

Splashing in Spring



Starting with an in-the-water Easter egg hunt and ending with a spring festival in Horan Park, St. Pete Beach kids splashed into spring this Saturday.

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City Refuses to Prosecute Smoker

By Cathy Salustri

Andy Strickland wanted a ticket for smoking. He lit up on Gulfport's beach on two separate occasions, and Gulfport police finally gave him what he wanted: a ticket for smoking. Calling the law "legally flawed," the St. Petersburg immigration attorney prepared to challenge the constitutionality of Gulfport's smoking ban.

Gulfport City Attorney Andy Salzman, however, outmaneuvered Strickland, denying him his day in court by



Immigration Attorney, Andy Strickland ticketed for smoking on Gulfport Beach.

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height of tourist season.

Some residents, fed up with the glut of cars clogging their streets, approached the area's commissioner, Jim Parent, who brought their concerns to the commission Tuesday night.

"For the most part the residents recognize that we're

a victim of our own success," Commissioner Parent said, saying that the residents respected the need for tourists.

Mayor Steve McFarlin said he thought metered spaces in front of the Sylvette condos would work.

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SoPreview in the Hickman

Local artist Stone Handy stands in front of Suraya Namaskar, one of the pieces displayed at Gulfport's Catherine Hickman Theatre as part of the SoStudio Tour preview.

Among other local artists, John Shevlin, Clint Stone and Cynthia Linden also have art hanging in the Hickman. This installation, a joint venture between So49, the City of Gulfport and City of Imagination, offers a preview of next month's SoStudio Tour.

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Parking, from front page

He also said the hotels along the beach, especially the Postcard Inn, contributed to the parking problems with their successful events.

"If you put a first class resort there, that would put a stop to it," he said. He added that the Postcard Inn did what it needed to "to stay in business."

The commission agreed to require an as-of-yet-determined combination of parking meters and resident-only parking along Bay Street, side streets, Gulf Winds, and parts of Three Palms Point.

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Youth Group Car Wash

YNOT Ministries will be holding a car wash on Saturday, April 14th from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Regions Bank at 58th St. and Gulfport Blvd. S. They will be asking for a donation, which will be used to send their youth to summer camp for a week. Please come out and support these youth.

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South Pasadena Civic Association

South Pasadena Civic Association will be going to Largo Community Center to enjoy "Atlantic City Boys" in concert featuring Frankie Valle and the Four Seasons on Thursday, April 12th. Tickets are limited. Cost is \$16 for members, \$18 for non-members. Call Agnes for reservations at 347-5292.

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By Michael Keleman

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Pass-A-Grille Dog Beach Can Stay

On the very southern tip of Pass-a-Grille, over the sea wall, shifting sands created a beach, and locals would let their dogs run off leash on the strip of sand.

That is, until one man moved in across the street and complained about dogs on the beach, Commissioner Bev Garnett said.

In response, the city erected "No Dog" signs, which prompted a flurry of resident complaints, both to city hall and Commissioner Garnett. Commissioner Garnett told the residents she would speak on their behalves, which she did as she explained the historic unofficial dog beach.

"So it was kind of an underground dog beach?" Commissioner Jim Parent asked her. She said yes. The commission opted not to ban dogs from the beach.

"I've always issued one puppy pardon this year," Mayor Steve McFarlin said, referring to his holiday pardon

for an inflatable dog that violated codes.

That pardon did not stand, but this one will, as the commission decided unanimously the dogs could stay on the eastern beach.

Note: This does NOT allow dogs on the western Pass-a-Grille beaches.

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"Music in the Afternoon" Returns

ST. PETE BEACH-The St. Pete Beach Recreation Division and the Friends of St. Pete Beach civic group are excited to bring back the very popular "Music in the Afternoon" event, free and open to all. The events are scheduled from 2-4 p.m. on Sundays, April 15th, and May 20th at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. This casual afternoon tea is a nifty event for those over 50 and will feature light refreshments and plenty of dancing and socializing to the music of "Lew Barrows and The Rhythm Kings". Those interested in attending are asked to please pre-register by calling 727-363-9245.

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Tuesday night he asked, through his agent David Bacon, for the commission to change it back. After looking at what should happen to make the property successful, Bacon told the commission, Jacobs decided that the property would better serve the community and his own interests as a single family home.

“This was not a quick decision. This is the only use that’s possible for this property,” Bacon told the commission. “He [Jacobs] looked at all the criteria of the THD [Traditional Hotel District], taking that criteria, applying it to this parcel of land... It’s like a mathematic formula, and they determined the box is too small. The economics would not make it viable.”

Bacon twice told the commission Jacobs’ inability to build a pool when rebuilding the property put his profit margin in jeopardy. Under the changes the property may have up to three homes on it.

Commissioner Jim Parent acknowledged that creating a residential plot of land could place make things harder for Joe Caruso’s adjacent property, the Sabal Palms. He encouraged the commission to look at the highest and best use.

Mr. Caruso spoke at the meeting and said he supported the changes except for any that could impact his business. While the current owner said he would waive certain things regarding residential buffering, Caruso pointed out that if the property changed owners the new owners may not agree with that decision.

Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan told the commission he didn’t like the current Traditional Hotel District rules.

“I’m not happy about approving this, but I’m going to vote for it because it’s our own fault. We made it impossible for this guy to redevelop. We need to look at that THD,” he said.

City Manager Mike Bonfield told the commission he thought “we need to spend the money – and it won’t be cheap – but hire somebody who has the expertise and the time to do the research [about hotel trends]. It wouldn’t be too difficult to find out how any 18 room hotels are being built on the west coast of Florida.

“You’re going to have to get a more global perspective,” he said.

“Somebody needs to look at the number and see what it’s going to take to do a building.” Commissioner Bev Garnett said.

“It’s a unique area,” Vice Mayor Shavlan said.

“It’s not that unique,” Bonfield said.

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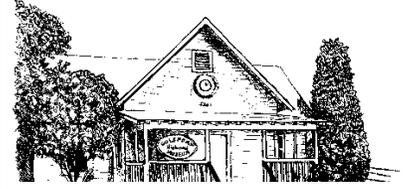
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Picnic in Lido Park

ST. PETE BEACH- The Lido Beach Civic Association will have their annual picnic in Lido Park on 45th Ave. on Saturday, April 14th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All residents are invited. Call 360-7339.

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News from the Gulfport Historical Society



Annual Election and Supper

The annual election of officers and pot luck supper will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at 6 p.m. This is an important election due to the death of our President, Mrs. Ryerson. Please plan to attend. We need your support. The support will be open to all. Please bring a covered dish.

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Come Celebrate Relay For Life in Gulfport!

Every year, Relay For Life is held in communities across America. This unique event is held by American Cancer Society and its goal is to raise money to help fight cancer in a fun, family-friendly way. This year, the Relay For Life of Gulfport will be held on Saturday, April 14th starting at 2 p.m. The event commences with a short walk around the Gulfport Recreation Center field to honor caregivers and survivors. Following the Survivor/Caregiver walk and introduction, the day will be packed with music, games, food and fun for all ages. Kids can take some time in the bounce house or take a ride down the slip and slide. There will also be plenty of games and activities for teens and adults including corn-hole and volleyball. You can also visit the Relay team's booths set up around the

track which will be offering different items for sale. There will also be a drawing of chance fundraiser. The prizes are gift certificates from Gulfport local businesses. You can purchase tickets day of the event or in advance. Tickets are only \$1. If you donate \$5 you get 6 tickets and if you donate \$10 you get 12 tickets. To donate or receive tickets in advance contact Denise Lowe at 813-325-8637 or email her diazdr62@gmail.com. All proceeds from the event will benefit American Cancer Society to help find cures. For more information about this year's Relay For Life in Gulfport,

please contact Sandy at 727-320-2069 and like us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/relaygulfportfl](https://www.facebook.com/relaygulfportfl).

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.

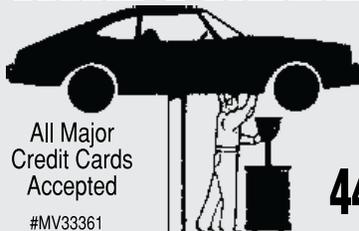
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Letters

Ban far from being Over

Dear Editor: I have followed the 'Gulfport no smoking' issue closely and voiced my concerns regarding the legality of the statute at the 02-07-2012 council meeting. Now City Attorney Salzman continues to pursue this issue without performing proper due diligence and his most recent legal view voiced in Cathy Salustri's "City Refuses to Prosecute Smoker" (April 12, 2012 edition of *the Gabber*) article is totally fallacious. The law is not just for Gulfport residents, it applies to anyone - including foreign tourists visiting our city. There is an updated legal opinion on the Florida AG web site (the one I quoted on 02-07 was by AG Butterworth) it is by former AG Crist. It was issued in response to a clarification request by the city attorney for Margate, FL. Cities and counties can NOT draft their own 'no smoking ordinances' as state law precludes them from doing so. Yet Salzman continues to force this issue and no one in city government has bothered to seek a clarification from the Florida AG office! This is a serious waste of our tax money and it is beyond me why Salzman continues to pursue this issue operating in a vacuum of legality of his own making. Unfortunately this issue is not going to end well for us!

Bill Church

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An Easter Treat

Dear Editor: Driving home from church today, Easter Sunday, we had

our windows up and radio on and as we got close to home, we heard a sound that we thought at first was a background sound to the music. Rolling down our windows, we heard a "meow" sound and stopped the car. We got out still hearing the cries for help, looking in all the obvious places, under the hood and under the car. We realized the sound was coming from behind the left rear tire, but could not see anything. We called our son,

John Insoft, who is the cat lover in our family. He got on his back underneath the car and could hear and see the kitten stuck in a tiny hole. Neighbors came out with cans of tuna, canned cat food and milk in dishes trying to coax the kitten out. Forty minutes had passed. I called 911 who dispatched the Gulfport fire department. Four from their department in their huge fire truck arrived. They, along with John, worked feverishly to free the baby kitten, using two jacks and using a syringe of water to give to the kitten. John finally was able to grab the kitten who is adorable. The kitten is a tabby with all white socks and John felt it was "meant to be" for him to raise this kitten. He is bringing her home to his two adult cats and will bring him to the family veterinarian for a wellness check tomorrow. What a Happy Easter! John, his wife Melissa, and their son, Parker, now have an "Easter Kitten".

Joe and Shirley Insoft

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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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Democratic Club to Meet

The Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will meet tonight at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd in Pinellas Park, starting with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner (\$15) at 6:30 p.m. Speakers include former Administrator and Vice-President of University of Florida, Dr. David Colburn and Associate Professor of Political Science, University of South Florida, Dr. Judithanne McLaughlan. Everyone will have a chance to meet and hear a few words from candidates for Pinellas County positions and Circuit Court. The event concludes with the speakers' presentations, the candidates' brief speeches and a discussion regarding the club's annual picnic. For questions or reservations call Betty Morgenstein at 727-360-3971.

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Beach Pavilion Rental Information

During the Gulfport Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd, Council approved rental of the pavilions along Gulfport Beach located on Shore Blvd. S.

Pavilion reservations will be requested through the Gulfport Recreation Division located at 5730 Shore Boulevard South between the hours of 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you would like to print a reservation out in advance, go to www.mygulfport.us and click Documents and Publications under the On Line Services button. Then look for the "City of Gulfport Beach Pavilion Reservation" document. The Recreation Center website will also have a link under their "rental" link.

Pavilion reservations are required 15 days prior to rental date and paid in full at time of reservation. The costs for the pavilions are as follows: Pavilion numbers 1 through 5 are \$25 for a Gulfport resident and \$50 for a non-resident per day each and the larger Pavilions number 6 and 7 are \$50 for a Gulfport resident and \$100 non-resident per day each, plus 7% sales tax. Pavilions will be available from dawn to dusk.

Pavilion reservations will be enforced by the Gulfport Recreation Division staff during operating hours and by the Gulfport Police Department during non-operating hours. The renter must also show proof of reservation to City staff or Police Department by either receipt or Pavilion Rental Contract.

Pavilions will continue to be on a first-come, first-serve basis unless a paid reservation is made. If you have further questions concerning pavilion rental information, contact 727-893-1068.

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Community Band to Give "March" Concert

The South Pasadena Community Band will present a free concert tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the beautiful Galatea Gardens band shell. Come join the band and Musical Director Max Millsbaugh for some stirring music that will have you tapping your toes to the beat as the band plays, among others, the Brooke

Marine March, the Walking Frog March, the Queen City March and An American Rhapsody. Bring your friends and lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. There is free parking and handicapped accessibility. The South Pasadena Band is sponsored by the City of South Pasadena and community donations.

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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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BPW to Hold "Unhappy Hour"

Business and Professional Women will hold the group's annual "Unhappy Hour" in recognition of Equal Pay Day on Tuesday, April 17, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Marchand's Bar and Grill inside the historic Renaissance Vinoy Resort in downtown St. Petersburg at 501 Fifth Avenue NE.

The public is invited to this not-for-women-only event. There is no cost to attend and no RSVP is necessary.

Equal Pay Day, which this year falls on April 17, marks the day the average woman in the United States finally earns the same amount of pay that her male counterpart earned in the previous calendar year. According to recent U.S. Census Bureau statistics, women on average earn 77 cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts. Therefore, if a man were paid \$50,000 to perform his job from January 1 through December 31, 2011, it will take a woman in the same position, on average, from January 1, 2011, through April 17, 2012, to earn the same amount.

For more information on the April 17th event, please call Kristin Guenthardt at 727-551-5225. For more information on BPW/St. Petersburg-Pinellas, visit the website: www.BPWStPetePinellas.org.

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Take a Boating Class

USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 7-16 Gulfport will offer the next ABS Class on Saturday, April 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the USCG Building, 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport. Please use side entrance. Books and materials are provided. Upon completion you will receive Coast Guard Certificate, Coast Guard wallet card and Florida State Boating Card. Cost is \$40 per student. For reservations or more information call 727-399-7986.

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Town Shores Red Hatters

Bunko will be played on Friday, April 13 in the clubhouse lounge. Meet in the clubhouse lounge around 12:30 p.m. and play will begin at 12:50 p.m.

They are now taking reservations for a trolley ride on Blind Pass Road to lunch at Bubba Gumps and a stroll along the boardwalk at John's Pass. Sign-up sheet will be available at Bunko or call or Petie at 343-6450.

If you are interested in attending a Rays baseball afternoon game in early May call Sandy at 343-4303 or Judy at 344-7558.

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Summertime News from Sons of Italy

The Sons of Italy Lodge located at 2500 34th Street S. in St. Petersburg will remain open from 4-8 p.m. on Mondays and will continue their "All You Can Eat Monday Night Pasta Dinner" for \$6.

On Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. the Lodge will be open serving fried cod fish with steak fries or fried chicken tenders with steak fries for \$6 each dinner.

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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. Dukas at 727-562-7888 or elderconsumers@law.stetson.edu.

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Get Ready for Summer with Swim Lessons

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Community Center and Aquatics Complex offers swim lessons for children of all ages to get everyone ready for summer time. "Learn to Swim" classes are available for children ages 3 and older of all skill levels. Classes are held Monday through Friday in 30-minute daily classes for two weeks. Classes are available from 5-5:30 p.m. or 5:35-6:05

p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Pool, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. The next session of classes will be held April 16th - April 26th with registration going on now. All classes are led by American Red Cross certified swim instructors and cost \$35 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$40 for non-residents. Courses will continue to be offered all spring and summer long to get your children summer-ready. Call the pool for more information at 363-9245 and visit www.spbrec.com.

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pitch action. Interested players aged 49-74 should contact Joe Hannah at 727-420-8102.

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Jewish Genealogical Society to Meet

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay meets at Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, 14041 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, on Sunday, April 15. Peter Summers will present a program on "Getting the

Most out of the National Archives Website". A pre-program social with refreshments and library access begins at 1:30 p.m. and the featured program starts at 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in learning how to do Jewish genealogical research is invited to attend. Beginners as well as experienced researchers are welcome. There is no charge for attending the meeting. For information on the organization or directions to the meeting call Sally Israel at 727-343-1652.

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Ashtanga Yoga Classes in Gulfport

Gulfport Recreation Center will be offering a Primary Ashtanga Yoga Class, beginning May 4 through July 27, every Friday night, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fee \$15 per class. If you have any question, call Marisha at 727-871-1251 (marisha.francis@yahoo.com) or Tamara 727-512-2763 (tharte@tampabay.rr.com).

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“Urban Gypsies” Return to Art Village

Thanks to the support of the sponsors of the Art Village Court Yard, the “Urban Gypsies” will roll in to town on April 21st from 6:30-10 p.m. for the Third Saturday Art Walk bringing the famed Loga Phone, Mandolin, Guitar, Drums, Sweet harmonies, Tribal Disco Gypsy Bluegrass music and high energy fun for a free community concert. “It’s going to be a crazy fun time” says singer and percussionist Leta Woloshuk. “We really miss the Court Yard, this will be a celebration for us.” The Art Village Court Yard is located at 2914 Beach Blvd. S. in Gulfport. Visit urbangypsies@msn.com.

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Workshops

The Florida Department of Transportation, District 7, is offering free bicycle and pedestrian safety educational classes through its WalkWise Tampa Bay campaign. The classes will be held at the Treasure Island Community Center located at

One Park Place (Gulf Boulevard at 106th Avenue).

A 30-minute WalkWise BikeSmart program will be offered on Friday, Tuesday, April 17th; Friday, April 27th and Tuesday, May 15th at 5:30 p.m. This interactive presentation covers WalkWise pedestrian information, as well as Florida bicycle laws, traffic crash statistics and demographics for bicyclists, and important safety tips for riding in the roadway and on the sidewalk. All attendees will receive a reflective slap bracelet or reflective backpack, bike/pedestrian law enforcement guide and safety tip bookmarks.

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

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Bring the Kids to Fishing Derby

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Recreation Department is hosting its annual “Hooked on Fishing” kids’ fishing derby on Saturday, April 21st from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Merry Pier in historic Pass-a-Grille. The tournament is open to kids and teens of all ages and costs \$5 to enter. Fishing gear and prizes will be awarded in fun categories such as biggest fish, smallest fish, ugliest fish and more. No pre-registration is required; all participants will check in and pay at Merry Pier, 801 Pass-a-Grille Way, on the day of the event. Light refreshments and participants’ first round of bait will be provided. Call the Recreation Department at 727-363-9245 for more information.

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The business meeting, tea and flower show will be held on today 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.

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.

Membership dues for next year will be collected starting at the April meeting. The \$5 fee (check payable to Gulfport Garden and Bird Club) must be paid before June in order to have your name included in the yearbook.

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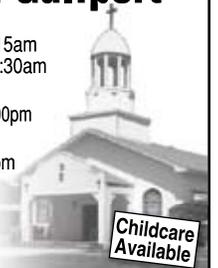
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Again, the job fair is a free event for both employers and job seekers. They have limited the number of employers to the first 50 who RSVP for the event.

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EarthFest 2012

GULFPORT- Come out to Earthfest on Saturday, April 21st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Clymer Park (Gulfport Blvd. and Beach Blvd. S.).

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At 3 p.m. join them in the Water Walking Parade. Make puppets, masks and costumes for the Water Walking Parade at the Family Art & Crafts tables or make them at home before you come. Sunshine State Acoustic Music Camp/Festival presents: 11:00-11:25 Charley Groth; 11:35-12:00 Huaca; 12:10-12:35 Colleen McGrath; 12:40-1:05 Harvey Myers Group; 1:15-1:40 Something Special; 1:50-2:15 Juniper; 2:25-2:50 Admiral Farragut Academy Students; 3:00-4:00 Shana Banana - Join her in the Water Walking Parade. Dancing and Drumming Circle Dances of Spirit - Lillie Citron and Friends Storytelling Tree Miki Se'Khu Gentle from the Yamassee Nation, Billie Noakes, and Elizabeth Neily. Lots of Earth Friendly Vendors.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Neily, President and Special Projects Chair, First Florida Frontiers, 727-744-7051 or visit EarthFest at: www.floridafrontier.com/EarthFest2012.html or email: office@floridafrontier.com.

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They Don't Count Birthdays!

They just celebrate all of their birthdays, together, at this luncheon Birthday Party each year! The women of First United Methodist Church-Gulfport, located on the corner of 28th Ave. S. and 53rd Street, invite you to join them for this tasty and fun event at 12 noon on May 8th. Cost is just \$5. They must know how many are attending, so gather some friends, then call Barb Purtee at 343-2227 by May 1st to make your reservations. To add to the fun, you can wear a beautiful or funny hat if you would like!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sanders has held a number of seminars and



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

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

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Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

ACROSS

- 1 He likes: L.
- 5 Fracas
- 10 Palindrome word
- 14 Sheet of stamps
- 15 *Common Sense* author
- 16 Chip's partner
- 17 Hebrew lyre
- 18 Plankton components
- 19 Augury
- 20 1936 Bogart film
- 23 Poetic word
- 24 Tare
- 25 Resist authority
- 29 WWII battle site
- 31 Book processor
- 33 Runaways to Gretna Green
- 37 Cup or soldier
- 38 1951 Bogart film
- 43 River inlet
- 44 Strident
- 45 Canadian Indians
- 48 Dilly
- 51 Cantankerous
- 52 Social starter?
- 55 Floral chain
- 57 1955 Bogart film

- 61 Moola, in Merida
- 64 Turn aside
- 65 Daredevil Knievel
- 66 Mishmash
- 67 Uptight
- 68 Hilo honker
- 69 Hobie Cat need
- 70 Stage direction
- 71 Pismires

DOWN

- 1 Swiftly
- 2 Prepares potatoes
- 3 Apply oil
- 4 Seabird
- 5 NASA word
- 6 Street of Monterrey
- 7 Draconian
- 8 Take ___; doze
- 9 Little Bo
- 10 Venerated
- 11 Aswan, for one
- 12 Pub drink
- 13 "... leaves is a generation of ___": Homer
- 21 "___ in sheep's clothing"
- 22 Ocean flier
- 26 ___ noire
- 27 HOMES word

- 28 Loretta ___, of song
- 30 Meadow
- 31 Bric-a-___
- 32 "There ___ fool like an old fool"
- 34 Occasional, in Edinburgh
- 35 Singer Zadora, and namesakes
- 36 French coin
- 38 Gait
- 39 Writer Shere
- 40 Corrodes
- 41 Cornerstone
- 42 Goal of Annapolis grads
- 46 Author of *The Handmaid's Tale*
- 47 Sometime vowel
- 49 Football team
- 50 Let up
- 52 Regarding
- 53 The Norwegians
- 54 Yam, Western style
- 56 Capri and Skye
- 58 Evaluate
- 59 Tied
- 60 Actress Rowlands
- 61 Onomatopoeic word
- 62 Biblical priest
- 63 Transgression

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

Children are not born caring about toys. It takes several months for a baby to even realize that he or she is in possession of a body, let alone a rattle or a ball. Oh, how those months of blissful unawareness pass quickly, fading into the awareness of “mine.” The solar shift from Aries to Taurus on April 19 echoes this infantile shift. We are not our things, and yet we choose our things because of who we are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You get the sense that someone really wants you to believe in what he or she is presenting. You'll only do so if the information resonates with you. No matter how much you like a person, you can only believe what seems genuine and fits nicely into your own values and ethics.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll operate well in a socially political arena. There are many unwritten rules governing your interactions, and you'll sense how important it is to heed them now. You're also aware that, being unwritten, the rules can change in an instant. Knowing who the opinion leaders are will make a difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Every human interaction comes with a certain degree of risk. The reason it doesn't feel as risky with those you know well is that you can pretty much predict how they'll react. You'll spend time this week predicting how those you don't know will react, too, thereby minimizing and avoiding risk.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have no intention of leaving a situation before the agreed upon ending. It takes patience to stick around for the last bits, because your mind will be racing ahead to the next thing. But hang in there. To finish strong is a matter of character. Doing so will speak volumes about who you are as a person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a unique perspective, but you don't realize what it is yet. You can't find out by asking others. They only tell you what they see, thus influencing

you to see it that way, too. Go inside yourself, and direct your questions to your own heart. Wednesday and Saturday bring gifts, both valuable and personal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An identity crisis doesn't have to be a large-scale personal catastrophe. Outgoing people often experience several a day as they adjust to connect and fit in with others. If you don't know who you are and what your purpose is at every moment, it just means you're still learning. Go easy on yourself!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be meeting new faces. You will be tempted to drop a name or tell people about your various roles and responsibilities. What's more effective is just to relax and be yourself. People will invest their time and attention first in who you are. After that, they'll invest in your project or whatever else you're selling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes what you want is difficult to distinguish from what you think you should want. People's perceptions will influence you, and there's no getting around that. Still, you can remain strong in your own beliefs and resist letting the opinions influence you too much. Only act on what you know to be true.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll get mostly positive feedback except for possibly one piece of negative criticism. It's human nature to dwell on that negative criticism. Give yourself the luxury of reveling in the many positive things you've heard and all the praise you've received. You're doing a fine job in so many ways, so soak that up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a long list of things you need to do but really don't have time to do. Trying to “get it all done” only intensifies your stress levels and makes it more difficult to work your way through the list. Instead, decide on what you're not going to do. This will be a liberating and productive move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll witness a mess. It's not your job to

clean this up, and yet you can't bring yourself to leave things the way they are. You'll pitch in and help, setting a good example and hopefully starting a trend. If others don't readily follow you, encourage them until they participate. Your stellar character will be an inspiration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes you have faith and you act on it. This week, you may find that your faith is not so strong, but act anyway. Shoot for high goals even though you don't believe you can make them. Just take the next step and the next. Your faith will grow when you start to see results.

This Week's Birthdays: Consistent work through the next 10 weeks gives you extra income and a strong sense of stability. You'll feel that you are fulfilling a high purpose. Make plans to get out of town in June. Social engagements make July and August sparkle. You'll go above and beyond the call of duty for your family in September, but who else would you do that for? In October, you'll raise your level of health and fitness. Enjoy the romantic attention that comes your way this year!

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Music at Gulfport Beach Pavilion

Monday, 1-3:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, 1-3:00 p.m.

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Thursday, 1-3:00 p.m.

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Friday, 2-4:00 p.m.

Entertainment by “Geno”

Saturday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Music for listening & dancing by Chicago Rich

Sunday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Entertainment for dancing by Woody & his accordion

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World Book Night in Gulfport!

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library is honored to have been selected as a host site for the United States inaugural celebration of World Book Night. This free event will include a presentation by Rhoda Katz, docent from the Florida Holocaust Museum and a raffle for copies of Markus Zusak's bestselling book, "The Book Thief". Come join them for this celebration on Monday, April 23rd, at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Recreation Center at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. in the Art Room on the 2nd floor. Elevator access is available.

For more information on this event, email zora@tampabay.rr.com or call 813-971-4865.

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Bright House 2012 Senior Idol

On April 4th at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Harold Gormly of the Town Shores Windsor Bldg. became the Bright House Senior Idol for 2012! Harold won the competition for Pinellas County with competitors from Hillsborough, Manatee and Pasco Counties. There were three contestants from each county: singers, piano players, guitar players and horn players competing. Harold sang two songs: "14 Carat Mind", a western song and "How Great Thou Art".

Harold can be seen most days at the Gulfport Pavilion by the Bay singing karaoke. A rerun of the Bright House show will be on Channel 340 starting April 16th to April 29th. Thanks to all who came to the show and supported Harold.

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What's generous, green and good for the planet? Donating to Goodwill! Goodwill Industries' business model, developed more than 100 years ago, is based on the concept of reusing and repurposing items and the jobs this process creates.

This year, Goodwill hopes its fellow green-minded patrons will come out in droves to donate on Earth Day. To encourage the earth-friendly practice of repurposing items, all Goodwill-Suncoast donation locations will offer donors a brand new, reusable

shopping tote on Earth Day weekend (while supplies last, April 21 and 22, at attended locations only).

To thank its supporters, the Goodwill-Suncoast website features a printable Goodwill shopping coupon, good for 25% off one item at any Goodwill-Suncoast retail store through April 29.

Goodwill needs donations of clothing, shoes, household items, home decor, furniture and more. Large items can only be donated at stores, due to space restrictions at Goodwill trailers. Unfortunately, Goodwill cannot accept televisions and computers.

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Azalea Middle to Host Spring Fling

The PTA is proud to announce Azalea Middle School's 1st Annual Spring Fling on April 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.! Come one, come all to their yard sale, car wash, and car show. Check out the hot rods, the muscle cars, shop for that special something at their yard sale all while getting your car washed. There will be food and drinks. Please come and support Azalea Middle School PTA.

The school is located at 7785 22nd Avenue N. in St. Pete.

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Concerned about Developmental Delays?

Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) offers free screenings for all children and can help those who need it. If your child doesn't appear capable of these things at the appropriate age, call FDLRS at 793-2723 for a free screening.

Children ages 2-3 can usually

- simple sentences
- use spoon and fork
- Hold a pencil or crayon
- Climb a ladder to a slide
- Identify happy, sad, angry, afraid
- Claim things as "mine"
- Run easily

Children ages 3-4 can usually

- Pedal a tricycle or big wheel
- Use the toilet
- Count to 5
- Play in small groups and take turns
- Ask what? where? and why?
- Is understood by others

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Construction Alert

As part of the Bayway Bridge construction project, Bahia Del Mar will be closed at SR682 beginning April 9th. The contractor will be installing underground utilities across Bahia Del Mar. The closure is expected to last for two weeks. There will be no vehicle access to Bahia Del Mar from SR 682 during the closure. All access will be from SR 679. A police officer will be stationed at the intersection of SR 679 and Bahia Del Mar during peak travel times to assist motorists leaving Bahia Del Mar. Please use caution while traveling through the work zone.

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Here's How

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Stop Annoying House Sounds

Dear Pat: I have lived in a new house for about one year now. Whenever I use a lot of hot water or the furnace/air conditioner comes on, I hear squeaks and knocking sounds. What is it, and how can I stop it? -- Gina P.

Dear Gina: Those sounds you described can be quite loud and a little scary for children. I can still recall spending the night with my grandparents when I was a child. Their plumbing and heating system made many strange, frightening noises, which kept me awake and anxious all night.

Most of the knocking sounds you are hearing are from the water pipes expanding and contracting as hot water runs through them. First they heat up and expand, and then they cool down again when you turn the hot water off. The sounds are usually louder when you turn the water on because they heat up much faster than they cool back down.

The copper supply pipes expand some, but not as much as the plastic (PVC) drain pipes. Plastic expands much more with temperature increases than does metal. Most new houses use PVC pipe today, so you can expect to always have a few sounds, but not at the annoying level.

For those of you who are planning to build a new house, consider installing cast iron drain pipes instead of plastic. It is more expensive, but it will virtually eliminate these sounds. Cast iron pipe also reduces the sound of the water running through them. This can be a great advantage, particularly for second-floor bathrooms.

Another source of the noise is caused by the pipes rubbing against floor and wall joists as they expand and contract. If the builder was not careful to support the plumbing properly or saw large enough clearance holes for it, you will hear a squeak or a ticking sound as the pipe rubs against the wood.

There really is no simple fix for this problem. The best you can do is try

to locate the spots where the sound seems to be the loudest and most annoying. Remove a section of the drywall to gain access to the suspect pipe. Support it better so it does not touch the lumber framing.

Making the holes in the lumber a little large will provide more clearance around the pipe and may stop the rubbing. Be careful not to enlarge the clearance holes too much because it weakens the joist or stud. Check with your local building inspections department for the maximum allowable hole sizes.

The sound when the furnace starts is somewhat similar to the pipes. The

ducts will grow and shrink as they warm up. Support them properly so they don't rest against the lumber. Also, secure all the duct joints, because this is a location where one piece will slide against another -- squeak!

A loud knock when the furnace starts and stops may be the sides of the large main ducts buckling in and out. This is sometimes called "oil canning." The increasing and decreasing air pressure inside the ducts causes this to happen, usually in the large flat ducts near the furnace.

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A water salute by the fire department greeted them at Dulles Airport, along with a drum corp and hundreds of thankful citizens waving flags and cheering. Sunny skies beamed down on them as their adventure began. Along with the WWII memorial our heroes visited the Iwo Jima, Korean and Vietnam memorials.

Three of the servicemen live in Town Shores, Jim Pavlicin, Irving Zeider and Irving Shulman.

Some might think their day ended on a sad note but not so with these war hardy gentlemen. Their airplane suffered some damage and the flight was cancelled. Local hotels offered cozy beds to all. Snacks and water were constantly handed out. The trip culminated with another water salute at the Clearwater/St. Petersburg Airport and hundreds of family members and friends waiting for the smiling veterans. U.S. Rep. Bill Young and the Mc Dill Base Commander were also there to welcome our heroes home. This was an emotional, memorable trip that all will remember forever.

For information on the Honor Flight of West Central Florida google Honor Flight or call 727-498-6079. This organization is non-profit, run by volunteers and is in need of funds and future guardians. Come share in this wonderful

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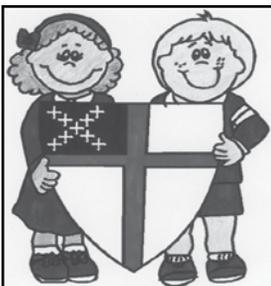
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Free Oral Cancer and PSA Screening

The City of Gulfport, in conjunction with the Oral Cancer Foundation, Moffitt Cancer Center and Walgreens, will be hosting a free Oral Cancer and PSA Screening on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Walgreen's parking lot on the corner of 58th St. S. and Gulfport Blvd. S. in Gulfport. People will register for the screening at the day of the event. David Hastings continues to volunteer organizing this event and has also added a simple prostate (PSA) blood test.

The key to reducing the death rate of oral cancer is earlier detection, and the key to that is for all adults to receive opportunistic oral cancer examinations at least once a year. Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) is a protein produced by cells of the prostate gland. The PSA test measures the level of PSA in the blood. If you feel you are a candidate, don't miss this free opportunity. Visit www.oralcancer.org or call 727-322-5669.

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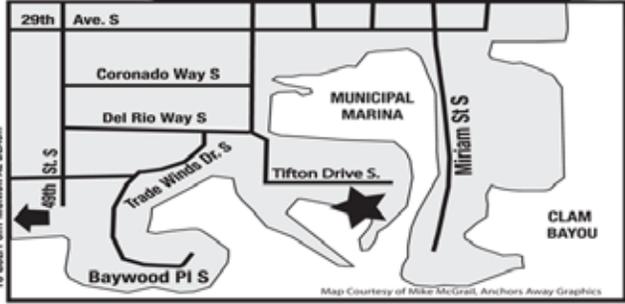
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PROGRAMS

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

2011-2012 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM - The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 18 (if still in high school). It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- Braveheart Bootcamp-Starts Tues., Mar. 20th, 6:30 p.m. Call Ally at 727-748-6612
- Cheerleading -. Call Alison at 410-2227.
- Conversational Spanish- Starts Mon., April 30th, 6:30-7:30. Call 482-2152 for more info
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim

Campoli at 813-855-3112.

- Gymnastics - Fri. 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
- Hula Dance Class - Starts Wed., April 25th., 11 a.m.-Noon. Call Kalina at 727-251-0424
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Tai Chi -Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.
- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 430-0690.
- Watercolor with Patsi - Beginners/Intermediate - Thurs., 6:30-8:45 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga- Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba- Starts Thur., April 26th, 7:45 p.m. Call Rachel at 727-748-6612

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

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

Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



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GULFPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY - PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

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AARP Income Tax Assistance, Mondays & Fridays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. through April 16 (last day). FMI, call 893-1073. Taxpayers must bring Social Security Cards for all persons listed on their tax returns, a photo ID, and all pertinent records: W-2's, 1099's, other income & credits, & a copy of last year's return if available. Free Electronic filing is available at all sites.

Art Afternoons: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3-5 pm. Classes for children ages 8 - 13, in which they will draw, paint, sculpt, and more during different sessions. FMI, call 893-1074 and ask for Sheri.

Voter Registration: Saturday, April 14, 10:00 am - noon. Volunteers from the League of Women Voters will be onsite to register/update.

Freelag Basics: Thursday, April 12, 3:00 pm, check at Reference Desk. Learn how

to search & download music for free! This service is available to anyone with a PPLC library card. FMI, call 893-1073.

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.

eBook Salon: Tuesday, April 17, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, check at Reference Desk. Bring your eReader (except Kindle, which is featured in an upcoming class) and all your questions about using it. Library staff and users are invited to share in an informal Q & A session. FMI, call 893-1073.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, April 19, 10:00 am. Discussion of Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury, over coffee & light refreshments. DVD version of movie originally released in 1966 will be shown after the discussion at noon. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy of the book. 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.

World Book Night, Monday, April 23, 7:00 pm. Gulfport Recreation Center, Art Room (2nd floor, handicap-accessible). Program features guest speaker from the Florida Holocaust Museum, and includes free drawing to give away 20 copies of The Book Thief, by Markus Zusak. Sponsored by The Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library. FMI, email zora@tampabay.rr.com or call 813-971-4865.

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!

Services *City Sponsored Activities* in the Community

Senior Center

5501 27th Ave. S. 893-2237

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Series on Hearing Healthcare: Learn about Coping with Hearing Loss & Finding Empowerment on Thurs. Apr. 12 at 1pm by Jeff Rupp & Gwen Sand (Deaf & Hearing Connection). Other upcoming presentations: Improving Relationships thru Better Communication by Rachele M. Orsini; Apr. 26, 1pm: Better Hearing means Better Living – Taking Charge of your Hearing Healthcare by Rachele M. Orsini.

Senior Center Flea Market There's always a good bargain at the Senior Center Flea Market. Don't miss out on Fri. Apr. 13, 10am to 2pm.

Fit & Fine Series: You are invited to participate in an 8-week exercise course designed to improve strength, balance, flexibility and endurance. Includes exercise bands, light weights, aerobic movement, and textbook (Exercise & Physical Activity) by the National Institute on Aging. Facilitator: Karen Muller. Fee: \$10. Starts Mon. Apr. 16 at 1pm.

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: Many day trips are available such as Hard Rock Casino on Apr. 17 or 26 (\$20); Charms of Leffingwell Tea Room on Apr. 16 (\$49); The Judy Garland Song Book at the Mahaffey Theater, includes lunch on Apr. 24 (\$59); Homosassa Springs boat tour, lunch included on May 1 (\$49); Red Barn Flea Market includes lunch (\$45). Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for details and info on 2 day trips.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Senior Center Snack Bar: Lunch To Go: Enjoy your fun at the beach and pick up a boxed lunch to go at the Senior Center Snack Bar. Ham or Turkey Sandwich, Chips and Beverage only \$3.00. Call 893-2259 to place your order.

Phones for Hearing Impaired: Phones for hearing impaired Floridians will be distributed on Tues. April 17, 9:30-11:30am courtesy of the Deaf & Hearing Connection.

Free Legal Assistance: Free legal assistance will be offered on Fri. Apr. 20 at 9:30am courtesy of the Community Law Program. Includes wills, living wills, power of attorney, etc. for qualifying seniors 60 and over.

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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Egg Abound



Lifeguards dumped floating toy-and-candy-filled Easter eggs in the pool. At the sound of the whistle, kids jumped into the pool and collected as many eggs as they could grab.



Angelina VanDeilen, 6½, paints a pottery Easter basket lavender and yellow.



Adam Bardouni, 6, perfects his serve at the Sunrise Table Tennis Club's ping pong table. The wind made play challenging, but Adam and his teammates kept at it.



Collins, 5, tries out the St. Pete Beach Police Department's all-terrain vehicle.



Fun In the Sun at Gulfport

At the Gulfport Recreation Center, a massive egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny were only the tip of the Easter basket this past Saturday. Touch-a-Truck (and Touch-a-Boat!), inflatable slides, free hot dogs, and a dance party were all part of the Fun in the Sun Day.

Kristie and Taylor House pose with the Easter Bunny.

Gulfport Police Explorer Sam Smith shows James Jones, 8, how the equipment works in a police car.



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dropping the charges. Since Strickland doesn't live in Gulfport, Salzman said, he can't challenge the law unless the police give him a ticket. Only Gulfport residents may contest the law without violating it, he said.

Despite this move, which removed Strickland's right to challenge the law, Salzman said the city had no issue with someone who wants to challenge or change the laws – as long as people do so “in the proper forum.”

“This guy only cares about this from a publicity standpoint,” Salzman said of Strickland. “He's not a resident of our city. He didn't care about community standards; he wanted to make a political statement to defend smokers' rights. We're not here to deal with political statements; we're here to enforce community standards. We're not going to make this a political football.”

City management said it will stand behind its ban on tobacco in children's play areas, beach, parks, and sports fields. Salzman remained firm that the city would not spend taxpayer money to fight a legal battle with a nonresident to further Strickland's “political agenda.”

“We are going to enforce our ordinances. We're just going to do it in the way that makes the most sense and is appropriate,” Salzman said. “We don't want to be involved in a protracted lawsuit where he's making us pay all sorts of money to defend the ordinance for his political reasons versus a legitimate challenge as to the community standards. The fact that he wants to go to the Florida Supreme Court is a costly matter that he's pursuing as opposed to trying to do what's best for the city.”

Strickland, however, said Gulfport dropped the charges because city officials knew the city could not legally enforce the law. Strickland tried on two separate occasions to get police to ticket him for smoking on the beach. He received a ticket on his second offense, despite calls to the Gulfport police both times. The first time police would not ticket him because the city had not yet posted signs that Police Chief Rob Vincent thought would stand up in court as

appropriate. After the city installed additional signs, Strickland returned to the beach and lit up a smoke. Police then ticketed him, and he took the case to court.

Tuesday afternoon, the state attorney's office dropped the charges at Gulfport's request.

“Why go through all that when you're not willing to defend? I think because it's not legally sound and they know it,” Strickland said.

After a meeting Thursday morning, Gulfport city management announced the city would hear all smoking cases through the Special Magistrate instead of allowing future cases to go to county court. According to Salzman, City Manager Jim O'Reilly and he jointly decided to drop charges and hear future cases through the city's Special Master around the time Strickland filed a motion to dismiss the charge.

“I made the suggestion to the city manager that we should pursue this through another avenue,” Salzman said. Why didn't Strickland's case go through the Special Master? At the time Strickland filed a motion to dismiss his case, Gulfport “had the Special Master ordinance on the books; we just didn't have the Special Master,” Salzman said.

Gulfport dropped charges against Strickland Tuesday. City Council appointed a Special Master Tuesday night. Salzman said the move will save Gulfport money.

“It's not as expensive a process. We're not going to the county court and dealing with all those issues, [and] we can have the Special Master determine the validity of the violation along with, to some extent, community standards. It makes more sense to do it that way than go to county court,” Salzman said.

“If your goal is really compliance, then you use a Special Master,” he said. Should Strickland – or anyone else – receive another ticket and contest it with the Special Master, he can appeal to the circuit court if he loses. Under the old system Strickland would have gone to the county court, which Salzman called the wrong forum.

Circuit courts hear criminal cases and cases where the decisions have larger impact on the population as a whole rather than one individual, Salzman said.

“County courts shouldn't be deciding on the constitutionality of a law,” he explained. He encouraged residents who didn't like the law to first express their dissatisfaction to the city council.

“If you're a resident of Gulfport and you do not believe that this is an appropriate ordinance, or that any ordinance is, then you bring that back to council,” he said.

Failing that, he said that the proper forum “was with the Special Master.”

If any resident doesn't agree with council's decision on the ordinance, they can bring a civil suit against the city, challenging the validity of the ordinance, Salzman added, whether or not they receive a violation.

Strickland's case will not go before the Special Master; the attorney must receive another ticket before he can go before the Special Master.

Strickland said that wouldn't be a problem.

“We'll be back,” he said. “They have a choice: get it off the books if they're not going to enforce it for everybody, or what they did now, run away from the challenge.”

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St. Pete Beach City Budget Meeting Public Comment & Commission Quotes

"You're not at a point where I would say you're in really great shape, but you've come a long way since 2008." – City auditor Peter Schatzel, about the city's finances

"This is not going to be the sore thumb sitting out." – David Bacon, about proposed land use changes to 1307 Gulf Way.

"Pass-a-Grille's a unique creature, and THD was meant for a different type of hotel owner. It was meant for a hotel owner who's in Pass-a-Grille. It was meant for a hotel owner like me, a hotel owner who will help clean the rooms." – Joe Caruso, about the proposed changes for the old Gulf Way Inn. He told the commission he only opposed the portion of the changes that impacted his property.

"Sabal Palms would have closed down 20 years ago if Pass-a-Grille was like any other place in Florida. My business succeeds because it's in Pass-a-Grille. Pass-a-Grille Beach is unique." – Joe Caruso

"March was the first \$200,000 parking month we've had." – City Manager Mike Bonfield, about money paid in parking fees. The first few days of April, he noted, yielded \$75,000, over \$45,000 more than the same time frame last year.

"We will be installing a four way stop at 73rd and Boca Ciega." – City Manager Mike Bonfield.

"The women are supposed to bring desserts." – Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan, about the Lido Park annual party this Saturday at 11.

"Only the women?" Commissioner Bev Garnett

"That's pretty sexist." – City Manager Mike Bonfield

Hurricane Related Vendors Needed

The City of Gulfport will be hosting the 2012 Hurricane Seminar on Thursday, May 24th, 7 p.m. at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S. (enter on 26th Ave. S.). The City is looking for Hurricane related vendors, products or anything related to assisting citizens during hurricane season. The spots are free (one per vendor) and space is limited. Vendors will be located at the Theater Lobby. A table will be provided, but you must supply your own linens.

This informative seminar is open to the public. For more information on vendor set up time for this event, please email gbiiron@mygulfport.us or call Gail Biron at 727-893-1118.

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2013 Beach Budget Short Over \$1 Million

Preliminary forecasts suggest the city needs to \$1.2 Million

St. Pete Beach needs \$1.2 Million to balance its budget.

Upon hearing the financial report for the coming year, commissioners said they did not want to raise taxes, although Commissioner Bev Garnett asked how much of an increase it would take to balance the budget. Finance Director Elaine Edmunds calculated that the increase would cost property owners roughly \$100 per \$100,000 of property value.

St. Pete Beach boasts the lowest tax rate of any city offering police and fire services. The city pays for fire and PSTA out of property tax dollars, two items that other cities pay as separate taxes, City Manager Mike Bonfield said.

"To make any significant dent in that number, you're talking about a pretty significant change in services," he told the commissioners.

Mayor Steve McFarlin told the commission he wanted to look at the city's legal spending.

"Just because you think you've got reputation," he said, didn't assure the city received the best representation at the best price. "It's just totally out of our hands... We're sitting here with no controls whatsoever on costs... We've got a big firm, and we've got them flying here and there. I mean, it's nuts. I think it would behoove us [...] to have somebody take a look."

Commissioner Jim Parent agreed but also suggested the city look at eliminating the police department.

"I think you need to look at the big picture, just go right on down the line and see... is there any option here, and do we want to approach that or not?" he said. The Mayor reminded him the police department was a charter issue.

The Mayor also suggested the city "possibly reconsider the 300,000 on Corey this year."

"You can't fix an ongoing problem with a one-time [fix]," Bonfield said. He told the commission they had to stabilize their operating and maintenance costs and deal with the larger capital items, adding that neglecting maintenance would increase the cost of capital repairs and replacement.

Here's the snapshot of the city's finances for the coming year:

- General Fund (Property Tax) Revenues went down by about \$278,000
- Property values will not change
- Franchise and utility taxes decreased by \$240,000
- End of grant for an extra police officer \$82,000
- Recreational revenue up by \$30,000
- Fines went down \$56,000
- Board of Adjustment fees increased \$10,000

While the beach had almost \$3 billion in taxable property value 2008, it appears to have leveled at \$2 billion.

The budget includes no salary increases, although the city has a \$752,000 increase in pension contributions. Workers compensation and liability will go up about \$64,000, or 10%, although Finance Director Elaine Edmunds told the commission the city would comparison shop policies.

The city will transfer \$925,00 from the capital improvement fund to the general fund.

The city will spend \$200,000 for equipment and vehicles

The city will pay off the police station, and the tax associated with that debt will disappear from tax bills.

Police and fire use about 52% of the city's budget.

All three enterprise funds either balance (reclaimed and stormwater) or show a profit (the wastewater fund has \$490,000)

Suggested Capital Improvement Projects

The fund may have a deficit of \$67,000 at the end of the next fiscal year; at the end of last fiscal year it had a \$198,000 deficit.

- Community Center Debt: \$445,000
- Street work (Blind Pass Road, between Gulf Boulevard and 73rd; this is NOT associated with the one-way couplet concept): \$545,000
- Seawalls: \$80,000
- Vina del Mar Bridge Repair: \$156,000
- Library/gymnasium roof \$200,000
- Community center dock \$294,000 (\$225,000 funded with grant money)
- New fire truck: \$150,000 (10% of the cost; the rest funded by grant)

Unfunded Projects

- Pass-a-Grille Way design \$250,00
- Corey Avenue Streetscape \$300,000
- Roof improvements to nine city buildings: \$50,000
- Gymnasium floor \$70,000
- Alley rehabilitation: \$125,000
- City hall phone system \$80,000

Other Projects with Undetermined Cost and Scope

- Couplet
- Gulf Winds Drive reconstruction
- Pass-a-Grille Way reconstruction
- Replace fire stations 22 and 23
- Library expansion/ replacement
- Hurley and Egan Park improvements.

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Living on less than you earn takes effort. Like swimming upstream or walking up the down escalator, you have to work at going against the flow. It takes a conscious effort to spend less on everything from food to ATM fees, insurance to clothes, and the fun things in life, too.

Sadly, by the looks of what's going on in the economy -- climbing credit-card debt, foreclosures and personal bankruptcy filings in the U.S. -- too few people are willing to put forth the effort. It seems easier to just spend all you have and then depend on credit to cover the gap between what you need and how much you make. At the time, it seems fine to

have it all now and pay later. Yet we eventually learn the long-term effects of that spending error.

If you are not where you'd like to be with your money, don't assume that's because you make less money than you desire. Increased income does not guarantee a better life.

Think about it: Most likely, 15 years ago your annual income was less than it is now. Perhaps it was a lot less. You believed then if you only made more money you'd be out of debt and on your way to building wealth and securing your future.

Then you got a raise or changed careers. Your annual income improved, but then you added new expenses and accepted new debt. Before long, you got to thinking that if you only made more money you'd be out of debt, and on your way to building wealth and securing your future.

Then you got a raise or changed careers. You made more money. You took on more expenses and added more debt. I know I am repeating myself, and that is my point. You're caught in a vicious cycle that insists more money is the only way to improve one's financial situation.

More money alone is not likely to change your life. You've proven that. But making the decision to stop spending all of it so you can keep more of it -- that's the solution.

It took me decades to wise up, but I finally found the key to the life I love. I hope it doesn't take you that long. No matter your current income, you can do better with what you have without giving up the life you love. The key to your success rests on your decision to live on less -- to stop spending everything you make.

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South Pasadena Arbor Day Celebration

The South Pasadena Arbor Day celebration will be held on Friday, April 27 at 6 p.m. in Galatea Garden Park at 7015 Sunset Drive S. The City will receive its 23rd consecutive Tree City U.S.A. award. Beautification Awards will be presented to the winners and runner-ups in single dwelling, multiple dwelling and commercial categories. Pasadena Fundamental Elementary School band and chorus will perform. This year's tree will be planted in memory of former Commissioner Lou Ippolito.

In the event of rain the ceremony will be held in the Hibiscus Hall Room at the South Pasadena City Hall located at 7047 Sunset Drive S. in South Pasadena.

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Spring for the Arts

Spring for the Arts is Creative Clay's premier fundraising event of the year. It will be held on Saturday, April 28 from 7 to 10 p.m. at St. Petersburg's historic Coliseum, 535 Fourth Avenue N. Event features entertainment by the Mark Feinman Quintet, professional dancers, complimentary swing dance lessons, dancing and comfortable lounge areas. Dinner is via chef stations by popular local restaurants, cash bar.

Original artwork including portrait drawings by Creative Clay member artists will be on display and unique Artworks retail items. Painting demonstrations will be offered. Included is a fun photo booth, raffle featuring one-of-a-kind artwork donated by Folkfest St. Pete artists and live and silent auctions.

Tickets are \$35 per person in advance or \$45 per person at the door and may be purchased online at www.creativeclay.org or at Creative Clay, 1124 Central Avenue, Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Donations and pledges will be accepted during the evening. Dress is cocktail attire. Call 727-825-0515.

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Funday Coming to Boca Ciega Yacht Club

It's almost time again for the Annual Spring Funday at Boca Ciega Yacht Club on South Tifton Drive to be held

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on Saturday, April 28 from 1-4 p.m. As always, there will be free hot dogs and soft drinks, raffles for dozens of prizes, face painting for the kids, exhibits, and best of all ... sailboat rides for all. It's all free!

BCYC Funday is always a gala event to introduce the club and its activities to the community. Last year, over 600 neighbors attended, 300 sailboat rides were enjoyed, and 800 hot dogs were consumed. There will be more of everything this year. In case of inclement weather, BCYC Funday will be held on Sunday, April 29.

Mark your calendars, set aside the day, and bring you entire family to enjoy fun in the sun and on the beautiful waters of Boca Ciega Bay. BCYC is just south of the Gulfport Marina with plenty of parking on

the grounds. Out of courtesy, please leave your beloved pets at home.

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Floral Design Class

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

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Teen Corner

By Elizabeth Brown-Worthington

It's time again for another installment of the monthly *Teen Council News*. We last met on March 15. All six members attended, as did our three advisors and three visitors, including City Manager Jim O'Reilly and Councilwoman Barbara Banno.

At this meeting Mr O'Reilly discussed with us our role as an Advisory Board. He told us that if we have any issues we wish to bring to the attention of the city council, we must bring it to Marivel, who will bring it to Mr. O'Reilly, who will then bring it to city council. We were also told that we cannot make decisions that will affect citizens of Gulfport or anywhere else.

The Teen Council also recently entered a video competition put on by the Florida League of Cities. The video and narrative was about our teen council and the things we do and have done. Well, we just found out that we got second place and received \$500 and five tickets for free admission into the Florida League of Cities Conference in Hollywood, Florida in August.

We also discussed starting a "City of Gulfport Outstanding Youth Award," presented with our quarterly report at the City Council meeting. There we would recognize a youth who has

done something, well, outstanding! Anyone can submit anyone as long as the person being submitted is eighteen and under, lives in Gulfport or attends school or camp in Gulfport, or the act happened in Gulfport. We'll give you more details when we finalize plans.

We also elected a Treasurer, our newest member, Zachary Teramae. In addition, we discussed starting Teen Dances which will be held at the Rec Center. We are going to try to hold one in June to try it out. As soon as we have more information, we'll let you know.

We worked the O'Maddy's St. Patrick's Day event selling T-shirts and other novelties to go along with the day. We also helped run the corn hole game. Five percent of all profits made at that event that day were given to Teen Council. Thank you to Joe and Maddy Guenther for thinking of the Teen Council whilst planning this event, and thank you for the \$500 contribution. Teen Council also helped put out the Easter Eggs and run the inflatables at the Fun and Sun Day. On April 28th, Rebuilding Tampa Bay is coming to Gulfport from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.; they have invited Teen Council to come help out.

Teen Council will meet again at 4:45 on April 19. We meet at the Gulfport Recreation Center. If you would like to join Teen Council, are between 13 and 18 years old, and live in Gulfport, apply online at MyGulfport.us or pick up an application at the Gulfport Recreation Center.

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Come early and purchase food and drink from some of the St. Petersburg Saturday Morning Market's most popular vendors, or enjoy your own picnic while listening to music before the movie. A limited number of chairs will be available or bring your own blanket or seat. Convenient parking is located at the Baywalk garage or in the Pier parking lots.

The schedule is as follows:

• May 3: "To Catch A Thief" (1955) with Cary Grant and Grace Kelly, on the French riviera! Hitchcock at his best and an Oscar winner. Live music by songwriter Gale Trippsmith.

• May 10: "Dirty Dancing" (1987) with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. Oscar for best music. Come early for great live music by John Kelly and his band!

• May 17: "Rear Window" (1954) a Hitchcock thriller, nominated for 4 Oscars, with James Stewart and Grace Kelly. Music performed by Grant Peeples.

• May 24: "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan...you will probably be smiling but clutching tissues at the movie's end! Local favorite Rebekah Pulley plays before the film.

• May 31: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986) directed and written by John Hughes...one of the great comedy classics! Music by Lance Lubin and the Clearwater Bluegrass Review.

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Boca Ciega Flag Football Team Makes History With Undefeated Season

By Serena Thomas, Boca Ciega High School *Hi-Tide*

GULFPORT – For the first time in Boca Ciega History, the flag football team played a perfect season. The Varsity girls team won all 10 games and finished 11th in the state; the JV team won all seven games. Next Friday the Varsity team will play a championship game, then go on to District competitions, Coach Lauren Widener says.

Boca Ciega High School's flag football team took charge from the beginning of the season. With the longest winning streak in Boca Ciega's history, the Varsity flag football team continue winning and are set to go all the way to the top.

"There were three overtimes at the game in Northeast," Coach Lauren Widener says. Even with the three overtimes, Boca Ciega High's team managed to win with a score of 31-25. Good communication is needed for a good team, and both the JV and Varsity team are on top of it, she says.

"The girls play as a team," Widener explained. "They come through for each other if someone isn't doing well."

On Tuesday, April 3, the Varsity and JV flag football teams played against Saint Pete High's teams. The Varsity team overtook the opposing team with a score of 12-6, as the JV team came out with a win with a score of 12-7. With the wins, Boca Ciega's flag football teams winning streak continued and held strong as they headed into the season's final games.

To help support Boca Ciega High's Varsity and JV flag football teams, students and faculty can buy a Flag Football Shirt for \$10 from Coach Widener in Room 4-123. Money from shirts sales will go to assist in the girls warm-ups, banquets and dinners for the team.

Varsity Team Scores

March 12- Boca Ciega – Dunedin 6-0
March 14- Boca Ciega – Tarpon Springs 42-0
March 16- Boca Ciega – Eastlake 27-7
March 19- Boca Ciega – Osceola 19-0
March 20- Boca Ciega – Gibbs 12-8
March 22- Boca Ciega –Northeast 31-25
April 3- Boca Ciega – St. Pete 12-6
April 5- Boca Ciega – Dixie Hollins 26-20
April 9- Boca Ciega – Pinellas Park 42-0
April 10- Boca Ciega – Lakewood 25-6

JV Team Scores

March 19- Boca Ciega – Osceola 31-0
March 20- Boca Ciega – Gibbs 20-0
March 22- Boca Ciega – Northeast 6-0
April 3- Boca Ciega – St. Pete 12-7
April 5- Boca Ciega – Dixie Hollins 13-0

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Frank the Pug shows his pride.

Baby, a laid-back chihuahua, sleeps through the event as his human companion strolls along Beach Boulevard.



Rescuers found Patrick abandoned behind an Ybor City restaurant on St. Patrick's Day. His eyes have just opened but have yet to focus.

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All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents -- who often have no one else to advocate for them -- are encouraged to call toll-free 1-888-831-0404 or visit the program's Web site at <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

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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. Volunteers welcomed.

For more information, please call 441-5050 or visit www.ClothesToKids.org.

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Scotsman Fitness is coming to Gulfport!

The Scotsman Fitness team is proud to present a new class at the Gulfport Recreation Center, located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. A husband and wife duo, who are currently

taking Pinellas County by storm, Ally Morrell and his wife Rachel will be starting a "Braveheart Bootcamp" and Zumba class. Ally, who recently moved to the US from Scotland, said "We are so excited to be starting at such a beautiful location. Our sessions have been hugely successful thus far and we feel we have a very unique and dynamic take on fitness. Our Sessions are effective and just as important, fun!" "Braveheart Bootcamp" is Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and "Zumba"® will begin April 26th at 7:45 p.m. The first class is free, so please book early to ensure your place

in class. Scotsman Fitness is located at www.scotsmanfitness.com or via Facebook or call 727-748-6612.

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Spanish Classes are Forming

A new Spanish Class is forming for all levels at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Learn everyday Spanish for work, travel or as a hobby. Translation services will also be available. Classes are \$10 each and start on Monday, April 30th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 727-482-2125 after 5 p.m. for more information.

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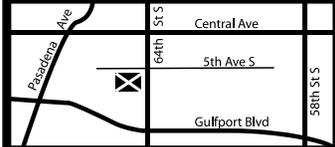


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Local Obituaries

ALLEN, CHARLES SUMNER, 92, of Gulfport, FL, formerly a seasonal resident from Buzzards Bay, MA, passed away peacefully on April 9th with his beloved companion and best friend Sharon Erwin at his bedside in his home. Sumner served in WWII in the Army Air Corp as a Communications Officer. While stationed in New Caledonia during the war he met Mafalda, a nurse, and they married. They had many great years together. Mafalda preceded Sumner in death. They will be reunited at the National Cemetery in Boron, MA after a private cremation. Sumner had received his Masters Degree in Education from the University of New Hampshire. He was a devoted teacher of Science and Physics. He later supervised the Science Program for the State of MA. Sumner is survived by a nephew, George Shephard. He was a founding member of ASPEC at Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL. In his final hours Sumner, a devoted Catholic, asked God to open the gates to heaven as he was tired. God heard him and he went to join the dear Lord and Mafalda. He will be missed but will no longer suffer.

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CORCORAN, ROBERT E., SR., "BOB", 80, of Gulfport, died Apr. 6. Visitation Monday from 3-7 p.m. at Garden Sanctuary, 7950 131st St., Seminole. gardensanctuaryfunerals.com.

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**G A G N O N ,
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CYR**, 83, of St. Petersburg, Florida, formerly of Mexico, Maine passed away on April 4, 2012 at Northside Hospital

in St. Petersburg, Florida from heart complications. Lorraine was born in New Richmond Quebec, Canada on February 21, 1929 to Francois and Charlotte Cyr. One of nine children, she was educated in the schools of New Richmond and Maria, Quebec. On June 13, 1946, she married Adolph Cyr. In 1947, the couple moved to the United States and eventually set up residence on River Rd in Mexico, ME. Lorraine was a well-known seamstress in the area, working from

her home, her own shop on Waldo Street and for Vito Umbro. Following her dream of fashion designing, she enrolled in a correspondence course through the Vogue School of Fashion in Chicago, receiving her certificate in 1963. In 1968, she moved to St. Petersburg, Florida where she continued to work as a seamstress and fashion consultant. In 1969, she married William Gagnon, originally from Rumford, ME. They purchased a home in Gulfport, Florida and spent their summers at Murray's Cove at Worthley Pond in Peru, ME. Lorraine was a member of the St. Pete Red Hat Society. She loved to travel, having visited France, England, Hong Kong, Mexico, Alaska and several states. Her favorite pasttimes were to attend theater performances, play beano and she was also a volunteer for the Gulfport Community Theater. She is survived by her children, Gladys Burke of St. Petersburg, FL, Jeannine Murray and husband Ken of Peru, ME, Larry Cyr and wife Colleen of Gulfport, FL, and Michael Cyr and wife Lyn of Jacksonville, FL; three grandchildren, Rochelle Arnold and husband Jeremiah of Oak Creek, Colorado, Nicki Longyear and husband, Zach of Smithfield, ME, Leighanne Cyr of Gulfport, FL; four great-grandchildren, Dylan Arnold, Jaxson and Wyatt Longyear, and Izaiah Parker; three step grandchildren, Jimmy Lapointe and wife Scarlett of St. Petersburg, FL, Joey Lapointe and wife Sonia of Augusta, ME and Michael Lapointe and wife Tammi of Rumford, ME; eight step great-grandchildren.; her sister, Patricia Bolduc, and her brothers, Roger Cormier and Alvic Cyr. She was predeceased by her husband, William and a daughter, Patricia.

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GERDNIC, FRANK J., JR., 85, of St. Pete Beach, passed away March 31, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Haws "Liz" of 60 years; his two daughters, Julia Gregory of San Francisco and her husband, Warren, and Amy Gerdnic of St. Pete Beach; and his son, Steven and his wife, Maryanne Gerdnic of Bradenton, and three grandchildren. Frank was born Jan. 11, 1927 in Conway, PA to the late Anna and Frank Grdnic of Croatia. He was a lettered athlete in football

and basketball at Rochester, PA High School. After serving in the Armed Forces until 1946, he graduated from the University of Louisville where he played football with John Unitas and was President of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. In business, he rose to VP of Sales and Marketing at Peabody Galion Corporation, Galion, OH. The National Solid Waste Management Association honored him in 1984 as Member of the Year. He was an avid golfer, dancer, skier and kayaker. He is past Commodore of the Harbourside Yacht Club in South Pasadena, and was President of the University of Louisville, Tampa Bay Alumni Club. Until his death, Frank was a team volunteer at Suncoast Hospice. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to St. Joseph's Catholic Church and the Suncoast Hospice are appreciated. Frank is remembered as a warm, loving father and husband with a great sense of humor. A memorial service will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 2101 22nd Ave. S., St. Petersburg, on April 9th at 6 p.m. Condolences can be shared online at www.davidgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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GRAY, GARY GREER, 76, a visitor of South Pasadena, passed April 2, 2012. Survived by a loving family and friends. Holloway Funeral Home, Oldsmar, 813-855-2439.

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MCKENNA, PATRICK, passed away on April 2nd, 2012 in Warminster, PA. He was a resident of Town Shores, Gulfport, FL for many years. He was active in bocci and shuffleboard. He was retired from the Carpenter Union in Phila., PA. He is survived by his wife Joan and son Francis, daughter Rose Ann and a sister in Ireland. Funeral Mass was held on April 10th, 2012 at St. Charles Borromeo R.C. Church in Bensalem, PA.

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MURRAY, MARTIN SCOTT, 83, of South Pasadena, passed away April 4, 2012. Martin was born in Syracuse, NY and moved to Florida in 1992 from New York. He proudly served in the Navy during both World War II as well as the Korean War. Martin is survived by his sons, Patrick (Noreen) and Scott (Kimberly) Murray; daughter, Tammy (Bill) Pittenger; sister, Kathy (Bob) Webb; and grandchildren Abigail, Chelsea, Rachel, Adam, Joshua, Bayley, Kathleen, Sean, and Julia. Graveside services will be held at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11th at Bay Pines National Cemetery, Bay Pines. Guestbook at davidegross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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DOROTHY S. PRECKLER, "DOTTIE", 88, of Gulfport, died March 9, 2012 in Vermont while visiting her nephew Mark. Dot was born in Rochester, Ma on November 21, 1923. Daughter of Oscar and Miriam (Crawford) Horne. She married the love of her life Steven Preckler on December 16, 1989. Dot worked for over 20 years at O'briens Hair Studio in Burlington as a front end manager.

In 1987 she moved to St. Petersburg, FL and worked at the Howard Johnson Hotel on St. Pete Beach and at Most Holy Name Church. She is predeceased by Steven Preckler and her brother, Russell Horne. She is survived by her nephew Mark and his wife Gail Horne of Vermont, her nephew John Horne of Florida, her niece Sharon Hulburd of Vermont, her great nieces, Vanessa McManus and her husband Keith of California, Jeannette Lloyd and her husband Matt of Illinois, Wendy Horne and her wife Jen of Vermont, Kristne Lee of Vermont, and Emma Hulburd of Vermont, a great nephew Justin Horne and his wife Becky of Illinois and John Martin Horne of Vermont, 12 great nieces and nephews, a wonderful friend Raymond Sicotte of Colchester VT, her stepsons John Hagey and his wife Judy of NY, and Gary Preckler and his wife Martha of OH, step grandsons John Hagey and his wife Connie, Jeff Hagey and his wife Gina, Steve Preckler and his wife Jackie, and Philip. And 5 step great-grandchildren. Dottie cherished her wonderful neighbors and friends for their kindness and support. She was a devoted Catholic and a member of Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. A service will be held on Friday, April 27th, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church at 5800 15th Ave. S. Gulfport.

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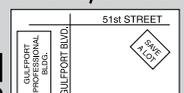
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Doing with Less Medical Care

The American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation (not the American Board of Internal Medicine itself) in conjunction with Consumer Reports did a study recently that indicated that many, if not most, of the medical tests are over used and not necessary. While not really a surprise, it clashes, to an extent, with the federal government's push to mandate that insurance companies and/or taxpayers cover a number of preventative illness tests. And it clashes with health care institutions' urging and patients' insistence on taking certain tests and medicines.

Cited by the study were mammography imaging, colonoscopic exams, PSA blood work, head CAT scans, EKGs, MRIs, stress tests, uses of antibiotics, drugs for acid reflux, even scanning for cancer in patients who have had cancer. The study did not say never use these tools, it said they should be used appropriately. The idea is to curb the overuse and therefore help reduce the cost of the health care system.

Ironically, the biggest complaint against insurance companies from patients, doctors and now the government, is that they won't cover the costs of some tests and procedures. Who are they to get between me and my doctor? All they want to do is protect their profits. True, perhaps, but is it any different than the government that now pays for a lot of health care being interested in containing costs? At the same time, they are seeking to make certain these costs are covered by someone else. A bit contradictory.

Interestingly, I have on my desk a letter from a medical screening company urging me pay \$119 to be screened for stroke, vascular disease and osteoporosis. These are usually done at a local church and I have had them done even though my own doctors screened for some

diseases and two of my children who are doctors say that the tests are generally unnecessary. The screening company in the meanwhile claims that problems were caught in one out of 14 people. That's out of 62,000 screened. That also means that it cost over \$7 million to find those problems. This is a cash, not insurance, proposition. Is it worth it? Apparently 62,000 people thought so and this isn't the only company doing such cash screening.

Perhaps they feel that the \$119 (sometimes there's a discount) is reasonable compared to those really big testing bills one gets from a hospital or clinic.

Obviously, there is a problem. And, study after study shows we do too much testing and take too many drugs, particularly antibiotics. According to some doctors, patient pressure is a big factor. According to all doctors I have talked to, liability is a big, big factor. Don't test and the doctor risks being sued if he (or she) misses something. Yeah, the liability insurance company offers coverage, but the hassle, time, concern for reputation, and the possibility of not being able to be insured in the future argues for being safe. Keeps everyone happy except it costs a lot.

Other countries with centralized (government) care don't have those problems. It also isn't very easy to get screening tests done there. Because tests are discouraged and tightly controlled, resources to do the tests are limited resulting in long waits. That's why some Canadians go to the U.S. for certain procedures. Cadillac (or Lexus, or Mercedes, or Porche) systems are nice to be in as long as we have budgets to match. And, it appears we don't.

Everyone is afraid of rationing. The death panel suggestion about end-of-life care reflects that. Mainly, we worry whether WE can get the tests WE need and want, and preferably have a third party pay for them. Plainly, however, we've got to shrink the care system. I've contended

that moving back to a cash system or paying for your own individually tailored policy, or buying policies that cover catastrophic (whatever your catastrophic levels are) situations, would help contain costs. Encouraging (not commanding) people to buy policies at an early age in anticipation of medical catastrophe would be helpful. There would still have to be a safety net for such things as chronic disease, but catastrophic coverage would help if minor or normal procedures are out-of-pocket.

However, failing that kind of an approach we're left with our hybrid - third party insurer/ employer/government, individual, but regulated, or government coverage. Or, we can move directly to a government paid, single payer, system that risks not only high taxpayer costs and bureaucratic entanglements, but a virtual rationing through cost controls.

Whichever direction we move, we have to face the real problem of medical practitioners' liability when restricting tests as recommended in the recent study. Although establishing "accepted practices" for medical procedures based upon studies and expert panel conclusions appear reasonable, human beings are not mechanical robots. They are chemical cesspools whose individuality is as much a reality as "accepted practices" which tend to change with knowledge of which we have only a little bit. There has to be room for "this is the correct way, but...".

In the meanwhile, testing is not the only issue. Delivery or accessibility and cost of the system as well as personal health practices are, perhaps, even larger cost issues. I recall the movement 40 years ago (or more) to move away from longer hospitalization stays for everything from child birth to heart attacks. We now have 36 hour hospital care for birthing and a couple of days for heart attack or less than a week of hospitalization for heart surgeries. The lesson is that we can probably do with a lot less than we do.

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- Animal Call-** 1400 Blk 61st St. S.
- DUI-** Del Rio Way & Tradewinds Dr. S.
- Theft-** 5400 Blk Dellett Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 1000 Blk 61st St. S.
- Disturbance-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Theft-** 5400 Blk Dellett Ave. S.

Friday 3/30

- Suspicious Person-** 57th St. & Shore Blvd. S.
- Animal Call-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 1300 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trespass-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 3100 Blk 56th St. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Wanted Person-** 2600 Blk Upton St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5800 Blk 19th Ave. S.
- Wanted Person-** 5200 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 2000 Blk 59th St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 2300 Blk 59th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 6000 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Injunction Violation-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Problem-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.

Crime Awareness Meeting

There will be NO City Wide Crime Awareness meeting in April due to a scheduling conflict. Watch for a notice regarding the meeting in May.

- Stolen Vehicle-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 52nd St. & 17th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 2700 Blk 48th St. S.
- Saturday 3/31**
- Disorderly Conduct-** 3000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 22nd Ave. & 49th St. S.

- Suspicious Person-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** Beach & Shore Blvd. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** McDonalds.
- Theft-** 5600 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Sunday 4/1**
- Person Under Influence-** 13th Ave. & 51st St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.
- Civil Matter-** 2700 Blk 57th St. S.
- Trespass-** Tangerine Ave. & 54th St. S.

Monday 4/2

- Domestic-** 5200 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Wanted Person-** 5800 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 2500 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 2400 Blk 59th St. S.
- Harassing Phone Call-** Location Withheld.

- Domestic-** 2700 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Tuesday 4/3**
- Theft-** 1200 Blk Freemont St. S.
- Prowler-** 2600 Blk Quincy St. S.
- Theft-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Animal Call-** 27th Ave. & Beach Blvd. S.
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- Keep the Peace-** 15th Ave. & 49th St. S.
- Disturbance-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** Gulfport Blvd. & 55th St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 53rd St. & 11th Ave. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 1200 Blk Gray St. S.
- Wednesday 4/4**
- Juvenile Trouble-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5400 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 4900 Blk 24th Ave. S.
- Reckless Driver-** Preston Ave. & 52nd St. S.
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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: Gulfport Smoking Ban

Q: The Attorney General says that you can't ban outdoor smoking. How can Gulfport do this? When asked, gave an attorney's answer. When asked about the legality of the ordinance he answered that similar ordinances hadn't been overturned in other cities. What he didn't say was that similar ordinances hadn't been challenged in other cities. The Florida Indoor Clean Air Act stipulates in its last clause that the right to regulate smoking is pre-empted to the state. - Frank Verdino, via Facebook

A: City Attorney Andy Salzman disagrees.

"It doesn't seem to make sense that an indoor smoking act would reserve smoking for outdoor when the legislature hasn't made any laws to determine as outdoor smoking," he said. What's more, he said that the Attorney General issued an opinion, not a law.

"Attorney General Opinions are not law. They're *opinions*. Law is decided by appellate courts. They determine the validity of laws. He didn't cite any cases that said outdoor smoking bans are unconstitutional," Salzman said.

"No one has challenged it. I don't have any case law to say it's invalid. That's how you make your decisions - has any court held that it's invalid? Until somebody tells me it's invalid, it appears to be a valid law. All I have is an Attorney General Opinion that appears to be stretching the intent."

"I can't predict what a judge or appellate court is going to do. I can only tell you what I found," he said.

But does the city attorney think that the city had the right to pass the law?

"I think it's a valid ordinance that will be upheld," he said.

Try your hand at Sudoku

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Be a Part of the 95 Percent

The right professional dog training can solve 95 percent of dog problems -- the majority of which might better be described as people problems. But there are some problems training can't touch, and often that's because people ignored the warning signs and put off getting help. Keep reading:

Last week, Seven, our 10-year-old German Shepherd, bit my 2-year-old daughter causing her to get stitches in her face. The incident was caused by a granola bar being left on the couch. Seven snatched the bar when I stepped out of the room for a minute. Our daughter either wanted to get it back or wanted to see what Seven had, and Seven attacked her. She required four stitches in her face and sustained a few other minor bites. Seven didn't bite and thrash. Rather, he growled and nipped multiple times.

The positive about Seven: He is a very loving dog. He loves to play fetch and wrestle and to just cuddle up with you. He listens well and is trained to sit, stay and come. He is a great dog for car rides, and he sits still for baths, teeth brushing and coat brushing. He loves to run! He and my daughter get along all right. They don't play a whole lot together, but Seven would come up to the couch where my daughter would be sitting and wait for a pet or a scratch.

The negative about Seven: He is overprotective and displays signs of food-aggression. He also has a barking issue that bark collars haven't been able to solve. He doesn't like small dogs or neighborhood cats.

These folks have a problem -- and so does Seven. The wife wants to get rid of the dog; the husband wants to keep him. She has called local shelters, hoping to find someone who will take Seven and find him a new home. So far, no luck. The unfortunate reality is that Seven

is old, he's big, he's untrained, and he now has a history of biting. The wife is losing hope and considering euthanasia; her husband refuses.

In my opinion, they are both wrong. Seven cannot live in a home with a small child -- especially a child who is allowed to crawl and jump on the family dog, as this child is. It's dangerous, and the mother is right to be afraid for her daughter's safety.

But they do have a duty to Seven to find an appropriate home where he can live out the rest of his life comfortably. I advised contacting last-resort sanctuaries and German Shepherd rescues, as well as stepping up their search for a new home without children.

Stories like this are exceptionally hard for me to hear because I know things didn't have to get to this point. If I had received a call about Seven eight years ago, when his barking was a fresh nuisance and the food-aggression first surfaced, or even four or five years ago, when the baby was still an idea, you wouldn't be reading this story today. Seven would have been among the 95 percent.

My hope is that, in reading this story, anyone who sees themselves heading down this path will find help now -- when the issues are relatively small and solvable and the much larger problems that lie ahead are entirely avoidable.

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As a no-kill organization, SOS returned older felines will be cared for by SOS for the remainder of their lives. Save Our Strays offers cat lovers the opportunity to permanently foster many of its harder-to-place kitties. The concept is a win-win for the foster family and the cats. No adoption fees apply. Any required veterinary expenses are covered by SOS. Dry food and litter are furnished if needed. The cats, once again, are able to live in a stable home environment and to provide their families with enjoyment and affection.

Please consider becoming a permanent foster family for their displaced kitties. Call 727-481-5262 for details. Foster participants must be able to drive and be available for a home visit from a current volunteer prior to fostering.

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SPCA Pet of the Week



Masque gets his name from the beautiful black and white markings that start on his face and ramble across his back. At six years he is a settled down lap-loving sweetie. He gets long well with other cats, loves a good window seat on the world and playing with toys on a string. Masque has been up for adoption more than 30 days so he qualifies for the \$30 over 30 adoption discount. Visit him in the feline colony rooms at SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Avenue N. in Largo or visit www.SPCATampaBay.org.

Pet Pal Animal Shelter



Jackie is a sweet 8-month-old, female Terrier mix. She tends to be shy around humans at first meetings, but warms up nicely into a playful, warm-hearted puppy. Jackie also likes to play with other dogs her size. She would do best in a home without small children. To meet this sweet girl, visit her today at Pet Pal Animal Shelter at 405 22nd Street S. in St. Petersburg. Call 727-328-7738 or visit www.petpalanimalshelter.com.

Save Our Strays



Mickey is a very laid back and highly socialized cat who's afraid of nothing and loves being at social gatherings where he can mix with all the people. He also gets along famously with other cats and dogs (both large and small). According to his foster family -- "there is no one like Mickey...extreme sweetness and one of God's special creatures in this universe." Please call 481-5262 to find out more about Mickey. Or visit www.saveourstraysinc.com to check out Mickey and SOS's other lovely felines.



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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What are the Responsibilities of a Successor Trustee?

The use of a revocable living trust allows the beneficiaries of a trust to receive the assets of a deceased trust settlor without requiring formal Probate Court approval. A named successor trustee in a trust document has certain responsibilities which should be performed in the administration of the trust. Some of the ordinary and necessary steps which a successor trustee should take in lawful and proper trust administration are:

A. The trust document should be reviewed for legal sufficiency and interpretation as well as each trust amendment;

B. The implementation of the substitution of the successor trustee should be accomplished;

C. Interested persons concerning the administration of the trust should be served with the required notices in a proper and timely fashion;

D. A successor trustee has a legal duty to protect, insure and manage trust assets and may have liability for the improper accomplishment of these legal duties;

F. A successor trustee has an affirmative duty to invest trust assets in accordance with the prudent investor rule;

G. A successor trustee is responsible to make any contributions due to the personal representative of the deceased settlor's estate in order to pay for creditor claims, administrative expenses and/or estate taxes;

H. A successor trustee has an obligation to inform and account to beneficiaries of the trust in a manner that is lawfully documented;

I. A successor trustee has a responsibility to make payment or compro-

mise any claims made by creditors against trust assets;

J. A successor trustee is required to identify and file all tax returns in a timely and proper manner and is liable to ensure that all due taxes are paid;

K. A successor trustee is required to obtain a nontaxable certificate if the personal representative of the deceased settlor's estate has not obtained the nontaxable certificate from the State of Florida;

L. A successor trustee is required to distribute income and/or principal to beneficiaries of the deceased settlor's trust and is required to fund any further trusts provided for in the trust document; and

M. A successor trustee is obligated to perform all trust administration responsibilities as a fiduciary and should avoid self-dealing, prejudice or conflicts of interest. A successor trustee has a duty of impartiality in the performance of obligations to the trust beneficiaries.

The above is only a partial list of the duties of a successor trustee after a settlor of a trust passes on. Most of the successor trustee's duties should be accomplished with the guidance and assistance of competent legal counsel.

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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Solid glass peeps will only be available at Art Walks and special events now through the month of April. The Industrial Arts Center doors will be open during the Gulfport Springfest on Saturday, March 31st. Peeps must cool overnight and will be available for pickup at specified times.

For more information, call 727-289-9365 or visit www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org.

Become a Guardian ad Litem

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No prior experience is necessary; you will be well trained and supported by an experienced supervisory and legal staff. Once trained, volunteers spend an average of ten hours a month.

To attend an informational meeting, call Maria at 727-464-6528, or go to www.guardianadlitem6.org for more information.

Learn about DSC Radios

To augment and increase the ability of the USCG to pinpoint and assist their Search and Rescue capabilities since 1999; all fixed-mount marine VHF radios must have the automated Digital Selective Calling (DSC) capability. If you already have a DSC capable radio or you are shopping for a new DSC radio for your vessel, be forewarned

that it will not transmit any DSC call until you obtain and install your nine-digit MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity). The radio's user manual must be carefully followed during installation, and great care must be taken when inputting the MMSI, as mistakes are not easily corrected, if at all. Once the MMSI is stored, it should not be possible to alter it without contacting the manufacturer or possibly returning the equipment for a factory reset. Trying to save money by buying a DSC radio at a swap meet or flea market is obviously a bad idea. Purchasing a DSC radio from a reputable and knowledgeable dealer is the only way to be sure that the

unit meets current requirements and will function as intended. Interface of the VHF radio and a GPS is also necessary unless you purchase a combination system.

A tutorial on the installation and use of DSC radios and registration for a free MMSI is available on line. Type in DSC or MMSI for site information.

Boating Skills and Seamanship Programs are presented by the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary, Flotilla 72 each Tuesday night, 7:30-9:30 p.m., 1300 Beach Dr. SE, St. Petersburg. Call 727-898-1324 for information. Completion satisfies the state of Florida boater safety education requirements.

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Gulfport Law Enforcement Passes Special Olympics Torch



By Cathy Salustri

Shortly after 9 a.m. Tuesday, St. Petersburg Police passed the Special Olympics torch to Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent while New Heights Elementary students cheered. A few moments later, six Gulfport officers, Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, and a few others followed the torch to Nina Harris Exceptional School four and a half miles down the road.

After 3/10 of a mile, School Resource Officer Steven Beltran gave up his bike so Detective Hanh Pham could take a break from running. Police Chief Rob Vincent, shown here carrying the torch for Special Olympics, graciously allowed National Guard Sergeant, First Class Steve Munch to carry the torch for part of the run while he took his turn on a bicycle. Throughout the four and half mile Torch Run, walkers and runners switched off with the fleet of bicycles. Others – including this writer – rode part of the distance in escort vehicles.

Nina Harris special needs students cheered as the Gulfport police passed the torch to Pinellas Park police.

“It was so cool. It really put a face on it,” Councilwoman Salmon said. Councilwoman Salmon rode the seven miles back to Gulfport city hall on her bike, bringing her day’s ride to about 11 ½ miles.

All the money collected from run participants (\$12 per person) goes to the Special Olympics.

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?

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- 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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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. The reunion committee is asking classmates to send contact information to bogie62reunion@gmail.com.

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Fearless Fridays

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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Summer Camps in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Recreation Division is offering awesome summer camp programs, inviting residents and non-residents alike to fill their "Passport to Summer Fun" with us. The W.A.V.E. Camp is for those who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grades; the T.W.E.E.N.S. camp is for older kids who have completed 6th through 8th grades; and brand-new this summer is our Junior Counselor program for those finishing 9th or 10th grades. Junior Counselors assist with camp operations and can get valuable work experience and volunteer hours.

All summer long campers will collect stamps on their keep-sake passport as they participate in activities such as games, crafts, swimming, weekly field trips, and signature special

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events such as All Camps Day, Beach Olympics, Kid's Triathlon, Fishing Derby and much more. The full 8-week camp program runs from June 18th to August 10th. Pre- and Post-camps are also available the weeks before and after for an additional charge.

All camp information and paperwork can be found online at www.spbrec.com. Registration begins April 2nd in the Recreation Office, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive.

Several specialty camps and programs will also be available this summer and can be taken alone or in conjunction with our regular camp

program. "Archery for Kidz" will be offered the weeks of June 11th and July 9th, contact Coach Dan McKaeg at 727-536-6207. Summer Painting Classes will be offered every Thursday, contact Caroline Duvoy at 727-647-8294. Swim Lessons for kids of all ages are offered all summer long at the Aquatic Center; registered campers in the W.A.V.E. or T.W.E.E.N.S. programs receive a discounted rate. Information on all specialty camps and lessons can be found online at www.spbrec.com or call for more information at 727-363-9245.

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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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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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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter members assisted with stuffing the plastic Easter Eggs on Tuesday, April 3 and then assisted with the placing of the eggs in the field at England Brothers Park in Pinellas Park on Saturday, April 7 at 8 a.m. The many children and parents arrived in time for the 9 a.m. hunt. Within a matter of minutes the eggs were all gathered. It was fun to watch the children gather the eggs and leave with many eggs in their baskets/containers. Afterwards around 20 of the members who were at the egg hunt, met for breakfast at the Parkside Restaurant. It was a great way to celebrate another successful egg hunt.

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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.

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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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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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Paragraph 175

One of the funniest moments of my divorce – and trust me, my divorce had some spectacularly hate-filled moments, so I took my humor where I could grab it – was the night my parents told me they would still love me if I were gay.

Considering that when I was 13 my mom told me kissing with your mouth open was disgusting (she denies this now) and that blue eyeshadow made me look “cheap,” I am proud of my parents. For them to tell me it was OK if I liked girls was a huge step, and not a day goes by that I don’t love them all the more for making sure I knew I looked like a hooker in a short skirt, blusher told people I worked at a strip club, and good lord, Catherine Mary, no one will buy the damn cow when you’re giving away the milk on street corners... but if I wanted to date women and thumb my nose at the Pope, they were down with that.

The fact that I don’t find women attractive didn’t slow them down one bit. The more I told them, “Gee, that’s swell, but I really like men,” the more it sounded a wee bit like “the lady doth protest too much,” so I stopped trying to convince them.

I like to think that a decade later they realize that my divorce had nothing to do with my ex-husband not having breasts, and we’ve all moved on. Still, their acceptance of my imagined alternative lifestyle touches me still. Not everyone gets that lucky.

As a group, I think we forget that in Gulfport. We don’t have issues, as a community, with gay people. It is unheard of to make fun of someone for their sexuality, and I’m proud to be a part of a community where that sort of hate has no place.

It doesn’t shock me, then, that the city’s considering a domestic partnership registry, where people who cannot or choose not to legally wed in Florida can declare their intentions for a domestic partner to assume the same rights as a spouse: medical rights, funeral arrangements, and the like are offered to all those who register. This means that gay people who want their partners to have many of the same rights as married couples can have them – inside city limits.

And, quite honestly, it scares the hell out of me.

Oh, not because I think gay people shouldn’t have the rights. Of course they should. Everyone deserves someone to grow old with, and who the hell are any of us to judge? No, I have concerns because the world has more jerks than Gulfportians. Outside city limits we still have a lot more hateful, scared people than we think we do, and I’m petrified to see what will happen when they get that list of gay people.

What’s that, now, you say? A list of gay people? Why, yes. You see, many of the registries are public record. In Washington, you can search the registry by last name. Miami-Dade County makes it clear on their web site that the registry is a public record. California keeps the list confidential, but let’s face it, we’re no California. That sort of confidentiality in Florida? I think it would need Governor Rick Scott’s stamp of approval, and, well, I think I can guess how that one would go.

If you’re reading this, I’m going to assume you are a good and decent person who would never do anything wrong with such a list, or even ask to see it. But our world is filled with small-minded idiots, like Westboro Baptist, Abiding Truths Ministry,

and – I swear this is a real group – Americans for the Truth About Homosexuality (they think gay men are pedophiles) who could make life hell for people who registered. They could ask the city clerk for the list, and she would have to give it to them, and they would then have the names of all the gay people.

I know of no list of straight people, or even of married ones. I have yet to find a way to get a public record of married couples in a city or county, but a domestic partnership registry, if compiled by the city, would, by law, be available to anyone who asked.

For a largely symbolic list – it only applies within city limits – do you want that risk? For real rights, couples need to see an attorney and have the appropriate documents drawn up – which they can do now. At what cost do we do that right thing?

Have you ever heard of Paragraph 175? It was part of German Penal Code that allowed the following:

In 1933, Nazi youth ransacked the Institute of Sex Research and seized a list of homosexuals. In 1934 The Gestapo started creating a list of homosexuals. Using these lists, the Third Reich targeted 100,000 people, sending 15,000 to concentration camps. They castrated some and killed others. 4,000 survived.

No one in our city would ever abuse the registry. But how do you keep hate groups from getting the names and addresses of all the gay families in a 2.5 square mile radius? I ask the council to remember that even though tolerance is supreme law inside the city limits, we remain, as one friend said, a tiny blue dot in a big red state.

Before we rush ahead to do the right thing, consider the repercussions. We should push for equality for all, not lists of people based on their lifestyle. Think about what has happened, historically, when government started creating lists of people.

Oh, and Paragraph 175? German Parliament was on the brink of repealing it when the Nazis took over. Seems that people there may have thought they were about to turn a corner for human rights, too.

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By Scott Lafee

Getting Better by Feeling Worse

You're on the mend, finally getting better after a bout of illness. So why do you feel so bad? Biologists at the universities of Tennessee and New Mexico posit an explanation in the last issue of The Quarterly Review of Biology.

Edmund LeGrand and Joe Alcock blame it on our immune system, which often makes us feel worse

while trying to make us get well. In particular, they point to a component of the system called the acute-phase response, a series of changes in things such as blood protein levels and metabolic function that can occur when bacteria, viruses and other pathogens invade. The response puts a lot of stress on healthy cells and causes many of the symptoms we associate with being sick.

The acute-phase response creates stress in several ways. It raises body temperature and causes loss of appetite and mild anemia. At the

same time, certain vital nutrients like iron, zinc and manganese are partially sequestered away from the bloodstream.

LeGrand and Alcock describe it as "immune brinkmanship." It's a gamble, said LeGrand, that the immune system's "systemic stressors will harm the pathogens relatively more than the host." In other words, the invaders will be killed before you feel like asking someone to kill you.

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A firm grip when shaking hands is a good barometer of future mental health, report some neuroscientists after following nearly 2,500 men and women for more than a decade. They said having a stronger grip was associated with a 42 percent lower risk of stroke in people over age 65 compared with other study participants having flimsier grasps.

While hardly conclusive, the researchers said a firm handshake is a sign of not just confidence, but good health and a healthy brain. The idea is that if your grip is particularly weak, it could be a sign that your overall cardiovascular health isn't in the best shape, either -- and your brain isn't enjoying maximum blood supply, said study author Erica Camargo of the Boston Medical Center.

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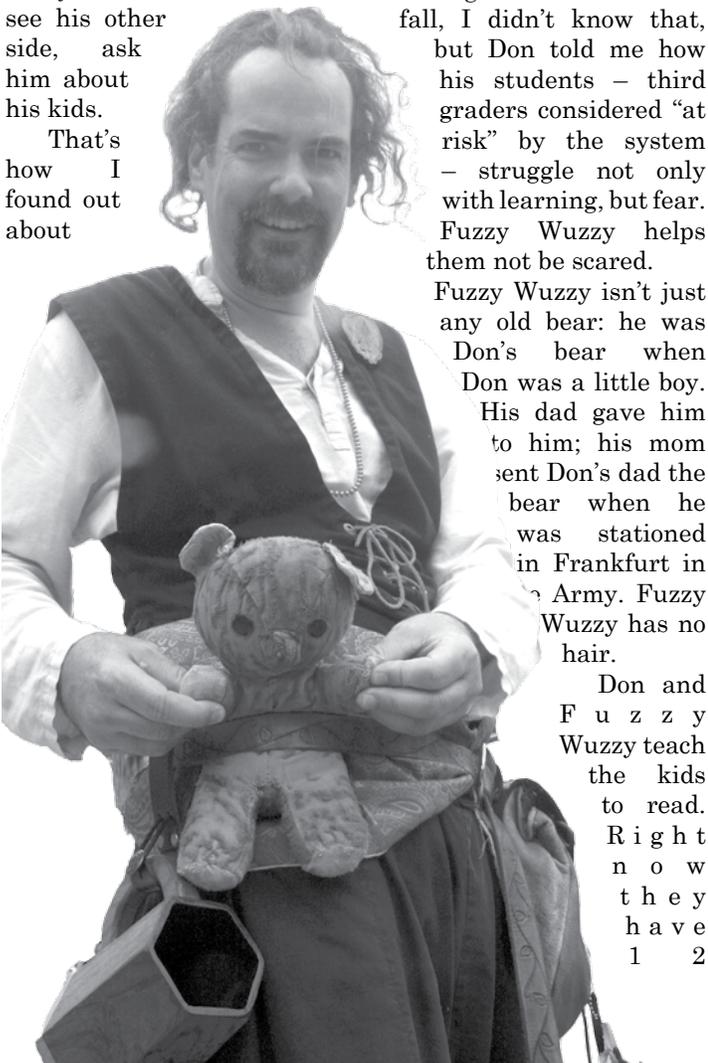
Don Sankovitch and Fuzzy Wuzzy: Changing Life for Third Graders at Gulfport Elementary

By Cathy Salustri

Don Sankovitch is the poster child for not judging a book by his cover. He looks, acts, and smells like hippie: patchouli wafts around his long hair and his eyes indicate he's drifting somewhere over Woodstock. He seems a little lost in his own world, happy to be strolling around town festivals dressed like a pirate or walking down to the beach bars to listen to karaoke. At first glance you may assume he's drifting through life in a dream state.

If you want to see his other side, ask him about his kids.

That's how I found out about



the other side of Don. I'd met him a few times, mostly when I'd taken his photo for the *Gabber*. As far as photo appeal, Don usually meanders around Gulfport festivals with tons of it. At Geckfest, he stomped around in pirate garb, clutching a teddy bear. I snapped a photo and asked him, "Why the bear?"

"I sleep with pirates," he replied. "Those guys are scary."

I asked him if he brought the bear to school. In an instant, he went from all-around comedian to a totally different person.

The bear, I find out later, has a name: Fuzzy Wuzzy. Standing in the street last fall, I didn't know that, but Don told me how his students – third graders considered "at risk" by the system – struggle not only with learning, but fear. Fuzzy Wuzzy helps them not be scared.

Fuzzy Wuzzy isn't just any old bear: he was Don's bear when Don was a little boy. His dad gave him to him; his mom sent Don's dad the bear when he was stationed in Frankfurt in the Army. Fuzzy Wuzzy has no hair.

Don and Fuzzy Wuzzy teach the kids to read. Right now they have 12

students at Gulfport Elementary.

Most of Don's students can read, but many can't read well. Others don't perform well in school for other reasons.

"In general it's not an IQ problem," he says. He cites one little girl spending her third year as a third grader. It was his first year teaching her. He handed her a test to take. She put her hands in her lap and looked up at the ceiling.

Later that day, he called her mom. Together they found out the student felt she couldn't take a test if she couldn't whisper read the questions. He moved her desk, gave her a reading lamp, and let her whisper the test questions to herself.

She passed the end-of-year tests, took the fourth grade tests, and passed those, too. After spending three years in third grade, she skipped fourth grade and went right to fifth.

He teaches other students who can't read. When he talks about them, he gets angry – not at the students, but the administration.

"Who promotes a kid who can't read at all? To the third grade?" he asks. Often, he can get them to read. This year one of his students went from illiteracy to writing stories.

"They're simple, but he can write them," he says.

He loves his job, but he faces challenges. He bought a home in Gulfport when the market was up, and his teaching job barely pays the bills. He supplements his income by bartending annually at the Bay Area Renaissance Festival. He doesn't earn a salary, only tips.

"If I could do that all year, I'd probably quit. I'm sorry, but it's true," he laughs.

It isn't just the money that gets to him, he says. Some days he doesn't feel like he's

helping.

"Sometimes in the middle of the year I get really down because they're not making progress. I get really down that I've had 110 days to try, and I can't get *them* to try," he says. He loves teaching, but the other demands can get to him, too. He's not good at paperwork. He says when they ask him what training he needs, he asks for time management.

"I don't see how teachers do it," he says. "It helps a lot that I have an incredible assistant."

He has strong feelings about how the educational system is failing today's kids. Among other issues, he cites fundamental schools as one strategy that penalizes kids whose parents, he says, "aren't helping."

Don't misunderstand: he loves a lot of things about his job. He speaks with pride about the kids he's helped and their successes. He brags that one of his students was just selected for an art show in Clearwater. It's clear that despite his issues with the system, Don Sankovitch loves his students and his job.

Officially, Don teaches the third grade curriculum, but "I can teach them the curriculum and they can fail all year long." He teaches also them how to figure out answers.

"They come in thinking that guessing is the number one strategy," he sighs. He shows them instead how to work things through to find an answer, and he tries to drive home why it's important that they know how to find answers.

"I say, you guys need to fix it now," he says. "Get caught up, pass, and you'll have no worries."

They're scared.

That's where Don comes in. Don and, of course, Fuzzy Wuzzy.

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Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

Geezers and Floozies

Q: I'm part of a group of old geezers who gets together every week at the local coffee place. Social Security is a frequent topic of conversation. At our last meeting, the subject of benefits for divorcees came up.

One of our geezers was married to his first wife for 16 years and to his second wife for 30 years. His first wife remarried, but she is now divorced from that guy after 20 years of marriage. If our geezer pal dies, who will get what? He's mostly wondering if his first wife will get Social Security from him or from her second husband.

A: Well, the answer depends on a lot of ifs, ands or buts not made clear in your email to me -- like people's ages and Social Security benefit rates. So I'll make up a scenario to give you an example of how all this would play out.

We've got four people:

-- Geezer is 68 years old and gets \$2,100 per month from Social Security.

-- Princess, his current wife, is 62 and gets her own Social Security retirement benefit amounting to \$900 per month.

-- Floozie, Geezer's first wife, is 66, and she gets \$1,200 per month in her own Social Security retirement checks.

-- Wheezer is Floozie's second husband and the guy she divorced after 20 years of marriage. Let's say he is 70, still living, and gets \$2,200 per month from Social Security.

Now let's say Geezer dies, and we'll see what happens. Princess has a couple of choices to make. If she wants, she can immediately switch to widow's benefits. She'd keep getting her own retirement check, which would be supplemented up to about 82 percent of his full rate, or about \$1,722. So she'd get \$900 on her own account and \$822 in widow's benefits.

Or she can opt to continue receiving just her \$900 retirement check for

now, and then at age 66 get that supplemented up to Geezer's full rate. So at age 66, she'll get her own \$900, plus \$1,200 in widow's benefits, for a total of \$2,100. And no matter which decision she makes, she'd get the one-time \$255 death benefit.

Floozie is also eligible for widow's benefits on Geezer's record because she was married to him for more than 10 years and because she is currently unmarried. Since she is over 66, her own retirement benefit can be supplemented up to Geezer's full rate. So she'll continue to get her own \$1,200 per month, and she'll get \$900 from Geezer's account to take her up to Geezer's full \$2,100 benefit rate. (And please note that anything paid to Floozie, the divorced wife, doesn't take a nickel away from the benefits due to Princess.)

Floozie isn't due anything on second husband Wheezer's Social Security account -- at least not while he's still living. She's technically due a divorced wife's benefit (at a 50 percent rate) on his record, but she can't get that because her own benefit, \$1,200, exceeds half his rate, or \$1,100. And of course, now that we also add in Geezer's widow's benefit, her combined Social Security benefits greatly exceed anything she is due from Wheezer.

However, when Wheezer dies, she can then switch to divorced widow's benefits on his record. Her checks from Geezer would stop. And her own \$1,200 retirement benefit would be supplemented with \$1,000 from Wheezer's record to take her total income up to \$2,200.

Is the moral of this story to be a Floozie, dump a Geezer, marry a Wheezer, dump him too and hope they both die -- and then watch the checks roll in? You tell me!

Q: Can a guy like me who filed for Social Security retirement benefits at age 62 later switch to disability benefits? I recently had a heart attack and quadruple bypass surgery.

A: It depends on how old you are now. As a general rule, if you're pushing age 66 (or older), it won't pay

you to file for disability. Here's why.

Moneywise, a Social Security disability benefit pays the same rate as an age-66 full retirement benefit. So if you filed for disability and your claim was approved, your monthly Social Security payment amount would go up to your full retirement rate, and that's obviously higher than the 75 percent reduced retirement benefit you are getting for starting your Social Security at age 62.

BUT (and you'll note this is a big **BUT**), they would have to reduce that disability (i.e., full retirement) rate by roughly one-half of 1 percent for each month you've already received a reduced retirement benefit.

So, for example, if you were only 63 when you had that heart attack and got approved for disability, your disability payment would be about 94 percent of your full benefit. (You already received 12 months worth of reduced retirement benefits, meaning they would have to knock off about 6 percent from your disability payment.) 94 percent is higher than the 75 percent reduced retirement rate you're currently getting, so it would be to your advantage to file for disability benefits.

But let's say you had the heart attack at age 65 and then filed for disability. Your disability rate would have to be reduced by 18 percent (because you would have already received 36 reduced retirement checks). That would leave you with a rate of 82 percent. You'd have to decide if it's worth the effort to go through all the hassle of filing for disability just to get bumped up from the 75 percent rate to the 82 percent rate.

And once you reach age 66 (or anything older), there would be absolutely no advantage to filing for Social Security disability benefits.

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April 12th & 19th, 2012

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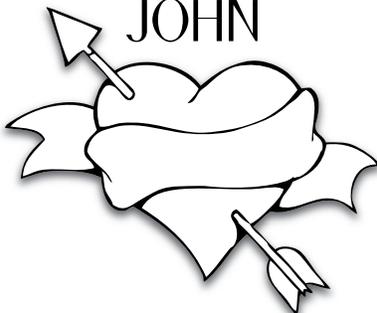


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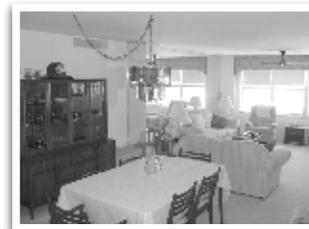
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