

Singin' the Blues



"I think we have an awesome turnout, considering we're still in the early stages (of the day's) events," So49 Business Association president Jeri Reed said of the 5th Annual Tangerine Blues Fest.

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Gulfport Council "Fixes" RV Rules

Last year, Gulfport city council changed the rules about RV parking, in an attempt, City Manager Jim O'Reilly said, to make life easier for RV owners. However, the changes had unintended results – namely, it made it "almost impossible to comply with the city's previous ordinance," O'Reilly said.

Ordinance 2012-20 fixes that, he told the council Tuesday night. The council discussed this ordinance at its August 16 workshop. The allows for one RV in the front yard and as many as will fit in the back yard (provided they are shielded from view by a six foot fence or foliage).

"I appreciate staff's work," Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon said.

Some residents disagreed with the council's action.

"It looks like we are changing the ordinance to accommodate the violators," Emmett Walsh said, asking, "Do we really want RVs parked in the front yards of our neighborhood?"

"I don't think anybody's going to have a multitude of RVs; they're very expensive," Patricia Millward pointing out. She also told council that RVs "are made of plastic; they don't rust."

See *RV Rules*, page 2

Tax Increase on Beach

St. Pete Beach residents will pay higher taxes this coming year. The commission raised the millage, or tax, rate on property taxes to 3.2819 mils, .425 mils higher than the current tax rate.

Property owners will pay \$328.19 per \$100,000 of assessed taxable property value, an increase of \$42.50 per \$100,000 of assessed property value over last year's tax rate.

See *Beach Taxes*, page 7

PACE Struggles in Gulfport

Gulfport's PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) continues to struggle in Gulfport as well as the state. Tuesday night the city decided to put things back out to bid.

"I was part of the vote that all of a sudden allowed us to go from one contractor to two, and I think Ygrene [one of the initial bidding company] took exception to that, and I think that was a bad decision

See *PACE*, page 5

RV Rules, from front page

Councilman Dan Liedtke pointed out that “we’re just trying to right a wrong” brought about by changing an ordinance already in place when Community Development Director Fred Metcalf came to work at the city. He suggested that the current ordinance was unfair to people who invested in the city believing they could store their RVs in a certain manner on their property.

“I agree with Councilman Liedtke... people bought their houses [and then]

were told they would have to sell their RV,” Councilwoman Salmon said.

Metcalf said the Community Development Department would review possible violations “on a case by case basis.”

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Bayway Bridge Closed Monday

This week the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to close the eastbound lanes of the Bayway Bridge from 9 a.m. until 4

p.m. Monday, October 8, for concrete delivery and placement. The FDOT may change this schedule depending on the weather.

FDOT workers will make sure emergency vehicles can get through the work zone as needed. Workers will not necessarily have eastbound lanes closed all day, however drivers should anticipate closures and pay attention to the flashing signs situated around St. Pete Beach and the bridge for more information.

As always, the Gabber will post any changes under the “Top Stories” section of our web site (thegabber.com) as we learn of them. You can also get e-mail updates about the Bayway construction project. E-mail roadwork@dot.state.fl.us and ask to receive Bayway detour information.

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Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest

The Gulfport Recreation Division will be hosting a free Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest at the City of Gulfport’s Birthday Bash on Saturday, October 6th at Chase Park (28th Ave. and 53rd St. S.). The chalk art contest will be from 12-2 p.m. with the winners announced shortly after. Registration begins at 11:45 a.m. Winners will be chosen in six grade categories: K-1; 2-3; 4-5; 6-7; 8-9 and 10-12. There will be gift certificate awards for each category winner. There will also be a bounce house/slide combo for the children to enjoy from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The City’s Birthday Bash will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with guided trolley tours, a mullet toss, live music, arts and crafts, flea market, hot dogs, a fish fry and free birthday cake.

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Senior Center Birthday

Come celebrate the Senior Center’s 29th birthday on Wednesday, October 10 at 1 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S., with a live performance by Van Davis. In lieu of admission cost, donations of canned goods to their Senior Center Food Pantry will be greatly appreciated. Free refreshments are provided in the Senior Center Dining Hall after the performance. A special thank you goes out to Dolphin’s View Nursing and Rehab Center in South Pasadena for sponsorship of the talent.

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Celebrate the City of Gulfport's 102nd Birthday
10 a.m.—4 p.m.

The City of Gulfport Recreation Division presents;

Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest

Saturday, October 6, 2012, Noon—2p.m.
Winners announced shortly after.

At Chase Park—
28th Ave. So. & 53rd St. So.

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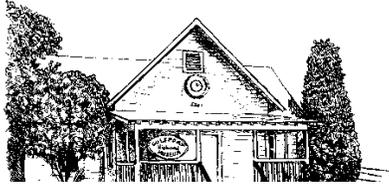
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*4-5	*6-7
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*News from the
Gulfport Historical Society*



On Saturday, October 6th in keeping with the 102nd Birthday celebration at the Historical Museum, 5301 28th Avenue S., a memorial plaque will be dedicated In Memory of Mary Atkinson, a founder of the Gulfport Historical Society and well-known local business woman. Dedication will take place at 10 a.m. on the museum grounds right after the flag-raising ceremony. All are invited.

St. Pete Beach Sets Budget

Commissioners voted to approve an operating budget of \$23,540,489. The budget includes no increases in wastewater and reclaimed water fees, but it does reflect a million dollar increase in the operating budget as well as \$1.7 million for capital improvements.

Resident Deborah Schechner asked the city to find a way to implement "an extra tax on each hotel room."

The commission voted unanimously to approve the budget.

"You're never going to please everybody, but somebody has to step in," Mayor Steve McFarlin said after hearing public comment.

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Clean Up Scheduled for St. Pete Beach

Join them on Saturday, October 13th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Upham Beach to get St. Pete Beach back into pristine condition just in time for our Northern visitors. The City of St. Pete Beach Recreation Department will be on site to supply volunteers with trash bags, gloves and water. School groups are encouraged to volunteer. To register a group, contact the Recreation Department at 727-363-9245 or visit www.spbrec.com.

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City of Gulfport & Gulfport Historical Society

BIRTHDAY BASH SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 6, 2012, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Gulfport Museum & Chase Park 5301 28th Ave. S.

- 10 a.m. Raising of the flag by American Legion 125 with "Star Spangled banner sung by Elizabeth Brown-Worthington
- 10 a.m. Dedication of plaque and crepe myrtles to the Late Mary Atkinson
- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Artist, Crafters and collectables – Interested vendors contact Diane at 727-465-3460/727-397-1875 or Miki at 727-321-5705 to reserve space promptly. \$10 per 10x10 space. No electric.
- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Pick up your 15 month 2012-2013 Historical Society calendar for only \$5
- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Inflatables including slide and obstacle course
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- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tour the Museum
- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Trolley Tour of Gulfport
- 10 a.m. Mullet Toss – You gotta try it!
- Noon – 2 p.m. Chalk Art Contest – Free admission
Prizes for kids age groups
- Noon-2 p.m. Music by Geno
- Noon - Worthington's Fish Fry - \$8. Get it while it lasts!
- Noon - Hot Dogs served by Gulfport CERT Team.
Hot Dogs \$2, Drinks \$1
- 1 – 3 p.m. Antique Appraisal – Bring items antiques for appraised value: \$5 for 1 or 3 items for \$10
Scout Hall (5315 28th Ave. S.)
- 3 p.m. Free Birthday Cake!

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SWFWMD Will Not Raise Taxes

Although the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) increased its operating budget by \$4.5 million for the coming fiscal year, property owners will not pay a higher tax to state agency responsible for flood control and surface and groundwater quality in the Tampa Bay area.

Tuesday night the Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board approved the 2012-13 fiscal year budget and millage (or tax) rate. The fiscal year starts Monday, October 1. The budget includes a millage rate of 0.3928 mils, the same as the current fiscal year. One mil represents one dollar per thousand dollars of taxable value; a property with an assessed value of \$100,000 will pay SWFWMD \$40. According to Robyn Felix, spokesperson for SWFWMD, property values in the SWFWMD service area went down 2.9 percent, so property owners will pay the district \$3 million less than they did

in the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Felix says the additional \$4.5 million in the budget stems from "additional funding requests from local governments for water resources projects". The District plans to fund the increase as well as the \$3 million decrease in property taxes collected from money it did not spend in prior years.

In the next 12 months SWFWMD will spend \$83.2 million for capital and infrastructure projects as well as other water resource management projects.

The District governing board answers directly to the governor.

Scandinavian Club to Meet

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PACE, from front page on my part, and I take responsibility for that," Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon said. "I would really like to see us go to RFP."

The council decided to put the program out to bid once again.

"I have not seen business owners at our meetings, waiting in line to take advantage of our PACE programs," Mayor Mike Yakes said.

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Park and Street Named for Beach Volunteer

ST. PETE BEACH – Longtime museum, school and city hall volunteer Peggy Creed had a street and park named in her honor. The city commission voted unanimously to rename the city street end at 90th Avenue after the tireless volunteer.

"She just did it all, and all for us," Lance Peterson said.

In addition to its proximity to her home of five decades, Friends of Gulf Beaches Historical Museum President Spencer Lucas reminded the commission the suggested

location "faces west for the sunsets she loved."

The city also voted to dedicate the park on 90th Avenue in Peggy Creed's honor.

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Blessing of the Animals at St. Alban's

Please mark your calendar and plan to bring your furry and feathered loved ones on Saturday, October 6th at 10 a.m. for this fabulous tradition celebrated once again at St. Alban's in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Bring your pet for the Blessing of the Animals ceremony to take place in their beautiful Memorial Gardens. Even if you

don't have a pet, please join them for this fun event. Please, pet owners are responsible for controlling their critters at all times. If you have a scaredy –dog, cat, bird or fish bring a photo!

Refreshments will be provided for all in attendance – pets and their human escorts, as well.

They are pleased, this year, to collect cash donations or donations of goods (blankets, towels, pet food, litter, etc.) to benefit the Friends of Strays, Inc. of St. Petersburg. Please check their website at www.friendsofstrays.com/. St. Alban's is located at 330 85th Avenue in St. Pete Beach. Call 360-8406.

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Catch a Jazz Concert

The Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will sponsor two October concerts at the Bilmar Beach Resort, 10650 Gulf Blvd, Treasure Island:

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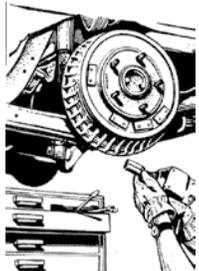
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Beach Taxes, from front page
The increase will yield just over \$830,000, needed to “fund our employee pension plans,” city manager Mike Bonfield told the commission.

“You guys are courageous, and I think you’re doing a good thing. If only our commissioners over the past 30 years would have raised it just a little bit, you guys wouldn’t be in the hot seat,” St. Pete Beach resident Rick Falkenstein told the commission.

“I would like to object to the huge increase,” Dr. Bill Pyle said. Dr. Pyle, president of the Silver Sands condominiums, told the commission he didn’t speak on behalf of Silver Sands. He further stated his objections, as best as this reporter could discern, to city spending money to defend the lawsuits against the city. Dr. Pyle, a frequent flier as a plaintiff in the lawsuits against the city, then railed against the city’s comprehensive plan.

Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan suggested that instead of raising the tax rate, the city secure a loan it would use only if voters did not approve contracting with the Sheriff’s Office in November. If the voters opted to disband the city police, the city, Vice Mayor Shavlan said, would not accept the loan. He said that the city has a loan payment ending in the coming year and could continue making the payments to repay the new loan. He advocated raising taxes only \$330,000 to ensure the city get enough money in reserves.

“I think it’s time for a reality check

for all of us in this city,” Mayor Steve McFarlin told him, suggesting that Shavlan’s plan involved semantics. “Forget political, we need to make good business decisions here.”

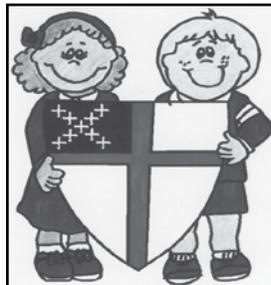
“As far as I can tell, in the last six budget cycles, while the millage rate may have bounced up and down... the city hasn’t gotten any more revenue,” Commissioner Jim Parent said, pointing out that the city’s debt increased and the staff decreased. “I just cannot see adding to that debt.”

Commissioners Lorraine Huhn and Bev Garnett also spoke in favor of

the tax increase instead of the Vice Mayor’s plan. Vice mayor Shavlan told the Gabber 85% of the people who contacted him supported a potential loan that the city may not need to use instead of raising taxes. He pointed out that the city could repay the loan early if the voters approved going with the Sheriff for law enforcement.

“I surrender,” the vice mayor said when the mayor called the vote. He voted in favor of the increase, telling the commission “I will go along with the majority.”

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Vehicle Tire	\$17.00 each
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T.V. and Computer Component	\$25.00 each
Excessive amounts of Trash, Debris, Yard Waste and/or Brush	\$17.00 and up based on size, amount and type of equipment used to remove

ALL Special Pick-Up items **MUST** be placed at the curb or alley and **MUST** be scheduled with the Public Works Department by calling **727-893-1089**.

Excessive accumulation of trash, debris, yard waste and/or brush will be picked up by the city with or without notification by the owner or resident and incur the appropriate charge.

Call Public Works Department at **727-893-1089** for more information or to schedule a Special Pick-Up.

City of Gulfport Nostalgic Birthday Bash

Come on home to Gulfport's 102nd Birthday Bash on Saturday, October 6th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. And what better way to celebrate than to have a good old fashion Gulfport Birthday party at the Gulfport Historical Museum?

At 10 a.m., opening ceremonies in the front of the Gulfport Museum, will include a dedication of three crepe myrtles and a plaque to the late Mary Atkinson, who devoted much of her life to Gulfport and many local organizations, including the Historical Society.

Also in Scout Hall, if you are an antique buff, this event is for you. If you think you have an heirloom of worth from great Auntie Mable, bring it to Scout Hall from 1-3 p.m. It is \$5 per item or 3 items for \$10. These proceeds help with the funding of the museum. If you or someone you know is an antique appraiser, the Historical Society is looking for folks to donate a few hours of their time for appraisal, please call 727-321-5705.

The Gulfport Historical Society is inviting artists, crafters and collectables to show their wares (all art medias invited) in Chase Park. Cost for 10 x 10 space is a remarkable \$10, but space is limited. No electric available. Please call Diane at 727-465-3460 or Miki at 727-321-5705 to reserve space promptly.

Children can sign up for Chalk Art Contest which begins at noon

and judging will start at 2 p.m. Free inflatable kids obstacle course and inflatables will be available throughout the event. You can take a guided trolley tour of Old Gulfport and try your hand at the popular Mullet toss (we dare you). The traditional Worthington (7th generation Gulfportians) fish fry dinner is a "must try" experience. Celebrate Gulfport's 102nd Birthday with a free piece of cake at 3 p.m.

During this event, take an inside tour of the Gulfport Historical museum and pick up your brand new Historical Society Gulfport Calendar. It is a bonus 15 month calendar with a host of Gulfport events from October 2012 - December 2013. Calendars will be ready for purchase for \$5 at the Birthday Bash, so be sure to get your calendar or call the Gulfport Historical Museum at 727-327-0505 to secure your order.

So experience old time Gulfport charm and meet new friends at the City of Gulfport's 102nd Birthday Bash at the Gulfport Historical Museum at 5301 28th Avenue S. on Saturday, October 6th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on this event, please contact 727-893-1118.

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Stetson Professor to Discuss Banned Books

Mark your calendar for a talk by Professor Michael P. Allen, Stetson University College of Law, on this controversial and provocative subject entitled "Banned Books! Who Decides?" This free event takes place at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Avenue S. in Gulfport on October 4th at 7 p.m., and is sponsored by the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library.

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“Saturday Night Gecko” Wins Gecko Ball Theme

After four weeks of online public voting, organizers of the Fifth Annual Gecko Ball have announced that the overwhelming choice of voters for next year’s theme is “Saturday Night Gecko.” “Saturday Night Gecko” will evoke the 1970s disco era, including the music, dance moves, outfits, hair and fads of the 70s. Other themes up for consideration were “Gecko Rouge” (Cabaret) and “The Masked Gecko” (a Masquerade Ball), but “Saturday Night Gecko” was the voters choice by a landslide. August 24th will be the date of Gecko Ball 2013. The event gets larger and more popular each year, including costumes, over the top décor, cocktail specials, dinner buffet, silent auctions, and the popular live

auction of geckos created by local artists. For more information and updates on the Gecko Ball, go to the facebook page at: www.facebook.com/geckoball.

The Gecko Ball occurs one week prior to the Gecko Fest street festival each year. The two events benefit a local cause or charity each year. Proceeds from 2012’s Gecko Ball, “Hooray for Geckowood!” and Gecko Fest will fund the creation and installation of public art in the Gulfport Waterfront District.

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Don’t Miss the Famous H & R Train Show

The 63rd H&R Train Show will be held on October 5th, 6th, and 7th. This show provides exhibits of every scale of model railroading and is also

a layout competition among all of those who participate. This show is not the usual “flea market” of train sellers. Thousands of customers travel from all throughout Florida and from other states to attend this event; they can view all of the exhibits and layouts under their huge circus-type tent. All of it is free to the public, to model railroader enthusiasts, to the vendors and manufacturers who participate, and to children of all ages.

There are a larger number of model-train-industry vendors who use this three-day train show to display their latest products to the 10,000-plus people in attendance. The show will be held on their store grounds on Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Included in the weekend events will be “how-to” classes, as well as seminars on model railroad topics and demonstrations of new products. H & R Trains awards over \$1,500 in prizes and ribbons to entrants of all ages in their layout competition. Also, door prizes will be drawn between each seminar or special event throughout the three-day show. For any questions please contact either Alice or Don Morris at 727-526-4682.

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Support Arts Center

Charlie Belcher of Fox 13 will be filming Monday, October 15th from 6:30-9:30 a.m. at the Industrial Arts Center at 2902A Beach Boulevard. There will be various demonstrations. Come out and show your support!

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Folkfest to Benefit Creative Clay

ST. PETERSBURG- Creative Clay CulturalArts Center, Inc., announces Folkfest St. Pete 2012 on October 6 and 7 at Albert Whitted Park, 107 8th Ave. SE, St. Petersburg. This new location for Folkfest St. Pete is on the beautiful waterfront of downtown St. Petersburg. Gates open at 11 a.m. both days.

Folkfest St. Pete is a fundraiser for the non-profit Creative Clay, which makes the arts accessible for local artists with disabilities, as well as people in healthcare settings, and provides them with the opportunity for expressive, educational, and vocational arts experiences.

Folkfest St. Pete attracts some of the Southeast's best folk artists and musicians. A \$5.00 donation at the gate and an offering of non-perishable food to benefit the St. Petersburg Free Clinic is requested. Lawn chairs and blankets are permitted.

Live music will be played Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. A craft beer tent with 100 percent local breweries, food vendors offering healthy options, and unique food trucks will have items for purchase. Families with kids will have a chance to explore their artistic side in the family area, including a rock-climbing wall sponsored by Pathfinder Inc. There also is a playground on site.

VIP passes are available for \$50 each at the gate or online at

www.folkfeststpete.org or www.creativeclay.org. Passes include prime seating for musical acts, drink tickets, discounts on beer/sangria purchases and VIP designated restrooms. VIP passes are considered a donation and are tax-deductible.

For more information, please contact Folkfest St. Pete 2012 Director Charlie Bachmann at 727-825-0515; e-mail Charlie@creativeclay.org. Visit www.creativeclay.org or www.folkfeststpete.org.

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Attorney Keith Sanders, Handles Foreclosure Defense and Bankruptcies with Experience and Sensitivity

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

He says that for two reasons. First, he says his more than 20 years of experience as an attorney specializing in handling "literally thousands" of bankruptcies means that he has dealt with virtually any kind of problem or issue that might arise with them. And, secondly, he had to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy himself. He says that experience makes him very sensitive to the kinds of things people face when making the difficult decision to file.

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

"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an

expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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

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

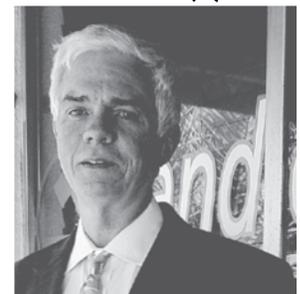
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Sanders has held a number of seminars and written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

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BCHS Sports Hall Induction

Boca Ciega High School will induct four new members into its athletic hall of fame on Friday, October 5, in the CWMP (medical magnet) auditorium at 5:30 p.m. The "hall" was established in 1993 to recognize alumni and coaches who exemplify the best in athletic achievement, sportsmanship and personal attainment. These are people whose deeds and accomplishments serve as role models for our current students and bring pride to our faculty, staff and school.

The following three alumni and one coach will be honored during Friday night's ceremony: Ed Evans,

Basketball/Track (1957); Rex Gaugh, Basketball/Golf/Baseball/Distinguished Service (1978); Tia Miller, Girls Basketball (2000); Tom Scott, Swimming Coach ('79-'93).

The event is open to the public.

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Corey Fresh Market to Open October 7th

Corey Fresh Market opens Sunday, October 7th with over 40 local vendors including Brady Johnson "Mr. I Got 'Em" BBQ, JR Kettle Korn, Kato's Plants & Orchids, How Sweet It Is Rumcakes & Brownies, and the Cheese Lodge. This year's market has grown to include self published children's books, hand-made wood products, hand-woven

baskets, specialty foods and sauces, handmade jewelry, green teas, hula hoops and so much more.

Kevin Wilder, Jazz Pianist, will kick off at 10 a.m. bringing you all the favorite tunes of light jazz. The market has a great line-up of live music for each Sunday. Favorites such as Joel & Dakota, the father/son duo from Tarpon Springs, Lightning Jack and his steel drum and Big Jim Allen with his folksy fun!

Corey Avenue hosts the Corey Fresh Market every Sunday, October through May, weather permitting. Corey merchants open during market hours bring you the best shopping, dining, music, and fun for all! Corey Avenue is located just off Gulf Blvd. in downtown St. Pete Beach. Free admission and parking. Visit www.coreyave.com or call 727-498-8778.

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The Retired Officers Wives Club to Meet

The Retired Officers Wives Club of St. Petersburg will meet for luncheon on October 9th at The Wine Cellar, 17307 Gulf Blvd, North Redington Beach. Social hour will be at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:15 p.m. Their speaker will be Bernice Ripson will speak about the cleanup after 9/11. Call 812-4868 for reservations.

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"We were neither hoteliers nor restaurateurs by profession or experience", noted Alexandra who is a Florida licensed general contractor and The Peninsula's President, "but Jim and I love historic properties and particularly the grand, old, dining inns, both here at home and abroad, which are becoming an endangered species in the restaurant and hospitality world".

The Bayviews 26 rooms were consolidated to 11 with half of these consisting of two and three room suites and all with private baths. Opened originally in the fall of 2002 with Six Tables fine dining, the Kingzetts added Isabelle's restaurant in 2008.

The Peninsula's food and beverage operations are supervised respectively by head Chef Bernie Vinoski and James Brown, who oversees The Palm Terrace, The Peninsula's upscale yet affordable cocktail, beer and wine venue.

Despite the Kingzetts lack of relevant operating experience, the Peninsula has been highly regarded by both the critics and customers alike. Six Tables at The Peninsula has consistently been ranked as one of the top restaurants in the Tampa Bay metroplex, Rewards Network's nationwide dining members have given Isabelle's 4.5+ out of 5 rating based upon food, service and atmosphere in 2012 and this year Trip Advisor designated The Peninsula's Inn with its prestigious Certificate of Excellence award for providing guests with an exceptional experience.

Alex credits it all to the staff. "You may work hard in this business but

as owners we don't prepare and serve the food, make the beds or pour the drinks" she notes.

The Kingzetts' also credit the local community. "Alex and I view our tenure here more as caretaking than owning" observes Jim Kingzett. "The local community supports us in so many ways - this place is in a sense more theirs than ours" he reflects.

The Peninsula has performing artists weekend nights. "We view music as an important way to support the

concept of "arts" in the Waterfront Historic District", explains Alex.

And what of the hereafter? The Kingzetts' have that nomadic look in their eyes. Perhaps Cuba? "We insisted that the attorney add Havana to our licensed territory when we negotiated our Six Tables franchise for The Peninsula over ten years ago", laughs Jim, perhaps to avoid being taken too seriously. Perhaps not.

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The 6th annual October concert series presented by Postcard Inn and City of St Pete Beach Recreation is a family friendly event in Horan Park that will occur every Friday in October. Horan Park is located adjacent to the St Pete Beach Community Center at 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Opening act "Razed by Wolves" take the stage at 6 p.m. and "Horny Toads" at 8 p.m. 107.3 The Eagle promotions team with on-air personality will be at the event in The Eagle station vehicle doing a live

remote and handing out giveaways from 6-8 p.m. Food, beer, wine and other refreshments are available for purchase and free valet parking is available at the Community Center. The events are free and have a perfect mix of atmosphere, music and community.

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Join Paddles Up St. Pete

Do you want to test paddle a kayak, canoe or paddle-board? How about assembling a team of 17 to 25 friends and associates to race a Dragon Boat on the St. Petersburg waterfront? How about seeing a Marine Science Expo? You can do all of this by joining the Paddles Up St. Pete program at St. Petersburg's Poynter Park at Bayboro Harbor on Saturday, October 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you want to enter a Dragon Boat Racing Team, you must preregister by going to www.paddlesupstpete.com, and pronto. If you just want to come out and join the festivities, come out to the park. All necessary directions can be found at www.paddlesupstpete.com

This event is sponsored jointly by the City of St. Petersburg, the City's Downtown Partnership, Parks & Recreation, U.S. Coast Guard, USFSP and The St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron, dedicated to boating education and safety www.boating-stpete.org.

Proceeds from the main event go to various local charities related to marine science and marine resources for Tampa Bay. The race teams are challenged to contribute to the charity of their choice or liking.

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Karl McColley, 9, salutes the German flag at the opening ceremonies of Oktoberfest. Included in the ceremonies are the 16 states in post-reunified Germany. The keg tapping followed the opening ceremonies at the German American Society in Pinellas Park. The celebration will continue this Friday and Saturday night as well as next.

Women's Fellowship to Host Luncheon

The Women's Fellowship of Pass-a-Grille Beach Community Church invites you to their October 8th luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be by Panera Bread at a cost of \$10. The program "Organizing and Decluttering" follows lunch at 12:30 p.m. Beth Warren of Welcome Home Relocations asks "Is there a way to have clutter and still be organized? This program discusses the top ten reasons we may be attached to some of our possessions and become stressed when we think about streamlining. It offers a broad look at our society's obsession with stuff". Contact Barbara Smith at bakehist@tampabay.rr.com or 367-3202 to sign up. You may also call the church at 360-5508. They are located at 107 16th Avenue in St. Pete Beach.

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Gulfport Free Clothing Swap

Gulfport's next free clothing swap will take place at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market on Tuesday, October 9th 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 Boulevard S. 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 or the Fresh Market, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org. Visit the Gulfport Merchants Association website at www.GulfportMA.com or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gulfportfreshmarket.

Vendor Space Available at Racing for Rescues

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Please visit their website to view class flyer: http://www.mygulfport.us/City_Departments/Leisure_Services/Rec_Center/NEW/classes.htm.

Learn Christmas Hula

Hula dance with Kalina returns to Gulfport Recreation Center. This holiday themed Hula Dance is on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. till noon on October 3rd and 10th. The cost is \$40 for the session or \$10 per class. Please call Kalina at 727-251-0424 for more information.

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The Gulfport Community Players are endeavoring to change the way they pick the plays for their seasons' schedules. Up until now, they have relied upon board members, directors, etc. to come up with a selection of plays. Once these were picked, the board would discuss each play, whittle down the list a bit, and then vote on the plays that were chosen from this smaller list.

This has worked quite well for years, but the Players feel that they need to get their general audiences more involved in these selections. That's why they have come up with the idea to enlist the help of anyone that has a particular play or plays in mind. Please contact one of their board members, Gil Perloth at 727-343-8560, and let him know which plays they would like the Players to perform. These plays must be full-length, copyrighted plays, suitable for all audiences, and that have been performed in the past. The plays should be readily available through their normal vendors- Dramatist, Samuel French, etc. Gil will fill you in on the details when you call him.

So, get in on the action and help the Players find some gems!

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St. Petersburg GOP to Meet

The members and friends of the St. Petersburg GOP Club will meet on Wednesday, October 10th at 7 p.m. at the Piccadilly Cafeteria located at 1900 34th Street N. in St. Petersburg. Local GOP candidates will provide an update on their campaigns. For information on the clubs activities, please call Gus Pries at 727-864-0312.

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Pinellas Democratic Club to Meet

On Thursday, October 11th the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will meet at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. in Pinellas Park. Cocktails (cash bar) and social time begin at 6 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. and concludes with guests' presentations and discussion (time permitting). Attending local Democratic candidates will discuss

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BCHS Class of 1962 to hold 50th Reunion

Boca Ciega High School's class of 1962 is celebrating its 50th reunion on October 26th and 27th. The Friday event is a 7 p.m. casual cocktail party in the lobby of the Vinoy Hotel in St. Petersburg. Free admission and cash bar. The Saturday event is a dinner at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club with registration at 5:45 p.m. The cost is \$65 which includes a class photo and memory book. Evening resort casual attire is suggested. There is a farewell breakfast Sunday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Yacht Club. Cost is \$18.

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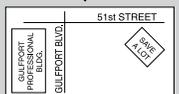


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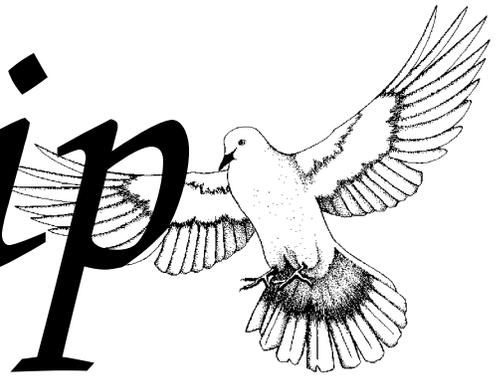
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Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

ACROSS

- 1 Antacid, for short
- 7 Silence
- 10 Directional: abbr.
- 13 Deadpan comic
- 14 Galley item
- 15 Kind of fix or mix
- 16 Seldom
- 19 Jewish month
- 20 Alum
- 21 Lead/tin alloy
- 22 Gridiron positions: abbr.
- 23 Sprightly one
- 24 Jordanians
- 25 Idealist
- 29 Possessive pronoun
- 31 551, at the Coliseum
- 32 *My ___ Sal*
- 33 Leaves dropper
- 34 Papal name
- 35 "Talk oneself ___"
- 39 Solicitation
- 40 Last letter
- 41 Boy, am ___ a roll!
- 42 Ravager
- 43 Kind of relief
- 44 Overstep
- 48 Queen, in Paris
- 50 ___, la, la

DOWN

- 52 Univ. robot
- 53 Went over like ___ balloon
- 54 Bridge defender, maybe
- 56 She, in Milan
- 57 Lamenting
- 60 In the env.
- 61 Louisa girl
- 62 Ethel Waters oldie
- 63 Dum kin
- 64 Brillo rival
- 65 Bow respectfully

ACROSS

- 26 Faucet contents, in Madrid
- 27 Daisy or Fannie
- 28 Miss Doolittle
- 30 Possessive adjective
- 33 Had haddock
- 34 Criticizes
- 35 Rink marker
- 36 Indulgence
- 37 IRAs, e.g.
- 38 Opponent
- 39 Expressed, in a way
- 43 Muddles
- 44 Ottoman officials
- 45 Writer LeGuin
- 46 Art gallery
- 47 Delete
- 49 Plug
- 51 Rodent
- 55 Musical theme
- 56 Able reversed
- 58 Modernist
- 59 Puppeteer Baird

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On Saturday, October 13th from 5-9 p.m. there will be a dinner to benefit Habitat Pinellas at Island Flavors and Tings, 1411 49th Street S. in Gulfport. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. To purchase tickets, contact CooksClubTB@gmail.com. Park along the strip mall and over by George's Grill. Avoid parking across the street. Event is sponsored by the International Culinary School, Cook's Club TB, Citrus Bay Artisanal Foods, Island Flavors and Tings, Gateway Organic Farm and Maple Leaf Farms.

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Halloween Egg "Haunt" in St. Pete Beach Pool

The St. Pete Beach Recreation Department will be holding the annual Halloween Egg "Haunt" at

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

As Mars, the god of war, forms a square to Neptune, the god of water, storms gather. Neptune focuses the shifting elements in a poetic way, and the days to come will be painted with passion, change, beauty and the awesome power of nature as embodied in ourselves, as well as in the outside world. An auspicious trine of Venus and Pluto helps us to create something wonderful from disruption.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll gain emotional intelligence. Your feelings cannot be left out of a scenario, and you may want to have more control over what you feel. This, however, is not possible. So instead, strive to be more aware and accepting of your emotions, whatever they may be. This will allow you to finesse your reactions to your feelings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The "what ifs" come calling, but they sing a different song from the one they used to sing: "What if I get the job I really want?" "What if he agrees to my plan?" "What if my dreams come true?" You'll revel in these possibilities and invite more imaginative options to introduce themselves in the weeks to come.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll gain layers of social savvy by observing what works and what doesn't work in your relationships this week. When you share part of yourself and people respond to you, think about whether their response helps or hurts your mood. You'll copy what works and adapt it to your own style.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It may feel as though you are having many of the same thoughts as last week, and that your mind is stuck in a "repeat" pattern. Just remember that you are not your thoughts. Some of what's drifting through your mental screen doesn't even belong to you, so don't bother claiming it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Once you accept someone, this person no longer has to prove much to you. It's only natural to be inclusive, kinder

and more generous to someone you feel you know and trust. Just be sure to screen people well upfront. Those who share your morals, ethics and values will bring happiness to your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't expect anything in return when you help others, and yet you start to feel resentful if you get the feeling that your help is taken for granted. You want to make sure that you are giving of yourself to those who really do need what you have to offer, and not to those who are simply greedy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Others can't dictate how you feel. They might provide a trigger that sets you off in a certain emotional direction, but you could also go off in a very different direction if you were so inclined. You'll receive the same cue multiple times, and your experimental mood may prompt you to react differently in each instance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It may feel as though everything is coming down to a moment, but it's not. Hopefully, knowing that your victory is not predicated on one gallant act will take the pressure off. Your victory will be based on a body of work and a number of deeds. Having an objective and working in steps toward that purpose will get you there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Beauty is not your goal, but you will continue to work until what occurs is something so masterful that it is undeniably gorgeous. The in-between stages you go through this week are perhaps not nearly as lovely to behold. Have faith and keep going, though, because you deserve that breathtaking result.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Head toward your goal and respond to feedback, and you eventually will get where you want to be. Straying off course is a natural and helpful phenomenon if you have someone to tell you when it's occurring. If you are aware that you have deviated, you can correct your path. In the end, the prize will be yours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Part of the happenings this week will feel like an elaborate heist with many working parts and a prize for the taking. Of course, assembling the right team will be crucial. While working with people you admire, you'll pull off an impressive feat that turns out to be entirely legal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll play a game, and you'll play to win. Be aware that the moment of victory is when many people make mistakes by becoming overly confident and therefore vulnerable to the pitfalls of greed and arrogance. Be mindful not to let success go to your head. When you achieve your goal, stop and consider your next step.

This Week's Birthdays: Everyone seems to need you at once. Since you can't clone yourself, you'll have to say "no" often this month. A relationship takes center stage in November. Friends keep you laughing and loving through the holidays. Your willpower is incredibly strong in the new year, and you'll keep your top resolution. In February, you'll use your powers of enchantment to set up a happy arrangement. This is something you've been trying to achieve for years, and it finally will be a reality.

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Noel Forshee, Tampa, and Matthew Nation, Kings Bay, Georgia, show off their dancing skills for the growing crowd early in the afternoon.

By the time the first act took the stage at 4 p.m., early birds had snagged the best seats for themselves. An hour later, the grass between the stage and the first row of blues fans had dancers of all ages enjoying the music.

"I think we have an awesome turnout, considering we're still in the early stages (of the day's) events," So49 Business Association president Jeri Reed said of the 5th Annual Tangerine Blues Fest.

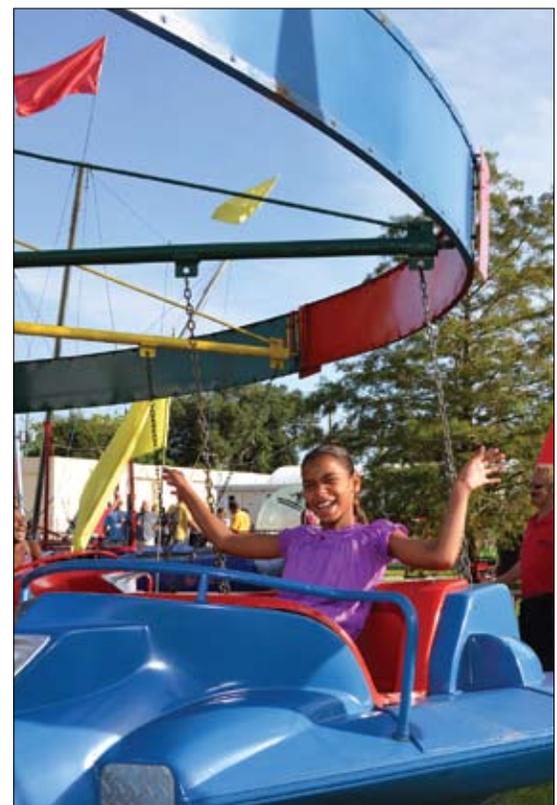
Local volunteers as well as corporate volunteers helped the day run smoothly - Hooters girls drew beers alongside So49 volunteers, and the Gulfport Merchant's Association stepped in to fill last-minute volunteer spots. Pipo's, Wal-Mart, Tyrone Square Mazda and JSR Training all offered support, either financial, edible, or otherwise.



So49 presented the Police Benevolent Association with a \$1000 check.



Mike Michalski, Penny Davis, and Kurt Beem - all Gulfport locals - said events like BluesFest made Gulfport special.



Floyesha Williams, 9, takes a spin on the rides.



Mike McCue, president of the Gulfport Merchant's Association (GMA), volunteered to sell beer tickets for the So49 event. GMA vice president Owen Pach said he hoped to see more of the two groups working together.

Senior Excursion to Hard Rock Casino

The St. Pete Beach Recreation Department will be taking a trip to Seminole Hard Rock Casino in Tampa on October 12 leaving at 9 a.m. and returning at 4 p.m. They do the driving while you relax and enjoy the trip and the company of others. Cost is \$15 and that includes bus transportation, \$15 free play voucher and \$5 food voucher. Must have over 20 registered to receive the vouchers. Space is limited. For more information or to reserve your seat call the St. Pete Beach Recreation office at 727-363-9245 or go to www.spbrec.com.

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4th Annual Octoberfest Beach Crawl

The 4th Annual Octoberfest Beach Crawl in St. Pete Beach will be held on Saturday, October 13th beginning at 5 p.m. at the Undertow, 3830 Gulf Blvd. then heading north on the beach. They will be accepting donations to benefit Florida Blood Services. Please pay by check made out to Florida Blood Services. Every cent collected is donated. The first 200 people to donate will receive a "Beach Crawl can koozie". This is a 21 and over only, rain or shine event. Bring your friends, family, coworkers, neighbors etc. Call Brad Reuscher 813-760-5824

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"It's actually kind of a kickoff for Veterans Day... It will be a lot of fun."

– Bob Newcomb, Executive Director of the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, about the November Casino Royale night that will benefit the Chamber and its member program with small businesses. It will also benefit the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation. You can buy tickets at the Casino, Domain, Beach Bazaar, Bo-Tiki, the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, the Chamber of Commerce web site, and Kay's on Central.

"I want to thank everyone for allowing us to be part of your city." – Sophie

Dutton, of the Gulfport Pirates, a youth sports league. She invited everyone to the Gulfport Pirates homecoming game at Boca Ciega High School. The games start at 9 Saturday morning.

"Sue Frank will be retiring from the city after 21 years. Her efforts have been immeasurable." – City Manager Jim O'Reilly, about the head of the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center's retirement. He invited the council and the public to a 10 a.m. reception for Ms. Frank Friday at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center.

"I don't know if you're ever going to fix this... I don't hear a lot of complaints about motorhomes." – Mayor Mike Yakes, about the city's RV compliance issues. He told Community Development Director Fred Metcalf that every time the city tried to fix the ordinance, it created another issue.

"Since I made the motion, I wanted to make sure I wasn't ignoring it."

– Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, to Vice Mayor Sam Henderson, about his questions. She wondered if he had wanted to amend the motion about RVs

"Think about all the lives that fire truck saved!" – Councilmember Dan Liedtke, about the resale value (that some councilmembers thought low) of a fire truck.

"I took a tour with the Gulfport Historical Society recently, and maybe for next year I'd like to look at a safe or some kind of document storage."

– Councilman Dan Liedtke, about fire/disaster proof storage for historical documents.

"Just because it's so much of what you find... so much of the litter you pick up is plastic bags." – Vice Mayor Sam Henderson, asking council to discuss eliminating plastic bags in retail stores. The council will discuss this idea in the new year.

"I would call her 'calm, steady, and thoughtful'." – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center head Sue Frank

"I just wanted to state, for the record, that of all the council people who competed, I came in first." – Councilwoman Barbara Banno, about her performance in Saturday's Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon Saturday.

"I think we'd all be remiss if we didn't recognize the mayor's effort."

– City Manager Jim O'Reilly, about Mayor Mike Yakes' competition. The mayor finished before Vice Mayor Sam Henderson and Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon.



Gulfport Leisure

Recreation Center 5730 Shore Blvd. So 893-1068

ACTIVITIES

Open Gym – Tues. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

PROGRAMS

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM:

Registrations for the 2012-2013 School Year Child Care Program continue 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-refundable 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) PROGRAM:

Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 VPK Program are currently being accepted. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Parents must apply at the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. VPK will start on Tuesday, September 4th and is limited to 10 children. Contact the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. at 400-4411 for questions or call the Recreation Center at 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.

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- Braveheart Bootcamp- Tues., 6:30 p.m. Call Ally at 727-748-6612 or allymorrell@scotsmanfitness.com
- Beginners Spanish- Mon., 6:30-7:30 p.m. & 7:45-8:45. Call 482-2125 for info
- Chair Yoga- Fri., 10-11 a.m. Call Joyce at 727-345-0679
- Cooking Classes- varies days and times. Call Heather at 850-264-1715
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.

- Hula for Christmas- Wed., 11 a.m. Call Kalina at 727-251-0424.
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Scotsman Soccer- Email Ally at allymorrell@scotsmanfitness.com
- 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 280-4276
- 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.
- Watercolor- Thurs., 6:30-8:45 p.m. Call Patsi at 727-501-3559
- Zumba- Thur., 7:45 p.m. Call Rachel at 727-748-6612

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

All skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a 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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ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAMS

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

Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers: Wednesdays at 10:00 am. (previously known as Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers).

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

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, October 18, 10:00 am. Discussion of A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith, 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.

Banned Books! Who Decides?: Thursday, October 4, 7:00 pm. Celebrate Banned Book

Week with a talk on this controversial subject by Prof. Michael P. Allen from Stetson Law School at the Catherine Hickman Theater. Free event sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library.

Medicare Changes for 2013 Presentation: Friday, October 12, 10:00 am-noon. FMI, call 727-893-1076.

Tales from a Haunted Peninsula: the folklore and legend of Pinellas County: Thursday October 18 at 7pm. Join Deborah Frethem, local author and historian for an evening of spooky stories, haunted tales and local lore. FREE EVENT CALL TO RESERVE A SEAT 727-893-1074.

SCORE: Tuesday, October 23. FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS

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.

Reading Assistance Dog Maya: Thursday, October 11, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Call to schedule an appointment, 893-1074.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, October 20, 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.

Spooky Crafts for Kids: Saturday, October 13. Pat is back for more seasonal fun! For more details call 727-893-1076.

*****In Our Own Words: Book Writing Contest.** Saturdays Starting on October 6. Children will have a chance to create a book and participate in workshops. The Winning books to be published by Trace Taylor Books! FMI call 893-1074***

In Our Own Words Workshop: Saturdays in October 1-3 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMS

NaNoWriMo: National Novel Writers Month sign-up. FMI, call 893-1074 & ask for Sheri.

Teen Game Zone: Wednesdays in October, 3:00-4:00 pm. Come challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hang-out. Free Refreshments. FMI, call 893-1074 & ask for Sheri.

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Senior Center Birthday Celebration: Come celebrate the Senior Center's 29th birthday on Wed. Oct. 10. A free theater performance by Van Davis will be held in the Hickman Theater at 1pm followed by free refreshments in the Senior Center Dining Hall. Donations to our Senior Center Food Pantry will be greatly appreciated.

Senior Center Flea Market: Mark your calendar for the Senior Center's next Flea Market on Fri. Oct. 12, 9am to noon. Cleaning house? We will gladly accept your gently used jewelry, bric-a-brac, small household goods, etc. Due to lack of space we are unable to accept clothing, books and electronic items.

Operation Medicine Cabinet Presentation: How do you dispose of outdated meds? What should you know about medication interaction? Don't miss this special presentation on Tues. Oct. 16 at 1pm. Courtesy of Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services.

Safety in the Home Presentation: Mon. Oct. 29 at 10:30am.

Audition for Senior Talent Show: Got talent? Why not audition on Wed. Oct. 17 at 1:30pm for the upcoming Senior Talent Show? Rehearsal will be on Wed. Oct. 24 at 1:30pm. Expect a great Senior Talent Show in the Hickman Theater on Wed. Oct. 31 at 1pm

Senior Talent Show: Don't miss our Senior Talent Show on Wed. Oct. 31 at 1:00pm in the Hickman Theater. First come, first serve. \$5.00 at the door.

Phones for Hearing Impaired: The Deaf and Hearing Connection
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will provide phones at no cost for hearing impaired Floridians on Tues. Oct. 16, 9:30am to 11:30am.

Senior Trips: Looking for fun? Join others for trips to the Hard Rock Casino on Oct. 23 at \$20 (includes \$5 food voucher & \$15 for free play); Dali Museum & Titanic Exhibit at the Mahaffey on Oct. 8 for \$69; Octoberfest at Fisherman's Village in Punta Gorda on Sat. Oct. 13 for \$34; Safari Wilderness Ranch in Lakeland on Oct. 29 for \$69. Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for details on these and other 2 or 3 day tours.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Snack Bar: Bring a friend to the Senior Center and enjoy a light breakfast for only \$2.50 or lunch for only \$3.00. In a hurry? Order a boxed lunch-to-go by calling 893-2259. Great food! Great prices!

AARP Driving Classes: are offered on the first two Tuesdays of every month at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. Call 893-1231 or 893-2237 to register.

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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Every Wednesday
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6-7pm Shim Sham Lesson
7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson
8-11pm Swing Dance, \$7

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



Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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No One is Satisfied

School report cards on No Child Left Behind (NCLB) were released, state by state, recently and no one seems happy. Improvements, where and when they came, weren't exactly widespread as standards ratched up from the past year. While it was intended that increasingly tough standards would result in more students achieving more things, it hasn't turned out that way.

The out cry has been strong. "Too much testing", "teaching to the test", "students aren't machines", and so forth and so on. Excuses for failure? Perhaps. However, there is good reason to believe that schools are teaching to the test, that students are over tested and so forth. On the other hand, how do we measure success and/or failure? Shouldn't we test to determine how well students are doing? Is it appropriate to say that some student worked really hard and therefore deserves a passing grade even though he (generic "he") hasn't mastered the subject?

Frankly, that's how we got there in the first place. We've been concerned about the quality of learning or the depth of learning for 40 or 50 years. There's no indication that as a nation we're improving. To be certain there are top achievers, but it appears that the total number of under achievers is increasing and there is an increasing gap between the those who are truly educated and those who aren't. NCLB is the result of that concern. So are the myriads of testing programs designed within each state.

The problem is that we aren't getting better results. And getting results is the goal, not the way they are achieved. Being wedded to whatever new scheme is out there is not an answer. The question is, "if you don't like the new testing system, what should be done in its place?" Go back to the old way (whatever that was) which is why we're trying a new way? What IS the solution?

We've heard the problems: too much testing, too much bureaucracy, too shallow an approach, too much

homework, not enough homework, bad teachers, underpaid teachers, poor management (called administration in the academic world), disinterested parents, distracted and lazy students, poverty, not enough discipline, lack of standards, lack of expectations, irrelevant curriculae. I suspect that it is a little bit of all those, more of some than of another, pick your choice according to the situation.

Taking the last (curricula) first, or as an example, it is a paradox that today's world requires teaching people generally and specifically. Students need the broad knowledge that comes from reading and writing and thinking proficiently as well as being taught specific tasks. My take is that if you know how to read and learn and think, you can be trained in almost anything. In the reverse, you can sometimes be taught certain skills and acquire deeper knowledge through experience, but you can't do that without the basic skills of learning. The point is that the critical learning takes place in elementary school. If you miss the basic steps of learning, it's difficult to catch up later because you have to learn too much at once.

Paying teachers more is certainly an attractive mantra. However, just paying the same people more to do the same thing isn't going to improve anything. Better pay may attract better teachers, but no one seems to want to replace the existing teachers - particularly if you're a teacher or related to one.

Frankly, I'd start with the structure of a school. That is, what the goals are, how they are measured, how they interrelate with the community, what expectations for parents, students, and teachers. Specifically, do we track students as they move through the system, do we track performances grade to grade and division to division? Do we track student after they move into the community? Do we solicit feed back from employers and extended education institutions? Do we know the gaps? Do we confront the problems? Do we track teacher

and administrator performances appropriately? Florida, by the way, has an exceptionally hard time tracking students (if they do) because there is so much mobility in the student population. Would a regional system of student tracking be part of the solution?

I'm not sure I know THE answer, but I'm certain we aren't on a line to solving today's education problems. However, instead of trying to turn back toward what didn't work in the past, or keeping on doing what isn't working today, we need to keep returning to the drawing board - or is it the blackboard?

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BARTON, JOHN T., 69, of St. Pete Beach, died on Thursday, August 30, 2012 at home. He is survived by many close friends. ALife Tribute Funeral Care, Gulfport, 727-347-5521.

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BRECKUR, ELLA (KITZMILLER), age 103, of St. Petersburg, Florida, passed away September 21, 2012. She was born September 27,

1908 and resided in Columbus, Ohio for many years. Locally she resided at Egret Cove. Preceded in death by husband Harold. Arrangements completed by National Cremation Society, Clearwater, Florida.

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BURNETT, WILLIAM J., 77, of St. Pete Beach, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012. He was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, and loved his family and fishing. William is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Agustina; brothers, Bobby and wife, Marge Burnett, and Richard and wife, Donna Burnett; his large loving family of cousins, nieces, brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, and numerous friends. A gathering will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church from 10-11 a.m., followed by Mass at 11 a.m. For an online tribute and obituary go to: www.beachmemorial.com.

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LEWIS, GREGORY E., 63, of South Pasadena, died Sept. 23, 2012. Graveside 9:15 am, on Oct. 3, Bay Pines National Cemetery. Obit/guestbook at: www.VeteransFuneralCare.com.

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LOVETT, JEANNE, of Gulfport, Florida passed away peacefully from cancer with her loving family by her side on September 24, 2012. Jeanne, a daughter of Jane (Gauthier) and Ephrem Hebert, was born on January 28, 1933 in Rumford, Maine. She was a graduate of Central Maine General Hospital School of Nursing in Lewiston, Maine and worked as a

registered nurse at CMGH and the James Taylor Osteopathic Hospital in Bangor, Maine before starting and raising a family. Jeanne married her best friend George E. Lovett, Jr. on June 17, 1956 and was married for 53 years before losing her "buddy" to cancer in 2009. Together they raised three children in Maine and Massachusetts before retiring to the Town Shores retirement community in Gulfport in 1993. In addition to nursing, Jeanne also worked in ultrasound genetic research and with disabled children and young adults. Jeanne was an accomplished artist working in both watercolors and acrylics. Many of her paintings adorn the homes of friends and family and her annual hand-painted Christmas cards were cherished keepsakes by her children and grandchildren. Jeanne was an avid gardener and a voracious reader. She loved to travel and journeyed dozens of times throughout the United States, Europe, and Central and South America. But Jeanne was best known for her creativity and generous heart. There wasn't anything she couldn't do; her creativity ran the gamut from auto body work to flower arrangements for weddings, and many benefitted from Jeanne's creations. She was active on the board at Town Shores and was also the driving force behind many beautifications and enhancements in the Town Shores community. Jeanne was predeceased by her parents, two brothers, a sister, and her beloved husband. She is survived by her three adoring children and spouses: Sandy and her late husband Michael Ritchie of Smithfield, Maine; Lori and her husband Kent Dyer of Wake Forest, North Carolina; and Scott and his wife Renae Lovett of Scottsdale, Arizona. She cherished and was so proud of her grandchildren: Garrett Dyer of Pensacola, Florida; Emily Dyer Rogers and husband Victor Rogers IV of Hilton Head, South Carolina; Ryan Lovett and fiancée Kelli Maestas of Scottsdale, Arizona; and Jason Lovett of Scottsdale, Arizona as well as two step-grandchildren Heather Ritchie Casey of West Roxbury, Massachusetts and Kelly Ritchie Schofield of Hooksett, New Hampshire and five step-great grandchildren. Jeanne is also survived by several

nieces and many dear friends both in Florida and Maine. Jeanne's family would like to thank Dr. Abby Thrower and the medical staff at the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care, the nursing staff on A4 at Maine General Medical Center, and Maine General HealthReach Hospice for their wonderful care and support. At Jeanne's request there will be no funeral service. Her family will gather in Gulfport in early November to scatter her ashes at sea. In lieu of flowers and in keeping with Jeanne's giving heart, please consider paying a good deed forward to keep Jeanne's memory alive. If you desire, memorial contributions may be made to the following charities or to a charity of your choice: Suncoast Hospice Foundation, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760; All Children's Hospital, 501 6th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; or the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care, 361 Old Belgrade Road, Augusta, ME 04330. Jeanne was an inspiration and will be dearly missed and forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

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NICHOLSON, TAYLOR LINN, of St. Pete Beach, age 32, passed away peacefully September 22nd. Predeceased by father, Arthur Linn, and sister, Carly Annette Nicholson. Survivors include mother Nina, fiancée Alexis Frymoyer, half-sister Michelle Nicholson, grandmothers Dixie Nicholson and Annette Holliman and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Taylor was a compassionate and loving family member and friend whose smile lit up a room. His love for fishing, sailing and all things marine easily allowed him to develop a tightly knit boating family. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Dolphin Landings Charter Boat Center at SOS.dolphinlandings.com in support of a special charter called "Soothe Our Souls", a designated non-profit charter that provides a free sailing experience for families going through crisis. A private family gathering will be held.

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In Loving Memory ALEX KOCHIS

Dear Alex, you've been gone for 1-1/2 years, I miss you so much. We would have been married for 55 years on October 3rd.

Love you, Marilyn

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Teenage Cooking Survival Skills

Hey teens, this class is just for you. Come get schooled in the art of cooking. In no time you will be amazing your friends and family. Class is October 17th from 5-6 p.m. at Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Please call Heather at 850-264-1715 for menus, info and pricing. Must be pre-registered to attend.

Please visit their website to view class flyer: http://www.mygulfport.us/City_Departments/Leisure_Services/Rec_Center/NEW/classes.htm.

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Learn how to Master the Rules of the Road

The United States Power Squadrons Seminar Series, Mastering the Rules of the Road, will be presented by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron on Wednesday, October 17th from 7-9 p.m. This seminar provides an explanation, with examples, of the 37 Rules of the Road relating to recreational boat operation. This seminar provides a starting point for those preparing to take the USCG License Examination by clarifying the sometimes complex laws related to boat operation. Materials provided include McGraw-Hill's publication, The One Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road by Charlie Wing and copies of the Power Point slides with space for student notes. Class will be held at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$35 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students; pre-registration is required. Contact www.boating-stpete.org.

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Sierra Club to Meet

Suncoast Sierra Club is proud to present Rebecca Conroy, owner of Rebecca's Bees. She will share her knowledge of raising bees and selling their products in the Tampa Bay area. This program is at Moccasin Lake Nature Park in Clearwater, 2750 Park Trail Lane, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 18th.

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

"I was absolutely amazed about what they do for this community and the fact that they can operate that building ... with a volunteer group... it floored me." – Recreation Director Jennifer McMahon, about Suntan Art Center's Corporate Support Award from the Florida Recreation and Parks Association. Last year the Tampa Bay Rays won the award.

"Since 2008, we've had a symbiotic relationship with the city. Without the city's support we wouldn't be able to do what we do in that building." – Pat Chase, receiving the Corporate Support Award on behalf on Suntan Arts Center

"Every time I drive down, I just get angrier and angrier... it is just ridiculous... The whole city is just a mess. It looks terrible. Getting around the city is a pain in the neck." – Rosemary Manning, about the ongoing construction along Gulf Boulevard. Ms. Manning told the commission she thought the city needed to speak with the Florida Department of Transportation.

"I think our street needs to be fixed. I think it needs to be repaved." – Deborah Schechner, about streets in Boca Ciega Isles that have reclaimed water bubbling out from under the pavement and roadway deterioration as a result of the leaks.

"We can't afford to pay to repair two or three of these a week when we may just need to [replace] entire lines... It's not just Boca Ciega Isles, it's many places within the city." – City manager Mike Bonfield, who told the commission that the pipes "are not lasting" as long as promised.

"Our objection to overdevelopment has been voiced by petitions." – Bill Pyle, president of Silver Sands Condominiums, a condominium complex on the sand. President Pyle objected to the changes to the city's coastal construction line to conform with the state's line. The president admits that the city's coastal construction line runs through the pools at Silver Sands, but told the commission that was different.

"I just want to apologize again. This is unbelievable... if y'all are in anybody's pockets, I'd like to be in that pocket, too." – Paul Caticha (spelling unclear), after Dr. Pyle spoke once again and accused the commissioners of unethical behavior.

"It's like taking a forest fire and moving it across the street." – Commissioner Lorraine Huhn, about the Vice Mayor's suggestion that the city secure a possible loan to offset the potential police budget instead of raising taxes.

"I would just say that therein lies the problem, the Division of Retirement has conversations with the union that they don't have with the city." – City Manager Mike Bonfield, about firefighter benefits

"Mikey, why don't we just get this done and move on? I'm sorry, Mike." – Commissioner Bev Garnett, in an effort to complete voting on certain pension benefits



Following are some of the calls that Gulfport Police responded to during the past week.

Friday 9/21

Burglary Residence- 5500 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Burglary Vehicle- 1000 Blk 58th St. S.

Burglary Vehicle- 5200 Blk 6th Terr. S.

Domestic- 2500 Blk York St. S.

Burglary Business- 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Person Down- 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Assault/Battery- 6200 Blk 7th Ave. S.

Saturday 9/22

Theft- 2400 Blk Premier Dr. S.

Burglary Residence- 2000 Blk 56th St. S.

Burglary Residence- 1700 Blk 53rd St. S.

Domestic- 5400 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Domestic- 6200 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Noise- 4700 Blk 27th Ave. S.

Theft- 1600 Blk 58th St. S.

Noise- 6300 Blk Pasadena Pt. Blvd. S.

Sunday 9/23

Disturbance- 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Assault/Battery- 5500 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Assault/Battery- 28th Ave. & 58th St. S.

Burglary Residence- 5100 Blk 26th Ave. S.

Theft- 3100 Blk 59th St. S.

Civil Matter- 3000 Blk 49th St. S.

Domestic- 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Domestic- 1300 Blk York St. S.

Noise- 5700 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Shots Fired (Heard)- 4600 Blk 26th Ave. S.

Prowler- 2400 Blk 58th St. S.

Monday 9/24

Disorderly Conduct- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Theft- 3100 Blk 59th St. S.

Abandoned Vehicle- 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.

Noise- 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.

Trash Dump- 29th Ave. & 50th St. S.

Noise- 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.

Animal Call- 700 Blk 60th St. S.

Civil Matter- 2800 Blk 50th St. S.

Tuesday 9/25

Shots Fired (Heard)- 2200 Blk Premier Dr. S.

Civil Matter- 3000 Blk 57th St. S.

Keep the Peace- 5700 Blk 21st Ave. S.

Assault/Battery- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Animal Call- 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.

Burglary Residence- 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Theft- 2600 Blk 47th St. S.

Theft- 5500 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Shots Fired (Heard)- 51st St. & Tangerine Ave. S.

Disorderly Conduct- 4900 Blk 31st Ave. S.

Wednesday 9/26

Animal Call- 4800 Blk 31st Ave. S.

Animal Call- 4700 Blk Baywood Pt. Dr. S.

Civil Matter- 3100 Blk 56th St. S.

Theft- 1400 Blk 59th St. S.

Accident with Injuries- 56th St. & 25th Ave. S.

Accident with Injuries- 900 Blk 58th St. S.

Theft- 2800 Blk 49th St. S.

Theft- 2500 Blk 47th St. S.

Civil Matter- 3100 Blk 56th St. S.

Thursday 9/27

Stolen Vehicle- 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.

Assault/Battery- 5400 Blk 20th Ave. S.

Animal Call- 1000 Blk Hull St. S.

Drug Call- 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.

House Check- 6200 Blk 12th Ave. S.

Person Under Influence- 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

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Woman's Club Supports Scholarship Program

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Blvd N.E will be holding their monthly meeting on Friday, October 12th at 1 p.m. The program will be presented by the Education Department. Guest speaker will be Ms. Kimberly Paine, College Advocate, Doorways Scholarship - a program supported by the Pinellas Education Foundation. They have chosen to participate in this program by sponsoring a student who otherwise could not afford to attend college. Come to the meeting to receive further information. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the program and business meeting.

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club which will be celebrating its 100 years of community activity in 2013. To find out more information about club membership, monthly meetings, Saturday Group, weekly sewing group, card games or information on booking their Historical Clubhouse, call 727-822-4982 or visit [www. StPetersburgWomansClub.org](http://www.StPetersburgWomansClub.org).

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: *Drainage Wood Ibis*

Q: Why is there such a long standing problem with drainage at the west end of 27th Avenue South, by the northwest access point to Wood Ibis Park? That end of the street completely floods in appreciable rain storms, occasionally being impassable and flooding some yards. Residents there tell me they've lobbied in the past, to no avail. Thank you. – Larry Lewis

A: "Historically, the topography and drainage of this specific area has been affected by a continuing number of changes throughout the evolution of the city," City Manager Jim O'Reilly explains.

In 1998, the city finished drainage improvements to the park. These improvements were part of a stormwater management system to treat runoff from the surrounding 62 acres of homes. These improvements also helped fix issues with local flooding at the 28th Avenue/58th Street South and the 27th Avenue and 59th Street South intersections (often under three feet of water during storms.)

The improvements included installing a 12' x 18" pipe under 27th Avenue South to help to decrease yard flooding at the northeast corner of the 27th Avenue/59th Street South intersection, the lowest intersection in the area. As you've mentioned, this area still floods during heavy storms. To help with that flooding, city staff "has and continues to remove debris and sand in the pipes and ditches annually," Mr. O'Reilly explains.

Try your hand at Sudoku

Solution on Page 18

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

How is your Legal Health? (Part 2)

In our last article, the need for periodic legal checkups was examined. The following are some of the legal problems which may be uncovered by a legal checkup:

WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING

An indicator of good legal health usually includes having a valid will and some basic estate plan. If you don't have a will, your personal and real property may not be distributed in accordance with your desires. In addition, unnecessary expenses and taxes may be incurred and certain family members could possibly inherit your assets contrary to your desires.

A trust is another effective estate planning document. A trust allows you to transfer property to your designated heirs utilizing a successor trustee to implement your specific

instructions. If you create a trust in a last will and testament, this is called a testamentary trust. Another form of trust is a living trust which is created by written contract. Living trusts are very useful estate planning tools for everyone--not only the very wealthy. A living trust assists in the avoidance of probate and will help in keeping your affairs out of the public record and private.

It is critical to review your estate planning documents whenever important changes in your life occur. If you marry, move to a new state, have a child or lose a loved one, an update of your legal documents may be necessary. Also, it is an excellent idea to discuss with your lawyer if your estate plan is keeping pace with the value of your property and is updated to address changes in Florida law and tax laws. Revisions may be made with the drafting of new documents or an amendment to existing documents may be necessary. It is important to never make a change in your old will or trust by writing on or crossing out words or phrases which you want to eliminate as this may invalidate your documents.

DIVORCE

A lawyer should be consulted if your marriage is ending or you are contemplating ending your marriage. Issues concerning child custody, financial support and a fair division of the marital property will need to be addressed. If your spouse threatens to harass or harm you, hide marital property or take your children in violation of your visitation or custody rights, a lawyer can assist you in seeking protection against these improper acts of your spouse.

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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The Great American Cleanup in Gulfport

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

The City of Gulfport will be hosting the bi-annual Great American Cleanup on Saturday, October 20th from 9 a.m. to noon at Clam Bayou Nature Park (49th St. S. to 29th Ave. S. east to Miriam St.) in Gulfport. It is only a few hours of a helping hand in your community towards keeping the waterways beautiful. You can support either by land or by water and launch your own kayaks or canoes into Clam Bayou.

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

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Come Hear a Haunting Tale

Join us at the Gulfport Library at 5501 28th Ave. S. for an evening with local author and historian Deborah Frethem on Thursday, October 18 at 7 p.m. Deborah will explore the mysterious and haunted past of Pinellas County in her talk: Tales from a Haunted Peninsula: The Folklore & Legend of Pinellas County.

Deborah is a local author and historian. Her works include "Ghost Stories of St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Pinellas County" and a one act play entitled "Henry's Cemetery."

Mark your calendars for this spooky evening during the October Halloween season that will surely make you think twice about stepping into a dark room alone! Call 727-893-1074 to reserve your seat today at this free program.

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Gulfport Toastmasters to Host Open House



Gulfport Toastmasters, a newly chartered club, is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, October 17th for guests to learn firsthand what Toastmasters is all about in a positive and supportive atmosphere. The free event will be held at the Peninsula Inn & Spa, 2937 Beach Blvd., Gulfport from 6-7:30 p.m.

Gulfport Mayor, Mike Yakes, city council members and many Toastmaster dignitaries will be in attendance. The Mayor will be saying the Invocation and there will a brief club induction ceremony performed. Some of the proven benefits of Toastmasters includes: overcoming your fear of public speaking, increasing your self-confidence, and improving your leadership skills.

For more information, contact info@gulfporttoastmasters.com, call 727-417-5777 or visit www.gulfporttoastmasters.com.

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A (Safe) Drug Drop



Across Pinellas County, people gave drugs to the police Saturday. Operation Medicine Cabinet, a county-wide program for collecting unused, expired and unwanted medicines, collected over 846 pounds in a county-wide event. Such events, Gulfport Lieutenant Josh Stone noted, keeps children and pets from inadvertently consuming medicines. It also, he noted, keeps the drugs out of the water supply.

If you missed the event, you can bring medicines to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. Some drugstores will also accept prescriptions for proper disposal; call your pharmacy to check.

Circus McGurkis Seeks Vendors

Circus McGurkis is scheduled for Saturday, October 27th, from 9 a.m. til 4 p.m. at Lake Vista Park in St. Petersburg.

Organizers are actively seeking participants and vendors for this year's event. Registration is required for you to participate as a vendor or community group. Register at www.circusmcgurkis.org or call 727-346-8598 or e-mail to QuakerCircusMcGurkis@gmail.com.

Children, schools and non-selling, non-profit groups are free.

Your non-profit group may vend certain items for a \$35 registration fee. The registration fee for all other vendors is \$45. Registration forms and fees must be received postmarked by October 19th. After that date, you must register the day of the event and all fees are an additional \$10.

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Care to Paint the Mirror Lake Library?

The Friends of Mirror Lake Library invite you and your friends to participate in Paint the Library 2012, a Plein Air Painting Festival at Mirror Lake Library in downtown St. Petersburg.

Spend the day outside in the cool fresh air painting the scene around St. Petersburg's first library, the beautiful 1915 Beaux Arts style Mirror Lake Library and historic grounds, 280 Fifth Street N. in St. Petersburg. Painting takes place on Saturday, October 20th, one day only, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in a judged event offering \$1000 in prize money and limited entry to 30 artists. Open to any artist 15 years of age and older (artists younger than 18 must have a parent or guardian present during Festival).

Register online today at: <http://www.paintthelibrarystpete.org/entryform.html>. Deadline is October 13th. Entry fees are \$40.

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Annual Post 125 and SAL Golf Tournament

The 17th Annual Post 125 and SAL Golf Tournament will be played on Sunday, October 21st at Mainlands Golf Course with a shotgun start at 7 a.m. Awards are 1st Place \$160 per team, 2nd Place \$80 per team and 3rd Place \$60 per team with a 4 person Best Ball of \$40 per person. Event includes food, prizes and 50/50's at Post 125. Donations will go to All Children's Hospital, Hospice and Wounded Warriors. Signup sheets are available at Post 125. Call Bill Jonas at 384-6293, Ron DeBucci at 686-8695 or Frank McCall at 215-4785. Sign up and pay by October 7th.

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Children's Gymnastics Class

Sunshine Gymnastics at the Gulfport Recreation Center is an ongoing class on Thursdays from 5:30-6:15. Skills introduced on balance beam, cartwheel mat, spring board, incline mat, and back handspring mats. Ages 4-12 \$28 per month/\$15 registration. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

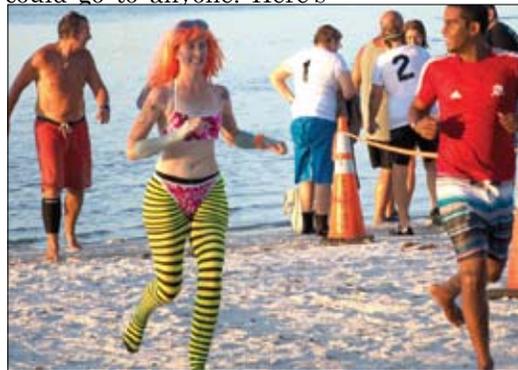
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Keeping Gulfport Weird a Second Time

By Cathy Salustri

Lupe Gagnon finished first, but he definitely didn't finish weirdest. That honor went to the girl dressed as Pippy Longstocking, or the father-son team who raced down Beach Boulevard in capes, or perhaps the politician with the inflatable dinosaur affixed to his three-wheeler.

Really, the weird award could go to anyone. Here's



just a smattering of the competitors from the second annual Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon – you be the judge of weird.

Also, a hearty congratulations to Lupe Gagnon, the athlete who finished first in the untimed event, which included the traditional run-bike-swim components of a triathlon.



A Garden of Goddesses

Krystella Danse, portraying Bastet, the Egyptian Cat Goddess, poses as Hecate's Circle sings to the crowd at Saturday night's Enchanted Garden of the Goddess in Artists Alley. Torches lit the path from the sculpture garden to the stage. Throughout the garden performers represented goddesses from around the world.

Local Businesswoman Honors 1972 Promise

By Cathy Salustri

By 1972, the United States had shipped two-thirds of its ground troops to Vietnam since the start of the decade. Karen Taddeo volunteered as a teacher's aide for her mom's friend, and the teacher's son was killed in Vietnam, she says the war really hit home. She saw an advertisement for a prisoner of war bracelet in a magazine and she ordered it.

"I knew the POWs were being mistreated," Karen remembers as she tells the story to a small group during a lull at her husband's restaurant, Gulfport Cafe. "The point [of the bracelet] was bringing [that information] to the masses. The premise I was under was, 'if they come back, you can send it back to them.'"

She wore the bracelet through college, until the



United States made the announcement that it would pull troops out of Vietnam. She had no clue whether or not the prisoner whose name encircled her wrist on a metal band made it home.

"I just kind of tucked it in the back on my jewelry box," she says. Every time she opened the box, she thought of the young man taken prisoner in Vietnam. She tried to find out his fate, but even as recently as a few years ago, she couldn't track him down. Her husband, Armand, offered to try Googling the name one more time.

Almost 45 years to the

day after Captain Lauren Lengyel became a prisoner of war, Karen and Armand found his

phone number. Even then, making the call, she says, didn't come easily to her.

"I needed a day to emotionally get ready," she says. "Frankly, I was afraid."

She punched in his number, and a man answered the phone. She told him she was looking for Lauren. He told her he was Lauren.

"He was as floored as I was," when she told him about the bracelet, she says. "He was excited."

It turns out Karen wasn't the only woman who thought of him while he was a POW.

"The woman I've been

married to for 53 years," he told her, "is the woman who waited for me."

After his release, Captain Lengyel returned to the United States and married his girlfriend. They live on a farm and have three sons in Texas. Two of his sons followed his footsteps and joined the Air Force and he was traveling soon, he told her, to pin a silver star on his son's chest. He's now 77.

"I would love to send you the bracelet," she told him. "I wore it the whole time."

In August, she mailed him the bracelet, just like she vowed to do in 1972.

"It's like a closure thing to me," she says.

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René Jalbert got her hair cut on her 60th birthday. She had to, really. You see, she's

been getting her hair cut every decade whether it needs it or not, usually on her birthday. It started in NYC when she was ten years old and got her very first haircut. It's true that she messed around with her hair for a couple years in her young twenties, but otherwise, every ten years, she gets a haircut. The cut-off hair was donated to Locks of Love.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Common Sense Marvin

I can't put you people down for a minute, can I? I leave for three weeks and common sense flies straight out the damn window.

OK, that may not be a fair accusation, in part because I'm not so narcissistic as to believe anyone does anything based on what I write, here or elsewhere (this includes notes left for El Cap around the house), and in part because, really, who are we kidding? Common sense rarely exists when decisions get made based on winning an election.

Except for St. Pete Beach Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan. It pains me to say this, because the vice mayor drives me crazy: he tells me what he thinks I should write, behaving like a dog with a meaty, gristly bone when he wants to make sure I do the job he thinks I should. The problem? I often agree with him. More and more his use of common sense and good business senses impresses me. Perhaps that's because he owns a business and although the city's "business" deals with sewers and parks and Marvin's business involves diamonds, it appears the fundamentals of spending money don't change.

If you don't follow St. Pete Beach with bated breath, as I do (it's an illness, people, don't judge me), you may not know exactly why I heap this dubious praise on our vice mayor. It's simple: he treats the city like he does his own business, not a public fund with which he can do as he pleases.

Here's St. Pete Beach's dilemma: it needs x amount of dollars to keep the lights on, and that's more than it collected in taxes last year. However, that amount could go down drastically if the voters approve changing from city police to the county Sheriff in November. Since the new budget year started Monday, the city couldn't wait another two months to see what happened in the election and needed to budget for the "worst case scenario," financially speaking.

Everyone on the commission – except

Vice Mayor Shavlan – was all "hey, we'll just raise taxes, it needed to be done anyway", and while I generally agree that Floridians pay too few taxes, I liked Marvin's proposal even better: take only what we need.

In a flash of common sense and fiscal responsibility so rarely seen when the upper class attains elected office, the vice mayor asked the commission to consider raising taxes only enough to stash enough money in the reserves to meet city goals. How then, you may wonder, would the city pay for the police department if the voters didn't approve outsourcing?

Vice Mayor Shavlan suggested the city secure a loan in case that happened; if the voters approved outsourcing the police, the city could simply repay the loan early. He argued that the city planned to pay off a loan in the immediate future, so continuing those payments on a new loan wouldn't change the game substantially. Add to that the growing public sentiment that the voters and several of the police themselves want to outsource the police, and his plan not to raise taxes quite so much made common and business sense.

My first task after returning from vacation? Watching this all replay on my computer the day after the commission met. I figured that the commission seized Marvin's idea with both hands, but as I watched the meeting progress, I realized that not one of the commissioners even considered the idea. Meetings should allow for an exchange of ideas, right? Yeah, not so much. Marvin put forth an idea (one, he tells me, 85% of the people who contacted him loved), and the commission essentially ignored him.

That disappoints me. I understand that past commissions had kept the tax rate artificially low and that, as one resident said, if each commission had raised just a little, the city wouldn't face the dire straits it does today. He's right, but my point – and I believe Marvin's – is that this is too much, and for the wrong reasons. This commission could have raised the tax rate a little, enough to get the ball rolling, and used the loan as a backup plan. Then, if the voters decided they wanted to keep the police, the city could have raised taxes to pay off the loan next year.

It almost makes too much sense for a politician to come up with this idea. I'm impressed.

With the rest of the commission? Them, not so much.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: Codes

Q: What is the proper process for reporting a suspected codes violation and how long should one expect resolution to take? How can a complainant check on the status of a complaint? Can a complaint be anonymous?

A: George Kinney, the head of St. Pete Beach's Community Development Department, answered this.

• **Reporting code violations.** This process varies from one situation to next, Kinney explains, but "normally it begins with a complaint from a resident or city employee." Once the city's Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) receives the complaint, she goes into the field and investigates the property in question. From there, she can decide whether or not the property violates the city code. If she can't find a violation, the city attempts to notify the person who complained (although, since people may complain anonymously or not leave contact information, this isn't always possible).

If she finds a violation, the CEO will either contact the property owner or send out a Notice of Violation (NOV), which includes the nature of the violation, mitigation recommendations, and a time frame for compliance, Kinney says.

• **Time-frame for resolution.** This, too, will vary, depending on the situation. The city sends the NOV regular and certified mail (that's the law in Florida). While the "abatement period" (time the property owner has to fix the violation) runs between seven days and one month, the clock doesn't start ticking until the owner receives notice, which can add another 30 days onto the process.

• **Tracking.** Currently, the best way to track a code enforcement action is to speak directly with the CEO. Call 363-9211 to report a violation or check the status of a complaint.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Boys Being Boys

Dogs bite boys twice as often as they do girls.

Why?

Boys play rough.

It's true. Boys pour salt on slugs, throw rocks at cars, light things on fire and shoot each other with BB guns. Girls? Yeah, they can be mean, bossy and loud, but they aren't typically roughhousers, and statistically that pays off. Check out the stats at cdc.gov.

Last week I got a call from a distraught mom. Her 3-year-old boy kicked the dog, and the dog bit him on the head.

From a humanistic point of view, that dog shouldn't live with children. He bites. End of discussion ... from that standpoint.

An important question remains, though: Why did the kid kick the dog in the first place?

All children, and especially boys, have to be taught how to handle and care for a dog if they're going to live in the same house with one -- for the dog's sake and their own.

A mother of 9-year-old and 12-year-

old boys e-mailed me a few months ago regarding the family dog, who had been aggressive toward strangers and other dogs but not her kids. In fact, her kids "can pull his ears and tail, take his food, sit on him, etc. with no problems." She later signed off with, "We love this dog, but know we can't risk the safety of others."

Boy, oh, boy... That's some kind of love.

This week I got an e-mail from another mom, proud of the fact that her dog doesn't bite. "Charlie is never aggressive, even when my 30-month-old son hits him in the head with the remote control or a plastic golf club." Not aggressive? Not yet.

Little boys playing rough is part of boys being boys. But when little boys play rough with dogs, there's a good chance someone's going to get hurt. The behaviors these women describe go beyond playing rough. It's animal abuse. And it's only a matter of time before the family dog -- "that's only been aggressive toward strangers" or "has never been aggressive at all" -- turns on his own family.

It's the parent's job to keep their kids safe. It's the parent's responsibility

to know better, to teach the child, to train the dog.

Boys will be boys. They're curious. They play rough. They wrestle; they tackle; they throw punches. And sometimes, if they never learn better, they grow up to be men who play rough.

All of the players in the Michael Vick dogfighting debacle were boys in men's bodies who like to play rough. What does a little boy who's allowed to hit his dog, sit on him and pull his tail and ears become when he grows up? A dog lover? A humanitarian? Or a man with so little respect for life that he would slam a dog's body to the ground because it didn't show enough fight?

Five years ago, as Vick read his statement declaring his innocence of all charges against him, his mother, Brenda Boddie, stood by his side. "I would like to say to my mom I'm sorry for what she has had to go through in this most trying of times." A month later, he changed his tune -- and his plea.

For all of Vick's accomplishments, I doubt his mom is proud. None of those moms are proud. Their sons were convicted of heinous crimes against animals.

Boys will be boys? Only if no one teaches them better.

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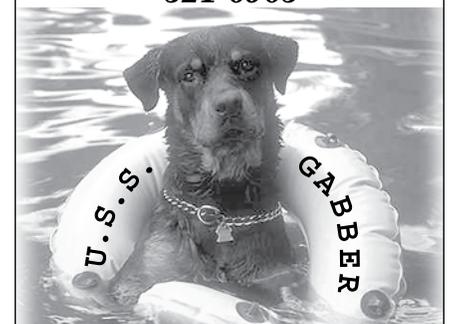


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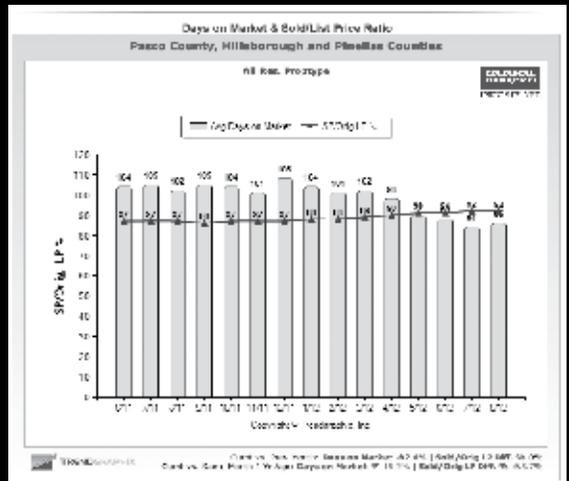
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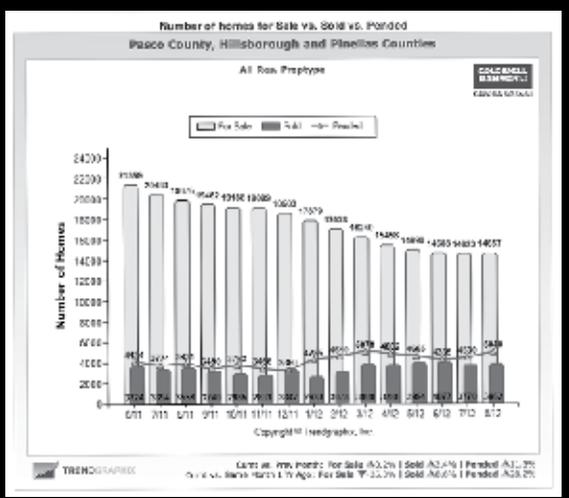
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