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## Batman Gets Hooked on Fishing in Pass-a-Grille

J.J. Jackson or Batman? It's hard to tell at the St. Pete Beach Recreation Department's annual "Hooked on Fishing" fishing derby on Merry Pier this past Saturday. For \$5, kids had a chance to win fishing gear and other prizes; the entry fee included refreshments and the first round of bait. Five-year-old J.J. and his three-year-old cousin, Seren Gailmard, tried their luck under the watchful eye of Seren's mother, Kalie.

## Domestic Partnership Registry

GULFPORT- Council will vote in May on whether or not to create a domestic partnership registry. The registry will allow registered domestic partners the following rights inside Gulfport city limits:

- Visit one another in medical facilities
- Make medical decisions for an incapacitated partner
- Make funeral arrangements should the partner die
- Receive emergency notifications as a family member

The registry would also make it possible for city employees in a domestic partnership to receive health benefits for both members of the partnership.

See *Domestic Partners*, page 3

## Dogs OK on Bay Beach

### - But Don't Call it a Dog Park

PASS-A-GRILLE – Don't call it a dog park, but if you want to let your dog roll in the sand off leash on the bay side of St. Pete Beach, it's OK with the city commission.

"For a number of years people have been taking dogs down there, letting them run, letting them swim. The issue came up whether that was a beach or not," City manager Mike Bonfield said.

New resident David Kramer, who rents half of a duplex across the street from the bay beach at the tip of Pass-a-Grille, called the city and complained about dogs on the beach when city ordinances do not allow dogs on the sand.

See *Dog Beach*, page 9

## Council May Warn Clam Bayou Anglers

Anglers, kayakers and stand-up paddleboarders in Clam Bayou could soon see a sign warning them about the sediment beneath their feet.

In response to requests from Gulfport resident Al Davis, Mayor Mike Yakes asked city council to discuss placing such signs in the city park.

At the workshop, council discussed the ramifications and wording of the signs.

Freshman Councilmember Dan Liedtke asked the city if it created a liability by posting the signs.

"If you're accurate in your statements, obviously truth is a defense," City Attorney Andy Salzman said.

The city based its language and the need for a sign on a 2009 sediment test performed by the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program.

The signs will tell people the sediments contain contaminants

See *Clam Bayou*, page 12

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## Domestic Partners, from front page

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- Consider themselves members of each other's immediate family
- Share each others living expenses
- Are not married or in another domestic partnership
- Are not blood related in a way that would legally prevent them from marrying
- Have reached legal age to enter into a legally binding contract
- Sign the city's domestic partnership registry.

The city will address privacy issues.

"It's been in *the Gabber*... The one concern that everybody did have was in regards to privacy," Councilwoman Barbara Banno said. She asked that the city adopt language similar to the Key West Domestic Partnership Registry, whereby the city clerk will release only the name and city of those on the registry, similar as the county does with marriage licenses.

The council will vote on the issue in a May.

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*About the Proposed Domestic Partnership Registry...*

*"My biggest concern ... is that the form specifically states that you cannot be married. I am married, to my wife, and if I were to sign this document... I would be committing perjury."* – Jan Lowe, about the portion of the domestic partner registry that stipulates the partners must indicate that they are not married.

*"I feel that our rights, because of the federal laws and the state laws, are violated. No family should experience being turned away from their loved one's hospital bed... It is not a substitute for marriage equality, but it is a step in the right direction."* – Denise Wimmer-Lowe

*"I read a story in our local editorial shopper magazine where one of the columnists, I guess, voiced her opinion that this was not a good thing and I'd like maybe the council or Jim to explain that no one is required to register."* – Doug Hudson, about the recent Hard Candy column "Paragraph 175"

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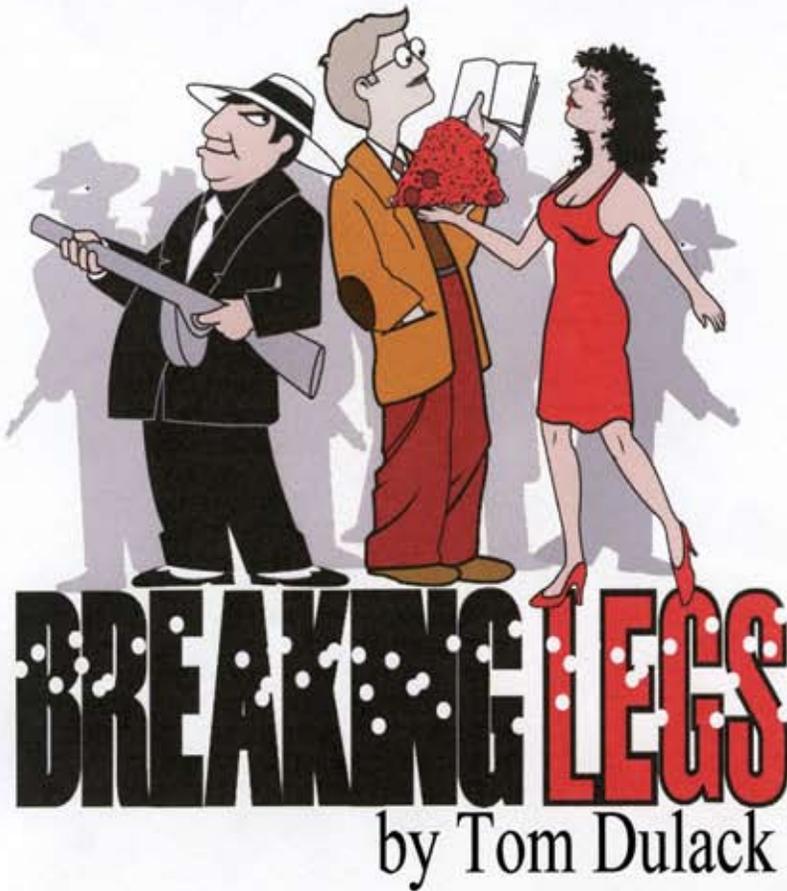
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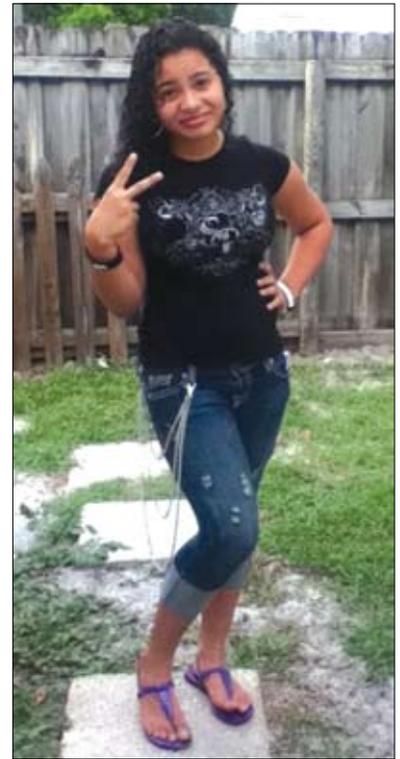
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## Dog Beach, from front page

The city's solution? Put up signs reminding people they couldn't bring their pups to the beach.

Then the calls started coming in. People who regularly brought their dogs to the small stretch of bay beach south of Merry Pier saw the signs and called the city and their elected officials to complain.

The city's solution to that? Take the signs down. At the first meeting in April, the commission agreed to remove the signs and allow the tacit dog beach to continue.

At Tuesday night's meeting, commission was faced with changing the ordinance to comply with their decision earlier in the month.

Only Kramer had public comment to offer. He read well past his allotted three minutes, citing the hazards of going barefoot on a beach that allowed dogs, telling the city they needed to post signs warning people about those dangers, and suggesting that the city would need to pay to disinfect the beach if it allowed dogs.

"There is no justification [...] to creating a dog beach," he said. "It is dangerous for children to bring a newborn puppy out on the beach [who hasn't received worm treatment]."

After he returned to his seat, Commissioner Jim Parent addressed some of Kramer's comments.

"Sir, all these things apply to dogs in general," Commissioner Parent said. "I personally don't believe that we're going to reduce the poundage of poop that dogs put out overall. Have you thought about that?"

"Have we ever had complaints about this beach before?" Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan asked. Commissioner Bev Garnett, who talked to Public Works Director Steve Hallock said no; the mayor said he talked to local residents who did not express concerns.

Despite Kramer's complaint and plea, the commission voted unanimously to change the wording of the city ordinance to keep dogs off Gulf beaches only.

The commission stressed that they did not intend to create a dog park. The ordinance change only allows dogs on the bay beach. At the first meeting in May the commission will vote a second time on the change to the ordinance.

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# Letters

## Martin Shooting

Dear Editor: Just my opinion of the Martin case. I formed this opinion after reading Bill Northrop's latest column "Making a Mess of the Martin Shooting" (April 19, 2012 edition). Bill is right, lots of mistakes have been made. With lots more to follow. People of all races have expressed their opinions, some for Martin some for Zimmerman. Sad thing is, nobody is going to be happy, especially when the reason for the outcome sinks in. First mistake, waiting so long for an official charge and arrest. My take, the state was making sure they would not be liable in any way. Second on the hit parade, a second

degree murder charge, I think that's a stretch. I'll bet the state does too, but any hint of "just" manslaughter would bring a lot of heat from the public. Bottom line, go to trial with what they have, then the judge can instruct the jury that manslaughter can be considered. The jury does just that, manslaughter, the state blames the sentence on the judge and jury. "It's not our fault" say the prosecutors and their jobs are safe till the next election. Has justice been served? I don't think the prosecutors really care at this point, let's ask the Martin family what they think. Just saying.

Stan Kreuter

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## Clam Bayou,

from front page

and that the "extended consumption of shellfish may be harmful," although Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon said she wanted the signs to go into more detail.

Councilwoman Barbara Banno wanted to add the word "fish" to the sign.

"It only addresses mollusks it the report," Councilman Sam Henderson said.

"Have we tested fish anywhere? Have we tested fish in Boca Ciega Bay, outside the bayou?" Councilman Liedtke asked earlier in the meeting. No one could confirm that anyone had tested the fish.

At a future city council meeting, council will entertain a resolution to approve posting signs in the bayou advising people of the presence of contaminants in the sediment.

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## Help Send ALA Girls to State Program

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit #305 at 6999 Gulf Boulevard in St. Pete Beach is asking for your support to send their high school girls to a state conference in Tallahassee. Join them at their Post on Sunday, April 29th at 1 p.m. for games of "Steak-O". Steak-O is similar to bingo except that you win an 8 oz. bacon wrapped filet mignon. So have some fun and help to send their girls to Tallahassee for a week they will never forget.

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## Funday at 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 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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## Spanish Classes are Forming

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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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## 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, a cancer survivor and Senior Patient Advocate of the Oral Cancer Foundation, 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. It might just save your life.

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A 30-minute WalkWise BikeSmart program will be offered on 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. Call 813-974-9215.

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## National Rebuild Day Needs You

Join your neighbors on Saturday, April 28 to help make repairs to a local resident's home. The project is being done as a part of Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB) - in conjunction with National Rebuild Day. National Rebuilding Day is the annual signature event of Rebuilding Together, the leading national nonprofit working to preserve affordable home ownership by bringing volunteers and communities together to rehabilitate the homes of low-income homeowners. In the spirit of old-fashioned barn raising, volunteers will make varying repairs to the homes according to the condition of each structure.

So49 and the Gulfport Teen Council chose the home of Dorothy Everett at 5213 - 13th Avenue S. Ms. Everett is the widow of an Army veteran. She has been a resident of Gulfport since 1985 and has raised over 12 children. She has been employed at the same place for over 28 years - working with a program that serves low-income children.

Gulfport volunteers will meet at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot of Zoomer's Auto Body Shop at 4919 Tangerine Avenue S. There they will sign in, get breakfast and instructions. Volunteers are advised to bring their own gloves and hand tools for yard work.

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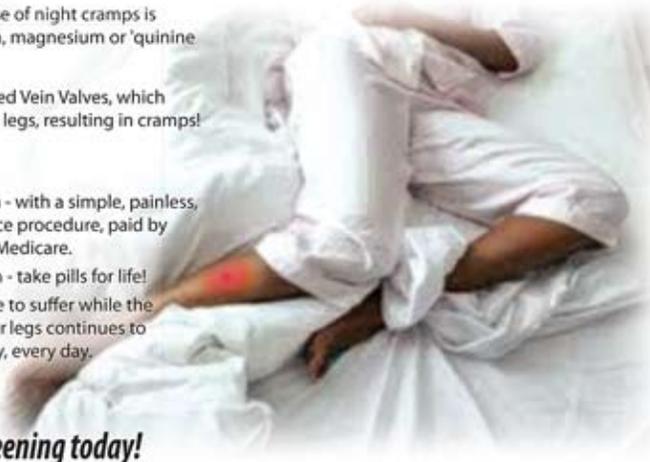
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## Memorial Installation for Fisherman Lost at Sea

MADEIRA BEACH- The Outdoor Arts Foundation announced that on Sunday, April 29th, the long-anticipated "Florida Fishermen Lost at Sea" Memorial will be installed and dedicated to the hundreds of Central West Florida fishermen who have lost their lives over the years.

The event will take place from 6-9 p.m. and festivities will include

music by "SunzaBeaches", speeches by survivors, loved ones, leaders in the fishing community and a blessing by Church By the Sea. The unveiling at sunset will take place in front of the Bell Tower and main entrance to the Johns Pass Boardwalk.

The Florida Fishermen Lost at Sea Memorial has been a joint effort between the John's Pass Village and Boardwalk Merchant's Association, the Outdoor Arts Foundation and artist Robert Bruce Epstein. According to Mark Hubbard of Hubbard's Marina, "Many lives are lost every year with no memory for future generations to see and

appreciate the ultimate price paid by these brave individuals. Our own Central West Florida fishermen deserve proper representation."

Florida Fishermen Lost at Sea is a not-for-profit organization with all donations being tax-deductible through the Outdoor Arts Foundation. Donations can be mailed to and payable to the Outdoor Arts Foundation, P.O. Box 323 Safety Harbor, FL, 33759, "Attention: Florida Fisherman Lost at Sea." For more information please visit <http://www.floridafishermenlostatsea.com/>.

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**Gulfport Garden & Bird Club**

The end-of-the-year luncheon and installation of officers will be held on May 10th at O'Maddys, 5405 Shore Boulevard S. in Gulfport. You can also bring any ideas or suggestions you may have for next year's programs for the new program chairman, Ralph Shy.

Installation of officers will be held at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. Meal selection is on your own from the menu so there is no need to pay ahead of time. However, the restaurant would like to know how many people to expect so please call Joyce McMahon at 321-9029 or Barbara Dye at 381-3461 before May 7th if you plan to attend. If you do not call, they will assume that you are not coming.

Even though the club does not meet during the summer, you can still become a member any time between now and October. If you would like to join, send a \$5 check (made out to the Gulfport Garden and Bird Club) to Elsie Crimaldi, 2850 59th Street S. Gulfport, 33707 or call her at 347-6831. The club is always looking for new members.

If you have not renewed your membership yet, the \$5 fee needs to be received by June in order for your name to be in the yearbook. Please send a check to Elsie Crimaldi or pay at the May 10th luncheon.

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**Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary Trooper Louis Dees:** Keep your hands where we can see them."

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**Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary Trooper Scott Scheuerman:** "Relax. Troopers aren't really that bad."

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**Gulfport Officer Robert McLaughlin:** "No sudden moves! Pull over into a safe area and keep your hands on the steering wheel. If it's nighttime, put your dome light on. If you have a weapon in the car, let the officer know."

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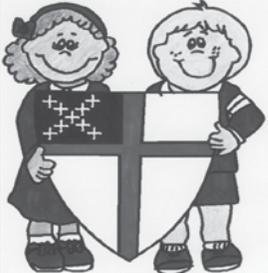
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- 6 Slightly open
- 10 Nonsense
- 14 Ex-Mrs. Trump
- 15 Fence opening
- 16 Govern
- 17 People who defend NHL member?
- 20 I
- 21 Sit for a portrait
- 22 \_\_\_ Johnny
- 23 19th letter of Greek alphabet: pl.
- 24 Yoko \_\_\_
- 26 Island instrument, for short
- 27 Taps on NHL team's phones?
- 32 Worshipped
- 33 401(k) alternative
- 34 *Moby Dick* captain
- 37 Santa \_\_\_
- 38 Lumberjack's tool
- 39 Sop
- 40 Sniggler's quarry
- 41 Certain basketball player
- 42 Freshman's headgear
- 43 Unaccompanied NHL team member?
- 46 Sprechen \_\_\_

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- 48 Trim the fairway
- 49 Encircle
- 50 Swindle organizer
- 52 Zone
- 53 Milkman's meas.
- 56 NHL team in spy movie spoof?
- 60 Nothing, in Nice
- 61 Many
- 62 Tilted
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- 64 Evergreens
- 65 Works on a book

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- 1 Canine moniker
- 2 Tied
- 3 Humorist Barry
- 4 Prefix for corn or verse
- 5 Examines by touch
- 6 1992 Wimbledon champ
- 7 Shade of green
- 8 Off-road wheels
- 9 \_\_\_ Speedwagon
- 10 Scottish hillside
- 11 Gaining more on the gridiron
- 12 Glossy
- 13 *Siddhartha* author
- 18 Noise of inlet?

19 \_\_\_ En-lai

- 23 Songbird
- 24 Monster
- 25 Org. with Bulls and Raptors
- 27 Aleç on product
- 28 Not in use
- 29 Patrick Roy, for one
- 30 Eisenhower's veep
- 31 WWII rifle
- 35 He loved his Irish Rose
- 36 Brewed beverage
- 38 Successively
- 39 Like a minor annoyance
- 41 Arafat's org.
- 42 Prickly shrub
- 44 Kuwaiti ruler
- 45 Heron's cousins
- 46 Sudden gush
- 47 Ancient district of Asia Minor
- 51 Founder of Stoicism
- 52 Declare
- 53 \_\_\_ d'Orsay
- 54 Bivouac shelter
- 55 Concordes
- 57 Coral reef
- 58 Bullfight cheer
- 59 Was ahead

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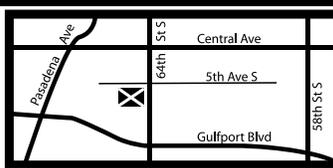
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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The sun in Taurus forms a harmonious trine with Pluto in Capricorn, suggesting that favorable transformations and fateful encounters will occur between now and May 2. The Leo moon gets the party started by injecting a concoction of creativity, boldness and playful showmanship into the atmosphere of the early week. Tuesday brings the height of the season: Maypoles, flowers, dancing and hearts aflutter on butterfly wings.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When deciding whether or not to trust someone, you can give your trust upfront and then withdraw it if the person proves untrustworthy, or you can withhold your trust until you have sufficient proof. You'll choose the first way because you believe people are basically good. Also, it makes life more exciting.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your confident self-assurance will be a deterrent to anyone who might have tried to manipulate you. You'll do as you choose, and not what others want you to do. However, on Thursday, you will be willing to take on the extra work that seems necessary. And this weekend you'll find it appropriate to let others have their way.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). In deciding which events to give your time to, the strongest consideration will be the other people involved. If you like an activity but don't get along with the other participants, then don't do it. Time is your most valuable commodity, and you should spend it with those you enjoy.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). People tend to lean on you lately, which makes you less likely to go out of your way to spend time with them. However, it's important that you endeavor to keep up relations this week, as the benefits to staying social -- like preventing depression and stress -- will far outweigh the inconvenience.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Anyone who has suffered from arthritis and beat the pain can tell you that even

though it sounds counterintuitive, keeping the affected parts moving will keep you pain-free. This analogy will help you in another area of your life. You'll move through an uncomfortable situation and be healthier because of it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to change your life all at once in order to change it completely. For instance, if you want to become a regular exerciser, incorporate 10 to 15 minutes into your daily routine, and increase the amount of time as you see fit. By the year's end, you could be a different person because of just this one habit.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What happens to you this week will be determined largely by your attitude and the reaction that brings out in other people. Instead of trying hard to speak to impress, you'll skip ahead to the easiest way to bring out the good in others -- which is to relax and smile.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Thoughts are not produced in your mind all at once, nor are they added in a linear fashion. They form in a dialogue with your environment over time. That's why it's so important that you find the right environment for you, one that includes plenty of positive and intelligent feedback.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be sensitive to perceptions based on gender. You'll notice, for instance, the way an impatient man is considered a go-getter and an impatient woman is considered pushy. You'll try to observe the real truth of matters and be fair to everyone, regardless of their gender.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because you've been given so much new information to learn and assimilate into your daily habits, you may lack the certainty you once had about a person or situation. You'll get it back, though, little by little as the week progresses. Start by making statements instead of asking questions.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll figure out what makes you the happiest, and you'll do that. This is

no small task, and it's amazing how few people are able to do it. You know yourself well, which is half the battle. Also, you realize that this week the onus is on you to make yourself happy, and the world will be a better place when you do this.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your mind is a bit like a cluttered closet, with noisy, superfluous thoughts distracting you from the truly useful and important contents. When you mentally quiet down, perhaps through meditation or exercise, you'll have the laser focus needed to progress to where you want to be.

**This Week's Birthdays:** Allowing yourself to think in impossible terms will set your imagination on fire. You'll rid yourself of domestic annoyances over the next six weeks and start thinking clearly and creatively. You'll set new goals and attract the kind of people who can most help you with them. Wrap up unfinished business in June. July brings romance and enchantment. Your financial goals seem very far away, but September's progress is heartening. November brings your ticket into an exclusive world.

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**Thursday, 1-3:00 p.m.**

Karaoke by Cookie and Dave

**Friday, 2-4:00 p.m.**

Entertainment by "Geno"

**Saturday, 1-3:00 p.m.**

Music for listening & dancing by Chicago Rich

**Sunday, 1-3:00 p.m.**

Entertainment for dancing by Woody & his accordion

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

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## Bark in the Park Expo on Saturday

Plan to attend Bark in the Park Pet Adoption & Expo this Saturday, April 28 at Freedom Lake Park, 9990 46th Street N. in Pinellas Park. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and features rescue groups, K-9 demos, crafts, food and more.

Save Our Strays will be on hand with pet-related t-shirts, pillows and pet blankets. Check out photos of kitties for adoption, plus rewarding opportunities to volunteer and foster a cat or kittens. Save Our Strays is a no-kill, non-profit organization. For more information call 727-481-5262 or go to [saveourstraysinc.com](http://saveourstraysinc.com).

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport: *Gulfport Slip Rent*

**Q:** Does the city harbormaster set slip rent? How is it determined?

**A:** Harbormaster Denis Frain conducts a rate study, which means he looks at other marinas to figure out what current slips cost and what the market will bear. Based on that information, he meets with the city manager and together they make a recommendation to the city council. City council has the final say on slip rent.

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## Winners of Beautification Awards

The South Pasadena Beautification Committee selected the following Beautification Awards which will be presented at the South Pasadena Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 27 in Galatea Garden Park at 6 p.m.

Single Family: Robert and Barbara Barber, 6911 Grande Visit Way S.; Single Family Runner Up: Dan Calabria, 7068 South Shore Drive; Multi-Dwelling: Pasadena Cove, 1808 Pasadena Avenue S.; Multi-Dwelling Runner Up: Waters Pointe Apartments, 1885 Shore Drive S.; Commercial: Ten Pin Lanes, 1453 Pasadena Avenue S.; Commercial Runner Up: Orange Groves, Inc. and Winery, 1500 Pasadena Avenue S.

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## Community Band to Perform Final Concert

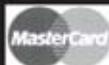
Come join the South Pasadena Community Band on May 10th for the final concert of this season. Bring your friends and your lawn chairs to the beautiful Galatea Garden. Galatea Garden is on Sunset Drive South, west of Pasadena Avenue. Just sit under the stars and enjoy the concert. You can tap your foot to excerpts from the musical Carousel and the New Ragtime Follies as well as the Light Calvary overture and the Chicago Tribune march as well as other favorites.

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## Green Thumb Festival this Weekend

ST. PETERSBURG- The Green Thumb Festival, St. Petersburg's annual Arbor Day and Earth Day celebration, returns for its 26th year to Walter Fuller Park, 7891 26th Avenue N. on April 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free family festival features horticultural and environmental exhibits, programs and seminars highlighting ways to landscape effectively, conserve natural resources, recycle, and improve the environment.

Mayor Foster will be on hand to receive the Tree City USA award and present the Green Thumb Annual Awards along with special recognition for festival organizers, vendors and participants on Saturday, April 28 at 1 p.m. on the main stage.

Highlights also include 1,500 trees for sale for \$3, free pine seedlings, a Plant Silent Auction, Plant Diagnostic Clinic, Grow and Share programs, Ask An Arborist, and a Children's Plant Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., both days.

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg Flower Show hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday in the Walter Fuller Recreation Center. Awards Presentation at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Kid's crafts, food court and entertainment for the whole family round out this popular weekend event. Volunteers are also needed. Visit [www.stpeteparksrec.org](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org) or call 893-7441.

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## Collecting Yard Sale Items

Boca Ciega Center, LLC, is collecting yard sale items for their upcoming "May-Faire" Family Fun Festival to be held Saturday, May 12th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items may be dropped off at the center on Friday, May 11th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Boca Ciega Center is located on 1414 59th Street S. in Gulfport. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Gruhn, Activity Director, at 727-344-4608.

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of St. Pete Beach: Budget Input

**Q:** How can residents make suggestions about the budget? Does the city have some specific way of taking input?

**A:** St. Pete Beach has a Finance and Budget Review Committee that will meet between two and three times in July. These meetings, open to the public, allow people to speak and give their ideas. Typically, City Manager Mike Bonfield says, the city commission will do the same thing in August. Finally, the commission will hold two budget adoption meetings in September; these two meetings also allow for public input specifically about the budget.

Watch the Gabber for more information about the upcoming budget meetings.

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# Gulfport Leisure

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

RECREATION WEBSITE-[www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure services, Rec. Center.

### ACTIVITIES

Open Gym- Tues., 6-9 p.m. and Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res./\$8 non-resident

Open Gym/Game Room- Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$8 non-res.

### PROGRAMS

2012 SUMMER PROGRAM- Resident Registration begins Tuesday, May 1s from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. for the 2012 Summer Recreation Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Proof of residency is required for registration. Hours of registration for Monday-Friday are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Non Resident registration starts Monday, May 21st from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. You can pick up your packet at the Rec. Center or log on to [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) and follow the links to City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center. For more information call 893-1068.

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM - The School Year Child Care Program is for children entering Kindergarten thru age 14. It is also a quality program which provides a nurturing atmosphere where each child has the opportunity to experience many recreational, social, creative and enriching activities at a cost affordable to families. The program is licensed by

the Pinellas County License Board. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

2011-2012 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM - The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 18 (if still in high school). It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$8 non-res.

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- Ashtanga Yoga- Starts Fri., May 4th, 6:30 p.m. Call Marisha at 727-871-1251
- Braveheart Bootcamp- Tues., 6:30 p.m. Call Ally at 727-748-6612
- Cheerleading - Call Alison at 410-2227.
- Conversational Spanish- Mon., 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 - Wed., 11 a.m.-Noon. Call Kalina at 727-251-0424
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Live Music with Yoga- Starts Mon., May 7th, 10 - 11:15 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258
- 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- Thur., 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.



## Gulfport Library

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### GULFPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY - PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

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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.

Citizenship Classes: Mondays, starting May 7, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. FMI, contact Adriana Santos, 727-222-8883 or 727-442-6881, email [asantos@umcm.info](mailto:asantos@umcm.info).

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, May 12, starting at 10:30 am, The Muppets [PG] (2011 release); and, War Horse [PG-13] (2011 release); Enjoy with free popcorn provided by the Library! FMI, call 893-1074.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, May 17, 10:00 am. Discussion of One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich, by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy of the book. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

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

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

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

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

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PROGRAMS & DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For more information, call: 893-1074, email [gpublib@yahoo.com](mailto:gpublib@yahoo.com), or visit [www.mygulfport.us/gpl](http://www.mygulfport.us/gpl)

# Services *City Sponsored Activities* *in the Community*

## Senior Center

5501 27th

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Series on Hearing Healthcare:

Thurs. Apr. 26 at 1pm: Better Hearing Means Better Living – Taking Charge of your Hearing Healthcare by Rachele M. Orsini.

#### Variety Show:

The month of May is Older Americans Month and the Senior Center wants to celebrate YOU! Come to our free Variety Show on Wed. May 23 at 1:30pm in the Senior Center Dining Hall. Includes great entertainment, refreshments, door prizes and an opportunity drawing. Our Gulfport Community will also celebrate Older Americans Month from May 21 through May 25. Watch for details in the Gulfport Gabber.

#### Boca Ciega Community Yard

Sale: Be sure to visit the big yard sale at the Boca Ciega Center at 1414 59th Street South on Saturday, May 12, 9am to 4pm. Includes Arts & Crafts Vendors, Health Fair Vendors, entertainment and much more! Proceeds benefit the Senior Center Foundation, Holy Name Church and Boca Ciega Center. Flea market items are also needed. Please contact Ruth at 344-4608 for more information.

#### Volunteer Drivers Needed:

The Senior Center is looking for volunteer drivers to transport GEMS clients for medical appointments. Excellent driving record, background check and a physical will be required. A city vehicle will be provided. Call for more info.

#### Senior Trips:

Many day trips are available such as Hard Rock Casino on May 16 or May 27(\$20); The Homosassa Springs boat tour, lunch included on May 1 (\$49); Red Barn Flea Market including lunch on May  
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5,(\$45); Ybor City Tour including lunch at Gaspar's Grotto on May 22 (\$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.

#### 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>".

#### **Neighborhood Center**

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**Faith Cathedral International Church:**

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2-3 Dancing

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7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson  
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June 25 <sup>th</sup> – June 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am-12:30pm 1-4pm	<b>Water Paddling Week Little Chefs</b>
July 9 <sup>th</sup> – July 13 <sup>th</sup>	1-4pm	<b>Foil Fencing</b>
July 16 <sup>th</sup> – July 20 <sup>th</sup>	1-4pm	<b>Cake Decorating</b>
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> – July 27 <sup>th</sup>	9a-11a 1-4pm	<b>Fashion Star Journalism</b>
July 30 <sup>th</sup> – August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am-12pm 1p-4p	<b>Construction All American Dolls</b>

To sign up for any of these awesome week-long specialty camps, contact the St. Pete Beach Community Center at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive or (727)363-9245. Don't forget we also offer Archery Camp several times throughout the summer, painting classes one day a week, and swim lessons all summer long.

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Israel Scouts Visit: June 21st  
Closed for Independence Day: July 4th  
Shake It For Shara, Dance-A-Thon: July 5th  
NJY Resident Camp: July 23 - 30th  
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## St. Pete Beach Commission Meeting

# Public Comment & Council Quotes

***“I think that the city should apply for some of the bed tax funds to help pay for any visitors that will be here during the convention.”*** – Deborah Schechner, about the Republican National Convention. She also told the commission that she believed the city should get more of the bed tax dollars in proportion with the crowds that come to St. Pete Beach during spring break. City Manager Mike Bonfield said the amounts were legally set.

***“I think we need to stop politicizing this. We’re up here to manage this operation.... The fact of the matter is, based off those numbers that were given us [...] if there is no substantial change, we are going to have to raise the millage rate.”*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin

***“I don’t want people to sit up here twiddling our thumbs... We have the lowest taxes in the county of anybody who has full-service fire and police. People need to understand that our management in this city has done one heck of a job in trying to bring the costs down.”*** – Commissioner Bev Garnett, about cutting the budget and why she didn’t believe much remained to cut

***“Last week alone we hauled \$12,000 worth of coins upstairs.”*** – Dan O’Connor, about the most recent take from city parking meters.

About whether to continue discussing looking into costs for eliminating the city police and contracting with the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office. Mayor Steve McFarlin asked to discuss the possibility and spoke stridently against outsourcing. The commission ultimately decided to allow the city manager to continue to get pricing from the Sheriff so that, as Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan stated, they wouldn’t “have their head in the sand”.

***“In my business, I’m always calculating that, but you don’t say it to the employees.”*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin, about outsourcing. The Mayor said he did not favor outsourcing the entire police department “at this time.”

***“As I pointed out to our local press, the context that I brought that up is that we should look at every single line item. I happen to not to be, for the record, in favor of outsourcing the police department. The message was the one I wanted to send was [...] that we have to look at everything in very close detail.”*** – Commissioner Jim Parent, who mentioned looking at the police department at the last meeting.

***“I met with the Sheriff today, based upon that direction. The Sheriff had one message: “I don’t care one way or another [if the PCSO provides service on St. Pete Beach], but don’t get me involved in any of your politics. If the commission is not 100% certain that they want to pursue [using the Sheriff for police services], tell me now and I will call him tomorrow and tell him... If the direction of the commission has changed, please tell me.”*** – City Manager Mike Bonfield

***“I don’t think Jim said he wants to get rid of the police department.”*** – Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan

***“The negotiation over pensions are not going to solve your budget problems.”*** – City Manager Mike Bonfield, about the public safety pension shortfall and the surrounding negotiations.

***“Putting a price tag on ‘em... Just think what that’s going to do... I just don’t think it’s healthy for the community overall.”*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin, about getting a price on Sheriff services as an alternative to city police.

***“I think it’s much more than just the money... I think the idea of who is who’s going to care for the well being [of the residents].”*** – Commissioner Lorraine Huhn

***“This year’s budget is a dot on the chart, and you’re making a lifelong decision.”*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin

***“As mayor of the city I don’t think it’s wise [to continue inquiring about the cost of using the Sheriff].”*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin

***“I think the other commissioners do”*** - Commissioner Jim Parent

***“You start talking about taking away the police department, honey, you can bet your phones are going to ring.”*** – Commissioner Bev Garnett

***“If you can put that to rest it would be better for everybody.”*** – City Manager Mike Bonfield

***“It needs to be apples to apples services comparison.”*** – Chief Dave Romine, after the discussion ended. The police department consists of 27 officers and 15 vehicles.

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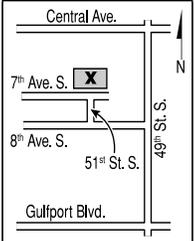
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Students are invited to join the high school members of the Youth Advisory Committee as they remove invasive plants from the park, a task that is vitally important to keep the area vibrant, healthy and ecologically friendly for native vegetation and wildlife.

Participating students will earn community service hours while contributing to the maintenance of the largest park in the Pinellas County parks system.

Work clothes, gloves and a bagged lunch are recommended for this community service project. To register, go to [www.eventbrite.com/event/3335694151](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3335694151) or call 727-582-2656.

The members of the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee are high school students who provide input and assistance to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners. Membership is open to high school students who reside in Pinellas County. For information, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/yac](http://www.pinellascounty.org/yac).

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The Scotsman Fitness team is proud to present a new class at the Gulfport Recreation Center, located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. 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. Call 727-748-6612.

## Hurricane Related Vendors Needed

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Vendors scheduled so far for this conference are All Florida Weatherproofing & Construction, Carrollwood Window & Door, Inc., CAT 5 Archive, City of Gulfport Community Development, City of Gulfport Fire Department, Gulfport CERT TEAM, Gulfport Patch, Home Depot, Hurricane Windows and Doors, Lowes, Red Cross and WhitCo Insurance Agency.

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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.

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## It's the Economy Stupid

I'm sick of both political parties sparring in congress about temporary tax breaks for this person, that business, or trying to score political points for a political cause, this or that new political program. Hey, if you haven't noticed we're broke. We don't have the money to pass around.

It IS about the economy, stupid. It's NOT about temporary tax cuts for workers and small businesses, taxing the rich and well-to-do, new regulations, new government programs, relieving personal debt, spreading the wealth around, government stimulus, or perceived fairness, or tinkering around the edges.

Get the economy going and there will be money for all sorts of causes like helping the poor, education, building the infrastructure, the military, or even war if need be. And,

it's not as if we've not been spending enough government money. Spending more government money is a major problem.

Tackle the big things. Control government spending. Doing nothing always means growth of spending. It's built into the structure - more every year. If you can't control or tame that, more taxes will mean more spending. The net effect will be zero, except that in this case, zero means minus a trillion dollars (\$1,000,000,000,000) a year and a cumulative \$16 trillion in debt by the end of this year. We shouldn't be adding to those numbers.

Government is out of control. I just got back from a weekend in the Washington, D.C. area. The economy at the seat of world power is booming and has been booming. Unemployment is minuscule; real estate is booming; rental costs are astronomical. Highways are clogged, businesses are flourishing. And,

we're feeding the monster.

Obama appointed a committee a few years back and they came up with a plan called the Simpson-Bowles plan for cuts and taxes. Obama and the democrats ignored it. Republicans didn't like the tax part and at least came up with their own plan of cuts and eliminating tax exemptions - the Ryan plan. Democrats have demonized it. Now one lone democrat, who isn't running for office, has reintroduced the Simpson-Bowles plan. It will probably be ignored.

The last raise the debt limit debate resulted in a push the issue down the road compromise that has draconian cuts that neither party favors. Deadline for addressing those is the end of this year when we will also have to raise the debt ceiling again. It's the same time the ten year Bush tax cuts go away, temporary payroll taxes cease, and new ObamaCare taxes go into effect. It's the perfect economic storm.

We need a whole new, very simplified tax code - not a likely event for this year. At least stabilize what we got, don't add new things to it, or politicize it more than it has been already. Curtail spending. Encourage investment. Quit demonizing it. We need dividends and capital gains for every group from individual savers, business investors, pension funds. Quit stifling fossil fuel energy development. We're on the verge of being the Middle East of energy.

Instead of trying to figure how government can get into every economic activity, work on trying to get them out of it. There's plenty of money sitting on the sidelines whether accumulated by private businesses or thrown out there by government and the Federal Reserve. It's ready to be used. Just get the politicians out of the way.

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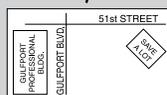
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## Third Smoke-In Fraught With Delays



Michael Fridovich smokes a cigar while awaiting the police Saturday morning.

By Cathy Salustri

Saturday's third beach tobacco ban protest gave protestors a lesson in patience.

Some in the group said the state of Florida protected the right to smoke outdoors; others said Gulfport's tobacco ban (in place on beaches, children's play areas and on sports fields) violated their civil rights. They gathered for a third time to practice civil disobedience. The first time the police did not issue tickets because the police chief said the city hadn't put up signs that would stand up in court; the second time, St. Petersburg attorney Andrew Strickland received a ticket but the city dropped the charges when he attempted to contest the ticket, calling Strickland's actions a "publicity" move.

The group gathered for a third time shortly before 10 a.m. under Gulfport's beach shelter number 3, lit up their cigars and cigarettes, and waited for the police.

They didn't show.

Despite children and parents using the playground several hundred feet away, a club meeting at another shelter and passers-by on the sand, no one called the police to complain about the smokers or the smoke. Lee Stapella, a Gulfport resident, showed up and spoke with some members of the group and also stopped to ask reporters if they intended to report on the people with open flames under another shelter but, according to the police, she, too, failed to report the violation. (The *Gabber* did see a smoker operating but the grill at the other shelter remained unlit; by the time police arrived, the group extinguished the smoker.)

About 20 minutes after the protest started, one protestor, Michael Fridovich, called the police department's non-emergency number. A few minutes later, Officer Robert McLaughlin pulled up and got out of his car. The smokers waited, ready to refuse to extinguish their cigarettes

and cigars so they could get a ticket.

Officer McLaughlin hadn't stopped to issue citations, however. He stopped to explain why no one had shown up to do so yet: when Beachway Mobile Home Park residents woke up, they started reporting vehicle burglaries – someone went through the park overnight and opened car doors until they found a set of car keys (which they stole). The thief or thieves also stole items from the cars. This, Officer McLaughlin said, took priority over smoking.

"Be patient," he told the smokers, "and someone will be here eventually."

"Only in Gulfport," Fridovich said as he continued to puff his cigar, "do they send out a cop to apologize that no one's here to arrest you yet."

Stephanie Adelson watched the protest from the playground. She lives in St. Petersburg but brings her family to visit her Town Shores in-laws.

"I don't think it's particularly tactful to be by the playground," she said as the smokers moved several pavilions farther away. "I don't mind if they have a smoking section on the beach, but I don't think it's cool to have it by the playground."

Karean Dorn, part of the protest, also says she would support a partial ban. She said she believed the council should revisit Teen Council's suggestion of making the beach half non-smoking and half-smoking and told the *Gabber* she agreed with not allowing smoking on sports fields and playgrounds.

Dorn's son-in-law, Vice Mayor Sam Henderson, voted in favor of the smoking ban.

"Sam and I don't always

agree," she said. "Everybody thinks I can't think for myself. I would support Sam on anything, but I think this is wrong."

Shortly after 11, the police returned – this time with Sergeant Mike Vandenberg.

"We all know why we're here," he told the protestors. He explained that his squad continued to work the vehicle burglaries, and asked protestors for consideration.

"Out of respect for my officers," he asked that only one protestor "take the hit." He explained that if Officer Pete Horning ticketed all the protestors, he would spend several hours writing up reports, during which time he could not patrol or answer other calls. He explained that the officers on duty already had a substantial amount of paperwork from the overnight burglaries.

Strickland told the group they could do as they wished but he would take the ticket if they so desired. They agreed, and Sergeant Vandenberg asked the protestors to put out their cigars and cigarettes. Strickland left his cigar lit and walked over to Officer Horning to receive his ticket.

Vandenberg said dispatch only received one call about the smokers on the beach: the one from Michael Fridovich.

Protestors said Strickland would challenge the ticket again. According to Gulfport Police, his hearing will take place in front of the magistrate at 11 a.m. on May 24 in city council chambers. City manager Jim O'Reilly says the city intends to allow the hearing to take place; the city has no plans to drop the charges.

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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.

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## Gulfport Pirates: Gulfport's Youth Football Team



The practice ended with several sets of pushups.

By Cathy Salustri

The new recruits huff. They puff. Some struggle to keep up with the coach; others easily meet his pace as they jog around Tomlinson Park. The coach calls out to them, and they all answer, their cadence ringing out across the park.

"Who are we?"

"GULFPORT PIRATES!"

"WHO?!"

"GULFPORT PIRATES!!"

The cheerleaders, learning a new routine, clear out of the way as the pack rounds the corner. After the boys pass, the girls resume their cheers. No sooner do the runners finish the lap than the coach sets them up running drills.

Younger boys practice flag football drills, each boy trying to run through a line of his peers as they try to snatch the flag off his waist.

"Come on, man, get in line," the coach calls to one young boy who refuses to stay put.

The running coach, sweat soaking the front of his grey tank, pulls one boy aside, his arm slung in a buddy-like fashion over the boy's shoulder. The boy looks dejected, his shoulders slumped and his head hanging low.

"You can do this," he tells the teenager. He says a few more words to the boy, who straightens his shoulders.

Welcome to the first training session of the Gulfport Pirates, Gulfport's new nonprofit athletic league. Today they're training in Tomlinson Park, although the season doesn't start until the July 2. The Pirates will play other teams in the Mid-Florida Football and Cheerleading Conference. Over 60 teams belong to the conference.

Dave McCullough, Pirates Vice

President, Campbell Park resident and business consultant, wanted to start a league to Gulfport for three reasons:

"One, the family atmosphere that comes with this community; two, it was a product that's never been here before; and three, we wanted to build a partnership with a high school," and they hope to do that at Boca Ciega High, he says. One of his coaches also coaches the Boca Ciega Pirates undefeated flag football team.

The Pirates formed in January; since then, 20 kids signed up for cheer or football, although at least 40 kids turned out for this Saturday training.

On the grass, the girls continue to cheer and the boys alternate between push ups and drills. McCullough watches his coaches – all volunteers – work with the kids.

"Do they get paid? Sure, they get paid. Look at those smiles. That's their payment," he says.

Before they approached the city, the Pirates put a plan in place. They incorporated as a nonprofit, purchased liability insurance (co-naming the city), and performed Level Two background checks on all the coaches. Level Two background checks include a national fingerprint check. They created a budget.

"A dream doesn't mean anything if you don't have funds to do it," McCullough says.

They have asked the city for no money, only permission to use the fields. Gulfport has agreed.

The Gulfport Pirates will train again on May 5 in Clymer Park. They welcome kids and teens up to age 14. Flag football, for ages four to six, costs \$80; full contact football, for ages seven to 14, costs \$120. That

includes customized jerseys and equipment rental. Parents provide cleats. Cheerleading, for ages four to 14, costs \$160 and includes "bow to toe" equipment rental. Parents may make payments starting this month, that way, McCullough says, they won't have to come up with the money over the summer, when it's time to think about school clothes. He wants parents to know the Pirates will work with them. He wants kids to be able to play, to see what it's like to be part of a team, to learn about the importance of self-reliance. He wants kids to have the chance to be part of something positive.

"You have two choices with a child," McCullough says. "You can work with him now or deal with him later."

As he explains all this, the coach working with the younger kids has them all on one knee, in a circle. All the boys watch him as he speaks.

"Y'all are part of a special thing right now," he tells them.

*For more information, visit [GulfportPirates.com](http://GulfportPirates.com). To see more photos of Saturday's practice, view our Gulfport Pirates web gallery at [theGabber.com](http://theGabber.com).*

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Contact Joel Jadas, Musician, Registered Yoga Teacher Int'l Assoc. Yoga Therapy at 727-366-6584 or Valerie Prosser at 727-557-4258.

## Reverse Trade Show Keeps Business Local

ST. PETERSBURG- Owners and operators of local and small businesses are invited to a Reverse Trade Show on Friday, May 4 to learn how to do business with the city and what opportunities exist. Hosted by the city's Procurement and Supply Management Department, the third annual Reverse Trade Show will be held at the historic Coliseum, 535 Fourth Ave. N. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Representatives from city departments that purchase more than \$210 million in services and supplies annually will be available to determine if a match exists between the city and prospective vendors. Attendees can ask questions, learn about current city bid opportunities and available city contracts, register as city vendors and get information on becoming a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) through the city's Business Assistance Center.

A new feature this year, the city has invited other community partners such as Progress Energy, Pinellas County Schools, the University of

South Florida's Supplier Diversity Program, St. Petersburg Housing Authority, Job Corps, Pinellas County Purchasing Department, PSTA, the Pinellas County Clerk and the cities of Pinellas Park, Largo, and St. Pete Beach to participate.

St. Petersburg has current contracts with local small businesses to provide products and services for daily city operations, including construction, roofing and building materials, grounds maintenance supplies, printing services and supplies, custodial products, uniforms, and

computer and technology services, and more.

City departments represented at the show include Water Resources, Sanitation, Parks and Recreation, Downtown Enterprise Facilities (Sunken Gardens, the Marina, Coliseum, Albert Whitted Airport, the Port of St. Petersburg), Parking and Transportation, Codes Compliance, city Golf Courses and Libraries.

For more information about the 2012 Reverse Trade Show, visit [www.stpete.org/purchasing](http://www.stpete.org/purchasing).

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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."

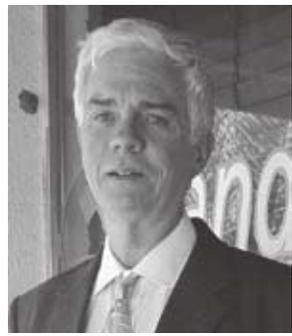
"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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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**Thursday 4/12**

- Suspicious Person-** Shore Blvd. & 56th St. S.
  - Animal Call-** 2800 Blk 45th St. S.
  - Disorderly Conduct-** 56th St. & 31st Ave. S.
  - Theft-** 31st Ave. & 56th St. S.
  - Reckless Driver-** 54th St. & 18th Ave. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble-** 1400 Blk 52nd St. S.
  - Civil Matter-** 2700 Blk Tifton St. S.
  - Stolen Vehicle-** 4800 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Friday 4/13**
- Person Under Influence-** Essex Ave. & Beach Blvd. S.
  - Animal Call-** 1000 Blk 59th St. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Disturbance-** Tangerine Ave. & 52nd St. S.
  - Neighbor Problem-** 2800 Blk 52nd St. S.

- Animal Call-** 6300 Blk Vista Verde Dr. E.
  - Burglary Residence-** 1200 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Neighbor Problem-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
  - Prowler-** 700 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Noise-** 4900 Blk 20th Ave. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble-** 17th Ave. & 52nd St. S.
  - Burglary Vehicle-** 2000 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Saturday 4/14**
- DUI-** 12th Ave. & 49th St. S.
  - Domestic-** 1500 Blk Gray St. S.
  - Burglary-** 5600 Blk 20th Ave. S.
  - Theft-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Theft-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
  - Shots Fired (Heard)-** 1100 Blk 64th St. S.
  - Person Under Influence-** 4600 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Sunday 4/15**
- Person Under Influence-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
  - DUI-** 56th St. & 28th Ave. S.
  - Person Under Influence-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
  - Assault/Battery-** 3000 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Trespass-** 2000 Blk 54th St. S.
  - Burglary Residence-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
  - Noise-** 7th Ave. & 54th St. S.

- Assault/Battery-** 5600 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Monday 4/16**
- Disturbance-** 5700 Blk 16th Ave. S.
  - Suspicious Person-** 5400 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble-** 1600 Blk 54th St. S.
  - Accident with Injuries-** 51st St. & 11th Ave. S.
  - Lewd/Lascivious-** Location Withheld.
  - Burglary Residence-** 5700 Blk 21st Ave. S.
  - Drug Call-** 2600 Blk 45th St. S.
  - DUI-** 2600 Blk 45th St. S.
  - Animal Call-** 3000 Blk York St. S.
  - Accident with Injuries-** 52nd St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Domestic-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
  - Theft-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
  - Burglary Vehicle-** 5800 Blk 11th Ave. S.
  - Animal Call-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Tuesday 4/17**
- Burglary Vehicle-** 1800 Blk 49th St. S.
  - Disturbance-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
  - Animal Call-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
  - Neighbor Problem-** 5100 Blk 9th Ave. S.
  - Lewd/Lascivious-** Location Withheld.
  - Domestic-** 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
  - Juvenile Trouble-** 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
  - Fraud/Forgery-** 5500 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Wednesday 4/18**
- Suspicious Person-** 5300 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
  - Injunction Violation-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Domestic-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
  - Neighbor Problem-** 5500 Blk 14th Ave. S.
  - Suspicious Person-** 64th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Accident with Injuries-** 4900 Blk 9th Ave. S.
  - Domestic-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
  - Noise-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
  - Animal Call-** 5700 Blk 18th Ave. S.
  - Domestic-** 2600 Blk 45th St. S.
  - Noise-** 4600 Blk 27th Ave. S.

## Floating Dock Officially Underway

ST. PETE BEACH – Commissioners voted 3-2 Tuesday night to take the first step in building a floating dock that will welcome cruisers to St. Pete Beach. They voted to hire Woods Consulting to design the new floating boat dock at the community center. Woods Consulting will also apply for the needed permits to build the dock.

“This is a 12 slip transient dock. It basically would hold twelve 40-foot boats,” City Manager Mike Bonfield said.

The current budget includes funding for the dock. The city received a \$300,000 grant, which it must match 25%.

Permitting the single dock could take up to 18 months, Bonfield told the commission.

Commissioner Parent asked that the design accommodate the view from the part of the community center used for weddings and special events.

“To have a bunch of weekend boaters tromping up there in flip flops during a wedding... we don’t want that to happen,” he said.

Commissioner Bev Garnett voted against the contract, citing financial concerns as a reason.

“I know that this was approved but we’ve got a huge shortfall,” she told the commission.

Freshman commissioner Lorraine Huhn also voted no. She did not give a reason.

Mayor Steve McFarlin, Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan and Commissioner Parent all voted in favor of the contract.

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## SPCREA to Meet

The South Pinellas Retired Teachers Association (SPCREA) meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of each month from October through May at the Piccadilly Cafeteria at 19th Ave. and 34th St. N. Meetings are open to all who have worked in the field of education whether here in Florida or elsewhere, including teachers, support personnel and administrators.

SPCREA often plans fun field trips of interest to the group. At each meeting they have an opportunity to donate to a local charity that has been carefully chosen by the project cheer committee. This month they are collecting donations for Friends of Strays and the SPCA. Every effort is made to end the meeting before 1 p.m.

The May 10th meeting will feature learning how the Coast Guard station in St. Petersburg protects and guards the public. Email Joyce Walters at jellen1943@yahoo.com or call 727-526-5065 for more information.

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## Gulfport CERT News Release

The Gulfport CERT team is proud to announce that 9 students graduated from our Basis CERT course this weekend. Students learned about and complete hands-on drills related to Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Search and Rescue, CERT Response and Operations, Disaster Psychology, and Terrorism. Please join us as we congratulate the following graduates: Jude Bagatti, Katherine Benson, Elizabeth Brown-Worthington, Monica Hoyland, Robert Northington, Elizabeth Russell, Russel Schmidt, Valerie Schmidt, and Karen Vanderbeek. The Gulfport CERT Training Team would like to thank these citizens for taking their time to learn how they can make a difference and do the greatest good for the greatest number.

## Gulfport Residents: HomeServe Letter NOT From the City

In the coming weeks, a company called HomeServe told the city it would mail a solicitation for Water Service Line Coverage to Gulfport residents. Gulfport Mayor Mike Yakes and City Manager Jim O'Reilly both stress that this company has no affiliation with HomeServe.

"HomeServe is a private company, and is in no way affiliated with the City of Gulfport, and the city is in no way endorsing the services offered," the city manager said in his weekly report to council.

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# Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

## What Price Love, Literally

Over the years, I've asked the question "What price love?" many times and usually in a context in which the "price" paid is physical safety and emotional and psychological well-being. The threat of injury to loved ones, the stress of living in fear, the potential for lawsuits, loss of homeowners insurance and loss of the home itself are all "prices" some people pay because they cannot admit that their dog needs more help than they are equipped to give.

Not this time.

This time I'm talking actual dollars and cents. How much does it cost to bring a dog into your life?

A few weeks back, I shared the story of a couple whose puppy suffered a serious medical trauma. Unbeknownst to them, the pup was napping behind the wheel of the husband's van, which was parked in

the driveway. When the man backed up, he ran over the pup. Multiple surgeries and two years' worth of intensive time and therapy later, the dog was a happy, leaping, bounding furry miracle of modern medicine. But the costs were enormous.

This is an extreme example, but the reality is: Stuff happens. Be prepared.

The annual cost of caring for a dog varies according to size, breed and the individual dog. Smaller dogs eat less, so your food costs will be lower. Purebred dogs are known to have more health problems because of their narrower gene pool, which means you could end up spending more on medication and veterinary visits than you would with a Heinz 57. And you're going to pay more to board a Newfoundland than you would to board a Yorkie.

Most canine professionals estimate the average annual costs of raising a dog to be:

-- about \$800 for a toy breed;

-- about \$1200 for a small to medium-sized dog;

-- about \$1500 for a large dog.

Multiply the appropriate number by 12 to 16 years (small dogs typically live longer than large dogs), and you have a good idea of what it will cost to share your life with a dog.

These averages include the real and enduring costs of food, recurring medical, toys and treats, licensing, grooming, health insurance and miscellaneous supplies such as food and water bowls, leashes, collars, crates and bedding, which do not necessarily require replacement annually.

Your dog's first year will likely exceed the annual average, as this year brings the one-time initial costs of the adoption or the purchase price of the dog, plus the spay or neuter procedure, initial shots, microchipping, ID tags and training.

A few of these expenses can be eliminated with some good old-fashioned DIY. Bathe your dog at home, brush his coat and teeth regularly, and learn to clip his nails yourself, and you'll save a pretty penny on grooming. Socialize your dog properly from an early age, and teach him good manners, and you'll find he's welcome at the homes of friends and family when you need to leave town. This could save you money on boarding and doggie day care costs.

Finally, health insurance is optional. There are pros and cons to buying health insurance for your dog. Do some research and discuss it with your vet to determine whether this is a necessary expense for you and your dog.

The good news: no college!

Keep these costs in mind when considering whether to get a dog and what kind. Most people bond with their dogs instantly, so you want to be sure you're able to fully commit from Day One. The difference between involved and committed is seen in the ham and eggs breakfast: The chicken was involved. The pig was committed. ...

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The cat must be in good health between the ages of 3 months and 8 years of age. The cost is \$35 for a female cat and \$25 for a male cat. There is a limit of two surgeries per household per year. Surgical appointments are required. Failing to call prior to the surgery appointment or rescheduling more than once will result in disqualification. There are no refunds.

To schedule a surgery, owners must come into the shelter in person and provide: proof that they receive public assistance, completed paperwork and payment for surgery. They must also have proof of rabies vaccination and license, or purchase a rabies vaccination for \$10 and a county license for \$20.

Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo. To learn more about the shelter, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices](http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices) or call 727-582-2600.

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## Town Shores Red Hatters

Red Hat May activities will include a late afternoon Cinco de Mayo party in the clubhouse lounge on Saturday, May 5th. Members and husbands, significant others or a guest are invited to enjoy libations and hors d'oeuvres at 4:45 p.m. with dinner served at 5:45 p.m. Tacos and toss salad will be provided by the club. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass. Appetizers, buffet food or desserts are needed. Reservations are a must! Please call Judy at 344-7558 or Bev at 381-2122 for reservations.

Bunko will be played on Friday, May 11 in the clubhouse lounge at 12:45 p.m. As usual, bring your \$2.

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## SPCA Pet of the Week



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## Pet Pal Animal Shelter



This happy boy is Buddy, a 1-year-old male Rottweiler mix. He is a big boy with an even bigger heart. Just look at that face! He's a fun-loving caine with lots of energy. He is learning how to 'sit' and 'stay' as well as how to walk well on a leash. He would do best in a home without small children. To meet Buddy, visit him today at Pet Pal Animal Shelter at 405 22nd Street S. in St. Petersburg. Call 727-328-7738 or visit [www.petpalanimalshelter.com](http://www.petpalanimalshelter.com).

## Save Our Strays



Elmer, a handsome, loving, 4 1/2 year old tabby cat, has had a rough life. Save Our Strays took him in as a tiny kitten and helped him to find a home when he was just a few months old. Somehow he ended up in Manatee County's Animal Services and was taken back by SOS. Again he was adopted and later the owner was forced to return him to SOS. He's a really good cat and he really needs a FOREVER home. Would you consider giving him a place in your home? Please call 481-5262 to find out more about Elmer. Or visit [www.saveourstraysinc.com](http://www.saveourstraysinc.com) to check out Elmer and SOS's other lovely felines.

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## Colors, Kids, and Dogs at EarthFest



Elizabeth Neily shows off her colors as she dances with the band in Clymer Park.

Saturday, First Florida Frontiers, the City of Gulfport, and Earth Scouts tri-sponsored EarthFest in Clymer Park. Vendors sold earth-friendlier foods and home products (such as locally-grown organic greens and solar water heaters for pools) while kids got to listen to stories or dance to the music. For more photos – or to add your own to our collection – take a look at our online gallery at theGabber.com.

## Free Clothing Swap Will Benefit CASA

GULFPORT, FL: Gulfport's next free clothing swap will take place at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market on Tuesday, May 8th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The popular event is now regularly scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month. The swap takes place in the courtyard adjacent to the historic Peninsula Inn at 2937 Beach Blvd. South. Participants are invited to bring up to five gently used garments to exchange for vouchers that may be used to select clothing brought in by other participants. Items may be for women, men or children. Gently used shoes and wardrobe accessories are also accepted. Please provide hangers for all garments to be used in the swap. For anyone interested, vouchers may also be purchased for \$3 each.

Donations of clothing above the 5-garment limit are encouraged and accepted. All additional donations should be contained in bags or boxes. All cash proceeds, donated clothing, and non-selected garments at the end of the swap will be donated to Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA). CASA is a local non-profit organization providing services to survivors of abuse or violence. For more information on the clothing swap, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org. In case of rain, the next clothing swap is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th.

Over 150 large bags of clothing have been donated to CASA since the clothing swap was started in summer 2010. The clothing swap is co-sponsored by the Gulfport Merchants Association, Peninsula Inn & Spa, and the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market.

Gulfport's Tuesday Fresh Market is a year-round event, offering fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as fresh bread, cheese, seafood, Florida grass-fed beef, free range chicken, herbs, plants and flowers, desserts, nuts and granola, local honey, pet treats, hand-made soaps, local art, crafts, jewelry, bath and body products and much more. Over 50 vendors set up shop for the day each Tuesday. New vendors join the market place each week and live music is always featured. The Market takes place every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Garden Club of St. Petersburg

The next meeting of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg Night Bloomers will be on Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. The program will be vermiculture, composting with worms presented by Wilma Holley. Cost is \$5.

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## Retired Officer Wives Club to Meet

The Retired Officers Wives Club of St. Petersburg will meet for luncheon on May 8th at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Social hour will be 11:30 with lunch at 12:15 p.m. The speaker will be Captain Don Freese, President of the Florida Council of the Military Officers Association of America. Call for reservations 399-1272.

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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.

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Winners of the Gulfport Garden and Bird Club Flower Show competition (L-R): Barbara Dye, Arrangement over 12"; Eileen Slater, Foliage Plants; Glenn Bishop, Flowering Plants; Barbara Purtee, Silk/Dry Arrangement and Joyce Smith, Arrangement under 12".

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## Gulfport Term Extensions for Council?

At last week's workshop, Gulfport city council discussed the idea of extending the terms of elected officials by one year. This would allow the mayor four years in office; all other councilmembers would stay in office for three years.

Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon broached the idea earlier this year. Freshman councilmember Dan Liedtke opposed the idea.

"I learned more about Gulfport in the last four or five months than I learned in the first eight years of living here. I was forced to get out on the town, I was knocking on doors, I was meeting people. If it makes me do that every two years I like to think it's going to make me be better at this job, or whoever else comes in behind me," Liedtke said.

The council will discuss whether or not to extend terms of office, possibly by one year, later in the year. Voters could make the final decision.

"I like the idea of letting voters decide," Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon

## Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions will be presenting their last Pancake Breakfast of the season on Saturday, May 12th from 7 a.m to 11 a.m. Please note these serving hours.

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

When you come and support their fund raising activities, you are doing much to help them help those in need. Gulfport Lions is a service organization meeting the needs of those less fortunate.

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## Register for Women's Softball League

The City of Gulfport Recreation Division will have open registration for teams to participate in the 2012 Women's Summer Softball League on May 14th-May 18th, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Gulfport Rec. Center. The 10-game season will be played on Friday nights beginning June 1st with a 6-team minimum/maximum. It is on a first come sign up basis. League fees are \$385 or \$485 for teams with three or more non-residents, due at registration. Call John at 727-893-1079.

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## Public Safety Boating Class

A Safe Boating Class will be offered on Saturday, May 12th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the USCG Auxiliary Building at 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport (use the side entrance). Cost is \$40 per person, all materials will be furnished. Upon completion the student will receive a USCG Auxiliary Certificate, a wallet card and the State of Florida "bobber" card good for life time. For questions and reservations, call 727-399-7986.

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## Second Annual SoStudio Tour Quadruples

The South 49th Street South Business Association is pleased to announce the return of SoStudio Tour on Saturday, May 12, from 3 to 8 p.m. Nineteen artists will open their studios to all the art-lovers who show up with wristbands. Each studio will provide beverages, stimulating conversation, and plenty of visual excitement.

Starting places are The Longhouse (2309 49th Street S.), the Neighborhood Center (1617 49th Street S.), and the Gulfport Arts Center (2627 54th Street S., hosted by City of Imagination). Not only will these spots showcase work of non-studio artists, but this is where to get wristbands and tour guides. They'll also provide food and drink, as will several other community spaces – the Industrial Arts Center, Uniquely Original Art Gallery, and the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. From now till April 28, early-bird tickets are only \$5. They can be purchased online at [www.so49.org](http://www.so49.org) using Paypal, or reservations can be made without pre-payment at [bien50@gmail.com](mailto:bien50@gmail.com) or by calling 727 347-4786.

The City of Gulfport is providing trolley services for the studios within the city limits, although So49 represents businesses in both Gulfport and St. Petersburg. The trolley will run a continuous loop throughout the day. The wristband is the boarding pass.

Studio artists include Nancy Cervenka, Janet Corrigan, Mark Curtis, Cheryl Grogan, Patricia Hardwick, Byron Howes, Derrick Johnson, Cathy Lees, Barbara Nicolazzo, Owen Pach, Carol Pieszchala, Jonathan Schork, Melissa Schultz, John Shevlin, Clint Stone, Frank Strunk III, Monika Watson, Catherine Weaver, and Victoria Anne Wenners.

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## Soggy Pops Doesn't Stop Pass-a-Grille



Although the rain caused some electrical problems that meant the St. Petersburg Opera Company, led by Maestro Mark Sforzini, couldn't perform, it didn't dampen the spirits of Saturday night's crowd strolling along Pass-a-Grille. Chouinards still catered a gulfside dinner, and restaurants like Smokin J's BBQ, Gennaro's, and a host of other beach restaurants still dished up meals for those not attending the catered dinner.

"Everybody's unhappy [about the orchestra cancellation]," volunteer Barbara Bennett said, "but everybody understands. Mother Nature. You know how she is."



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# Local Obituaries

**AZOOM, SHARON KAY**, 63, of St. Pete Beach, died April 16, 2012. Survived by 3 children; 3 step children; 3 sisters and 2 grandchildren. Abbey Affordable Cremation and Funeral, Largo, 727-517-2340.

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**BUELL, GRACE E.**, 87 of South Pasadena, and formerly from Brooklyn, NY passed away peacefully on April 22, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Buell Sr. She was a proud member of the Roman Catholic Church at St. John Vianney on St. Pete Beach. Survived by her sons, James W. Buell Jr.; Peter M. Buell and grandsons, James Patrick Buell and Robert Peter Buell. She had a long career as Assistant Manager at Roosevelt Savings Bank in Brooklyn, NY and moved to St. Pete Beach in 1984 with her husband, James and mother, Ella Campbell and aunt, Beatrice Rosenzweig. Visitation will take place at Beach Memorial Chapel Funeral Home at 301 Corey Ave., St. Pete Beach on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Catholic Mass will be at St. John Vianney Catholic

Church on Thursday April 26th at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. John Vianney Catholic Church.

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**SFERIOS, ALLEN**, 74, of St. Pete Beach, died Friday April 20, 2012. He was born in Farrell, PA and came here in 1964 from Warren, OH. He retired last year as owner of Gulf Beach Cleaners, which continues to be run by his children. He served in the Army's Intelligence Unit as a translator at the Pentagon. After serving, he moved to New York where he studied at the acclaimed Lee Strasberg School for Method Acting. He appeared on the Broadway stage and became a friend of the writer and director Elia Kazan, through their shared Greek ancestry and love of theatre. Allen met his future wife in New York, and they settled on St. Pete Beach, where he took over the dry cleaning business from his brother. Allen won numerous commendations from the National Association of Dry Cleaners for excellence in the industry. He prided himself on the superior quality of his work and on

the fact that he never used toxic solvents in the dry cleaning process. He was an amateur body builder and won several competitions. He enjoyed soccer, regularly attending Rowdies games and coaching youth soccer. Allen especially loved the theatre and appeared in more than a dozen roles at the St. Petersburg Little Theatre, where he was also a member of the board and a frequent director. He belonged to the Actors' Equity Association and was a lifetime member of the Screen Actors' Guild. As a lover of animals, he cared for strays, and he was known for his generosity. He spent many years enjoying the company of friends at the Pelican Diner and the Waffle House on St. Pete Beach. Survivors include his son, Manny Sferios; and his daughter, Stathia Sferios. A viewing will be held at the Beach Memorial Chapel, 301 Corey Ave., St. Pete Beach on Tuesday, April 24, from 5-8 p.m., with a service at 6:30 p.m. and a eulogy by his son at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the The Humane Society, [www.humanesociety.org](http://www.humanesociety.org).

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**TRAPPMAN, WILLIAM "BILL"**, 76, of St. Petersburg, passed away on Saturday, April 21st. Bill was a Florida native. Bill was an Army Airborne veteran of the Korean War, and went on to serve 20 years with the St. Petersburg Police Department. During that time he was the originator of the K-9 Unit. He was the recipient of the prestigious Ned Marsh Award and of several police man of the year awards. Upon retiring, he opened Save On Seafood and later was best known as the owner of Trappman's Seafood on Gandy Blvd. He is survived by his wife, Carol, the love of his life; his three sons, Steven, Bobby, and Erik; his brother, Herman; sister, Margie; two nieces, Kathy and Susan; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A public gathering will take place on Sunday, April 29th from 1-2 p.m. at Anderson McQueen Funeral Homes, 2201 Dr. MLK Jr. St. N. A Celebration of Life will follow immediately at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Bill's name to the St. Petersburg K-9 Unit or the SPCA. Visit the family's online guestbook at [www.andersonmcqueen.com](http://www.andersonmcqueen.com).

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# Myths of the Amazon River Cruise

By Cathy Salustri



*Jeremy Clubb, co owner of Rainforest Cruises, says a visit to the Amazon offers a rich experience and also helps stop deforestation and other exploitative and extractive practices.*

Welcome to the Amazon Rainforest: Bull sharks far inland. Aggressive crocodilians watching your every move. Anacondas poised just below the surface of the river. Jaguars. Man-eating fish. Headhunters.

...And you don't have to worry about any of them.

Jeremy Clubb, co-owner of Rainforest Cruises, a boutique travel company specializing in Amazon cruises, says novels and Hollywood movies make the Amazon seem dangerous, but you can cruise the river in extreme comfort and total safety.

Rainforest Cruises debunks some common myths:

## **Piranas don't eat you.**

Yes, they eat meat, have sharp, pointy teeth and they will bite your finger if you put it in their mouth. They're nervous, so they school in large numbers to avoid predators, like river dolphin and giant otters. That's right: pirana are petrified of Flipper and otters. And the myth of the cow crossing a river to be devoured in seconds by voracious fish is ... well, a myth.

## **Headhunters, jaguars and snakes won't kill you**

You'd be fortunate to see an anaconda or a jaguar," Jeremy says. With so many predators, including humans, animals are naturally shy. Even seeing anacondas or jaguar is a special treat that few people enjoy. Your excursions will take you into remote places, but if you see a caiman or big cat, the chances of getting close enough for the animal to decimate your expedition are tiny. When you get off the boat – and you will, often several times a day – to visit a national park or protected area, you won't face headhunters.

"Indigenous peoples no longer hunt heads; they now guides visitors through their native lands," Jeremy says.

## **It doesn't cost thousands of dollars**

If you read the word 'boutique' and thought 'Wow, I can't afford that!', think again.

"There are really great prices out there," Amazon River Cruises co-owner Jeremy Clubb says. "We focus on one niche and don't exclude anyone. We call ourselves 'boutique' because we want our customers to know we're a small, specialized business who caters only to people who want to see the Amazon. Whether you want to spend \$150

a day for the cruise or \$900, we can put you on a boat that fits their budget."

## **Even the least expensive boats are safe and comfortable**

"You'll be comfortable. Most boats have hot water, delicious meals and air-conditioned, private cabins," Jeremy says. "Just because you are visiting a wild destination aboard a traditional-looking riverboat does not mean you have to sacrifice comfort."

You'll connect with nature without sacrificing safety: Guides will lead you into areas where wildlife congregate without any risk of getting lost.

"Just because 'budget' cruises cost less, you're not on a boat that's heeled over on one side, sleeping in a moldy hammock with a bunch of bananas dangling precariously as you swat at mosquitoes," he says.

Rainforest Cruises hand-selects the boats and regularly samples the services, reviewing everything from the specs to the itinerary to make sure they're suitable for their customers.

"These are small expedition boats. The largest one holds 30 passengers," Jeremy says. Think of your boat as a small floating hotel filled with like-minded travelers out to have a once-in-a-lifetime nature experience. As with any type of travel, you can, of course, spend as much as you'd like for ultimate luxury.

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In addition to the cruises, the Amazon can be a springboard to see other destinations, like Machu Picchu, Rio, Easter Island, and the Galapagos. "You can do all kinds of things," he says.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## Why Buy-Sell Agreements are Important (Part 1)

If you own a company and have a partner or partners, have you ever considered what would happen should one of you die?

Hopefully, you won't have to face this situation, but if you do, a buy-sell agreement can allow for the continuance of the company as well as providing financial security for you, your partner(s), and your family. A buy-sell agreement not only protects against the death of a partner but also provides financial protection if a partner retires, resigns or becomes disabled. Let's look at a situation where there was no buy-sell agreement in place.

Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales are equal partners of XYZ Services Com-

pany. They have determined that XYZ is worth \$2 million. They each own \$1 million of ABC stock and they each draw an annual salary of \$150,000.

When Mr. Gonzales died, his stock worth \$1 million will pass to his estate. However, the stock will pay no dividends because all earnings are retained by XYZ. Therefore, Mr. Gonzales' family will be left with a non-income producing and illiquid asset. Mr. Gonzales' only return from XYZ was his salary which, of course, ceased upon his death.

The Gonzales family could appeal to Ms. Smith to pay dividends on the stock, but why would Ms. Smith want to pay dividends? Salaries are a tax-deductible business expense but dividends are not. Also, dividends would have to be paid on all outstanding shares, including those held by Ms. Smith.

Ms. Smith also has a potential problem. The Gonzales family holds half of XYZ's stock--what effect will this have on the long-term development plans of the business?

Another problem that the Gonzales family and Ms. Smith have is how to determine the value of XYZ stock. An interest in a closely held company

is often an unmarketable asset and placing a value on the stock for estate tax purposes could be difficult. Many factors affect the fair market value of a closely held business, including general business trends, the outlook for the specific industry, the financial condition of the company and its earnings power. While Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales may have felt they knew the value of XYZ's stock before Mr. Gonzales died, unless the value is in a formal agreement the taxation authorities are likely to get closely involved in the valuation of XYZ's stock and try to justify its highest value.

The valuation of the stock will create difficulty for the executor of Mr. Gonzales estate. The executor will likely want to place the lowest value on the stock in order to minimize estate tax liability. However, estate taxation is not the only concern when placing a value on a closely held business. The step-up in cost basis that is afforded to all capital assets at death can result in no income tax being imposed on the sale following death. This has to be scrutinized rather closely in light of the estate tax rate that would be paid if the value of the business was increased. If an agreement on the value of XYZ's stock cannot be reached, the matter may have to be resolved in court, wasting considerable time and money.

A properly designed buy-sell agreement can help prevent many of these problems. It can provide liquidity for the family of the deceased, ensure the continuance of the company, and establish the value of the company's stock.

In our next article, we will explore together how a buy-sell agreement between Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales would lessen some of the uncertainties in their business relationship as well as provide for an orderly transition of the business upon Mr. Gonzales' death.

*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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| May 2, 2012  | <b>Planning &amp; Zoning Board/LPA</b><br>No Meeting  |
| May 9, 2012  | <b>Board of Adjustment</b><br>6:30pm  |
| May 10, 2012 | <b>Teen Council</b><br>4:45pm   |
| May 15, 2012 | <b>City Council Meeting</b><br>7:00pm   |
| May 16, 2012 | <b>Historic Preservation Meeting</b><br>5:30pm - Historical Society Museum<br>5301 28th Ave. S. |
| May 24, 2012 | <b>City Council Workshop</b><br>3:30pm  |
| May 28, 2012 | <b>City Hall Closed - Memorial Day</b>  |

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# Real Estate

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## Real Estate for Rent

**VACATIONERS ONLY**-Want a place to stay cheaper than a Motel? 2BR/1BA house Available for Short term rental only. Walk to Shopping and Beach. Fully Furnished. All Amenities Non Smokers only. 1 wk. Minimum. \$175/wk. +Deposit. Call 727-409-3960.

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### NEW ON MARKET

**Hampton 308** - 2br/2ba Standard, beautifully updated unit w/fabulous french doors in bedroom leading out to Florida room which overlooks Boca Ciega Bay. This condo is truly move-in ready. Covered parking, steps to pool. .... **Priced to sell at \$115,000**

**Hampton 314**- Spectacular West end unit. 1420 sq. ft. Offering 2br's & 2ba's. The location of this condo is prime and one of Town Shores finest. Stunning waterviews surround you from every room. You will find pergo flooring & new carpet in bedrooms. Updated, large, eat-in kitchen. All new windows. Bose sound system. This unit is totally & tastefully furnished. There are no negatives here, only praise. Perfection at it's best. Location, location, location! Covered parking ..... **\$195,900**

**Chatham 107**- 815 sq. ft., 1br/1ba, standard, offering freshly painted kitchen, newly installed countertops. Carpeted living room, dining room, & bedroom. May add on patio to make your outdoor living even more enjoyable. Pet friendly ..... **\$61,900**

**Hampton 102** - 2/2 Deluxe. From the time you enter this unit you will be able to enjoy the fabulous waterviews. The floor plan is very open and spacious. You will find tile flooring in the main living area. This condo also has a back door and enjoy your morning coffee while watching the dolphins play. The bonus in this unit is a washer & dryer. This condo is partially furnished, spotless, and ready to go. .... **\$102,900**

**CHATHAM 204** - Large, the deluxe, power appliances, great open kitchen, beautiful marble countertop, fully furnished in great taste. Pet friendly, covered parking. .... **\$76,900**

**MANCHESTER 508** - 2/2 Standard, freshly painted throughout, newer windows, Florida room. This 2br is bright, cheery, immaculate, and is out on this great opportunity. Come and enjoy the beautiful water views. Small cat ok, covered parking ..... **\$101,900**

**Manchester 608** - 2/2 Standard. This unit comes completely and comfortably furnished. The kitchen was recently redone with gorgeous cabinets, countertops and appliances. This condo has been well maintained, clean as a whistle, move in ready, Small cat accepted, covered parking ..... **\$120,900**

**HAMPTON 114** - 1450 sq. ft. Many upgrades, jacuzzi in bath, waterlicious views, tile floors, great location ..... **SOLD \$179,900**

**HAMPTON 203** - 1 br Deluxe, new kitchen & windows, great floor plan, covered parking, water views abound! ..... **\$95,000**

**JAMISON 515** - West end unit overlooking marina. 2/2 Deluxe, newer kitchen, wood floors, wood shutters, gorgeous wood flooring and tiles, panoramic water views, covered parking. Must see to appreciate! **Price Reduced .... \$119,900**

**MANCHESTER 603** - 2/2 Deluxe beautifully done with open concept floor plan. Kitchen and bath have been tastefully updated. This condo has picturesque water views. Truly move in ready. Covered parking. Small cat accepted. .... **\$134,900**

**JAMISON 110** - 2/2, Standard, freshly painted from head to toe, brand new flooring in every room, and much more... Direct view, literally steps to pool. .... **\$72,900**

**Hampton 107** - 2/2 Standard, offering newer kitchen, baths & flooring. Step out your back door and enjoy the panoramic water views while sitting on the common area patio with BBQ. Life doesn't get much better than this. Move in ready, covered parking ..... **\$118,500**

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<b>Chatham #203</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Deluxe, Curb Parking .....	<b>Sold!</b> <b>\$57,000</b>
<b>Chatham #214</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Deluxe, Water Views, Marina Views, Curb Parking <b>NEW PRICE, FIRM</b> .....	<b>Sold!</b> <b>\$70,000</b>
<b>Diplomat #412</b>	3 Bed/2.5 Bath, Corner Unit, Fabulous Views, Carport, <b>NEW PRICE, OWNER MOTIVATED!</b> .....	<b>\$209,000</b>
<b>Diplomat #905</b>	2 Bed/2 Bath, Split Plan (bed on water), <b>NEW PRICE, EXCELLENT VALUE</b> .....	<b>\$134,500</b>
<b>Embassy #308</b>	1 Bed/1.5 Bath, Deluxe Unit, Updated, Bay Views, <b>NEW PRICE, 6 Months Maintenance Paid</b> .....	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b>Embassy #607</b>	<b>Open House Sunday 1-3</b> 1 Bed/1.5 Bath, Deluxe Unit, Updated, Move in Ready, Bay Views, <b>NEW PRICE, 6 Months Free Maintenance</b> .....	<b>\$121,900</b>
<b>Groton #208</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Standard Unit, Newly Painted, Updated, Water Views .....	<b>\$62,000</b>
<b>Groton #312</b>	1 Bed/1 Bath, Deluxe Floor Plan, Carport Marina Water Views, <b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	<b>Contract Pending</b> <b>\$59,000</b>
<b>Hampton #214</b>	West end unit, 1420 s.f., Prime location next to pool, full water views, large living/dining room, eat-in kitchen, covered parking .....	<b>\$219,900</b>
<b>Lancaster #403</b>	Deluxe Floor Plan, Freshly Painted, Carpet, Updated Kitchen, Marina Views, <b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	<b>Contract Pending</b> <b>\$112,000</b>
<b>Lancaster #415</b>	Corner, 2 Bed/2 Bath, Deluxe, Excellent Views - Marina <b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	<b>Contract Pending</b> <b>\$105,500</b>
<b>Windsor #108</b>	1 Bed/1.5 Bath, Deluxe Model, Beautiful Bay Views, <b>NEW PRICE</b> .....	<b>\$128,500</b>

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<b>Hampton #214</b>	2 Bed, 2 bath (unusual), Open Floor Plan, Panoramic Water Views From All 20 Windows, Large Open Kitchen, Steps To Pool & Carport .....	<b>\$1200</b>
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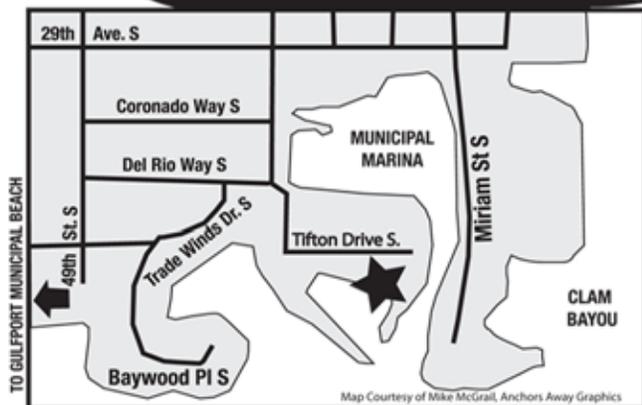
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