothing is ever black and white when it involves people, my role as council person is to work with the City Manager and all other components of the city to make sure that the we can continue moving forward in the most positive and financially stable way.

How have you helped to preserve the safety and security of the Citizens of Gulfport?

There are a number of tough choices that we made as a council in the past two years that have shown to support both our Police Department and the general population in elevating safety to a higher level of service in the City of Gulfport. Through these tough decisions, we have been able to preserve and protect the long term sustainability of our Police and Fire Departments. Our Police Department has been able to upgrade their systems with GPS Units in each of their cars and they now have direct access to the Pinellas County Sheriffs Department which enables them to provide our citizens with an additional level of support that we did not previously have. The red light cameras have shown to significantly reduce crashes with serious injury, and we are enacting ordinances to help to make the city look better and increase the perception of *care* for our property.

In what ways can the Citizens of Gulfport count on you?

First of all, I have a passion for this community that I have had since the moment I moved here. I am interested in preserving what is right with Gulfport and in helping to take our City to the next step of success safely and securely. You can always count on me to do my homework for each and every question that comes before me and to support this City in any way possible. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you for another two years.

I am always accessible to the citizens of Gulfport. I am always available through email (hastings4citycouncil@gmail.com), and telephone (727-322-0909 or 727-434-0074). You can also stop by my office and meet with me one-on-one.

Paid for and Approved by David Hastings for City Council - Ward 1

March Spay-Neuter Special for Cats

LARGO- This month SPOT Spay and Neuter Clinic and SPCA Tampa Bay are offering a special discount for people on limited income. Qualified cat owners can stop by or call SPOT to schedule appointments for a \$25 fee. Owners are asked to present a photo ID along with their food stamp or Medicaid card when they check their felines in for surgery.

All owners are must have written proof of current rabies vaccination

or pay \$15 additional. Surgeries must be done in March to qualify for the \$25 fee. First-come, first served until appointments run out. SPOT is located at 4403 62nd Avenue North in Pinellas Park. Call 727-329-8657. More information is available: www.spotusa.org or www.SPCATampaBay.org.

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What is Toastmasters?

Toastmasters is a positive learning environment where members develop professional skills in this tough

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Mainsail Arts Festival Seeks Volunteers

ST. PETERSBURG- Mainsail Arts Festival will celebrate its 37th anniversary on April 21 and 22. This prestigious art festival is one of the most exciting outdoor arts events in Florida, attracting 250 artists from across the country. Once again, the event will be held in beautiful Vinoy Park on St. Petersburg's downtown waterfront (Bayshore Drive at 7th Ave. NE).

More than 250 volunteers are needed to staff several booths on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22. Volunteer areas include: soft drink/water booths, beer/wine trucks (must be 21 years and older, limited to one shift per day), promotions/t-shirt sales and hospitality.

In an effort to make the sign-up process more efficient, volunteers are asked to use our online Volunteer Registration Form to select a location, day and time that has openings available. To register to volunteer online, please visit the Mainsail website at www.mainsailartsfestival.org and click Volunteers on the left side of the page. A brief summary of the volunteer opportunities will appear. Click SIGN-UP at the bottom of the page to open the Volunteer Registration Form.

To learn more, please contact Chloe Firebaugh, Mainsail Arts Festival Volunteer Coordinator, at 727-204-2553 or volunteers@mainsailartsfestival.org.

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Do You Owe Back Taxes? Perhaps We Can Help

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You could say my motto is 'been there, done that,' says Keith Sanders, from Sanders Law, P.A.

He says that for two reasons. First, he says his more than 18 years of experience as an attorney specializing in handling "literally thousands" of bankruptcies means that he has dealt with virtually any kind of problem or issue that might arise with them. And, secondly, he had to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy himself. He says that experience makes him very sensitive to the kinds of things people face when making the difficult decision to file.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sanders has held a number of seminars and



written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia. **The firm also handles Short Sale negotiations, defense against foreclosures, wills & trusts, civil litigation and loan modification.**

Outside of the courtroom, Sanders lives in an unusual home in Gulfport that was one of the featured properties in a recent Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes. It has a tree growing right up through the floor and up through the ceiling of his kitchen. He has four dogs and a cat.

Keith Sanders, Esq.
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By Scott Lafee

Height of Power

For a while in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, the French general Napoleon Bonaparte ruled vast armies and much of Europe. He was just under 5 feet 7 inches, but stood much taller. Odds are, he thought so, too.

A new study out of Washington University in St. Louis reports that as people acquire power, they gain an exaggerated sense of their physical height.

"Height is often used as a metaphor for power," said Michelle M. Duguid, an assistant professor of organizational behavior and the study's author. Powerful people "feel like the big man on campus, and people 'look up to them.' We find that the psychological experience of power may cause individuals to feel taller than objective measurement

indicates they really are."

Duguid and colleagues conducted a series of experiments to test their hypothesis.

In the first experiment, some participants were asked to recall an incident in which they had power over another individual, while others were asked to recall an incident in which someone else had power over them. They were then asked to estimate their size in relation to a pole that had been set precisely 20 inches taller than their actual heights.

Participants who had been conditioned to feel "empowered" thought the pole was nearer in height to them than those who'd been made to feel subordinate.

In the second experiment, two pairs of volunteers were asked to role-play a scenario in which one was a manager and the other an ordinary worker. They were then

asked to give their exact heights in a questionnaire, and those who had played the role of manager supplied exaggerated figures.

Finally, in the third experiment, participants were conditioned in the same way as they were in the first, then asked to choose an avatar in a second-life game that they thought best represented them. The more empowered volunteers consistently chose taller avatars.

The researchers suggested that future studies might want to examine whether employers should consider placing diminutive workers in higher offices to raise their psychological sense of power.

It worked for Napoleon, at least until Wellington cut him back down to size.

BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

In 1985, the most common waist size for men's pants was 32 inches. Now, it's 36.

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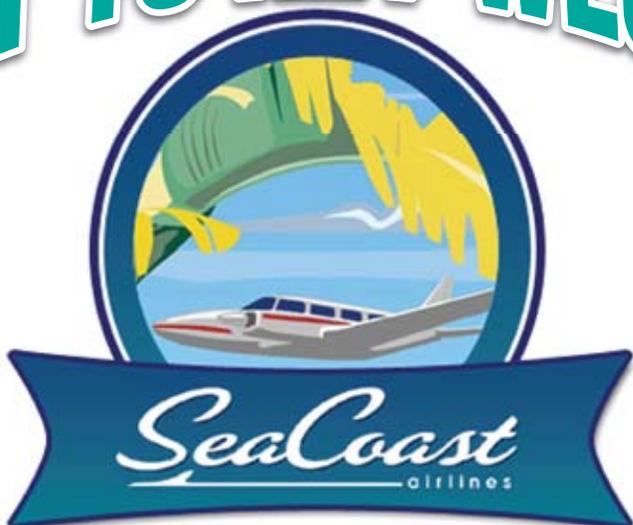
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Players Call for One Act Plays

The Gulfport Community Players are once again in need of short one act plays for their Summer One Act Play Festival in July. Authors should submit three hard copies of their plays, along with a separate cover sheet with their name, address, telephone number, and email address. Sorry, no plays can be returned.

All plays should be 15 to 20 minutes in length maximum, easy to stage, with a minimal set, family oriented, with no vulgar language or situations. Deadline for entries is March 31st. If your play is picked, it will run in the Players' Summer One Act Festival at the Hickman Theater from July 12th through 22nd. Submit your plays to: Gulfport Community Players, Att: One Act Plays, 1619 49th Street S., Gulfport, FL 33707.

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Vendors needed for May-Faire Festival

Vendors are invited to participate in the "May-Faire" Community Family Fun Festival to be held Saturday, May 12th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Boca Ciega Center, 1414 59th Street S. in Gulfport. Vendors needed include arts and crafts, community yard sale, health/businesses/organizations. The fee is a \$25 space donation with proceeds benefitting the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation, Most Holy Name Catholic Church and Boca Ciega Center, LLC. They are also seeking entertainers to donate one hour of outdoor performance. Contact Ruth Gruhn, Activity Director, 727-344-4608 or Activities@bocaciegacenter.com.

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Way to go, Karen!

Karen Alexeev, 59 (6 months shy of 60) of Gulfport, became the Oldest Woman In The World to Finish the Double Iron on February 25, 2012 in 34:02:17. The FLORIDA DOUBLE IRON consists of a 4.8 mile swim (held at the North Tampa YMCA), a 224 mile bike and a 52.4 mile run (both held at Flatwoods Park in Thonotassassa). The event began at 7 a.m. on Friday, February 24th and ended on Saturday February 25th at 7 p.m. for a total of 36 hours to complete. Karen finished 18th out of 24 finishers and 6th out of 7 women. For more information contact Steve Kirby at www.usaultratri.com.



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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Islamic Hypocrisy

The Muslim hypocrisy displayed over the U.S. military's burning of some Korans in Afghanistan is disgusting, and our government's excessive (and ineffective) response to it only a little less. The Korans had already been defaced by radical Muslim prisoners who were using them to pass messages back and forth and the burning was accidental anyway.

Because of it six of our soldiers and a number of Afghans are dead.

In the meantime, Muslims in the same country and elsewhere kill each other, blow up Mosques with Korans in them, bomb schools, shoot women and children, attack funeral processions, burn Christian churches and schools and Christians and Hindus and there is nary a peep of indignation expressed. It happens in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Gaza, Egypt, to name a few places, and is apparently acceptable as long as Muslims are doing the deed. As for the Christians, they deserve it because of their vast sins

against Muslims of the years. Right?

These are countries that don't respect any other religion, that ban Bibles, or strictly control them, that oppress other religions, that export those hatreds and intolerances to their adopted countries in Europe, and openly declare Jihad on the West and all their religions. Yet, they are the ones outraged all the time. However, because they are killing each other with as much ferocity as they are trying to kill us "outsiders", I can take some comfort in realizing that they apparently hate each other as much as they hate us. That's why we shouldn't buy into their outrage hypocrisy.

Give me a couple of reasons (besides "that's not what we do") why Americans shouldn't be rioting in the streets over the atrocities committed on our civilians (remember 9/11) and upon Christians world-wide, and the death threats made against anyone in the world who is deemed to have insulted Islam? I read a story the other day that since 9/11 the number of Mosques in the United States has

doubled. The writer of the article argued that this was in response to the American backlash against Muslims. In the meantime, name me one Muslim country where one Christian church was allowed to be built.

And, what backlash? If there was a big backlash how did the Mosques grow? How come they weren't burned? Where's the big backlash? Some backwoods preacher kook burning a Koran? Big deal. He was a laughing stock. If there has been a backlash, it has been against the Jews. Is it just a coincidence, that with the growth of Islam in this country and Europe, that anti-Semitism is growing? In England, the other day, some poor guy going through airport security was arrested because he questioned how heavily draped Muslim women could go through security without being checked. She overheard him, reported him and he was arrested. If there is a real anti-Muslim backlash it will be because of government and media enforced political correctness in a so-called free society.

The real backlash is that the American public wants to get out of Afghanistan and all Muslim countries and let them kill themselves. Ron Paul is not popular for nothing. Maybe it would be a good thing, but is it practical in real world politics? How do we keep them from being safe havens for the likes of Al Queda? As for wanting Americans out, a Gallup poll in Afghanistan indicated that Afghans want us to stay. Hard to believe. And, a Saudi Muslim scholar the other day, commented on the disastrous effects of Islam's radical and backward looking movement. So, Muslim countries and Muslim societies elsewhere do have their common sense citizens.

It would be good to hear more from them - other than to hear how they are misunderstood. They're probably afraid of being murdered. It would also be good for our government to quit responding to the hypocrisy and utter absurdity about how we are insulting Islam and its symbols. They're doing a good job of it all by themselves.

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The Auxiliary is holding their annual miniature golf tournament on Sunday, March 18th at Polynesian Putt Putt, St. Pete Beach at 10a.m. Cost is \$10 per person to play and \$10 to sponsor a hole. Lunch, fun and prizes following at the Post. The theme this year is Ray's Day and all proceeds will be donated to Dog Tag Heroes. For info contact any Auxiliary Officer or the Post at 347-6085.

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 9 a.m. till noon to offer assistance.

The Ladies Auxiliary Tournament is coming up in March. Read upcoming Gabbers for more information.

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Thursday 2/23

- Suspicious Person-** 23rd Ave. & Beach Blvd. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5700 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Accident with Injuries-** 19th Ave. & 58th St. S.
- Drug Call-** 1700 Blk 55th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 2600 Blk 49th St. S.
- Prostitution-** 1500 Blk 49th St. S.
- Theft-** 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Friday 2/24

- Person Under Influence-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Harassing Phone Call-** Location Withheld.
- Missing Adult-** 2500 Blk York St. S.
- Trespass-** 2700 Blk 57th St. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 5900 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Disturbance-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Fraud/Forgery-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Shots Fired(Heard)-** 49th St. & Jersey Ave. S.

Saturday 2/25

- Domestic-** 2500 Blk 50th St. S.
- Noise-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Disturbance-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Burglary-** 1100 Blk 63rd St. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Residential Alarm-** 6300 Blk Vista Verde Dr. E.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 49th St. & 27th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5100 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 2400 Blk York St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 5000 Blk 23rd Ave. S.
- Trespass-** 5100 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- DUI-** 2200 Blk Horan Way.
- Noise-** 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Crime Awareness Meeting

The next City Wide Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention Meeting will be held on Monday, March 12th at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center located at 1617 49 Street S. All residents are welcome to attend. Topic will be identity theft. Hope you will join us.

Sunday 2/26

- Noise-** 2500 Blk 59th St. S.
- Injunction Violation-** 2200 Blk 51st St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 7th Ave. & 54th St. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 2000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 2400 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Animal Call-** Gray St. & 11th Ave. S.
- Trespass-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Panhandler/Solicitor-** 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Trespass-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 1400 Blk 58th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.
- Vehicle Burglary-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 7th Ave. & 54th St. S.

Monday 2/27

- Accident with Injuries-** 49th St. & 29th Ave. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 5100 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 2200 Blk 59th St. S.
- DUI-** 1100 Blk Gray St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Fraud/Forgery-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 5000 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 1200 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 54th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 2600 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 1700 Blk 55th St. S.
- Burglary Business-** 51st St. & 8th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 1700 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 4900 Blk Newton Ave. S.

Tuesday 2/28

- Alarm Business-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
- Domestic-** 5100 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 60th St. & 7th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 2200 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Noise-** 18th Ave. & 59th St. S.
- DUI-** Gulfport Blvd. & 58th St. S.
- Civil Matter-** 1700 Blk 55th St. S.

- Animal Call-** 5500 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 5200 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Drug Call-** 60th St. & 13th Ave. S.
- Panhandler/Solicitor-** 6100 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Trespass-** 1700 Blk 55th St. S.
- Wednesday 2/29**
- Disorderly Conduct-** Beach Blvd. & 30th Ave. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 2800 Blk 51st St. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5100 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 1800 Blk 50th St. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 5400 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Trespass-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Domestic-** 1800 Blk 56th St. S.
- Noise-** 1000 Blk 59th St. S.
- Fraud/Forgery-** 2800 Blk 49th St. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 5100 Blk 23rd Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5200 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5700 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Alarm Residential-** 5700 Blk 27th Ave. S.
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Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop Exhibit

The Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop, under the direction of volunteer art instructor Betty Staebell, celebrate their 20th anniversary with students displaying their artwork at the Gulfport Public Library (5501 28th Ave. S. in Gulfport) for the entire month of March. 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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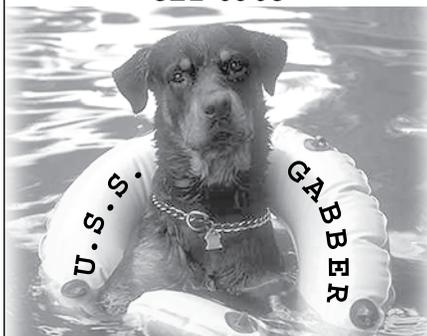
The Directors of The Heritage Registry of Who's Who™ take pleasure in announcing the inclusion of Mrs. Alexandra R. Kingzett, President/CEO, of The Historic Peninsula Inn & Spa in the forthcoming 2012 Edition. The accomplishments and achievements attained by Mrs. Alexandra Kingzett in the Inn and Spa Hospitality Industry with The Historic Peninsula Inn & Spa warrants inclusion into The Heritage Registry of Who's Who™.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What is Probate?

Probate is a Court-supervised process which is normally required to wind up the personal and business affairs of someone who passes on. Probate involves the identification of and gathering of a deceased person's assets, the payment of taxes, creditor claims and expenses and, finally, the distribution of the deceased's assets to beneficiaries.

Probate documents are generally filed in the county where the deceased person lived. A filing fee is required to be paid to the Clerk of the Circuit Court to start the probate administration process. After a probate proceeding is initiated, a Circuit Court Judge is assigned to oversee the process. A Judge will, upon her/his approval, issue letters of administration which appoints a personal representative of the deceased's estate. The Judge also resolves questions raised during the probate administration by reviewing

all filed documents and holding Court hearings as necessary.

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If a deceased person had a valid last will and testament, the person who is designated in the will to serve as personal representative will have preference to be appointed by the Court to serve. In the event the deceased did not have a valid last will and testament, a surviving spouse will generally serve. In the alternative, a majority of the heirs may select someone to serve as personal representative for approval by the Court. In our next article, we will together explore what the responsibilities of a personal representative are in the probate proceeding.

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

Town Shores Red Hatters

Bunko will be played in the club house lounge at 12:45 tomorrow, Friday, March 9th. Come enjoy the fun and bring your \$2.

On Wednesday, March 21, think green and Spring and they will have a meal together. You bring a lunch in a brown bag and they'll provide drinks and dessert. Call Judy at 344-7558 or Julie at 343-6587.

Town Shores Bocce

There is just one week of regular play left. The Chatham and the Lancaster are neck and neck in the standing.

Sign up sheets for the Bocce Blast are now up. Blast play is set to begin on Thursday, March 15th. All residents, owners and renters, beginners and "pros" are invited to sign up and enjoy the fun.

The tickets for the Bocce Dinner Dance are now in the hands of your building rep. Lee Roy Selmon's will be catering and Al Ruggerio will provide the entertainment. Tables of 8-10 are available by calling Judy at 344-7558.

Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter celebrated in style on Sunday, March 4 with the Golden Circle Ritual for Paula Lyens and Valerie Rankin. Members and guests were treated to a lovely buffet brunch at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Joyce Keller, Janet Taylor, Donna Smith and Sue Hill then conducted the Golden Circle Ritual for the two honorees. These two ladies have been in Beta Sigma Phi for over 50 years and were honored for their dedication and commitment to Beta Sigma Phi over the years. The honorees opened gifts and everyone enjoyed a delicious cake to celebrate the occasion. Congratulations to Paula and Valerie for their achievement and thank you to the committee for a lovely event.

The next regular meeting of LET will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at the home of Miriam Garcia at 7 p.m. The election of officers will be held and Miriam will present the program.

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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 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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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/20F0A4FA8A829A13-ticket> to sign up online. Volunteers can also sign-up by sending an email to dfagan100@msn.com or calling Dennis Fagan at 727-643-7111.

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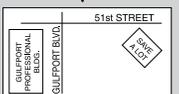


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Local Obituaries

CAYO, ELAINE, 73, of South Pasadena, passed Feb. 27th. She is survived by her children, Raymond Howell, Arlene Lavalley, Wendy Molitors and Dana Cayo. A Life Tribute-Largo, 559-7793.

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GERSON, ERNEST H., 90, of Gulfport, passed away March 4, 2012. Ernie escaped Nazi Germany as a teenager and served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He worked in the wine industry as well as volunteering at the Florida Holocaust Museum for over 14 years. Ernie was a great man who loved his family and America. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Ernie is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Eva; sons, Dr. Les Gerson and Robert (Lynnette) Gerson; and grandchildren Evan, Ariel, and Derek. A visitation will be held from 12-1 today, March 6th at the David C. Gross Funeral Home in St. Petersburg, with services beginning at 1 p.m. Interment will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Park in Largo. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Ernie's memory to the Florida Holocaust Museum. Guestbook at davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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KLINGER, DAVID, 64, long-time St. Pete Beach resident, passed away Feb. 16, 2012. Born in Philadelphia, PA to Ewald and Phyllis Klinger, he will be missed by family, friends and fans.

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SAMPLE, IVY F., 88, passed away peacefully at home on March 4, 2012, rejoining his wife of 42 years, Edna. Born on Sept. 5, 1923 in Staten

Island, NY, he moved to Tampa in 1950. He retired in 1988 from MacDill AFB after 46 years of civil service for the Army, Navy and Air Force. He moved to St. Petersburg in 1992. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, IvyAnn and Dennis Burg, St. Petersburg; son, Larry Sample, Tampa; granddaughters Alexis Burg, Jillian Burg and Jennifer Lord, St. Petersburg; two great-grandchildren, and his devoted cat, Mickey. A funeral mass will be held at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church.

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SCHULTZ, EDWARD G., 91, of St. Pete Beach, passed over on Feb. 13, 2012. Born in Buffalo, NY, he moved to St. Pete Beach in 1955, purchasing Harbor Lodge Apts. He worked for Swift & Company in St. Petersburg as a salesman and then moved to Ft. Lauderdale to manage a Swift Branch House. He returned to St. Petersburg in 1970, when he retired. He was predeceased by his wife of 32 years, Dorothy Schultz Powers and Marilyn Schultz, his wife of 11 years. Survived by his children, Donna Schultz Hamilton and Bradley Schultz; grandchildren Victor Harb, David Harb, Jennifer Pavlina, Jason Schultz and great-grandchildren Rebecca Harb, Mike McLaughlin and Victor Harb Jr. A

Celebration of his life will be held at his daughter's home on March 3rd, at 2 p.m. for family and friends.

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WADE, AILEEN "NORMA", 85, Gulfport, died Feb. 25. Survived by 4 children; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; sister; brother, his wife and family.

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WALKER, JACK M., died at home Friday, Feb. 24. Jack, son of Jack S. and Mildred W. Walker and born in Canton, OH, was popular in the local Deaf community, known for delightful storytelling, sense of humor and fashion, and love of life and travel. Jack is survived by cousin, Kim Bourke of Erlanger, KY; best friend, Betty Flanagan who shared a happy home and life with Jack in Gulfport; and Betty's son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Jennie Flanagan. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m. on Gulfport Beach.

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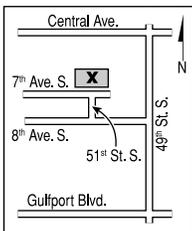
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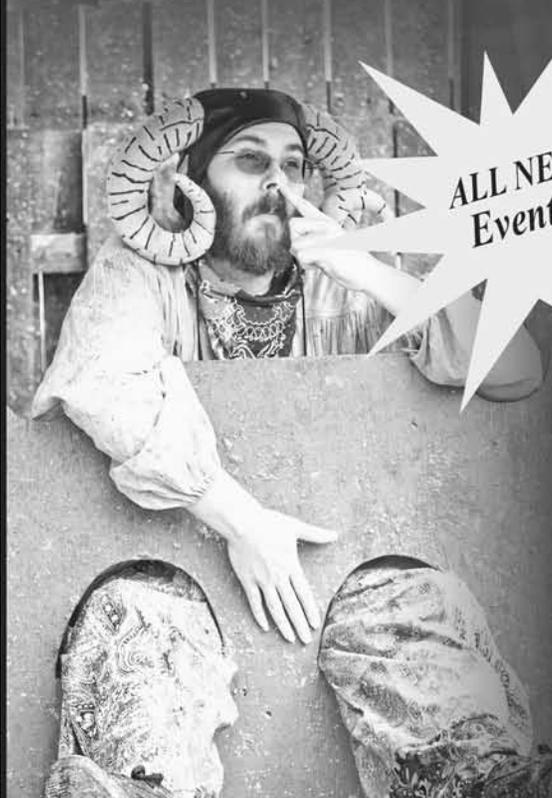
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You Can Still Help Local Teacher Fighting Cancer

By Cathy Salustri



Josie Pitzen, a first-grader at Gulfport Elementary, helps set up artwork at the art sale benefiting third grade teacher Beth Meyers. If you missed the event, you can come to the March 16 Art Walk, where the students will be selling their art work in front of the old Casa Cortez/Aquabellas/Dive Bar.

"The plan is to have Lakeview Fundamental do the April art walk - that is where Beth's daughter goes, and I am hoping to get Dixie Hollins to cover the other one in April - that is where Bruce Myers teachers," teacher Betsy Kinsley says.

and with the right care, this Gulfport teacher can come home to Gulfport – and her students.

The rest of the bad news? Treatments involve lengthy stem cell procedures – in Arkansas. Each treatment – and she'll need more than one – costs upwards of \$600,000.

She and her husband are both teachers. She teaches at Gulfport Elementary; he teaches at Dixie Hollins High. Their insurance will pay some, but not all, of the costs. In addition, she can only get the treatments in Arkansas, which means in addition to not being able to work, she'll be separated from her child and husband during these treatments.

One more thing: she has to pay for an apartment and all the utilities for that apartment while she's undergoing treatment in Arkansas.

At this past Friday night's art walk, Gulfport's youngest artists sold this art as well as teacher-created art and at least local artists' donated work.

Her students and fellow teachers know they can't cover the entire cost, teacher Betsy Kinsley says, but they all wanted to do something.

John Shevlin, a local artist who specializes in "Tropical Funk" painting, donated a whimsical piece to the students. He told the *Gabber* he wanted to donate "because it's a good cause and I support our community." Two other artists donated their art; Soy Candles donated 20% of the night's sales; and the Guenther family collected donations at O'Maddy's and Bo Tiki.

"We really are so touched by the level of involvement," Ms. Kinsley said. "Basically we raised enough money to cover one-tenth of what she'll be responsible for for the first transplant. We have a way to go, but we made a dent."

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Cathedral Latin High School Alumni Meeting

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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.

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It's no surprise, then, that when you taste one of his sandwiches you're tempted to close your eyes in ecstasy. John's love of food shines through wholly and completely at New York cafe, and his staff echoes his passion. Tony, for example, has 30 years experience making food that makes people happy.

Have a coffee drink you can't live without? They have every type of coffee conceivable, plus plain black coffee, hot and strong.

Breakfast includes eggs, croissants, English muffin sandwiches. They have omelet sandwiches and breakfast wraps. Get your breakfast wrapped in spinach, wheat, flour or a sun-dried tomato tortilla. The menu lists three types of wraps: turkey, egg and spinach; egg, cheese and spinach; and steak, egg and cheese. But if you have something you want inside a wrap, just ask them and they'll make it for you.

"If you can eat it, we can cook it. If we have the food in the building, we'll make it for you," Tony says. That's not just for breakfast, either.

For lunch, choose from one of their stacked high deli sandwiches. They serve a full feast of traditional deli sandwiches, and every one goes the extra mile. For example, their chicken club doesn't have cold cut chicken – it comes with a half chicken breast. The roast beef comes with horseradish cheddar cheese. The meatball sub comes on a fresh baked hoagie topped with mozzarella and provolone. Don't eat meat? Try a salad. Here the salad is no iceberg lettuce-meets-shaved-carrots-and-sliced-cucumbers; it's a spring mix or fresh baby spinach, fresh dressings made on-site, and tiny juicy grape tomatoes, all arranged like a work of art.

New York Cafe serves breakfast all day, even at dinner time. At 3 o'clock every day, happy hour starts. For four hours they serve two for one beer, including Stella Artois draft. If you stop by for a beer after work, you can order wings (hot, boneless, or regular), sliders, or anything off their entire menu.

If it's not clear by now, they're a deli, but they're so much more. While the food is center stage here, no doubt, there are other touches that make this a great place for regulars and newcomers alike.

They have wireless Internet access, but they also have computers at the counter that are on a first-come, first-serve basis. The friendly staff makes this the kind of place where you want to be a regular at the counter.

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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



Localization, Not Globalization

Recently, we've seen the effects of globalization as local jobs are outsourced. The recession proves that it just isn't working. Economist and author Michael Shuman notes that "about 42 percent of our economy is 'place-based,' or created through small, locally owned businesses." This means that almost half of our economy depends upon small, independent businesses, which make up the backbone of our hometowns.

These small businesses are what give our towns local color and local flavor. They are what differentiate us from every other exit on the highway, which has the same six chain stores. Also, local businesses are committed to their hometowns and support the local economy through hiring people in the area; making donations to

little-league teams and volunteer ambulance and fire services; and paying local taxes.

The key to economic recovery is localization -- reversing globalization. Shuman estimates that we could expand our national economy to be 70 percent local or more by incorporating these 10 simple steps, which will actually save money in the process.

-- Localize your home. The biggest expense most of us have is our mortgage. Actually, 60 percent of our annual expenses go to shelter. By renting from a local landlord or buying your own home with a mortgage from a local bank, you can localize this expense. Local banks and credit unions typically have the best rates anyway, possibly saving you money in the process.

-- Drive less. According to Shuman, Americans spend 1 out of every 5 dollars on transportation. That

amounts to almost \$5,000 per year! Until we can start replacing imported oil with locally produced biofuels, our best bet is to drive less. Using mass transit, bicycling or walking are highest on the list, but not very easy for us rural folks. Use the car sparingly, buy gas from an independent gas station if you can find one, and use a local repair shop you trust.

-- Eat Independently. Households spend about \$2300 per year on restaurants; unfortunately, it's mostly fast-food chains. This one is a simple matter of choice, with very little effort required to find a wonderful independently owned restaurant.

-- Check out local arts and entertainment. Most people opt for a movie at a corporate multiplex at the mall. Enjoy homegrown talent! Visit the small repertory theaters and see a real play instead of a movie. Visit an art show, and buy art from local artists. Buy music directly from the bands.

-- Localize your health care. Get your meds from an independent pharmacy, preferably one that also uses local suppliers

-- Buy locally grown food. Eating locally -- meaning buying fresh vegetables, meats, and dairy from local farms -- reduces transportation costs and vitamin loss. The closer you eat to home, the more you improve your health, your view and your local economy.

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- Unit #15, Sue Dalby** China cabinet, furniture, car/home stereo equipment, misc. home goods.
- Unit #508, Shane Sherman** TV, fountain, weight bench/weights, nail gun, chest, tools, misc.
- Unit #22, Christopher Lee** Cloths, pet carrier, refrigerator, furniture, misc. house goods.
- Unit #703, John Rook** Stroller, chainsaw, cloths, bike frame
- Unit #505, Dixie Howell Jr** Dining table, compressor, furniture, chests
- Unit #408, Doug McBride** weights, mini blinds, doors, laminate flooring, misc. boxes

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