

Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation Receives Donation



Executive Director Jane Ogilvie and Treasurer, Lynn DeVenuti, of the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation receive a donation from BrightHouse.

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation received a donation of \$2,617.00 from BrightHouse Networks on Wednesday, February 12th at the Largo Cultural Center following a Bright Stars Senior Talent Show. Presented by BrightHouse Community Relations Director Susan Juhl, the donation was “gratefully” received

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Gulfport to Hire Environmental Consultant

Last year Gulfport’s Community Development Director Fred Metcalf and Mayor Sam Henderson went to bat for the city and came home with a \$400,000 Brownfield’s grant. The grant stipulates that the city hire an engineering consultant to do the environmental assessment.

Sweet Lease For Little League

Gulfport Little League will enjoy another five years of city subsidies in the form of one dollar annual rent. The city will also pay the electric bill for six months out of every year. To help the team meet the needs of players from lower-income families, the city agreed to renew the league’s lease at these terms.

“This is the same lease that they’ve had for the past ten years,” City Manager Jim O’Reilly said.

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Beach Bazaar Seeks Ticket Vendor Status

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“I just want my customers to be happy” said owner Angela Lagan. “We have The Bazaar Box Office and we’re currently selling tickets to Hickman Theater. Now customers are dropping in to see if we have tickets to about everything within 10 miles of Gulfport! It makes sense to provide this service for our residents and a perfect compliment to the store and the post office. People are in and out all day”!

If you have tickets to sell, please call Angela for details at 727-381-8548.

Cupcakes on the Run

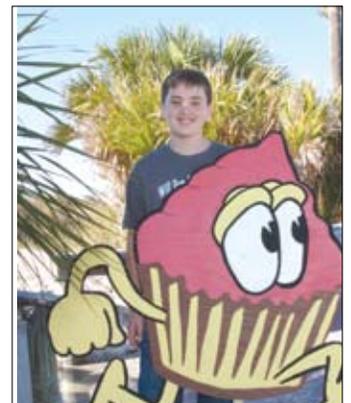
By Cathy Salustri

It started as a school project for fifth-grader Jake Schultz: come up with a community service project for his gifted class. Instead of opting for collecting canned goods, Jake decided to go with what his family loved: running and cupcakes.

He says his parents, both runners, inspired the “run” part. He realized other people liked to run, too. As for the cupcakes?

“There’s a lot of runners, and a lot of people who like cupcakes,” he grins.

That was a year ago, when 214 people entered the first-ever “Race for the Cupcake” 5K on Pass-a-Grille beach. At the end of the race, each participant received a cupcake. Jake donated



See *Cupcake*, page 6

Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members will be attending Sunshine City council's Sweetheart Luncheon on Saturday, February 15 at the Dolphin Beach Resort. The co-chairmen Rose Marchand and Susan Henry and their committee have planned a celebration for the chapter sweethearts.

Laureate Epsilon Theta is very proud of their Sweetheart - Valerie Rankin. She has been a member for 52 years and has held all chapter offices and chairmanships. She has worked

on City Council - holding offices, chairmanships and serving on many committees. Her daughter Laurie and her family live here in St. Petersburg. She enjoys family outings, being with her grandchildren, volunteering in numerous organizations and a variety of crafts. She is truly a "Sweetheart" to all who know her. Congratulations Val.

Sunshine City Council will host an "Ice Cream Social" on Saturday, February 22 at the Elmer O. Smith Masonic Lodge in Pinellas Park from

1-3 p.m. Vice Presidents JoAnne Good and Barbara Killinger will be inviting ladies who have expressed an interest in learning more about Beta Sigma Phi. Members from the local chapters will be attending as well to provide information about their chapter's activities."

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Join the Florida Suncoast Chorus

Florida Suncoast Chorus is the only active chapter in Pinellas County of the international Barbershop Harmony Society. The 38 member chorus meets each Monday evening at the Largo Community Center. Directed by Tom Roan along with Associate Director Lance Lubin, this group sings acappella and in 4-part harmony. The chorus is dedicated to musical education and having fun singing.

It is a non-profit group raising funds to buy music and pay expenses through Valentine's Day singing valentines and several shows a year. New members are always welcomed. You don't have to read music as singing tapes are provided. But you need to be able to sing "on key". Prospective members should call Lance Lubin at 727-410-5696.

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Save Our Strays needs volunteers to foster felines

Save Our Strays' phone requests this month are all about baby kittens that need to be rescued. And SOS' foster homes are full. Can you temporarily help foster a cat or litter of kittens for Save Our Strays? Applicants must be able to drive, have their own transportation and be available for a home visit from a current volunteer prior to fostering. If you are interested and willing to aid kittens in need, north county residents please call 727-481-5262; south county pet lovers may call 727 871-0888 for details or email us at sos@saveourstraysinc.com Save Our Strays is a no-kill non-profit organization dedicated to rehoming abandoned cats and kittens and does not maintain a shelter facility.

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VOTE FOR YOLANDA ROMAN

For Gulfport City Council

On the Issues: 49th Street Corridor

- Recognize that 49th Street South is a viable business corridor that provides essential services, jobs and revenue to the City of Gulfport.
- Seek input from the So49-49th Street South Business Association and other organizations that support the businesses in the area of 49th Street South; they know best the issues and/or concerns the businesses face.
- Applaud efforts such as the 49th Street community resource officer, the police substation and the recently installed better visibility lighting. Encourage additional efforts that improve how we address crime, noise problems and other safety concerns.
- As 49th Street is shared by Gulfport and the St. Petersburg Greater Childs Park Area, and both sides have a number of viable businesses, encourage leadership from both cities to enter into a dialog on area improvements, crime issues and recognizing cultural differences.
- Focus on the progress and potential benefits of the EPA Brownfields Program (currently in the assessment phase).
- Advocate for continued redevelopment along the corridor.





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"The Stonewall Democrats of Pinellas County are pleased to announce our endorsement of Yolanda Roman for Gulfport City Council, Ward III." **Susan McGrath, President, Stonewall Democrats of Pinellas County** -- "Yolanda will not only be an equality champion, but will move Gulfport forward on a variety of issues."

Poul and April Caldwell Hornsleth, Principal and Broker, Caldwell, Inc. -- "Yolanda cares about Gulfport, is fiscally responsible and will keep Gulfport affordable for all. We're both voting for Yolanda and hope you will, too."

Barbara Banno, Former City Council Ward 2, Owner Stella's Deli -- "Yolanda and I share the same love for Gulfport. Her Passion and skills throughout her career will compliment her role as City Council Member. I believe she will have a positive impact on the business community, because she is dedicated to working with us to be successful."

Lynne Brown, Councilmember Ward III, 1998-2002; Vice Mayor, 2001-2002 -- "I believe Yolanda will be an extremely effective representative for our Ward and for our City. I look forward to working with her on many civic projects."

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YOLANDA ROMAN FOR GULFPORT CITY COUNCIL, WARD 3

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FACT – Our city has 8.3 months of reserves in its General Fund for emergencies, most cities in Florida have less than 3 months.

FACT – The only way to increase the General Fund and pay for the "Jump Start Project" as supported by our opposing candidates is to **raise your TAXES.**

FACT – We will continue to support and work with local businesses to help them find grants to build their business and beautify our city.

FACT – We will continue to vote to keep your property taxes low (currently 3rd lowest tax rate in the County) while still providing the services you are accustomed to.

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Heroes on Central



When Kevin Reed lost control over his vehicle last Tuesday afternoon, Jason Gingrass and John Reed (unrelated to the driver) likely saved his life.

Reed's work truck, a pool cleaning truck, hit a power pole while he drove eastbound on Central Avenue from 58th Street. The cement pole broke in two and smashed the roof of his truck. The truck then veered across traffic to the north side of Central Avenue, hit a tree, and burst into flames.

That's where Gingrass and John Reed sprang into action. "The car burst into flames," Gingrass told the Gabber as his co-worker tried to convince police to let him move his car from behind police lines so the duo could return to work. "When we got there, he was pretty much on fire."

One of the two welders had a knife in his pocket and cut Reed free. The twosome then pulled Reed to safety and extinguished the flames on his body.

Gingrass said the fire didn't injure him but that John Reed did get burned on his hands. Both men declined to have their photo taken and hesitated at the idea they were heroes. Gingrass explained that, as welders, the pair dealt regularly with fire. Although neither relished the idea of reaching into a burning vehicle, he said, neither considered not pulling Kevin Reed from the burning car.

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Heritage Village Seeks Volunteers

Volunteers at Heritage Village are offered a unique chance to help citizens connect the past with the present. Heritage Village's volunteers provide the community with a greater understanding of local and state history and underscore the importance of preserving history for future generations.

Learn about volunteering with Pinellas County's Heritage Village at a volunteer orientation to be held on

Saturday, November 9th, at 10 a.m. This orientation is planned for adults interested in becoming docents/tour guides, historic house caretakers and museum greeters.

The meeting will be held in the Pinellas Room at Heritage Village. For more information about volunteering or the orientation, call 727-582-2125.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. This living history museum brings more than 150 years of local history to life. Tour 28 authentic buildings and

structures, and experience historical Pinellas County through hands-on exploration. Paths wind through 21 acres and connect with the Florida Botanical Gardens.

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Lithuanian-American Club Lunch

The Lithuanian/American Club at 4880 46th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. The winter schedule of luncheons is one week koldunai and the other week cepelinai.

The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. This Thursday's menu is cepelinai (grated potato meat dumplings) served with bacon and/or sour cream, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked bread to buy every Thursday.

Call Vida at 866-7936 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

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Paul Ray for Gulfport City Council Ward III.



When running for any political office including Gulfport City Council, we are confronted with so much we could advocate for, such as restoring voting rights to felons, advocating for the end of the "Employee at Will" law, generating greater interest in donating food to food pantries across our city and county, continue to address treatment for those homeless with mental health issues, and list could go on, but alas we can only do so much.

I think we can all agree that candidates need to promise to address our local issues like a commitment to maintaining the levels of our core services (Seniors, Emergency, Public Works, Parks and Green Spaces, roads, and our all-important water, sewer, and storm water infrastructure), and of course our close relationship to Pinellas County Schools for our cities children, all the while, being hawkish on the budget.

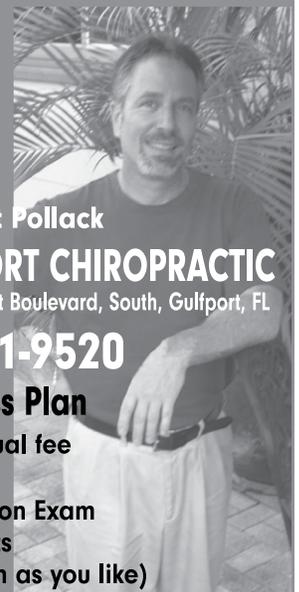
But what about future issues and how can we best address them for revenue generation and for our cities future. For example how can we position ourselves to handle the possible medical marijuana implementation, keep Gulfport in the sights of the possible benefits of the Green Light Pinellas light rail and bus proposals, partner with Google Fiber in a possible implementation of city wide broadband, and create a climate conducive to outside business interests along 49th Street South in order to boost our revenues bottom line.

These are but a few of the future and current issues I promise that I will endeavor to foster dialogs on as your next City Council Member from Ward III, all the while remembering that Gulfport is made up by four Wards and that on Council we need to be your voice. I thank you for vote for Paul Ray for Gulfport City Council on your Absentee ballot or when you go to the polls on March 11th.

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Donation, from front page by Foundation Executive Director Jane Ogilvie, and Lynn DiVenuti, Treasurer for the Foundation Board of Directors.

BrightHouse recognized the important role the Foundation plays as the charitable 501C3 non-profit that seeks financial contributions to enhance educational, health related, recreational, and socialization programs and events offered through the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center in Gulfport, Fl.

The Senior Talent Shows, held in Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough, and Manatee Counties are the prelude to BrightHouse's annual Senior Idol Show. The three winning acts will compete at 7pm on April 22nd, 2014 at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

The Foundation is pleased to add BrightHouse Networks as a Community Partner in ongoing efforts to enhance the participant experience at the City of Gulfport's Multipurpose Senior Center.

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Cupcake, from front page the money to charity.

This year, Jake's in sixth grade at Madeira Beach Elementary and doesn't need a community service project, but he's reprising the run all the same. Sweet! of St. Petersburg has agreed to donate 200 cupcakes, and Jake will donate all the money raised to Rise Up St. Pete, a group that encourages mentoring and neighborhood cleanups in St. Petersburg.

"At first my mom wanted [me to donate the money to] childhood obesity," he says. His mom Michelle finishes the story for him:

"And he was like, 'Mom, I don't think that's a good idea.'"

Registration for the time event costs \$20 until this Friday and \$25 after Friday. Race day registration costs \$30. Register at Active.com.

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Market offers Free Space for Non-Profits

The Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market continues its program of offering one free vendor space each week for community non-profit organizations. The Fresh Market is a year-round event. Groups may use the space to offer free information, promote upcoming events and community outreach, to raise funds, or to sell items for fund-raising. Any items to be sold must be pre-approved by Market managers. All funds raised in any manner must be for the benefit of the non-profit organization, rather than any individual(s) or for-profit entity.

The free space for non-profits is currently being scheduled and any interested and qualified non-profit groups may apply to use the space as available in upcoming weeks and months. Non-profits that have made use of the space in recent months include library boosters, historical society members, environmental advocacy groups, community health organizers, art and theatre groups, veterans' groups, animal rescue organizations and many others.

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District Launches New Academic Planner

Pinellas County Schools has recognized a significant need to help guidance counselors work with students and track their progress, while offering parents more access to their children's academic planning information.

To fulfill these goals, the district will begin the 2013-2014 school year with a new online academic planning system that will help students plan their path through high school and beyond. Students will start using the program in eighth grade as they plan their high school academics.

Counselor Connect, created by locally-based Lighthouse Guidance Systems, incorporates diploma designations for students following the academically-focused "scholar" pathway as well as the industry certification-focused "merit" pathway established recently by the Florida Legislature and helps students:

- Design and update their academic plans to align graduation, college and career goals
- Project their grade point averages based on future performance in classes
- Analyze their performance based on their actual grades to ensure they meet graduation, college admission and scholarship requirements.

The interactive online planning system also helps guidance counselors monitor student progress and allows parents to use a messaging feature so they can communicate directly with their student's counselor.

"Counselor Connect will help students work with their parents and guidance counselors to achieve their academic goals," Superintendent Michael A. Grego said. "This valuable online resource will empower students to play a much greater role in determining their educational and career paths."

Parents will have online access to their children's plans. Students will be able to update their academic plans to align with their goals at any time in their academic careers.

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CTK Seeks Volunteers

Clothes To Kids (CTK) is actively seeking adult and youth volunteers at their St. Pete location, 3251 Third Avenue N., Suite 145. Adults can work with clients (shoppers), provide data entry, receptionist, or stockroom assistance. They are looking to fill the following volunteer positions: a receptionist each Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings; 2 - 3 positions for Friday morning to help clients shop and backroom sorters Monday - Friday each week.

Great atmosphere and flexible hours. For information call 727-327-7100 and speak to Carole or visit www.ClothesToKids.org. CTK accepts clothing donations from 8:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and needs school uniforms!

Clothes To Kids is a not-for-profit organization which provides free clothing to low-income or in crisis school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge. For more information, please call 441-5050 or visit www.ClothesToKids.org. In 2012, CTK was awarded a 4 star rating by Charity Navigator.

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The new Recycle Today: 2014 Pinellas County Recycling Directory has just been released. The directory is packed with the latest information about how to recycle in Pinellas County including local options for recycling cans, glass bottles, plastics #1-7, paper, yard waste, cardboard, electronics, chemicals and motor oil.

Find out the new recycling options that are now available in Pinellas County. Many municipal recycling programs have been improved and citizens are encouraged to check for the changes in their municipality.

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

Recycle Today is published by the Solid Waste Division of Pinellas County's Department of Environment and Infrastructure each year to make recycling easier by providing detailed and updated information on local programs, including:

- How to participate in recycling programs offered in the 24 municipalities plus the

unincorporated areas of Pinellas County

- Where to drop off household hazardous waste such as TVs, computers or paint

- How to prepare items for recycling

- Where to pick up free recycled mulch

- How to access the online A to Z Guide for Recycling and Disposal (listing over 350 items)

- Answers to the most frequently asked questions about recycling

- Suggestions for businesses to handle their hazardous waste

- How to request A Cutting Waste at Work Assessment to increase your business recycling

- How to request Pinellas County's Recyclin' Roadie, a brightly painted mobile recycling trailer, for your next event

- Dates and locations of recycling events for the whole family

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Learn about the Everglades Restoration

Dan Kimball, U. S. Park Superintendent of the Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks, will present "Everglades National Park: People, Pythons, and Billions for Restoration" on Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. at Eckerd College's Fox Hall, 4200 54th Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. Admission is free.

Mr. Kimball has been the superintendent of Everglades National Park since 2005. A world treasure and a revered natural resource, the Everglades is a 1.5 million acre fragile ecosystem which faces significant challenges. The third largest national park in the lower 48 states, it is also one of the most endangered. The park includes the largest freshwater sawgrass prairie in North America and the largest protected mangrove ecosystem in the Western Hemisphere.

In his article, "Sea Change" author Kevin Grange writes "Over the past hundred years, the Greater Everglades, once a vast sanctuary of freshwater shallows and sawgrass, has shrunk to half its original size. Canals and levees, dug years ago to spur urban and agricultural growth, have drained thousands of acres of wetlands.

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SHINE Program Warns Against Scams

Elder citizens are frequent targets of Medicare schemes, including the latest identity theft scheme. Recently, several Medicare beneficiaries have received phone calls from individuals declaring to be from the "Health and Welfare Department" informing them that a new Medicare card will soon be issued to them. Beneficiaries are then asked to verify some personal information, including their Medicare number, address, birth date, and banking information. Seniors, and those who care for them, should know that the true goal of these calls is identity theft.

Medicare, and its authorized agents like the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Program, will not contact you through unsolicited calls, emails, or visits. They also will not ask for personal identifiers unless you contact them directly for assistance. SHINE counselors provide free, unbiased, and confidential insurance counseling and education regarding Medicare rights, options, and prescription drug assistance for elders, their families, and caregivers.

While the state's SHINE Program is a trusted community source, there are some organizations and individuals who should not be granted access to

personal information. If you suspect the program or individual asking for your information is not legitimate, do not give them your information. Report the incident to the Senior Medicare Patrol project immediately at 1-866-357-6677.

To learn more about the SHINE Program or receive free help from SHINE, individuals may visit designated SHINE counseling sites, attend enrollment events in local communities, or contact SHINE's trained volunteer counselors at 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337). For a listing of SHINE counseling sites and enrollment events, visit www.FloridaSHINE.org.

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Tae Kwon Do Offered at Community Center

Children ages 5 years old and up can learn this form of martial arts in a fun and safe manner. This class is Traditional and Olympic style Martial Arts from Korea taught by Grandmaster "J" – 9th Dan Black Belt in the art of Tae Kwon Do. Classes are held at The St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:20-6:20 p.m. for \$69 per month. They also offer a Wednesday only class from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for \$40 per month. Call 727-363-9245 or visit www.spbrec.com.

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Tickets are \$20 and are limited. To purchase tickets online go to pagwc.com.

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Russian American Club

The Russian American Club of Gulfport invites Russian people to join them on February 22nd for Russian Traditional Pancakes. Call for more details 727-327-7909, 367-2092 or 384-3242.

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Depression and Bipolar Support Group

Depression and Bipolar Support Group meets at the Suncoast Center (in back), 4024 Central Avenue on Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Families and support people are welcome. Call Les at 727-822-3480 or email to Les@FBAO.org.

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For the second year, Paradise Lutheran Church of Treasure Island is offering worship services at 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon in addition to its regular service at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. The afternoon program, which began January 4, will continue through April 5.

Everyone's welcome – whether you're here on vacation or live in Florida all year around. The church is located at 10255 Paradise Boulevard – just off the Treasure Island Causeway.

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Grief Share Support Group

Grief Share support group will meet at Cornerstone Community Church, 6745 38th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg every Friday through March 24th. Call 727-343-7747.

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Gulfport Garden and Bird Club

For our March 18th meeting we are traveling down to experience the Myaka River. This event is open only to members and has no room for guests on the bus. Members have needed information which was handed out at our Feb. meeting. Any questions may be checked by calling your team leader. Looking forward to a day enjoying nature outdoors!

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FWC, U.S. Power Squadrons boost boating safety efforts

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has enjoyed a strong partnership with the U.S. Power Squadrons for years. Recently, the FWC provided inflatable life jacket kits to U.S. Power Squadrons units across the state. The kits will be used by instructors to provide information on inflatable life jacket use and to show students how easy it is to wear a life jacket all of the time while boating.

"Organizations like the Power Squadrons are a critical part of boating safety efforts in Florida and across the country," said Brian Rehwinkel, FWC Boating Safety Outreach Coordinator. "The instructors with the Power Squadrons are often the first boating safety contact a new boater will encounter, and the information learned in a boating safety class can make a big difference on the water."

Life jacket kits were purchased through boating safety grants for

approved boating safety classroom courses in Florida.

"With life jackets, seeing is believing," Rehwinkel said. "Having the life jackets in hand will allow instructors to show students how easy it is to wear them all the time while boating."

Life jacket wear does make a difference. Statistics show that more than 62 percent of the 55 boating-related deaths confirmed in 2012 were attributed to drowning, which life jackets are designed to prevent.

"We want to promote the message that there is a wide variety of comfortable, affordable and stylish life jackets on the market today," Rehwinkel said. "It is easier than you might think to keep you and your passengers safe."

The project with the Power Squadrons will help get that message out to those enrolled in boating safety courses.

The Power Squadrons is a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. The FWC is supportive of

organizations who teach approved boating safety education courses in Florida.

For more boating safety information, visit MyFWC.com/Boating.

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Hounds 4 Heroes Seeks Volunteers

Hounds 4 Heroes of Tampa Bay, a non-profit headquartered in Gulfport, trains retired racing greyhounds to be service dogs for veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). You may have seen their dogs, which are provided to their handlers at no charge, walking on the streets of Gulfport or at Bay Pines VA hospital. As a fundraiser, they will be doing gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble during the holidays and they need volunteers to assist. If you would like to donate a few hours to work, please call 727-385-9858 or email veterandogs@h4htb.org.

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Radio program is 'For the Love of Animals'

Dog and cat lovers can find all kinds of information about the animals in their care on For the Love of Animals, a weekly radio program produced by Pinellas County Animal Services in cooperation with Inspiration AM1110 WTIS.

Each weekly installment profiles some of the programs and services provided by Pinellas County Animal Services. The show's veterinary segment provides medical advice on how to keep cats and dogs happy and healthy, and the mail bag portion

of the program answers email questions received by county animal control officers.

"Dogs and cats are a huge part of everyone's life," says show host Len Ciecieszki from Pinellas County Communications. "For the Love of Animals looks at the issues concerning pet lovers and gives great advice on how to perfect the relationship between pet and pet owner."

For The Love of Animals is broadcast each Saturday morning from 11 a.m. till noon on Inspiration AM1110 WTIS radio; shows are posted the following Monday on Pinellas County's YouTube page, www.youtube.com/pccctv1.

Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Normal hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the adoption center closing at 5:30 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and services include adoptions. Rabies vaccinations are administered on Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The facility is closed all Pinellas County holidays.

For information on how to adopt, donate or volunteer, join Pinellas County Animal Services on Facebook. To learn more about the shelter, visit www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices or call 727-582-2600. The lost or found pets hotline is 727-582-2604.

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Gulfport Tai Chi

Gulfport Tai Chi classes have returned to the Recreation Center, 58th St. S. and Shore Blvd., Beginners to tai chi classes will be able to join the Tuesday and Thursday classes at 9 a.m. This gentle form of exercise is beneficial in maintaining body elasticity, heart health, bone strength, balance and more while avoiding stress on knee and hip joints. To obtain maximum benefits it is recommended that you attend both classes. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per class. The classes are open to all. Call Marge at 727-345-6708.

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6 Costly Mistakes to Avoid Before Buying a Home

St. Petersburg- A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that homebuyers make before buying a home.

Mortgage regulations have changed significantly over the last few years, making your options wider than ever. Subtle changes in the way you approach mortgage shopping, and even small differences in the way you structure your mortgage, can save or cost you literally thousands of dollars and years of expense.

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South Pasadena: Four Men Enter, Only Two Will Win

By Cathy Salustri

Next month South Pasadena voters will elect two commissioners. Challengers Harris Blair and Robert Small will square off against incumbents Art Penny and Max Elson. Of the four candidates, only two will emerge victorious. Voters may elect any two of the four candidates. We asked each of the candidates the following questions; read their responses below before you decide how to cast your vote. Aside from correcting for grammar, punctuation and spelling, these are their unedited words in their entirety.

What are your top three priorities if elected (or re-elected)?

Harris Blair: 1) Ensure that the south Pasadena comprehensive plan is in sync with the objectives of Pinellas County comprehensive plan: net zero population density growth and no constriction of vehicular traffic through the Pasadena Avenue corridor. 2) Put together a business plan that embraces the needs of residents and drivers passing through the corridor and recruit business owners whose goods and services match those needs. 3) Actively explore the feasibility of burying all utility, communications and entertainment cabling.

Max Elson: 1) Continue formation of Business Re-vitalization Committee putting residents and business owners together. This committee should include representatives from our largest employers and largest property tax payers. It should truly allow all facets of our city a forum. 2) Keep the economic engine of redevelopment running

strong. Examine incentives for redevelopment from short term property tax credits to possible matching grants for improvement. 3) Explore all options for beautification of Pasadena Avenue.

Arthur Penny: 1) Locate funding/grants to avoid property tax increases for the beautification of South Pasadena, Pasadena Avenue, undergrounding of our power lines and increasing pedestrian and bicycling safety; 2) Through the South Pasadena Business Revitalization Committee (BRC) I created, promote local businesses, locate and attract new businesses for the Pasadena Avenue corridor and promote our beautiful city; and 3) Keep property taxes low while still providing the services that Citizens want

Robert Small: 1) As a member of the South Pasadena Ad Hoc Committee, I voted for and approved the recommendations of the committee to address the challenges we face to upgrade and improve the image of South Pasadena including the "JUMMP START PROJECT." Offering matching grants to our business' for improving their image in South Pasadena; 2) Work to make sure that Pasadena Avenue stays open and will not vote to shorten lanes for the Corridor Project; and 3) Work with all utilities to cooperate in the undergrounding of utility wires to improve public safety and City aesthetics by searching for Grants locally, state wide, and Federally.

What can the commission do – and what will you support – to unclog traffic on Pasadena?

ME: I would support working

with the DOT for possible bus pull-off lanes at specified bus stops. I know that a lot of the very recent (last three to four months) traffic snarls will ease by themselves when the Bayway bridge project is completed. There are presently periodic, complete closures of the Bayway and all eastbound traffic is routed to here or Treasure Island Causeway.

AP: I will support any logical resolution to the traffic flow on Pasadena Avenue that does not create a financial burden on our citizens. Pasadena Avenue is maintained and controlled by the FDOT. I believe the commission through persistence and help from our representatives in Tallahassee can request an examination of our traffic problems and work with us to find a solution. Most of our Current traffic problems are due to the periodic closures of the Bayway bridge.

RS: We must NEVER shorten the amount of lanes on Pasadena Avenue. Let's consider a new traffic light at Bay Island and work with FDOT to program a better flow of traffic to and from St. Pete Beach.

HB: See numbers one and three above combined with bus cut-ins and better control over stop-light timing sequence.

How can South Pasadena better brand itself to lure businesses and visitors?

AP: As a gateway to some of the most beautiful beaches in Florida we need to present ourselves to business developers as such. Many cities in our state are setup as we are and provide restaurants and service businesses that attract visitors, locals and

neighboring residents.

RS: We need to reveal that we are "Sleepy Hollow" NO MORE! We ARE a DESTINATION TO THE GULF and you can sail your boat, drive your vehicle, and jog or walk to these fabulous beaches!

HB: In addition to the answers to the first two questions, the board of commissioners needs to meet quarterly with business and community leaders to promote ways to build the brand.

ME: We are the gateway to the beaches and should bill ourselves as such. Continued development service establishments such as restaurants and other service businesses that draw people from neighboring communities as well as local residents.

Why did you decide to run?

RS: The people of South Pasadena asked me to run! After leading the Shore View Condominium Association for 12 years (nine years as president), [and] four years as president of Shore Drive South Corporation, I felt it my obligation to bring my experience to South Pasadena to re-energize it and lead it into the fabulous city it can become.

HB: The board of commissioners hired a consultant to look at our comprehensive corridor plan (CCP) and to make proposals that would benefit our community. Either the BOC failed to task the consultant or the consultant chose to ignore those guidelines (unlikely). The result was a proposed gutting of the CCP. This became necessary in

order to promote a reduction of traffic lanes, rezoning of two properties for higher density living and the insertion of bicycle lanes. The CCP was designed to allow the citizens of Pinellas county to rapidly flee in the event of a hurricane or other disaster. The BOC's ethical guideline is to do no harm. If the BOC had any common sense they would realize that public safety holds a higher priority than bicycle lanes and capital gain from taller buildings. I chose to run because we need to infuse the BOC with more common sense.

ME: I have been on the commission

for the past three years and have thoroughly enjoyed it. I enjoy giving back to the community and would welcome the opportunity to continue serving.

AP: I have been on the Commission since 2009 and I believe the City Commission needs continuity and stability at this time. Seven generation of my family have lived in Florida since the late 1700's and as a 10-year resident at Bay Island Condominiums, I am truly devoted to South Pasadena and our great State.

How can voters contact you?

HB: I will always be available to

voters via the telephone and e-mail. **ME:** I may be reached via email at maxelson@ymail.com.

AP: If anyone has any questions concerning my campaign or recommendations for our city the best way to contact me is by my email at apenny@tampabay.rr.com.

RS: I've been a full time resident for the last 15 years and am in the phone book. When elected, you'll be able to reach me at city hall too!

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The Art of Making Change: Part Two

Did you make any New Year's Resolutions this year?

How's it going?

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When you make a New Year's Resolution, you are asking yourself to develop a new habit. Your choice: detox from processed foods; bike to work; walk the stairs next to the escalator.

But new habits take time to take over, more time than you think, if you think about it at all. And if you're not thinking about what's involved in making change happen, then it's no wonder you've forgotten what your 2014 resolutions even were. "I failed before; I've failed again; what am I missing?"

Welcome, Dear Readers, to the off ramp of the Wheel of Failure: "The Art of Making Change" is a continuation of last week's column that invited

you to tear up your list of New Year's Resolutions and begin again.

In Jeremy Dean's compelling new book, "Making Habits, Breaking Habits: Why We Do Things, Why We Don't, and How to Make Any Change Stick," he assures us that new habits can be formed, but how long it takes varies greatly. On average, it takes 66 days for a new habit to take over your life.

Two months or more of everyday attention, writing it down, keeping focused, telling a friend, working with a coach or an "accountability partner."

Why so long? Because neuroscientists know the brain has a mind of it's own. It resists change and would rather nap in front of "Duck Dynasty."

When you mindfully decide to let go of an old habit and replace it with something less fried and sugary, something better for your sleep, digestion and overall health, you wake up to a new understanding of what drives your habits.

"Acting without thinking drives our habits," reports Dean. Scientists who study the psychology of self-control are so certain about this remote-control reality we all live in, they have given it a name.

It's called "automaticity," and learning to move through it and act from a place that is more authentic to your personal vision of health and wellness paves the way for successful change.

And so does:

ACTING ON WHAT YOU VALUE.

Authentic, long-lasting change happens more often when you first create a visualization, a detailed mental picture of who you are, where you are, what you feel when you see yourself living a healthier, happier life.

"I see myself with my husband, hiking in Florida and camping over night with our grandchildren. I love them to bits and they love being with me. I feel fit, strong and safe ..."

What you value will express itself in your personal wellness vision. Make it specific; make it true. You can make this a DIY project, or recruit a close friend, or consult with a local wellness coach.

SET GOALS, STAY POSITIVE, BE PATIENT. Once your wellness vision is created, you have a target to aim for. Next, you'll want to create the small, realistic goals that will get you there: week by week. Change is not linear. Expect setbacks and delays but avoid despair.

In fact, stay very, very positive. That's what all the research shows. Don't focus on what you didn't do; celebrate what you did do. Beating yourself up -- the selfie of trash talking -- is counterproductive to lasting change.

Keep in mind the 66 days it takes for a new habit to take hold. An exercise habit takes even longer. A recent research study -- handpicked by me to prove my point -- shows that people who write down a detailed, step-by-step plan are 50 percent more likely to achieve their goals.

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- Thursday, February 13, 10a.m.: "Growing Tropical Clumping Bamboo in Your Yard" with guest Speaker Karlyn Bradshaw from Island Bamboo.

- Thursday-Saturday, February 20-22: "Annual Flea Market-Collectibles-Plant Sale". Thursday, February 20: Preview Night with wine and cheese, 5-7 p.m. Cost \$5.

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back to the starting point and exit pool. Cost is \$160 residents/ \$180 non-residents and registration is open. Session I dates: February 22, 23; Session II dates: March 15, 16, 22, 23; Session III dates: March 24-28. Check out www.spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245 for more information.

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Call for Vendors

"Island Festival", an annual event celebrating culture of the South Pinellas Gulf Beach Communities, will be held at Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, 115 10th Avenue, St. Pete Beach, on March 1st, 2014. Artists, crafters and antique/collectible vendors are invited to participate. There will be space for 40 vendors in Pass-a-Grille park adjoining the museum. There is no fee, but a donation would be greatly appreciated in exchange for your participation. Email gbhm2012@aol.com or call 727-552-1610 and leave your contact information.

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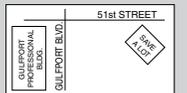


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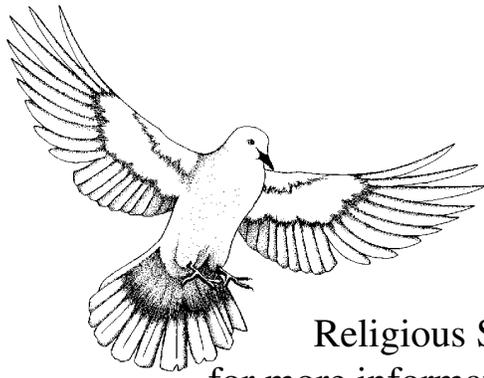
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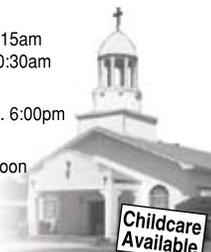
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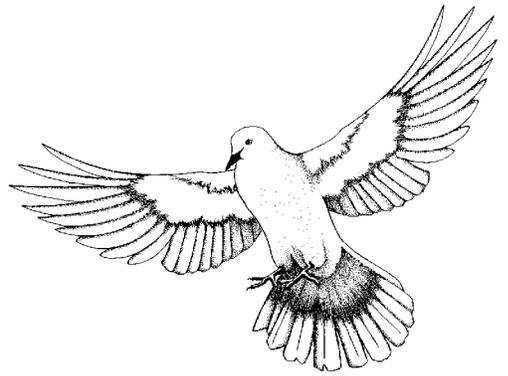
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Who's Counting?

By Barbara Purtee

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On this day we will celebrate all of our birthdays, together, at our Annual Birthday Party luncheon.

We must know how many are attending, so gather some friends, then call the church office at 321-3620 (M-F, 9-noon) to make your reservations. Let us know before March 7th. Come, celebrate YOUR

BIRTHDAY with us. We'll be looking for you!

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Suncoast Hospice, Pinellas County's hospice provider for more than 35 years, is looking for volunteers to serve in a variety of positions from at the bedside, administrative roles, in one of three resale shoppes to helping at one of many special events. Learn more about how to get involved by going to SuncoastHospice.org/ volunteer or call 727-586-4432, ext. 4100.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Fences and Leashes Save Lives

For many of the same reasons you wouldn't let your 3-year-old toddle off to daycare alone, it's also not a good idea to let your pooch roam the streets off-leash. Cars, dognappers, Animal Control... Unless you live on a large plat in Montana, your pup will undoubtedly benefit from a leash or a fence when cavorting in the great outdoors.

"Off-leash" has become a common and questionable addition to the dog-owner's vernacular. Off-leash parks, off-leash trails, off-leash beaches, off-leash walks... Why do I find "off-leash" so off-putting?

In short, it's dangerous.

I once had a client express concern about a woman who frequently walked her dog in his neighborhood. This woman would drape the leash around her neck, and her dog would walk -- off-leash -- beside her.

The dog was a large mixed breed, and my client had a dachshund with a bad habit of barking at the big guys. The problem was that my client wasn't convinced this woman had any control over her very powerful dog. According to him, she would frantically try to hook the leash to its collar when she saw other dogs

or people approaching. Even after she got her dog "on-leash," the big guy would pull and lurch, all but dragging her along in his dust -- a canine disaster waiting to happen.

Question: Where do these potential disasters play out most often?

Answer: Wherever dogs gather ... off-leash.

The best thing you can do for your pooch is be in control of his immediate environment. This means a leash or a fence when he isn't inside.

Frankly, I don't get the hype about off-leash. I don't know about your dog, but mine exhibit nothing short of joy when I bring out the leash. No fear, no hostility, no evidence of any long-harbored resentment at being consistently harnessed and shackled to me during most of our outdoor excursions. "Most" because there are exceptions.

Again, those fences.

A fenced backyard is a great place for an off-leash romp. An unfenced or improperly fenced backyard, though?

Here's a story that'll break your heart.

"Our dog was hit by a car on Saturday, and I am overwhelmed with grief from the loss of her. I loved that dog so much.

"We recently bought a home and moved into it in early June. There is

a hill in our backyard, and we were concerned that Lucy could jump the fence. We planned to have a new fence built, but after "testing" Lucy, we didn't think she would jump it.

"On the 4th of July, we left the house, not even thinking about the fireworks. On the way home, we saw the fireworks and I panicked, wondering whether Lucy was scared. She was gone when we got home, but thank God someone had found her and picked her up and called us. She said she almost hit her.

"My husband stayed home from work the next day to be with her, and he boarded up the part of the fence that was the lowest. We went to the movies that night, and she was still there when we got home. We went to the beach during the day on Saturday, and she was still there when we got home. So we left again Saturday to go out.

"All night I had my cellphone out, waiting for a call that someone had picked her up. I made note of when it got dark at 8 p.m. and everything seemed fine. Then, I got a call at 10:30. Our beloved little Lucy had been hit by a car.

"Now, all I can do is cry all day and all night. It should be a joyous time because we bought our new house, but I hate that house now. All I can see is Lucy. When I look in the backyard, I bawl. She really loved her new backyard. I am so overwhelmed with guilt. I keep saying, why did we leave? Why didn't we leave her in the house or even in her crate? I am so miserable. I feel so lost, so empty and so guilty. She was just the best dog."

Such a sad story. Such an unnecessary loss.

I wish there were something I could say to make this woman feel better. The only thing she can do now to feel better and honor the loss of her loved one is acknowledge her mistake and share her story. That's why I included it. She shared it with me, and I'm sharing it with you. Please take it to heart. Build the new fence or fix the old one. And keep your dog on-leash when out and about.

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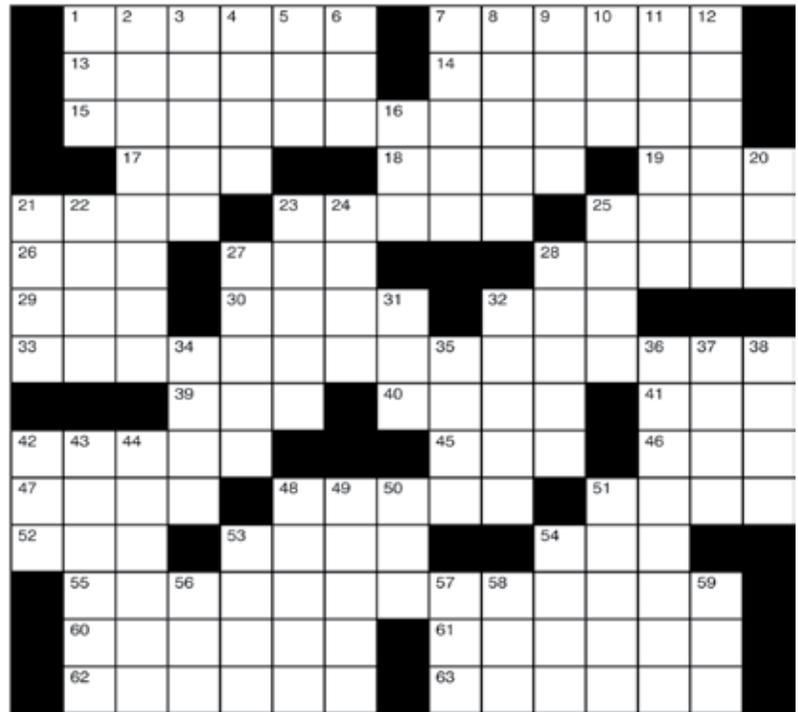
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Local Writers Speak at Boyd Hill

Come hear Gabber columnist and reporter Cathy Salustri will join Tampa Bay Times writer Jeff Klinkenberg, Hernando Today/Tampa Tribune staff writer Wendy Joan Biddlecombe, and USF St. Petersburg Associate Professor of English Dr. Thomas Hallock for the first of a three-part series, "How Do We Find Nature in the City?" on Friday, February 21.

As part of the Boyd Hill "Writers in the Preserve" series, the writers will read selections from their nonfiction work. Cathy Salustri's reading will focus on Clam Bayou.

On March 28, poets Gianmarc Manzione, Gloria Muñoz and Brian Duncan will lead a poetry night hike through the Preserve.

The series concludes on April 11 with "13 Ways of Looking at a City: Community Gathering," as writers, environmentalists and community advocates celebrate the natural and built environment of south St. Petersburg.

"This lecture series demonstrates the extraordinary talent at USF St. Petersburg and our commitment to engaging the community with provocative programming," said Frank Biafora, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "I commend Dr. Hallock for his creative leadership."

The series is co-sponsored by the USFSP Florida Studies Program, the College of Arts and Sciences and Friends of Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. It is co-organized by Boyd Hill ranger Andrea Andersen.

Each event is free and open to the public and starts at 7 p.m. For more information contact Thomas Hallock at thallock@usfsp.edu or (727) 873-4954. Boyd Hill Nature Preserve (727-893-7326) is located at 1101 Country Club Way South in St. Petersburg.

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"Ducky" Event to Benefit All Children's

The All Children's Hospital Guild Beach Branch members will present their 9th annual fund-raising event starring Sir Duck. This year "Ducky Goes to the Oscars" will be presented at The Club at Treasure Island, 400 Island Causeway in Treasure Island.

This fun filled event will take place on Friday, February 21 from 6-9 p.m. The cost per person is \$100. Festivities include dinner, open bar, silent and live auction. Music will be provided by "First Take."

Any and all profits will be contributed to All Children's Hospital for predetermined special projects for the children. Please contact Annmartine Rinker at 727-388-1649 for questions or reservations.

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Rhode Islanders to Picnic

Come out for a picnic in the park with other Rhode Islanders on Monday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to dusk at Fort DeSoto Park, St. Petersburg, East Beach (2nd shelter on the right #14). This is a covered picnic shelter and everyone brings their own food/drink and utensils (alcohol not permitted by the park).

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Chickens 101 at Weedon Island Preserve

Interested in raising chickens? The Pinellas County Extension will provide expert instructions on raising and caring for backyard chickens. The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Weedon Island Preserve Education Center in St. Petersburg.

The cost of the workshop is \$10 per family, and the program will address the fundamentals of raising chickens in Pinellas County. Dr. Robert Kluson, extension agent with Agriculture and Natural Resources at Sarasota County Extension, and other experts will discuss local regulations, housing, health issues and nutrition of backyard chickens.

To register for the Chickens 101 workshop, visit <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5546918984#> or call Weedon Island Preserve at 727-453-6500. Advance registration is required as seating is limited.

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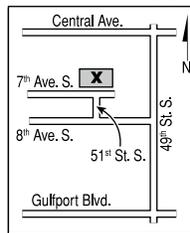
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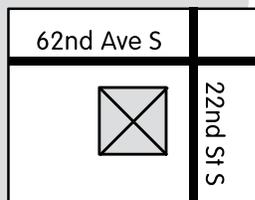
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Here's How Repair & Fix

By Pat Logan

Dear Pat: The asphalt driveway at my house was replaced just several years ago, but some cracks have developed. I have tried to repair them, but they keep opening up. How can I make a permanent repair?
-- Anna G.

Dear Anna: It can be very disappointing to install a new driveway that looks great and then have ugly cracks form in just a couple of years. You should contact the company that installed the new asphalt driveway to see if they will repair it for you.

It may be difficult to make it look like new again. Since your asphalt driveway is relatively new, serious cracks indicate there are some problems with the gravel base. The asphalt company should have totally removed all the old asphalt, leveled and compacted a gravel base, and then laid the new asphalt layer.

With an unstable gravel base, for

whatever reason, there probably is not a "permanent" repair for the current cracks. This does not mean you cannot make repairs that last several years, but smaller cracks appearing through the repair are probable. Smaller cracks are easier to fix and, if you are lucky, they may be small enough that they are not an aesthetic issue.

Another problem you may have had with the repair is you did not follow the repair material manufacturer's instructions. People typically don't read the instructions thoroughly and just start filling in the crack.

The repair material instructions may also recommend a maximum thickness for the repair. Filling the entire depth of a deep crack can result in too much shrinkage. If there is a deep crack, it should first be filled with a foam backer rod. The ideal depth of the repair material should not be more than twice the

width of the crack.

Don't give up and assume things are hopeless because it is important to keep those cracks as filled and closed as possible. Wherever there is a crack, water can seep through it into the ground. This will make the base even more unstable.

No matter what type of repair material you select, clean out the crack as thoroughly as possible. This is important so the repair material has a solid surface to which to adhere. Use a screwdriver to dig out any big chunks and then a stiff brush followed by a wet/dry vacuum to remove the fine particles.

There are many types of crack-repair materials available. When repairing a smaller crack during warm weather, a pourable type of material works well. Repair material in a tube that fits a standard caulking gun works well anytime and makes it easier to eliminate voids. Once the repair material is installed, sprinkle it with sand, place a piece of plywood over it, and drive the car over it to level the surface.

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Island Festival Coming in March

On Saturday, March 1, the Friends of the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum (GBHM) will kick off "Island Festival", an annual event celebrating culture of the South Pinellas Gulf Beach Communities. Starting at 9 a.m. Susan Boyer Haley and husband Bill will be entertaining with original music played on banjo, dulcimer and guitar along with Susan's stories. St. Pete Beach Fire Fighters will be grilling hot dogs, burgers and more. Everyone knows firefighters are famous for their cooking! The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club will have their vintage cars all shined up for display. Organized in 1980, the club is the most active British car club in the Tampa Bay area.

At 10 a.m. The keystones will be on stage with old time gospel followed at 11 am by Kevin and Dave, The Dynamic Duo playing music from Dave Matthews, Bob Dylan, Mac Davis, Keith Urban and many more and will play requests and The New Horizon Band from Eckerd College will perform for their third year on stage from 1-2 p.m. The band is a national program at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Eckerd College that encourages people in the community to pick up an instrument and learn to play in a group.

Over 30 vendors will be set up in Pass-a-Grille Park in front of the Museum displaying jewelry, collectables, hobbies, art and photography work. The GBHM Friends will have a special "Treasure Booth", costumed guides will be handing out historic notes, the Museum along with its gift shop will be open. At noon there will be a historic basket auction. Take your child's photo with Mr. Friendly and get a special badge.

The Festival is open to the public and there is no admission fee. The property is handicap accessible.

Island Festival at Gulf Beaches Historical Museum is located at 115 10th Ave., Pass-a-Grille, St. Pete Beach from 9am -2pm March 1.

For more info call 727-552-1610 or www.gulfbeachmuseum.com.

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Town Shores Shuffleboard



High scorers in the game of "Hoss Collar" played Feb 7 when the Pass-A-Grille club visited. L-R Jim West (PAG) and partner Nelson Burchat (TS) won with 199 points, while Winona Loucks (PAG) and partner Jim Greene (TS) took second place with 134 points. Winona and Nels won last year also.

The eleven Shuffleboard Courts at Town Shores were bulging at the seams on Fri. Feb. 7th when The Pass - A- Grille club was hosted for soft competition and social gathering. With 21 from P.A.G. and 24 locals attending, two games were played followed by a short respite with abundant refreshments at the clubhouse. A third game was started and then the rains came resulting in a prompt departure by all to dry land. The T.S. Shufflers will be visiting P.A.G. on the morning of Tues. Mar. 11th to close out the two annual home and home visits.

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Horoscope Guide

The sun and Neptune have a kind of “Rainbow Connection” going on this week, and like the song sung by Kermit the Frog, lovers and dreamers will wonder what’s on the other side of the colorful, illusory banner. What is your expectation of the world beyond the rainbow? Make note of it. What you want it to be will provide inspiration for your next adventure and is probably far more interesting than what is really over there.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Respect for others starts with self-respect. You’ll be a living example of this principle. Most people are far more likely to notice if they don’t receive respect than if they don’t give it. Your extra mindfulness and efforts in this regard will go a long way in setting you up for success in both your personal and professional life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don’t get to make your own rules for everything in the world, but you do get to make your own rules about what success is to you. So why not lighten up a bit and make it easier on yourself this week? Success can be as simple as putting a smile on someone’s face or taking good care of yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You’ll communicate your status to people through posture, and this week they will believe whichever posture you take on. Obviously it’s not automatically better to take a higher status. There will be many occasions on which your deference would be wise and most beneficial.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You currently might not have the social circle of your dreams, but that will change to some extent this week as you mentally align yourself with the kinds of people you wish to circulate among. Imagine the qualities and values these people have. Get involved in the activities and interests that will attract this set.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While many around you seem to take life for granted, you cherish the time you have. Your natural curiosity and awareness of everyday beauty help you find the path of happiness.

Others will see you and want the peace and harmony you have. You’re doing your part to raise the vibration of the planet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This week is about becoming a stronger person and letting go of dead weight. In order to make your life easier, ask yourself some hard questions. For instance, what do I want to stand for and achieve in this lifetime? Cutting nonessentials will be a no-brainer once you figure out what is really essential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those who have plenty of support and encouragement don’t understand what kind of personal fortitude it takes to make things happen under less hospitable circumstances. That’s your advantage. You’ve done a lot with a little, and you’ll do it again. Don’t underestimate yourself. You can accomplish amazing things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those around who just don’t get you, and their reaction (or more likely non-reaction) could, if you agreed to let it, make you feel less special. So don’t agree to let it. You are in charge of your opinion of yourself. You’ve done remarkable things. Give yourself credit. Go find others smart enough to understand you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The balance of power is a major theme for you this week both at home and at work. Those in authority often select their favorites. There’s no use in getting angry with those pets; earning the good graces of those in charge is a natural aim. Instead, focus your energy on being a top performer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In order to handle the challenges of the week to the best of your ability, a perspective shift will be necessary. The long-view of life is the one you want. You can make the mental leap by focusing on your ancestors and the different kind of life they lived in their time. Another way is to consider your legacy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People are different. Some yearn for intimacy in relationships; others

place excitement and adventure higher on the list. The way to happy relationships is to learn whom you are dealing with and expect only things that are closest to this person’s true nature. This includes your relationship with yourself!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The need for security is basic. You should in no way be made to feel like you are uncool for reacting to anything that threatens your sense of security on any level, including financially. Those who challenge this by telling you to “lighten up” are not really on your side. Do only what you’re comfortable with.

This Week’s Birthdays: Your dazzling year begins with developments in a very important relationship. You’ll have happy news to share with family. March brings business with kindred spirits, and you’ll sock away money, too. You like to do things in a certain order, and that order will be disturbed in April and with marvelous results. The key is in staying open-minded and rolling with the changes. Your ambitious goals will require vigorous efforts, and it will help if you have a good teacher, so shop around for the best.

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Porch Party: Equal Pay for Pinellas Teachers

When did your child's teacher first receive equal pay? The answer may surprise you. While younger teachers have always received a salary based on things other than the color of their skin, Pinellas teachers didn't always get equal pay. When did Florida start paying teachers equally?

Under Florida's 1885 state constitution, provisions were made for separate educational facilities based upon race. White and non-white students attended segregated schools and their teachers also were limited to serving in schools of their own race.

By the mid-1930s, FSTA leaders began to press state officials to remedy large pay disparities that its members faced in comparison with their white counterparts. Florida historian Jon Tallon describes the decade-long struggle to achieve equal pay and places this battle within the context of the Civil Rights Movement in Florida.

Jon Tallon will give an informative history of Pinellas teachers and their battle for equal pay. Tallon, an elusive "Florida Native", cut his teeth on Pinellas county politics and police work.

Tallon will speak at the Gulfport Historical Society's February 28 7 p.m. porch party, hear his interpretation of the battle for equal educator's pay in Pinellas County, FL. A two time graduate from USFSP, the former athlete and current basketball and softball coach, became involved in studying the legal activism of Civil Rights movement after entering the Florida Studies M.L.A Program in 2009. Tallon spent 12 years working with Bay Area law firms, where he was often tasked with archival research. Among his most prized possessions is a signed copy of Thurgood Marshall's biography.

Porch parties are free. You may bring a dish to share, although it is not necessary. All porch

parties are free but the museum accepts donations and new members at any time. BYOB. The Gulfport Historical Society meets at 5301 28th Avenue South in Gulfport. Please call president Miki Vaughan at 321-5705 or Cathy Salustri at 656-5420 for more information.

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Toddler Storytime

Come join them at Gulfport Library every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. They read stories, sing songs, blow bubbles and meet other caregivers in the community! For more information contact Cailey at 893-1074 or cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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Participants work together to lose a modest amount of weight, increase their physical activity and create healthy habits that can reduce risks of Diabetes, Cancer, Heart Disease, and Erectile Dysfunction. Classes meet for one hour a week for 16 weeks and are followed up by monthly maintenance meetings. All classes are led by a trained Lifestyle Coach. Participants are eligible for a complimentary membership to the YMCA throughout the program.

Do you qualify? For more information call Kiernan Gabel at 727.895.9622 ext. 219 or kgabel@stpeteymca.org.

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Polish American Society News

The Polish American Society, 1343 Beach Drive SE (next to Coast Guard commissary) is open with live bands on Sundays through May 4th. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with music from 3-6 p.m. Cost is \$7. Please RSVP for dinner to Bev at 727-526-6835.

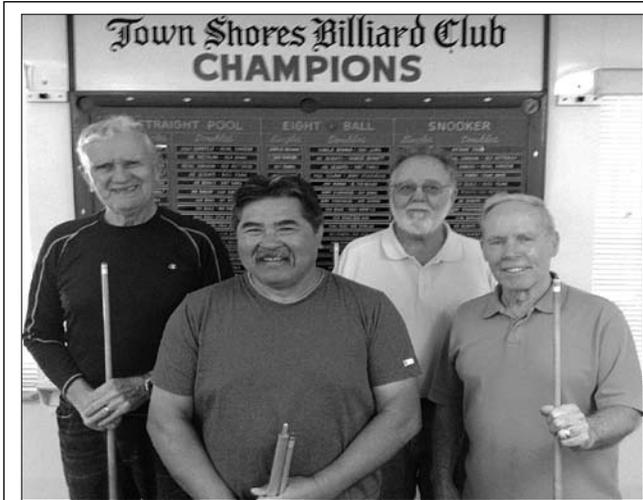
Bring family and friends and support Polish heritage. You will meet all nationalities. Kids are welcome!

For more information call Bev at 727-526-6835 or visit www.polishamericansociety.org.

Join them for a Tea Dance on February 26th. Dance from 1-3:30 p.m. (lessons at 12:30 with Bobby Tess on trumpet). Cost is \$7.

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TOWN SHORES BILLIARDS

The doubles finalists in Strait Pool Competition at the recent Town Shores Billiard Tournament. L-R Al Browne, Dave Orca, Roger Thompson and Jerry Trissel.

The annual billiard tournament which started early January finally wrapped up on Feb. 15, 2014, when the team of Al Browne and Jerry Trissel went head to head with the team of Dave Orca and Roger Thompson in Strait Pool. With the teams quite evenly matched the game was not decided until the very end when Jerry dropped ball number 50 for the win. This was only one of many matches to determine the winner(s) of the 8 categories of competition with most finals coming right down to the wire. Congratulations to the winners and also, thanks to all the entries who made for a competitive season of Billiards. Results of the tournament showed the following winners and runners up:

SINGLES

	Winners	Runners-up
Snooker	Jerry Trissel	Blair Libby
Strait Pool	Jerry Trissel	Richard Neice
8 Ball	Richard Neice	Dave Phillips
9 Ball	Henri Derouin	Blair Libby

DOUBLES

Snooker	Blair Libby & Dave Orca	Henri Derouin & Jack Sutphin
Strait Pool	Al Browne & Jerry Trissel	Dave Orca & Roger Thompson
8 Ball	Andre Huot & Dave Phillips	Henri Derouin & Roger Thompson
9 Ball	Al Browne & Blair Libby	Jack Sutphin & Rich Serrian

Dance to the Sounds of Dixieland

The Bourbon City Ragtime Band will be performing at the Polish American Society, 1343 Beach Drive SE (next to Coast Guard commissary) on Friday evening February 21st from 7-10 p.m.

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Gulfport City Wide Sale Saturday, March 8, 2014

It is that time again Gulfport!! The City Wide Yard Sale is Saturday, March 8, 2014. Do not miss this awesome opportunity to have your Gulfport address on the brochure for this year's sale. The City of Gulfport is now kindly accepting addresses to be added to this year's City Wide Yard Sale brochure. Deadline to sign up is Friday, February 28th.

For your Gulfport address to be added to the Yard Sale Brochure: You can fill out a form at City Hall, 2401 53rd St. S. or the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., or easily visit <http://mygulfport.us/city-wide-yard-sale/>. You can also email gbron@mygulfport.us with your Gulfport address.

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String Quartet Concert

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library is sponsoring a string quartet music concert on Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 PM at the Gulfport Library. Titled "The String Quartet – from Roots to Ragtime," the members of the quartet, Frances Pisacane and Julie Tollen, violins, Myron Rosenblum, viola, and Ruth Kern, cello, will offer some comments and play music by Corelli, Telemann, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Borodin, Dvorák and Joplin.

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For more information contact Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us or call 727-893-1074

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Wii Bowling at the Senior Center

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Junior League to hold Whale of a Sale

The Junior League of St. Petersburg (JLSP) announces today that the Whale of a Sale is back by popular demand. This legendary one day rummage sale is returning on Saturday, February 22. Doors will open at 7 a.m. at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, Harbor Hall (former Dali Museum) located at 1000 Third Street S. The traditional sale will last until 11:30 a.m. For the first time ever, for one hour only, from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m., shoppers may purchase a large shopping bag for \$10, to take home as much as they can fit!

Additionally, if you want to be the first to see what is for sale, shoppers can attend the Sip and Sea Preview Shopping Party on Friday, February 21. Enjoy signature cocktails, light hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and priority shopping entry at 6:30 p.m. The Sip and Sea Preview Party will also feature DJ Ricky of Rhythm Makers DJ's, blasting the tunes while you shop for great bargains. Tickets are now available for purchase, to experience this treasure hunting party. Tickets are \$40.00 for the Sip and Sea Preview Party. Admission to the Saturday portion of Whale of a Sale is free.

Purchase your tickets at www.jlspete.org or mail a check to the JLSP headquarters located at 500 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street N. Suite 201, St. Petersburg. Proceeds from this event will support the Junior League of St. Petersburg's community projects and programs.

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Classical Music at Library

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library is sponsoring a concert of music for string quartet on Thursday, March 6th at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Library. Titled "The String Quartet – from Roots to Ragtime," the members of the quartet, Frances Pisacane and Julie Tollen, violins, Myron Rosenblum, viola, and Ruth Kern, cello, will offer some comments and play music by Corelli, Telemann, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Borodin, Dvorák and Joplin.

Admission is free, so come on over to the library and enjoy delightful music performed by professional musicians. For more information contact Cailey at eklasson@mygulfport.us or call 727-893-1074.

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Gabber February 20 - February 26, 2014

Tierra Verde Classic Car Show and Taste



The Tierra Verde Business Partnership (TVBP) presents the Third Annual Classic Car Show and Taste of Tierra Verde from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the downtown Tierra Verde parking lot (1101 Pinellas Bayway, South).

The TVBP in conjunction with the Tierra Verde Fire Department and Premium Productions plans an exciting day of classic cars, music, food from local restaurants plus fun activities for the kids.

The TVBP is composed of more than 75 local businesses and community groups. The mission is to support and promote existing and new businesses on Tierra Verde while showcasing the island as a place known for its business appreciation and community spirit. Here people live and work together for a mutually positive result both economically and socially.

Each year, the TVBP donates a portion of the car show proceeds to local non-profit organizations. In 2012, donations were given to benefit the Veterans of South Pinellas County, and in 2013 donations were given to Tampa Bay Watch.

This year's proceeds will be given to benefit the Eckerd College Search and Rescue Team (EC-SAR). This organization is one of the most unique co-curricular programs available to full-time, degree seeking Eckerd students. It cannot be experienced at any other educational institution in the U.S.! Working closely with the U.S. Coast Guard, 911 Emergency Medical Response, and other state and local agencies, the team provides maritime assistance to the boaters of Tampa Bay. Students are trained in technical rescue, boating safety, seamanship, searching, fire fighting, de-watering, navigation, medical response and piloting rescue vessels.

Receiving more than 500 calls each year, EC-SAR responds to virtually any sort of distress, disaster or problem imaginable. Under the direction of professionally trained staff members, students coordinate the utilization of four rescue boats and an operations/communications center to save lives and property on a daily basis. The students do not get any academic credit for their work, nor are they paid. The team is funded through a variety of sources, with a larger portion of the budget coming from the local community.

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PROGRAMS

2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM-

Ongoing registrations for the 2013-2014 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who are entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 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.

2013-2014 TOT TIME PROGRAM – Ongoing registrations for the 2013-2014 Tot Time Program continue for children ages 3-5 years old. The Tot Time Program is a preschool, 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. Hours for registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents.

2013-2014 VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) PROGRAM– Ongoing registrations for the 2013-2014 VPK Program continue for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Parents must apply at the Early

Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. VPK is FREE. 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.

FREE Teen Night Program

Registration in February! Teen Night's Program theme for February is Free, Free! No registration fees for any new teen who registers. Parents must register at the front office. Register Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm. Secondly, free snacks and punch every Wednesday. Lastly, A free field trip for the first 15 teens who show up by 6:20 pm on Friday the 28th. (min. 10 Teens) At Ten Pins Lanes we will bowl 2 games for FREE. Teen Night is every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening from 6 to 9 pm. Please call John at 893-1079 for more information or visit mygulfport.us and go to the recreation center link.

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

- BeVolley Academy Clinics –Call 495-6696 for more information or visit the website www.bevolleyacademy.com

- Chair Yoga - Fri., 10-11am. Call Joyce at 727-345-0679

- NOVICE Conversational Spanish – Mon4:15-5:15 p.m. Call Ivone 727-482-2125 for more info.

- Advanced Beginners Conversational Spanish – Mon 3 -4 p.m. Call Ivone 727-482-2125 for more info.

- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Ian Forestier at 823-0922.

- German – Thur. 6-7:15 p.m.. Call Birgit at 755-3459.

- Gymnastics – Thur., 5:30-6:15p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

- Hatha Flow Yoga AM – Mon., 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

- Hatha Flow Yoga PM - Wed., 5:00-6:15 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.

- Stretch-n-Tone- Tue. & Thurs., 9-10 a.m. Call Jean at 727-302-1016

- Tai Chi – Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.

- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. for 10 & under, & 6 p.m. for adults & Fri. 5pm for Juniors. Call Jack at 280-4276

- Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness – Tues., 6:15-7:15 p.m. & Thur. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please call Donnie Ali-McClendon @ 727-550-7185.

- Walking Club- Thurs., 9 a.m.- Noon. Call John at 893-1079

- Women's Self-Defense – Thur., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 727-550-7185.

- Yoga in the A. M. – Wed., 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

- Yoga in the P.M. – Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

- Zumba - Tues., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Rachel at 419-905-5562 for more info.

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

As of October 1st, ALL skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a new City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson 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.



Gulfport Library

5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074
or fax 344-6386

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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

ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Victims' Support Group for Victims of Sexual Abuse: Mondays, 6 – 6:45 pm. FMI, call 727-637-4331.

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 am.

Gulfport Toastmasters: Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. FMI, call 727-827-7875.

Women's AA Club: Fridays, 5:45 – 6:45 pm. FMI, call 893-1073.

Adventures in Ancestry: Tuesdays, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Lynne Brown instructs you on how to research your family's history and genealogy. Call 893-1073 FMI.

AARP Income Tax Assistance: Mondays & Fridays, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. TAXPAYERS MUST BRING SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL PERSONS LISTED ON THEIR TAX RETURNS, A PICTURE ID, AND ALL PERTINENT RECORDS SUCH AS W2'S, 1099'S, other income & credits, & a copy of last year's return if available. Free Electronic filing is

available at all sites. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

Gulfport Garden Club Program: Thurs., Feb. 20, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

SCORE Counseling: Tues., Feb. 25, FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS

Science Club: Mondays, 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Children in grades K-5 are invited to join us as we build our own creations with Legos and try a new experiment every week! Parents are welcome to join in on the the fun!

Storytime: Join Cailey every Thursday morning for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Sing songs, play instruments and meet other caregivers in the community. Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am.

Attention Young Scientists! Every Monday from 3-4 pm, an after school science and engineering club for children in grades k-5th. We'll build with Lego's and try a new science experiment every week! For more information contact Cailey Klasson, Youth Librarian, at 727-893-1074.

Toddler Storytime every Thursday @ 10:30. We read stories, sing songs, blow

bubbles and meet other caregivers in the community! For more info contact Cailey at 893-1074 or eklasson@mygulfport.us

Wednesday Teen Afternoons Hey Teens! Come hang out with Sherri and Cailey Wednesday afternoons at the Gulfport Library from 3-4:30. We play xbox, watch movies, help with homework, listen to music, and just hang out and have fun. For more info contact Cailey at eklasson@mygulfport.us or 727-893-1074.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Game Zone: Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm. Come challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hangout. Free Refreshments. FMI, call 727-893-1073 & ask for Cailey.

Open Monday-Friday: 10 am-7 pm & Saturday: 10 am-4 pm

All meetings and programs are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PROGRAMS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

For more information, call: 893-1074 or check our website www.mygulfport.us/gpl

Services

City Sponsored Activities in the Community

Senior Center

5501 27th Ave. S. 893-2237

The Gulfport Multipurpose Center hours are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. This month's calendar is out with valuable information. Stop by the Senior Center or download your copy at www.mygulfport.us and click the Senior Center link.

The Gulfport Senior Center Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 - 3 p.m. You must be over 50 and a Gulfport resident. Pre-qualification is also needed before use of the pantry. Please bring your Gulfport Picture I.D., a utility bill and proof of income. See Rachel at the Center or call 893-1231.

Do you know someone who lives alone and could use a friendly check in call? Volunteers for the Reassurance Telephone Program call Gulfport seniors every Monday through Saturday between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. To sign up for this program, please visit the Gulfport Senior Center and bring valid I.D.

Monthly Memory Screening Clinic - 2nd Monday of every month, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Peggy Macaluso with Alzheimer's Association will be at the Senior Center offering FREE and confidential memory screenings as well as information to our members. MUST call and schedule your screening.

Movie Day at the Snack Bar - Tuesday, February 11th at 11:00 am. Watch a FREE, current movie and get a great deal on lunch for only \$3.00!

Monthly Blood Sugar Checks - NEW! - It's important to know your numbers! The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay will be at

the Senior Center on the 2nd Thursday of every month, 10:30 - 11:30 am to provide blood sugar checks.

Gulfport Health & Bon Voyage - Where have you been lately? Bahamas? Italy? Grand Canyon? Share your travel stories, pictures, and tips with other travelers as you hear about their experiences at the NEW discussion group, "Bon Voyage" that meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month starting February 20th at 1:00 pm. Cruise specialist, Ester, from Four Seasons Travel & Cruise will be here to provide great tips and insider information.

SPECIAL SERVICES

This is your Center! Sign up today to enjoy all the classes and events offered at the Gulfport Senior Center. Senior Center registration is easy and free.

G.E.M.S. Gulfport Extended Mobility Service: Affordable transportation for Gulfport residents 55 and over as well as disabled under 55. \$65 annual membership. \$2 per ride and your ride to the Senior Center is FREE! Go to the mall, grocery store, doctor's appointments and more. Call 727-893-2242.

NEW FITNESS CENTER SCHEDULE: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 p.m.

Snack Bar: Bring a friend to the Senior Center and enjoy a light breakfast for only \$2.50 or lunch for only \$3.

Support Groups Diabetic: on Mondays at 9:30am

Caregivers: Every Wed. at 12:30pm

Hearing Loss: 1st & 3rd Mondays at 2:00 pm
Visual: 2nd & 4th Mondays at 2 pm

Grief/Loss Support Group, 2nd Monday at 5:30 pm

More Activities: www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org.

Where have you been lately? Bahamas? Italy? Grand Canyon? Share your travel stories, pictures, and tips with others as you hear about their experiences at a NEW discussion group, "Bon Voyage" that meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month starting February 20th at 1:00 pm at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue S., Gulfport. Ester, cruise specialist from Four Seasons Travel and Cruise will be here to give you great tips and insider information. Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member. Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. For more information, please contact Rachel at 727-893-1231.

Funeral & Cemetery Planning Join us at the Gulfport Senior Center on Wednesday, February 26th at 1:30 pm for a complimentary seminar providing valuable information about final-needs options, financial considerations, planning, and more. Reservation is REQUIRED for lunch. Please RSVP to Christian Rehm at 813-965-4462 at your earliest convenience. Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member.



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6 - 11 p.m., \$7
Salsa Every Thursday
6:30 p.m., \$7

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Midtown, Childs Park, and the South Side: Urban Affairs Talks to the Gabber

By Cathy Salustri



St. Petersburg Director of Urban Affairs, Nikki Gaskin-Capeheart

Five days after Mayor Rick Kriseman took the helm as mayor of St. Petersburg, we sat down with his new Director of Urban Affairs, Nikki Gaskin-Capeheart, and asked her to talk about Midtown, Childs Park, and the area formerly known as the “south side” of St. Petersburg. In her own words, here’s what she told the Gabber about her hopes and Mayor Kriseman’s plan for the south side.

What does “urban affairs” mean?

“An opportunity for the mayor to have someone who will cover all of the urban initiatives for the city, particularly Midtown, Childs Park, and south St. Pete. However, also if there are urban-related issues in other parts of the city as well, so [as] not to limit it to one particular area but to be able to cover all of the city.

“Urban can include several things. When you think in terms of minority businesses, issues in helping minority businesses, whether it be expanding in the west area of St Pete. It could be urban issues in other areas of the city [or] any advocacy-type issues that are necessary.

We can’t say right now what could come up down the line... but we want to be able to say through this office we can address and help without limiting ourselves geographically.”

What’s the difference between minority affairs and urban affairs?

“Urban affairs...covers much more than just minority affairs. Urban affairs would cover all aspects of dealing with things in the city in terms of lower income areas – low to moderate income areas, specifically. Some of the issues related to public safety, small business I’ve already mentioned... not just necessarily minority-only, but issues that are specific to urban areas, in terms of some of the education... So all of those things, wrapped up in one.”

What are you going to do?

“I’m going to do what the community thinks the priorities are for the mayor to tackle first. We have several things we’ve heard from the community. As recently as yesterday I spoke with the South Side Rotary. There are a lot of concerns for small business in terms of financing so that people will have opportunity. There used to be micro-loan programs, there used to be an incubator. We’re hearing clearly from people that issues for financing a small business, and housing and education, helping with the education gap that you see in education areas, because there’s a large gap in terms of workforce skills in addition to education, so you’ll see where there are several manufacturing positions that are available but not necessarily filled

because a lot of the residents don’t have the skills they need to fill them so we’ll see people from outside areas coming in to fill those positions. So some of those things are the priorities that I’m hearing when I’m out in the community. Housing is another big one.”

Officers express frustration because they arrest the same people, often from week to week. When Gabber staff pulls criminal records for alleged perpetrators of significant crimes, it is not uncommon to find younger black men from the south side who have been incarcerated for short periods of time and then released, then arrested again, incarcerated for a short period of time, and released again. This appears to be a cycle. What can a city agency do when there’s something that’s happening on a circuit and county and state level? Is there going to be any type of redirection for repeat offenders? How can you work with other agencies to alleviate that revolving door?

“We want to be more proactive rather than reactive. We want to be sure we’re touching the lives of these young men before they even start to commit crimes, so that’s one way we can start to address it, to keep them busy and engaged with youth employment opportunities, because the mayor is definitely committed to expanding what the city is already doing in terms of youth employment, not just in the summer but year-round. So being more proactive and catching them

before they even start to commit crimes.

“However, once someone has a record, we know that it’s challenging for them to get employment... We know the importance of alternative employment opportunities, which many times can be starting your own business or being trained in workforce skills, arenas where they might allow more flexibility in terms of having had a prior record. So working more with P-Tech or organizations like that who will help to retrain someone with a record. The Culinary Skills program recently reopened at P-tech South, so that’s something that I think has been an awesome opportunity for several people who have records to go and receive that training... Working with those agencies and redirecting and trying to keep them from having a revolving door, to me it really focuses more on offering them other opportunities.”

What cross communication will there be between these programs and your police officers? What about the inherent mistrust between these police officers and young black men? St. Pete has a not-great history, which is maybe not their fault, but they’re the first people these kids see. Is there going to be some way for there to be communication between your department and the police and these kids so that it’s not an “us against them” mentality on the streets?

“Absolutely. I see us as being somewhat of a bridge there... I definitely see the need to have a little more cultural sensitivity on both sides and keep those relationships and

those communication lines open and to build on what we've already seen. There used to be a large Explorers program. We want to explore more of that type of program and make sure we have more diversity in that... We want to look at doing different things to build a better relationship with the community and with law enforcement. It doesn't happen overnight. However, we know that there's opportunities for improvement and I would say Urban Affairs is a great department to start that conversation."

How are you going to engage the people who are too busy trying to put food on the table and maybe raise their grandbaby and maybe are a little bit scared and don't quite trust anybody?

How are you going to try and engage people like that?

"Sometimes it doesn't come through engaging them only. Sometimes it takes... another influence in that child's life who doesn't necessarily have to be the mother or the father or the grandparent. I've mentored since the day I was in high school and could work with elementary school students who were younger than me; I know it's incumbent on me to help a child ... Sometimes that parent who is too busy putting food on the table might not have the opportunity to engage and connect, however someone else in that child's life can step in in that role and make sure that they're the conduit.

"We talked about that yesterday in Rotary, that if you're not already rolling up your sleeves and mentoring, then we need to see more of that in the community because it works. When you have mentor who's saying to you, 'this is how you interact with law enforcement, don't be adversarial, handle it this way' ... your parent might not have ever thought to say that to you, but at least you're hearing it from someone."

Are you working with the churches? Are they in the plan?

"Absolutely. Absolutely. Well, OK, day five, right? The churches are in the plan, especially in Midtown. The churches can't be out of the plan. The church is a large part of where we get

information from. So when you have the church engaged, that's another of those people who might not be the actual parent, but who plays a role in that student or that child's life. Now, we don't always have as many people attending church as we would like anymore, but when you have one grandmother or grandfather who is in church who is hearing that information and they bring it back, then it still has the same impact in the family. So engaging the churches from every aspect and every level so they're involved in the housing piece, small business, mentoring, the skills gap – in every way we can we want to involve the churches and the pastors, because they are centers of influence and leaders in the community, and we need that."

What support will you offer for people who feel as though they're watching their community fall apart but feel like it's not morally right to take the action that maybe they know in their head they should take?

"I can see where it's not easy to call the police in certain situations, and maybe every situation doesn't require that you call the police. However, it does require that there's a certain level of personal responsibility. It might not be comfortable to have that conversation with a family member who you know is doing something illegal, however you sometimes have to do it and if you have such a stake in the community and you know that long-term this is going to affect your family, your legacy, your children, then you have to make those hard decisions. Everybody that I know has had to make some at some point. It doesn't mean they did it every time, however they knew the importance down the line, that if I'm going to have the right relationship with my children, my grandchildren, my nieces, my nephew, whoever, if I want to leave a legacy in place, then I'm going to have to sometimes say, 'You, daughter, you can't date the young man who's selling pot, or he's not welcome in my home'. At times, you have to make these hard decisions, and I think people do it more than we give them credit for. I know several who do, and they don't necessarily go to church all the time."

What assurances can you give residents that help will not come in the form of gentrification, or can you say that?

"Help comes in many different forms. If people feel they can access the resources and information, they reach out and they ask questions, well, Urban Affairs wants to be reaching out to them before they even have a question. I've always felt like I was one of the people who would bridge and help and provide resources and information to people who didn't even know that was available. That is what we see ourselves doing: being a broker of information and resources. There's lots of way that people can access resources and there's lots of opportunities there to address the issue. It doesn't have to be all in one area. It doesn't have to be police force. It can be proactive and be resource-driven. The mayor wants to provide more resources and increase the ones that are working. The youth employment is huge; we know that works."

Do you think that residents in Childs Park and Midtown are happy with their quality of life?

"I can tell you specifically as a Childs Park resident just three years ago, on Kingston, there were several people who were happy with their quality of life along that street in the Childs Park area. However there were several people who, including myself and others, saw things that could be changed. I don't know that you could say at one point, 'I'm fine with everything that goes on in my neighborhood', because you can always see an opportunity for improvement and I think that's going to be the case throughout the city. Childs Park, Midtown, Lakewood Estates... there are times where – and especially in Jordan Park – there are people, there are seniors, who have been there for years and they've seen the change, but some of them still want to live there, so obviously they've had a good quality of life at times. A lot of times you don't want to walk away, because that's what you've built, you have a sense of community around your home."

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How would you describe life for a – and I apologize if I sound ignorant – how would you describe life for a young, poor black person in the south side of St. Pete right now? If you had to sum it up in one sentence, how would you do it? As the Director of Urban Affairs, how do you see the prognosis of the city as they see it?

“I can only go back to when I was young, and what I’ll say to you is, having lived in what is now Citrus Grove, I was, at times, disheartened by what my environment was, but still optimistic, because I knew that my environment did not limit my potential. In essence, having lived that, and now living a different life, but knowing all so well that there other options and your environment does not dictate who you are, I think there is still some optimism there, however, it can be disheartening at times when you look at the environment outside of your door.”

If you only had the length of the mayor’s term to accomplish something, at the end of four years, what would you want people to say about what’s been done in these neighborhoods?

“I would like to hear people say, ‘I can see a change for the better.’”

What can people anywhere, in St. Pete, the beaches, or Gulfport, do?

“Get involved immediately, with mentoring in the schools. Because you can live anywhere and come into Midtown and mentor a child. That’s something you can start tomorrow. If you can do that, that alone has an immediate impact. And then some of the other things you can start to chip away at. If there’s a parent so busy getting food on the table, keeping the roof over the head, then some of the other things community people can address and help by mentoring and they can do it right now.”

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Excerpts heard at the February 18, 2014

Gulfport City Council Meeting Public Comment & Council Quotes

“Let me be very clear: the problem is not solved.” – Pinellas County Property Appraiser Pam Dubov, about the Biggert-Waters Act and flood insurance rates

“Most of Gulfport is not in a high-risk flood zone.” – Pinellas County Property Appraiser Pam Dubov

“I had the misfortune of being at the dog park and watching that girl get mailed... I think some serious thought ought to be applied to that dog park situation and that mauling.” – Mike Davis

“I find that reassuring, very warm, very nice. The officers in the car, the officers at Bogey, the officers here at city hall, have a smile on their face.” – Mark Grantham, about the friendliness of the Gulfport Police Department and how officers will often wave when they see him walking.

“I’m probably not going to be real popular with the Chamber of Commerce... I can guarantee you once that starts, you’re going to have a hard time not letting the next guy in, and it’s going to be chaos. I don’t think the city needs to be in business with private enterprise.” – Jim Quinn, who owns a small engine repair shop and told the council he has experience with the LSVs on St. Pete Beach.

“We could hear the screams at our house.” – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown, about the dog park

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Marijuana. Part II

Why mess around? Legalize, control and decriminalize the private use of all drugs. As I mentioned last week legalizing medical marijuana is less than nibbling around the edges. It is insignificant. The real movement is to legalizing recreational marijuana which my rational side doesn't favor. However, my rational side, in rethinking the whole issue, concluded that it might be more effective and more beneficial to take the broadest of all steps and legalize everything.

As I pointed out last week, a big part of this marijuana debate is about money. Legalizing all substances means bigger time money that can be taxed. There goes a huge underground, untaxed economy. And you thought it was about freedom? Nah. It's really about money and if it's about that don't take baby steps.

I'm not joking. President Obama's public statement that marijuana is less harmful than alcohol had an effect coming from a former heavy user of marijuana and a reformed (we think) cigarette smoker. This was preceded by the Justice Department's ruling that they wouldn't interfere with marijuana use in Colorado and Washington (Alaska and Oregon and Florida would get the same pass). And, just this week the same department said they wouldn't prosecute banks that established banking relationships with marijuana growers, distributors and so forth. The law doesn't allow this, but apparently does now.

That's all the rest of the world - at least part of it - needed to hear. Jamaica, grower and cultivator of weed and countries like Morocco and Uruguay conclude that with the U.S. leading the way, the world wide legalization of marijuana would create huge trade opportunities. Throwing in a few more commodities that get converted into human-use opiates or similar mind altering substances creates an even bigger pool.

The poppy growers of Southeast Asia like Pakistan and Afghanistan

would be happy. They are already doing a hearty illegal trade, but the crop eradication programs, often funded by the U.S., have created more corruption as well as deep resentment. Poppies are cash crops and often the only cash crops. By the way, those are the same poppies we saw in "The Wizard OZ. Create a legal market and you solve a lot of poverty as well as political problems. South America and Mexico would benefit also.

The issue isn't new. Between 1830 and 1860 the British government backed its international trading companies and went to war with China (the Opium Wars) to force them to allow opium to be traded. There were other issues within this issue and other trade benefits for both countries. However, the upshot was that Britain got Hong Kong for 150 years (ceded back to China in 1997) and China wasn't allowed to ban opium. Considering that almost all trade now is global, no one should have to go to war over the trade/drug issue. In addition, drug users in all countries (assuming our leadership would eventually draw in almost every country), would achieve ultimate freedom.

Obviously, there are some difficult downsides. While drugs like marijuana might be effective in calming down our over-active and over-anxious younger population (it is said to be seriously calming), the stronger drugs like cocaine and heroin might ultimately require individual monitoring and controlled distribution. For instance, about one in 12 marijuana users and one in 10 alcohol users get hooked, cocaine and heroin are several times more

addictive. Tax revenues can provide programs, now difficult to fund and find, for those unfortunates.

It all can get quite complex with controls determined by the drugs and mixes of drugs. Heroin mixed with a touch of fentanyl is apparently killing thousands now, but with proper controls this wouldn't happen. Right now marijuana oils are being developed and used, but not particularly well controlled. This "a little dab'll do you" needs some oversight. However, I'm not certain what to do with the young kids who are using vapor pens in school. These are fountain pen-like units with mj in them. Mj is easy to hide. Everyone says kids are already doing it, so what difference does it make? The neurological damage to younger kids that some studies show doesn't apply to all. Nor do I know what to do about the deadly second hand smoke, or the over-eating of the sugar filled mj cookies and cakes. Smoking seems to keep the weight down anyway.

As for strength, the government will control the dosages or servings or power, anyway. By the way, the already controlled drugs such as oxycontin and such are already controlled and those problems have to be addressed anyway. As for the other goodies such as ecstasy, meth, speed, LSDF, synthetic marijuana, inhalants, and mystic mushrooms, these need to be controlled and doled out as needed or wanted.

From what I read and am told near-bout everyone has used or is using something: 80 per cent alcohol, 50 per cent marijuana, 8 per cent cocaine, and so on. If we can't stop them, and trying to stop them creates huge drug cartels and thus death and corruption, and billions of dollars of expenditures on policing and jailing, maybe it's time to join them. At least we'll all have a piece of the action. And that piece is much bigger than just a measly bit of a ragged leafed weed.

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- 911 Hang Up-** 6200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Trespass-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Theft-** 900 Blk 54th St. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 2800 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Fraud/Forgery-** 1300 Blk 60th St. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 5100 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

Saturday 2/8

- Person Under Influence-** 5600 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Panhandler/Solicitor-** 2800 Blk 48th St. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 5800 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Noise-** 2600 Blk 53rd St. S.

Sunday 2/9

- Animal Call-** 2000 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Theft-** 4900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 2925 53rd St. S.
- Drug Call-** 5500 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 6300 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Domestic-** 5800 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Burglary Vehicle-** 4600 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Hit & Run w/Injuries-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Monday 2/10

- Burglary Vehicle-** 1500 Blk 59th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 2800 Blk 49th St. S.
- Burglary Vehicle-** 1600 Blk 59th St. S.

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- Trespass-** 5600 Blk 28th Ave. S.

Tuesday 2/11

- Assault/Battery-** 1800 Blk 50th St. S.
 - DUI-** 56th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
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 - Prowler-** 2100 Blk Premier Dr. S.
 - Domestic-** 700 Blk 61st St. S.
 - Burglary-** 5320 31st Ave. S.
- Wednesday 2/12**
- Theft-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
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 - Prowler-** 2100 Blk Premier Dr. S.
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- Theft-** 1700 Blk 59th St. S.

Thursday 2/13

- Burglary Vehicle-** 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Vandalism-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- 911 Hang Up-** 2500 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Fraud/Forgery-** 5700 Blk 18th Ave. S.
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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

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Generally, a personal representative is obligated to identify, accumulate and protect those assets which are part of the probate estate. This process is also known as the marshalling of probate assets. Because the personal representative has a duty to the beneficiaries of the probate estate to protect assets in the estate, this responsibility is court-supervised by the filing of an inventory with the

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Normally, a lawyer will be retained to guide a personal representative through the probate process. It is the obligation of a personal representative to hire an attorney

if the personal representative needs assistance in the probate of an estate. A personal representative is further obligated to pay valid creditor claims of the probate estate, pay taxes of the estate, file estate tax returns and distribute assets to beneficiaries of a probate estate.

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

The awards ceremony will be held At the Sunshine Center, 330 Fifth Street North on Wednesday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m. Honorable mentions will be awarded a certificate and flowers, presented by Mayor Rick Kriseman. Ten winners will be inducted into the Senior Hall of Fame, given a certificate and prizes, a key to the city and will be honored at a city council meeting.

Please call 727-893-7102 for an application or visit the website <http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/office-on-aging.html>

www.stpeteparksrec.org/office-on-aging.html for an online application. Deadline for applications is April 10, 2014. Sponsored by city of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation. For more information on more exciting activities see www.stpeteparksrec.org.

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Legion 125 Seeks Active Duty Soldiers

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 125, located at 6440 Fifth Avenue S., is looking for servicemen in the Middle East who are in need of care packages. If you have a family member or friend, or friend of a friend, please let us know. If you wish to drop off items to send please do. If they do not have a name they send to "any soldier" and they are returned. Thank you in advance from their Auxiliary.

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Gulfport Tai Chi

Gulfport Tai Chi classes have returned to the Recreation Center, 58th St. S. and Shore Blvd.,. Beginners to tai chi classes will be able to join the Tuesday and Thursday classes at 9 a.m. This gentle form of exercise is beneficial in maintaining body elasticity, heart health, bone strength, balance and more while avoiding stress on knee and hip joints. To obtain maximum benefits it is recommended that you attend both classes. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per class. The classes are open to all. Call Marge at 727-345-6708.

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By Cathy Salustri

Of Rats and Rescues

Right now, the Most Interesting Dog in the World – some of you know her as Calypso – is covered in dried rat tea.

What is that? Well, rat tea's curious combination of rat urine and – you know what? I'm not sure what else. Maybe water. Maybe just rat pee. I think I'm happier not knowing.

Oh, you mean why? Because she went to an EarthDog practice test today. It's an obstacle course of tunnels, built just for dachshunds and terriers, with a caged rat at the end. The goal is for the dog to make it through the course and "work" the rat for a full 60 seconds.

Go ahead. Call PETA. I'll wait.

The rat, for what it's worth, seemed unphased by this. He appeared (and yes, I could tell it was a he; they don't exactly dress the rats for the occasion) only mildly curious about Calypso and unnervingly calm as she barked and scratched and bit at the cage. I had my concerns about cruelty, but honestly, this was a well-fed, completely sedate, big ol' white rat.

Calypso was one of no less than 10 dachshunds at the event. Except Calypso, who is too small to qualify as a proper dachshund and doesn't have the proper Roman nose for the breed standard, they all were excellent examples of badger hounds. I don't care; I just love my dog.

Here in the 'port, we're nuts about our pets: in 2004, the city spent months debating if, when, and where to build a dog park. We have an annual Get Rescued street festival celebrating our love for all pets, and don't even get me started on ducks, chickens, and other barnyard friends.

Every year at Get Rescued I feel guilty for how I chose Calypso: I bought her from a family in Lakeland when she was three months old. Rescuing was all I knew until my Dalmatian, a liver-spotted, cranky, loyal pup I first fostered, then adopted from the Humane Society as a puppy in 1995, up and died. One night

without her and I knew I didn't want to come home to an empty house a second night. I wanted a dachshund, because the size and temperament appealed to me, and I knew I wanted a puppy, because when you've just looked into your dog's eyes as she closed them for the last time, you want your next dog in your life as long as possible. No area rescues or shelters had a dachshund puppy, so I started calling newspaper ads. Within three hours, I had a sleepy, somewhat confused, warm black and tan puppy in my lap, and while nothing could make me miss Madison less, it sure did help to have stroke those fat dachshund flippers and feel Calypso's sweet puppy breath on my face.

After six years of ambivalence, I realize buying a purebred from a breeder with the parents on premises doesn't make me a bad person. The bottom line is this: if you want a dog, get a dog. If you feel strongly about using a reputable breeder, I will never judge you, nor should anyone else. But if you just want a dog because you want a dog, don't overthink it. Go to Get Rescued and start the process of adopting one. Or go to Animal Services, the Humane Society, SPCA, or PetPal. Don't expect to find a purebred at those shelters; while it does happen, the breed-specific rescues take those dogs to divert people like me – people who don't plan to breed or show the dog – from breeders or, much worse, puppy mills. In the meantime, that frees up kennel space in those shelters so those mutts – those generally well-behaved, healthy, sweet, lonely mutts – have a little

longer to live before, given space constraints and budget cuts, they have to be euthanized.

If you want a specific breed (be it a dachshund, a mastiff, or anything in between), please look at rescues first, even if you want a puppy. Get Rescued should have just about every breed represented, so there's a good place to start. Just because I couldn't find a dachshund puppy at our local doxie rescue the instant I wanted one doesn't mean you won't. People surrender pregnant dogs all the time.

It's been almost six and a half years since the Most Interesting Dog in the World came into my life, and I've never regretted getting her the way I did. I wish I could have rescued a dog like her, but I'm a big proponent of responsible breeding, too. Remember, bad bloodlines are how we end up with dogs who attack and maul (pick the breed; over the years we've damned pit bulls, Rotties, German Shepherds, and Dobermans) as well as dogs with health problems that take them away from us far too early. Breeders – responsible ones – have a much-needed place in this world.

For all her breeding, Calypso doesn't care about bloodlines, and neither do I. Breeding doesn't keep her from rolling in dead fish on the beach or surreptitiously sneaking a poop-sicle from the litter box. So maybe this weekend I'll sweet talk El Cap into taking a stroll through Get Rescued and see which pup pulls at his heart. Of course, I'm not sure I'm ready for another dog.

After all, there's only so much rat pee I can take.

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Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@theGabbler.com. Contact Calypso via her Facebook page, [facebook.com/TheMostInterestingDogintheWorld](https://www.facebook.com/TheMostInterestingDogintheWorld), or just look for her this weekend at Get Rescued.

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Local Obituaries

THOMAS THOMPSON, JR., 86, of Pinellas Park, FL died on Feb. 13, 2014 at Largo Medical Center. Born in Dayton, TN on Jan. 9, 1928 to Thomas A. Thompson and Hope Colvin Thompson, he graduated from Butler High School in Butler, PA. He was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and while serving at Scott Air Force Base in IL he met and then later married Ann L. Stuempler on Nov. 24, 1951 in Belleville, IL. He was a Telephone Engineer for United Telephone Company in Butler and Carlisle, PA for 41 years. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ann, his five children, Mary Ellen Myers of Oreland, PA, Judith Eorgan (Steve) and Thomas J. Thompson (Linda) of St. Petersburg, David Thompson and Anne Rush, Gabber employee of over ten years, (Randy) of Pinellas Park, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and a brother, Richard A. Thompson of Evanston, IL.

Tom enjoyed camping, traveling and was proficient in technology, often texting his various grandchildren. He was a Steelers and Rays fan. He played clarinet and saxophone in a swing band in high school. As the oldest of four brothers, they had many adventures from jumping out a second story window to stripping his dad's car to bare metal to make it look better. He is pre-deceased by brothers, Robert L. Thompson and James O. Thompson.

He worked his way up to engineer from telephone linesman. He was responsible for designing switching stations and negotiating right of ways on telephone poles. He was a lifetime member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

He was an extraordinary man who embodied love as action, not just a noun. His care for his wife as her dementia progressed was a humbling example of devotion. His patience, steadiness and work ethic were always an inspiration.

Services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014 at 11 a.m. at Brett Funeral Home, 4810 Central Ave. in St. Petersburg. Donations may be made in his memory to Suncoast Hospice Foundation, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760

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TAMARA NIKITINA COLANGELO, 95, one of three sisters and one brother, born to Vasily and Alableva Pilangeva Nikitin in Voroshilovgrad (Lugansk), Ukraine, Russia on Dec 24, 1918, passed away on February 14, 2014 at the Suncoast Hospice Center in Pinellas Park, FL from congestive heart failure. She is survived by her only child, her loving son, Vladislav F. Colangelo, and his wife of 34 years, Janice Gallinghouse Colangelo and a niece with her children.

In 1942, during WWII in the Ukraine, the occupying Italian army assigned Tamara and her sister, Valentina, to hospital duty in Murano, Italy, where they would nurse Italian war casualties. They were put on board a train bound for Italy. After a year of working in hospitals in Murano, they were transferred to Rome where they tended to hospitalized wounded German soldiers.

During the German occupation of Rome of the early 40's, Tamara and her sister, both having studied German in high school and scrambling now to learn Italian, concealed their Russian background, by pretending to be displaced Italian nurses until the Allied and US Army liberation of 1945. With Rome's liberation, Tamara married, Franz Colangelo, an Italian but born in Russia; and in 1945 gave birth to their son, Vladislav, in war-torn Rome. Also at this time, her sister, Valentina, married the then-popular American actor Frank Latimore (Kline) and, until Tamara's departure for the United States in 1950 aboard the vessel, USNS General Harry Taylor, Tamara studied and performed at the world famous Music Conservatory of Santa Cecilia in Rome as an upcoming operatic mezzo-soprano singer, having, by then, given up nursing to being a homemaker, mother and singer.

Tamara and her son came to live in New York City in 1950 and they became US citizens in 1956. During the early 50's, she continued her singing aspirations as a chorus singer, traveling the US with a touring company and steadfastly learning the English language. And by the mid-50's, foregoing her singing career, she undertook formal study in

NYC to become a Licensed Practical Nurse; and later, upon earning her bachelor's degree, Tamara became a Registered Nurse. She worked full-time as an RN at St. Luke's Hospital in NYC for thirty years before retiring in 1983, at age 65, and taking residence at Town Shores, in Gulfport, FL. In retirement, she made many friends and enjoyed her hobbies of open-water swimming, yoga, and discussions of current events and social issues. She especially loved assisting local Russians to bond with the host culture of the Gulfport/St. Petersburg area.

Tamara always loved the United States and strove to be an epitome of Americanism and example for all her Russian friends to follow. To this end, she has convincingly succeeded. On this day of spiritual and mortal passage to immortality, she leaves with gratefulness to the Gulfport community's warmth through her simple, humble smile on her lovely face saying "Thank you and farewell."

Always first a nurse, she remains a forever-member of the American Nursing Association. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to support the Suncoast Hospice. Memorial service will be Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 11AM at R. Lee Williams & Son Funeral Home. www.rlwilliams.com

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Harriet Sackett Palmer Micocci, Dies at 101



Author and translator during World War II in the Office of War Information, died peacefully at home in Gulfport, Florida on February 12, 2014.

A longtime resident of the District of Columbia, she was born January 16, 1913 in Syracuse, NY, the daughter of Rhoda S and Dr. Joseph C. Palmer. Her husband, Antonio A. Micocci, predeceased her in 1966.

Hal, as she was known, graduated from Smith College in 1934 after majoring in history. Prevented from studying abroad in Spain by the Spanish Civil War, she went to Italy instead and was proud to have

Obituaries (con't.)

earned her M.A. at Radcliffe College, now part of Harvard University, after studying with the famous Italian anti-Fascist professor Gaetano Salvemini.

Her facility with language – at one time she coached the opera students of Madame Louise Homer in their German pronunciation - led eventually to her work in Washington D.C. During World War II she translated Italian at the Office of War Information (later folded into the Office of Strategic Services, forerunner of the CIA) and traveled for OWI to North Africa and Italy. To her knowledge she was the first civilian American woman to enter Rome with the Allies after their march up the peninsula. Later, her work for the U.S. Dept of Labor's Division of Foreign Labor Conditions sent her to Israel and Hong Kong. With her best friend, the late Priscilla Mason, also a longtime D.C. resident, she traveled in retirement to Russia, China, Turkey, and Indonesia among other countries.

Hal was a prolific writer of letters, poetry and diaries. She had two books published: Protocol and the Peabodies about balancing work in the State Department with raising chickens in what was then very rural Virginia; and Captain Orkle's Treasure, a book for young people she wanted to write after observing her children's fascination with the Narnia books of C.S. Lewis. The original working title, Captain Orkle and the Outward Bounder, paid homage to the magical boat that carried the adventurers, but was vetoed by the publisher.

Throughout her life Hal welcomed young people into her home, including the two dozen who stayed with her for the 1969 March on Washington to stop the Viet Nam war. After her retirement she lived much of the year on the coast of Maine where she continued to welcome guests. In her seventies she helped crew a sailboat from Maine to Florida during a particularly stormy Atlantic Ocean passage. In her eighties she became a docent at the Brunswick, Maine home of her Civil War hero, the Union general, Joshua Lawrence

Chamberlain.

Hal leaves her daughter Rhoda Micocci together with her husband David Jackson of West Hartford, CT, son Tony Micocci together with his wife Martha Savitzky of New Orleans, LA, son Jonathan Micocci together with his wife Christine Crosby of Gulfport, FL, granddaughter Sonja Micocci Hoskins of Ukiah CA together with her husband Christopher Hoskins and their daughter Juniper Hoskins, granddaughter Maddalena Jackson of Altadena CA together with her friend Zachary Mills, and granddaughter Alair Micocci of Brooklyn New York.

The family wishes to thank Hal's kind and patient caregivers, and in particular the person in whose passionately loving heart she found a home the last years of her life, Jacqueline Forcier.

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MENSCHING, BARBARA JEAN 69, of Gulfport, went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 11, 2014. She is survived by a loving family. Bobbie will be missed.

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SHANG, PAULA 93, of South Pasadena, died Feb. 9, 2014, peacefully at her home surrounded by her family. She will be missed by her family and friends. A Life Tribute, Gulfport.

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He leaves behind a loving family & loving companion, Arlene Wilbur; nieces, Audrey Kouyoumdjian and partner Carol Pasternak; grand nieces, Nicole, Tania and Gabi, Chris Papazian and husband Gerard; grand nephews and niece Mark, Paul & Marilyn, Wendy Walters and husband Clyde, Gweneth Horasan and Shayda Horasan, nephew; Vaughan Horasan Jr., and a cousin, Vaughan Horasan Sr.

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Tax collector employees help register potential organ donors by asking all driver license customers if they would like to join the registry. Last year's Donate Life Challenge led to more than 66,000 new donor registrations throughout Florida.

Florida's organ registry recently reached a milestone of 7 million registrants. It is the second largest state registry in the nation, which gives hope to families of patients like 10-year-old Hope Kienle, who received a liver transplant before she reached age 2.

"Although my husband and I were both registered organ donors, we didn't give much thought to organ donation until Hope was 64 days old," said Hope's mom, Amy Kienle. "That was the day we found out she may need a liver transplant. We don't know much about Hope's organ donor, but we feel like they are part of our family. Their loved one saved our Hope."

More than 4,500 Floridians currently await organ transplants, and more than 118,000 patients are on the nationwide list.

Florida offers four simple ways to register as an organ, tissue or eye donor.

- On Donate Life Florida's website at www.DonateLifeFlorida.org.

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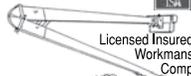
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Notice is Hereby given that Southwest Pinellas Storage Center intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801-83.809). Southwest Pinellas Storage will sell at public sale by competitive bidding contents of units listed below. **Sale will take place on Saturday, the 1st of March 2014 scheduled to begin at 10:00am, on the premises where said property has been stored and which is located at 700 51st Street S, Gulfport, FL, Pinellas County, FL.** Purchase must be paid in cash only upon winning bid. All items are purchased as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between Southwest Pinellas Storage and obligated party. **Dated this 13th day of February and the 20th day of February 2014.**

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