

Teens Learn About Journalism

By Cathy Salustri



“What happened to the tree?”
“How did you start saving turtles?”
“How do you spell your name?”

Teens and tweens asked interview subjects these questions and more at St. Pete Beach’s Journalism Camp this week at the library.

Campers worked as a staff to select articles, interview people, write stories, and edit articles. A staff photographer –a graduate of St. Pete Beach’s digital photography camp –took photos and documented the staff’s progress.

To read one of the articles, look for Grace Marchant’s article on page 10.

Beach Voters Decide on Sheriff

ST. PETE BEACH – Come November, voters on the beach will decide whether or not they want to outsource the city’s police department. Tuesday night the commission voted unanimously to put the issue to the voters in November.

Currently the St. Pete Beach police department exists as a chartered department. This means that for the city to disband the department and outsource with another agency –such as the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office –the majority of voters must approve the change to the city’s charter.

After hearing concerns at the July 10 meeting about confusing ballot language, the commission voted to approve the following ballot language:

“Charter Section 4.06 requires the St. Pete Beach Police Department to be established as a Charter Department and prohibits transfer of law enforcement activity by contract or any other process to any department

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Gulfport Chief Calls Pursuit “Commendable”

By Cathy Salustri

Could the Gulfport Police have done better in the July 9 pursuit that ended when a convicted felon caused a crash?



Gulfport Chief of Police Rob Vincent conducted a review of the pursuit that ended with a crash in St. Petersburg.

Yes, says Police Chief Rob Vincent, but adds that the police involved in the pursuit did a commendable job. His review of the pursuit revealed four “minor violations”, but he notes this is not unusual.

“A pursuit is a highly-stressful and rapidly-changing situation that is subject to many and various detailed procedures. It is rare that a pursuit review indicates no violations at all.

In this case, despite the minor violations, I believe the officers did a commendable job,” Chief Vincent said in his report to the citizens.

Pursuit Review GP12-13323 noted four violations

1. Only three cars should pursue a fleeing suspect and at some points in the pursuit, four Gulfport police cars pursued the fleeing felon, one of which included Lieutenant Joshua Stone’s Ford Fusion.

2. The Ford Fusion isn’t a pursuit-rated vehicle and should not have been involved in the chase.

3. At one point in the pursuit, Officer Eva Iwanowski maintained the lead role in an unmarked car. Although Officer Iwanowski took the lead role because the marked car couldn’t keep

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up due to traffic congestion, policy says that unmarked cars should relinquish the lead role as soon as possible and the Chief believes Officer Iwanowski could have done so sooner.

4. Although policy stipulates that officers operate in a "safe and prudent manner", at one point Officer Iwanowski drove at 100 miles per hour on 1st Avenue South.

"Such speed was not justified in consideration of the fact that there were already three officers [...] in active pursuit," Chief Vincent says. However, he adds, "It should be noted that, although not justified, Officer Iwanowski's speed at this point did not in itself constitute unsafe driving. First Avenue is a multi-lane, one-way street with timed signals and clear visibility. Traffic at the time was not congested."

While both Lieutenant Stone and Officer Iwanoski received "written directives" regarding their policy violations, Chief Vincent says "the overall performance of the officers in this pursuit was commendable. They exhibited excellent teamwork, good communications skills, and they operated their vehicles in a reasonably safe manner as they made every effort to apprehend a dangerous felon."

Chief Vincent also says he will not prohibit officers from pursuing auto thieves. Currently Gulfport officers can initiate a pursuit "when an officer has reason to believe the driver of

a vehicle has committed a forcible felony, which includes the offense of burglary. The suspect must also exhibit conduct which indicates he or she is an immediate or continuous threat to public safety. The pursuit may be allowed to continue based on constant review of road & traffic conditions, speed, additional violations, and many other factors. At any point, a supervisor may order that a pursuit be terminated," Chief Vincent explained in a blog entry last week.

"I have no intention of prohibiting my officers from using every reasonable means available to apprehend auto thieves. This has historically been a crime that has victimized many of our residents, and I believe I echo the community's concerns when I say that our police department should not have a standing policy that prohibits intervention and lets these criminals get away scott free," he says.

That doesn't mean the policy won't change. Chief Vincent says he may add guidelines that require officers to consider their familiarity with an area before deciding to continue a pursuit. He also plans to talk to other police departments about working together when a chase crosses city and county lines.

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Garden Club to hold Indoor Yard Sale

Enjoy a yard sale in air conditioned comfort on Friday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, August 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Garden Club, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. Sale features collectibles, gadgets, household items and more.



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This seminar will be offered free of charge to the general public on Friday, July 27th, from 5-6:30 p.m.

and again on Saturday, July 28th, from 2-3:30 p.m. It will be held at the Gulfport Public Library, located at 5501 28th Avenue S.

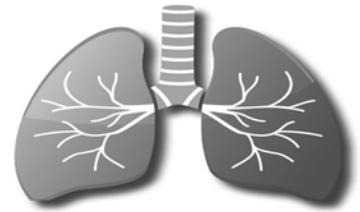
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Veterans Village Fundraiser

This free fundraising event will be held on Saturday, July 28, beginning at 12 noon at Ferg's Sports Bar and Grill, located at 1320 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg. Veterans Village provides food, clothing, shelter, tools, vehicles and support to veterans who have fallen through the cracks of the system. Entertainment, music and much more will be provided.

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The charity event will start at 1:30 p.m.. Cost is \$25 per person, 5-person team (if you are 1-2 short, they generally can team you up with others). Format is 8-pin no-tap (8 pins counts as a strike). Prize payout is \$125 team for 1st place, \$100 team for 2nd place, \$75 team for 3rd place. Entry fee includes bowling, shoes and dinner at the American Legion Post 125, 6440 Fifth Avenue S. after the tournament. There are prizes and 50-50's

All proceeds are distributed to Wounded Warriors and Hospice. Signup sheets are available at Ten Pin Lanes, Post 125 and O'Maddy's. Please enter as soon as you read this as they event is coming up soon.

Come out, have fun, drink beer (or whatever) - it's all for a good cause.

City Whys?

Have you got a question for your city government?

Email your request to News@theGabber.com

By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: Cable Companies

Q: I'm not sure if the city has any responsibility here, but why won't other cable providers service our city? -Walter Ulrich, via Facebook

A: While the city has no responsibility to bring in other cable companies, City Manager Jim O'Reilly said, it has asked cable companies to provide service to Gulfportians. These cable companies told the city Gulfport doesn't have enough potential customers for it to be worth their money to come into the city.

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St. Pete Beach Community Center and Pool at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Summer courses will be held the week of July 30th. To begin your adventure, contact Jim's Dive Shop at 393-3483.

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Friday Flicks in the Park

The City of Treasure Island will present its Friday Flicks in the Park on the second and fourth Friday in July in the Treasure Island Community Center Park located at

106th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard. The event begins at 7 p.m. with food vendors and activities for the children, with the movies beginning at 9 p.m. The schedule is as follows: Friday, July 27th, "Sherlock Holmes, A Game of Shadows".

The movie will be shown under the stars on a giant outdoor screen. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the show. Snack vendors and children's activities will be available for before and during the movie.

The event is free to the public. For additional information, please contact the Treasure Island Recreation Department at 727-547-4575, ext. 237 or visit the City's website at www.mytreasureisland.org.

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Glass Blowing Boot Camp for Kids

Registration is open now for Reality Glass Blowing Boot Camp for Kids at the Industrial Arts Center in Gulfport. The IAC's final camp week of the summer is scheduled for August 6-10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids will create one or more sculpted or blown glass objects in each class. This fun summer camp builds confidence and stresses teamwork. Students will learn basic glass blowing skills in this series of five classes, followed by daily studio clean up.

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or employee not administered by the City Manager. Repeal of this Section will allow the City to transfer law enforcement activity to an outside agency by contract or other process. Shall Charter Section 4.06 be repealed?"

A no vote on this item signals a voters desire for the city to retain its own police force. A yes vote would mean that the voter wishes the city to contract with another agency, such as the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, for police services.

The Gabber will provide comprehensive coverage of the issues surrounding this ballot question as the election draws closer.

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4th Friday Food Truck Festival

Corey Avenue's 4th Friday Food Truck Festival will be held on July 27th from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Things will be smokin' with some of the best food trucks in the Tampa Bay area. This month's line up includes Wicked Wiches, Keepn it Reel, Americanwiener, Jimmy Meatballs, Mobile Munchies, Stinky Bunz, Not Your Ordinary Food Truck, Unforgettable Cupcakes, Gorilla Gurt, Whatever Pops, Renny's OKI DOKI and Lettuce eat Healthy. The BBQ line-up includes Smokin J's, The Hogfather, Just Smokin', Old City Grille, McCall's and Mr. I Got 'Em. Free admission. Food Truck

prices apply. Free parking. Lawn chairs permitted. No coolers/alcohol are allowed. Weather permitting. Call 727-498-8778. Corey Avenue is located just off Gulf Blvd. in downtown St. Pete Beach.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members and guests enjoyed the summer social hosted by Pam Puskas and Joyce Keller - an afternoon at the Rays/Mariners game. Those

attending enjoyed being together and watching the game in spite of the fact the final score was 2-1 Mariners. Several enjoyed going to the "Rays Tank" and petting and feeding the rays.

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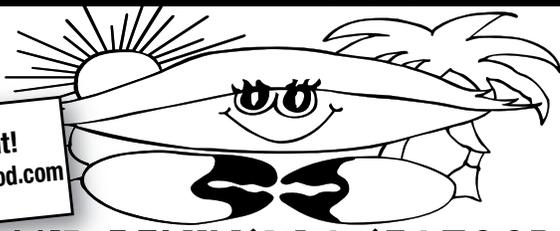
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IAC Glory Holes are Glowing All Summer

Arrive early to Blow Your Own Glass Masterpiece at the Industrial Arts Center at the next Art Walk Friday August 3, 6-10 p.m. Choose

from ornaments, vases, spirit balls, drinking vessels and bowls. Registration is first come - first served.

Registration is open for the second Reality Glass Blowing Boot Camp for Kids, scheduled August 6-10. This is a series of five classes, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by daily studio clean up. Camps are limited to 8 students per session. ages 8-15.

The IAC's accelerated Fun with Hot Glass program teaches basic glass blowing skills and prepares students to work independently in the IAC hot shop. Glass blowing 101 is scheduled on Sunday, August 5, followed by Glass Blowing 102 on Sunday, August 19. Both classes are held

from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and students will make 2-3 finished pieces as time permits.

Registration is also open for Christian Zvonik's six-week series, Intro to Glass Blowing, offered on Tuesday nights, 6-9 pm. The first session is tentatively scheduled for August 28.

Also continuing this month is the Fun With Torches lampwork series with instructor Jason Bourgholtzer of Gulfport. This course is offered in two sessions on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7-9 p.m.

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

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The Old Mahoe Tree

By Grace Marchant

Editor's Note: Grace Marchant, an 8th grade student at St. John's, participated in St. Pete Beach's journalism camp. As part of the camp she wrote this article.

In the Lazarillo Park down across from the Don Cesar there is a very neat playground and a huge tree. This huge tree is called a Hibiscus Tiliaceus but it is also called the Mahoe or cotton tree.

They are native to tropical Asia but some have ended up in Florida over the years. They are huge trees with big branches. This certain tree gave the playground lots of shade and a great tree for climbing.

A couple of days ago I went to the park and found no tree. I was slightly confused. I checked to make sure I was in the right universe and I was so that meant the tree had been cut down. The stump was there so I climbed the stump but it just wasn't the same as climbing the real tree.

So I interviewed Mike Maxemow, the Operations Manager for St. Pete Beach's Public Services Department. I asked him why the city cut it down. He said, "The tornado completely damaged the Mahoe tree. It was uprooted and severely damaged."

After the storm the Public Services Department went around St. Pete Beach and assessed the damage. After they did this they started cleaning up. The Mahoe tree was so damaged

by the tornado that it couldn't live. The city hired a tree company, Luke Brothers. Luke Brothers cut the tree down and hauled it away along with other damaged trees. Maxemow says that so far cleaning up the trees has cost \$50,000 and they haven't grinded up the stumps yet. Mike says that they are working on replacing the trees as soon as possible.

Now that I understood what happened and why, I told one of my good friends, Olivia. Olivia's grandparents live in that neighborhood so anytime she would go to their house she would go to the park to climb the tree. She says, "There was a perfect set of branches that made it easy to climb and that was fun for me because I'm not very good at climbing trees." She says that on Christmas when they have their big Boat Parade party all of the parents would go sit on the dock while the kids would go hang out in the tree.

"We had amazing experiences in that tree and it was an important part of my childhood!" Olivia said. But when she heard it was cut down she was devastated. She says, "My first thought was of all the memories I had there and that I just couldn't imagine it not being there."

Once I told her that the tornado was the cause of it being cut down she was very upset. She said that it was very close to her heart and she'll always remember that tree. It was the first tree she ever climbed and the only one she could. Let's all remember that tree and all its great memories!

Summer Jazz on the Beach

On Thursday, July 26, Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps will play from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bilmar Beach Resort in Treasure Island. Admission is \$7. Call 727-522-6877.

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A Magical End of Summer Bash

Cesar Domico, renowned bilingual Florida Magician and Illusionist, will perform his spectacular brand of magic mixed with hilarity for Gulfport Library's Summer Reading Program End of Summer Bash at 5501 28th Ave. S! Cesar will be creating unforgettable laughs full of illusion on Wednesday, August 8th at 2 p.m. All children and parents in the community are welcome to this free event; please tell your friends!

For more information contact the library at 727-893-1074. For more information on the presenter, Cesar Domico, visit his website at www.magicdomico.com. Light refreshments will be provided by the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library.

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Ted Leitho is returning this summer to teach another free series of classes on meditation. The classes will be in the Purdy Friends Room from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on the following Saturdays: July 28, August 4, August 11, August 18, September 1 and September 8.

There is a sign-up sheet for anyone to register at the Reference Desk at the Gulfport Public Library located at 5501 28th Ave. S. For more information, contact the reference desk at 727-893-1133.

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Good Day, Gulfport!



Fox 13 photojournalist Jason Bird gets a sneak peek at Jeanne Kunkle's kitchen skills inside the Stella's kitchen. On-camera personality Charlie Belcher broadcasted the morning show live from Stella's Monday morning.

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BayCare Health System wants to give women the information they need to keep running, walking or playing at the 2012 BayCare Sports Medicine Conference, The Female Athlete: Strategies for Optimal Performance and Injury Prevention. Save the date for this special day-long seminar on Saturday, August 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park, 950 Lake Carillon Drive.

The keynote speaker is Cynthia Sass, a nutrition consultant to the Tampa Bay Rays and the NHL's New York Rangers. Sass, who also is the bestselling author of "S.A.S.S. Yourself Slim", will speak on You Are What You Eat: Seven Nutrition Strategies to Optimize Athletic Performance. Sass is a registered dietician with master's degrees in nutrition science and public health. She has been a contributor to the "Today Show", "Good Morning America" and "The Early Show" and has written numerous articles

on health and nutrition for such publications as the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Prevention* and *Shape*.

The Sports Medicine experts from St. Anthony's, Morton Plant and Mease hospitals will hold several sessions throughout the day to give female athletes of all ages, parents, coaches and those who care for injured athletes the key information they need to help female athletes obtain optimal performance and remain injury free.

Scheduled session topics include the female athlete triad (eating disorder, amenorrhea and osteoporosis); recognizing and preventing injuries to the knee, hip, shoulder and elbow; getting the right amount of sleep to improve athletic performance; exercise-induced breathing problems; functional training techniques for sports rehabilitation; and the effects of substance abuse on endurance and performance. A complete list of speakers can be found on the website, sportsmedconference.org.

This unique conference will benefit female athletes, the parents of student athletes, coaches, trainers and health care professionals. Registration is \$35 per person; \$25 for students; and \$50 each for physicians and for health professionals and athletic trainers who are seeking continuing education credits. Registration includes all sessions, a continental breakfast and lunch. For physical and occupational therapists, there are six continuing education credits pending. To register for this informative conference, please call 727-253-4132.

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Volunteers Needed for Celebration Wall

While The Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center Celebration Wall is being developed, special care will be needed in keeping the outdoor area looking as special as it is. Volunteers are needed to keep the ground cover area weeded and the pavers swept. It's such a beautiful spot under the oak tree for reflection and remembrances, but needs attention on a regular basis. Want to help? If you enjoy working outside under the shade of the Oaks, call Sue at 727-893-2237 or Cynthia at 727-893-1231 to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

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Join GPD and your Neighbors for National Night Out

The Gulfport Police will be participating in the 29th Annual National Night Out on August 7th. The National Night Out event is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back. This year's National Night Out event in Gulfport will take place at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, located at 1617 49th Street S. The event will kick off at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. with a group walk that will be an example of the commitment between community and law enforcement against crime/criminals.

This event will include the following:

- Emergency vehicle displays, including marked and unmarked police patrol cars, patrol boat, mobile crime, lab, and the new fire engine;
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sport drink bottles*, colored paper or plastic plates, Kleenex boxes, unused plastic straws, aluminum pie pans*, milk crates or file folder crates. They also are looking for any crafting supplies such as yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, candles, stickers, material, shoe laces, unused scrapbooking supplies and sewing supplies. *Please make sure these items have been cleaned out prior to donation. They are located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S.

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While Big Brothers Big Sisters accepts volunteers from all walks of life, there is a greater need for male and minority mentors. More than 74% percent of children waiting for a "Big" are boys, but only 34 out of every 100 inquiries to volunteer come from men. Now more than ever, Big Brothers Big Sisters needs men to step up and help kids. Men can serve as Big Brothers in the Community Based Program or the School Based Program. Becoming part of a "Big Couple" with a spouse or significant other is another option in the Community Based Program. Men also have the option of joining our "Sports Buddies" program, with access to free tickets to games as well as exclusive events.

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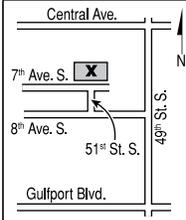


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Pias Helps La Cote Basque

Dear Editor: We have heard many stories of our wonderful residents helping each other since our brush with Debby. You may have heard how a group of Gulfportians helped get a beached boat back into the water much to the appreciation of its owner. We would like to share our experience with a fellow business, Pias. Our restaurant, the La Cote Basque Winehouse, was totally flooded and every piece of furniture and everything sitting on the floor had to be moved outside so all the water could be flushed out and dried. Pia of Pia's Restaurant along with her husband and son saw Carmen and Dalton carrying everything out into their parking lot and pitched in and worked tirelessly to help us till the job was done. You can just imagine how much we appreciated their help and we want the whole town to know about it. They deserve a lot of praise.

The La Cote Basque Restaurant

Gulfport drug lords?

Dear Editor: Whoa, Cathy Salustri is one upset person, but all of Gulfport should join her (Re: *Hard Candy*, July 19, 2012 edition). I just hope she wasn't too subtle, we want

Mr. Newton to get the point. Every official on both sides of 49th Street will take a whack at this issue. Cathy got me thinking when she wrote about her personal observations of illegal activity near her home and work. In my working days I was in neighborhoods and homes in St. Petersburg, I know what drug activity looks like and yes, I've seen white kids driving around in black neighborhoods. Users can find sellers by a neighborhood's reputation, they know who to look for by word of mouth.

Don't you think a trained law officer can spot this? I think they can, they're not dumb, they know their dealers and a fair share of all their criminals. Why not close in and make arrests? They will claim the street dealer is not the "prize", they want the distributor. Nice thought but that dealer is the thorn in our side. Gulfportians know a drug deal when they see one, they would know an arrest, if they ever saw one.

The result may have been messy but one of Gulfport's finest got a St. Petersburg criminal off the streets. Mr. Mims had a long arrest record including drug offenses. Let's see if St. Petersburg can help Pinellas County courts keep this criminal off 49th Street. One small step Mr. Newton. Just saying.

Stan Kreuter

Learn How to Use a Chart

The United States Power Squadron's Seminar Series: How to Use a Chart, will be presented by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron on Wednesday, August 15 from 7-9 p.m.

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Course will be held at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$30 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at www.boating-stpete.org.

Dive-In Movies are Back

ST. PETE BEACH- It's that time again! The St. Pete Beach Community Center and Aquatic Complex will be hosting the ever-popular "Dive-In" movie series again this summer, providing awesome family fun out under the stars! Bring your noodles, floats and chairs and enjoy a classic family movie on their huge inflatable screen while relaxing in the pool or on the pool deck. Admission is just \$4 per person; doors open at 8 p.m. and space is limited. Drinks, snacks, and glow jewelry will be sold at the pool - no outside coolers or containers please.

The Dive-In Movies are held at the St. Pete Beach Pool, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, on August 3rd and 10th. An adult-only showing of "Jaws" will be held on July 27th for ages 18 and up. These specialty Dive-Ins cost \$5 per person. For more information contact the St. Pete Beach Pool at 727-363-9264.

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2012-13 School Year Child Care Program

Registrations for the 2012-2013 School Year Child Care Program will begin Friday, July 20th for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport Montessori and Douglas Jamerson Elementaries. Program hours are

until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents with monthly fees of \$146 for residents and \$292 for non-residents. Hours of registration are Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Packets will be available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. and on-line beginning July 20th. Please call 893-1068 for more information.

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Register for Intro to Glass Blowing

Registration is open now for the next Introduction to Glass Blowing series offered by Christian Zvonik at the

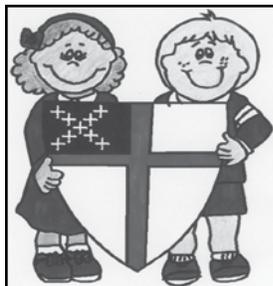
Industrial Arts Center. This series of six classes is offered on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m., tentatively scheduled to begin on August 21st.

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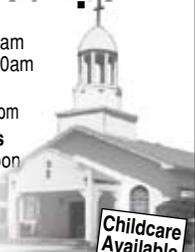


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Living a Healthy Life

by David Lipschitz

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Institute Has Big Plans for Conquering Obesity

"The Biggest Loser" is a popular primetime TV show in which morbidly obese men and women struggle to lose weight while being supervised by nutrition experts, exercise trainers and psychologists. Personally, I find the title offensive, as there is a clear subliminal message supporting the notion that all morbidly obese individuals are losers. Even worse, their approach to weight loss is unrealistic for a huge number of obese Americans, and once the show is over, the success of keeping the weight off is not that good.

The Institute of Medicine, in response to the overwhelming obesity epidemic, has issued a new plan it hopes will reverse this national health crisis. First and foremost, they dispel the notion that obesity occurs only in weak individuals with no willpower. Instead, they place the blame on every aspect of our society

and criticize the food industry for not providing healthy choices, farmers for not having the opportunity to grow crops that promote health, and businesses and schools for not doing enough to help solve the problem.

Their proposal is simple but implementation will be difficult. It will require the involvement of everyone, no matter his or her size.

The institute proposes a five-point plan to 1) make physical activity an integral aspect of our lives. 2) Develop food and beverage choices that promote an ideal weight and are readily accessible and inexpensive. 3) Transform messages about physical activity and nutrition obesity. 4) Expand the roles of health care providers, insurers and employers. 5) Urge schools to be the focal point of efforts to avert the obesity trend.

The 478-page report provides specific approaches to address each issue. To improve physical activity, they insist that communities develop easily accessible places and programs

where exercise can occur safely and enjoyably and that physical activity be promoted and required for children.

The report is particularly aggressive in suggesting ways to create healthful foods and beverages. They require that fast food restaurants decrease calorie-dense foods for children and offer healthier choices; that rational nutritional standards for all foods and beverages be set; that the concentration of fast food outlets in low-income communities be reduced; and that a presidential task force be created to review agricultural policy and farm subsidies that favor foods promoting obesity.

The institute also proposes an "or else" threat to beverage, media and restaurant businesses to improve their marketing messages to children. The federal government is asked to do more to create culturally appropriate messages for specific audiences to increase awareness of key issues in the prevention of obesity.

The institute recommends a greater health care provider role in prevention and nutrition education and insists that insurance companies cover obesity prevention, screening, diagnosis and treatment. Finally, there must be a major commitment by schools to develop nutrition-savvy students who have many opportunities to be physically active and make good food choices in school and elsewhere. And federal law must be changed to mandate physical education programs at all grade levels that will be continuously evaluated to assure proficiency.

Before the ink dries on this report, the influential lobbyists representing industries and special interest groups affected by these recommendations will do everything they can to minimize any financial impact. Politicians will certainly balk at more government spending and involvement in our lives. But we must all understand the economic cost of failure to reverse obesity. Currently, the impact of obesity on health care is estimated to be \$190 billion annually, and the cost of inability to work, illnesses and decreased productivity adds additional billions.

The institute must be congratulated for its boldness, but do we as a nation have the stomach to address another societal program that is so easily blamed on the individual or someone else?

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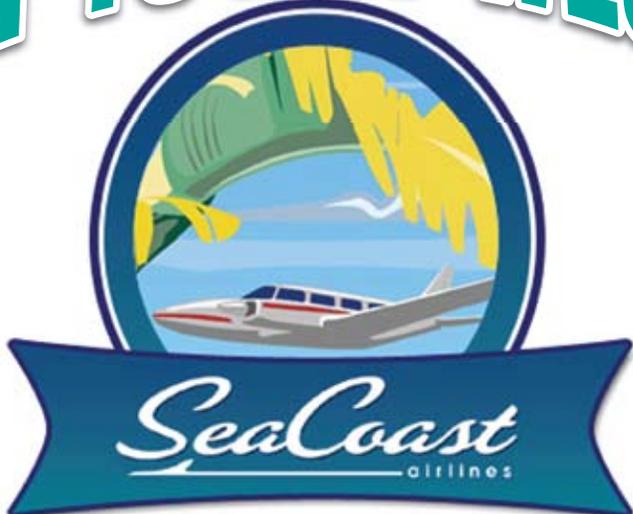
Mr. and Mrs. Randall Sutherland of St. Petersburg would like to recognize the achievements and service of their son, Ryan Andrew Sutherland of Troop 318, West Central Florida Council, Skyway District, and commend him for his efforts to obtain the Eagle Scout Award through Boy Scouts of America. His Eagle Scout Board of Review was held on July 9th, 2012, in St. Petersburg, which he passed with the highest commendation and praise. His Eagle Scout Project, "Scouting for Books," collected over 4,000 books from the local community which were donated to support literacy among the youth, minority and illiterate populations of Pinellas County. Ryan will be attending Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia in the fall.

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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



Green Cooling

Cooling our homes in the summer can account for 45 percent of our home energy use, yet it could be reduced to 10 percent or less with a few thoughtful changes. Incorporating natural ventilation into your home will help you slash your energy use and carbon emissions drastically.

Become aware of the seasonal wind patterns and the air flow around your home. Most areas have gentle breezes in the summer that can be directed into your house through landscaping and opening certain windows. If you don't know which direction the prevailing winds are coming from, hang laundry on the line and watch. Once you find the wind's direction, look at your landscape and geography. Are there trees and bushes that help to funnel the breeze toward your home, or are you parking your car right in the way?

Windows make a big difference in the temperature of a room. Keep windows open on the side of your home facing the wind. If they are double hung, have both open so that cool air flows in the bottom window, and warm air flows out of the top. If you open windows on two opposite sides of your home, you create

cross-ventilation. This is increased by opening bottom windows on the windward side and top windows on the opposite side.

Sunlight streaming through an open window warms your room and floors. A warm floor acts as a "thermal mass" and keeps warming the room long after sundown. To avoid this, close the windows and shades on the sunny side of the house first thing in the morning. You seal in the cool air and keep out the "thermal gain."

Use ceiling fans to circulate the cool air throughout the day. Many energy-efficient ceiling fans on the market have programmable thermostats that turn them on automatically as the room warms. People will tolerate warmer temperatures as long as the air is circulating well around them.

Ceiling fans work best in the summer when they are adjusted to

pull the air up from the floor and circulate the cooler air. Switch the fan blade direction in the winter to have the fans push the warm air from the ceiling toward the floor. Ceiling fans use a fraction of the energy of an air conditioner, and can be more effective at cooling the whole space when well placed. Using ceiling fans in combination with natural ventilation can usually eliminate the need for air conditioning in a well-insulated, tightly sealed home.

Twenty-five years ago, most architects and builders were beginning to incorporate passive solar into new structures. Our reliance on cheap oil trumped our common sense. Now we are seeing a resurgence in passive solar, as more people realize that we have to live more consciously. Part of conscious living is aligning our lives with the seasons and the region. Our survival once depended on knowing what local foods were in season, what local weather to expect and how to use seasonal landscaping to our benefit. Now our future generation's survival may depend on it.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The full Aquarius moon is the star of this transitional week. The close of July comes with the delicious tension of a highly productive waxing Capricorn moon, and finally things burst open on August 1 with the "lightning moon." There's a superhero quality to this time, and it's most auspicious to explore your own special powers. May the lightning moon announce your power to you like a bolt from above.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even though you'll be turning in work to someone else this week, the truth is that you are ultimately running your own business. You're the one who is intimately in touch with what you gain and invest and how the action is moving your professional goals along.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Here's something to keep in mind as you go about your week: Everyone is multidimensional. Don't underestimate those around you or assume you know their next move. Also, don't assume you know what you are capable of. There's more to you than you know.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Objective wanting is when you like the idea of something. Really wanting something is when you're willing to invest your energy, time and being into the thing you want. You're still on the fence about how far to take a certain "want." Why rush to decide? Stand back and observe for a while. You won't regret it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't be fooled into thinking that the person who is handed opportunities will be more successful than you. The one who carves out opportunities is far better off because that person won't have to wait for the next great offer. Life isn't about getting a chance; it's about taking a chance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Life has the feel of a scavenger hunt. A series of small, easily solvable predicaments will lead you down this winding path of a week. There may be a prize at the end, but it's

nothing compared to the fun and satisfaction that come from solving each puzzle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Before you launch into your hardworking mode, note that this week's patterns are atypical. Oddly enough, days filled with leisure lead to your most productive period yet. So parcel out the work involved in that mammoth task you have to accomplish between lengthy, lazy, silly stretches of doing nothing at all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There is great freedom in letting go of what was and what should have been. However, you may not be in the mood for great freedom. The comfort of a familiar mindset also has benefits. Either way, you'll be working through what happened -- or didn't happen -- through writing, talking and artistic expression.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What you want to happen may not be practical. Also, there are many involved, and their wants are not the same as yours. But you're likely to stay lighthearted and playful. So, things will get complicated -- but deliciously so because you keep coming at them with a fun-and-games perspective.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Each goal you have is glorious as it stands independently. But when you put all of your goals together, you may find they are in conflict with one another. It's a momentum-blocker for sure. Luckily, you have a strong intuition about how to prioritize and press onward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even though you sometimes wish you could invest time and money into a better education, you also realize the truth of the matter: No matter how much you learn or what you know, it won't add up to a thing unless you also take action. This week you'll get into action and do more than those with fancy credentials.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Too many options produce an uncomfortable, unproductive state

of confusion. Get clear on your No. 1 goal, and spend the better part of your time on it. It's not enough to simply narrow your focus. Put blinders on, horsey style, so you can't even see other options.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Reorganizing your life may produce an overnight improvement, though it will take about seven days to do the organizing. Take on a little restructuring each day, and by next Sunday, you'll be poised to make the transformation you've been wanting for some time now.

This Week's Birthdays: Because you're receptive to new influences, adventures ensue. In August, a relationship feels preordained and features pleasingly fateful events. You claim a space in September and use it for work, sanctuary and personal expression. You'll be promoted in November. December offers reunions and travel. There will be a showcase in January. Make the most of it by preparing for several weeks beforehand. In February, start training or go into business. April brings a windfall.

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The students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from one semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local public and private high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a monthly charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

P.I.E. encourages interested families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

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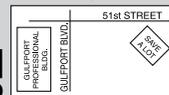
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ACTIVITIES

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PROGRAMS

2012 SUMMER PROGRAM - Ongoing registration continues for the 2012 Summer Recreation Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Registrations for Gulfport residents and non-residents (30 children max.) are currently being accepted. Proof of residency is required for registration. Hours of registration for Monday-Friday are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. You can pick up your packet at the Rec. Center or log on to www.mygulfport.us and follow the links to City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center. For more information call 893-1068.

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM:

Registrations for the 2012-2013 School Year Child Care Program has begun for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. 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.

2012-2013 TOT TIME PROGRAM - PREREGISTRATION:

Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 Tot Time Program are currently being accepted. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-re-

fundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Classes begin September 4th, 2012 and is limited to 10 children. Call 893-1068 for more information.

2012-2013 VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten):

VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Parents must apply at Coordinated Child Care and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. VPK will start on Tuesday, September 4th and is limited to 10 children. Sign up now with your voucher from Coordinated Child Care Please call 727-893-1068 for more details.

2012-2013 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM

The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 18 (if still in high school). It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

NEW CLASSES- Interested in teaching a class? Call John at

727-893-1079 for more info

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- Braveheart Bootcamp- Tues., 6:30 p.m. Call Ally at 727-748-6612
- Beginners Spanish- Mon., 7:45-8:45. Call 482-2125 for more info
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Scotsman Soccer- Starts Tues., July 29th 4:15 p.m. Call Ally at 727-748-6612
- Tai Chi -at Scout Hall , Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.
- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 280-4276
- Yoga in the A. M. - at the Neighborhood Center, 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.



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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.

FLYP Summer Reading Program:

Wednesdays, 2:00 pm. FMI, call 893-1074 and ask for Diann.

StoryTime: Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00 am, Diann shares picture books and activities selected for preschoolers. Youth Services area around the rocking chair by the Easy books.

Business Debtors Anonymous Meeting: Thursdays, 4:30 - 6 pm. FMI: call 727-238-1688.

Anime Afternoons: Fridays, 2:00 pm. For ages 12 and up. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. FMI, contact Sheri, 727-893-1074.

Meditation Classes: Saturdays, 10:00 am. Taught by Ted Leitho, using The Power of Now by E. Tolle; and Your Head in the Tiger's Mouth by R. Balsekar. Preregister at the Reference Desk. FMI, call 893-1073.

Safety on the Seas: A Marine Safety Seminar Series: Fri., 5 - 6:30 pm; and Sat., 2 - 3:30 pm. Administered by Ryan Sutherland, sponsored by Boca Ciega Yacht Club. FMI, call 727-397-1157 or email rsutherland4124@gmail.com.

Bank of America, "Hire Me" Teen Program: Monday, August 6, 11:00 am - 1:30

pm. Includes lunch provided by sponsor for high school-aged teens; pre-registration required.

Literary Pendants: Tuesday, August 7, 2:00 pm. Craft activity for teens - materials provided. FMI, contact Sheri, 727-893-1074.

End of Summer Reading Bash with Magician Cesar Domico: Wednesday, August 8, 2:00 pm. FMI, Contact Dave Mather, 727-893-1075.

****PRIMARY ELECTION:** Tuesday, August 14. Library will serve as polling place, open to eligible voters from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm.**

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, August 16, 10:00 am. Discussion of Slaughterhouse-5, by Kurt Vonnegut, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, August 25, 10:30 am is first feature, followed by second film at 1:30. Enjoy with free popcorn provided by the Library! FMI, call 893-1073.

Services *City Sponsored Activities* *in the Community*

Senior Center

5501 27th Ave. S. 893-2237

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bridge Club: Bridge Club is held every Tuesday at 2pm and every Thursday at 1:30pm. Bring a friend!

Beginners Line Dance Class:

A beginners Line Dance Class is offered 10:30am every Tuesday at Scout Hall (5315 28th Ave. S). Must be a registered member of the Senior Center. Registration and the class are free.

Coming Soon! Game & Card

Party: Mark your calendar now for the Senior Center's 3rd annual Game & Card Party on Wed. Aug. 29 at 2pm. Watch for more details in the Gulfport Gabber.

Senior Trips: Looking for day trips?

How about the Hard Rock Casino on August 6 or Aug. 23 (\$15 for free play and \$5 food voucher); Arabian Nights on Aug. 8 at Kissimmee (\$53 includes meal); Don Cesar Resort Guided Tour and lunch at Leverocks on Aug. 15, \$53; Catfish Johnny's Lake Panasoffkee on Aug. 21 (\$55 includes indoor buffet). Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for more details.

Outdoor Project: While our

Celebration Wall is being developed, we want to keep that outdoor area looking as special as it is. Volunteers are needed to keep the ground cover area weeded and the pavers swept. It's such a beautiful spot under the oak tree but needs attention on a regular basis. Want to help?

SPECIAL SERVICES

Emergency Evacuation Forms:

If an emergency evacuation order is issued and you have no transportation to a public shelter, please contact Gabber July 26 - August 1, 2012

the Senior Center for an application to make the ride to the shelter possible. The Senior Center can also provide a list of things you will need to take with you. Don't wait until the last minute. Be prepared.

Food Pantry Low: The Senior Center Food Pantry has an ongoing need for non-perishable food items. Please consider donating food to help our low-income seniors.

Snack Bar: Light Breakfast served every morning: 1 egg, 2 pieces of toast & tomato and coffee, only \$2.50. All lunches, \$3.00. Great food! Great company! If you are heading for the beach, stop at the Senior Center to pick up a boxed lunch. Call 893-2259 to place your order.

Transportation Service: Need a

ride to the beauty shop, grocery store, doctor's appointment? How about a ride to visit a friend. 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. All rides to the Senior Center are free. 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 727-343-9044 for fee and registration info.

Support Groups

- Diabetic Support Group on Mondays at 9:30am.
- Caregivers: Every Wed. at 2pm

More Activities: To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety, please log onto HYPERLINK "<http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>".

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

Every Thursday **Salsa Dance**

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8-10pm Dance, \$7

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Ballroom & Social Dancing
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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Ruggest Time for Rugged People

As I wrote last week, Alaska is bigger than big, majestic and rugged of scenery and hosts a lifestyle that may not be big, but is rugged - at least by my standards. It's cool in the summer, with an occasional exception, but there are few exceptions about cold winters. On the other hand, I can guarantee that Alaskans would find central Florida highly uncomfortable for ten months of the year.

For Alaskans, the 50 to 60 degree temps we experienced in our two weeks there appeared to be shorts and tee shirt weather. Of course, ponchos and umbrellas were always handy, not to mention bug repellent for a state where mosquitos are considered the state bird. In fact we noted that some outdoor workers were wearing what we would consider bee-keeper gear. Mosquitoes aren't bee-sized, but they are big enough and a walk in the woods can turn into a jog, then run, then mad dash. Native Indians smeared bear grease over their bodies, but bear grease is probably hard to get today and a bit smelly. But, then, there aren't any snakes or alligators or sharks.

I wrote "rugged", but how rugged? It depends what you are doing. I just finished reading a book about Alaskan "bush" pilots which is an old aviation term that still applies to Alaskan pilots today. Flying in the Alaskan wilderness in the winter is more than challenging and summertime flying isn't for the careless. Both the weather and the terrain are very unforgiving. We took an hour and half float plane trip from Wasilla (took off next door to Sarah Palin's house) to Talkeena near Denali. It was low over cast, a bit of drizzle, five or six miles visibility, but good enough eventually to fly below the mountain tops to follow glaciers up the canyons and back.

Real Alaskan flying involves flying to remote Indian villages year round in all kinds of weather where the best weather reports come from observers

on the ground. Pilots are pretty ho-hum, at least on the surface, because most of the time the flying is kind of boring. But, did I mention that the name of the book is "Map of Dead Pilots"?

Of course, you can travel by boat or canoe or powered skiffs. We tried a rubber raft down a swift river a portion of which was what they call a braided river - an ever changing shallow delta like part of the river where the trick is to find a channel deep enough to float an eight person raft. We did a bit of rock-and-ravel bar walking enroute (the sand is more like silt and can act like quicksand). The water, flowing from the glaciers, was about 37 degrees.

Winter-time traveling is often by snow machines - they don't call them snowmobiles - as well as cars and trucks, if the roads are passable. And, some use dog sleds. The dog sled dogs we saw weren't the Disney type Huskies which are the power dogs. What we saw were sleeker, half the size, pulling dogs that looked more like German shepherds.

Jeff King is the king of dog sledders having won the Iditarod four times and he owns a breeding kennel. He introduced us to his newest batch of puppies - we each got to hold one - and harnessed up his professional dogs to an ATV. They are bred and trained to pull and run and when left out of the harness are really bummed. Friendly, good-natured dogs, though.

The people seemed that way, too, but it might change in the winter time. Not only is there little daylight during the long winters and the weather is often bad, but food supplies in the smaller, remote towns, or islands, come by river barge. Yes, they supply some of their own produce (long summer days for a few months), some of their meat and dairy products, but they rely upon barge loads of supplies for their markets - had to say "super". As one woman told us, you want to get there as soon after the supplies come in because what you get at the end of the week probably only has a day or two of freshness left.

Of course, you can't know what it's like unless you live there, nor did we have an opportunity nor time to mix much with residents. The closest we came was on the Fourth of July when our Tauck tour group of 40 was included in Juneau's (the state capital) annual parade. We lined up (with flags, hats and red and white and blue glasses) next to a float of four belly-dancers (it was 60 degrees). A guy on a motorcycle asked us who we were and when we said "a tour group", he smiled and noted that each tourist drops \$197 during his visit. Locals are tuned in and tourists really are welcomed.

It looked like the whole town (31,000) turned out and we got cheers from the crowd. We did cut it short since the route was three miles and lunchtime at the Red Dog Saloon beckoned. Literally ran into a real native there. Let the swinging door go as he was entering. I apologized, but this 6 foot 4 guy, a Tlingit (pronounced click-it, I was told) was very friendly. A body builder and former bouncer at the saloon, he noted that everyone comes to town for a good time for the Fourth. Then he corrected himself. "No. I mean the third AND fourth. Now I'm going to drink a bit".

I'm a little curious what Alaska's like in the winter, but it's not on my bucket list.

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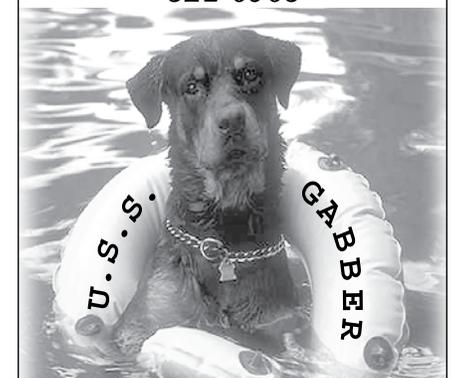
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The Ladies Auxiliary is collecting supplies to send to our troops. There is a list of needed items at the Post. Steak-ums are played Sundays at 1 p.m. The Auxiliary is now accepting donations of school items for "Back to School" donations to local students.

The Legion Riders meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

We invite Auxiliary members to attend our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. We welcome your ideas.

Please plan to join us on Sundays starting at 1p.m. for Steak-Ums games. Have fun and win great food!

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DAOUST, PHYLLIS F., 78, of St. Pete Beach, passed away Thursday, July 19, 2012 at Hospice House Woodside. She is survived by her husband, Ronald; daughter, Jill McNeal; granddaughter, Paige McNeal, both of Riverview; brother, Darrell McNeal of Mankato, MN; sister, Carol Pongratz of Houston, TX. Online tribute: beachmemorial.com.

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FAIRFIELD, DOLORES J., 81, of So. Pasadena, passed away July 11, 2012, with peace in her heart and the deep love of family and friends. Survived by one son, Lance; granddaughter, Jannet Dee; sister, Bunny Mauriello; her brother, Frank Mascali; stepbrothers, Charles and Richard Mascali; her adoring nieces and nephews; and devoted caregiver, Teresa Vargova. A service will be held at Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Pete Beach on Saturday, July 21, at

10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Suncoast Hospice, www.thehospice.org. For a full online tribute and obituary, go to www.beachmemorial.com.

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HOUSER, MARGARET (KING) "PEGGY", 59 years old, of St. Pete Beach, passed away July 14, 2012, at the Suncoast Hospice Woodside in Pinellas Park. Born in Cranford N.J., Peggy moved to St. Pete Beach in 1987. Peggy loved to go swimming, boating and traveling with her husband, family and friends. Peggy was an elementary school teacher, mostly first grade, for 27 years, 13 years were at Maximo Elementary, which she greatly loved. Peggy is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, Fred Houser Jr.; three brothers residing in New Jersey and numerous family and friends.

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PITTARO III, WILLIAM F., 78, of Gulfport, passed away July 10, 2012. A private cremation has been planned. Guestbook at davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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Lithuanian-American Lunch this Thursday

The Lithuanian-American Club at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. The cost is \$7.

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Join Gulfport Toastmasters

Gulfport Toastmasters meets every Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at The Gulfport Meeting Center, 5021 Tangerine Avenue S. (off 49th St. St., one block from Gulfport Blvd.). There is no charge to be a guest, you can stop in as many times as you'd like. You don't need to be a Gulfport resident either!

A Toastmasters meeting is a learn-by-doing workshop in which participants hone their speaking and leadership skills in a no-pressure atmosphere. There is no instructor in a Toastmasters meeting. Instead, members evaluate one another's presentations. This feedback process is a key part of the program's success. Meeting participants also give impromptu talks on assigned topics, conduct meetings and develop skills related to timekeeping, grammar and parliamentary procedure.

Members learn communication skills by working in the Competent Communication manual, a series of 10 self-paced speaking assignments designed to instill a basic foundation in public speaking. Members also take on various meeting roles and working in the Competent Leadership manual. In their learn-by-doing approach, they don't lecture members about leadership skills; they give them responsibilities and mentoring to help.

The benefits of joining Gulfport Toastmasters include increasing your self-confidence, becoming a better speaker and leader and communicating more effectively.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

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Emergencies are rarely convenient. Heart attacks happen on honeymoons. Strokes strike in the dead of night. Humans have entrenched systems to accommodate these events: dispatchers, ambulances, paramedics, emergency rooms. Thankfully, so do dogs.

Emergency animal hospitals are where we turn when things go wrong with our animals after hours. Only Hollywood gets to plan its disasters head to tail. The rest of us have to plan for the possibilities. Having a good emergency clinic on speed dial is as important as having a diligent vet for regular checkups and maintenance.

I was reminded of this recently when I had a scare myself.

Something was wrong with my German shepherd, Nilo. He was listless. His breathing was labored. My heart sank. It was a Sunday.

I've had sick dogs. I've had injured dogs. I've lost dogs to cancer. Needless to say, I was worried and anxious as I helped Nilo into the car and drove him to Mother Lode Pet Emergency Clinic in Shingle Springs, Calif.

Stepping into the clinic, I was probably more nervous than Nilo, who's a pretty smooth operator in most circumstances. But on this day, he wasn't feeling well, which was obvious -- and not only to me.

Within seconds of our arrival, we were greeted by a nurse. Nurse Pug. She approached Nilo calmly, looked him over with gentle eyes and then lay down next to him on the floor and rolled onto her back. I'll never forget her soft fawn coat, her sweet, smooched pug face or the way she

seemed to say to Nilo, "Don't worry. It'll be OK. Nurse Pug will take good care of you until the doctor can examine you."

Turns out Nurse Pug is the antidote to "waiting room disorder," the symptoms of which include nausea, digestive upset, dry mouth or extreme drooling, depending on the species. But Nurse Pug was just the beginning.

Dr. Heidi Hilleary and vet tech Tessa were on duty that day. These two embody the Mother Lode mission: to provide "comprehensive and compassionate expert emergency pet care." Nilo was in competent, caring hands, and that meant the world to me.

When all was said and done, Nilo's blood work was good. He's healthy and at home. He has a little arthritis creeping in, which was likely the

source of his discomfort. Nothing we can't manage. Can you hear my sigh of relief?

The whole experience served as a reminder to me to 1) encourage dog owners to keep the number of a good emergency animal clinic on hand and 2) thank these people for the great service they provide.

The people -- and the pug -- at Mother Lode made all the difference, and I know there are veterinarians, technicians and support staff in emergency animal hospitals across the country who work crazy hours and provide huge relief: a place to go when crisis comes at an inconvenient time, quality care, unqualified dedication.

Thank you, Dr. Hilleary. Thank you, tech Tessa. Thank you, Nurse Pug. Thank you all.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

Common Misconceptions about Wills and Trusts

The following are a few common misconceptions that Akerson Law Offices has clarified for clients of the firm:

1. Does a valid last will and testament avoid probate? No, a will does not help you avoid probate. In fact, the last will and testament is the primary tool of the probate system. A will serves as the instructions from you to the Probate Court as to how you want your property distributed. The Probate Court then ensures that all probatable assets are collected and valued. Then, after all bills and taxes are paid, the proper-

ty can be distributed to your heirs in accordance with your wishes.

2. If I have a will, can my property be distributed to my heirs in a few weeks? Unfortunately, this does not happen in the vast majority of probate proceedings. Occasionally, family administration or summary administration procedures may be available which will significantly reduce the time period for a probate proceeding which requires formal administration. A typical formal probate administration in the State of Florida will take six (6) months to one (1) year to properly close the estate.

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

4. Can my living trust be changed? Yes, a living trust may be changed or even eliminated so long as the trust

is declared to be revocable. Some trusts are declared to be irrevocable and accordingly cannot be changed.

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

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

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

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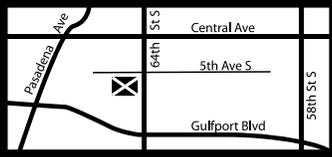
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August's program includes: "Powering Your Boat" August 7, "Election - No Classes" August 14, "Knots" August 21 and "Weather" August 28.

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

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Free Ice Cream Social for Girls Only

There will be a new member social for Juniors, a teen girls' service club (Grades 8-11) on Sunday, August 12, from 1-3 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Woman's Club, 40 Snell Isle Blvd. NE. The casual event features fun, new friends and community projects. Please help our teen Juniors collect much needed back to school clothing for Clothes to Kids. See state website at www.gfwcflorida.org and click on Juniors. Moms are welcome too! Contact Advisor Joanne Walker for more information by email to jbwjw1@verizon.net. RSVP is appreciated.

The St. Petersburg Juniors is sponsored by St. Petersburg Woman's Club, both affiliated with GFWC, General Federation Women's Clubs.

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Renewing the Gulfport Library:

Dave Mather

By Cathy Salustri

Gulfport Public Library has a new leader at the helm, and he wants to make the library a bigger part of the community. Dave Mather, a former Pasco County librarian, says he envisions the Gulfport library as an integral part of the community, and he has plans to help the library grow.

"It's a great place for a library and a great place to get community involvement," Mather says of the library's physical location.

"When you work at a county library, it's great," he says "but you have several communities. You can grow a library at a city."

His first order of business? Booking Florida author Tim Dorsey for a signing. Dorsey, whose books follow the adventures of Serge, a serial killer with a penchant for Florida history and culture. Dorsey will appear at the Gulfport library on September 13.

In the more immediate future, Mather says he wants to revamp the children's programs and make the library more accessible for kids and teens. He also wants to bring more e-government services to the library.

"Traditional libraries are great, but libraries are constantly developing," he says. His plans include adding technology programs, such as how to use an e-reader or basic computing classes, to the library's programming. He'd also like to see a children's computer and dedicated computers for people who need to take advantage of e-government (for example, social security forms, tax returns, and unemployment claims).

Mather will apply for grants like the Library Services and Technology Act grant to help fund the cost of the computers, but feels the staff can provide much of the instruction in-house.

The biggest change, though, will be the tone of the library.

"I'm really big on customer service," Mather says. "My door is always open." He says that he wants to hear from Gulfportians and encourages the community to stop by and tell him what they'd like their library to do for them.

"It's definitely going to be a library for the 21st century," he says "We're not just where your grandmother goes to get history books."

The library opens at 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday. It closes at 7 p.m. during the week and at 4 p.m. on Saturdays.



The new head of the Gulfport Library David Mather says he's looking forward to becoming part of the community himself. Although he currently owns a home in Pasco County, he wants to move to the area. He's excited about both Gulfport and the opportunity to serve as the city's librarian.

"I want to renew the library," he said, adding that when he saw the position come open, he jumped at the chance. "I really like Gulfport."

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 - Theft**- 6300 Blk 13th Ave. S.
 - Animal Call**- 700 Blk 60th St. S.
 - Juvenile Trouble**- 3200 Blk 59th St. S.
 - Abandoned Vehicle**- 5600 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Saturday 7/14**
- Disorderly Conduct**- 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Assault/Battery**- 2300 Blk 52nd St. S.
 - Hit & Run**- 700 Blk 51st St. S.

- Robbery**- 5600 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Burglary**- 2500 Blk 49th St. S.
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 - Suspicious Person**- 20th Ave. & 49th St. S.
 - Suspicious Person**- Beach & Shore Blvds. S.
- Sunday 7/15**
- Person Under Influence**- 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
 - Neighbor Problem**- 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
 - Disturbance**- 4900 Blk 27th Ave. S.
 - Assault/Battery**- 49th St. & 26th Ave. S.
 - Disturbance**- 800 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Monday 7/16**
- Disorderly Conduct**- 5700 Blk 18th Ave. S.
 - Vandalism**- 6300 Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - Theft**- 5600 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Animal Call**- 18th Ave. & 55th St. S.
 - Animal Call**- 4900 Blk 18th Ave. S.
 - Burglary Residence**- 1200 Blk 63rd St. S.
 - Domestic**- 1000 Blk 60th St. S.
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 - Disturbance**- 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Tuesday 7/17

- Accident with Injuries**- Gulfport Blvd. & 51st St. S.
- Burglary Business**- 1100 Blk 49th St. S.
- Keep the Peace**- 1800 Blk 50th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble**- 56th St. & Shore Blvd. S.
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- Animal Call**- 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Domestic**- 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
- Neighbor Problem**- 1700 Blk 58th St. S.
- Person Under Influence**- 3000 Blk 54th St. S.

Wednesday 7/18

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- Disturbance**- 2600 Blk 44th St. S.

Thursday 7/19

- Domestic**- 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
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Meetings August 2012

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| August 1, 2012 | Planning and Zoning Board/LPA
No Meeting |
| August 7, 2012 | City Council Meeting - No Meeting |
| August 8, 2012 | Board of Adjustment - No Meeting |
| August 9, 2012 | Teen Council - 4:45 pm |
| August 15, 2012 | Historic Preservation Committee
5:30 pm |
| August 16, 2012 | City Council Workshop - 3:30 pm |
| August 21, 2012 | City Council Workshop - 5:00 pm
City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm |

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