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**Bugs, Mosh Pits and Manners, Oh My!**



By Leigh Clifton

Three year old Carina Guiffre becomes a lady bug at the Jungle Boogie Day camp at Boyd Hill. Her mother Jennifer says Carina was nervous at first, but now can't wait to get there in the morning.

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**Gulfport Hires Minkoff As Interim Attorney**

By Cathy Salustri

For the next three months Gulfport resident Tom Minkoff will act as the interim city attorney. In a special council meeting Friday afternoon, council voted 3-2 to hire Minkoff for 90 days, give the Gulfport attorney of 19 years, Tim Driscoll, two months severance, and hire an outside firm to help write a job description for and find a full-time attorney.

Councilman Sam Henderson, who made the motion, said he wanted to make it contingent on Driscoll, as current attorney, reviewing the video of the meeting to make sure the city stayed within its legal rights. Henderson also praised Driscoll for his conduct while "under fire" at last Tuesday's special council meeting where council discussed the attorney's position.

The Tallahassee-based consulting firm Governance will help the city write a job description for a full-time attorney. According to Mayor Mike Yakes, Governance will charge no more than \$10,000 to help Gulfport start its search for a full-time attorney.

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**Gulfport's Got Soul!**

By Leigh Clifton

Gulfport got a healthy dash of soul Friday night as the Summer Concert Series on the Point and the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce hosted Solid Core, a funky, upbeat dance band that got the crowd clapping and dancing from the first notes.

Although the 300 plus crowd wasn't as big as the June concert, they were every bit as happy and enthusiastic as lead singer Jay Stephens jumped off stage, singing, gyrating and pulling people up out of their chairs to dance. Playing a great mix of disco, classics and funk, Solid Core had the crowd forgetting all about any potential rain showers,

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Solid Core lead singer Jay Stephens jumped off the stage and grabbed Agnes Mbano and pulled her out to dance. Afterwards she said, "that was so much fun. I have to bring my family, it's very family oriented and I really like that!"



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# FEMA

## Informational Meeting

**THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2009**

**6:30 PM**

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Panel Guests: Bob Durrin, FEMA  
David Clukie, (NFIP), National Flood Insurance Program  
Mike Whitman, Whitco Insurance  
City of Gulfport Staff

Discussion will be on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and the requirements. Flooding and flood-related issues will also be covered. Subjects will also include the Community Rating System program in which the City participates in beyond the NFIP minimum requirements. In doing so, the City residents who own property within the designated 100-year floodplain and have a flood insurance policy, receive a 15% discount off their flood insurance premium.

This meeting is open to the public and would be valuable information to anyone who pays for flood insurance.

***For More information, call Mike Taylor at 727-893-1087***

## Register for School Year Child Care Program

Registrations for the 2009-2010 School Year Child Care Program will begin on July 27th for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Monthly fees are \$133 for residents and \$266 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9-5 p.m. Any further questions please call 893-1068.

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## Volunteer at Family and Homeless Shelter

The Salvation Army is seeking volunteers who can help assemble new beds and bed frames at its Family and Homeless Shelter located at 310 14 Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. On July 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. volunteers will be assembling the new metal bed

frames and beds for the residents of the shelter. All work will be done indoors and refreshments will be provided. For more information or to schedule a time to help please contact the Community Relations Coordinator, Gail Stark at (727) 550-8080 ext. 332 or by email at Gail.Stark@uss.salvationarmy.org.

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## 2009-2010 Tot Time Program

GULFPORT: Pre-registration for the 2009-2010 Tot Time Program will begin July 1st. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Classes begin September 8, 2009. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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## FEMA Informational Meeting

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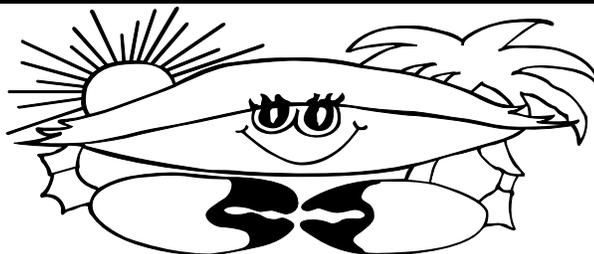
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## SPC Jazz Band Concert

On July 21 at 7:30 p.m., the St. Petersburg College Jazz Band will perform big band style music in the St. Petersburg Gibbs campus Music Center, 6605 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The band, which consists of 15 students of all ages and backgrounds, will perform a variety of musical numbers by jazz legends Neal Hefti, Count Basie and Duke Ellington. Free.

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## Gulfport Marina District Block Party

The Gulfport Marina District will have a Neighborhood Watch Block Party on Saturday, July 18 from 9-11 a.m. at 2744 45 Street S. on the cul-de-sac. Sgt. Josh Stone of the Gulfport Police Department will provide information about the Crime Watch Program and answer questions. Meet your neighbors and find out how to prevent a repeat of the recent crime incidents in our neighborhood.

A pot luck brunch is planned. Bring food to share if you wish, or just come. They'll have some chairs but you may want to bring your own. For more information about the block party, call Dave at 744-9039 or Nancy at 560-1527. For general information about the Crime Watch Program, call Crime Watch Coordinator Jeri Reed at 327-3509.

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## Eagle Riders Poker Run to Benefit Help-A-Child

Eagle Riders-District 12 will be hosting their 2nd Annual Poker Run Benefit for Help-A-Child on

Saturday, July 25th. This is a benefit for child abuse and will be in memory of Sarah Lunde.

The Poker Run will start and end at the Seminole Eagles #4147 located at 6987 54 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg, 546-4758. Breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. Bikes/auto will be out by 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15/\$20 which will include the BBQ dinner at the end of the event. There will be 50/50's-Bottle Raffles. Prizes will given for Best Hand, 2nd Best and Worst Hand. BBQ will be from 3:30-7 p.m. featuring chicken or rib dinner for \$8. There will also be raffles, bingo, live/silent auction. Live music by "Big Fish" will start at 7 p.m.

All bikers and motor vehicles welcome. For further information call Linda at 579-3900 or send email too Eagleriders12@aol.com. All proceeds will go directly to Help-A-Child located in Pinellas Park.

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## Learn to Read Better

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## Tentative Millage Rate Clarification

Last week The Gabber reported that Gulfport city council set a tentative millage rate of 3.855. This confused some readers, who wrote and said that councilman Sam Henderson's comment that for over two decades the city has had a millage rate well over 4 mills was incorrect because the tax rate was under 3.5 mills.

To clarify: all these numbers discussed refer to the tentative millage rate rather than the actual tax rate landowners pay the city. A tentative millage rate is a starting point for the city as it creates its budget. As stated in last week's article, once city council sets a tentative millage rate the city may lower the rate but it cannot raise it.

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By Natalie Leggette

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Anyone who has a group can contact me at

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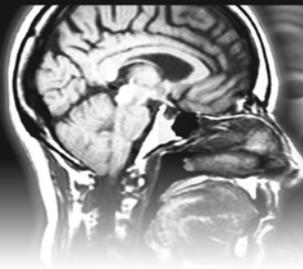
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*Location:*

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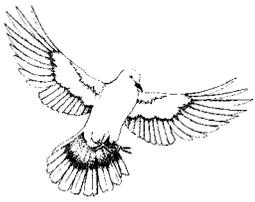
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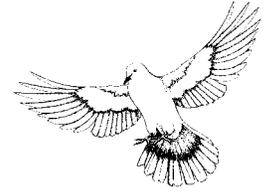
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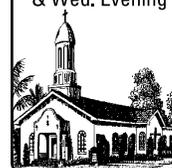
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More information on programs aimed at helping students and families

in need will be forthcoming. Please drop off items at the Chamber office between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. For more information call 344-3711.

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## The Garden Club of St. Petersburg

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg will hold a Coffee & Garden Crafts Workshop on Monday, July 20 from 10-12 noon at the Garden Club Center, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. A materials fee of \$3.50 for Garden

Club members and \$4.50 for guests and the general public will be charged to cover supplies. The workshop will cover "Pressed Flowers - Glass Wall Art". If you have any pressed flowers at home, please bring them. Some pressed flowers will be supplied.

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## News from VFW Post 39

By Stacy McBeth

Hello and a good week to all of you from everyone at VFW Post #39 located at 2599 Central Avenue. We have some terrific activities planned for all. Saturday, July 25 is a very busy day. The blood drive will be from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. Brunch will also be served from 10 till 2. Brunch is free for blood donors. Mixed Nuts will meet at Feola's at 1 p.m. The Saturday movie starts at 2 p.m. Sunday come play bar bingo starting at 3 p.m.

The 4th of July we held the annual Haircuts for Hospice and All Children's Hospital. We raised \$400. We have several upcoming events. July 24th is the Disco party. September 5th the Ladies Auxiliary will host a \$1.39 chicken dinner. October 10th will be the Ladies Auxiliary Meet and Greet function. We are now collected school supplies. If you would like to help you can drop items off at the Post. The Post is open every day except Monday.

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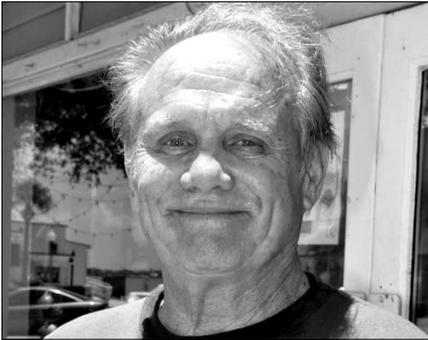
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# The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

## What was your reaction to Sarah Palin stepping down as governor of Alaska?



**Rudy Danker, Gulfport:** "I think Governor Palin quit because it was what was best for her family and Alaska. I don't think she'll run for President, however, because I think she'll be immersed in other things. I don't think she'll ever make it to the White House. But I do think that she'll always be active politically. Her main reason could be family. I also heard that she got a great book deal. She might get her own TV show and be a commentator. I think she's more in it for the money more than anything."

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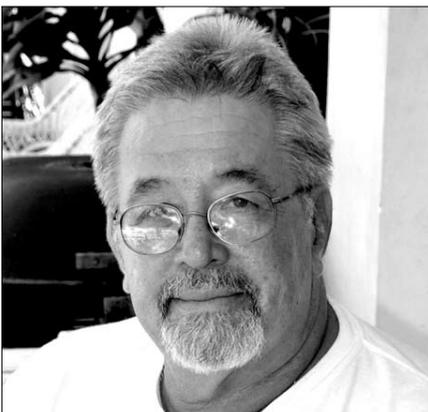
**Clarice Ziegler, Gulfport:** "I think she quit for political reasons and family problems. She got a lot of bad publicity for the illegitimate grandchild and then after when her daughter and the baby's father broke up. I don't think she'll try and run for President; I just don't see her getting elected, because of her lack of intellect. She just doesn't have what it takes. She only wanted to write a book so she could make money; I just have never liked her. She likes the spotlight too much, she goes wherever it is. Right after she had her baby with Down's syndrome, she left and started campaigning, when she should have stayed home. That was the time she should have been bonding with that baby. I don't respect her for that. She's also just too quirky for my taste. She just shows that she cuts and runs when the going gets tough."

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**Mary Jane Sachela, So. Pasadena:** "I think what her daughter's former boyfriend says is right, that she wanted to quit to make more money. I can see her as a public speaker or as a commentator for Fox News. I hope she doesn't want to run for President though. I think she's a very nice person, but doesn't have the intellect for politics. I thought her stepping down from Governor was a cop-out, it was her first term! If you can't finish your first term, how could you have the credibility to run for President? I personally hope that she stays away from public office; she can do anything she wants, but if she makes a run at the White House, I may have to move to Costa Rica!"

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**Al Whitaker, Gulfport:** "Political ambition makes you and your family live out in the open, it makes you a target. After the much publicized fight with David Letterman, she whined about how she got picked on and how people were always attacking her about her manner and intelligence. What did she think was going to happen? To quit in the middle of her first term because people talked bad about her and her family? If you can't finish a year of being a Governor, then I think she should give up all aspirations for any future political office. What will she do; if she gets to the White House, which I doubt very much, will she decide after a year that it was fun to be President but now I'm done? America doesn't vote for losers and quitters. I think she wants to be President; why do you think she was in New York City at a \$1000.00 a plate fundraiser at the same time Dave Letterman made those jokes about her? She's just trying to keep her name out there for public recognition for the next two years. Unfortunately, I think she WILL run, but I don't think she has a chance. She'll just keep following the limelight. I think she saw Mark Sanford of S. Carolina's downfall as an opportunity for her to run maybe. Bottom line is she quit and if she tries to run for President, then I think her aspirations far exceed her intellect."

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# Letters

## What a Show!

**Dear Editor:** Wow! My congratulations and thanks to the sponsors and pyrotechnics experts who made our July 4th fireworks so spectacular. This was the best show yet!

Barbara Purtee

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## Watch out for Gulfport's Poop Police

**Dear Editor:** Earlier this week, my wife took Callie, our son's Border Collie/Retriever, for an early-afternoon walk in Wood Ibis Park. I take Callie out each morning. She's a fairly "regular" dog. She does her business in the morning and occasionally in the evening. So my wife was surprised when Callie squatted and relieved herself in the afternoon. Not expecting that sort of action from Callie, my wife had no bag. So she walked to the bag station near the 27th Avenue entrance to the park to retrieve one. As she walked towards the bag station, Callie pulled to indicate someone's approach. My wife moved to the side, noticing what appeared to be a jogger coming from behind.

A middle-aged man came quickly towards her with a bare hand full of dog poop. He initially had it out in front of him, palm up, but as he approached he moved his hand into what appeared to be a throwing position and yelled "You forgot something!" She tried to tell the man she was going to retrieve a bag and he yelled "You're a liar." She simply could not calm the man as he continued in his threatening behavior by circling her, shouting and waving his hand full of dog poop.

Shortly thereafter, I learned of the incident and approached the man's backyard on my bicycle. I observed the man described by my wife and said, "Excuse me. I understand you

had a disagreement with my wife." He came over, clearly angry and stated if I could be quiet for a minute and listen he would tell me what happened. He then explained that someone had let their dog loose in the park and it had pooped on his lawn. He had called the police and they came and gave the man a ticket for his dog trespassing. (Not sure what that had to do with me.) He went on to say he saw my wife walk away after her dog pooped in the park so he picked it up to take it to her. He added "she said she was going to get a bag, but I think she's a liar." I advised the man never to go anywhere near my wife again and went home to call the Gulfport Police.

A Gulfport Officer responded and was advised of the incident. I told him, in my opinion, an assault had occurred. He did not agree and said no crime had occurred.

To constitute an assault you must also have the apparent ability to commit that violence and create a well founded fear in the other person. My wife thought she was about to have dog poop thrown on her.

The officer subsequently visited the man and thereafter called my wife to tell her that he said he should have waited to see if she was going to get a bag.

People walking their dogs in the park should certainly pick up their dogs' poop. And, if your walking your dog and run into the Gulfport Poop Policeman, make sure you have your poop bag ready and, for your health's sake, don't shake his hand.

Robert Cromwell

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## Bias or Journalism?

**Dear Editor:** I've been reading your paper for years, and as of today I may be finished with your periodical for good. Why would I abandon my

once-beloved local rag? The answer is increasingly poor journalism. The culprit? Cathy Salustri, and management for not holding her to a passable standard.

Ms. Salustri is at best a mediocre writer (as evidenced by her ever more tedious and grammatically heinous Hard Candy column), but is undoubtedly a mockery of credible journalism. She is truly the queen of misquotes and unfacts. In the past year I have spoken with police officers, board members and council representatives who have cited at least one instance of being misquoted by Ms. Salustri. Her coverage of city events and city government is irrelevant and incorrect at best. Further, Ms. Salustri seems to have her own agenda in reporting on issues affecting our city, and liberally applies her own spin to local current events. She treats reporting like a Bill Northrop opinion piece. I don't believe Ms. Salustri can differentiate an editorial column from factual reporting.

How does the Gabber justify retaining such a person week in and week out? Is this the best you have to offer the community? Our community deserves unbiased, accurate and relevant coverage of South Pinellas County happenings. Find a new reporter if you have any desire to keep the Gabber credible.

George Mason

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If Andy was to hold one C/D in trust for each of his children, whose money would be used if Andy required expensive surgery, twenty-four hour home

care or care in a nursing home?

Under such circumstances, what had been planned as an equal distribution on death would substantially decrease the inheritance of one or more of his children because money would be spent for Andy's care. In addition, if each of Andy's C/D's were held in trust for one of his children, another problem would arise if Andy became incapacitated. No one would have access to Andy's money and then it would be necessary to have the Court appoint a guardian for Andy. Even though the guardian could be one of Andy's children, this could create a needless expense and a great inconvenience.

At the very least, Andy should have a Will which states that whatever money is left in Andy's estate after the costs of his daily living, lifetime care and final expenses have been paid will be distributed to his children equally, if that is Andy's wishes. This Will, of course, would require a probate on Andy's death but Andy

would have been provided for during his lifetime.

A much better way of handling Andy's estate, however, would be for Andy to create a Living Trust. He could then place all of his assets into the trust by transferring the title to his assets from his individual name into his name as Trustee of his trust. Andy would then retain full control of his assets while he is competent, or chooses to have such control, but upon his incapacity the successor trustee that he names in the trust (this may be one or more of his children) takes over control of Andy's assets, pays his bills and keeps a record of receipts and disbursements. The trust will do the following things for Andy and his children:

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2. Avoid the necessity of a guardianship if Andy is incapacitated.
3. Provide money management during Andy's lifetime if Andy is unable to manage his own finances.

by: Robert J. Myers, Esquire

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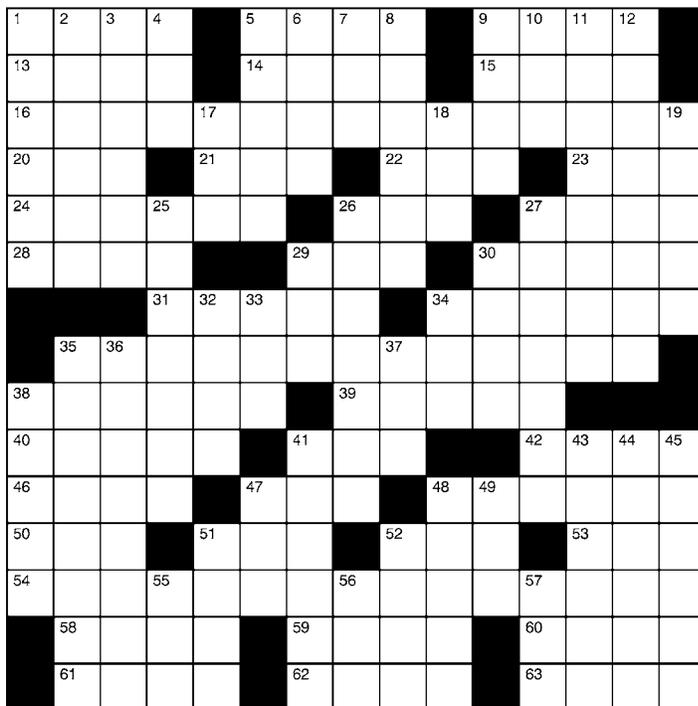
## ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_ fide
- 5 Contrary girl
- 9 Skywalker, e.g.
- 13 Playwright Bogosian
- 14 "Dream Children" essayist
- 15 Music critic Downes
- 16 "Micki+Maude" actor
- 20 Friend of Pooh
- 21 Actor Tognazzi
- 22 To a science
- 23 \_\_\_-fi
- 24 Maintain
- 26 Breakfast delicacy
- 27 Fly catcher
- 28 Visualized
- 29 Geisha's accessory
- 30 Ms. Doe's nickname
- 31 Part of "Hamlet"
- 34 "\_\_\_ Resartus": Carlyle work
- 35 Ford pardoned him
- 38 Covered with canvas
- 39 Convex moldings
- 40 Out-and-out
- 41 Uh-huh
- 42 Geographical seven

## DOWN

- 46 Educated
- 47 Write hastily
- 48 Armed fighting
- 50 Flair for music
- 51 Vehicle
- 52 Match's partner
- 53 Half a bray
- 54 "Being There" actor
- 58 Subject, usually
- 59 As a result
- 60 Coll. of writings
- 61 Never Never Land dweller
- 62 Parade stopper
- 63 \_\_\_ majesty

- 17 Summer mo.
- 18 Overpermissive
- 19 Gunpowder ingredient
- 25 Passed a bill
- 26 Displayed, as merchandise
- 27 Follower of Karl
- 29 Evergreen
- 30 Monopoly corner
- 32 "Moonstruck" actress
- 33 Small amount
- 34 \_\_\_-cone
- 35 Instructs again
- 36 Paging device
- 37 Top star, initially
- 38 Potato, for one
- 41 Over there
- 43 Refrigerant gas
- 44 Air-raid sirens, e.g.
- 45 Boil inside
- 47 See 9 Down
- 48 Badlands National Park sight
- 49 Give the boot
- 51 Windmill blade
- 52 Epiphany honorees
- 55 Cry's partner
- 56 Part of a bikini
- 57 "2001" computer



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Several members attended the "Adventure of Italy" evening at the home of Sharon and Rogers Ingram on Saturday, July 11. Those attending enjoyed appetizers and

a meal consisting of stuffed shells, spaghetti and an antipasto. It was a relaxing evening with friends and a good meal.

Sunshine City Council will hold their Organizational Meeting on Monday, July 27 at 7 p.m. at Dixie Hollins High School in the ROTC Room. Attending this meeting will be the presidents of all the chapters and the chairman of the standing committees. The plans for the activities and meetings for the year will be shared at this time.

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

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# Horoscope Guide

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You will live up to what is expected of you. That's why a certain demanding person in your realm has an interesting influence over you. You'll snap to action even when you don't feel like it, and actually be glad for it when the task is done. So, that's why people enlist tough life coaches or sign up for boot camp!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). From certain angles, the simplest arrangement can look like a knotty mess. Coax yourself into a generous, positive mindset. Then come back to the "problem." You'll find one of three things: 1) The situation is tolerable. 2) The situation is actually beneficial to you. 3) The issue can be solved with a simple solution.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A mixture of passion and confidence will sustain you this week. You must act in your own interest or you'll get lost in the ruckus. Reach for what you want. A driving analogy applies: Don't coast with your blinker on, waiting for the other cars to give you room. Start to merge and they'll move to make room for you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a reputation for subtlety -- you call it good taste. Usually others are intelligent enough to get your point, and if not, you're content that the point isn't meant to be "gotten" by them. There will be occasions this week where it pays to be obvious. Put aside your concerns and turn up the volume.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's at least one game you keep playing, even though you know the odds are not in your favor. Go on and enjoy it, and don't listen to the person who thinks you're being silly. Your optimism may be unwarranted but so is the other guy's pessimism. Anyway, the odds get better because you believe you can win.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Don't try to do it all by yourself. You'll make a mess of things and deprive others of a much-needed opportunity to help you. Delegate and you'll get several things done at once. By including others in your work, you'll enrich them and expose them to experiences that only you can provide.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). One reason you retreat to fantasyland once in a while is because you realize how effective a timely escape can be. So much can change after a day in fantasyland. Whatever the problem, the best remedy is to ignore it. Lock it out in the cold and go watch a movie. An inspired fix will come by Saturday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A close relationship is out of whack. It's not just that you're putting in more effort than the other person, it's that the other person is barely doing anything at all to contribute to the bond. Leave the scene for a while to take care of yourself. The space allows the other person to feel your absence and gives you a break.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You will make a sizeable and important sale, even if you are not, technically, working in the field of sales. You will fall in love with what you're offering -- this could be a product, service or simply your own talents -- and the friendly way you share them with others. You're enthusiasm will attract many "buyers."

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll come to some excellent and true conclusions when you take your sweet time in arriving at them. This week be curious, very curious about your surroundings. Others are comfortable with your unassuming, unobtrusive observation and will, therefore, feel safe enough to reveal what is helpful for you to know.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). This is a week when thinking too much

will be counterproductive. Rational, logical ideas block the magic. Also, your body has knowledge that it keeps from your mind. You can unlock this knowledge through movement. Pretend you know what to do, and you just might find that you really do know.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your ancestors made it possible for you to be where you are now. Many of them didn't live to see their dreams come true, but if they could see you now, they would celebrate -- toast your freedoms, your rich variety of choices and the power you have over your own destiny. Go ahead and celebrate along with them.

**This Week's Birthdays:** This year you will be acknowledged for your truly original and creative mind. You perceive the real world differently from others and they will be fascinated when you describe your point of view. Your talents get a showcase in August. Love bonds are formed in September. You will earn money by both learning and teaching in October. January begins a high-spirited period and you will venture into exciting new territory. Travel will be lucky. February and June bring a windfall.

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# Gulfport Beach June Water Quality Report

By Cathy Salustri

Each week the City of Gulfport tests the water quality in the waters off Gulfport Beach. Gulfport has contracted with the City of St. Petersburg for the tests.

Every month *The Gabber* publishes the results of those tests. If, at any time, the tests show that the water quality poses a health risk, the City of Gulfport will issue a Health Advisory. Gulfport typically receives test results within a week of taking the sample.

Currently, the City tests for two things: *enterococcus* and fecal coliform. Scientists consider *enterococcus* a common bacteria found in animal and human intestines, and, resultingly, in human and animal excrement. Federal standards used to require agencies to measure water quality by the amount of fecal coliform along public beach waters but recently have replaced fecal coliform with *enterococcus* as the standard. Fecal coliform also comes from the waste of warm-blooded animals, including humans.

The City of Gulfport currently tests for both types of bacteria. Test results will help classify Gulfport Harbor as "good", "moderate", or "poor". *Enterococcus* of less than 35 parts per 100 milliliter and fecal coliform of less than 199 per 100 milliliter of saltwater indicate good water quality. For more information, contact the City of Gulfport at 893-1000.

You can reach Cathy Salustri at  
CathySalustri@TheGabber.com



Sample Date	<i>Enterococcus</i>	Fecal Coliform
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June 9	8	28
June 16	2	7
June 23	2	7
June 30	2	7



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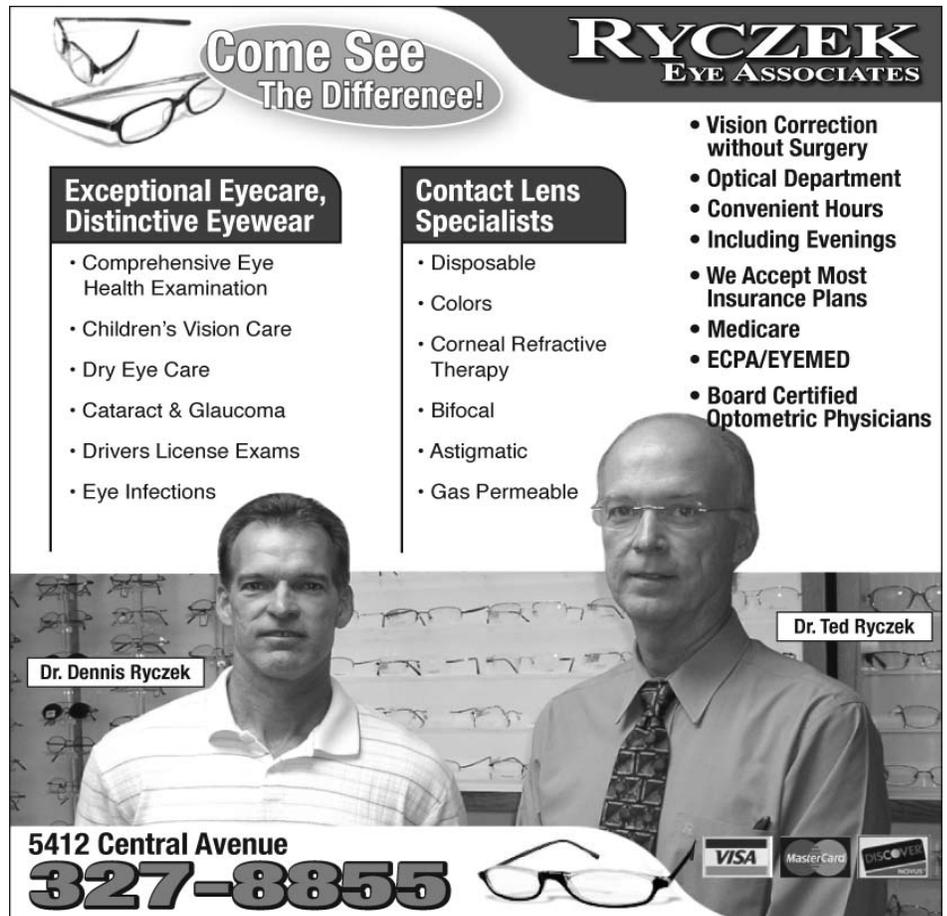


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### REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**2009 SUMMER PROGRAM**-Ongoing registration continues for the 2009 Summer Recreation Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Proof of residency is required for registration. Hours of registration for Monday-Friday are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. You can pick up your packet at the Rec. Center or log on to [www.ci.gulfport.fl.us](http://www.ci.gulfport.fl.us) and follow the links to City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center. For more information call 893-1068.

**Tomlinson Skate Park Sticker**-All skaters need to purchase a Skate Park sticker and have a consent form on file at the Recreation Center. Annual cost for stickers is \$5 res./\$10 non-res. Consent forms are available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S., Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Skaters ages 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent and show proof of residency for registration.

### ACTIVITIES

**Adult Basketball**- Thurs. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$2 non-res.

### PROGRAMS

**School Year Child Care Program**-Registrations for the 2009-2010 School Year Child Care Program will begin on July 27th for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Monthly fees are \$133 for residents and

\$266 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Teen Night** -Teens, ages middle school to 17. Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$2 non-res.

**Tot Time Program - Preregistration**-Pre-registration for the 2009-2010 Tot Time Program are currently being accepted. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Classes begin September 8, 2009. Call 893-1068 for more information.

### CLASSES

**Basic Drawing** -Wed., 6:00-8:00pm. (July 29, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12). The fee is \$15 per class. Please call the instructor Doug at 643-2554 with questions. You will need to bring a pencil and paper to class

**Body Sculpt**-Thurs. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per class. This class is a combination of aerobics and strength training designed to get your heart rate into the cardio zone. For more info call Billie at 239-313-0876.

**Creative Writing**-Fri., 6:30-8 p.m. Learn how to put your creative thoughts

together and write them down. Meet others with similar interests and exchange ideas. Call Rosiland Miller at 381-1030 for more info

**Dog Obedience**-For more information on upcoming classes, contact Lisa at 772-3631.

**Fencing**- Wed., 5:30-6:30 p.m. for ages 8 and up are welcome. Cost is \$5 per one-hour session. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112 for more info.

**Gymnastics** - Fri., 5:30-6:15 p.m. for ages 5-12. Cost is \$5 per class. Call Barbara at 804-9400 for more info.

**Karate**-Mon. & Fri., 6:30-8 p.m. (Beginners), advanced students stay until 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per month. For more information call Diane at 727-459-1399.

**Noisemakers**-Mon., 6-7 p.m. Children ages 4-and up. Adults please contact Gabe for information. Cost is \$15 per class or \$105 for an 8-week session. Please call Gabe at 345-7472 for more information and to be placed on a list.

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**Yoga**-Thurs.-6:30-7:30 p.m. Blend strength, flexibility, balance and relaxation. All fitness levels are welcome. Bring a mat and water. \$35 per month, \$10 for a drop in. Call Maureen at 381-2166 for more info.



## Gulfport Library 5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074

### PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS:

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**AND . . . Celebrate the season at our "END-OF-SUMMER-READING-PROGRAM PARTY" featuring the return of Mark the Balloon Guy!!**  
**Wednesday, July 22 @ 2:30 pm**

**Adventures in the Market:** Amateur investor Jim Joiner hosts this informal meeting to share personal experiences and helpful market strategies in these uncertain times. Every Monday at 6:00 pm.

**Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers:** Every Wednesday at 10:00 am.

**One-on-One Computer Instruction:**

By appointment only--contact Alex Hooks at the Reference Desk, or call 893-1073.

**Summer Coffee/Talk:** Summer series of monthly book discussions, "Grace Under Pressure," continues with Josephine Tey's The Daughter of Time. Join us for coffee, light refreshments, and lively conversation. Pick up a discussion guide and reserve a copy of the book at the Reference Help Desk. Thursday, July 16 (coffee's ready at 10:00 am, talk starts at 10:15).

**Attention Coffee/Talkers** (and other books-into-movies fans)—We'll be showing Young and Innocent, a 1937 motion picture based on another great Josephine Tey mystery (A Shilling for Candles), and directed by that master of suspense and psychological thrillers himself—Alfred Hitchcock!! Thursday, July 16, starting at 1:30 pm.

**NEW! The G & O Book Club:** A philosophical discussion group based on the works of early 20th century mystic G. I. Gurdjieff and philosopher P. D. Ouspensky. Saturday, July 18, 1:30 pm

**Genealogy Discussion Group:** This is not a formal class, just an opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history. Saturday, July 25, 1:00 pm. FMI, call Kay Boatwright at the Library, 893-1074.

**Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults:** Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. Some supplies available, but you furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album. FMI, contact Kay Boatwright 893-1074. Saturday, August 8, 1:00 pm.

**Socrates Café:** These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book The Six Questions of Socrates. Author Christopher Phillips traveled the world to lead informal groups, engaging people in the manner of the ancient Greek philosopher, for whom "the questions are more important than the answers." Thursday, August 13 at 10:00 am.

**Suncoast Computer Users:** Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 pm.

# Services

# City Sponsored Activities in the Community

## Senior Center 5501 27th Ave. So. 893-1231

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Old Gulfport Postcards Needed**-Do you have any old postcards of Gulfport in good condition that we could borrow for a future project? We will scan them and return them promptly. Call for more info.

### December Sale

The Senior Center is now collecting items for an upscale sale/silent auction which will be held on Sat. Dec. 5. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact the Senior Center. Proceeds will benefit the Senior Center Foundation.

**English as a Second Language**-An English as a Second Language Class will once again be offered at the Senior Center if there is a need in the community. Please let us know if you are interested so we can plan accordingly.

**Computer Classes**-Are you interested in computer classes? Let us know your particular interests and we will try to accommodate with one-on-one training sessions.

**Senior Discount Trolley Tokens**-The Senior Center is now selling Senior Discount Trolley Token Saver Packs. The packs are \$10 and contain 12 special tokens for the Gulfport/St. Pete Beach Trolley Connector route only. Must be over the age of 55 and show I.D. to purchase.

### Websites of Special Interest

[www.ci.gulfport.fl.us](http://www.ci.gulfport.fl.us)  
[www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org)  
[www.aaapp.org](http://www.aaapp.org)

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Movie of the Month**-Mon. July 27 at 12:45pm, Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail

**Ice Cream Social**-Mark your calendar now for our Ice Cream Social on Wed. Aug. 12 at 1pm. Entertainment included. Tickets are \$1.00 and one can of food for our Food Pantry. Sponsor: Westminster Suncoast

### SEMINARS & PRESENTATIONS

**Facts About Gambling**, Fri. July 17 at 11am.

**Heart Attack Symptom Differences Between Men/Women**, Mon. July 20 at 10am.

**Safeguard our Seniors from Financial Scams**, Wed. July 29 at 1pm

**Get Connected for Healthy Living** - 3 Part Series. Starts Thurs. Aug. 6 at 10:30am.

**Managing Money in a Tight Economy**, Tues. Aug. 18 at 1pm by Consumer Credit Counseling Service.

### FUN & GAMES

Bingo, every Fri. at 1pm  
Contract Bridge, every Tues. & Thurs at 2pm

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#### Exercise Off Site:

Tai Chi every Tues & Thurs. at 9am (Gulfport Casino)

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**Blood Pressure Screenings** - every Tues, 10:30-11:30am. Thanks to Egret Cove, Boca Ciega Rehab, Ace Homecare, Alliance Care, and ResCare Home Care for providing this much appreciated service on a monthly basis.

**Phone Distribution for Hearing Impaired** - Tues. July 21, 9:30-11:30am. Call for more info on how to qualify.

**Diabetic Education Classes**-Diabetic Educator Sandra Grosvenor offers free diabetic education classes every 2nd and 4th Mon. at 10am. Learn how to manage/cope with diabetes. Next classes: July 27 & Aug. 10

**Elder Law Clinic**-Free legal assistance on Fri. July 17 at 9:30am. Includes help with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, health care surrogate, etc. Must be 60 or over, reside in Southern Pinellas County and meet income guidelines. Call to register.

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## **Attorney,** from front page

Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington argued stridently against hiring a consultant.

“Scott Maddux (of Governance) is a wonderful group and all that,” Worthington told Council, adding: “They’re in Tallahassee, not in Gulfport. They really don’t have a clue as to what’s going on in Gulfport and what our needs are.” Worthington further suggested that instead of spending \$10,000 with Governance the city put out a Request for Qualifications. A Request for Qualifications, or RFQ, would solicit attorneys looking to work with Gulfport.

Judy Ryerson cast the other dissenting vote at the end of the meeting. Ryerson suggested that Gulfport hire a firm to search for a new attorney but retaining Driscoll “to do the day to day work,” while keeping him separate from the hiring process. Driscoll, who asked to be excused from attending the meeting, submit-

ted a separation agreement that stipulated he would continue to perform day-to-day work for the city as long as the city needed him to do so while it searched for a full-time attorney.

Worthington suggested looking at PRM a law firm already working with Gulfport on some issues. Ryerson said PRM functioned primarily as insurance attorneys rather than the sort of attorneys who could deal with ordinances and charter issues. Worthington also said that he wasn’t comfortable hiring Minkoff based on a verbal proposal made at last week’s council meeting.

“I am not comfortable at all with the verbal proposal we got from Mr. Minkoff we got the other night. It’s rather expensive; \$9,000 a month plus expenses and what do the expenses entail?” Worthington told council.

Henderson pointed out that Minkoff offered the city the same rate as Driscoll did to continue working for the city. Ryerson said she thought finding an attorney with the right experience mattered.

“An attorney is an attorney. A doctor is a doctor. The question comes is finding an attorney with municipal experience or knowledge; that is the key question. I like your suggestion of having somebody from the outside do this,” Ryerson said.

“Hiring an attorney, even for three months, that is an interim attorney with no experience in municipal law, I think is a crime to our citizens of Gulfport. The resume that he put in the other day showed lots of experiences that he has and there are no municipal experiences. He belongs to two clubs that he pays a yearly fee to belong to those two clubs that deal with municipal government but he has no practical municipal government (experience),” Worthington said.

Just before the vote, Worthington said once more he felt the city was making a mistake.

“I think we’re going the wrong thing,” Worthington said “If this isn’t a railroad job, by God, I’ve never seen a railroad job.”

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### **Quotes From Friday’s Special Meeting About Hiring an Attorney**

*“We need to deal with our interim situations. We have an interim city manager who’s been asked to make some very powerful suggestions and ideas and put forth the budget for this year. And he’s got a lot to deal with and he’s under a lot of pressure because these people sitting right up here are the ones going to decide whether he keeps his job or not. So what do you think he’s going to say to anybody from up here that goes in there and asks him a question, to go do something? You think he’s going to say, no you can’t do that, that’s against the law? I think he’s in a very bad position right now and we need to go deal with that before we deal with anything else.”* – Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington

*“I would not want to see our new slogan say : the interim city by the bay’,”* – Mark Epstein

*“There’s just so many delicate things hanging in the fire right now. I really hate to suddenly change. We’re in the middle of the...charter review. We need an attorney to attend those meetings. Right now they’re in danger of missing their deadlines because they can’t get legal opinions until we make a move. We’re in the middle of annexation and everything else. We need somebody we can call who has experience and knowledge today.”* — Councilwoman Judy Ryerson

*“I believe what you’re proposed is a workable plan. I have a couple of concerns. Hiring a firm to look for a full time attorney is probably the only way we can do this anyway.”* — Councilwoman Michele King about Mayor Mike Yakes’ proposal to hire a consultant to look for a full-time employee, give current attorney Tim Driscoll a severance package, and hire Gulfport resident Tom Minkoff as the interim attorney

*“I’d really like to know how that transpired.”* –Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington, questioning why Tom Minkoff showed up at last week’s special council meeting and presented his resume and applied for the position of interim city attorney during the public session.

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## Concert, from front page

(which never did happen) and all about swaying to the music. Lead singer Jay Stephens jumped offstage and ran into the crowd, grabbing ladies to dance.

In addition to the Budweiser beer and wine truck, the Chamber also offered fresh grilled hotdogs for two bucks; a welcome addition that many in the crowd were very happy about. Chef Dave and Tim Coppola were mostly in charge of the grill and the Gulfport Little League kids helped out at the booth. They sold over 120 hotdogs during the concert and put some much needed money into the coffers. Some of the money raised goes to Gulfport Little League and some goes to the Senior Center Food Pantry, which, according to Chamber President Lori Rosso, has been quite empty lately. But Rosso was very happy to tell the crowd that she had just received a \$250.00 donation from the local law office of Deeb and Elder, which will go directly to the senior's food pantry.

"We're so happy with the attendance the Concert is getting," Rosso said. "We really wanted to put on an event that showcases Gulfport. The help and cooperation we're getting from the Merchant's Association, Chamber of Commerce and the City is just great. Gulfport now has something to offer, whether it's music or Art Walks, every weekend. You just can't beat the Concert setting; on the water at sunset."

People from as far away as Tampa and Seminole were at Friday night's concert; many had said they had heard about it from the paper and word of mouth.



**Dunk to the music** - 18 year old John Richardson goes in for a dunk in a pick -up basketball game last Friday night at the Rec Center. He and his buddies also lent a hand to the Chamber of Commerce, helping set up the stage for the Concert in the Park earlier that evening, then got to play to the music. The bball kids play basketball almost every night from 6 to 9 pm at the Rec Center courts.

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Please join them for the next Basic Certification Class beginning August 3 and running for seven consecutive Monday nights from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Class topics will be Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue, CERT organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism and CERT. To register call Connie at 345-0871.

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## Free Acupuncture Clinic for Veterans

Acupuncturists Without Borders is offering a free acupuncture clinic to provide treatment for veterans, their families, and their health care workers. These acupuncture treatments address stress, insomnia, post-traumatic stress syndrome, depression and anxiety. The clinic is held at Unity Christ Church, 6168 First Avenue N. in St. Petersburg at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday. The clinic is free, donations are welcome. Call 727-204-5203.

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Need inspiration? Come to a fun 2-hour Paint Your Mailbox workshop at the Industrial Arts Center. Gulfport tribal painter Barbara Nicolazzo will lead the workshops. Workshops will be held 7-9 p.m. on Monday, July 20, and Monday, August 10, and 10-noon on Saturday, July 18 and Saturday, August 15.

Creators of the three most "colorful" mailboxes will win free glass blowing classes at the IAC. First prize is a Fun With Hot Glass class, second prize is a Hot Glass Fast Track class and third prize is a Blow Your Own Glass certificate.

Mailboxes must be installed at an address in the Gulfport city limits. The decorative medium is up to the homeowner's interpretation. Submissions should be made via email to info@industrialartscenter.org. Deadline is September 1, 2009.

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# Local Obituaries

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**CAUCUTT, IRENE CYNTHIA ELLISON**, age 86, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on July 12, 2009 in Destin, FL. Her spirit will live forever in heaven and in the hearts of her family left to mourn her passing. Cynthia was born on October 22, 1922 to Charlie W. and Minnie Williams Ellison in Macon, GA. Her parents, brother Charles and sister Charlotte preceded her in death. Cynthia was the loving wife of Frederick A. Lindsey, William L. Mundy and Barney W. Black who all predeceased her. Cynthia moved to Fort Walton Beach, FL with Bill Mundy in 1965. She lived in Santa Rosa Beach, Destin and Gulfport, FL. Cynthia is survived by her devoted husband, Anthony P. Caucutt of Gulfport whom she dearly loved along with her daughters and sons-in-law, Janice Lindsey Regan and husband Mike of Destin and Darlene Lindsey Ewen and husband Doug of Stanwood, WA. She was blessed with five grandchildren: Michael Regan and his wife Jennifer of Acworth, GA; Capt. Stephen Regan of Destin; and Benjamin Regan and his wife Ashley of Clearwater, FL; Lalena Jenkins Pollitt and her husband Chris of Stanwood, WA; and, Joshua Jenkins of WA. Her legacy will carry on in the lives of her precious great, grandchildren Ashley, Caitlyn, Emily and Nathaniel. Cynthia's surviving niece Dr. Gail Lamb and nephews Larry Little and Chuck Ellison were dear to her heart. By profession, Cynthia was a homemaker and secretary. She retired from civil service at Eglin AFB in 1973. In addition to her family, Cynthia enjoyed a great life of gardening, painting, entertaining, dancing and traveling with her husband in their motor home. Church fellowship, playing the organ and singing in church services brought her great joy. The family will receive visitors Friday, July 17, 2009 between 7 and 9 p.m. at McLaughlin Funeral Home in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Funeral services will be held at McLaughlin's on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at 11 a.m. with Revered Toy Arnett of Faith Assembly Christian Church officiating. Her grandsons and nephews will serve as pallbearers. Internment will follow immediately

in the Destin Memorial Cemetery, Destin, FL.

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**DUECHLE, GILBERT GEORGE**, 92, of South Pasadena, passed away Saturday, July 11, 2009. He was born in Covington, KY and moved to Florida in 1957. He served in the Navy during WW II. He retired from Stewart Jones Motors in 1971. Gil and his wife Pat were members of Holy Name Catholic Church in Gulfport and the Pasadena Country Club, where they enjoyed playing golf for 35 years. Survivors include a son, Michael Deakley and his wife, Karen; 2 grandchildren, Kimberly Koehler and husband Matt, and Christopher Deakley and a great-granddaughter, McKenna Koehler. A memorial service will be 11 am Tuesday, July 21st at the funeral home. Memorial donations to Suncoast Hospice. Garden Sanctuary Funeral Home.

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**GOLDSWORTHY, DOROTHY JEAN**, of So. Pasadena, passed away peacefully July 3, 2009, after a short illness. Sister of the late Grace G. Amick of Pittsburgh, PA; beloved aunt of Barbara Amick of Naples, Cynthia Bitner of Saratoga, CA, Cheryl Carroll and Tripp Amick of Pittsburgh; much loved great-aunt of many great-nephews and nieces. A fiercely independent woman who battled the world's perception of cerebral palsy, she managed to live an active, independent and successful life. Private service and burial will be in Pittsburgh, PA. In lieu of flowers, donations to United Cerebral Palsy of Tampa Bay or Pittsburgh would be much appreciated. Memorial Park Funeral Home, memorialparkfuneralhome.com, 727-527-1196.

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**LOONEY, DAVID BLANETON**, 53, of South Pasadena, died Friday, July 10, 2009, in Edward White Hospital, St. Petersburg. David was born Jan. 16, 1956, in Huntington, WV, a son of Darrell B. Looney Jr. and Anita Craig Looney of Huntington. David was a heavy equipment operator for the City of St. Petersburg for 20+ years. He was a former part owner of Buddy's Bar in Gulfport, FL. Additional survivors include a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Rocky Gibson

of South Point, OH; 1 nephew, Aaron Gibson II of Morgantown, WV and 1 niece Morgan Gibson of South Point. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Chapman's Mortuary Huntington is assisting the family. Online condolences may be sent to [www.chapmans-mortuary.com](http://www.chapmans-mortuary.com).

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**LOVE, WILLIAM J., "BILL"**, 51, died July 5th at his home in Webster, FL. Born in Rochester, NY, Bill was a general contractor and resident of Gulfport for many years before moving to "the country" with his wife Sheila. Bill enjoyed raising some cattle, always had dogs and cats around, chickens, and a pig, tinkered in his barn, was comfortable in an old pick up more than a new one, worked hard when there was a job to get done, and looked forward to an annual open house every fall. Scores of old and new friends and family would descend upon the farm. At night when the sky was clear and the moon and the stars shined brightly, there was a burning campfire where tall tales were told, stories from the past were relived, politics were debated, and sometimes un-welcomed singing was inescapable. Laughing good times were had, eyes reflected the happiness within, and smiles defined the moments into the wee hours of the morning. It was at times like this that Bill was free to be himself and tell everyone how much they meant to him in a very distinct Bill-way. Through teasing, joking or serious words, he provoked your attention. He sought answers to the most perplexing of life's questions, was tolerant of others' views, and respected opposing opinions and philosophies even if unfathomable to him. Bill often spoke with a heavy heart and mind filled with sadness and worry for others, for he easily recognized and understood pains of the human body and spirit. He would stand on his head to make you happy or drop everything if you needed help. His circle of friends was wide and varied. Bill is simply unforgettable. Whether you loved him or he frustrated you, his presence will be missed. He was, "A Good Guy". His will be a special loss to his tolerant and loving wife Sheila ("Chicky"), his brother Bobby, sisters Pat Carney, and Jean Rosado, son David and wife Heather, daughter Jennifer Biddle & husband Nick,

## Obituaries (con't.)

stepsons Justin and Joshua Marks, and 8 grandchildren: Ashley, Christine, Mathew, Kasey, William, Kyle, Nickolas and Austin. On July 18th there will be a get together in Webster, a sending off of sorts in honor of our friend. We will gather to celebrate his Billness, and wish for his spirit an endless peace.

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**MCRROBERTS, MARCIA "SUNNY"**, 57, of Gulfport, died on Wednesday July 1, 2009 at home under Hospice care. She was born in Cohoes, New York. Sunny was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was employed at American Legion Post 125 in Gulfport for more than 25 years. She loved the beach, watching NASCAR races, and playing Bingo as often as possible with her Bingo pals. Sunny was well known for her love

of cooking which she enjoyed sharing with everyone throughout the years. Sunny touched the lives of so many friends. She will truly be missed by all. She is survived by her husband of 15 years, William R. "Billy" McRoberts, her beloved son, Petty Officer 1st Class Shannon Lawson, Jacksonville, FL; and a granddaughter, Alexis Lawson, Jacksonville, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her honor to The Hospice Foundation of the Florida Suncoast 5771 Roosevelt Boulevard Clearwater, FL 33760.

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**ROGERS, THOMAS A.**, 78, of Gulfport, passed away July 8th. Thomas was born in Toledo, OH and lived there until moving to Florida in 1994. He was a member of Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church for many years. Thomas is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years George "Jo" Rogers, loving daughters Suzanne (Edward) Koucheravy and

Katherine Rogers; son Matthew (Linda) Rogers; and grandchildren, Patrick, Theresa, Thomas, Christine, Eric, and Esperanza. Services will be 2 pm Tuesday, July 14th at Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church, 107 16th Avenue, St. Pete Beach. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church (pagchurch.org), Suncoast Hospice (thehospice.org), or Shriners Hospitals for Children (shrinershq.org). Guestbook @ davidcgross.com, David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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**WEEKS, GEORGIA A. "JO"**, 66 of Inverness passed away July 6, 2009. Survived by sons George and Richard Ford, daughter Donna Harris, loving mother Eleanor Ritter, 3 sisters, 1 brother and 5 grandchildren. Visitation will be held Friday, July 10th at Gee & Sorenson FH. Mass celebration on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

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In just 65 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We'll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, places, and above all the decade of each picture as it comes along. To make it a little bit of a challenge, we won't publish the correct caption until the following week.

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### **LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:**

Webb and Yates Real Estate was at the corner of Beach Boulevard and 29th Avenue. (The building is still there behind a pair of shops almost hiding the eyebrow window.)

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# Bugs, Mosh Pits and Manners, Oh My!

By Leigh Clifton

Every summer, the Jungle Boogie day camp at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve is alive with curious three and four year olds, eager to learn about bugs and reptiles, mosh pits and manners. Offered during the summer months, the weekly camp is offered twice a month and is always full. It's become one of the most popular events of the summer.

Taught by Candy Arnold, a Park ranger with the park, Jungle Boogie focuses on the special developmental milestones every three and four year old is expected to reach; small motor skills, socialization, coordination and of course, fun. Arnold, who is finishing up an Early Childhood Development degree at SPC, says she's learned so much from that program and she applies it every day to the kids. She's also a self-taught botanist and a large part of her program with the children involves what she calls scales, fur and feathers; a study of reptiles, mammals and birds as well as the many bugs and plants found at Boyd Hill.

"I've learned what three and four year olds want and I tailor the learning to those levels," Arnold said. "So when we study bugs,(today it's lady bugs), I incorporate counting, like the spots on the wings, socialization and cooperation among the kids, the

bug's diet, we looked for aphids on the leaves outside, and we give them live lady bugs to care for, which teaches them empathy and responsibility. These are little people, but they're still people and they learn to appreciate nature, even at an early age."

In between outside field trips, the kids also have a great area inside the building called the "mosh pit", with padded floor and soft, cushy chairs and pillows that the kids immediately jump into and start bouncing around on. It's a great way to expend some serious energy; no shoes allowed. The kids absolutely loved it.

Three year old Carina Guiffre was among the youngest at the camp this week; she just turned three last weekend and her mother Jennifer, who is a teacher, was really happy that Carina could attend the camp. She thinks it's a great concept and wonderful for the kids.

"She was nervous at first, but she came home after the first day and told me all about crickets; she was so excited! Now she can't wait to get here in the morning," Jennifer said. Guiffre's older son, who is five, goes

to a different camp for older kids and she's grateful that there is a camp for the younger ones.

"It's hard to find a camp for three year olds," she said. "Most start at five, so this is really great for her."

As the kids file out the door to waiting parents, they look like a line of giant lady bugs, adorned in home-made lady bug wings and antennae. Instead of aphids however, these lady bugs will go home to milk and cookies.

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## Super Senior Trolley Token Saver Packs

The Gulfport/St. Pete Beach Connector Trolley now has Super Senior Trolley Token Saver packs. The Packs are \$10 and contain 12 special tokens only available for use by those over the age of 55. You will have to show your I.D. to purchase and use the tokens. These special tokens are only available at: The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. So. and The Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. So.

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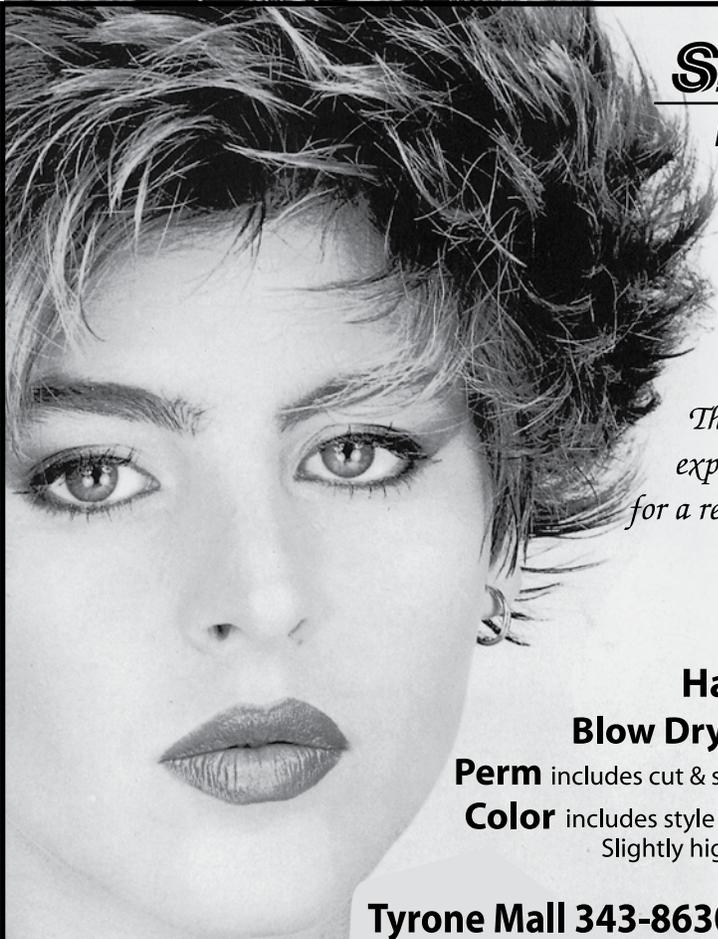
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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

B\_Northrop@theGabber.com

## Sometimes you just Have to Bark

I've been barking at geese. No, really. I'm pretty good at it. I've even got several barks like a hound dog bark, a yap-yap bark, and a kind of mongrel bark. The neighbors are a little skeptical and maybe annoyed, but then the geese are more annoying.

The problem is that there about 100 to 150 geese living on a small man-made lake along side one hole of a golf course. They're not particularly noisy, but what they leave behind is, well, what they leave behind. And, it's everywhere, rough, fairway, pathway and nearby yards. One of them is mine. Geese, by the way, are protected and can't be harmed out of hunting season.

I'm up north for a bit and the geese are here and won't fly south until October or so which is about the time I

fly south. Getting them to go away, in the meantime, is apparently impossible unless you have a dog. Geese are terrified of dogs walking or barking. Since we don't have a dog I bark like one.

Surprise. It worked. The first time I did it the geese waddled hurriedly to the water. It even worked the second or third time. I alternate barks to give the illusion of multiple dogs while hoping a real dog will come along to lend credibility to my barks. Our daughter's visiting Florida bred and raised shepherd lent that credibility a couple of weeks ago and the geese didn't return for three-quarters of a day.

Last year the golf course owners hired a guy with a dog and they were effective. Tragically, and maybe ironically, the guy drowned while

chasing geese in a kayak. The geese came back and back and back. Now, they're on to me. When I bark, the geese stop what they're doing, start moving to the water, then the appointed watch geese notice there are no dogs and they halt the march. If I walk up to them, they move slightly and slowly and then the watch-geese start hissing and taking steps toward me. Then, I go back to the house.

Some of the neighbors like the geese. They even feed them even though they ( the geese) don't need it. I was hoping the guy was feeding them poison. No such luck. I do feel sorry for one goose. He has a broken wing and the others keep him at least 50 feet away. Obviously, he won't be flying south with them. Anyway, that's the goose story.

However, I got to thinking that politicians are just like geese. Bark at the politicians and they perk up, pay attention, and quit encroaching. After a while, though, they recognize that a bark is just a bark unless there's a dog, or dogs, along to add some substance. Protecting your wallet is just like protecting your yard. A bark is good, but bark and teeth are better.

Write, talk to, bark at your friendly elected official. But, remember, they're protected too and it takes a lot of barking and a pack of dogs, and action, to keep them in their place and out of yours.

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Join the o-FISH-al GECKO Goddess and the Gecko Court along with Belly Dancers, clowns, magicians, pirates, Mimes, Imagination, Theatre, and Fire throwers, who will all be roaming the streets and entertaining the crowds!

If you want to stay in one place, free live entertainment will be provided on three main stages from 12-10 p.m.

Don't forget this is an audience participation event especially the parade at 6 p.m. They are expanding the Gecko Walking Parade (think wacky, noisy, and costumed) with non human, adults and children's costume contests at the end. Additional activities include sidewalk chalk art, face painting, drum circle, belly dance lessons and much more.

The day culminates in Gulfport's famous street dance at 8 p.m.! Bring your dancing shoes and beach chairs!

Visit [www.geckofest.com](http://www.geckofest.com) or [www.Gulfportma.com](http://www.Gulfportma.com).

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## Overeaters Anonymous Group in Gulfport

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program dealing with eating disorders. They meet every Sunday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street S. Contact Donna at 727-526-4082.

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## Events at American Legion Post 125

By Ray Cartmell, Commander

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We are still in desperate need of having our parking lot re-paved. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Friday, July 17, dinner will be baked or battered haddock, fries, cole slaw, roll and butter for \$7.75. The second entrée will be sweet and sour pork, rice, mixed vegetable, roll and butter for \$6.50. Dinners are served from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Saturday, July 18, the kitchen will be open from 3 to 7 p.m. for sandwiches, onion rings, French fries, etc.

Sunday Breakfast is canceled until the next blood drive on July 26.

The Southern Knights Band is

here every Friday and Saturday night from 7 to 11 p.m. This band is fantastic and I know you will enjoy dancing and listening to their great music.

Lunches are served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Lunches are not served on Mondays or Saturdays.

Tuesdays and Thursdays come in and sing with Ron's karaoke at 7 p.m. Darts are played every Saturday at 8 p.m. Play pool for free on Saturdays until 5 p.m. Bingo is played every Wednesday starting at 6 p.m. Fourteen \$50 games are played, plus two progressive cover-all games for \$250. The kitchen is open during bingo where you can order hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, onion rings, etc. Join us for an evening of fun, games and good food.

The Auxiliary is collecting donations for troops in Iraq. Items needed include candy, personal hygiene items, batteries, snacks, dry food items, etc. A collection box is provided at the post. For more information call Shirley at 510-1919. Let's show them our support!!

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## Sirata Beach Resort Can Have Jet Skis

ST. PETE BEACH- City Commissioners approved the Sirata Beach Resort Settlement, which resolved the jet ski debate between the city and the Sirata. The city initially rejected the Sirata's application to operate four jet skis on the beach and the case went to mediation.

Representatives for the Sirata argued that by not allowing the Sirata to operate jet skis on the beach the city would give the Tradewinds a business advantage. If the city did not agree to the settlement agreement it would have to go back to court to address the jet ski issues. Although the Sirata made its application before the Tradewinds to operate jet skis, the city addressed the Tradewinds application first and then denied the Sirata application.

"We think this is your best result at your least cost," city attorney Susan Churuti told council.

Mayor Mike Finnerty suggested that the city remove all jet skis from the beach.

"Make all the faces you want," Finnerty told the commission "I think we should eliminate jetskis from the beach. I think jet-skis are too dangerous right now," Finnerty said. Finnerty cited a recent law enforcement report that gave injury statistics for jet skis along Florida's west coast. The report, Finnerty noted, praised St. Pete Beach jet ski operators for their safety, especially as compared to other opera-

tors in Pinellas County.

St. Pete Beach voted 4-1 to approve the agreement. Finnerty remained the sole no vote for allowing jet skis to operate at the Sirata.

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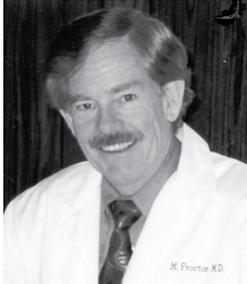
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By Mary Hunt

## How To Take Advantage of the New Tax Laws

So you think the new administration's stimulus plan and economic initiatives have nothing in them for you? You might be wrong, says Kelli B. Grant, who is the senior consumer reporter for SmartMoney, in a recent article for Good Housekeeping magazine. Here are a few of the ways you might benefit:

--Buy a home. If you're a first-time buyer, check out the tax credit available through November, which is worth 10 percent of the purchase price or up to \$8,000. Conditions you should know about: You cannot have owned a home in the past three years, and your combined annual income as a married couple cannot exceed \$170,000. If you are single, your annual income can't exceed \$95,000. If you already have made a qualifying purchase, you can amend

your 2008 tax return to get the cash now, without waiting for your 2009 filing.

--Refinance a mortgage. The administration's new foreclosure-prevention plan allows homeowners who are mortgaged for as much as 105 percent of their homes' values to refinance and lower their payments. If you think you might qualify, call your lender and talk to customer service. Qualifying loans will be owned or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. Just keep in mind that to qualify, your current payments must be up-to-date.

--Buy a new car. The stimulus plan will get you a sales tax deduction when you buy a new car, as long as the price is less than \$49,500, you bought it on or after Feb. 17, 2009, and your gross income is less than \$135,000 (\$260,000 for a married couple).

--Get green. Installing energy-efficient windows in 2009 or 2010 may qualify you for a tax deduction of up to 30 percent of the purchase price. Ditto for solar- and wind-energy improvements. You can visit <http://www.EnergyStar.gov> to see which projects and products qualify for the credit. With any luck, you've made improvements already that qualify. That means all that remains is picking up the dough.

--Pay for college. The Hope Scholarship Credit was replaced with the beefier American Opportunity Tax Credit. Claim this new stimulus item and you should get back 100 percent of the first \$2,000 plus 25 percent of the next \$2,000 spent on tuition, books, fees and other costs for a college, trade-school or university education, provided you attend school on at least a half-time basis. To learn more about this credit plus other opportunities, visit <http://www.ed.gov>.

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## Jesus and Water Fun Summer Camp

Gulfport Presbyterian Church and CEF invite kids ages 5 to 11 for fun and Bible study August 3-7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring sunscreen, flip flops and extra water clothes and towel. Lunch will be served. Call Kathy at the church office (Tuesday-Friday, 9-12) at 321-8086 to register or for questions.

## GriefShare at Cornerstone Church

GriefShare continues each Friday from 10 a.m. - 12 noon through July 24 at Cornerstone Community Church, 6745 38 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Coffee will be served. The meeting place will be the library. Parish Pastor, Vivian Killion, is the facilitator.

You are welcome to begin attending at any session. Each is "self-con-

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- Trespasser-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd S.
- Burglary-** 5600 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 4900 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Robbery-** Tomlinson Park.

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- Trespasser-** 5100 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Vessel Stops-** Beach Front.
- Trouble with Individual-** Beach Front.
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- Trouble with Individual-** 1500 Blk 58th St. S.

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**Sunday 7/5**

- Trouble with Individual-** 5600 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Trespasser-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Drunk Driver-** 5400 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5300 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Violation of Court Order-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

**Monday 7/6**

- Battery-** 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 800 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5300 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- DUI Investigation-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Battery-** 900 Blk 51st St. S.
- Burglary-** 1400 Blk Gray St. S.
- Burglary-** 1300 Blk 59th St. S.
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**Tuesday 7/7**

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# Creative Clay Opens New Gallery

By Leigh Clifton



Ally Vasquez show off one of her whimsical creature drawings at the galley at Creative Clay.

Creative Clay opened their newest gallery last Saturday evening with a show titled "Let's Face It", a collection of member and guest artists whose works of portraiture and figurative art featured people and faces. One of the highlights of the opening was the new 3-D gallery, located next door of the main studio gallery, where intricately designed plaster mold masks of actual students adorn the walls and primitive dolls made by artists sit on shelves in the corner. The art is eclectic, detailed and extremely good; the member artists are very talented and not seemingly hampered by their handicap. Creative Clay is the brainchild of Grace -Anne Alfiero, who wanted to provide an artistic

outlet for handicapped and mentally challenged artists in the community. There are several programs offered, including the Transition program for students 18-22, who have graduated from high school. The program involves building social skills, teaching the history of art, design and portfolio development. The students must be referred by a high school teacher, and need to show their artwork to be considered for the program. Smart Art is a program that meets on Saturdays; the member artists work with the five fulltime studio instructors. Art Link is a mentoring program that pairs Creative Clay member artists with local and sometimes nationally recognized artists for a year. The member artists work in the guest artist's medium and exhibit several times a year. There are also daily and weekly art classes at the main gallery and students go out into the community, often to the Gulfport Library, Industrial Art Center and many of Gulfport's local galleries. Because Creative Clay is a non-profit, community donation, grants and endowments as well as member artist's supplemental income fuel the daily operations. It is a highly successful and rewarding enterprise that benefits students and community alike. Many of the artists do very well selling their art; artist Ally Vasquez is a member of Smart Art and one of the more popular ones. Her subjects resemble mythical creatures and are both colorful and whimsical. She recently had a piece displayed in the Bank of America building, which was then sold to a private buyer. She has another piece in the Vinoy Basin Condos. Her father, Maurice Vasquez, is also an artist and very proud of his 19 year old daughter.

Chris Fontaine, a member artist with Creative Clay for seven and a half years, has been a member of Art Link and has paired with local artist/photographer Jack Breit. They will spend the next 50 weeks working on projects together and Breit had nothing but wonderful things to say about Chris.

"He's amazing; he's never had any formal photography training and his photographs are really good. We've even been working on Photoshop and printing. Chris will sketch something, and then bring it to me. Then we'll go and photograph the subject."

Chris is also an accomplished painter and had several paintings in the Let's Face It exhibition. His mother is very proud of him and credits the center with allowing him an outlet for his obvious creativity and talent.

"Being here at Creative Clay has really opened up Chris' world," she said. "I'm so glad that people can see his wonderful talent."

## USCG Safe Boating Classes

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# A Blue Devil in our Midst

By Leigh Clifton

If you watched the Fourth of July parade in Gulfport, you probably noticed a soldier in khaki uniform marching alone among the many, carrying the American flag with quiet grace and dignity. He marches alone every year in the parade as a testament to his fallen brothers of the 88th Division, Fifth Army. He is solemn and tough, one of the last remnants of the very first all-drafted armed forces division in WWII to see combat. And he is also proud of that division's nickname, The Blue Devils, given to them by Axis Sally, a German propagandist, and a German army long since defeated and buried on the banks of Italy's Garigliano River. The Blue Devils were boys that were so tough, so gritty that the Germans once complained that 'they didn't fight like gentlemen', a remark that made every member of the unit proud, but perhaps Irving Zeider the proudest of them all.

But they didn't start out that way. Originally stationed in Oklahoma, the 88th Division consisted of farmers, embalmers, craftsmen, hot dog sellers and civilians; men drafted to fight a war most deemed unfinished business from the first one. Zeider was a married man of 23, a farmer from Connecticut who worked his father's farm raising peaches, cattle and chickens. His wife Silvia was 20; they had been introduced to one another as a blind date and married shortly thereafter. Zeider was a strapping, well-built guy who, in 18 bouts of amateur boxing, had never lost a fight. He was strong as an ox, tough and robust, and when he was drafted, didn't hesitate to serve.

"I went in as a combat engineer," he said. "I knew all about dynamite so my training was in disarming and clearing landmines and other ordinance. President Roosevelt himself came out to Oklahoma to inspect our division. We were very proud of that."

But any thought of staying stateside was quickly dispelled when the 88th was shipped to Africa and then on to Italy, where there was real fighting as the Germans were trying to hold the Gustav Line.

"We sat and waited many, many



Irving Zeider stands in front of photographs of himself and his wife Silvia, taken over 70 years ago. Zeider was a combat engineer member of the 88th Division, Fifth Army and fought in WWII, earning two Purple Hearts after being wounded twice. He can still fit into his Army uniform and wears his medals proudly.

nights. My job was to go ahead of the troops and clear the road of any mines. We were under fire all the time; we had to work fast with bullets flying by our ears and bouncing off of helmets. We lost a lot of guys; we were the first ones to go forward, and the Germans picked off quite a few of us," Zeider smiled at the memory.

At one critical point during the war, the 88th was burrowed into the crevices along the Garigliano River; pinned down while the Germans had the advantage of height along the mountainous routes above. There had been skirmishes here and there, but on May 11, after what was termed the "quiet war" by some, the night sky lit up with a tremendous show of American firepower. The whole of the Fifth Army had shown up.

"Night became the day," Zeider said. From our positions we looked up into the night sky and all we saw were American planes dropping bomb after bomb on the Germans above us. The Fifth had brought Tommy guns, Howitzers, tanks and there were millions of rounds of ammunition flying above our heads. We knocked out every German for ten miles, they were laid out everywhere and about 40 of them surrendered right there at the river. I'll never forget that day," he said, "as long as I live."

The push of the 88th and the Fifth Army had opened up the route to Mount Damiano and Castelforte, once both strongholds for the Germans. It was a pivotal battle of the war.

Zeider didn't get out of the war unscathed, however. He was wounded twice and awarded two Purple Hearts. But the most important insignias he wears are his four stripes, representing two years of combat service and his four battle stars, both of which he wears proudly. He flies the American flag seven days a week from his balcony in Town Shores, and at 93, still works out every morning with a regimen that a man half his age would find a challenge. He is still incredibly strong and credits his resilience in that, other than a bit of wine at Synagogue, neither he nor Silvia have ever smoked or touched a drop of liquor in their lives. One of his and wife Silvia's greatest sorrows, however, is the loss of both of their children, a son and a daughter, but they have two beautiful grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of whom live close by.

"I'll never get old," Zeider laughs. "I run all day, I help out with the handyman duties at the Synagogue, I keep busy. I've had a good, long life and I'm proud to have served my country."

Silvia, his wife of 70 years, sums Zeider up rather succinctly.

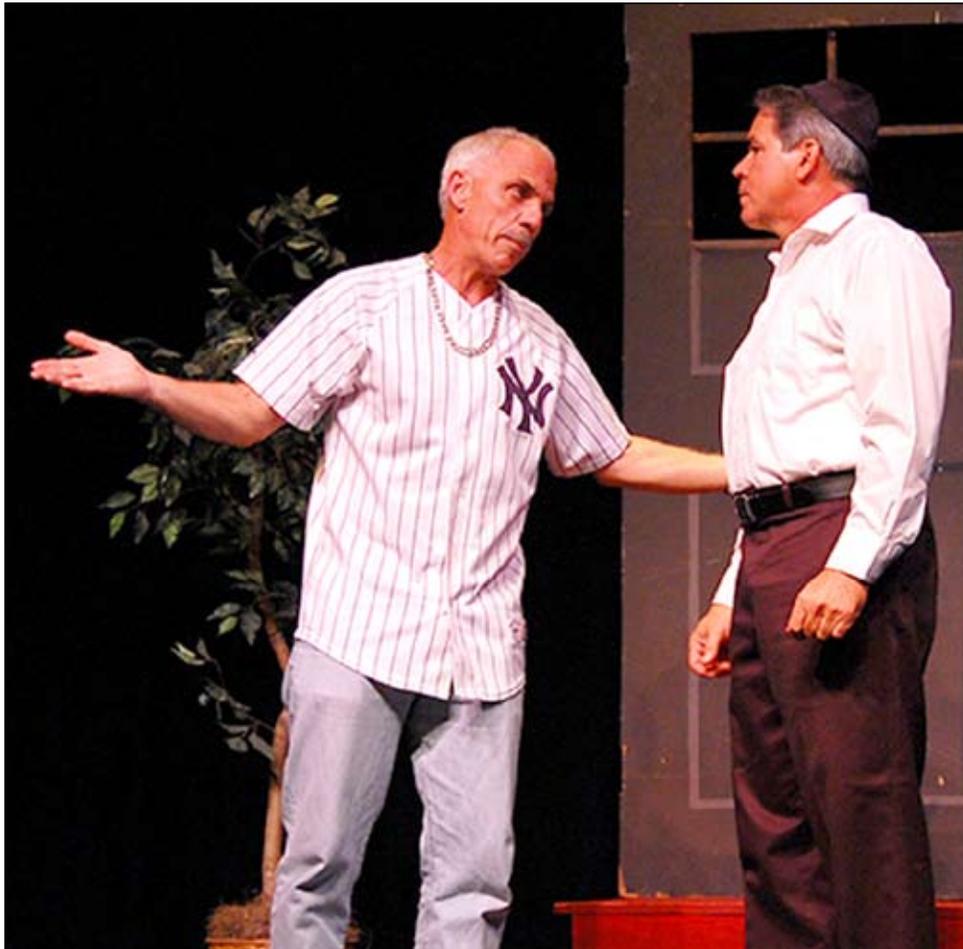
"There's not a lazy bone in his body. He has always been there to help people if they need it."

The two of them smile at one another fondly; after 70 years, there's no need for words.

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# “Buying Back Brooklyn” Pinnacle of Gulfport Summer One Acts

By Cathy Salustri



Norm Nash and Glynn Suyker and deliver peak performances in Tinamarie Hansen's "Buying Back Brooklyn" during the Players' Summer One-Act Festival.

At the 9th Annual Gulfport Community Players' Summer One-Act Festival Saturday night, local playwrights delivered nine short plays that delighted audiences. All nine plays drew cheers of appreciation from the audience and the Players successfully picked a mixed bag of dramas and comedies written well for the Gulfport audience.

Among the short plays was Tinamarie Hansen's "Buying Back Brooklyn", by far the strongest example of Gulfport's pool of artists. Hansen made her directorial debut, expertly moving Norm Nash and Glenn Suyker, the two lead actors, around the stage and getting peak performances from both men.

"Buying Back Brooklyn" plays out the "you can't go home again" premise with empathy, compassion, and brevity. Hansen's work reveals her

masterful command of dialogue, a difficult task for any writer. Her words flow nicely and allow the actors to create a steady energy throughout the piece.

Both Nash and Suyker take Hansen's work and make her words their own, creating dynamic characters who draw empathy from the audience. I'd seen both these men before in other performances as, I'm certain, has most of the Gulfport theatre-going community, and this play shows them at their best.

Audiences expressed their appreciation most heartily for Hansen's "Buying Back Brooklyn" but also seemed enchanted with the nine other plays the Players presented as part of the festival. Vic Carr's hat trick of one-acts, "The Trip", "The Check is in The Mail", and "I'll Respect You in the Morning" drew laughter and ap-

plause, although Carr's consistent caricature of a sniping woman grew tiring by the end of the third play. "The Check is in the Mail" lasts a few minutes longer than it needs to but is well-written with a great twist towards the end.

"Justice Now", a spoof on game shows written by Dave Smith, spoke to the current economic situation. Mike Baggs, who played the president of the "Too Big To Fail Bank", drew boos and hisses when the announcer asked for audience participation, and his sentence of sitting through an endless St. Pete Beach Commission meeting drew whistles of approval.

In "The Piano Lesson" Jim Russell delivered an energetic and talented performance as a snotty piano teacher. His character's comic value is matched only by Caitlein Jammo's portrayal as his fresh-faced student.

The nice thing about the one act festival is that the Players have something for everyone, and if one play doesn't please you, wait ten minutes and the next one offers you something different.

The Summer One Act Festival offers a robust representation of local writing and acting talent and runs through this weekend at the Catherine Hickman theatre in Gulfport. Call 322-0316 for tickets.

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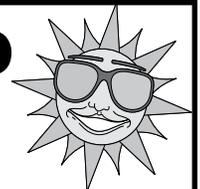
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On June 27, 2009, the City of St. Petersburg hosted the 2009 Annual Pride Parade and street fair. Over 60,000 people attended this event. Local Gulfport business owner, Brenda Whitman, of The Whitman Insurance Agency, Inc. located in Gulfport, was there as well as other local area State Farm agents showing their support for Pride 2009. As part of their participation, the Whitman Insurance Agency held a prize drawing in which the winner was longtime Gulfport resident, Dawn Gausling. Dawn won a \$100 Visa gift card. Congratulations, Dawn! It goes to show people really do win when you fill out those drawing forms.

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## Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

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## Voters Ask SPB Commission To Simplify Proposed Charter Changes

ST. PETE BEACH: City Commissioners heard from more than a dozen residents on Monday night, at a workshop meeting regarding proposed changes to Sections 3.15 and 3.18 of the St. Pete Beach city charter. The changes are grouped as ordinance 2009-12, a measure intended to limit the number and types of amendments to the city's comprehensive plan requiring voter approval.

And the most often heard word of the night from citizens was, "simplify."

Commissioners sought voter input on the proposed ordinance which, if it moves forward, must be submitted by an August 1 deadline in order to make the November 3rd election ballot. Currently, residents must vote on comp plan amendments which are already state mandated or are not sufficiently fundamental to need voter approval. The changes are designed to save the city time and money, where possible.

The proposal had been initiated by Commissioner Beverly Garnett as a reaction to voter feedback she'd received, citing past confusion with state-mandated revisions and a desire "to make it easier for residents to vote on what we really need to vote on." City Manager Mike

Bonfield noted Monday that the original wording of the proposed changes had been recently revised. However, much discussion ensued when City Attorney Susan Churuti, substituting for Mike Davis, who was away, read the new versions of the Sections aloud.

There was particular confusion on what was viewed as overly complicated wording in Section 3.18 in particular, dealing with prioritizing the comp plan versus land development regulations (LDRs). It was decided to have the attorneys again revise the Section, in time for discussion at Tuesday's regular Commission meeting. Additionally, Commissioner Chris Leonard suggested the members seek input from the Planning Board, which was to hold its regular meeting this past Wednesday. Leonard said the ordinance "will reduce confusion and minimize potential litigation."

However, most residents who spoke at the workshop felt the ordinance's original language better served its intent, a sentiment earlier shared by Commissioners Jim Parent and Al Halpern. Halpern disagreed with the idea of bringing the Planning Board into the matter, as the ordinance is on the level of a charter revision.

St. Pete Beach resident Jim Anderson led off the voter input segment of the workshop by stressing that the wording of the ordinance "needs to be simplified to the sixth grade level." In what

became another common theme, he said that voters need to retain the right to vote on height requirements, regarding future development. "I fought hard for this." Anderson said he fears more litigation in the future if the ordinance is not clearly defined, something the city's overburdened legal fund could not absorb. The city has already spent \$242,000 this year in fees fighting residents' lawsuits dealing with development and previous ballot votes.

While some residents expressed support for the Commission's intent to save money and streamline future charter votes, there were hints that not all present were in line. Robert Irvine suggested that "residents need a clear reason be given, if (voting) rights are taken away. This undermines our confidence in the Commission." Another resident asked that the Sections be reworded to "articulate the intent" of the proposed changes, as a fallback in situations where the issue before voters wasn't clear on the ballot.

Dr. Bill Pyle, who has filed a series of ongoing legal actions against the city over charter and voting issues, stated it isn't necessary to make changes at all. The existing Sections should be left as they are, allowing voters the greatest flexibility in having a direct hand in development decisions, especially regarding height issues. "Sometimes, democracy is a little messy. I'm worried about

the slippery slope of ballot challenges." Debra Sheckner felt the amendments "will take away our right to vote on matters that go way beyond state-mandated changes. This is not right. It's not fair, although I know the Commission didn't intend for this to happen."

Planning Board member Linda Chaney agreed with Sheckner, claiming, "We still have Commissioners who are (allied with) special interests. The only fail safe is to give voters the final say."

Following citizens' comments, Mayor Mike Finnerty offered his take on the matter. While commending the spirit of the proposal, in that it would help trim the city's budget, he said he was not in support of the amendments. "We've got to walk before we can run," he noted.

Other Commissioners then took pains to explain their support of the charter changes. Halpern stressed the cost savings to the city. Said Parent, "We're not removing voters' rights. We're working with ballot language here and then we turn this back to the voters. We're trying to save election costs." Struggling briefly with the wording of a clause in the revised ordinance, Parent noted that, "I'm an engineer, not a political science major...or a linguist." Said Leonard, "This Commission is striving for simplicity and clarity here; that we do it right."

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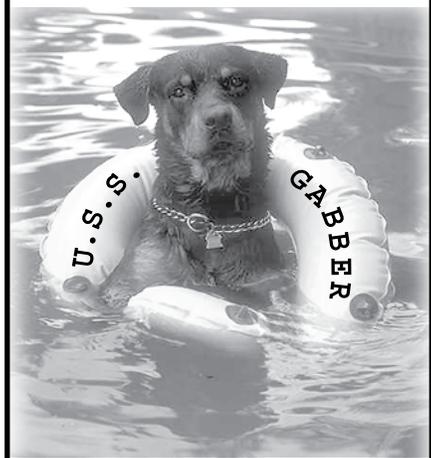
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