

Gulfport Goes Green



"Going Green" took on a different meaning in Gulfport this past Saturday. Denise Wachalec stood guard over the pot of gold (and a few tubs of beer).

Teen Council Feels the Luck of the Irish

By Cathy Salustri

Five percent may not sound like a lot to some people, but to the Gulfport Teen Council it means they can reach out to other teens at state conferences, and it may mean they can host a dance for Gulfport teens.

O'Maddy's donated five percent of its St. Patrick's Day street party proceeds to the Teen Council: \$500.

The National Restaurant Association estimates the average restaurant earns between four and six percent profit before taxes.

"We did great!" Joe Guenther said Tuesday morning when he'd added the figures.

"We had more of a turnout at night, but we had to shut it down at 10 because we had to have the street reopened by midnight," he said.

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Council Split on Vice Mayorship

Gulfport city council failed to appoint a vice mayor Tuesday night.

Every year the vice mayorship can rotate, although Gulfport has no set procedure for who shall assume the role of vice mayor. Former councilman David Hastings served as the city's last vice mayor, but freshman councilman Dan Liedtke replaced him last week. While Liedtke assumed the role of Ward One councilmember, the vice mayor position did not go with it. The agenda included consideration of a new vice mayor.

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Antiques in the Park



Jamie Mapstone and Mark Roosa drove over from St. Petersburg to check out the antiques in Clymer Park Saturday. Hula Hula, the Lion's Club and the city of Gulfport tri-host the annual event.

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Large Dog Park Closes for Maintenance

Large Dog Park is closed from Monday, March 26th through Friday, March 30th for general maintenance. Large dogs will use the small dog park on Tuesday and Thursday while small dogs will have the Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule. Parks will reopen the Large Dog Park on Saturday, March 31 at 9 a.m.

Please contact Bob Williams at 727-893-1066 if you have any questions regarding the closure of the park.

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No Parking Zone Will Wait

When city council started discussing making 17th and 18th Street within 100 feet of 49th Street "no parking zones" along the right of way, one businessman affected stood and spoke against the change.

Scott Reed, owner of American Fence, told the city council such a move would hurt his business.

"You're taking my parking away. I'll have to park inside the property

[and that would leave] no room for customers," he told the council. "You're hurting me to control the body shop parking."

Chief of Police Rob Vincent told the council others in the area asked Gulfport Police Officer Robert McLaughlin for help with parking issues, but Reed told council he and fellow 49th Street businessmen received no notification of the proposed change.

"I did not get any notification. I don't know how you do it. You're going to vote on it tonight and this is the first I've heard of it.

Council tabled the issue until the next meeting.

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Back in the Saddle Again

After several months of meeting in the Catherine Hickman Theatre, Gulfport City Council will resume meeting in council chambers this week. Thursday's workshop will take place at city hall, not the Catherine Hickman Theatre.

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Vice Mayor,

from front page

While Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon nominated Councilwoman Barbara Banno, only Banno and Salmon voted in favor of that nomination. Councilmembers Dan Liedtke and Sam Henderson voted no. Mayor Mike Yakes did not attend the meeting, which left the vote tied 2-2.

Council will go through the process again at the April 3 meeting, at which time the mayor will vote to break a tie, if one exists.

Wednesday morning the mayor criticized the council for its inability to select a vice mayor in his absence.

"They should have made the decision. If the mayor should do it, they ought to just say that. But it's not that way. Council should choose a vice mayor. Council didn't; they divided themselves. I want them to knock that division out and stop it."

Mayor Yakes also said "each member is equally qualified" to serve as vice mayor, stressing that the role only comes into play if he cannot attend a meeting or ceremony.

"I have no plans to die," he said, "and I plan to attend every meeting. So the vice mayor will [only have to attend events] if I'm double scheduled. This isn't a permanent appointment; this is a one-year appointment to assist."

The mayor has missed three meetings in the last twelve months.

He urged the council to work together.

"We need to bend a little to make this work," he said. "I believe this council needs to step up and we need

to compromise in the interest of the city," he said.

"This isn't the playground at the school."

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South Pasadena Art Show

All are welcome to the City of South Pasadena's 26th Annual Artspring Exhibition March 23-25 to be held at City Hall, 7047 Sunset Drive S. The

exhibit consists of artwork produced in clay, wood, metals, glass, paper, photography, watercolor, acrylic, and oil paintings from over 100 local artists.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 23rd and Saturday, March 24th and noon to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 25th. For more information call City Hall at 727-347-4171.

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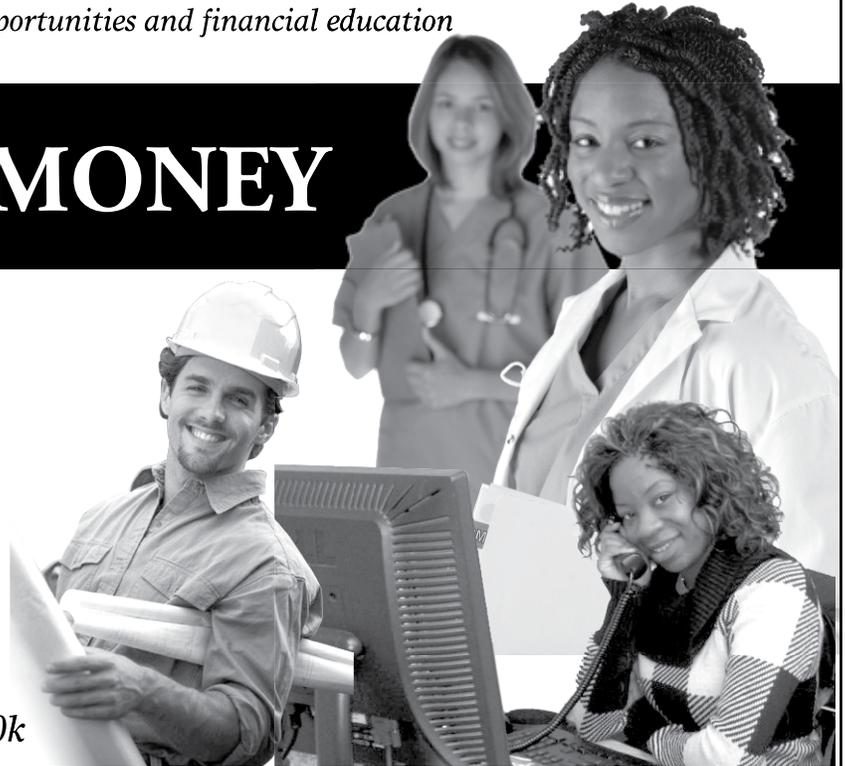
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Cost for a 10x10 space is \$10, so sign up now as space is limited. Slip renters are free. Please bring your own table.

For more information, contact Harbormaster, Denis Frain 727-893-1071.

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Democratic Party to Meet

The Pinellas County Democratic Party will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 22nd at 7 p.m. at the St. Petersburg, Marriott Hotel, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd. N. Special guests include Sierra Club's Florida Healthy Air Campaign staff Phil Compton and PSTA Community Relations Manager Bob Lasher. Call 727-327-2796.

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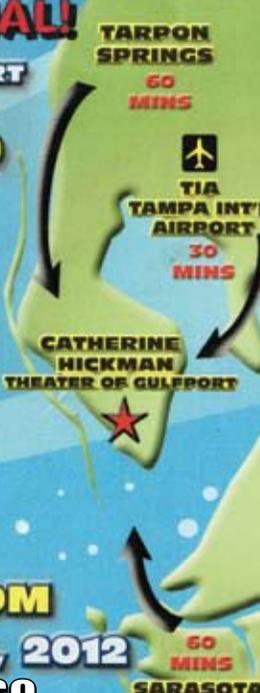
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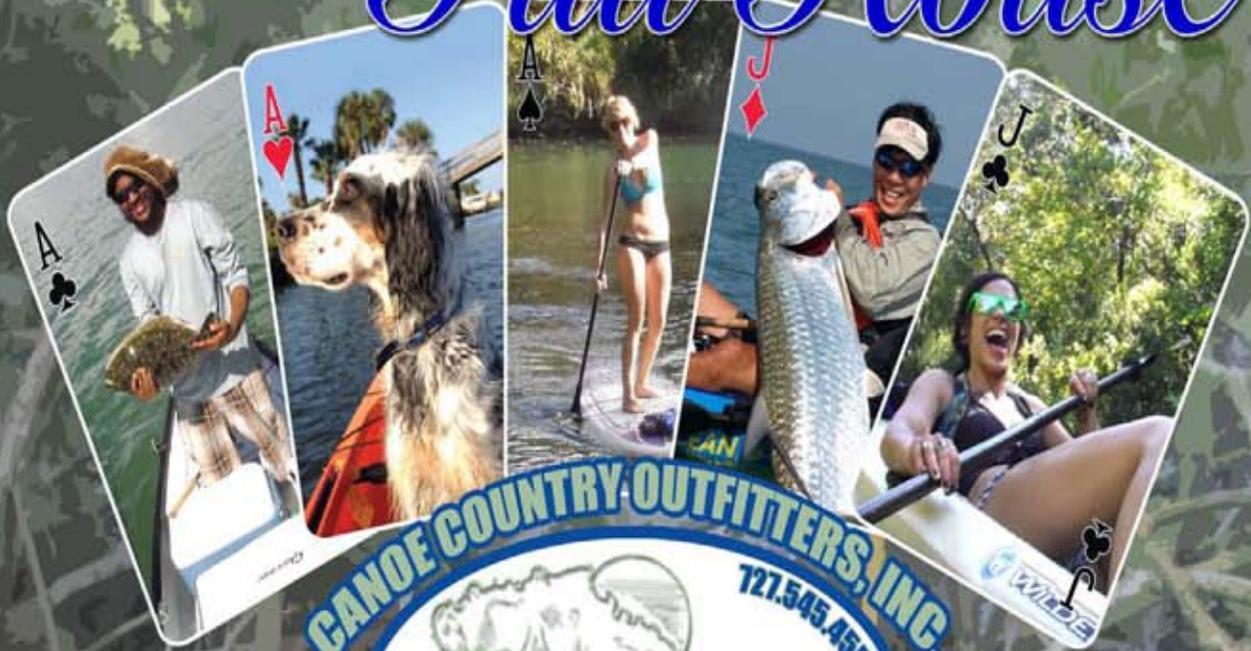
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Golfers Wanted

The deadline to sign up for this fun golf event is Monday, March 26th! All Town Shores residents and friends, any level of golfer, are welcome to play Saturday, March 31st at Terra Ceia Golf Club, 2802 Terra Ceia Bay Blvd. in Palmetto. The \$35 fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at Beef O'Brady's, 4775 34th Street S. and prizes. Players can submit their own foursome or be assigned to a team. The format is Captain & Crew. Submit cash payments to Ellen Johnson, Manchester Bldg., #207 by Monday, March 26th.

Contact Ellen at 727-345-2109, email elenajota@hotmail.com or Natalie, Diplomat #107, at 813-343-8918, email natreardon@gmail.com. Note: Volunteers are needed to help with future golfing events. This is the last golf event scheduled for the season.

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Gulfport History Expo at the Senior Center

A Senior Center Open House and Gulfport History Expo will be held at

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Students and tomorrow

Dear Editor: The youth of today tend to be portrayed as trouble makers, misfits and ones we should be cautious of. There are many young people out there that are to be congratulated, applauded and encouraged. Not all of the youth are the ones we tend to see on the front page of the newspaper, not all of the youth are ones that we should be cautious of. These youth are a product of the school system, a family, a neighborhood, it truly does take a village to raise a child.

This past Saturday was the county History Fair, I was given the wonderful opportunity to be on the judging panel. The exuberance, intelligence, curiosity and eagerness that these students brought forth was a testimony to the youth of today. Each student/youngster was eager to share their research and interest, each youngster wanted the judges/world to see that they were prepared on their subject, and the wide assortment of subjects was tremendously encouraging.

Yes, there are troubled youth in this world, these youth tend to make the headlines more than the others. It was tremendously uplifting for me to witness the positive energy that these students in attendance at the Pinellas History Fair wanted to share with those in attendance. These students/youth reinforced in me the notion that the world will be okay, the world will be in good hands, if the hands of the world are willing to open

up and accept the wonderfulness of this future generation.

Mark Grantham

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Thanks to the Gulfport Community

Dear Editor: The Gulfport teen council would like to thank O'Maddy's restaurant for the fund raiser held last weekend. And a special thank you to So49 for the recent So49 Classic Car Show fund raiser. We appreciate the outpouring of support from the Gulfport community as well.

The council is working on ideas of what to do with the money and are currently considering a dance or sporting event for Gulfport teens. Thanks to the community for helping put our ideas into action.

Gulfport Teen Council

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Disappointed in Yard Sale

Dear Editor: Am I the only one? I participated in the city-wide yard sale as a resident on the outer limits. Few serious buyers showed up but plenty looking for extreme bargains, almost out of money spent downtown or elsewhere at the many competing events. A lot of hard work goes into having a yard sale. Unless it can be the main event, count me out next time. My time would be better spent invested in cleaning up Clam Bayou or beach butts.

T. Riley

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Pass-a-Grille Woman's Club Home Tour

The Pass-a-Grille Woman's Club (PAGWC) will hold its 15th annual Home Tour on Sunday, March 25 from 1-5 p.m. The tour features the oldest and the largest homes in PAG along with four other unique homes. Patrons may park in one of two free lots and tour in the comfort of four air-conditioned buses with stops for historic 8th Avenue, the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, the PAGWC Clubhouse and the Suntan Art Center. Patrons may also visit the PAG Community Church with special events celebrating their 100th anniversary.

This year's homes include:

- Shangri-La, a 10,000 plus square foot Tuscan villa on the beach with a 3000 square foot garage housing an impressive car collection that will be on display for the Home Tour

- Solway House, a four-unit apartment complex that features a large outdoor ocean sculpture by award-winning Florida artist Clayton Swartz

- The oldest home in PAG, built in 1886 by Zephaniah Phillips

- A beach cottage, built in 1947, with landscaping that features a number of unusual plants including a protected Banyan tree and a gumbo-limbo.

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- Turtle Run, a cypress beach house built in 1936 by local architect Archie Parrish

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Thank you, Margo!

The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes the community to a farewell open house at the Peninsula Inn, 2937 Beach Blvd. S. on March 29th from 5-8 p.m. Margo Scannell was a key member of the Gulfport Chamber for 14 years. Without her dedication and commitment, the Chamber would not be where it is today. Stop by and thank Margo.



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Gulfport SpringFest

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

The SpringFest event is free to the public and dozens of vendors featuring a wide variety of arts and crafts have already signed up to participate. This year they will add a gardening twist to their spring event, and are currently seeking vendors with live plants, garden art and other garden type products. Local and area restaurants are encouraged to join with other food vendors offering an array of culinary delights to enjoy. Live entertainment is scheduled to perform on two stages all day long. The children's area will provide activities for the kids, and will include bounce houses, games, face painting and more! The Easter bonnet walking parade at 5 p.m. is an audience participation event and everyone is welcomed to join in anywhere along the parade route. Following the hat parade the hat contest will take place at the south stage, with prizes given for largest and most unique hats. Additionally, other venues downtown will also feature music and other activities.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The business meeting, tea and flower show will be held on April 12th at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street S. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the business meeting and tea. Committee leaders will give yearly reports and officers will be elected to serve next year.

The club will provide food and drink for the tea with members contributing \$5 each toward a portion of the cost. Please send your check (payable to Gulfport Garden and Bird Club) to Barbara Dye by April 9th.

Plant judging will be held after the tea. Plant and floral arrangements will be judged by Garden Club members. Categories are: Arrangements over 12 inches; Arrangements Under 12 inches; Silk or Dry Arrangements; Oriental Arrangements; Foliage Plants; Flowering Plants; Miniature Arrangements (less than 6"x6"). Prizes will be awarded so bring your best artistic creation.

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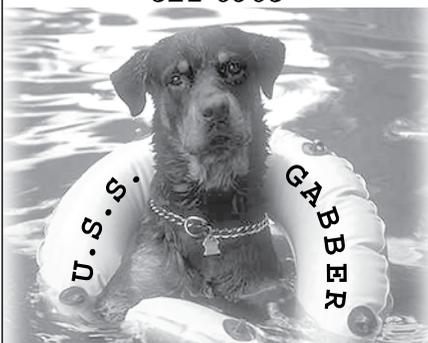
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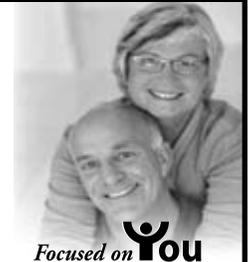
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The parade will start at 7:30 p.m. and will feature the always daring Indianapolis Motorcycle Drill Team, the Budweiser Clydesdales, and many of the Grand Prix Drivers including Simon Pagenaud, and Katherine Legge!

The Second Time Arounders Band will celebrate their 30th year and will be joined by eight local marching bands including Admiral Farragut Academy, Seminole High School, St. Pete High School, Dixie Hollins High School, Pinellas Park High School, Northeast High School, Lakewood High School and Gibbs High School.

They will be joined by an impressive line up of entries including the Tampa Bay Rays street team, All Children's Hospital Clown Alley, several local Krewes, the Egypt Shriners, Radio Disney, Ronald McDonald and others!

The parade will begin at Central Avenue and 5th Street, travel east on Central, then head north on 2nd Street, then east on 1st Avenue, then north on Beach Drive to the end at 5th Avenue North.

After the parade, the Second Time Arounders will perform in South Straub Park followed by a fireworks display along the waterfront!

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Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

ACROSS

- 1 Surfeit
- 5 Well-rounded
- 10 Nimbus
- 14 Bert, of Hollywood fame
- 15 Mountains of Utah
- 16 Mesabi Range product
- 17 Greek war god
- 18 Heroine of *Persuasion*
- 20 Network
- 21 Sandwich bread
- 22 Believers in God
- 23 Jacob's brother
- 25 American astrophysicist
- 27 *Mansfield Park* resident
- 30 Midge
- 34 Golfing nickname
- 35 Arched molding
- 36 Pindaric work
- 37 Albert Gore, for one
- 38 Negative stipulations
- 39 Gardner
- 40 Prov. of Ottawa
- 41 Word of acceptance
- 42 Like some sleeves

DOWN

- 43 Reckless
- 45 *Sense and Sensibility* philanderer
- 47 Anglo-Saxon serfs
- 49 Passport stamp
- 50 Peaceful
- 53 Rent
- 54 Sgt.
- 57 *Emma's* friend and mentor
- 60 Countless years
- 61 Countertenor
- 62 Calyx part
- 63 Market
- 64 Average
- 65 1989 Oscar winner
- 66 Singer Guthrie

10 Under par

- 11 Author of *Exodus*
- 12 Foundation
- 13 Household pests
- 19 Grassland
- 21 Comedienne Martha
- 24 Use scissors
- 25 Bridge stratagems
- 26 Acid derivative
- 27 Party gift
- 28 Sports center
- 29 Novice
- 31 Henry Tilney's abbey
- 32 Extemporize
- 33 Very small
- 38 Despondent
- 39 Hosp. tests
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"My wife told me we've gotten quite a few people," he said. Brown declined to grant our three wishes.

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Dallas Bohrer: Spirit of Gulfport

Sam Henderson nominated Dallas Bohrer for the Spirit of Gulfport award. Dallas runs the Blueberry Patch. The council will present the award at a future meeting.

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Voter Registration Offered in Gulfport

Voter registration will be offered at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue S., from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 30th and Friday, April 13th. Voter registration will also be offered at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Avenue S. from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 31st. You will need to have your license or last four digits of your social security number. Some reasons to update your registration include change of address, change of name, change in party affiliation, change in your signature due to age, tremor or injury or if you have not voted in the 2004 and 2008 presidential elections.

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O'Maddy's dish up a ton – literally – of corned beef. By 2 p.m. the restaurant had served 1,000 pounds. The bulk of the day's profits went to the Teen Council.

The Recreation Center budget includes money for the teen council's registration and some of the travel, but the O'Maddy's money makes it possible for all teens to attend state-wide teen council conferences. Teen council will also discuss using some of the money for new t-shirts and a teen dance this summer.

O'Maddy's will present a check to Teen Council at the April 3 meeting. So49 also donated \$500 of its car show proceeds to the Teen Council.

The teen council welcomes everyone, especially teenagers, at its monthly meeting. The council will meet again on April 19 at 4:45; call Marivel Gutierrez at 893-1592 for meeting information.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

The Breaking Point

No one and nothing is immune from a breaking point. Chemical substances have breaking points. Physical objects have breaking points. Men and women have breaking points. And dogs are no exception.

A breaking point is defined as:

1. the point at which something or someone gives way under strain.
2. the moment of crisis in a situation.

Both definitions apply to the following scene:

I have some concerns about my 18-month-old American Staffordshire, "Duke," and my two children, who are 4 and 5. Tonight, the kids were playing with the dog, and my 4-year-old boy pinched and teased the dog and obviously hurt him. My daughter was giving him a big cuddle at the

same time -- and was probably also being a little rough. The dog lunged at her with a huge bark, which to me sounded like an aggressive warning as if to say I've had enough. Is that a normal response to pain from a dog, or is my dog a time bomb waiting to go off?

He didn't bite her, but he did show his teeth. He mouths sometimes when playing, and he's a big dog who could do a lot of damage if he snapped. He is very social with other dogs and people.

What is the best way to discipline this type of behavior? Or is it simply reason enough to give him away to someone without children? I just don't know...

Not knowing what you're doing when you bring together young children and dogs is risky parenting. You're gambling, and the stakes are high.

The first thing you should know is that all dogs -- regardless of size, regardless of breed -- have a breaking point. Knowing that your dog has a breaking point is important, but it's not an invitation to go looking for it.

As a parent, you have a duty to protect your children. The best way to do that is through intelligent prevention. And the most effective way to prevent a dog from biting your kids is to teach your kids how to appropriately handle a dog.

The letter writer's questions are off-base. "What is the best way to discipline this type of behavior?" Whose behavior? The kids'? The dog's? The parents'? And "discipline" isn't the ingredient that will bring this dish together. Education is what's missing. These kids have not been taught how to properly handle and play with a dog.

That is not the dog's fault. And it's not the kids' fault.

This kind of behavior toward an animal is unacceptable -- even abusive -- and many parents don't even realize it. Kids are allowed to flat-out abuse the family dog, and their parents have this notion that because he's the family pet, he won't react.

Why is a dog expected to tolerate this? Where is it written that "family" can treat a dog however they want and the dog will just put up with it? Everyone has a breaking point.

It's important to understand the difference between aggression and a normal reaction to provocation. Duke might very well thrive in an environment without small children -- or even with children who know how to properly handle a dog. A professional trainer or behaviorist can help make that determination. But if Duke is to stay in this home, everyone needs some good positive training.

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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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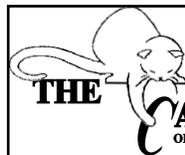


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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

It's the first full week of the Aries solar transit. Mercury, still retrograde, is the star of the show, pulling off a few antics while he still can. Uranus joins in with a dash of disruption, reminding us not to get too comfortable as he makes a dance of his annual alignment with the sun. Plan for delays and miscommunication. Being prepared somehow staves off misfortune. When all goes well, celebrate your fantastic luck.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll complete many ordinary tasks this week that might be categorized as "chores," but not by you. Instead, you choose to see your tasks as "improvements" or "successful actions." This reframing will buoy your mood and make you radiate a confident, winning energy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Humans have an innate instinct to imitate the dynamic influences around them, which is why full-grown adults sometimes pick up (or lose!) accents when they move to foreign countries. Your knack for imitation will be uncanny this week, and you'll use it by modeling yourself after a successful person in your midst.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your happiness could hinge on any number of factors, possibly including your digestion, glandular function or the weather. Better not to chase smiles and laughter, and instead focus on mining the treasures of your current circumstance however merry or solemn you happen to feel.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your sense of showmanship dictates that the show must go on, and on it will go. Your tenacity is special, though you may not see it as such. You keep going long after the others get tired, bored or distracted. Your focus is shrewd as you continually strive to deliver something wonderful, meaningful and unique.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Spending time with people who encourage you will give wings to your emotional life.

The confidence these hours inspire in you will be remarkable. Arrange your schedule to include several meetings with your core support system in April, and a pet project of yours will quickly take off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Creative choices and matters of personal preference will come into play. Your taste is different from that of your friends, family, colleagues and customers; that much will be apparent. With your discerning eye and offbeat logic, you will lead, influence and teach others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll contemplate your freedom and act in a way you wouldn't be able to were you not liberated. You realize there's a responsibility that comes with your freedom, and this doesn't make you feel less free. Instead, it makes you appreciate the freedom you have all the more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Conscience and compassion are so ingrained in you that you don't even have to think about the "right move." You're no heartless climber who will do what you have to do to get to the next level. You're a loving caregiver who will stop and wait, content to arrive when you can do so as a solid team member.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Organizing your life has just as much to do with your physical possessions as it does with your schedule, intentions and goals. This will be one of your favorite kinds of weeks, as you'll get the chance to move things around, categorize them, clean them and arrange them just so.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be challenging yourself and growing new capabilities. Under stress, it's hard to read your situation accurately. Remember to relax. It will help you get perspective. If you can't relax, you can at least gather experience so that in the future, similar situations won't cause quite as much fear and tension.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are reluctant to aggressively market yourself and will secretly wish that

a supportive friend would jump in to sing your praises. This will happen when you least need it. For now, learn how to promote yourself in a way that feels comfortable. It's a matter of trial and error. But keep going, and you'll find your way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The good and bad news is the same: Your intelligence quotient has little to do with what you accomplish in life. Although you're extremely bright and will remember much of what you pick up, you'll have to dig deeper to apply it in a meaningful way. When you do this, you'll hit a home run on all levels.

This Week's Birthdays: It's not enough for you to have what you need. You like to obtain it with grace and high moral standards. Your remarkable style of providing for yourself and your loved ones will net you many fans this year. A social tie leads to a financial breakthrough in April. May and June bring the chance for new business and meaningful times with family. Friends share their best resources with you in July. You might enjoy free travel because you serve a special purpose for someone else.

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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.

Youth Art Program: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3-5 pm, starting March 27. Children ages 8 and up. FMI, call 893-1074 and ask for Sheri.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, April 14, starting at 10:30 am, Puss in Boots (2011 release); and, Hugo (2011 release); Enjoy with free popcorn provided by the Library! FMI, call 893-1074.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, April 19, 10:00 am. Discussion of Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy of the book. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

Earth Day Crafts Program: Saturday, April 21, 1:30 - 4 pm in Youth Services area. Enjoy making holiday creations with Pat. All ages welcome.

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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Gabber March 22 - March 28, 2012

Services *City Sponsored Activities* in the Community

Senior Center

5501 27th Ave. S. 893-2237

SPECIAL EVENTS

Healthy Vision: Having trouble reading fine print? Pinellas Talking Book Library is your answer! Come to a special presentation on Thurs. Mar. 22 at 1pm and learn about the availability of an extensive selection of books and magazines in audio format as well as low vision aids and talking computers.

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.

Voter Registration: Voter registration or re-registration forms as well as voting information will be available at the Senior Center on Fri. Mar. 30 and Fri. Apr. 13 from 10am to noon.

Art Exhibit: Only one more week to view the unique artwork displayed at the Gulfport Library. The art was submitted by Senior Center volunteer art instructor Betty Staebell and her students. Don't miss it!

Save Money, Shop Smart: Shopping can be a real challenge especially when you are trying to make every penny count. Find out how to save money and shop smart on Fri. Mar. 30 at 11am. Make those dollars stretch!

Get in Your "Feel Good" Mood: Lighten up! Come laugh a little. April is National Humor Month and we are kicking it off with a special fun and interactive event presented by Susan Stewart, RN, MA from Columbus Ohio on Wed. Apr. 4 at 1:30pm. Ms. Stewart is a certified Laughter Leader and Master Trainer with the World Laughter Tour and creator of Mirthful Movement. Come and prevent "hardening of the attitudes". Good for mind, body and spirit. Don't miss out!

Fabulous Fashion Show & Entertainment:

Mark your calendar for a fabulous Fashion Show in the Hickman Theater on Wed. Apr. 11 at 2pm. The event also includes entertainment & refreshments. Tickets: \$3.00. Fashion Show courtesy of Gulfport's St. Vincent's Thrift Shop.

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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 lostaccessstampabay@gmail.com

Celebrating Seniors: The month of May is Older Americans Month and the Senior Center is making plans for a weeklong celebration involving the whole community. Gulfport businesses are invited to be a part of it by offering free coupons or discounts for seniors 50/up during Senior Citizens week, May 21 through May 25. The GEMS mini-bus will transport clients to participating businesses throughout that week. Plan to be a part of this special celebration to honor our older residents. Call the Senior Center for more information.

Volunteer Drivers Needed: The Senior Center is looking for a few good drivers to transport our seniors who sometimes have medical appointments that cannot be accommodated by GEMS. If you have an excellent driving record and would like to offer your assistance, please call the Senior Center. A background check and a physical are required. A city vehicle will be provided.

Senior Trips: Would you like to join others for some great day trips? Hard Rock Casino on Mar. 29 or Apr. 4 or 17 (\$20); Sailor Circus on Mar. 31 (\$57); Marina Jack's Sightseeing Lunch Cruise on Apr. 5 (\$64); Catfish Johnny's on Apr. 13 (\$55); Charms of Leffingwell Tea Room on Apr. 16 (\$49); Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for info on these and other upcoming trips.

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.

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>".

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8-10:30pm Dance
Every Wednesday
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6-7pm Bonus Lesson
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Glass Blowing Ladies Night Next Friday

Glass Blowing Ladies Night is scheduled for Friday, March 30 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.

Reservations can be made by calling the Industrial Arts Center at 727-289-9365. The IAC is located at 2902A Beach Boulevard South in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard.

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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 (meat dumplings) with soup, dessert and coffee. By popular demand, they are doing cepelinai one week and koldunai every other week. Also available to buy is Lithuanian beer. Call Vida at 866-7936 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

Next Thursday at 11 a.m. they will have an Easter/Spring Bazaar. Lithuanian ethnic jewelry, bric-a-brac and bakery items will be available to buy.

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Town Shores Bocce

Blast play began on Monday, March 19th with men and women each having 8 teams.

The Bocce Dinner Dance will be held this Saturday in the clubhouse auditorium. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. Lee Roy Selmon's will be catering and Al Ruggerio will be providing the entertainment. Don't forget BYOB.

The Bocce Blast is set for Monday, April 2nd. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. Tickets will be available next week from your building rep. They will have hot dogs with sides, drink and dessert for \$6. All residents, renters and owners are invited to enjoy lunch and watch the final game which will begin sometime around 1 p.m.

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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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Adaptive Sailing and Kayak Clinic

ST. PETERSBURG- The St. Petersburg Therapeutic Recreation program and St. Petersburg Sailing Center partner to offer an Adapted Sailing and Kayak Clinic for people with disabilities. The event is on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue S.E. No experience is necessary. Participants will be given basic instruction and will have the opportunity to get out on the water with an instructor. Family members, friends, and companions are welcome to join. Free program. MUST call ahead and reserve your spot. Call 727-893-7899.

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Judy Ryerson Memorial

The Gulfport Community Players and the family of the late Judy Ryerson will be holding a memorial for Judy on Saturday, March 31st at the Players' Back Door Theater. This theater is located at 1619 49th Street S. in Gulfport. The doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and the memorial itself will begin at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the memorial. There is a map showing just how to get to the theater on the Players' website at: <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>



All friends of Judy's (and there are many) are invited to attend this memorial. Judy was one of the original founders of the Gulfport Community Players some 32 years ago and will be missed by the them, as well as by the entire City of Gulfport. She was very active in just about every civic event in Gulfport for many years and even served on the City Council.

Join the Players and the many others that have known and worked with Judy for, what seems like, forever here in Gulfport. Judy's family suggests that instead of sending flowers, a donation be made to either the Gulfport Community Players, the Gulfport Historical Society or Suncoast Hospice.

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St. Pete Beach Pension Woes

Explaining the pension issues and why they matter

By Cathy Salustri

During the last election, St. Pete Beach residents heard about the city's pension problems, but not a lot about the specifics of the pension plan and how the problems happened.

Right now, the City of St. Pete Beach has a \$22 million pension deficit. This shortfall includes a \$9 million shortage for the firefighter's pension fund, \$7.5 million for the police pension and \$6.1 million for the general fund.

How do the pensions work?

St. Pete Beach offers a "defined benefit" pension plan. Under such a plan, pension money comes from three places: employee contributions, state contributions, and returns on investments the city pension board makes. Employee and state contributions do not change. The return on investments changes, although the amount paid to

employees does not.

Independent pension boards oversee the pension funds. State law says only those boards may decide how to invest and spend the money in the plans.

Where did the money go and who spent it?

Not the city manager, despite rumors on the beach. The investments lost money. Historically, the pension board based its figures on an 8.5 percent assumed rate of return on investments. That rate decreased to 7.75 percent.

"The problem St. Pete Beach and many other government pension plans are facing," city manager Mike Bonfield said, "is primarily due to ten years of substantially lower returns on investment than that assumed by the pension boards."

Over the past decade, the funds earned roughly half of what the board expected.

Although some people suggest the city manager

"drained" the pension funds to pay for other things, audits found no basis to suspect that the board spent the pension monies inappropriately. In addition, according to one local attorney, that's not possible.

The Gabber consulted with a municipal attorney in no way associated with the City of St. Pete Beach, City Manager Mike Bonfield, or the city's attorneys, Bryant Miller Olive. This attorney told us that while the city manager must, by law, approve the investments, he may not deny them; his approval, by state statute, is a "rubber stamp" over which he has no control.

How will the city replace it?

Taxpayers will fund the difference.

"Under the current pension [plan]," Bonfield said, "taxpayers assume 100 percent of the risk on the investments."

Over the past decade the pension funds earned half of what the pension boards expected, which means the city must subsidize

the funds to pay pensions. The difference between what the pension should have earned and what it actually earned is the "unfunded liability." Since the state and the employee have fixed contributions, the responsibility for that unfunded liability falls to the city.

St. Pete Beach wants to change the pension plans to defined contributions, much like pension plans offered to non-government employees.

"This limits the city exposure to costs and allows the employee to determine their own investment strategy with these funds and to reap whatever rewards may be available," Bonfield said.

Bonfield stressed that the city needs to focus on stopping the flow.

"Managing the existing unfunded liability is certainly a challenge," he said "but the bigger issue is how to prevent it from growing."

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Excerpts heard at the March 20, 2012

Gulfport City Council Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

“I won’t take that personally.” – Barbara Banno, when the council asked Sam Henderson to chair the meeting in Mayor Mike Yakes’ absence and Councilman Henderson joked he wasn’t going to change seats.

“I hope now have a change in membership on council that we will not have five sessions of furniture in the front yard... side yard... back yard... Oh, were these sessions trying.” – Patricia Millward, who said she hoped that the city would not spend “night after night” covering the same ground regarding outdoor furniture.

“We have absolutely no guidance in our charter... I just thought it be would helpful to remind ourselves about what Robert’s Rules of Order describes as an effective presiding officer and this person should have good judgment, knowing when to strictly enforce the rules and when strict enforcement impedes the flow of business, teachability, the willingness to learn the correct procedures and to use them fairly and judiciously, active listening skills. What are the members saying and what signals are they giving to the presiding officer to help the officer expedite business, calmness, the ability to keep peace if the meeting becomes turbulent, which happens from time to time, humility, not taking offense if members correct what the presiding officer’s doing or if they appeal from the decision of the chair, and firmness, staying the course and following proper procedure when necessary and not allowing members to take shortcuts when doing so impedes the rights of members to assembly... and the other piece that I want, I imagine most of us asked staff what happens in the case of a vice mayor, but I’m not sure if everyone in the audience understands what’s entailed...” – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about the vice mayorship.

“Every issue that’s brought for me whether it be about littering fines, door hangers, trash cans, furniture in the yard or repairing the streets, I take very seriously, and I listen to everybody’s concerns. And because some people might not find that those issues are important to them, they are important to other citizens in this city, not just the ones in this room. And so as I respect Mrs. Milford”. – Councilwoman Barbara Banno

“Millward!”– Patricia Millward, from the audience.

“Excuse me, I’m speaking.” – Councilwoman Barbara Banno

“I know, but get my name right!” – Patricia Millward, who Councilman Sam Henderson, the acting chair, silenced.

“OK. So, as I respect everybody, and I will continue to as long as I serve on this council, I ask that you respect all of us, and all the topics that come for us, because the reason that they come for us is because they are important to every citizen in this city. And I would would like this city and the people in it to start respecting everybody equally. And it’s something as you can see I’m a little shaken up about because I’m passionate about it, because I love this city and I love the people in this city.” – Councilwoman Barbara Banno, who grew emotional towards the end of this statement.

“Within seven minutes he was at the house and the damage was rectified. That would not have happened [in a larger town]. I’d like to give a shout out to Public Works for being so responsive.” – Lee Stapella, about how quickly the city responded to her call that city workers accidentally damaged her sprinkler.

“We’ve just come off a fabulous weekend of events.” – Chamber of Commerce President Lori Rosso

“Can’t predict the future, but as our charter says [...] our vice mayor does serve out the term.” – City Clerk Lesley DeMuth, about what would happen if the mayor retired prior to the end of the term.

“There are instances that come up where people feel like they’re not getting the same level of service [when they call the Gulfport non-emergency number.]” – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, who said Chief of Police Rob Vincent asked that anyone with such issues call 893-1049 immediately if they have an issue.



Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Road block, road block, road block

I was intrigued Sunday by an article in the St. Pete Times section of the Tampa Bay Times about a church-parent-citizen organization, Faith and Action for Strength Together (FAST) and its proposed solution for 14 Pinellas County schools that have failing reading grades. More accurately, I was intrigued, (even more accurately, irritated) by the response of the Pinellas School Board.

That response was, in a nutshell "We already have that solution available if a teacher wants it. Prove to us that your ideas will work". The problem with that response: Hey, Pinellas schools you have an educational crisis on your hands. In all 14 of those schools, mostly in poor or poorer districts, you have reading scores that have declined since 2006 and in only three are they starting to climb. This is a disaster and is reflected in horrible graduation rates for everyone. And, you want a citizen's group to justify their suggestion to you? Absurd.

Consider this: 38 churches, synagogues and mosques join together to address a problem. They offer local community support, parental support, citizen support, spiritual support.

The members do what "they" always call for: individual and community involvement. They propose a specific solution a program called "Direct Instruction". They even visit two cities where it has been used. Better yet, they reported that the National Institute for Direct Instruction has agreed to underwrite a pilot program in one school for three years.

Some school board and administrators' response: we already have it available if a teacher wants to use it; we aren't certain that it's a good thing for all schools; it's not good for all kids; all kids don't need it; there are real issues with pushing programs on schools. Well, maybe these citizens have real problems with pushing systematic failure on students. As Rev. Robert Ward, pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist Church so succinctly put it: the schools are "failing horrendously".

The question is not what FAST is going to do about it. It has a solution. The question is what, Pinellas School District, are YOU going to do about it. Perhaps the news article omitted the schools' solution other than the bit, oh, teachers can use it if they see fit. This is not about teachers deciding. This is about an administration which has a failing system. To do nothing and accept no alternatives to doing the same thing the district has

been doing is part of the definition of stupidity.

To define that a little better, consider that the state, according to the Times, has a standard that 79 per cent of third graders read at their level or above. Most of the schools mentioned are at 50 per cent or lower and most declining in performance. As I pointed out several weeks ago, standards such as 79 per cent, even if achieved, only show that 21 per cent aren't making it. This is compounded every year. And, it is reflected in graduation rates.

How can you graduate from high school when you cannot read proficiently? How can you progress, grade to grade, without reading? Think of how isolated students become when they can't keep up. It's not unlike not being in a foreign country and not speaking the language. Think about the discipline problems.

Math is a progressive series of learning steps. If you do not master each step, the next step becomes more difficult because you are struggling to master two steps, then three and so forth. Reading is even more step oriented and vital. There is not a single occupation or activity today where reading is not important. If schools can't teach reading, they aren't real schools.

I congratulate FAST and its participating citizens. They are addressing a problem. The solution may not be in the one program, Direct Instruction. And, maybe such a program is not the cure-all. However, if there are other solutions, or even other problems (I can think of many), the school administration should speak out. FAST is not the enemy or the opponent. It is an ally. It is not running the system and it is not the one responsible for solutions. But, if the school board and the administration don't have better answers than they indicated, they should get out of the way.

What's on your mind?

Email your opinion to:

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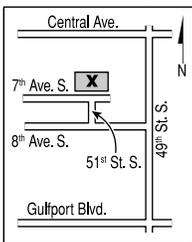
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- 911 Hang Up-** 5900 Blk Skimmer Pt. Blvd S.
- Disturbance-** 2400 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Person Under Influence-** Beach & Shore Blvds. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 5600 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** Tangerine Ave. & 54th St. S.
- Person Under Influence-** Beach & Shore Blvds. S.

Friday 3/9

- Residential Alarm-** 5600 Blk 21st Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 2000 Blk 58th St. S.
- Vandalism-** 1300 Blk 58th St. S.

- Suspicious Person-** 52nd St. & 28th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 2600 Blk 44th St. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 600 Blk 54th St. S.
- Panhandler-** 58th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.

Saturday 3/10

- Suspicious Person-** 5500 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Structure Fire-** 2900 Blk 49th St. S.
- Prowler-** 5100 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 12th Ave. & 58th St. S.
- Domestic-** 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 54th St. & 16th Ave. S.
- Residential Alarm-** 900 Blk 59th St. S.

- Suspicious Person-** 5300 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 5300 Blk 21st Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Sunday 3/11

- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 4900 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 4900 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Drug Call-** 2400 Blk 50th St. S.
- Burglary-** 5000 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5300 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 5300 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 4900 Blk 20th Ave. S.

- Vehicle Burglary-** 5900 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5700 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Residential Alarm-** 2800 Blk Kipps Colony Dr. S.
- Stalking-** 2500 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trespass-** 2700 Blk 57th St. S.

Monday 3/12

- Ordinance Violation-** 800 Blk Gray St. S.
- Residential Alarm-** 5600 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 5000 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Noise-** Shore Blvd. & Clinton Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 2100 Blk 59th St. S.
- Noise-** 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5300 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Noise-** 5200 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** Beach Blvd. & 30th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5000 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 8th Ave. & 54th St. S.

Tuesday 3/13

- Animal Call-** 5300 Blk 21st Ave. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 5700 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 58th St. & 15th Ave. S.
- Disturbance-** 3000 Blk Dupont St. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 1300 Blk 58th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 1200 Blk 55th St. S.
- Vandalism-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Noise-** 5100 Blk 8th Ave. S.

Wednesday 3/14

- Disturbance-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Noise-** 1800 Blk Gray St. S.
- Noise-** Shore Blvd. & 56th St. S.
- Domestic-** 5000 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5800 Blk 28th Ave. S.
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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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Veterans Group to Serve Pancakes

The Veterans of South Pinellas County will hold their 2nd Annual Charity Pancake Breakfast at the Hurricane Restaurant on historic Pass-A-Grille on Saturday, March 31st from 8 a.m. to noon.

This year's event has the participation of the 320th MP Co. of the U.S. Army who will be providing military vehicles and a U.S. Army rock climbing wall. The Armed Forces Museum in Largo will display a 1970's vintage 2½ ton transportation truck used by the U.S. Army. Antique fire engines will be on display and Merrick Frost will perform a magic show for those in attendance.

Pancakes, breakfast meats, coffee, juice and milk will be served on the 3rd floor of the Hurricane which has a magnificent view of both the Gulf and the Pass-A-Grille Channel.

The proceeds of the Pancake Breakfast will be donated in part to the St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops Organization (SPBSOP) that has been sending care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan for

the past decade. Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Gary Lee Littrell, US Army Medal of Honor Recipient and St. Pete Beach resident will also be in attendance. Littrell has stated in the past that the efforts of SPBSOP not only help our military but save lives by making candy and other items available for distribution to the local children and citizens.

SGT Joel Tavera, USMC will join in the celebration as a representative of Building Homes for Heroes (BHFH). Tavera is one of the most severely wounded warriors returned from

the Iraq conflict. BHFH donated a new home to Tavera late last year in Lutz, Florida and are currently working towards a major renovation for Specialist B. J. Jackson in the Orlando area to which much of the proceeds of this event will be donated.

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com with questions. Pre-registration with deposit required.

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Take a Boating Course

Are you ready to expand your boating knowledge and skills? America's Boating Course will be presented beginning Monday, April 2nd from 7-9 p.m. and continue for an additional six weeks on Monday nights. This program, presented over seven evenings by the St Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron, is available to anyone 12 or older. It covers Required Safety Equipment, Boat Handling, Rules of the Road,

Navigation Aids, Anchoring, Adverse Conditions, Communications, Trailing, PWC Operation, Knots and Lines, Introduction to Charts and more. This is an essential course for all boaters. Graduates qualify for a Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card and may qualify for insurance discounts.

Course will be held on Monday, April 2nd from 7-9 p.m. and continuing for an additional six Monday evenings at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$35 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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The Retired Officers Wives Club to Meet

The Retired Officers Wives Club of St. Petersburg will meet for luncheon on April 10th at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Social hour will be 11:30 with lunch at 12:15 p.m. The program will be music by Mike Balisterri. Call 399-1272 for reservations.

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Four License-free Fishing days

Grab your fishing rods and tackle box. It's almost time - April 7 - to take advantage of the first of four license-free fishing days scheduled for this summer in Florida.

The days are perfect chances for parents, who don't yet have a license, to take youth fishing, or for avid anglers to introduce a friend to the recreational pursuit without having to purchase a license.

Florida residents and nonresidents, mark these Saturdays on your calendar for 2012: April 7, Freshwater; June 2, Saltwater; June 9, Freshwater; Sept. 1, Saltwater.

All other bag limit, season and size restrictions apply on these dates. The license-free fishing designation applies only to recreational fishing, not commercial.

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Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions will be presenting their fourth Pancake Breakfast of the Season, Saturday, April 7th from 7-11 a.m. Please note these new serving hours.

Breakfast will be served at the Gulfport Lions Center, 4630 Tifton Drive S. in the Gulfport Marina Area. Menu includes pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs and sausage with coffee or tea to drink, and all you care to eat at the donation price of \$5 per person. Bring your entire family and friends and spend an enjoyable morning overlooking beautiful Boca Ciega Bay.

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When "Spring Breakers" hits theatres next year, Gulfport and St. Pete Beach residents may both notice something odd about St. Pete Beach city hall – namely, it's in Gulfport.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: *Budget Shortfall*

Q: Does the City of Gulfport anticipate a budget shortfall for fiscal year 2012-13? How much?

A: City staff doesn't know yet. Recently the staff started trying to estimate out how much money the city will generate through property taxes, franchise fees, leases, fines and fees next fiscal year. Once they do that they can compare those numbers to the city's current budget and can start to look at how to adjust the budget. This may include budget cuts.

Have a question about the way your city works or why it does what it does? Send it to News@theGabber.com.

Take a Boating Class

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

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Elder Consumer Protection Law Day

The Elder Consumer Protection Program at Stetson University College of Law's Center for Excellence in Elder Law is proud to host another Elder Consumer Protection Law Day on Thursday, April 19th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Stetson (Eleazer Courtroom), 1401 61st Street S. in Gulfport. Members of the public are invited to attend this free community education event.

Presenters and exhibitors will highlight consumer protection and awareness with a focus toward elders and a spotlight on scams and frauds. Free consumer services will be provided, including secure document shredding drop-off, do-not-call/opt-out registration, and free credit report registration.

Registration is required and limited, available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, or for more information, contact Slade V. Dukes at 727-562-7888 or elderconsumers@law.stetson.edu.

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US Coast Guard to Speak At Woman's Club

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Blvd. NE will be holding their monthly meeting on Friday, April 13th at 1 p.m. Guest speaker will be Lt. Commander Chris Delemere of the US Coast Guard. He will enlighten them on the various duties involving the locally based Coast Guard unit. Refreshments will be served after the business meeting. Guests are welcome. Call 727-822-4982 or visit www.StPetersburgWomansClub.org.

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Meet the Artists

City of Imagination-Gulfport Arts Center and the 49th Street South Business Association (So49) have partnered with the City of Gulfport to present the SoStudio Tour 2012 Preview Exhibit. Participating artists include Janet Corrigan, Cheryll Grogan, Barbara Nicolazzo, Carol Pieszchala, artists of The Schork-Munsell Studios, and Catherine Weaver of Uniquely Original Art Gallery.

Opening Reception for the exhibit will be held on Friday, April 6th from 5-7 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater gallery space. Come out and preview the art to be presented on the tour on May 12, meet the featured artists, and enjoy complimentary light refreshments. A cash bar will be provided by the City of Gulfport. The Catherine Hickman Theater is located at 5501 27th Avenue S. Visit www.CityofImagination.info, www.so49.org, or www.Longhouse.info 727-322-5766.

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29th Annual Senior Hall of Fame Nominations

ST. PETERSBURG- Do you know a senior citizen who deserves recognition for the services provided to the community? The Office on Aging is seeking nominations for inductions into the prestigious 29th Annual Senior Hall of Fame honoring volunteers over the age of 65. Nominees must be a resident of Pinellas County and have dedicated their service to benefit the residents or community of St. Petersburg.

Previous inductees include volunteers from various non-profit organizations such as the Florida Orchestra, museums, schools, churches, neighborhood associations, military groups, police, and many more.

St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster will emcee the awards ceremony at the Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth Street North on Wednesday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m. Certificates for all nominees and prizes for the inductees will be awarded.

Please call 727-893-7101 for an application or visit the website www.stpeteparksrec.org/sunshine-senior-center.html for an on-line application. Deadline for applications is May 4.

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Spring Bonnet Tea at Woman's Club

GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club presents their annual Spring Bonnet Tea on Sunday, April 15th from 3-5 p.m. at 40 Snell Isle Blvd. N.E. in St. Petersburg. Event features traditional tea service and entertainment. Cost is \$10. For reservations contact Laura Brock at 727-823-9258 or mayflowersharpe@tampabay.rr.com. Proceeds will benefit the Historic Building Restoration Fund.

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Bogie Class of 1962 to Hold 50th Reunion

Graduates of Boca Ciega High School Class of 1962 will hold a 50th reunion on the weekend of Oct. 26, 2012. Events include a tour of the new school campus at 4 p.m. on Friday, a casual social gathering at the Vinoy Hotel Friday evening, a golf tournament, and a dinner on Saturday at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Send contact information to bogie62reunion@gmail.com.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

Common Misconceptions about Wills and Trusts

The following are a few common misconceptions that the lawyers at Maney & Gordon, P.A. Law Offices have clarified for clients of the firm:

1. Does a valid last will and testament avoid probate? No, a will does not help you avoid probate. In

fact, the last will and testament is the primary tool of the probate system. A will serves as the instructions from you to the Probate Court as to how you want your property distributed. The Probate Court then ensures that all probatable assets are collected and valued. Then, after all bills and taxes are paid, the property can be distributed to your heirs in accordance with your wishes.

2. If I have a will, can my property be distributed to my heirs in a few weeks? Unfortunately, this does not happen in the vast majority of probate proceedings. Occasionally, family administration or summary administration procedures may be available which will significantly reduce the time period for a probate

proceeding which requires formal administration. A typical formal probate administration in the State of Florida will take six (6) months to one (1) year to properly close the estate.

3. If I have a last will and testament, will my will prevent a quarrel over my assets by the beneficiaries? No, even a properly drafted and authenticated will does not prevent any interested party from contesting a probate matter (including the amount of assets a beneficiary may receive).

4. Can my living trust be changed? Yes, a living trust may be changed or even eliminated so long as the trust is declared to be revocable. Some trusts are declared to be irrevocable and accordingly cannot be changed.

5. Are living trusts only beneficial to people with large estates? No, living trusts are beneficial for all people who desire to avoid the probate process which currently can be more time-consuming and costly than the administration of a living trust when someone passes on. Of course, those people with larger estates will realize larger benefits and potentially greater estate tax savings.

6. If I have a living trust, do I need to file a separate tax return for the Internal Revenue Service? Generally, the grantor and the trustee of a revocable living trust will not need to file a separate federal tax return for the trust. Generally, a personal 1040 tax return will be sufficient.

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

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Known for his highly successful senior boater seminars that helped aging boaters with their specific issues, his handbook and guide gives senior boaters an eye-opening look at the effects of human aging on boater safety and what can be done to minimize the effects for extending safe and enjoyable boating years.

The seminar is open to the public on Monday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m., 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach, at the Warren Webster Building, one mile south of the Don CeSar.

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Fearless Friday

ST. PETERSBURG- Celebrate every Friday at Fearless Friday hosted by the staff of J. W. Cate Recreation Center in Northwest Park, 5801 22nd Avenue N. Youth in grades 2nd – 5th are welcome to join in diverse and innovative activities such as active sporting events and tournaments, dance contests and dance room games led by a live deejay, a video game room, creative arts and crafts projects and food experiences. Concessions available for \$.50 - \$1. Activities take place every Friday between September and May from 7-10:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per child. Hold Harmless Agreement required on file for all participants. Call 893-7751 for more details.

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Gulfport Relay For Life Needs Participants!

It's that time again; time to get geared up for this year's Relay For Life event in Gulfport! Every year American Cancer Society hosts Relay For Life, a noncompetitive walk/fundraiser, to raise funds and awareness for the fight against cancer. It is a family-oriented event where participants enjoy the camaraderie of a team and also raise funds to support the activities of the American Cancer

Society. Participants camp out at the Relay site, and when they are not taking their turn walking, they take part in fun activities and enjoy local entertainment. These events take place nationwide and provide a wonderful opportunity for people to have fun and support a great cause at the same time. This "celebration of life" brings the Gulfport community together in a unified effort to fight cancer.

Relay For Life of Gulfport needs you! American Cancer Society and Relay For Life needs people who are

passionate about this cause to take part in this event. Former and current cancer patients, their families, businesses, civic organizations, and the public are invited to take part in this exciting team event. If you are interested in getting involved with this year's Relay For Life in Gulfport, please contact Leah at 727-504-6902 and like us on Facebook at Relay For Life- Gulfport Florida.

Relay For Life takes place from 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 14th until 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 15th at Gulfport Recreation Center field.

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"MARGE"**, 97, of St. Pete Beach, ascended

into Heaven into the loving arms of the Lord to be with her sons and husband. She was born in Jersey City, NJ, the youngest of nine children and had many good memories of the happy times they had together. She came to this area 41 years ago with her husband, enjoyed fishing, the beaches and being with her daughter, sons and their families and grandchildren. She and her husband devoted many years to Pass-a-Grille Community Church and were involved in many St. Pete Beach activities including the Meals on Wheels program. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the St. Pete Beach Women's Community Club, Pass-a-Grille Community Church Women's Fellowship and the Bella Vista Association. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, William, and her sons William and Charles. Survivors include her daughter Joyce (Bob) Smith; daughters-in-law Joy and Joyce; grandchildren, Robert Smith, Marjorie Wikoff, JoyLyn Smith, Ben Hettel, Kay Henry-Hettel; dear great-grandchildren, many loyal nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu

of flowers, donations may be made in Marge's name to Meals on Wheels, their volunteers or Pass-a-Grille Community Church. ALife Tribute Gulfport.

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REIN, VIRGINIA L., 88, of St. Pete Beach, went to be with the Lord on March 15, 2012. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 45 years, Dr. Alexander Rein. She is survived by her only child, Stephanie L. Leasure and her husband John; granddaughters Shelley A. Bottle and Kristen K. Lantrip (Donnie); 6 great-grandchildren. All of her surviving relatives live in Arizona. The service will be held on Tuesday the 20th at 2 p.m. with the committal service to follow immediately after at Woodlawn Memory Gardens. Memorial Park Funeral Home, memorialparkfuneralhome.com.

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TOMKINS, LILLIAN FLORENCE, of Gulfport, FL, formerly of Pontiac, MI, died peacefully on March 19. She would have been 100 on May 25. Preceded in death by her husband, George, she is survived by her daughter Marilyn Field of Gulfport, FL, her sons Robert (Diana) of Clarkston, MI and Donald (Patricia) of Houston, TX. Also survived by her granddaughter, Katie, grandsons Steven and Jonathan (Melissa), her great-grandson Anthony, and her sisters Dorothy Hyndman and Helen Green. She will be greatly missed by Irene Sonnett (William) and Frances Amos (Ed) as well as family and friends in Canada, Florida and Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Suncoast Hospice of Clearwater, FL or the Shrine Hospital of Tampa, FL. ALife Tribute, Gulfport.

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Spring Cleaning?

Clothes To Kids is "short on shorts", jeans, t-shirts and school uniform shorts, pants and skirts.

New or gently used clothes and shoes can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday in Clearwater at 1059 N. Hercules Ave., or in St. Pete at 3251 3rd Ave. N., Suite 145. Cash donations are also needed for purchasing clothing in short supply and new underwear.

Clothes To Kids, a nonprofit organization provides free clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge. For more information, please call 441-5050 or visit www.ClothesToKids.org. Volunteers are welcome.

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Investment Club Meets

An Investment Club meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Avenue S. Share ideas and get questions answered.

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Clothes to Kids seeks Volunteers

Clothes To Kids has an immediate need for adult volunteers who enjoy working with children and their families to work at their St. Pete CTK Store on Saturday, March 10th and Saturday, March 24th from 8:45 to 12:30.

When you volunteer at Clothes To Kids (CTK) and take a shift helping low-income families and children shop for a free week's worth of school clothing you feel their joy. You have made an impact on their lives! The St. Petersburg Store is located at 3251 Third Avenue N.

Call Carole at 327-7100, ext. 222 or email caroleb@clothestokids.org.

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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 Jessica Sager at 727-686-2564.

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Gulfport Fresh Market Sets Records

GULFPORT- The Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market has set a new record in the number of vendors participating each week. The Fresh Market is now in its sixth year of operations, beginning in 2006 with a handful of vendors. Now in the height of "snowbird season," the Fresh Market regularly features over 60 vendor booths with a wide variety of choices, making it one of the largest weekly open-air markets in Tampa Bay. Attendance at the Market has also reached record numbers during the "snowbird" season, with over 3,000 visitors each Tuesday swelling the sidewalks of Beach Blvd.

Fresh produce is a mainstay at the Market, including locally grown and family-farmed offerings. Thirty other vendors offer gourmet, artisan, ethnic, fresh and prepared foods of all sorts. The line-up also includes garden plants and fresh flowers, hand-made bath and body products, pet treats, hand-made jewelry and other crafts. Services offered during the Market include expert knife and tool sharpening and chair massage. A number of artists and artisans typically work on their own creations during the event while market-goers watch. Local musician entertain in two separate locations during the Market.

Market-goers typically visit Gulfport's other attractions on Market days, including the many shops and restaurants in and near the Fresh Market area in Gulfport's Waterfront District. Parking is free and all businesses in the Waterfront village are independently owned and operated.

While most other markets in Florida close for the summer, the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market is a year-round event with a wide array of independent "Mom and Pop" shops opening for business on the streets once a week. For more information, contact Daniel Hodge at dan@igc.org or visit www.gulfportma.com.

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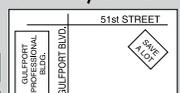
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Gulfport Women's Club Celebrates High Tea



If tea cups could talk, they would be busy as 70 Gulfport Women's Club members and guests celebrated High Tea on March 14th at the Town Shores Clubhouse. Speakers were Haydee Castro from Goodwill's BookWorks literacy program for preschool children, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kinsley, a third grade teacher from Gulfport Elementary School who, along with nine other educators from her school and Boca Ciega High, received financial grants from the club.

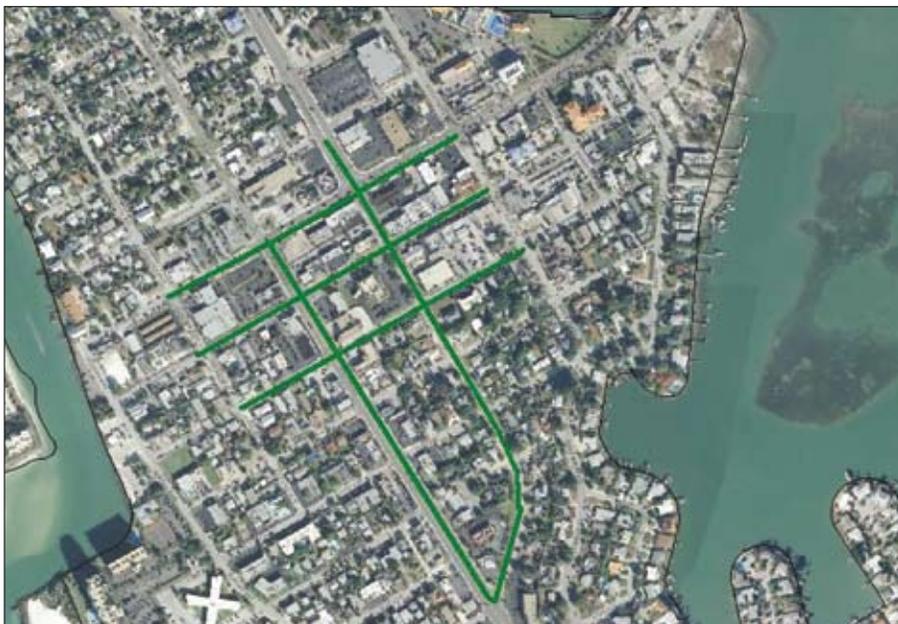
The club wishes to thank all the generous donors and businesses who so graciously gave certificates, items and money awards to help raise funds for the Educational Grants this year.

Pictured from Top Left: Elizabeth Kinsley, Sandy Adams, Co-Chair, Joyce Bolas, Co-Chair and Haydee Castro, BookWorks

Important Public Workshop – Corey Avenue/Downtown Area Pedestrian and Street Improvements

As a follow-up to the informational workshop held on October 4, 2011, The City of St. Pete Beach is holding an open house on Thursday, March 22, at 6:00pm at the Community Center (7701 Boca Ciega Avenue) to present further details related to improvements to the public realm in the downtown/Corey area. The proposed improvements implement the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan in that they will help revitalize the downtown as a walkable, bikable, live, work, play destination. The improvements include street beautification, landscaping and additional on street parking, in addition to improving both pedestrian and vehicle connections.

These planning discussions are still in the early development stage and residents, property owners and businesses are encouraged to attend to learn more about the ideas being considered and have questions answered by those working on the project. The improvement area is shown on the map below:



Pinellas Citizen University begins New Session April 12

Ever wonder how county government works, and what goes on behind the scenes in the various departments that provide local services?

Pinellas Citizen University unravels the mystery. Similar to other leadership classes, PCU brings students face to face with county administrators and decision-makers. During this remarkable 10-week course, participants go behind the scenes at many Pinellas County operations and talk to the experts as the class explores a wide range of county functions.

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 - Tour the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility and find out how they make reclaimed water out of wastewater.
 - Sit in the grand jury room and talk to the judges and administrators within our criminal justice system.
 - Get an overview of tourism and economic development.
 - Tour the Pinellas County Jail.
- Class enrollment is limited. Classes meet Thursday nights, usually from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuition for PCU is \$35 which includes a class shirt, all course materials, graduation ceremony and diploma. Enrollment applications and a complete course schedule are available online at www.pinellascounty.org/citizenu or by calling 727-464-5197.

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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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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Acropolis Restaurant on Central Avenue on Saturday, March 17. All gathered at 11 a.m. and celebrated St. Patrick's Day. The hostesses for this social were Barbara Bofferding and Sue Hill.

LET members will be helping stuff plastic Easter Eggs for the Annual Egg Hunt on April 7. The stuffing of the eggs will take place on Tuesday, April 3 at the Elmer O. Smith Lodge at 6:30 p.m. They will also be helping with the egg hunt.

Members are collecting items for servicemen and women overseas. A list of suggested items was distributed at the last meeting.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers for the 2012-2014 year. The officers are elected for a two year term. They are: President, Lucy Brushaber; 1st Vice President, Donna Smith; 2nd Vice President, Sharon Ingram; Recording Secretary, Elaine Penner; Corresponding Secretary, Kay Brown; Treasurer, Val Rankin; City Council Representative, Sharon Ingram; and City Council Alternate, Val Rankin. The new officers will be installed at the end of the last regular meeting of the year to be held on April 25.

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

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Waving Goodbye to Litter

James Kile, 2, dons his litter-picking glove in Clam Bayou Saturday morning. "I picked some up some trash!" he said proudly.

James was one of 30 kids and adults who came out for the Clam Bayou litter cleanup. Volunteers collected 385 pounds of litter and trash, according to Bob Williams, Gulfport's Parks and Recreation Superintendent.



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Adult Hula Dance Class

Learn to dance the Hawaiian Hula at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. So. on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10 per individual class. The instructor will be Kalina, who has studied hula for over 30 years. She will share her dance knowledge, stories and protocol. Have lots of fun while doing a gentle exercise, great for strengthening bad knees! For more information, call Kalina at 727-251-0424.

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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.

For more information about volunteering at the Mainsail Arts Festival, please contact Chloe Firebaugh, Mainsail Arts Festival Volunteer Coordinator, at 727-204-2553 or volunteers@mainsailartsfestival.org.

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Money is important. But it is not the most important thing.

1. Purpose. Having a clear understanding of why you were

created and what on earth you are here for is more important than money, your family, your career or even your wildest dreams and ambitions, says Rick Warren, author of "The Purpose Driven Life" (Zondervan, 2007). Without purpose, your life has no meaning.

2. Knowledge. Wisdom comes with learning new things. When you improve your knowledge, you gain more power in your life. Fill your mind with new facts and ideas. Become skilled in something. You will gain a lot more than just what you set out to learn.

3. Compassion. Having a sense of shared suffering, combined with a desire to reduce that suffering by showing kindness, is the definition of compassion. Having compassion changes you because it moves the focus off yourself and onto others. Money often does just the opposite.

4. Personal growth. Each of us has countless opportunities to improve ourselves. Our behavior, thoughts and beliefs are all areas we can change. Working to grow as a person provides huge benefits and rarely costs a thing. And often, it improves your income potential for the future as well as naturally improving your outlook on the world and your self-confidence.

5. Self-reliance. This may seem contradictory to faith, but it's not. Self-reliance in this context is the ability to do things for yourself, to provide for your family without reliance on others or even the economy. Self-reliance is more important than money because in times of extreme hardship or disaster, self-reliance can mean survival.

6. Health. There is not enough money in the world to buy excellent health. It is priceless. Just ask any wealthy person who is confined to a wheelchair or dying of cancer. Good health is far more important than money because you can always get more money. But more health? That is not as certain. Money pales in comparison to the value of physical health needed to enjoy life.

7. Faith. It has been said that faith is the telescope that scans the heavens for the majesty of God and also the microscope that magnifies his hidden wonders. Faith is what connects us to a power that is bigger than ourselves, moving responsibility for our care out of our own hands. Faith is the antidote for fear and worry.

8. Friendship. Companionship and camaraderie with people you care about and with whom you share interests is life-affirming and precious. Money comes and goes, but a good friend stays through thick and thin.

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By Cathy Salustri

Farewell, Old Friend: The Three Lessons of Judy Ryerson

Oh, Judy.

One of the things I dislike like about my job is writing obituaries about someone I truly like and respect.

Judy Ryerson. I knew the call would come. I knew she was in Hospice, heavily sedated, in the final throes of lung cancer. I knew this day would come four years ago, the day she and I sat in her corner condo, looked at her doll furniture, and she told me she could beat the cancer.

I won't lie to you and tell you she and I were best buddies, but I loved Judy, probably because part of me wanted to be Judy.

Some of you may think of her as the former Ward One councilwoman, but that was the least of her achievements. Judy epitomized so much of what makes Gulfport, Gulfport.

Judy is – was – one of the few Gulfport people I knew B.G. (Before I worked for the Gabber). The first three months I lived in Gulfport, I didn't know anyone but my downstairs neighbor, Jeannie. One day Jeannie – likely tired of worrying she had a crazy hermit living upstairs – shoved a Gabber under my nose and suggested I look through it. I did, and noticed that the Gulfport Community Players needed volunteers. I started helping the Players work on a show called Marry Me, and I met Judy and The Girls, the backstage ladies. Judy

was not only one of these wonderful ladies: she, along with a few of the other ladies, helped start the community theatre.

Judy and The Girls – that's not a formal name, it's just how I thought of them – had all retired, and every one of them looked every bit the part of the sweet-faced grandmother, always ready with a smile and a cookie. I initially dismissed them as frail ladies who probably didn't know much. Well, OK, I didn't think of Judy as frail, but I did, at first, chalk her up to a retired grandma who probably pinned hems on costumes and brought the cast cookies.

Judy and The Girls taught me a lot. None of it was about cookies. They had all married, some more than three times, and many had also divorced. I asked one of the ladies – a five-time marriage veteran – why she had married so often.

"Well, sweetie," she said, "I just thought every time I slept with a man, I had to marry him."

Judy Ryerson Lesson One: Never judge a book by its cover.

I had no idea women could act like these ladies. The Medicare crowd I knew did not move set pieces. They did not stay out drinking after rehearsal.

They did not pose naked for calendars.

When the Gulfport Community Players created the Backstage Babes calendar – which is precisely what it sounds like – Judy was right there, baring it all to help one of her favorite groups.

By this time I worked at the Gabber, and when my editor sent me to write about the calendar, I asked Judy if we could use a photo of her posing. She hesitated for just a moment before laughing and telling me, "What the hell. You only go around once."

Judy Ryerson Lesson Two: Laugh. Nothing matters that much.

While still new in town, I commented one night how Gulfport seemed completely non-traditional.

"Oh, I don't know," Judy said, lighting one of her cigarettes and

taking a deep drag. "We manage to fill the churches every weekend."

I don't know which church Judy attended, if any, but I know what she believed in: Gulfport's history and her future. She had a hand in everything from Scout Hall to city trucks. I know Judy didn't always live in Gulfport, but I know that once she moved here, this city – and her family – became her entire life.

Judy understood the delicate balance between the old guard and the new arrivals. She believed in both groups, and she believed in her city. I came to very much respect how much she believed that Gulfport could move forward while holding on to its history.

Judy Ryerson Lesson Three: Put your whole heart into what you believe in.

In April, 2008, I learned that this woman whom I so admired – now a council member – had lung cancer. My editor charged me with the horrible task of writing about this.

"I'm fighting cancer that is winnable," she told me. I wanted so much for that to be true. She showed me the latest additions to her doll furniture. She smiled. We laughed. But inside I died a little, because people rarely beat lung cancer.

I didn't cry that day, but I cried the entire time I wrote her obituary, and I cried as I wrote this. Knowing her all those years ago changed my life, because she showed me a different way to look at life. I feel her absence keenly, not just because I will miss seeing her, but because so many Gulfportians will never know her. Next week or next year a new recruit will join the Players, and they will know nothing of Judy. That seems wrong.

My pain is nothing compared to what her family and close friends feel, and my loss means little in the face of what Gulfport lost: a diplomat who spoke her mind, loved her city, and poured her kind, gruff, compassionate self into making it a better place for all of us, whether she agreed with us or not.

Farewell, old friend. And thank you. We will miss you more than you can possibly imagine.

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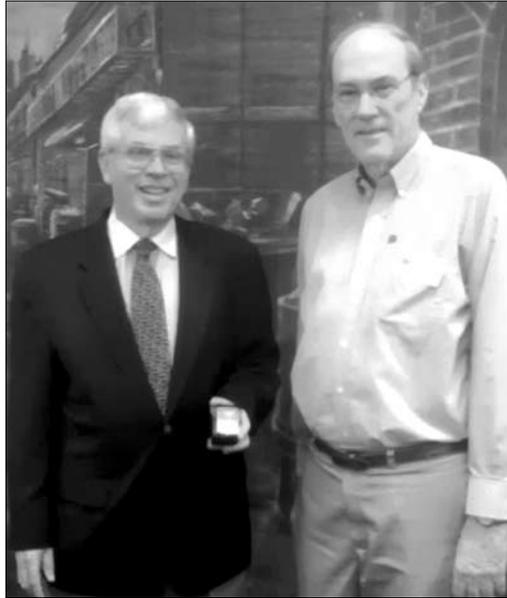
Local Bridge Club President Garners National Award

The president of a local duplicate bridge club has been tapped by the American Contract Bridge League for a prestigious national award. Charles Gill, who heads the St. Petersburg Bridge Club in Pinellas Park, is a resident of St. Petersburg. He was recently named by the ACBL as its National Volunteer of the Year for 2012. Mr. Gill traveled to ACBL headquarters in Horn Lake, MS for a March 19th award ceremony during the North American Bridge Championships.

The ACBL claims more than 165,000 members throughout the United States and Canada, with more than 3200 affiliated bridge clubs. Each year it honors the volunteer efforts of one of its members.

Mr. Gill has headed the St. Petersburg Club since 2004. During that time, the club has grown from 200 to more than 500 members, making it the largest bridge club in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. Under Mr. Gill's leadership, the club has added a strong teaching curriculum and now offers more than 20 bridge games and instructional classes each week. The club has been chosen to host numerous regional and state-wide championship tournaments at its facilities at 8800 49th St N in Pinellas Park.

Card players looking to play duplicate bridge or to learn or improve their skills at the game of bridge may phone the club at 727-544-5040 for more information.



Pictured (L-R): Charles Gill and Craig Robinson, president of the American Contract Bridge League for 2011.

Join the Gulfport Toastmasters Club

The Gulfport Toastmasters club meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Gulfport Meeting Center, 5021 Tangerine Ave. S. in Gulfport (the sage green building with the red awnings at the corner of Tangerine Ave. and 51st St. S.). Visitors and new members are welcome.

Would you like to become a better communicator? Would you like to be more comfortable speaking in front of others? Find out how Toastmasters can help in a safe and supportive environment. Contact Don Stafford or Stephanie Decker at 727-328-2921 or Don at don@rsri.net or just show up at the meeting.

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Recycling Directory Now Available

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

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

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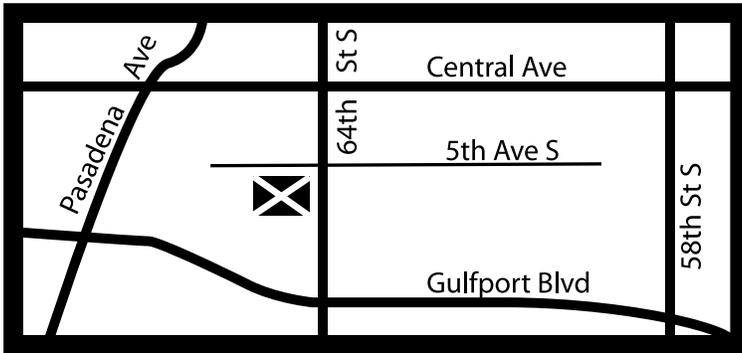


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