

Bonfield Fired, Parent Resigned

By Cathy Salustri



SPB City Manager
Mike Bonfield

In a 3-2 vote at the Tuesday, April 22, commission meeting, St. Pete Beach Commissioners Melinda Pletcher (District Four) and Terri Finnerty (District One), and Mayor Maria Lowe voted to fire City Manager Mike Bonfield.

"You can certainly ask why," Mayor Lowe told the *Gabber* Wednesday morning when asked about her reason for making the motion, "but I'm afraid I can't answer that right now. I think it's best not to discuss anything other than what had occurred in the meeting."

The motion was not an agenda item, and seemed to come as a surprise to other Commissioners, though it was noted that there was a higher-than-usual turnout for the meeting.

When asked about why it appeared some people had advance notice of the motion, the mayor said, "I don't know; it was not a conversation had by me. I have a very small circle of advisors that I speak to about decisions, but none of them determined what the decision will be."

When the *Gabber* asked if Lowe had spoken to any of the commissioners about this issue before the meeting, she replied, "Absolutely not."

District Three Commissioner Greg Premer, who voted against firing Bonfield, said he was "baffled" by the turn of events.

"The first time I heard about it was when she made the motion," he said, adding, "There was no reason stated [for the motion]. There was no cause for dismissal. Zero... Nobody knows anything; it's unprecedented. A coup d'état occurred last night. Nobody knows the reason."

Fun in the Sun

By Brenna Henderson



Zoey Dean and her mom, Anna Dean, attended Gulfport's annual Fun in the Sun Day Saturday afternoon. "This was the best day ever!" exclaimed Zoey as she walked away with her basket full of eggs and her balloon kitty on a leash.

Short-term Vacation Rentals Gone for Now in Gulfport

By Cathy Salustri

Dr. Stuart Pollack wants the city to allow him to continue renting his two bedroom, one bath Historic Waterfront home as a short-term rental.

"People would never have come here had they not found it on the VRBO," he says. "I think it's really important for Gulfport going into the future that we offer these type of services. I've gotten the best caliber person by doing this. They're paying a good amount of money so you're going to get a better class of people."

After a decade of repainting, repairing and re-renting, Dr. Stuart Pollack decided to call it quits with renting his Gulfport Arts District home, at least for long-term rentals.

"I always did it as a regular rental," Dr. Pollack said. "Every time I rented it, the house was always destroyed. The last time it happened was in August. The house was completely destroyed. I had to gut the entire house to re-do it."

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New Board of Adjustment Members

The city of Gulfport's board with the power to override council has some new members. As of Tuesday evening, Gulfport's Board of Adjustment includes Vice Mayor Brown's reappointment of Gina Burke, Michael Fridovich's appointment of Stephen Rye (the former alternate) to a full member, and Ward Three Councilwoman Yolanda Roman's appointment of Bill Seawall.

Roger Turner and Art Padula also sit on the board. The board currently has a vacant spot for an alternate. Interested parties should contact the city clerk at 727-893-1012.

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Top Local Chef Competition

Eight chefs compete for your vote! Be a part of the action from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 27 at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd. in Gulfport. The event benefits the food pantry at the Gulfport Senior Center.

LocalShops1 and Intensity Academy's 4th annual competition features chefs from Taco Bus, Pipo's Cuban Cafe, Wine Madonna, Shubee Shack, Serendipity Cafe, Island Flavors & Tings, Granny Smith Kitchens and the Twisted Cork Grille. The chefs will also present their dishes to a panel of food critics who will tell them what they really think.

The contest is free to attend but tasting passes are required to sample the food. Tickets are available online at TopLocalChef.com and at the

Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Blvd. S. Call 727-637-5586.

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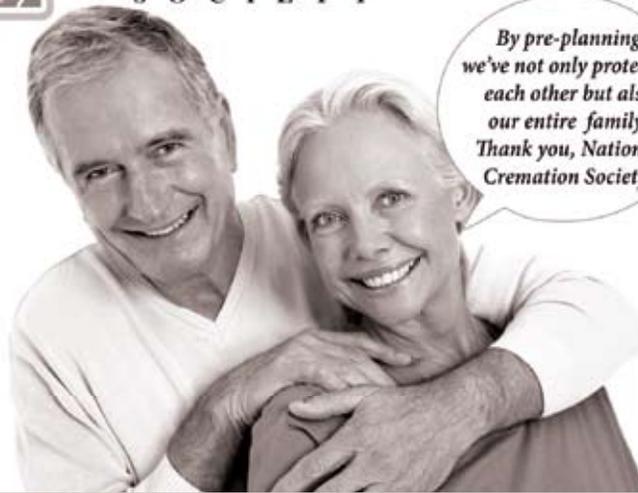
New Gulfport Planning and Zoning Members

The city's planning and zoning board has three new members: Marjory Milford, Jennifer Cowan and Suzanne Szul. Respectively, Ward One Councilman Dan Liedtke, Ward Three Councilwoman Yolanda Roman, and the whole of city council appointed these members.

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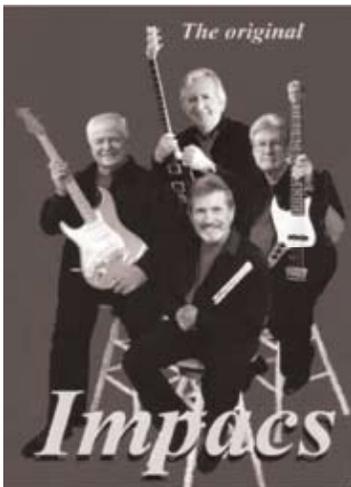
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Dollar General Comes to Gulfport

After a failed attempt to rezone a different standalone property on Gulfport Boulevard, the Dollar General will now have a home between 17th and 18th Avenue on 49th Street. Tuesday night, Gulfport City Council voted a second and final time to give the easement to the developers.

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Surveillance Cameras Come to Gulfport

At Tuesday evening's council meeting, the city voted to buy new surveillance cameras. The high-resolution cameras will each have enough storage for 30 days of continuous monitoring. Some of the city's existing cameras, such as the one at the marina, will be upgraded. In other instances, the city will install new cameras.

The city police will use these cameras to monitor activity at city buildings, including city hall, the library, Michael J. Yakes Recreation

Center, the marina and the 49th Street Neighborhood Center.

The price tag, just over \$93,000, comes at over twice the estimated cost.

Mayor Sam Henderson said the price gave him "sticker shock," although he, along with the rest of council, voted to buy the cameras.

The mayor said he supported whatever protection the surveillance cameras would offer, "considering the amount of money we're investing in some of these properties."

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Lincoln Club Car Show in St. Pete Beach

The Lincoln and Continental Owners Club will hold their Eastern National Meet beginning April 30 at the Sirata Beach Resort. The Club consists of owners of both classic and modern Lincolns from the 1930s to the present. Everyone is invited to attend the car show on Saturday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pavilion 2 at Fort DeSoto Park, 3500 Pinellas Bayway S., St. Petersburg, where all cars will be on display.

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David Hastings, a cancer survivor and the Senior Patient Advocate of the Oral Cancer Foundation started this event to raise awareness of oral cancer. Now, expanding into its sixth year, this event will include free skin cancer screenings, free prostate cancer screenings.

The key to reducing the death rate of cancer is earlier detection, and the key to that is for all adults to receive opportunistic cancer examinations at least once a year.

Don't miss this opportunity to receive free screening for oral, skin, and prostate cancers. It might just save your life. To learn more about

oral cancer go to www.oralcancer.org on the web. For event information, please call David Hastings at 727-322-5669.

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Meet the Author

Augusta Scattergood, author of *Glory Be*, a Sunshine State Young Reader Award book for third to fifth graders, will speak about the book, her first novel, in the auditorium at the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 Ninth Ave. N., on Saturday, April 26, at

2 p.m. *Glory Be*, set in Mississippi in 1964, is one of only fifteen books in the 3rd to 5th grade category chosen for the Sunshine State List for 2013-2014. Students read it for details about the author, characters and plot to compete in the Battle of the Books in May. All Friends of the Library programs are free and offered for the public's enjoyment. No reservations are required. For more information, contact Deborah Haslam, 727-827-0110.

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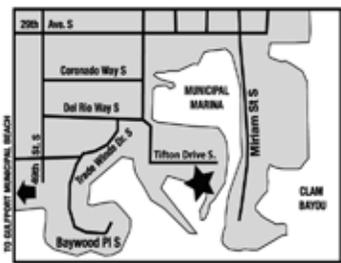
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to landscape effectively, conserve natural resources, recycle and improve the environment.

Mayor Rick Kriseman will accept the Tree City USA award and present the Green Thumb Annual Awards along with special recognition for festival organizers, vendors and participants on Saturday, April 26 at 1 p.m. on the main stage.

Highlights also include 1,500 trees for sale for \$3, free pine seedlings, plant auction, plant diagnostic clinic, grow and share programs and a

children's plant fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg celebrates the 28th Anniversary of the Green Thumb Festival with a Flower Show presented by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs District VIII. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday in the Walter Fuller Recreation Center.

Come for breakfast and lunch at the expanded food court with ten vendors. Volunteers are also needed and will receive a free t-shirt. Visit stpeteparksrec.org/greenthumb or call 727-893-7441.

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Mother's Day Tea in the Garden

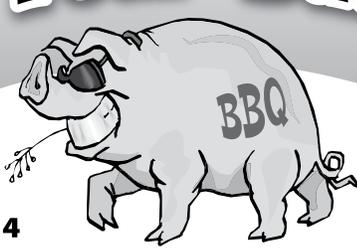
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First Gulfport Neighbors Flash Cleanup Hits Ward Three

By Rose-Marie Seawall

It's payback time, Neighbor, and you are invited to join the first Gulfport Neighbors Flash Cleanup on April 26, 8 a.m. to noon in Ward Three. We will be lending a helping hand to a fellow Gulfportian who has been living with personal challenges but is determined to help others instead of letting life's proverbial bump in the road keep him from moving forward.

Mark Grantham, a former high school English and history teacher in the US and Syria, is now battling a brain tumor that has severely affected his balance and eyesight. This challenge, though, has not affected Mark's positive attitude or his love for teaching, for he has continued working with students as a volunteer mentor at Boca Ciega High School. Mark says, "For me it is vital that I give back to society in whatever way I can."

High school students often need an adult in their lives they can talk to, helping them squeeze past the angst of teen drama and hormonal disruptions, in order to make more informed choices as they assess their life journeys. Mark is one of those special individuals who takes the time to help students in our community make critical life decisions by sharing two important commodities: wisdom and time.

In gratitude for his service, Gulfport Neighbors will be lending Mark Grantham well-deserved

and much-needed landscaping help through our first Gulfport Neighbors Flash Cleanup. Mark's immediate neighbors have been given personal invitations to join us; in addition, we are reaching out to the entire community to join us with a mower, edger, rake, leaf blower, shovel, cutters, clippers, snippers, pole saw or chainsaw, giving whatever time you can with this undertaking.

Please register with Gulfport Neighbors, emailing your name, address, ward, contact information, plus how and when you can help: Gulfport_Neighbors@yahoo.com.

We will meet at 58 St. S. and 9 Ave., leaving at 8 a.m. to the nearby destination. As with the Gulfport Neighbors Beach and Area Cleanups,

please wear protective sun, bug, eye, and footwear, including proper clothing for dirty yard work. Water will be provided.

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Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Grab your sombreros and head on down to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., for a taco bar, dancing, and a night of fun at the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on Monday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. for only \$8 per ticket. You must purchase your ticket in advance, no tickets will be sold at the door. All proceeds from this event are donated to the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation. Call Rachel at 727-893-1231.

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Check Your Blood Sugar

It is important to know your numbers. Come out to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. Gulfport, on the second Thursday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and have your blood sugar checked. Blood sugar screenings are provided by The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay.

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.

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Be a Part of the Clymer Art Project

Susanne Vernon, one of five local artists working on the Clymer Park

Project for the City of Gulfport, is wondering if local residents might be interested in taking part in this project by donating a piece of history. Susanne is a mosaic artist who uses found objects, china, pottery, mirror, metal, tile and glass as the 'tessera', or small pieces, to construct her mosaics. This ancient art affords the opportunity to involve the whole community in the making of art by using something meaningful or of historic value to create a piece. Susanne is inviting residents to drop off materials at the Gulfport Public Library beginning Monday, April 28.

Items that can be used are: china, pottery, tile, glass shapes, cups, figurines, metal broaches/pendants, marbles, etc. No plastic or wood items, please. As the design for a piece evolves while Susanne works, some of the donated pieces may not be needed. If you would like to have an unused item returned to you, please include contact information with your donation. As well, if your donation has a wonderful story to accompany the item, please share it! You can view Susanne's work at www.susannevernon.com.

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Letters

Don't Pave the Alleys

Dear Editor: I just wanted to respond to Hilda Neily's letter (April 17, 2014 edition) and Cathy Salustri's Hard Candy article (April 10, 2014 edition). I agree with them both! Our alleys and the beach parking don't need to be blacktop (more pollution for the bay—do you know what the ingredients are that are used in making blacktop?) and our alleys, yards and streets need to be kept up (where is Dawn Fisher when we need her?). As a 40 year resident of Gulfport, perhaps I'm an old fuddy but I love my town dearly.

Carole Gabrio

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Dear Editor: I would like to echo Hilda in last week's *Gabber* regarding alleys: I've heard a lot of comments from residents and now from Cathy (Salustri) regarding alleys. I grew up in old Florida and am now 67. Gulfport has managed to maintain that wonderful (looking back on it) feel of old Florida which is why we attract so many visitors. The alleys of old Florida have never been shortcuts from here to get there. They have simply been the pathway to get to your home, stopping along the way to chat with your neighbors. If another neighbor entered the alley, they were more likely to join in the conversation than insist on someone moving their vehicle to get by. I am absolutely against paving the alleys of Gulfport.

Those of us old timers relish the good of the past while embracing the technology of the now and the future. But you can't totally throw out the entire past as an unresponsive relic. There are gems to be retained from the past, some smaller, some larger. The alleys may be a small gem, but our alley still works as a gem. Everyone knows everyone in

the alleys, and conversations are much more prevalent than blaring horns.

Michael O'Toole

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Thank You So Much

Dear Editor: I wish to publicly thank the City of South Pasadena Mayor Dan Calabria, and the City Commission for re-naming the Band Shell in Galatea Garden, the "Dick Holmes Band Shell". Also I want to thank the hard working city staff for making it happen. On April 10th, at the band concert, I was honored with a "Certificate of Recognition" recognizing my past involvement with the creation of the Band Shell. Needless to say this was a very humbling and memorable evening for me.

Dick Holmes, Fmr. Mayor
of South Pasadena

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Keep Local Control of Rentals

Dear Editor: My husband and I fell in love with Gulfport while visiting a friend in 1999. We bought a house here the following year and became residents the year after that. More than a decade later family commitments (and yes, a couple of disappointments even in almost-perfect Gulfport) prompted us to buy another home across the bay and closer to loved ones. But we just couldn't quite reconcile ourselves to selling our little bungalow and leaving Gulfport full-time.

So we spent a lot of time, energy (and too much money) trying to figure out how to keep our Gulfport home while actually living in Tampa. The obvious answer seemed to be to rent it to "snowbirds/tourists" during the season. We would lose access during the beautiful winter months, but we'd

be able to afford to maintain access to friends, service providers, local theater (and the house, of course) for the rest of the year. Perfect, we thought. We knew there would be fees and bed-taxes, but it looked like a reasonable solution to our problem.

We thought everyone would win—small businesses, "family-oriented" tourists and, of course, ourselves! We did not think about the fact that traffic, or one bad call on who we might rent to, or the possibility of turning Gulfport into a destination vs. a community might be really bad ideas. Thank heavens (and unforeseen complications), WE DID NOT commit to or begin the vacation rental routine. We have opted to rent the house full-time and temporarily forfeit some of the benefits of having a home in Gulfport.

So, here is a request from two folks who cannot currently vote in Gulfport but who do own property there: please do not change the ordinance (passed in 1993) that prohibits multiple short-term private home rentals in Gulfport. Do not shut the door on local control! Yes, it seems relatively harmless right now, but it will not seem harmless and Gulfport will never be the same if the Gulfport community loses control over this.

Again, we really do understand the appeal of short-term rentals, but we understand even better, what a fundamentally bad idea it really is to change the law and allow it to continue.

Bonnie Navin

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Heartfelt Gratitude

This is a special thank you to the two gentlemen who pulled the pit bull off of my dog Hope recently. This occurred at the corner of York and Newton Sts. S. The neighbors who helped me home called the police who were prompt and helpful. I took her to the emergency hospital at 22nd and 34th St. where she was well treated. Dr. John Mead at Sandy Paws in North Redington went out of his way to further treat her over the weekend. She is a gentle soul who will recover.

Thank you all for your assistance. It gives one faith when our neighbors are there when needed.

Gloria L. Kane

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Letters to the Editor

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The dependable, trustworthy solution when you are away

By Cathy Salustri



"We want to have a personal relationship with people," Lad Paul says. "Letting someone come in and have access to your home is a pretty important decision. We want people to know us and know we're more dependable than – and just as trustworthy as – their next door neighbor."

For years, Alix and Lad Paul lived in New Jersey and vacationed in Gulfport, using their condo in the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club as a warm respite from their busy lives and jobs at the New York Times. Several times a year, they'd pack their car with provisions and pets and escape to their Kipps Colony home.

They loved the retreat, but nagging worries tempered their excitement: What would they find when they put the key in the lock? Did they remember to forward the mail? Should they stop at the grocery on the way into town, or had they left something sealed and fresh for breakfast in the cabinet?

"You just wonder, and when you're on the way down, you worry about what you're going to find after you've driven all those hours," Alix says. "You wonder what you're going to have to do just to be able to go to bed."

When they decided to make the permanent move to Florida last year, they realized many of their neighbors in Gulfport – and Tierra Verde and the beaches – spend quite a bit of time traveling, either for business or pleasure. Others live up north in the summer, or perhaps only visit Pinellas for a few weeks every year.

All these people share one thing: they must rely on someone to let them know if something has gone wrong. While people can often count on a neighbor or the code enforcement officer to get in touch if the lawn service has stopped making regular appearances, those same people often don't have any way of knowing if a pipe inside the house has burst, or if squirrels or rats have chewed into the eaves.

"We know there are some people who don't have anyone look at their home," Alix says, adding that she and Lad know of cases where people have had water heaters spring leaks or rats move in while the homeowners were up north for the summer.

She can tell you about the pitfalls of not covering your toilet with plastic wrap to stop evaporation. Hint: The worst thing that can happen isn't having the smell of sewer gas seep into your home; it's having the seal dry and crack so that the first time you flush, toilet water flows across your bathroom floor.

Here's the part that gave the Pauls nightmares: In some instances, insurance companies will not pay damage claims on unoccupied homes that have not been regularly checked.

That's where Nestwatch Homecheck enters the picture. Lad and Alix, seeing the need, realized the area could use a local service that would supervise homes when the owners were away. The Pauls will check as much or as little as you'd like, as often as you feel you need it. They will stay in touch by e-mail, text or phone, letting you know each time they have visited and what they found.

Based on their own experiences, Alix and Lad developed a checklist for looking after your home, whether you're gone for a few days or a few months. They cover everything from flushing a toilet once a week to caring for your plants, or stocking your kitchen for your return.

If you use Nestwatch Homecheck, you can live your life here in comfort, and when it is time to leave, go with peace of mind.

You can buy houseplants knowing they'll get watered in your absence – no more lugging them back in the car or asking a neighbor to look in on them. You can schedule package deliveries or repairs while you're away on business, or leave your extra car here when you fly home for the summer. They will make sure the battery does not run down.

You can trust Lad and Alix to care for your home as well as they do their own.

Although theirs is not a dog-walking or pet-sitting service, the Pauls are decidedly pet friendly. They adopted their dog, Molly, as a feral stray and helped her grow into a well-mannered lady, and they have had many other non-human members of their family over the years. You can trust them to look after your dog, cat, bird or aquarium if you have to leave on short notice for business, or you take a short vacation. They will even take your dog or cat to the vet while you're working.

What if that unexpected business trip comes up while your home is being remodeled? Alix and Lad will check in on the contractor to make sure your hallway hasn't been painted bright blue (unless, of course, you wanted it bright blue).

Business travelers, snowbirds and vacation-home owners will all appreciate Nestwatch Homecheck's hurricane preparation and post-storm assessment.

This article only scratches the surface of what the Paul family can do for your family. There is more on their website. If you want someone to look in on your place, you can trust Lad and Alix.

The basic service starts as low as \$16 per visit. They will adjust the price, of course, based on your needs. They're local, they're flexible and while they do want to meet you before they go into your home, they're able to start looking after your place right away. Call them today and take the first easy step to making your time away less worrisome.

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If you already have tickets for the May 8 game, you can still get a complimentary ride on the Gulfport Trolley if you show your purchased ticket. Departure times are 5 p.m. for batting practice, 6 p.m. for pre-

game and 7 p.m. for game time. The Gulfport Trolley will be leaving from the Gulfport Casino.

Promotional tickets and space are limited. For ticket information, contact 727-893-1070 or visit the Gulfport Casino at 5500 Shore Blvd. S.

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Give Day Tampa Bay

Give Day Tampa Bay on May 6 is a one-day online giving challenge led by the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and the Florida Next

Foundation to raise support for local nonprofits and grow philanthropy in the region. It is a community-wide event to show off Tampa Bay's spirit of giving, raise awareness about local nonprofits, and celebrate the collective effort of the area. Find out more at givedaytampabay.org.

My Hope Chest is proud and excited to be a part of the first Give Day Tampa Bay.

Despite the support that hundreds of breast cancer organizations offer to survivors around the country, there is a lack of advocacy and funding for those who are left without reconstructive surgery as an option. For more information about My Hope Chest, call 727-488-0320 or visit their website at myhopechest.org.

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Toddler Storytime

Come join them at Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. They read stories, sing songs, blow bubbles and meet other caregivers in the community! Contact Cailey at 893-1074 or cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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An Abundance of Eggs



Megan Sutton, 7, missed last year's watery egg hunt at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, but this year the swim team member from Seminole was back in the water, grabbing all the plastic eggs she could find. The Center held three separate egg hunts on Saturday, April 19, to ensure every child could collect plenty of eggs.

"We didn't come last year because she was sick," Megan's mom explained, "but we came the year before, and she loved it."

The Center holds two underwater egg hunts, one around Easter and another around Halloween. The Center held this hunt as part of the Spring Festival at neighboring Colonel Michael J. Horan Park.

Musical Memories!

The 2014 Joe Koehler Spring Follies presents "Musical Memories of the 50s, 60s, & 70s" on Friday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S. Remember Bobby Darin, Connie Francis, Roy Orbison, Elvis, and Neil Diamond? These performers will bring back those memories and more. Directed and produced by Dave O'Brien and Cookie McPhee.

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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.

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Junk in the Trunk or on a Truck

Gulfport residents, are you looking to get rid of your old stuff and don't know where to start? Join the Gulfport Neighbors and the City of Gulfport at the community "Junk in the Trunk or on a Truck" event on Saturday, May 17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S. in Gulfport. Bring proof of Gulfport residency (driver's license and utility bill) and your items to the Neighborhood Center and either swap it, give it away or junk it for free.

Gulfport residents may bring furniture, appliances, tires and other bulk items for free disposal, however, please no firearms, drugs, liquor, plants, paints, chemicals, or batteries. Enjoy a cup of coffee during "Java with Josh and Zack" (Lieutenant Josh Stone, and Community Resource Officer Zack Mills). Parents can register your child's bike with the Gulfport Police Department and receive a free children's bike helmet.

Join the Gulfport Neighbors network of volunteers: inspiring, motivating and uniting neighbors to improve the quality of life in Gulfport. For more information, please call 727-893-1118.

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Gulfport Rec Summer Program

Get ready to splash into summer as registrations for the 2014 Summer Program begins Thursday, May 1st

for Gulfport residents. Registration is for children who have completed kindergarten through age 14. Hours of registration are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registrations for non-residents not enrolled in the School Year Child Care Program will begin Monday, May 19th for 30 children maximum. Annual registration fees are \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. The eight-week program (June 16th to August 8th) cost is \$275 for residents and \$550 for non-residents, which does not include field trips. Pre-Camp (June 9th to 13th) and Post-Camp

(August 11th to 15th) cost is \$77 for each week, which includes field trips. Pre- and Post-Camps are limited to 60 Gulfport residents only. Summer camp hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Detailed pricing is currently available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or on-line (mygulfport.us and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center). Packets now available. Call 727-893-1068 for any questions.

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BCHS Coach Gerry Ramsberger, who recently passed and who was loved by all at Bogie and he will long be remembered for his love of coaching, his teaching and serving students.

So gather up your classmates, friends and come out for a great round of golf and support the many causes to better Bogie. Tournament information, please call tournament chair, Rex Gaugh '78, at 727-434-2165 or Steve Hodges '59 at 727-709-2612 or 727-573-3594 or e-mail to shodges41@gmail.com or hodgesnh@yahoo.com or rexgaugh@reagan.com

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

For their final meeting of the 2013-14 year, the Gulfport Garden & Bird Club will meet on May 15 at 1 p.m. at the Gulfport Library Meeting Room to hear Mr. James Stephenson (from UF/IFAS Pinellas County Extension at Brooker Creek Preserve) discuss Orchids and Epiphytes as found at Brooker Creek Preserve in Tarpon Springs. This should be a very informative meeting. Plan to attend, enjoy some light refreshments, and participate in the short business meeting afterward.

The June meeting has been cancelled so the May 15 meeting is our last gathering for the 2013-14 year. They hope you can attend!

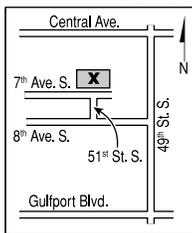
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The Gabs

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Ellen Biegler, Gulfport: "I'm retired, I just take it as it goes along. I don't plan anything."

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Paul Fornator, Gulfport: "I love the smiling faces of all the senior citizens, but most of all I look forward to sun."

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Donna Davis, Gulfport: "Going out on my porch, sitting there in the quiet, drinking my first cup of coffee with my dogs."

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Jack Denis, Gulfport: "Enjoying my time with my wife, shopping, going to thrift stores, and calling bingo on Friday. I'm retired military and have five bingo wives."

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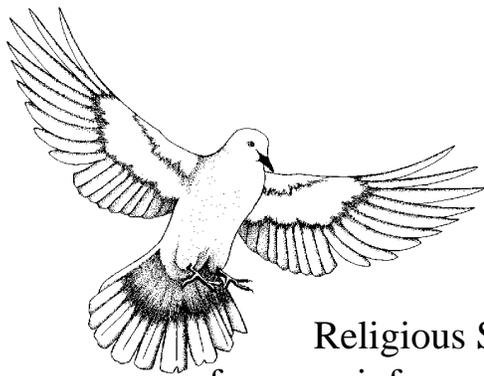
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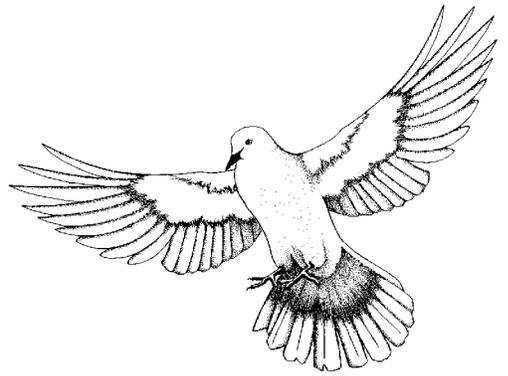
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Band Gives Final Concert of the Season

A fun concert, "Light and Lively," will be the theme of the May 8 concert of the South Pasadena Community Band. This final free concert of the season will take place in the beautiful Galatea Garden at 7001 Sunset Dr. in South Pasadena at 7:30 p.m. in the evening. Come join them as they throw in a little Gershwin and a trombone feature to complement the light and lively music. Bring your friends and your lawn chairs and let them entertain you with selections you will enjoy!

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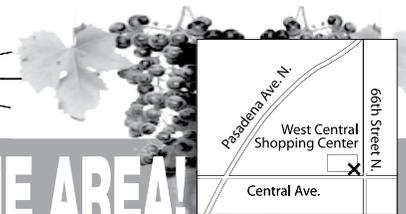


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Intermediate Digital Camera Class

If you have already taken the beginners digital photography class at Gulfport Library or St. Pete Beach Library sign up for the intermediate digital camera course held at Gulfport Library on April 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. taught by local photography teacher Cathy Salustri. And as always, it's free! Call 727-893-1073 to sign up.

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Registration for the 2014 summer camp programs offered by the City of St. Pete Beach Recreation department is now open. There are full day camp options and half day specialty camps that include: all American dolls, archery, construction, cooking, creative writing, cheerleading, fishing, photography, and Lego® Robotics.

For registration forms and more information, go to www.spbrec.com or call the St Pete Beach Community Center at 727-363-9245.

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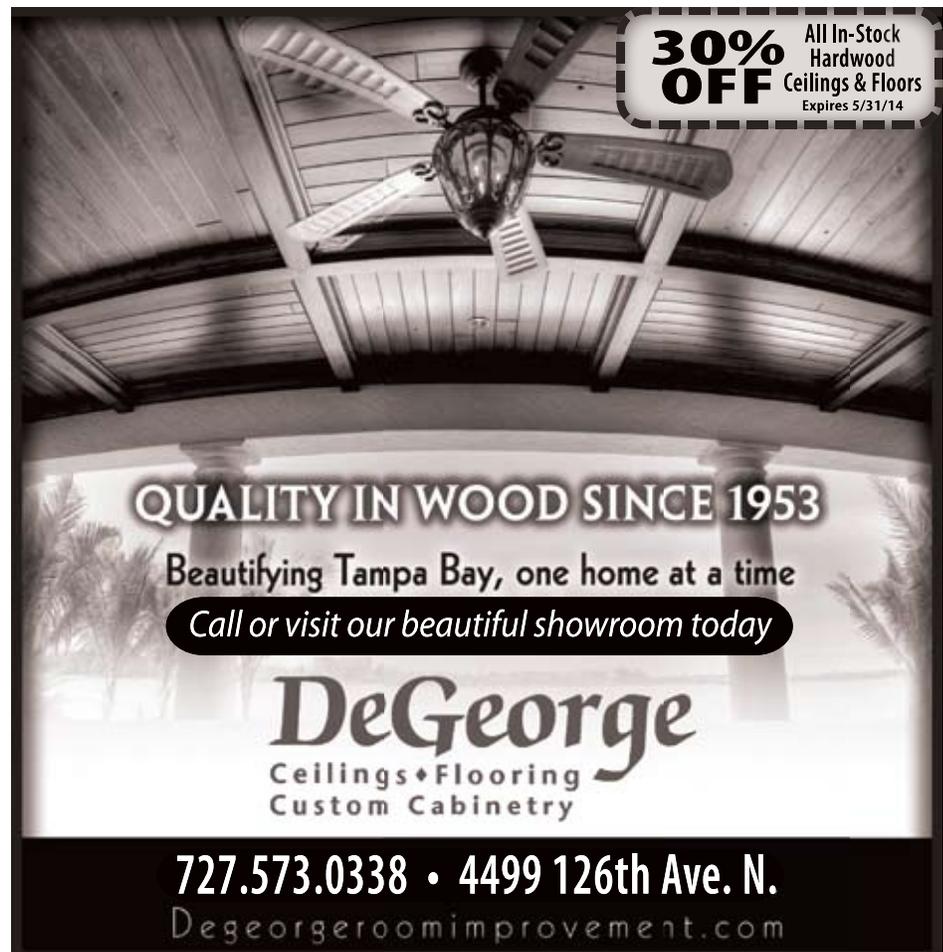
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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

At the start of the week, the Taurus sun does a disappearing act, and the dark new moon adds to the mystery. Quality matters a great deal under these skies. The cosmic bull likes to point out that the price of an item is not its only cost. Furthermore, you will have to look deeply into what's being offered in order to make a fair appraisal. Make careful distinctions in regard to "cost," "price" and "value."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You understand how important your message is, but your audience won't unless you deliver it the right way. Keep in mind that humans are vulnerable creatures who need to feel a sense of control over their lives. The stark realities are too much for most people to bear. But if you make people laugh, they will see things seriously.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll show your personality in unexpected and unobtrusive ways this week and attract kindred spirits. The "takes one to know one" situation is fun, and there are definitely benefits to spending time with people who are like you. But diversity has even bigger benefits. So try it both ways throughout the week!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may be less than thrilled with the tasks and responsibilities assigned to you this week, but when all is said and done, it's the hard work that will make you great. Sure, you'll still want to finish quickly so you can go back to a state of relaxation, but you'll also be grateful you were chosen for something so useful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll have to listen to a bit of complaining this week, but don't think for a minute it means people are unhappy. There are many who enjoy complaining. Some even make a hobby of it. If you refuse to take any of it personally, you'll be ahead of the game. Even if it's about you, it isn't really about you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The difference between what you're doing now and what you want to be doing is not so much a matter of talent as it is a matter of discipline. Discipline can be learned. Change is difficult, and

transformation even more so, but it's all within your grasp. Much depends on how much you want the change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some people don't say "thank you" enough. If it seems as though your efforts are going unnoticed, well, they are. Does that mean you shouldn't bother? Of course not. You're doing the right thing. The right thing doesn't change just because people see it or don't see it. You can be sure that in the end right is right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be doing some kind of presentation, and it might have to do with hosting. So what if everything doesn't go exactly as planned? You'll be quick on your feet, and you can handle it. Remember that where good friends gather, humor is also a guest -- the kind who refuses to let you get a big head.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will focus on doing what you do well, and those in charge will recognize your many star qualities. They may not reward you right away. Some may even be afraid that you'll outshine them, and this will play into events, too. Let nothing deter you from delivering the very best results you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be optimistic, and you'll act as though you expect a consistently positive outcome. Your attitude will impact those around you. Unshakeable confidence serves you well at the start of the week, though after Thursday it will benefit you to back off, consider different options and ask questions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The things that didn't work out the way you wanted them to were character building. Now you deserve a break, and you will get one. Trust the universal timing. A few things must be worked out first. Ultimately, character determines destiny. What you do to make yourself a better person will always be worthwhile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In time, your story will help others. But this week you'll be too busy living it to worry about what useful lessons might be gleaned along the way. You'll

be torn between options and should avoid being overly self-sacrificing about it all. Suffice it to say, if you're having fun, there's something good about what you're doing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be in a creative mood. Don't let a lack of faith interfere with your process. All you have to do is look around you to know what is possible. Your environment will be rich in interesting manmade phenomena, each and every piece of which someone had to first imagine and then actively work to make it so.

This Week's Birthdays: You'll go into the year on a high energy level and miraculously maintain it. It will feel as though you can't lose -- like the more you give the more you receive. You'll volunteer in May and wind up getting paid for the same thing in June. Your social life and career intersect in enjoyable ways in July. You'll chase a dream through August. One special person you meet will help you make it come true. You'll provide a boost of sorts to family in September. Your education steals focus in October.

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Chamber of Commerce 2014 Tourism Lunch

Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce will host its 6th Annual Tourism Lunch on Thursday, May 8. The luncheon will be held at the Loews Don CeSar Hotel (3400 Gulf Blvd. in St. Pete Beach. The 2014 panel discussion "Beyond the Beach: Florida's Not So Sandy Attractions" will highlight all aspects of the Tampa Bay area's tourism market in addition to its world famous beaches, featuring the following guest speakers: John Doonan, Manager of Mazda North American Operations; Peter Miller, BASS2BILLFISH, LLC; Theresa McCann, Director, Strategic Partnerships of NBC News & Sports Group and Bill Lupfer, President & CEO of Florida Attractions Association.

The event begins with check in and networking at 11 a.m. followed by the program and lunch at noon. Cost is \$40 per member or \$50 per non-member; table sponsorships are available.

For more information or to register, please contact Jennifer McKenney at 727-360-6957 or RSVP@tampabaybeaches.com.

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Blues Festival in Treasure Island

The only free blues festival where your happy feet can dance is the Treasure Island Blues Bash in on Saturday, April 26, boasting over 10 hours of hot, smokin' blues, soul and swing from six bands. This year the bash happens under the shady oaks and on the cool grass of the Treasure Island Community Center Park and headlines the polished Texas guitarist with crisp, fluid playing, emotional honesty and taste, Beautiful Bobby Blackmon.

The festival begins at 11 a.m. with two sets from everybody's favorite swing and jazz band, the 18-piece Tomkats Jazz Orchestra, who have been packing houses up and down the coast for close to thirty years. Next up are fan favorites wherever they play, Florida Blues and Americana icon T.C. Carr and Bolts of Blue, featuring the amazing Josh Nelms on guitar. T.C. and the band take

the stage at 1:30 p.m. Sarasota Slim brings his raucous blues-slinging band on at 3:15 p.m. for a set that always begins onstage and ends up somewhere out in the crowd. Doug Deming and the Jeweltone follow at 5 p.m., cooking up a wicked blend of traditional blues, West Coast and Texas swing, early rock, country and roots music. As the bash heads toward sunset, the master of the Hammond B3 and most soulful vocalist this side of the Mississippi, Shawn Brown, takes the stage at 6:45 p.m. Beautiful Bobby Blackmon headlines the TI Blues Bash stage

at 8:30 p.m. with southern soul and blues, seasoned with delicious R&B flavors, with the chops of a major player in the modern blues-soul pantheon.

Festival vendors are open all day and evening, along with the food court, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. You can park all day, for \$10, at lots in the Community Center Park and at Gulf Front Park at 104th and Gulf, and in the lot across from Rally at 108th and Gulf. TI Blues Bash details are online at www.mytreasureisland.com or at 727-547-4575 ext. 237.

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Seen About Town: Small Adventures Gets Smaller



Tina Hansen, a 15-year veteran of the recently-closed-and-rumored-to-soon-be-an-ice-cream-shop, Small Adventures, has kept literature alive in Gulfport. Next door to the former bookstore, Hansen opened the Book Booth inside the Beach Bazaar. While the Book Booth doesn't have the space the Small Adventures cottage offered for books, it offers locals and visitors a chance to pick up a beach read and, as Hansen says, let the locals know books are still alive in Gulfport.

2014 Gulfport Hurricane Seminar

Join Todd Barron, Emergency Response Meteorologist from the National Weather Service, hurricane related vendors and the City of Gulfport for the 2014 Hurricane Seminar, Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater (5501 27th Ave. S., Gulfport). Todd will cover the local Tampa Bay area and how to prepare for the upcoming season.

Hurricane-related vendors scheduled for this conference at this time are The American Red Cross, Gulfport's Community Emergency Response Team, Gulfport Fire Department, Gulfport Police Department, Gulfport Community Development Department, Solar Energy Systems, Morgan Exteriors, Whitco Insurance, PSTA, and more to follow. If you are a business or organization with hurricane-related information, please email gbiro@mygulfport.com to inquire about a free spot. Spots are limited.

So you won't miss dinner, the Theater lobby will open at 6 p.m. for two slices of pizza and a drink for \$3 so you can come early to view the vendors before the seminar begins. Vendors open at 6 p.m. and the seminar starts at 7 p.m.

Admission to this event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Gail Biron, Technical Events Specialist for the City of Gulfport, at 727-893-1118.

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Former Mayor Steve McFarlin, who lost his mayoral campaign for re-election to Lowe this past March, also expressed confusion.

“I’ve tried to stay supportive of our new leadership, but I can’t understand why someone could come up with that much reason or cause without knowing the organization,” McFarlin said. “I’ve been supportive of Mr. Bonfield, I think he did a good job. I think to make a decision this drastic that changes the whole operation is just totally premature of anything.”

During the course of the four-hour meeting, and prior to the motion to fire Bonfield, the commission voted to remove District Two Commissioner Jim Parent from his position as city liaison for the Barrier Islands Government Council (BIGC) and chose not to select him for the vice mayorship. The twice-unopposed, three-term commissioner – who also voted against firing Bonfield – resigned at the end of the meeting. It was not clear at press time what motivated the resignation.

Mayor Lowe expressed regret about Parent’s resignation, saying, “I really consider him an invaluable asset for the commission.” She indicated, however, that Parent would not reconsider his decision, and asked that the Gabber share this message with St. Pete Beach:

“There was a comment made by Mr. Premer about the uncertainty of any changes,” she said. “If there’s anything I want to communicate to every citizen is that our city is a phenomenal city... There’s no reason to fear change.”

Mayor Lowe clarified that she does not want to change the city charter from a city manager form of government to a mayoral one, and added that the commission chose to ask Administrative Services Director Elaine Edmunds to step in as the interim city manager. Should Edmunds not accept, the commission chose Public Services Director Steve Hallock as a backup.

As of 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, Edmunds said no one had asked her to step in, but would accept if asked. Commissioners Melinda Pletcher and Terri Finnerty, former Commissioner Jim Parent, and City Manager

Bonfield did not return calls to the Gabber by press time.

Bonfield started with St. Pete Beach in January 2002. Prior to that he served as city manager of Madeira Beach and worked for 17 years in various capacities in his hometown of Gulfport, Florida. His final position in Gulfport was Director of Community Service.

According to Mayor Lowe, this was a “preliminary motion for removal” and

Bonfield will have 15 days to request a public hearing. His contract gives him six months’ severance.

Before *the Gabber* went to press, St. Pete Beach Commission planned to hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, to decide how to proceed. Please look for updates at thegabber.com.

Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@theGabber.com.

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Lucha Libro: Literary Death Match

By Cathy Salustri

Professional wrestling, meet literature. Literature, meet professional wrestling. Two writers don wrestling masks, take their seats across from one another at typewriters, and wait for the referee to issue a writing prompt.

Welcome to Lucha Libro, a Peruvian marriage of writing and theatricality. On Saturday night, April 19, the literary throw down came to St. Petersburg's The Bends bar.

Cole Bellamy, an English professor at St. Leo University, served as the evening's referee. Holding a tattered copy of *Moby Dick*, he chose a word around which the writers would base their stories.

The first contestants had ten minutes to type a story based on the word "substance" while the audience, in the true spirit of professional wrestling, heckled them with writing-themed insults:

"Spelling counts!"

"Y-o-u-APOSTROPHE-r-e, not y-o-u-r!"

"Don't quit your day job!"

At the end of ten minutes, the audience counted down along with Bellamy. The writers stood and read their work. Based on audience response, the referee chose a winner to proceed to the next round.

In Peru, the ultimate winner receives a publishing contract. Saturday night at The Bends, the winner received the satisfaction of winning.

Keep St. Pete Lit sponsored the event. President and co-founder Maureen McDole called the event "organized mayhem" and praised Bellamy for bringing the idea to Keep St. Pete Lit and agreeing to referee.

"It's an electric feeling to see writers in costumes coming up with stories off the top of their heads," McDole said. "It really showcased the diverse creative writing talent we have in Tampa Bay. We hope to make this a regular event."

McDole told the *Gabber* she plans to hold the next Lucha Libro in Gulfport.

Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@theGabber.com.



Enrique Matta stayed true to the spirit of Lucha Libro, dancing to get the crowd excited and insulting the other writers with calls like, "You can't spell!" and "Grammar counts!"

Cell Phone Class 101

On Thursday, May 8 at 2 p.m., bring your cell phone to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. and ask your questions. Christine and Tony from The Cell Phone Solution will be there to answer all your questions about how to use your cell phone or smart phone, how to download apps, how to take pictures and send them, how to add contacts, and more.

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Beta Sigma Phi

On Saturday, April 19, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held at the England Brothers Park in Pinellas Park by Beta Sigma Phi Sunshine City Council. Members had met on Tuesday before to stuff the 2500 plus plastic eggs with chocolate candy. Members arrived around 8 a.m. to lay the eggs in the field. The areas were sectioned off for various age groups and at 9 a.m. the children who had gathered proceeded to run for the eggs. In a matter of minutes all the eggs were collected and a successful egg hunt was completed. Thank you to those who helped make this a success and to all those who participated in the egg hunt. This has been an annual event for over 30 years.

Sunshine City Council will meet on Monday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the ROTC room at Dixie Hollins High. At this meeting election of the 2014-2015 officers will be held. On Tuesday, April 29, the annual Founder's Day Banquet will be held at the Isla del Sol Yacht and Country Club. The new officers will be installed along with the introduction of the new chapter presidents and chapter women of the year. The City Council Woman of the Year and Ideal Sister will be revealed. The chairman for this event is Ruth Szemer.

For more information, please contact Sharon Ingram at 321-2849."

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The first 200 entries will receive shirts. Cost is \$30/5K and \$10/1-Mile Run. All monies collected go to Kiwanis, a global charity

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

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

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

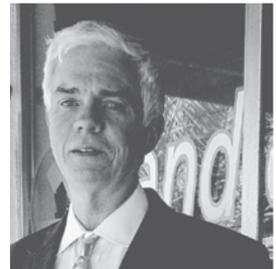
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Local Obituaries

CHMIELEWSKI, CHESTER "CHET", 77, of St. Pete Beach, formerly of Jersey City, NJ, passed away April 18, 2014 after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Kathy; his children, Bill, Mark, Natalie, Gary, and Paul; 14 grandchildren; and his siblings, Eleanor, Carol, Tom, and Irene. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Korea and later became an entrepreneur and diamond dealer. As a political and community activist, Chet fought against the abuses of government and corruption and was a fierce advocate of private property rights. Visitation at Beach Memorial Chapel April 23, from 5-7 p.m. Funeral Mass at St. John Vianney Catholic Church April 24, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Florida First Amendment Foundation at www.floridafaf.org or St. John Vianney Catholic School. www.beachmemorial.com.

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LUTTERS, MILDRED W., 96, of South Pasadena, passed away Tuesday, April 15, 2014. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 1 p.m. at Woodlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery, St. Petersburg. For a full online obituary and tribute please visit www.beachmemorial.com.

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MILILLO, JULIA B., age 79, of St. Pete Beach, passed away on April 19, 2014, leaving no known survivors. If you have any information, please call - A Life Tribute - Gulfport, 727-347-5521.

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TALBOT, DOROTHY RICH, 102, of St. Pete Beach, died April 16, 2014 at Westminster Suncoast. Born March

26, 1912 in Nedick, MA, she grew up in the Boston area and in Ft. Myers. She attended the New York Academy of Dramatic Arts and appeared in the Broadway musical and subsequent movie "Murder at the Vanities". She married Dr. Edwin Robert Talbot of Joliet, IL, on Oct. 15, 1937 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Miami, and honeymooned in Havana, Cuba. She is preceded in death by her mother, Lillian Worthy Hoyt; her father, Perry Frank Rich; and her husband. She is survived by two children, Edwin Robert Talbot Jr. and Susan Talbot Englar, both of Pinellas County; and two grandchildren, Edwin Robert Talbot III and Michael Talbot. She was proud of her New England Mayflower roots and her grandmother, Mary Perry Rich, one of the first women to hold elected office as Chairman of the Knox County Board of Commissioners, Maine. Dorothy belonged to the DAR over 70 years and served on the Women's Board of Loyola College. She was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Church in Joliet, IL and St. John's on St. Pete Beach. A strong believer in women's rights, Dorothy was one of the first full voting female members at the Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club and belonged there for over 30 years. She was an avid reader and bridge player throughout her life. Visitation will be on Monday, April 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a ceremony at noon at Brett Funeral Home, 4810 Central Ave. Burial to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Suncoast Hospice. Online memorial and guestbook at www.brettfuneralhome.net.

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

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German-American Society News

The German-American Society located at 8098 66th St., N. in Pinellas Park invites everyone to dress in your best Dirndl and lederhosen and join them for the celebration of "Bavarian Night" on April 26. The music for your dancing and listening pleasure will be provided by "The Brothers". Doors open at 6 p.m. and the music begins at 7 p.m. The kitchen is open from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and their full service bar is open from 6 p.m. until closing time at 11 p.m. Their dress code is Florida semi-formal (no shorts, other than lederhosen). The entrance fee is \$8. Call 727-238-8201.

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"People will learn about the Club's active cruising program and its challenging racing opportunities," says Chairperson Jean Proach. "Of equal importance is the Club's outreach to the community through its Sail School and Youth Sailing Program. Area teens will learn how they can join the club's Sea Scout Boat 915 to become experienced sailors while having a lot of fun."

During the festivities, a membership team will be on hand to show people how easy and inexpensive it is to become a part of Boca Ciega Yacht Club and enjoy its boating, social and community service activities. Membership is open to sailboat owners, wannabe sailboat owners and those who have a love of sailing. Rain date is Sunday, May 4th.

Boca Ciega Yacht Club is located one block south of the Gulfport City Marina off 49th St. S. Turn left onto Del Rio Way to 4600 Tifton Drive S.

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Hit the Links for Stroke Survivors

Voices of Hope for Aphasia, a non-profit serving people with aphasia, is hosting their second annual golf tournament on May 3rd at Seminole Lake Country Club in Seminole. The format is best ball, so anyone can play

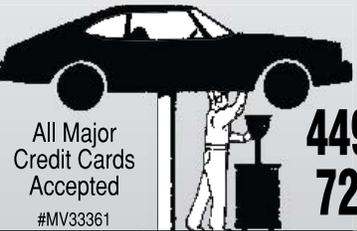
regardless of skill level. To register, go to www.vohaphasia.com or call Mike Caputo at 727-249-1953.

Voices of Hope for Aphasia is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to helping stroke survivors and others afflicted with aphasia find hope that progress can be made, and in the meantime to find ways to live a happy and fulfilling life. Aphasia is an acquired communication disorder that impairs a person's ability to process language, but does not affect their intelligence. VOHA group meetings are held in St. Petersburg on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, go to www.vohaphasia.com or call Mike Caputo at 727-249-1953.

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His problems with tenants not paying or trashing the house or yard disappeared, he said.

"I've rented it continually," said Dr. Pollack, who has owned a chiropractic practice in Gulfport for the past 15 years.

Since listing it with VRBO in February, Dr. Pollack said he's rented to the gamut of tourists, from retirees to young families, and he couldn't be happier with the results.

"No problems whatsoever," he said of the guests. "The people were amazing, the house left immaculate."

While the guests haven't proved a nuisance, that doesn't mean the issue has been without its problems: On April 9, Gulfport's Community Development Department mailed Dr. Pollack and 16 other property owners a letter explaining the short-term rental violated city code.

Gulfport only allows private home rentals for less than a month at a time, three times in a 12-month period, per the city code section 22-4.02. In early April, an anonymous complainant walked into Gulfport's Community Development Department and asked to speak to the code enforcement officer. When Officer Bruce Earling came out to see him, the complainant told him about the VRBO web site.

"In their neighborhood, they saw the cars coming and going. They were comparing the license tags of all the vehicles coming and going," Earling said. Earling went on the web site and searched for Gulfport, finding 17 homes in violation of city code. He sent those property owners

notices of violation on April 9. The letter didn't assess a fine but told property owners to "cease and desist the temporary lodging use of the property and advertising the property as such."

Four Gulfport residents received a letter. Five of the recipients live in St. Petersburg; one, Redington Shores; one, Orlando; one, Georgia; two, Texas; one, Vermont; one, Pennsylvania; and one, Canada. Dr. Pollack, a St. Petersburg resident, received one such letter.

"This is a big issue, and I'm really unhappy about what Gulfport's doing," Dr. Pollack said. Furthermore, he said that not offering short-term rentals could hurt the city.

"I think it's really important for Gulfport going into the future that we offer these type of services," he said. Of his guests over the past months, "95 percent of them have never heard of Gulfport before. People are telling their friends about it; [they] call it a 'hidden gem.'"

Ideally, Dr. Pollack said, he wants "to be able to rent it as I was renting it. Have the people come in, spend the money in our town. This is huge for the city. I didn't realize just how much until I started doing this." He said he can't see how such rentals could degrade a neighborhood.

"If you're doing this correctly, you're going to get a high quality [tenant]," he said, but "somebody who's going to have a trashy house and rent it out for two days, that house was trashy to begin with. If it's trashy to begin with, it's better off having somebody in there for two days who's trashy than being stuck with them for a year."

Code enforcement records show that many of the properties have received code violations in past years, includ-

ing nuisance, trash-related, and high grass violations. However, at press time, none of the properties had any active code violations other than operating as a short-term rental. Gulfport Police report 19 calls in 2013 to 5407 29th Ave. S., owned by RBH Investment Group, LLC (Paula Fenzau, St. Petersburg); 3014 57th St. S. (Richard and Mary Joyner, addresses listed in St. Petersburg and Gulfport) had four visits from the police. Dr. Pollack's home at 3038 56th St. S. had three calls for service, one prior to its use as a short-term rental and two this month for traffic and parking related issues. Five other homes had single calls to police; the whole of these calls ranged from "deceased person" to "building check."

Pollack, whose property when rented as a long-term rental, had two code infractions (one nuisance violation and one for high grass, both in 2011) reiterated that short-term renters take better care of his property. He said he follows the rules and pays his 12% tourist development tax, and if Gulfport decided to institute a license for short-term rental operators, he "would be fine with that."

Except, as Gulfport City Manager Jim O'Reilly explained, the city can't institute a licensing process or alter the current code in any way. If it does, thanks to Governor Rick Scott and the state legislature, it automatically cedes control over short-term rentals to the state.

The legislature passed a law in 2011 saying cities could not regulate the length of time people could rent single-family homes.

"But," O'Reilly said, "if you had something on the books prior to 2011, you could maintain the status quo. If we were to tinker with ours at this time, we may lose

the ability to regulate vacation rentals" of less than one month.

That means any changes to the city's short-term rental laws could stop cities from limiting the number of short-term rentals, the length of stay, or any aspect of the short-term rental at all. Currently, the state legislature – prompted, Vice Mayor Christine Brown told council last Tuesday night, by cities claiming short-term rentals had robbed the town of its sense of community – is considering a law that would give cities more control over short-term rentals.

House Bill 307 (Senate Bill 356), if it passes, would allow cities to set parking and lighting guidelines, address nuisance and sound issues. It would not allow them to adopt laws to limit frequency of rentals or establish a minimum stay of less than seven days. Again, if Gulfport makes no changes to its current short-term rental laws, the city's current codes would supersede this pending legislation.

"If we change ours, we can only regulate what that bill [will allow], not length of residency," Community Development Director Fred Metcalf said. "Right now, [the current law] doesn't let cities do anything" if they didn't have short-term lodging ordinances on their books before 2011.

Metcalf's priority isn't what may or may not happen; right now, he's focusing on helping property owners comply with city code.

"I'm just trying to work with respondents for some type of plan of action," he said. "Essentially what we've been asking them to do, and what most have done, is [to] change their advertisement to one month."

Dr. Pollack has complied, but since making the change, said he hadn't received any inquiries.

"Most people who take a vacation, they come for a week, they're not taking a month off," he said.

Metcalf said he has heard from 12 of the 17 property owners.

"They've all claimed that they will comply," Metcalf said. "We'll check the web site in a week or so, give everybody time. For the moment we're taking their word that they're changing it, and then we'll check and verify that they have."

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Eckerd College Reading and Art Party

Edgar Award winner Lori Roy will appear at the Eckerd College Reading and Art Party to help unveil the 2014 edition of "Eckerd Review" on Monday, May 5th, at 5:30 p.m. in Cobb Gallery on campus, 4200 54th Ave. S. The event is free and open to the public.

Roy won the 2012 Edgar Award for best first novel, and her second book, "Until She Comes Home," is nominated for best novel this year. She attributes much of her success to her four-time attendance at the annual Eckerd College Writers' Conference: Writers in Paradise, co-founded and co-directed by Professor of Literature and Creative Writing Emeritus Sterling Watson and Dennis Lehane, a 1988 graduate

of Eckerd's Creative Writing program and last year's Edgar Award winner for best novel.

An interview of Roy is included in "Eckerd Review 2014," a journal of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and art created by members of the Eckerd community and published by students.

During the Reading and Art Party, Roy will participate in a Q&A session covering parts of that interview. The event also will feature readings from other works in the review, including poems by St. Petersburg Poet Laureate Peter Meinke and Eckerd College President Donald Eastman.

Visual art from the 2014 Review will be displayed in Cobb Gallery May 5th through 9th and celebrated at the party. For more information, call 727-864-7979.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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News Media Are Corporations

There's so much money in politics these days one might suspect it's all about getting a reward for making a contribution. Impolitely, that's called a kick-back. That couldn't be happening, could it? Of course it is. Politics is and has been always about handing out political favors in return for money or support. Not all jobs, contracts, or favors are about that, but some are.

The problem is, how do you stop it besides saying "stop it" or voting people in and out of office? Most people these days are opting for curtailing, capping or forbidding campaign donations. However, the problem is who gets curtailed and capped. Or, better yet, what (as in non-profits and corporations or political action committees) gets the clamps. Generally, the popular

approach is to find a way to cut off your political opponent's sources.

The controversy at the moment is about corporate contributions to whatever political action committees are legal at the moment. The U.S. Supreme Court says that corporations are people and have First Amendment rights. That is, all organizations, businesses, unions, non-profits, etc. Of course, we think of corporations as entities such as Exxon or Google or Facebook or Microsoft.

We forget about the media. Some of the biggest and most powerful corporations are the media as in *New York Times*, *LA Times*, CBS, Fox, ABC, CNN, Time Warner, *Tampa Bay Times*, and so forth. These guys along with nearly every newspaper, radio, or tv stations have editorial or news staffs that address politics. And almost all of them decry the money and influence in politics - unless it is theirs.

Millions of dollars of free news stories, straight news coverage as well as analysis, are provided to candidates for office as well as political parties. We assume most of these are unbiased, but don't forget the editorial or opinion divisions of these organizations. They are, by definition, biased. That is, favoring or against someone or something. Those opinion groups are supposedly separated from the straight news guys and in general are.

However, think of the money spent on staff, materials, travel, just to espouse one view or another. Those are, in effect, direct contributions to candidates or political parties. Those are just the direct costs. The indirect or unallocated costs are reflected in the equivalent expenditures if these opinion pieces had run as advertisements. These "free" ads are forgone revenue. What about forbidding that kind of contribution?

That's not going to happen because of the First Amendment which grants each individual the right to free speech and press (as well as religion and assembly). Hence, each individual working at these entities has rights to speak out or write out his or her opinion. The Supreme Court says these extend to corporations. Lucky for the media. If only the individuals could speak or write, then the corporations would have to declare those opinions, if they permitted them at all, as contributions.

The First Amendment, by the way, says nothing about professional journalists. There are no licensed journalists. These are individual rights. All it says is: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The press at that time was anyone with a printing press or anyone who could get a pamphlet printed by someone with a printing press. I guess it can be assumed that these were organized journalists and hence "the press". The point was, however, to give voices to the citizens without government interference.

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

Friday 4/11

- Theft-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Animal Call-** 54th St. & 31st Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5300 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 5000 Blk 27th Ave. S.

Domestic- 2400 Blk Premier Dr. S.

Saturday 4/12

- Animal Call-** 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Theft-** 5100 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 1600 Blk 55th St. S.

Burglary Vehicle- 5300 Blk 19th Ave. S.

Burglary Vehicle- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Burglary Vehicle- 5300 Blk 16th Ave. S.

Disorderly Conduct- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Fraud/Identity Theft- 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Burglary Vehicle- 1800 Blk York St. S.

Domestic- 1000 Blk 60th St. S.

Domestic- 5400 Blk 31st Ave. S.

Noise- 1200 Blk Hull St. S.

Person Under Influence- 2900 Beach Blvd. S.

Theft- 3000 Blk 50th St. S.

Sunday 4/13

Burglary Residence- 5800 Blk Skimmer Pt Blvd. S.

DUI- 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Disturbance- 1400 Blk 58th St. S.

Burglary Residence- 2600 Blk 49th St. S.

Domestic- 2200 Blk Premier Dr. S.

Stolen Vehicle- 1900 Blk 55th St. S.

Animal Call(s)- Several Locations

Stolen Vehicle- 700 Blk 59th St. S.

Monday 4/14

Neighbor Problem- 5300 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Disturbance- 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Burglary Residence- 1400 Blk 55th St. S.

Theft- 1000 Blk 49th St. S.

Theft- 5200 Blk 6t Pl. S.

Reckless Driver- 58th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.

Tuesday 4/15

Harassing Phone Call(s)- Location Withheld.

Theft- 900 Blk 58th St. S.

Burglary- 1600 Blk 55th St. S.

Accident- 5700 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Domestic- 52nd St. & 18th Ave. S.

Wednesday 4/16

Vandalism- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Person Under Influence- 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Noise- 1000 Blk 61st St. S.

Disorderly Conduct- 5600 Blk 17th Ave. S.

Animal Call- 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Theft- 4900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Vandalism- 4500 Blk 17th Ave. S.

Civil Matter- 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Person Down- 5300 Blk 21st Ave. S.

Neighbor Problem- 2900 Blk 49th St. S.

Theft- 4500 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Prowler- 4800 Blk Coronado Way S.

Thursday 4/17

Burglary- 54th St. & Essex Ave. S.

Suspicious Person- 1900 Blk 55th St. S.

Animal Call(s)- Several Locations.

Abandoned Vehicle- 1000 Blk 49th St. S.

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Fashion Show to Benefit Alzheimer's Association

The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay, 1255 Pasadena Avenue South, will host a Spring Fashion Show to benefit the Alzheimer's Association on Saturday, April 26th. Ladies fashions will be presented at 1 p.m. by Patchington Women's Apparel, followed by light refreshments and shopping until 3 p.m. Local vendors will also be on hand offering candles, handcrafted jewelry, wood creations and accessories.

Put a little spring in your step and join them for this delightful display of ladies' fashions. Your suggested five dollar donation will benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

Space is limited. To attend, please RSVP to 1-727-474-8814 at least three days prior.

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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, 3 to 6 p.m. Please RSVP for dinner to Bev at 727-526-6835. Dance is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members. Become a member! Dinner is \$7. May 4 will be a pot luck.

This is a smoke-free facility with the best wood dance floor for ballroom dancing. Next tea dance is April 30.

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

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City Whys? Have you got a question for your city government?

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: *Gulfport Boulevard*

Q: Are there plans to widen Gulfport Boulevard? Who maintains the right-of-ways and easements along Gulfport's portion of this road?

A: At present, there are no plans to widen the road.

"The project was initially proposed by Pinellas County in 2008," City Manager Jim O'Reilly said. "Subsequently the project was pushed back / removed from the Pinellas County Capital Improvement Plan due to reduced funding available."

The county has responsibility for maintaining the right of ways, easements, drainage and crosswalks along the Gulfport section of the road.

Over the past six years, Mayor Sam Henderson has asked Commissioner Ken Welch for help reinstating the project, and Ward Four Councilman Michael Fridovich has asked Commissioner Charlie Justice for the same.

O'Reilly said the city "would like to see the project once again included and scheduled in the county's five - ten year Capital Improvement Program." Specifically, the city wants the county to mill, or repave, the road. It also would like the county to make drainage and right-of-way improvements along the corridor, O'Reilly said.

The county, however, has yet to agree to those — or any — improvements.

"I have not been apprised nor do I believe the commissioners have committed to anything at this time," O'Reilly said Monday afternoon.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Benji and the Bickersons

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Benji, a 1-year-old German shepherd pup. Rarely do I meet a dog I don't like, but shepherds hold a special place in my heart. We have two in the family right now.

The German shepherd is smart, sensitive and strong, equal parts soldier and sidekick, as comfortable in a police car as he is in a nursery. The American Kennel Club describes this marvelous breed as follows: "Energetic

and fun-loving, the breed is very fond of children once a relationship is established. He is a loyal family pet and a good guard dog, the ideal choice for many families."

Loyal and protective -- desirable qualities in any family dog. But what happens when family members disagree on how to nurture these attributes?

Meet the Bickersons.

Mama Bickerson wants a family dog, a fun, friendly companion she can walk through their neighborhood, sit with at a cafe and play with in the park.

Papa Bickerson wants a guard dog who will intimidate potential intruders and take down those who persist.

While these two wants are not mutually exclusive, attitude, as Winston Churchill said, "is a little thing that makes a big difference."

Mama Bickerson's attitude is loose and loving -- and utterly lacking in boundaries. While it's neither appropriate nor effective to lay down the law too soon with a pup, Benji is now 1, which is plenty old enough to have a solid foundational education under his collar.

Papa Bickerson's approach, on the other hand, is rigid and self-righteous and flat-out wrong. In his efforts to evoke the protective nature of his pup, he confuses protection with aggression and encourages the latter. He refuses to neuter Benji and takes games of tug-of-war to an extreme, pushing Benji to a growling, snarling state no dog should ever reach.

The proof is in the pudding. Benji now lunges at other dogs at the vet's office, and Mama no longer feels comfortable walking him in their neighborhood. In short, Benji is aggressive.

Thankfully, Benji is also young and smart, and it's not too late to turn things around. But the first thing to turn has got to be the 'tude -- the 'tude about training and the 'tude about the neut. This little shep needs to be neutered -- yesterday.

Once that's taken care of, he needs to be professionally trained -- and you can't train for protection without first training for obedience. Obedience training is the foundation for good canine citizenship and a stepping stone to advanced learning. Police dogs, therapy dogs, bomb-sniffing dogs, search-and-rescue dogs, agility masters, competitive show dogs, hunting dogs -- they all got their start in basic obedience.

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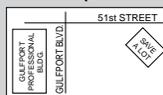
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For reservations or questions call 727-399-7986.

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Yard Sale to Benefit Teens

Join them on Saturday, May 10th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Spring Community Yard Sale at Crescent Lake, located on the corner of 22nd Ave. N. and Fifth St. N. This popular community yard sale has more than

100 vendors. To participate in the sale, reserve your 10' x 10' space for only \$15 with cash or a check at 1320 Fifth St. N. Proceeds benefit Teen Arts, Sports, and Cultural Opportunities (TASCO) Teen Programs. For more information, call 727-893-7813.

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Join the Senior Solos for Lunch

Senior Solos invites all singles age 55 and up to join them for their May activities. At 1 p.m. on May

7 they will gather for lunch at the Cheddar Casual Café, 4101 Park Blvd. in Pinellas Park. On May 12 at 1:30 p.m. you'll find them at the Pinellas Park Senior Center, 7625 59th St. N. in Pinellas Park for their monthly general meeting and potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and \$2 or no dish and \$5. After lunch, they will play a fun game of "Two Truths and a Lie." Come prepared to tell two truths and a lie about yourself. Everyone must guess which of your statements is a lie.

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Mario Fisichella, better known to his family and friends as Mike, recently celebrated his 100th Birthday at the Sons of Italy, John Paul I, Lodge 2427 a little early with a beautiful buffet and cake. Mike has been a member in good standing since September 2, 1986 of the lodge. He is still very active and loves to play cards. His actual birthday is May 31, 1914.

Join the Coffee Club

You are invited to join the Coffee Club that meets at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. Discussing current events, the economy and investing, in a relaxed, informal setting, is a great way to get to know one another as you learn from Edward Jones financial advisor, Scott O'Berry. Coffee and doughnuts are provided.

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.

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Sign Up for Vacation Bible School

A week of fun and learning awaits the youngsters who take part in this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church. Sue Prather, Director of Christian Education, said, "Our VBS continues to thrive and serve the community as more families become aware of its recreational and educational opportunities. All children, age four through grade 5, are welcome. This year's professionally developed curriculum, 'Weird Animals' blends a mixture of fun-filled activities with learning experiences that explore God's creations. Healthy snacks will be provided during the day."

The week-long VBS will be held from Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. PAGBCC is located at 107 16th Ave. in St. Pete Beach.

The June registration fee is \$45 per child or \$75 per family. However, early registration and reduced rates are available. The rates from now through May 13, are \$35 per child or \$55 per family, while the rates from May 14 through May 31 are \$40 per child or \$65 per family.

For more registration information, please call the church office at 727-360-5508 or visit pagchurch.org.

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The schedule is as follows: April 29th "Weather", May 6th, "Your Boat's Radio", May 13th, "Which Boat is for You?", May 20th, "Equipment for Your Boat", May 27th, "Waterway Watch\Trailing Your Boat".

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

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Garden Club to Host Flower Show

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg, a member of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs District VIII, hosts a Flower Show on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7891 26 Ave. N. Themed "Celebrate the Holidays," this competition awards excellence in floral design based on horticulture, artistic design and special exhibit categories. The Flower Show is being held in conjunction with the city's 2014 Green Thumb Festival at Walter Fuller Park. Now in its 28th year, the weekend family festival draws nearly 30,000 visitors to the shady park featuring horticultural, gardening and environmental vendors, exhibitors and programs.

For information, visit gardenclubstpetersburg.org, or stpeteparksrec.org/greenthumb,

or call St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation 727-893-7441.

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Parliamo l'italiano!

Let's speak Italian! Two classes are coming to the Gulfport Recreation Center that begin on Tuesday, April 29, Italian for Travelers and Beginner's Conversational Italian.

The four week Italian for Travelers class will prepare you for your Italian vacation by teaching you to communicate in Italian. Covering everything from eating to shopping to train travel you'll become a knowledgeable and stress free traveler! This class is from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. and the cost is \$60.

The eight week Beginner's Conversational Italian class is designed for those with little or no Italian speaking skills. Whether you are reconnecting with your Italian heritage or you've always been interested in learning Italian this class is the perfect first step. This class is from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the cost is \$120.

Professor Roberto will teach both classes. He attended the L'Università di Bologna, earned a degree in the Italian language and has been teaching Italian in the Tampa Bay area for twelve years.

For more information contact Roberto at 727-866-6892. Registration is at Gulfport Recreation Center.

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Town Shores Displays a Garden of Delight



Pictured (L-R): Linda Worle and Harriet Steptoe

Photo Credit Glen Bishop

Gulfport Garden and Bird Club honored the splendid gardens at Kenmore House, Town Shores with a garden tour and tea event last week. It was a wonderful turn out with members and guests dressed in their prettiest hats, enjoying tea, sandwiches and pastries while listening to music.

Harriet Steptoe and Elsie Grimaldi from Kenmore, and the garden club's Bev Gray and Josie Freeman hosted the event. They welcomed special guest, Linda Worle, State certified Horticulturist and Instructor who co-led a tour of Kenmore's gardens with resident gardener, Harriet Steptoe. Prizes were awarded for the prettiest hat.

Daddy Daughter Date Night

The pleasure of your and your daughter's company is requested at the first annual Daddy Daughter Date Night! Come enjoy a candy-coated evening of dancing, photos, sweets and giveaways. Join them at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. on Saturday, May 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is only \$25 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter. Preregistration is required by Wednesday, May 7th. For more information call 727-363-9245 or visit spbrec.com.

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Center Offers Computer Classes

Register now for a Basic Computer class starting on Tuesday, May 6th at 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. in Gulfport.

If you think you've got the basics under your belt, maybe you're ready for the Intermediate class that starts on Wednesday, May 7th. Each class will meet once a week on either Tuesday or Wednesday for a total of four classes. Retired NASA Systems Engineer Anne Pemberton will be your instructor. She teaches in a down-to-earth way that won't make you see stars as you learn how to navigate the unknown territory of the Windows 7 world. Each student will use new Toshiba laptops to help ensure a quality learning experience.

All students must be registered and have tuition paid by one week before class starts. Classes are restricted to 10 students so more individual instruction assistance is available.

The fee for the series of four classes for Gulfport residents is \$40. The non-resident fee for the series is \$50 with cash or checks preferred. Credit cards are accepted online through www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org. You may also register and pay in person at the Senior Center Foundation office Monday through Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. For further information, please call 727-592-1933.

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Gulf Beaches Relay for Life

The 2014 Gulf Beaches American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at Archibald Park on Madeira Beach, beginning Saturday, May 3 at 2 p.m. The ceremonial Relay will run through the night with closing ceremonies the following morning, Sunday, May 4. The event will be one of the only Relay fundraisers held on the beach, wherein Relayers and volunteers will have the amazing opportunity to sleep in tents on beautiful Madeira Beach.

Archibald Park is located at 15100 Gulf Blvd. with easy access on and off the beach, a wide open area, and lots of additional parking both on and across from the beach.

Many events throughout the area are being held as well to help raise funds for the Gulf Beaches Relay. For information on upcoming public events or to contribute or sign up as an individual or a team, please visit: 2014 Relay for Life Events.

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New Support Groups for Early Stage Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter unveils new support groups in Pinellas for Early Stage diagnosed individuals and for caregivers coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or related memory disorders.

Alzheimer's Association Support Groups provide an opportunity for caregivers to meet other caregivers dealing with similar situations; and to learn caregiving skills to make the day to day care easier in a safe and confidential place which encourages self expression.

Support Group for Caregivers meets the third Monday of the month starting April 21st, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Westminster Shores, Little Bayou Building/Hospitality Room/First floor, 121 56th Ave. S., St. Petersburg. The facilitator is Jan Banker, 727-866-6712. Contact Peggy Macaluso at (727) 578-2558, macalusop@alzflgulf.org.

For additional information, please contact the Alzheimer's Association - Florida Gulf Coast Chapter at 727-578-2558.

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Changing of the Guard



Pictured (L-R): Incoming Treasurer Joan Kramer, Secretary Bonnie Bolduc, VP Petie Pawlikowski and President Gayla Davis; Outgoing President Julie Fuce, VP Joan Barry, Secretary Betty Browne and Treasurer Phyllis Miller.

Newly renamed Gulfport/Town Shores Women's Club held a transitional meeting last week. Attending were past officers, new officers and those who volunteered to be the Chairwomen for the next season. With the help of the previous chairwomen, speakers and topics for the incoming season were discussed and approved. The transition should be easy as the new officers and chairwomen are long-time members. The next meeting will be held November 12.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

How Should My Business Be Set Up? (Part II)

In our last article, we examined together the general legal requirements of a sole proprietorship and general partnership. In this article, we will examine the general legal aspects of a limited partnership and a Florida Corporation.

A. Limited Partnership

1. A limited partnership is similar to a general partnership. The primary difference is that some partners are designated as "limited" partners and, as such, are normally not personally liable for the debts and obligations of the partnership, except to the extent of their contribution of capital to the partnership. A limited partner is a passive investor, and is prohibited from participating actively in the management of the partnership business. If a limited partner participates in management, she/he can lose the benefit of limited liability and, instead, be treated as a general partner for purposes of determining liability for partnership debts and obligations.

2. A limited partnership must have at least one general partner and at least one limited partner. The general partner of a limited partnership has unlimited liability for the partnership's debts and obligations.

3. Like a general partnership, the income of a limited partnership is passed through to the partners, and reported on their individual income

tax returns.

4. A limited partnership is organized by filing a written certificate of limited partnership in the Office of the Secretary of State in Tallahassee, Florida. Normally, the limited partners are specified in the certificate of limited partnership and in a separate limited partnership agreement, which may be more detailed than the certificate of limited partnership. A Florida limited partnership must file an annual report and pay an annual fee to the Florida Secretary of State, and receive a certificate of authority to conduct business as a limited partnership.

B. Corporation

1. A corporation is a separate legal entity or "person" for purposes of both state law and federal income tax law. A corporation may be formed by any number of individuals, other corporations, or other entities.

2. The owners of a corporation are "shareholders." Normally, business policies are dictated by a board of directors, which is elected by the shareholders. In Florida, a corporation may have as few as one director. Normally, directors are elected annually, at an annual meeting of shareholders.

3. Normally, the routine operations of the corporation are managed by the corporation's officers, who are elected periodically by the board of directors. In Florida, a corporation must have a president, secretary, and treasurer, and may have one or more vice presidents or assistant officers. One person may hold two (2) or more offices.

4. Corporations are required to hold annual meetings of shareholders, at which the shareholders may elect directors.

5. For federal income tax purposes, a corporation is taxed as a separate

entity, and income and losses of the corporation are not passed to its shareholders, unless the corporation makes an "S election."

6. A corporation is formed by filing a corporate charter, known as "articles of incorporation," with the office of the Secretary of State in Tallahassee, Florida. The articles of incorporation must contain various information specified by statute, including a unique corporate name, a statement of the number of shares of stock that the corporation is authorized to issue, the par value (if any) of the stock, the duration of the corporation (if other than perpetual), the general purposes for which the corporation is initially authorized (which may be stated to include in the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under Florida law), the name of an initial registered office, the street address of an initial registered office where service of process can be made upon the corporation, the name of directors, and the name and street address of the incorporator. The corporation is required to file an annual report and pay an annual fee to the Secretary of State in order to maintain its standing as a corporation.

7. After the articles of incorporation are formed, the board of directors holds an initial organizational meeting, at which it elects officers, adopts bylaws, and takes other organizational actions. The bylaws consist of a written document specifying the "rules" under which the corporation will be governed and managed.

8. Generally, ownership interests in a corporation may be transferred through a sale of stock, although the transfer of stock may be restricted by agreement or by law.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Requiem for an Adversary

Al Davis died last week. For those of you who didn't know Mr. Davis, let me tell you a bit about him:

Mr. Davis fought in Vietnam. He raised children. He flew planes and he sailed boats. He and his wife Cindy moved to Gulfport, where they made their home on Clam Bayou. He didn't like what he saw on the bayou and became an active voice in trying to effect change.

Mr. Davis and I came down squarely on two different sides of one issue: whether or not parts of Clam Bayou should get dredged. On every other matter relating to the bayou, we agreed, but this one issue divided us – bitterly.

Perhaps because, as a military man, he was used to people doing what he said, he did not react well to local and state authorities ignoring his demands that they do what he felt best for the bayou. Mr. Davis wasn't exactly a "more flies with honey" kind of guy, and for a time, he became a regular fixture at city council meetings. Sometimes he sounded like a bully; other times, he sounded angry. It was not an uncommon council meeting where he would denounce the Gabber as well as my writing. My job when this happened was to make certain I included his comments in my write-up lest it appear we didn't want to print negative comments about ourselves. I hated city council meetings then; every public session was a waiting game for Mr. Davis to stand and deride me while our former mayor looked on and smiled, shrugging a sheepish, "well, what can you do?" smile in my direction.

It is not my intention to besmirch Mr. Davis' memory. Especially because, despite it all, I liked him. From time to time, we agreed, and when he and I weren't butting heads in perhaps the most unpleasant ways

possible, I found him sweet, kind, and decent. More than once I sat with him and talked about politics, the state water management district, or planes. I knew he could be nasty and ugly when he felt he needed to be, but the other side of Mr. Davis? An impassioned delight.

As for Clam Bayou? Where we agreed, we could have accomplished much. It was that one fissure in our beliefs; that one issue that kept us from being friends, or even allies. I've held that regret for years.

I will admit this, too: His criticisms caused me to reflect on the quality of my work and question my responsibility to our readers. I realize I will never please everyone, and long ago I stopped trying. Nonetheless, I paid attention to his barbed comments about the paper, examining them for grains of truth. If I've done a better job over the years, I can, in part, thank him for holding our paper to a higher standard and blasting us with both barrels when we fell short. On the rare occasions when he would issue a gruff, heartfelt compliment, it mattered. When your fan club loves you, it's nice, but when your adversaries pay you a compliment, it's delicious.

Ultimately, Al Davis did effect change in Clam Bayou, although not

to the degree he would have liked. He never got his dredging, but he did light a fire under the state and the city. I'm not a fan of all the work the state's done in the bayou, but I'm less a fan of doing nothing. While I'd like to believe the state would have moved just as quickly without Mr. Davis' influence – and we all know how state water management districts love to do the right thing in a timely manner – I don't know if I can.

Now, I'm sure if he were still alive, Mr. Davis would have had plenty to say about all this. I doubt he'd agree with much of it, and I'm pretty sure the next time he stood before council in the public session, he'd let me know exactly how I'd let down journalists everywhere. He'd remind me that lately we've been ignoring the Clam Bayou issue in the paper, and he'd also probably object strenuously to his life and death being fodder for a hack in the local paper.

Fair enough, Mr. Davis. But it was important to me that people know who you were and why your life mattered. You ushered in change in Gulfport. And even if you may not have accomplished what you wanted to in Clam Bayou, your life definitely made a difference, at least to this writer.

Rest well, Al. You've earned it. May you have fair winds and following seas.

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