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## Summer Camps Near End



Photo by Leigh Clifton

Emily Ercius (left), 10, and Phoebe Carrazco, 8, squeal as they play on the water slide at Ron McKinney Park in St. Pete Beach. Both attend St. Pete Beach Summer Camp.

## St. Pete Beach Fighting Post Office Closures

ST. PETE BEACH- In response to the announcement that the United States Postal Service may close the two post offices that have served St. Pete Beach since 1905, the city will stage a rally on August 25 in the post office parking lot.

Commissioners assured constituents they would fight any attempt to close either post office.

"This is a real fiasco. I'm baffled. Let's do everything we can, don't get me wrong. But we did that with the school board. I just hope that their minds are not made up. I don't know what the best approach might be. I could use your help on this one," Mayor Mike Finnerty said when city manager Mike Bonfield introduced the resolution, a late addition to the agenda.

Commissioners passed Resolution 2009-17 opposing the proposed closures, which the city will forward to the Postmaster as well

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## 2nd Annual Taste of South Pasadena a Big Success

By Leigh Clifton

More than 200 people and 22 vendors turned out for the 2nd Annual Taste of South Pasadena last Tuesday night. The event was sponsored by Florida Bank and organized by bank branch manager Morgan Cook-Smith. The \$15.00 donation at the door was collected to benefit The Deaf and Hearing Connection for Tampa Bay, a non-profit organization that helps the hearing impaired with free hearing tests,



Taste of South Pasadena guests and participants included (left to right) Leverock's partner John Stross, South Pasadena Mayor Kathleen Peters, Pasadena Liquors Wine Consultant Pete Celli, Taste organizer Morgan Cook-Smith of Florida Bank, Holliday Lisowski, Executive Director of the Deaf and Hearing Center for Tampa Bay, Corey Coughlin, with Florida Bank and Jim Clark, manager of Quality Self Storage in South Pasadena.

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## **Taste**, from front page

the hearing impaired with free hearing tests, all types of hearing equipment and aids, telephone equipment distribution and amplified television and audio tools. The charity is dear to Cook-Smith's heart; she has a slight hearing disability in one ear herself and feels that not enough is done for the hearing impaired.

"This is our way of bringing awareness to this disorder. The Deaf and Hearing Connection for Tampa Bay receives no money from state or federal funding," she explained. Over \$5000.00 was raised at the door and through donations.

Unlike other Tastes of the area, the

vendors at the Taste of South Pasadena are not charged for their participation; something Cook-Smith thinks is the right way to showcase the local merchants.

"I feel charging them to participate in this just isn't fair," Cook-Smith said. "After all, we're here to help the community and introduce them to the local businesses. We all need help in this economy."

Manager Jim Smith of Quality Self Storage (where the old K-Mart used to be) donated the space for the event. Local vendors included Bella Brava, Habana Café, Pasadena Liquors and Fine Wines, Leverock's, The Clearwater Jazz Holiday, Florida Orange Grove Winery, Candy's

Ice Cream, Gators and Silas Dent's Steak House among others. For door prize drawings, local businesses donated Tampa Bay Ray's tickets, weekend get-away beach packages, massages and spa treatments, a giant home-made cheesecake and gift baskets. Tampa Bay Buc's retired veteran tight end Dave Moore contributed a football signed by the entire Bucs team.

Live music was provided by the Clearwater Jazz Holiday Youth trio of Jarred Armstrong on sax, Brian Rothenberger on drums and Rachel Alex on piano. Both Armstrong and Rothenberger are juniors at Boca Ciega High School, and Alex, also a junior, attends St. Pete High.

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## **Benefit for Artist Kenn**

Gulfport on the Rocks, 5413 Shore Boulevard S. will hold a benefit for Kenn the artist on Saturday, August 15 at 3 p.m. Kenn needs help to deflect the high cost of mandatory eye surgery. Fun, prizes, food and raffles.

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## **Beach Will Get Stormwater Utility**

ST. PETE BEACH- City commissioners asked Public Services Director Steve Hallock to continue to pursue establishing a stormwater utility to improve the city's stormwater drainage system. The city plans to fund needed maintenance and improvements to its stormwater collection system.

"In short, more stormwater collection, less flooding. We're never going to get rid of all the flooding," Public Services Director Steve Hallock said, but added that by maximizing the stormwater collection system the city could help alleviate some of the flooding problems. Hallock added that continuing to fund existing system at its existing level (\$20,000 every year) would produce diminishing returns for the city's drainage system.

"It's never collect all the flooding, but... it should help reduce that," Hallock told commissioners.

City staff will attempt to get the stormwater utility included in the 2011 tax bill.

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## **Audition for "Beau Jest"**

The Gulfport Community Players will be holding auditions for James Sherman's romantic comedy, "Beau Jest", on August 31 and September 1. Auditions will be held at the Players' Back Door Theater located at 4919 17 Avenue S. in Gulfport at 7 p.m.

The director for the play is Vic Carr and he needs two females, ages 20 to 30; three males, ages 20 to 30; and one male and one female, ages 50 to 70. These older, last two people need to have Jewish accents.

The play centers around a nice Jewish girl who is dating a gentile, but he hasn't told her parents. She invites her parents for dinner, so the daughter needs a nice Jewish boy to stand in for her real boyfriend. She hires another guy to play the part. The problem is that he's not Jewish either, but he pretends to be Jewish. Eventually the girl has to tell her parents the truth and her father has a mild heart attack upon hearing the news. But, love is in the air and it all works out in the end!

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"Beau Jest" will run from November 5 through 15 at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport. Regardless of your experience level, feel free to try out for a part in this fast-moving comedy! Their auditions are open to all interested people.

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## **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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## Senior Center To Get New Roof

GULFPORT- City council voted to pay a contractor almost \$80,000 to re-roof the Multipurpose Senior Center. The new roof, which will come with a 20-year guarantee, will cover the dining room, the activities center and a portion of the roof that connects to the theatre, according to city staff. The lower area of the roof covering the lobby and restrooms will not get re-roofed.

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## New Business Networking Event

The Gulfport Go Giver Group, an established business networking group, meets every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Habana Cafe, 5404 Gulfport Blvd. S. in Gulfport. If you are looking for an opportunity to network with other business professionals from the area this is the opportunity to build your reach in the community by building relationships that will expand your

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business. Attendance will range from 10 to 30. Free membership. Free Networking International.

Meetings include an opportunity to describe your business and ask for contacts; brainstorming for your business; gratitude period, networking tips and strategies; announcements of networking opportunities and casual networking.

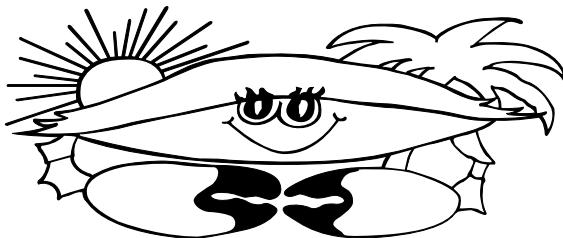
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Contact directors Gary Loper and Susan Higley at 727-365-6690 or 727-459-6630 or email to [Gary@GaryLoper.com](mailto:Gary@GaryLoper.com) or [Susan@WinWinMentoring.com](mailto:Susan@WinWinMentoring.com).

## CORRECTION

In last week's issue of the Gabber, the interim Gulfport Police Chief's first name was wrong. It should have read Howard Coombs.

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## Lions Labor Day Fish Fry

The annual Gulfport Lions Labor Day Fish Fry will be Monday, September 7 at their den, 4630 Tifton Drive S. in Gulfport (right behind the marina). Rain or shine.

The menu features a great supply of freshly fried pollack, homemade

hushpuppies and cole slaw, baked beans, grits, tartar sauce, coffee and iced tea. Cost is \$8 per person (for all you can eat) so bring the entire family. Plenty of tickets will be available at the door or contact any of your Lion friends.

This is a Gulfport Lions Activities Projects with all of the net proceeds generated to be allocated to their community outreach programs, especially Sight First activities, as are all of their fundraiser projects (spaghetti suppers, pancake breakfasts, shrimp boil, etc.).

Make sure you are a part of this popular annual social event. If you need directions, call them on Labor Day at 321-7859.

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## Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on August 18 at 10 a.m. and learn how to fertilize properly. Please use a certified lawn care service for mowing and any other yard work. Remember any uninsured people working on your property that get hurt will fall under your homeowners insurance.

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The Helios Jazz Orchestra will perform on Sunday, August 16 at 3 p.m. at the St. Petersburg College Gibbs campus Music Center, 6605 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The Orchestra is a 20-piece modern big band directed by David Manson. Selections include "Smack Dab in the Middle", "Black Coffee", Ague de Beber", "Jona Jam" and others.

Admission is \$10 at the door. No advance tickets are available. This concert is a benefit for MIRA students at SPC. Visit <http://heliosjazzorchestra.blogspot.com/>.

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## **Construction Site Requirements on St. Pete Beach**

ST. PETE BEACH- The city set requirements for construction sites

at its Tuesday evening commission meeting. Ordinance 2009-16 set construction site maintenance requirements. Requirements will cover issues ranging from construction site management plans to where construction companies can place chemical toilets on the construction site.

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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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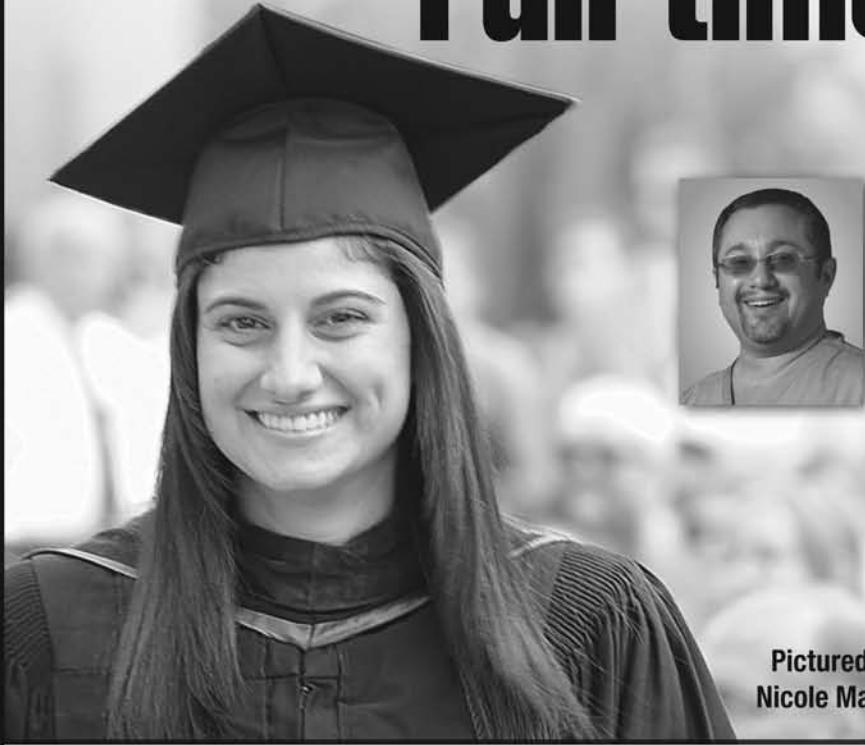
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Over 190 vendors are expected to be in attendance at this year's event!

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 noon till 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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## Quakers Offer Potluck to Benefit Homeless

The St. Petersburg Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) will show a powerful new movie about homelessness, Saturday, August 15 at their meeting house, 130 19th Ave. S.E., St. Petersburg. Free potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by piano music by Norman Wagner and movie. Mr. Wagner is a classically trained pianist who is currently homeless. Discussion will follow movie.

The event is free. Voluntary donations will be collected to support efforts to help people who are homeless. For more information: Darrell Hefte, 727-799-0683. Please invite your friends and bring a dish to share.

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The pipe relining process, explained Treasure Island's Public Works Director Jim Murphy, involves inserting a plastic tube inside the old pipeline. "The plastic tube is then heated under pressure. As the plastic expands, it seals up the leaks in the old pipe."

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Approximately 5900 feet of sewer pipe on the Isle of Palms, Paradise Island and Sunset Beach is scheduled for relining, beginning the week of August 24th. The contractor, JTV, Inc. of St. Petersburg, expects the project to be complete by the end of September 2009.

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This crowd-drawing event is sure to bring attention and new customers to local businesses. Festivities begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

Stage events will be hosted by official media sponsors: The St. Petersburg

Times; WQYK 99.5FM, Q105, La Maxima 92.5FM, Wild 98.7FM; 820AM NewsTalk radio; and, Tampa Bay on Demand. Activities include: The St. Petersburg Times Adoptable Pet Parade, IAMs Pet Costume Contest, Frontline/Heartgard Pet Boutique tent, PetSmart Amateur Agility course and more. Tech Data Corporation is the presenting sponsor again this year.

This event is not made solely for animal-related businesses; diverse companies will see enhanced interest in their booths since pet lovers come in all shapes, sizes, and consumer needs. Pet owners will be glad to know that non-pet related companies are joining the cause to save animals.

For more information and to register contact Janet at 727-586-3591, ext. 168. Visit [www.PetWalk.org](http://www.PetWalk.org) for event details.

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## **Help to Prepare Your Kids for School**

HIPPY Program (Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-School Youngsters) is a free curriculum based program provided in the homes to educate parents or caregivers to prepare 3, 4, and 5 year olds for school readiness.

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## Volunteer Opportunities with Benefits

Seniors in Service has openings for seniors to serve in its Foster Grandparent Program. The positions involve helping at-risk and special needs children in public school classrooms, Head Start centers and after-school programs. Volunteers spend their time one-on-one or in small groups with children. Ideal candidates love children and are patient and supportive.

Foster Grandparents must be 60 years old or older. They serve for 15-40 hours per week and receive a transportation reimbursement, training and other benefits.

Seniors with a monthly income of \$1128 (single) or \$1517 (couple) are eligible to earn a tax-free stipend of up to \$424 per month. This stipend does not count as income and does not affect eligibility for food stamps, housing, Medicaid or any other assistance.

Other incentives include love, admiration and the knowledge that you are making a difference in the lives of children.

What a difference you can make by sharing your time and attention with children. Check them out at [www.seniorsinservice.org](http://www.seniorsinservice.org) and call (813) 932-5228 for more information.

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## Flag Football For All Ages

The Pinellas Athetic Leagues inaugural season will be this October beginning with flag football. We are looking for athletes who reside in and

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## Trolley Token Purchase Locations

The following locations offer tokens to ride the Gulfport/St. Pete Beach trolley: Domain Home Accessories, 3129 Beach Blvd. S., The Outpost, 3007 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport

Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S., in Gulfport and Bluewater Outfitters, 341 Corey Ave. in St. Pete Beach.

If you are a Gulfport or St. Pete Beach business that is interested in having your shop participate as a Gulfport-St. Pete Beach Trolley token purchase location, call Brian VanSlyke at 893-1069. Soon, flamingo window cling signs will mark your business as a "Trolley Token" location!

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## Bipolar Support Group

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seafood, candy, nuts, spices and pastries. Specialty craft vendors are encouraged to apply, especially those offering horticultural-friendly products.

This will be the Market in the Park's third year. New this year, the market is moving just around the corner to Heritage Village, which is located off 125th Street between Walsingham and Ulmerton roads. It will be open every Saturday starting Nov. 7, through April 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors will enjoy the central, mid-county location and

an easy-to-access place to sell their products. Free admission, on-site restrooms and plenty of room to roam make this market attractive to customers. Food and beverages will be sold for shoppers and vendors. Other plans are in the works for special events and promotions.

For more information or to obtain a vendor application, please call Market Manager Richard Kendler at (727) 733-4215 or email greenmarketmanager@verizon.net.

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Upcoming topics include: August 13, "Equipment for Your Boat". You may start any Thursday. Course completion may help with insurance discounts. Call 727-686-6940 for more information or leave a message at 321-4455.

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## Male Cat Neuterathon

SPOT's Spay/Neuter Clinic will be holding a male cat neuterathon from August 12 through the 28th for only \$25 per cat, for the first 100 male

cats that make an appointment. Surgeries are available Tuesday through Friday at the SPOT Spay/ Neuter clinic, 4403 62 Avenue in Pinellas Park.

For more info call 727-329-8657 or visit the website for a check in form at [www.SPOTUSA.org](http://www.SPOTUSA.org). Fixed pets can live up to six years longer, don't delay spay/neuter today!

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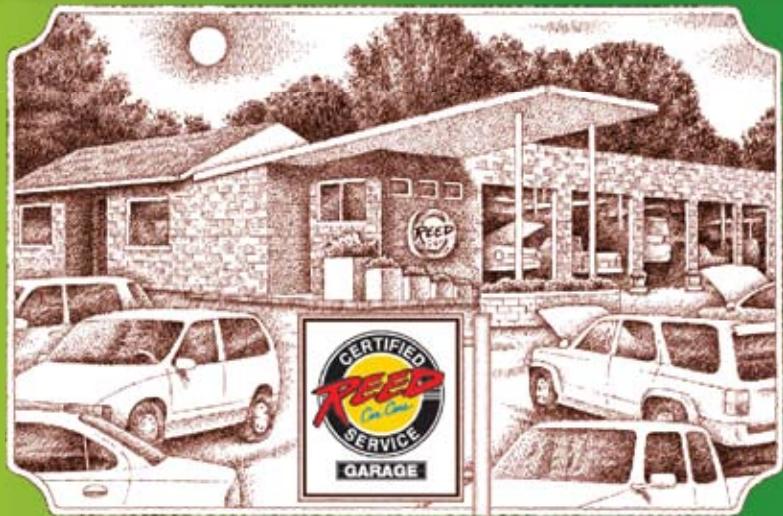
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## New Civic Association Will Serve St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH- St. Pete Beach now has a new civic association open to all residents. Ward Friszolowski, president, says the civic association will "promote good civics, promote involvement in the government, and help make our city a better place."

Among other projects, the civic association will consider forming a teen council.

To learn more, visit Spbca.org. An annual membership costs \$10 for an individual and \$15 per family.

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## Auxiliary Happenings Unit 125

By Cyndy Adams

Our annual school supply drive has started. The drive will benefit Gulfport Elementary students in our community. Some items that are in need are paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, and Kleenex. The complete list of items in need

is in the lobby at the Post. Just pop them into the large orange container in the lobby. The drive will continue through September 6th.

Did you know that our kitchen is open on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.? We are also open on the first and third Saturday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. when the Color Guard and SAL are not serving their meals. Food is also served Sunday afternoons from 2-5 p.m. Our Chef T.C. will prepare your order to your specifications. There is a little bit of everything on the menu including our renowned Haddock fish fry dinner. Want something different? Then try the turkey club, the Philly cheese steak or T.C.'s wickedly delicious Reuben sandwich. We also have some mouth-watering appetizers including jalapeno poppers, onion rings and more. We are conveniently located at 6440 Fifth Avenue S., just west of 64th St. S. in St. Petersburg.

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## Audition for "Gulfport - The Musical"

If you have been reading the Gabber of late, you most likely know by now that the City of Gulfport will be celebrating its Centennial in January, 2010. Throughout the whole year of 2010, the City of Gulfport will be celebrating this historical event with many happenings throughout the City.

As a kickoff to these festivities, the City of Gulfport and the Gulfport Community Players jointly will be staging a brand new Gil Perlroth musical at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport entitled, "Gulfport - The Musical".

The director for this play will be Daniel Harris and he will need a total of 26 people with some very special talents for his cast. The auditions will be held on Sept. 14th and 15th at the Back Door Theater at 7 p.m. The Back Door Theater is located at 4919 17 Avenue S. in Gulfport. There is a map showing how to get to the theater on the Players' website at: <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>.

Daniel will need both males and females, ranging in age from 6 to 80. He will also need 6 or 7 children, ages 6 to 12 for the play. All people will have to be able to sing. Bring music in your own key to the auditions, a pianist will be provided by the Players. Be prepared to sing a "bright" number (no love ballads, please!). Two people must be able to waltz. There will be ensemble,

group, and solo singing in the play.

Rehearsals will begin a week after the auditions end. The actual play will run for 3 weeks from January 8th through January 24th, 2010. Make sure that you have enough free time for all the rehearsals required.

This play took over a year to write, with the able assistance of Lynne Brown as the historian to help out. It is based on fact, although

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## **Host an Exchange Student**

Thinking about welcoming an Exchange Student? Now's the time. Sharing daily life with a teenager from another country and culture is a rich and rewarding experience, and it's a wonderful way to bring more understanding into the world. If you've ever thought about welcoming an exchange student into your home and family, now's the time to learn more. AFS, the leading international high school student exchange program, needs families in our community to host high school students for an academic year or six months. Students arrive in August.

All kinds of families can host--two-parent households with young children or teenagers, single-parent families, families with adopted children, foster parents, as well as couples and single people who do not have children or who have grown children. One of the most important characteristics of a host family is being eager and excited to share your life and activities while providing the same kind of care, support, and comfort as you would to your own child or family members.

AFS students come from more than

40 countries and represent many different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Local AFS Volunteers enroll students in high school and support students and their families to help both gain the most from their experience. In addition to host families, AFS needs people who are interested in becoming volunteer liaisons to work locally with families and their hosted students. Anyone interested in learning more about hosting or volunteering with AFS should visit [www.afsusa.org/hostfamily](http://www.afsusa.org/hostfamily) or call 1-800-876-2377.

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## **Old Cell Phones Can Be Lifeline for Seniors**

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## Keep Gulfport Colorful Contest

GULFPORT: The Industrial Arts Center's mission to make Gulfport streets more colorful is taking off. Visit the IAC website now to see a few of the first entries! The non-profit arts organization invites Gulfport residents to submit photos of their decorative mailbox for its first "Keep Gulfport Colorful" contest. Winners will receive free glass blowing classes.

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. The nominal fee includes a brand new metal mailbox.

Creators of the three most "colorful" mailboxes will win free glass blowing classes at the IAC with a total value of more than \$300. 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.

For more information, visit www.industrialartscenter.org. Email info@industrialartscenter.org or call 727-289-9365.

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# The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

**With school beginning in just a few weeks, do you think the state of Florida should have brought back the tax holiday and what would you buy if it did?**



**Beth Hanson, Largo:** "I really wish they would bring it back... I have two kids; a little girl in pre-school and a boy going into third grade. He goes to private school, which of course, requires uniforms. They can get really expensive, especially with a boy who's growing so fast. The amount of money I could save just on uniforms would be really helpful, especially with money as tight as it is right now. I work from home and my husband is with Pinellas County; his job is relatively safe from layoff because he's been there for a long time. But even with two incomes, it's hard with both kids needing things, especially for school. I used to buy as much as I could when the tax holiday was on; besides school supplies, I could get things for the home office like pens, paper and other supplies. The tax isn't much on those things but it all adds up! I wish the state would bring it back. I'm sure I'm not the only one who could use the help!"

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**Adam Morton, Gulfport:** "I'm in law school at Stetson and believe me, we are ALL poor college students. The tax holiday would definitely help with school essentials. I was only here one year of it, (the tax holiday) but I remember that I saved enough to buy a pizza and some beer! But seriously, with the way the economy is? Please, people need all the help they can get. My girlfriend told me that some of the local stores are having their own tax holiday of sorts; like offering a percentage off of the total bill, which is a bit of a help, I guess. But people need real relief and soon. Even if the economic indicators are saying that the recession is starting to turn, the people that need the most help have already been affected by it. They have kids and those kids need stuff for school. They're the ones that can really benefit with the few dollars off their bill. Now with school starting, we all need supplies and it would be nice if we could get a little help from the state on that. But I don't see it happening anytime soon."

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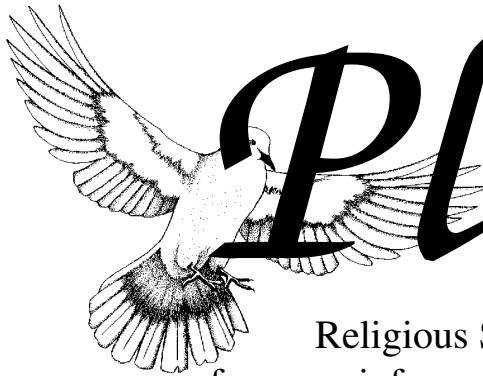
**BJ Alley, South Pasadena:** "I think they should bring back the tax holiday. They should do everything they can to help these kids; they just don't do enough. Taking away the tax holiday from the families with kids is just wrong. Some kids don't even have ANY school supplies and have to rely on donations from charities and other organizations. I know I would buy more things like office supplies and other non-taxed items if they brought it back. Think of it like this; it would make people spend more money, which stimulates the economy. It would help out families with school-age children, some of whom have nothing in the way of supplies for school. Don't forget, teachers are affected as well. A lot of them buy supplies when they can't get the school to do it for them or there just isn't enough money in the budget. They pay out of their own pocket for those kids. I think every little bit would help."

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**Kelly Morgan, St. Pete:** "I'm in graduate school in Michigan, but I come home here for the summer. I could really use a tax holiday; I used to buy a lot of my school stuff here and take it back to Michigan with me when I was an undergrad. It was much cheaper to do it that way, even though the state sales tax in Michigan, 6 percent, is a percentage lower than Florida's. Now, everything is expensive, even if you shop at Walmart. I saw pens there the other day; \$5.64... for FOUR pens! And they weren't like the very best pens ever; they were just pens to write with! Everything has gone up so high. Now I just buy the minimum and find myself conserving everything school related; paper, envelopes, pens, printer supplies. The tax on all of those really adds up. I can't imagine having to send a kid to school these days, with uniforms and all that. I'm sure it gets expensive fast. If they brought the tax holiday back, I'd buy a whole lot of supplies, enough to get me through the rest of my graduate school career!"

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## Beth Moore Simulcast at Fifth Avenue Baptist

Fifth Avenue Baptist Church will air a simulcast of Beth Moore's "Living Proof Live" on Friday, August 28 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) and

Saturday, August 29 at 9:30 a.m. (doors open at 8:30 a.m.). Program features soul-stirring worship and life-changing teaching. The church is located at 4901 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Call 327-3353 to order tickets or go to [www.5thabc.org](http://www.5thabc.org).

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## Thrift Shop has Sales on Thursdays

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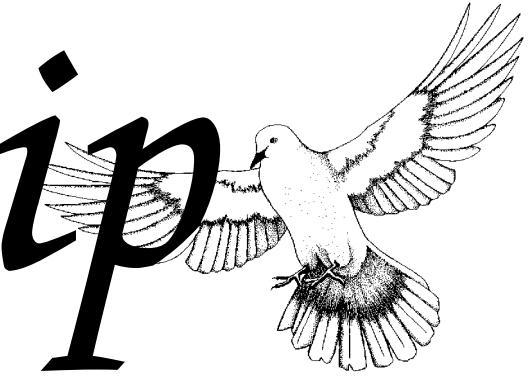


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## Lighthouse Service at Tradewinds Christian

Tradewinds Christian Church will hold a lighthouse service on Wednesday, August 19 from 7-8 p.m. Event features an evening filled with praise and fellowship. Child care will be provided. Coffee and dessert will be served. Tradewinds Church is located at 6740 Park Street S., So Pasadena. Call 344-1501 for more information.

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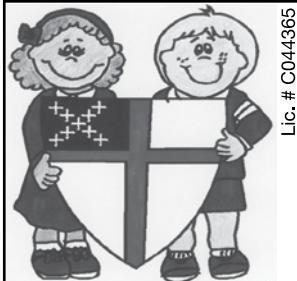
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## Pinellas County Health Department Provides Information for Parents Regarding H1N1 (Swine) Flu

Here are some important things to know about H1N1 (swine) flu in school and camp settings:

- If one child in the classroom has H1N1 (swine) flu and is at home recuperating, then there is no need to keep your healthy child at home.

- Monitor your child and family members for flu-like symptoms, including cough, fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. If these symptoms develop, stay home for seven days after the start of symptoms or 24 hours after symptoms end to prevent spread of the illness - whichever is longer - and call your health care provider.

- Have arrangements in place, in advance, to stay home with your child, or have someone on "standby" who can stay with your child, for at least seven days.

### What You Can Do

- Since there is no vaccine to prevent H1N1 (swine) flu at this time, it is most important for parents to make sure to keep the family healthy.

- Stay informed. The best source of information is the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention H1N1 Flu web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>. It is updated regularly as information becomes available.

- County and State Health Departments have recent information, too.

- Take everyday actions to stay healthy. Model and share these actions with your children.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleansers are also effective

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

- When the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine becomes available, be sure to get vaccinated.

- If you haven't already done so, now is a good time to create a family emergency plan.

- Visit [www.PinellasHealth.com](http://www.PinellasHealth.com).

## Safeguard Your Dogs Against Heat

Hot weather is often deadly for dogs who can succumb to heatstroke in just 15 minutes and suffer brain damage as a result. Dogs who are left in parked cars are especially susceptible.

Symptoms of heatstroke include restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, vomiting and lack of coordination. If you see a dog showing any of these symptoms, get him or her into the shade immediately and call a veterinarian. Lower the dog's body temperature by providing water to drink, applying a cold towel to the head and chest, or immersing the dog in tepid (not cold) water.

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) makes the following suggestions for safeguarding animals.

Don't carry your dog in the bed of a pickup truck. While this practice is always dangerous, heat brings the added danger that dogs' feet might be burned on hot metal.

Don't take your dog jogging, except on cool mornings or evenings. Rest often, and take plenty of water.

Trim heavy-coated dogs' fur, but leave an inch of fur for protection against insects and sunburn.

Keep dogs inside. If they absolutely must stay outside, at least try not to keep them outside during the hottest part of the day. Provide all-day shade, drinking water in a heavy bowl and a kiddie pool.

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# Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

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- 1 "Viva Zapata!" cry
- 8 "The Annunciation" artist
- 15 Pyrenees native
- 16 Mendelssohn symphony
- 17 Spanish diacritic
- 18 "Le Misanthrope" author
- 19 Flower bed
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- 21 Storm
- 24 Elects
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- 31 Publican's serving
- 32 "The Cyclists" artist
- 34 Doris nee von Kappelhoff
- 35 Eliot's Silas
- 37 Encourage
- 41 Instrumental
- 43 Swift heroine of Greek myth
- 45 Shocks
- 48 Sportscaster Berman
- 49 Shoppers' guides
- 51 Railroad unit
- 52 "Don't Look Back" singer
- 54 Louis foe in '41

- 55 Cheese concoction
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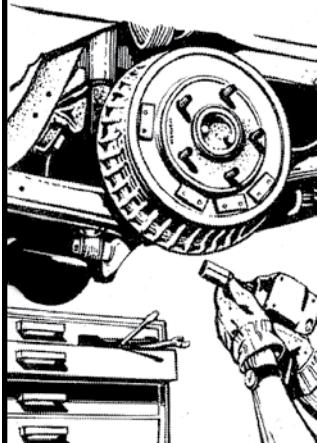
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- 60 Cheek mark
- 61 Massachusetts Cape
- 62 Rue Morgue murderer
- 63 Paul on guitar
- 64 "The \_\_\_": Sandra Bullock film
- 66 Nabokov heroine
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# Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

## The Writing on the Wall

Sometimes it's hard to see the writing on the wall. We're too close to a situation to prioritize, make decisions and set boundaries. The following letters are from readers who stare at the writing on their wall and see only hieroglyphics.

Sammo:

"My girlfriend and I recently adopted Sammo, her parents' 9-year-old Shar-Pei. He had become too much for them to handle and her father was ready to put Sammo down after he bit his wife -- twice. We decided to adopt him since we did not see signs of aggression toward people during our time with him."

At a recent checkup, Sammo snapped at the vet. Sammo has already snapped at me twice. Last night, we were on the back porch and he was enjoying a treat. It was getting dark and my girlfriend got up to get Sammo some water. He growled and charged at her. He has not had any real training outside of housebreaking and learning how to sit. What should we do?"

The writing on the wall: Sammo had bitten twice before they adopted him, and they knew this. He's an aggressive dog that requires profes-

sional training and firm boundaries. They will have to make concessions to keep Sammo safely in their lives and in their house.

Rex:

"Our 2-year-old Australian shepherd, Rex, has shown signs of aggression toward strangers and my daughter's friends -- never toward family members. He won't let anyone touch my daughter. If someone is on our yard, he will snarl and try to bite. Some mothers won't let their girls come over anymore because Rex bit them. He has even broken skin. We tried to socialize him, but it didn't get any better, so we want to do something about it."

The writing on the wall: Rex is a dangerous dog, and it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured. This family stands to lose a lot -- friendships, homeowners insurance, the home itself or even lives. Rex should be securely confined whenever anyone visits their home, and he must be kept away from small children.

Maddy:

"Some months back, my daughter rescued an abandoned dog. We have rescued animals in the past, but I was hesitant to take in a new animal because I'd just lost my job and money was -- and still is -- an issue.

Nevertheless, I let Maddy stay.

In no time, I realized this little dog has some serious issues. She is afraid to be alone and is food aggressive. She is also afraid of any kind of noise. She will aggressively bark and snarl at me if I raise my voice in the slightest to discipline my three kids, and she goes ballistic if the kids start to argue. Maddy has bitten every member of the family at one point or another.

I've had a rotten time trying to find a new job, so I have been making strides to open an in-home day care. Yet, I am afraid that Maddy will freak out at the sound of a baby rattle and bite one of the children. After watching her random attack on my daughter today, I realize I am out of my league when it comes to attending to her psychological needs. Any advice?"

The writing on the wall: A dog driven berserk by arguments and noise and that has already bitten at least three children is not a candidate for "day care dog." Maddy is dangerous and can't be around children. With Maddy running around a day care facility, this woman will lose her license and her shirt within a week -- not to mention the very real danger to other people's children, as well as her own.

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## New Pool Hours, More Money For Pool

ST. PETE BEACH- In an effort to generate more income for the pool the city is changing several things about how it runs the pool and fitness center. Changes include expanded hours of operation for the pool, selling a Pool Card instead of a Play Card, and the introduction of senior and family rates.

"These hours are going to maximize the amount of people in the pool," Public Services Director Steve Hallock said.

The city plans to consider a partnership with Fit For Life gym to supplement the city's fitness center. If the city and the gym enter into an agreement, the partnership would extend discounts to residents.

Proposed annual fees for using the pool follow:

Resident youth: \$135 (currently \$53.50)

Resident adult: \$180 (currently \$80.25)

Resident family (new): \$450 (up to four people; each additional family member costs \$15)

Resident senior (new): \$135

Nonresident individual: \$205 (currently \$133.75)

Nonresident family (new): \$500

Nonresident senior (new) and youth: \$155 (youth currently \$107)

These rates will not include access to the art studio or fitness room.

Treasure Island residents will receive the resident rate.

Under this proposal the pool will operate from Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6 p.m. (October through March) and 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. (April through September). Weekend hours will vary.

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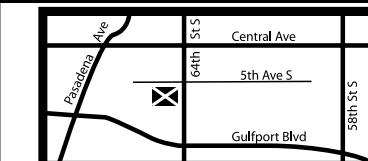
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# Horoscope Guide

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Life will require maintenance. Whether it's the air conditioner at home or a misunderstanding between loved ones, attention will be needed. But don't obsess. Every broken thing has its moment for fixing. When you can do something about it, you will. In the meantime, note what is working and enjoy it to the hilt.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You behave with great dignity this week. You might be accused of being underwhelmed by life, but it's not true. You just have a subtle way of communicating and prefer to enjoy life quietly. You are not given to ostentation, and you value people who don't need extra attention and can deal in a secure and "real" manner.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take no one for granted. Those who devote their attention, time and resources to you need to know that they are appreciated. Later in the week, new friendships are eye opening. You'll be welcomed into someone's personal space and will learn and appreciate the world differently from this vantage point.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Much of the week is spent in preparation for something big that's about to happen. However, that doesn't mean it's not as important as what is to come. Approach each task as though it were the main event. The glory is really in the details, in how well you enjoy the rehearsal and what you learn along the way.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your life force is going strong this week and can be felt by all around you. You approach your responsibilities with conviction, and for the most part things will move to accommodate your wishes. Wednesday brings a minor glitch, though. Put on a happy face if people don't come through with what was promised.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A goal still gleams in the distance. You wonder why it's taking so long. And though you may not be moving as quickly as you had hoped, you'll make remarkable progress this week. Continue to fill your mind with thoughts of what your life will be like -- and what you'll be like once you get what you're going for.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being around tolerant people brings you up. You feel more creative when you know that you're accepted, and also when you're not wasting energy worrying whether others will be. Those who complain often and try to exclude others by imposing snobby rules will only limit your enjoyment and range of life.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Whatever you think you are capable of, raise your estimation by 10 percent. You can now do more and be more. Those who think big will inspire you. When you mentally minimize your obstacles, they really will diminish. By the end of the week, you will be bold. You'll cancel out the negative with positive energy.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). In every area of life, focus is vital. You have the amazing ability to separate your emotions from the task at hand and use only those feelings that will help you show up strong. It's a tricky accomplishment in a week when your feelings will be intensely passionate. Do your best. It will be more than enough.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll have the opportunity to experience one of the finest things in life -- time with your loved ones. The moments may seem commonplace, though, unless you take the initiative to bring something special and memorable to the scene. Savor and celebrate the uniqueness of the bond you have with loved ones.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You gravitate naturally toward hospitable souls and will be happiest in the company of those with attitudes that are as winning as yours. The qualities you find most attractive are: curiosity, humor, enthusiasm and service to others. Show compassion to those who don't fit the description, but avoid them all the same.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll mingle in a crowd or work among a large number of competitors. In order to shine, you'll need a big ego and a flair for getting noticed. Pump yourself up. Keep friends around to help you feel important. Once you feel powerful, you'll be inclined toward modesty and service to others. It's the perfect combo.

**This Week's Birthdays:** This year you get an education -- the kind that couldn't possibly be taught in a school. You become wise. By this time next month, you'll have decided upon a new thing to want and go for. October brings fantastic new friends into your life. You'll apply yourself seriously in November. January brings the opportunity to invest in your dreams, and you'll be paid handsomely in April. You'll have a wonderfully restful spring, and fun-loving souls are attracted to your easygoing attitude.

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## Meals on Wheels Needs Drivers

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## New Outdoor Antique Fair Seeks Vendors

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

*"It's kind of like being at the Mad Hatter's tea party. There's a great deal of discussion about things that are not really clear."*  
–Lorraine Huhn, about what she calls "gatherings" between people "are advocates for citizens for responsible growth." Mrs. Huhn presides as chairman of Save Our Little Village.

*"I'm going to sue the hell out of this city!"* – Chet Chmielewski over what he called "property rights issues."

*"We cannot allow the souls and the hearts of our city to leave us, because once we do we will just be the county. We are being dismantled piece by piece by piece."* –Deborah Schechner, about the proposed closure of both post offices on St. Pete Beach

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## Chamber Seeks to Lend a Helping Hand

The Gulfport Chamber of Commerce office located in the Bank of America Building at 2808 58 Street will now take donations of school supplies and non-perishable goods to assist local residents in need. These donations will be distributed to the appropriate Gulfport entities to make sure they are used to benefit our neighbors.

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# Letters

## We're Looking Too

**Dear Editor:** Re: Looking for an Easier Way to Pay in the Letters to the Editor, August 6, 2009 edition. My husband and I have also asked repeatedly about auto-electronic water bill payment. When Mayor Yakes last ran for election, my husband Mel spoke to him personally and the mayor said he'd look into it. Here it is August of 2009 and nothing has been done. The last time Mel asked, the ladies in the office said they didn't think they would be doing it.

It sure is ironic that a fairly new computer system cannot be programmed to debit people's accounts as do the St. Pete Times, Progress Energy, Bright House and Verizon, etc. My husband and I feel this should be an easily correctable problem for our progressive City of Gulfport. It is now time to address this promptly.

Mel and Jean Shook

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## Letters to the Editor

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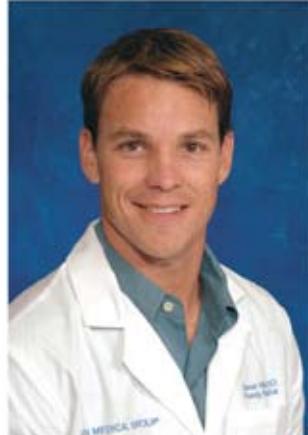
Among the drinks on the cruise ship deck bar are "old" and "new" Gabbers, freshly traveled from the Bahamas. Mom's (a.k.a. Carol) "old" July 1989 Gabber and smiling daughter Ellen's "new" July, 2009 Gabber. "Smiling"- because international waters means legal drinking and gambling age!

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## Local Obituaries

**CASEY, KENNETH D.**, 78, of South Pasadena, passed away Aug. 5, 2009 at Bay Pines Health Care. Ken was a brother, uncle, great uncle, cousin and friend. He is survived by a sister, Elizabeth Kimma; family and friends. Funeral arrangements in St. John's Church in Pawling, NY are yet to be finalized.

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**D E M A R Z O , PATRICIA**, 62, of Northbrook, IL, passed away July 1. Formerly of St. Petersburg, Patricia was born in Staten

Island, NY. She was a graduate of St. Petersburg College and University of Tampa. She received her graduate degree from DePaul University of Chicago. She retired from Searle Drug Company, where she was an accountant, she was also a residential and commercial real estate investor. She traveled the world extensively after retiring and was an outdoors woman, who enjoyed fly fishing and bow hunting. She raised and showed Rottweilers. She is survived by her brother, James, of St. Petersburg. The funeral was private.

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**GALKA, IDA**, 99, of South Pasadena, passed away Aug. 6. She is survived by her husband, Martin; her daughter Barbara (Anthony) Catalioto; her granddaughter Karen (Bob) Schiros; Great-grandson Scott (Brandi) Schiros. Memorial mass will

be held at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, St. Pete Beach on Saturday, Aug. 15, 11:30 am.

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**SCANNELL, ROBERT J.**, 41, of Gulfport, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009. He served his country honorably as a dog handler in the United States Air Force. He was a former police officer with the city of Gulfport. Robert is survived by his wife, Mary; he was the son of Margo and the late Dennis Scannell; brother of John of San Francisco, CA, Dennis of Saugus, MA, Jeanne Brian of Stoneham, MA and Deborah O'Neil of Tewksbury, MA and many other family members. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday, Aug. 9, from 4-7 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, Aug. 10, at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church at 10 am. Interment will be in Bay Pines National Cemetery with Military Honors at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Rob's memory to Patriot Paws Service Dogs, 811 Yellow Jacket Lane, Suite 115, Rockwall, TX 75087. R. Lee Williams & Son Gulfport Chapel 727-345-7797.

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**STANDER, JOHN D.**, 70, of South Pasadena, passed away August 5th. Survived by his loving family and friends. Guestbook @ davidegross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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**STEFFEE, THERESA**, 94, of Gulfport, passed away Aug. 7, 2009. Theresa is survived by her nephew, Alex Yambor and many other relatives and friends in the Akron, Ohio area. Theresa was predeceased by her husband Andrew (Jack) who died in 1963, and will be buried with him at Mount Peace Cemetery, Akron, OH. Theresa lived in Florida for nearly 50 years where she was predeceased by her sister-in-law Meta Cherry who died in 1993. She also had many close friends in the Gulfport area who grieve at her passing. Funeral arrangements and a viewing were accomplished at ALife Tribute Funeral Home on Wednesday, Aug. 12 from 2-4 p.m. Arrangements in Akron are being made by Anthony Funeral Home.

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### In Memoriam



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My little angel mother, another year gone by and missing you as much as ever. You never read the comic strips, but if you could have seen the Family Circus with their little angel mother lovingly looking down on her family, you would have said "That will be me". In a few months you will have three more great-grandchildren and I just love to envision you doing that. I love you too much!

Karen

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# Everyday Cheap\$kate

By Mary Hunt

## The 411 on Expiration Dates on Food Products

Few things in the grocery are more confusing than expiration dates on food products. When it says "sell by 8/22/09," does that mean it has to be used by or only sold by that date? Other products are even less clear, showing only dates, with no explanations. Some canned or packaged products don't seem to have any dates at all.

While most food processors date and code their products, the Food and Drug Administration mandates dating only on infant formula and baby food. Everything else is voluntary. Still, the food industry generally follows certain guidelines suggested by the FDA. Here's a quick overview of what all these food labels and dates mean:

Phrases such as "best before," "better if used before" and "best if used by" tell you how long the product will retain its best flavor and highest quality. These phrases are found on baked goods, cereals, snacks and some canned foods. The food is still safe to eat after this date but may have changed somewhat in taste or texture.

The "sell by" date usually is found on perishable foods -- such as meat, milk and bread. This date guides the rotation of shelf stock and allows time for the product to be stored and used at home. The product is still

safe and wholesome past this date. For example, milk usually is good for up to a week beyond its "sell by" date if properly refrigerated. Meat that has arrived at its "sell by" date should be either consumed or frozen within 24 hours. You also can extend the useful lives of milk and baked goods by freezing them within a day or so of the "sell by" date.

"Expiration," "use by" and "use before" are phrases that appear on yogurt, eggs and other foods that require refrigeration. Other dating terms are guidelines, but these mean what they say. If you haven't used the product by this date, toss it out.

The "guaranteed fresh" terminology is used for perishable baked goods. Beyond this date, freshness no longer is guaranteed, although the product still may be edible.

Some products bear "pack dates," indicating when they were packaged.

These dates often are encrypted so that only manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers can read them. The pack dates on some products, such as eggs, are shown by Julian dates (1 through 365); Jan. 1 is No. 1, and Dec. 31 is No. 365. In other coding, letters A through M (omitting the letter I) often are assigned to the months, with A being January and M being December, plus numeric days, either preceded or followed by numeric years.

The point in all of this is that the fresher your food the better it is. Processors want to assure customers that their products will remain at peak quality for certain periods of time.

Here's a tip: In a properly stocked store, the freshest items are at the back of the shelf or underneath older items.

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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./\$20 non-res.

### PROGRAMS

**School Year Child Care Program**-Ongoing registrations continue for the 2009-2010 School Year Child Care Program for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and



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### PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS:

**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.

**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.

**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, August 15, 1:30 pm.

**Summer Coffee/Talk:** Summer series of

\$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** - CURRENTLY NEW REGISTRATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE 2009-2010 YEAR- Teens, age's middle school to 17. Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res./\$20 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

**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.

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

monthly book discussions, "Grace Under Pressure," continues with Charles Dickens' Hard Times. 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, August 20 (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 "Hard Times", a 1994 BBC-WGBH film based on Charles Dickens' classic novel. This version stars Alan Bates as the self-made, self-important banker Josiah Bounderby. Thursday, August 20, starting at 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, August 22, 1:00 pm. FMI, call Kay Boatwright at the Library, 893-1074.

**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**-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.

**Sunyie** - STARTS AUG. 12th-Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per class plus supplies. Please call Mike at 320-5035 for more information.

**Tai Chi** - MOVED to the CASINO

Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Donations accepted. Call Marge at 345-6708 for more info.

**Tennis**-Tues., 4:30-5p.m. (ages 6+), 5-6 p.m. (children 8-16) and adults from 6-7 p.m. at Chase Park, 28th Ave. & 53rd Street So. Gulfport. Cost is \$10 per session. Private lessons available. Call Jack at 430-0690 for more info.

**Watercolor** - STARTS SEPT. 3rd-Thurs., 6:30-8:45 p.m. Cost is \$45 a month or \$13 per class. Call Patsi at 501-3559 for more information and supply list.

**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.

**Bereavement Support Group:** For family or friends who have recently lost a loved one. Open to the public Tuesdays, September 8 and September 15 at 10:00 am. Facilitated by The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.

**Books, Audio Books, Music, Videos, Computers, Internet Access and Free Information:**

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# Services

## City Sponsored Activities in the Community

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

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Special Thanks**-The Senior Center staff and participants are very grateful for Westminister Suncoast for sponsoring our annual Ice Cream Social on Wed. Aug. 12 and to Bob Hines and Cheryl Moore for providing the entertainment. A great time was held by all!

**Craft Club With A New Focus**-The Senior Center's Craft Club is now under new leadership with a focus on creating care packages for our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. If you would like to be a part of this meaningful project, please join us every Friday at 9am.

**December Sale**-The Senior Center is now collecting items for an upscale sale/silent auction which will be held in December. 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**-Interested in improving your conversational English skills? Call to reserve space in our upcoming class.

**Computer Classes**-One-on-one computer training sessions are available. Call for reservations.

#### 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. August 17 at 12:45pm, The Whales of August starring Bette Davis and Lillian Gish. Theme: Two sisters facing the twilight years.

**New Yoga Chair Exercise** - For active, older adults. Focus on breathing, balance and flexibility. No floor work. Fri. Aug. 28 at 2:45pm. Bring a friend. If you like this form of exercise, we will try to offer it on a regular basis.

#### SEMINARS & PRESENTATIONS

**Get Connected for Health Living**-3 Part Series on Healthy Aging -Starts Thurs. Aug 6 at 10:30 am - then August 13 & 20

**Medicare Made Easy** - every 2nd Tue. at 11:15am (Sept. 8)

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

**Toastmaster Info Meeting** - Tues. Aug. 18 at 6:30pm.

**VA Benefits** - Find out about available help to pay for cost of home care, ALF &

Nursing Home Care - Wed. Aug. 26 at 1pm. help with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, health care surrogate, etc. Must be 60 or over, reside in

**Holocaust Museum Presentation** - Thurs. Aug. 27 at 2pm in the Catherine Southern Pinellas County and meet A. Hickman Theater in memory of Sophie Friedlander. Refreshments provided.

#### FUN & GAMES

Bingo, every Fri. at 1pm

Contract Bridge, every Tues. & Thurs at 2pm

Canasta, Pinochle, & Beginning Duplicate Bridge, every Wed. at 6:30

Mah Jongg, Mon. at 1pm

Wii Bowling, every Thurs. at 1pm

#### CLASSES & CLUBS

**Chair Exercise with Phil** every Tues. at 10:45am

**Bone Strengthening Exercise** every Wed. at 11:15am. Courtesy of Coventry Health Care.

**Fitness Center**: Treadmills, Recumbent Cycle, Easytone Exercise Chairs, 8am-4pm

#### Exercise Off Site:

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

Total Fitness every Mon & Wed. at 1:30pm (Gulfport Neighborhood Center)

**AARP Driver Safety Program**-Every first and second Tuesdays, 12:30-4:30pm. Fee: \$14 (\$2 discount for AARP members). Must attend both classes. Call (727) 343-9044 to register or visit [www.aarp.org/](http://www.aarp.org/) drive.

#### SPECIAL SERVICES

##### GEMS Door-to-Door Transportation

Transportation for Gulfport seniors, 55 yrs. or over. Service provided Mon. thru Fri. 8:30am-4pm. Annual membership: \$50. Rides: \$1.00 each way. All rides to the Senior Center are free. Call for more info.

**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. Aug. 18, 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 class: Aug. 24

**Elder Law Clinic**-Free legal assistance on Fri. Aug. 21 at 9:30am. Includes

help with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, health care surrogate, etc. Must be 60 or over, reside in income guidelines. Call to register.

#### Health Insurance Questions?

Do you have Medicare/Medicaid questions or billing problems? Confused about Medicare Part D? Call for 1:1 appointment. Courtesy of SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders).

#### Support Groups

Diabetic Support Group, every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mon. at 10am

Support for Visually Impaired, 2nd & 4th Mon. at 2pm

Support for Caregivers, Tues at 6pm; Wed. at 2pm

**Neighborhood Center**  
**1617 49th St. So./893-1070**

VitaLife Exercise Class-Monday & Wednesday, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Overeaters Anonymous-Sunday, 6:30 p.m., [www.oapinellas.org](http://www.oapinellas.org)



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8-11 p.m. - Dance, \$7

**Thurs., Aug. 13 & 27  
SALSA DANCE**  
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8:30-10 p.m. - Dance, \$7

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click on Casino

## S. Pasadena Community Band Rehearsal

The South Pasadena Community Band will begin rehearsals for the season on Thursday September 10, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the South Pasadena City Hall at 7047 Sunset Drive South. The band will present public concerts the second Thursday of each month from October through May with the exception of January.

The band has been continuously sponsored by the city since its founding in 1986. In 2008 the city built a band shell in Galatea Garden. December, February and March concerts are presented at an indoor venue.

Max Millspaugh, Musical Director of the band, said that area adult musicians are welcome to join the band. "This is a great organization for avocational musicians who want to exercise and develop their musical abilities in a credible band that prepares and presents challenging and varied music in area concerts" he said. Millspaugh is a degreed music teacher who taught low brass to college level students and directed the Kokomo (Indiana) Community Band prior to moving to Florida. "This is a solid band and we have seen both our membership and our audiences grow steadily over the last few years," he concluded.

The band's concerts are free and financial support comes from a stipend from the city and community donors and sponsors. For further information, call band president Ronald Stoll at 727/345-4502

## City of Gulfport Website and Web stream Access

Whether it's the local Gabber or other local websites, your email, your calendar or watching live government TV is your way to get connected to Gulfport, check out the City of Gulfport's new website to stay in touch with what is going on in your city.

If you haven't had the chance to visit Gulfport's newly designed website, the City welcomes you to take a look at [www.ci.gulfport.fl.us](http://www.ci.gulfport.fl.us). You will find many images on the site and if you take your mouse to each one of the light blue navigation bars, other menus will pop up for you to explore. Scroll down the page and see the list of City events from all departments. If you click on an event you are interested in, you can add it to your calendar. Also on the main page, you will find a little yellow box below "Join Our Mailing List" to get up to date emails from the webmaster to remind you of Gulfport events.

If you do not have Bright house digital cable, but have internet access, go under City Departments, you can view the Gulfport station GTV615 on line. It lists the program guide, City YouTube Videos and a live web stream link. Webstream is the same information distributed as if you were watching on cable TV. You must have Windows Media Player to view and the webmaster has set up a link for you to install that program.

The City's website also refers you to other Gulfport related links in the "Search and Links" area. We invite all to visit the City's website to explore what is happening in Gulfport.

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## Beta Sigma Phi

Members of Sunshine City Council chapters and chapters in the bay area are looking forward to the Beginning Day Luncheon hosted by Preceptor Epsilon Nu. This year's theme is "Fabulous Fifties" and will be held at Banquet Masters in Pinellas Park on Saturday, August 22. This year's theme will prove to be a fun afternoon. The luncheon is always a big hit as it is a wonderful way for members to meet and begin the new sorority year of "Sharing Our Passport to Adventure."

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

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## Adult Basic Sailing School

Boca Ciega Yacht Club will be offering a five week Adult Basic Sailing Class beginning Wednesday, September 9. The course includes five Wednesday evening classes as well as four weekend waterfront sailing sessions. Students will put classroom theories into practice sailing the club's Catalina 16.5 fleet. Cost is \$225 per person including all classroom materials and an U.S. Sailing Association Basic Keelboat manual. Participants will receive a complementary three month membership. With a 2:1 student teacher ratio this is the most reasonably priced program in the Tampa Bay area. For registration information, visit [www.sailbcye.org](http://www.sailbcye.org) or call Jennifer Rogers at 345-7544. Pre-registration is required.

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## Foster Hope... Foster A Child

Imagine being taken away from your home, not knowing where you will go, leaving behind your favorite things. Now, imagine this through the eyes of a child. There are more than 3,500 dependent children in Pinellas and Pasco counties due to child abuse, neglect or abandonment. Many of them need loving foster parents. For more information on becoming a foster parent, please call Eckerd Community Alternatives Recruitment Line toll-free at 1-866-271-4705 and press "7".

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## Government Medical Health Care

**D**ear Mr., Mrs., or Ms. Congressperson:

Are you surprised that American citizens are anxious, irritated, even angry about the proposed health reform bill? Well, it's not some right-wing, ultra-conservative, ACORN-like movement, stirring up trouble. It's really very simple.

You have proposed a plan that effects one-sixth of the American economy. Every single American would be affected by the plan. Each is required to participate in it. Some would be taxed for it; others would get subsidies that others would pay. It adds an estimated \$1.5 trillion to our debt.

Every single employer with some few exceptions is required to participate or be taxed instead. For some it would be less expensive to drop their present plan and pay a penalty. The bill is 1,000 pages long. None of you, apparently, has read it.

Few seem to be able to answer specific questions about it. Not even President Obama is familiar with its details, as he indicated in a recent press conference. He didn't even know the difference between pediatricians who diagnosis infected tonsils and surgeons who might remove them.

Yet, congressional leaders and the administration wanted this to be enacted into law in July without public discussion. Questions about it are regarded as suspicious, dangerous, or disruptive. The White House even has a web site that urges Americans to report suspicious activities regarding it.

Democrats are running ads claiming that misinformation is being disseminated although they refuse to provide details about its implementation. And, I repeat, they admit they haven't read it. Those who confront congressmen are labeled Nazi's. Kind of reminds me of Cuba's grand slogan, "Socialism or Death".

There are few details about how it

would work mainly because those details are left up to the bureaucracy after the bill passes. The administration and congress say "trust me", details to follow later. This is the same congress that accepted pay raises for themselves and their staffs as American workers were being laid off. This is the same congress that scolded arrogant auto makers for flying their jet aircraft into Washington. But this is the same congress that just voted to purchase eight jet aircraft for themselves at a cost of \$550,000. Trust you? I don't think so.

This is the same congress and administration that says this isn't a government health plan, but key members individually support and advocate single payer, universal health which are code phrases for a government run health system.

The plan, reportedly, has been modeled after the Massachusetts "everyone is insured" plan signed into law a few years ago by then Gov. Mitt Romney. Romney said that it took two years to work out the details and that nothing was rushed through. Interesting, or ironically, the Massachusetts plan is now wallowing in red ink. In the meantime, Utah has an interesting plan that could be studied, but isn't.

The plan is touted as controlling health care costs, but there is no mention of controlling malpractice judgments. Yet, many doctors and many experts say anywhere from 25 to 30 per cent of tests (one told me 70 per cent) that are run on patients are for defensive medicine purposes.

As I write this I am now on page 336 with 600 more to read. It might take a day or two to finish. I am not fully certain at this stage what is good and what is bad about the plan. However, let me relate what I have surmised so far.

This IS a massive "reform" that encompasses every aspect of health

care in America. I don't know if it would result in European style socialized medicine. However, it is nothing less than federal control of health care. Included are standards of care, pay, mandates for information and data sharing at all levels. There's even a passage stating that insurance contracts must be written in clear, concise English. Oh, that the bill had been written that clearly.

It clearly creates a huge new bureaucracy, including the creation of a health type IRS, to audit providers and participants. And, of course, it creates a federal government operated "default" insurance company to compete with private enterprise. Individual health care policies would be "grand fathered", but would collapse if any changes are made.

Medicare and Medicaid would be made more efficient. Both are in the red now, but the question is how the cuts would be made. Maybe it's in the bill and I haven't gotten to it yet, or missed it. Could it be rationing? I don't know.

Would the quality and accessibility of health care for the great majority be cut to pay for covering the uninsured? How do we pay for covering more people for more conditions? How do we reduce costs without reducing use, or paying providers less?

Is this bill good for America? I'm not certain, but like most Americans I really care and am not willing to go with "trust me". You can "trust me" on that.

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## **USCG Safe Boating Classes**

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous cycle of Safe Boating Classes every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Warren Webster Community Center, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (1 mile south of Don CeSar) Start at your convenience. First class, come at 7 p.m. to register. Begin any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to 2 years to finish.

August classes include: "Rules of the Nautical Road" August 18 and "Piloting Your Boat Part-A" August 25.

Cost is \$40 for 13 weeks and includes a new 400-page manual. Call Jim at 360-4846, or Warren at 321-7801, or Phil at 865-2226.

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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. For further information, please call 727-204-5203.

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## **Salvation Army Seeks Donations**

The Salvation Army is seeking donations of regular and travel sized personal hygiene items for men and

women that are given out to clients through its Social Services. The list of items needed include deodorant, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap and body wash, shampoo and conditioner, combs and brushed as well as creams and lotions. Additional personal hygiene items such as feminine hygiene products and baby diapers are always needed.

Donations can be dropped off at the Social Service office located at 1400 Fourth Street S. in St. Petersburg. For more information please contact Luis Rosa at (727) 822-4954 or by email at Luis\_Rosa@uss.salvationarmy.org.

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Lunch Served 11am-3pm  Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Southern Knights Band 7-11pm  Kitchen Open 11am-7pm	Southern Knights Band 7-11pm  Kitchen Open 3-7pm Darts 8pm Free Pool 'til 5pm	Kitchen Open 2-5pm	No Lunch Served	Lunch Served 11am-3pm  Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm  Bingo 6pm Kitchen open

If you will check out the parking lot, you will see that we are still in desperate need of having it re-paved. If you can help us with a donation, it will be greatly appreciated.

**Post 305**  
**6999 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach 367-1596**

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Bar Bingo 7pm Food Served	Bob & Pegs 7-10pm	Music 7-10pm	Open noon-6pm	Dinner 5-8pm Karaoke 7pm	Post Meeting 6pm Harry 7-10pm	Dinner 6-8pm

## Gulfport Centennial Countdown Continues!

# Gulfport's Centennial

100 Week Countdown to 100 Years!



This man was Gulfport's town clerk for the first 10 years of its existence, and later ran for mayor and won, defeating a famous resident. Who was he and when did all this happen? Answer next week.

***Think you know the answer?***

Send us an email with your answer, name and phone number to [News@theGabber.com](mailto:News@theGabber.com)

In just 61 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:**

Shown last week: Last week's photo shows the Casino rigged up for the Gay Nineties celebration of 1948. After a parade and a 1890s costume contest, the day's special guest, 80-year-old magazine publisher Bernarr MacFadden, parachuted in and made a speech. The flags and bunting cost a whopping \$709 and infuriated the cash-strapped populace. Clues in the picture? The post-war honor roll on the Casino and the trolley tracks, which came out in 1949.

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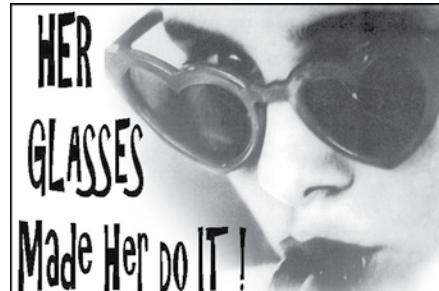
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# WellNEWS

All the news that's fit.

By Scott Lafee

## Until Health Do Us Part

A stable, long-term marriage can be good for your health. Divorce or widowhood, on the other hand, leaves lasting scars on the health of middle-aged and older people that remarriage may reduce but cannot entirely erase.

According to a University of Chicago study, divorced or widowed people have 20 percent more chronic health conditions, such as heart disease or cancer, than married people. They also have 23 percent more mobility limitations, such as trouble climbing stairs or walking a block.

People who have never married have 12 percent more mobility limitations and 13 percent more depressive symptoms than married people, but report no difference in the number of chronic health conditions.

People who have remarried have 12 percent more chronic conditions and 19 percent more mobility limitations, but no more depressive symptoms than those continuously married.

The impacts of marriage, divorce and remarriage upon health are based on the ways in which various illnesses develop and heal, said Mary Elizabeth Waites, an assistant professor and the study's author.

"Some health situations, like depression, seem to respond both quickly and strongly to changes in current conditions. In contrast, conditions such as diabetes and

heart disease develop slowly over a substantial period and show the impact of past experiences, which is why health is undermined by divorce or widowhood, even when a person remarries."

## BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

The smallest baby on record is Amillia Sonja Taylor, born in 2006. Taylor was 9.5 inches long and weighed slightly less than 10 ounces after a gestation of just 21 weeks. After a four-month hospital stay, Taylor went home weighing 4.5 pounds, but at 9 months, she weighed 14 pounds, 3 ounces.

## NUMBER CRUNCHER

A large serving of McDonald's french fries (154 grams) contains 500 calories, 225 from fat. It has 25 grams of total fat, or 38 percent of the recommended total fat intake for a 2,000-calorie daily diet.

It also contains 350 milligrams of sodium (15 percent); 63 grams of total carbohydrates (21 percent); 6 grams of dietary fiber (24 percent) and 6 grams of protein.

## GET ME THAT. STAT!

About one-in-six public health workers say they would not report to work during a pandemic flu

emergency regardless of its severity, according to a survey by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

That's an improvement over a 2005 study that reported more than 40 percent of public health employees were unlikely to report to work during a pandemic emergency.

## MEDTRONICA

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California residents can look to see if their doctor has been accused of or disciplined for wrongdoing or has faced any major malpractice lawsuits. Also, find lots of good information about choosing doctors, filing complaints and generally surviving the health care system.

## PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Catagelophobia: fear of being ridiculed

## OBSERVATION

They have to make tough decisions about who is going to take best care of this precious gift. -- A statement issued by the United Kingdom Health Service justifying why doctors refused a liver transplant to a 22-year-old, binge-drinking man, who subsequently died.

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## Closures , from front page

as Congressman Bill Young.

"I think approaching it from a cultural, historic perspective might set us apart," Commissioner Jim Parent suggested.

"I think the residents will band together. I have to encourage everybody please write your letters and let your voices be heard. That's all we can do," Commissioner Bev Garnett implored residents.

"This is going to be a political decision and Congressman Young has been very good to us in the past. Anything you can do to bring attention to the issue is going to work in our favor," City Manager Mike Bonfield said.

If the post office closes the two St. Pete Beach locations residents will have to go to either the post office in Madeira Beach or 66th Street, Bonfield added.

Commissioners urged residents to e-mail their elected congressmen, but Garnett stressed that when contacting the postmaster people send snail mail rather than e-mail. Commissioners also asked that anyone who wanted to design vintage-styled St. Pete Beach postcards to do so and contact Commissioner Garnett.

Each commissioner took responsibility for some action to help get the rally together. For more information please contact city hall at 367-2735.

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Voters Can Vote on When to Vote But May Not Have to Vote On Height Twice

ST. PETE BEACH- Currently the city's charter necessitates that voters have a referendum on any amendment to the city's Comprehensive Plan. The city has a proposed amendment that will limit the types of items that require voter approval for any items dealing with changing "allowable height, density, or land uses" according to city manager Mike Bonfield's city manager report.

Commissioner Leonard expressed discomfort at voting in favor of the ordinance because of potential legal issues surrounding Senate Bill 216 and language regarding "paid expressions." Mayor Mike Finnerty said the legal issues surrounding Senate Bill 216 also made him hesitate to vote in favor of the ordinance.

According to the Florida Senate, Senate Bill 216 prohibits local governments from spending public funds for political advertising.

The motion passed 3-2 with Mayor Mike Finnerty and Commissioner Chris Leonard casting the dissenting votes.

The city also addressed Ordinance 2009-17, which will place a voter referendum on this fall's ballot. This referendum, if passed by the voters, will amend the city charter. Right now the city's charter says "all increases in allowable building height in the Land Development Code must

be approved by voter referendum."

If voters vote in favor of the referendum it will eliminate that voter referendum requirement if "the allowable building height has already been approved in the Comprehensive Plan by referendum," according to the city's agenda report, posted online with the city's agenda for the Tuesday night commission meeting.

"The proposed change is necessary because if allowable building height is established in the City Comprehensive Plan, State law requires the City Land Development Code to be consistent," the agenda report adds.

"The purpose of this was to avoid having to do a referendum every time the county or the state sends down a mandatory change to the comp plan," Vice Mayor Al Halpern said. "That's all this does—it was an effort to save the city some money in having a referendum."

Voters must approve any changes to the city's comprehensive plan so any changes to allowable height in the comprehensive plan must will get a voter referendum no matter how voters vote on this referendum in the fall.

As with Ordinance 2009-12, the ordinance passed 3-2 with Mayor Mike Finnerty and Commissioner Chris Leonard casting the dissenting votes for the same reasons cited with the previous ordinance.

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## Attention Shutterbugs!

How do you see your town and your life? Send us your best photo-it can be of anything, from a picture of your pooch or a mailbox you think is cool--and we'll choose one to run every week starting July 2.

E-mail your photo to news@thegabber.com. Photos should be at least 200dpi and in JPG format. Alternately, bring or mail your printed photos to The Gabber, 1419 49 Street S., Gulfport, FL 33707. The Gabber cannot guarantee printed photos will get returned.

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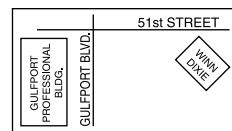


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## Shutterbugs



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-Submitted by Chris Kubala,  
Town Shores Resident

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

**Friday 7/31**

**Noise Complaint-** 5200 Blk 30th Ave. S.

**Animal Complaint-** 5400 Blk 13th Ave. S.

**Burglary-** 3100 Blk Miriam St. S.

**Domestic Verbal-** 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.

**Lost/Stolen Tag-** 5000 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

**Traffic Stop-Failed to Stop-** 1300 Blk 51st St. S.

**Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.

**Drunk Driver-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Domestic Battery-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.

**Saturday 8/1**

**Noise Complaint-** 4900 Blk 12th Ave. S.

**Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.

**Theft-** 5100 Blk 8th Ave. S.

**Throwing Deadly Missile-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

**Traffic Stop-Failed to Stop-** 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.

**Sunday 8/2**

**Noise Complaint-** 2600 Blk 53rd St. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 2700 Blk 58th St. S.

**Traffic Stop-Failed to Stop-** 1600 Blk 51st St. S.

**Domestic Battery-** 5600 Blk 28th Ave. S.

**Theft-** 5000 Blk 10th Ave. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 6200 Blk 11th Ave. S.

**Vessel Stop-** Waterfront.

**Traffic Stop-Failed to Stop-** 4900 Blk 18th Ave. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 1200 Blk 52nd St. S.

**Monday 8/3**

**Animal Complaint-** 2200 Blk 57th St. S.

**Theft-** 5700 Blk 27th Ave. S.

**Drunk Driver-** 1700 Blk 53rd St. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Theft-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

**Tuesday 8/4**

**Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.

**Domestic Verbal-** 2600 Blk 44th St. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** Gulfport Pier.

**Domestic Verbal-** 5300 Blk 14th Ave. S.

**Suspicious Circumstances-** 2000 Blk 52nd St. S.

**Thursday 8/6**

**Noise Complaint-** 4900 Blk 8th Ave. S.

**Hit & Run-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.

**Suspicious Person-** 4600 Blk 26th Ave. S.

**Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Narcotics/Drugs-** 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Burglary-** 900 Blk 62nd St. S.

**Trespasser-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Stolen Vehicle-** 4900 Blk 10th Ave. S.

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## Town Shores

### Red Hatters



Fifteen Town Shores Red Hatters and friends enjoyed their monthly Bunko game on August 7 in the clubhouse lounge. Refreshments donated by Carol Ringland, Sandy Adams, Phyllis Miller and Julie Fuce were served and enjoyed by all. The big winner was Sherry Billheimer, who wound up with the Red Hat at the end of the game.

Next on their agenda is the ice cream social on August 20 in the auditorium. Friends are invited to join but they are requesting a \$1 donation to cover the extra cost. The specialties of the day will be root beer floats and makings for your own sundaes. Let them know if you are attending so they can plan accordingly. Also, mark your calendars for September 18th Bunko.

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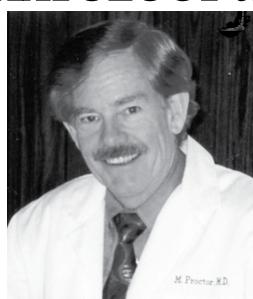
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# A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

## Plant Shade Trees

I know that for many people, home values have plummeted. One way to keep your home's value as high as possible, especially compared to the neighboring homes, is to keep the landscape looking its best. Shade trees that are healthy and thriving add more value to homes and even to otherwise vacant properties than any other landscape item.

We all want fast-growing trees that never have any problems and never have to be watered or maintained. The problem is that trees are alive and everything alive has problems. Most fast-growing trees are short-lived and not too sturdy while they are growing. They tend to drop more twigs and other debris and have more insect and disease problems than slower-growing trees.

Fast-growing trees will grow trunks and branches longer than 2 feet per year. Slow-growing trees grow less than 1 foot per year, while medium-growth-rate trees grow between 1 and 2 feet. Many trees that are known to be long lived, like oaks, are often fast or medium growers for the first 20 to 50 years and then they settle down to a long-term slow-growth rate.

Shade trees provide more than just shade on the patio. They can have pretty flowers, fruit and fall color. Many provide food and shelter to birds and other wild creatures. They reduce the heat and glare from the sun on houses and cars. Their leaves absorb pollutants, dust and noise. They help slow the winter winds and help create summer breezes.

My normal response when someone asks me what kind of tree they should grow in their yard is to say: Plant what no one else in the neighborhood has. That way, your tree will have less chance of getting some disease or insect problem later on. A brand-new neighborhood may not have many trees yet, so it will be hard to prevent others from copying your choice. Ask several of your local nursery people what their top 10 or 15 best-selling trees are and then ask them which one they would have in their own yard.

Shade trees don't just shade the ground under themselves. They grow large enough to shade your house, which can save you a lot of money on cooling costs. Strategically located shade trees will increase in value more than trees scattered around the property. It would be good to get a landscape plan so the tree can go in the best position. Plan ahead for backyard activity areas such as patios, decks or play areas so the tree can shade them without being moved or cut down in the future. Plant any of the trees at least 15 feet from the house.

This is the best time of year to look at the shade tree's future location. Decide which part of the house you want to be shaded and go outside between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on any sum-

mer day. Determine where the tree should be planted by looking at your shadow. Stand in the yard looking at the house and when your shadow points at it, you are in a good spot.

Now that you know where it should go, what are the existing growing conditions? The first thing to consider when picking a tree for a particular use in a certain location is to make sure the growing conditions are compatible. Is the location sunny or shady? Is the topsoil plentiful or not? Is the soil well drained, does it stay dry unless you water it, or does it stay wet all the time without watering? Unless you enjoy a challenge, do not plant trees in the wrong growing conditions.

Next, consider the size and shape of plant that will fit in that location. Does it need to grow narrow and tall to fit between the houses, or can it grow wide and round? Will it fit without pruning, or will it be a maintenance headache? Most people cannot imagine the plant they have in their hand ever being big enough to hang a tire-swing on, and then they plant it way too close to the house.

Now, start narrowing down the choices. Is it disease resistant? What color should the leaves, bark, flowers and fruit be? When does it flower, and does it have a good fall color? For each single characteristic chosen, there will be many suitable species available. The more attributes selected, the more specific the selection will be and the fewer substitutes that will match all of the characteristics.

Trees are long-term investments. Drive through an older neighborhood and you will see nice old trees. They probably did not get there on their own. One of the first outdoor investments each property owner should invest in is trees. Some local cities will actually give you a tree or just charge enough to cover the cost of the tree to perpetuate the program. If your city does this, get a tree as soon as you can and then invest some time and money to take care of it.

One of the fastest ways to increase a home's value is to plant trees and to finish the landscape plan so that the whole landscape is pretty. Because of the lower number of new houses, many nurseries have a better selection of trees than usual, so this is a good time to buy trees.

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# A Night of Horror

By Cathy Salustri

The Gulfport Arts Center presented its first annual Gulfport Horror Film Festival this past weekend. Saturday night anxious moviegoers filled Scout Hall to watch the Roger Corman feature, "She Gods of Shark Reef."

"You had your 'A' movies and your 'B' movies, and these are kind of your 'B-minus' movies," Gulfport councilwoman Judy Ryerson said.

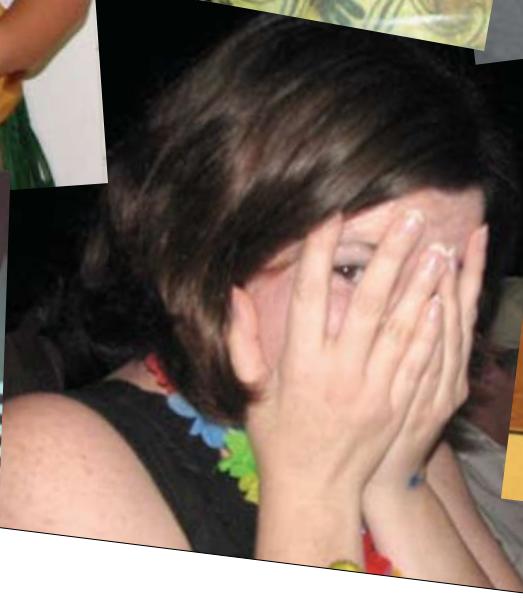
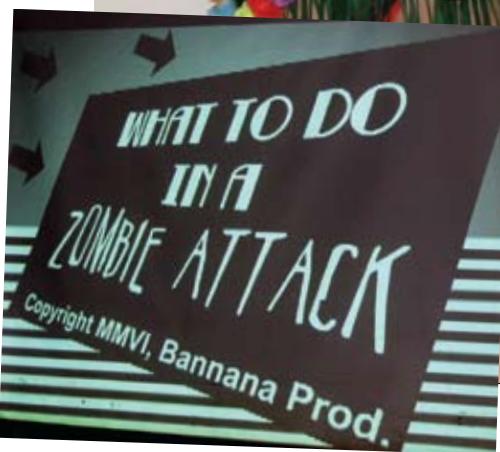
For five dollars moviegoers also got to watch the informative short movie, "What to Do in a Zombie Attack," where patrons learned that the best defense against zombies includes such tactics as ripping off a zombie's arm to beat up the zombie.

The Gulfport Arts Center sold popcorn, water and soda. Admission included entrance into a raffle for either B movies or original Hugo Porcaro artwork.

At the movie's end the audience applauded enthusiastically.

"We look back and the hokier they are, the more fun they are," Ryerson added "Pure escapism."

Clockwise: Stella Ross dressed as one of the She Gods of Shark Reef; Stacey Whitworth gasps in horror at the Zombie attack; Camilo Cotrino enjoys the popcorn; a skull watches over the crowd; Amanda Polson hides her eyes as the She Gods attempt to sacrifice a virgin to a shark; and an informative film about Zombies helped educate the audience.



## Registration Forms for Special Needs

Persons with special needs (medical, transportation, mobility and other needs) must register with the Pinellas County Office of Emergency Management if they might need special assistance at the time of a hurricane threat. Registration forms are available at the Maximo Resource Center located at 4815 34 Street S. in St. Petersburg. The Center is staffed by volunteers and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon and until 3 p.m.

Persons with pets must also register for pet evacuation and shelter needs. Registration forms for pets are also available at the Center.

The Center's staff volunteers also have telephone numbers for agencies and services that may be needed during a hurricane threat. Call 866-7177.

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St. Petersburg Free Clinic is located at 863 3rd Avenue North and provides temporary assistance for families and individuals in need of the basics of food, shelter, health care, limited financial assistance and referral information. For more information about the Free Clinic visit [www.stpetersburgfreeclinic.org](http://stpetersburgfreeclinic.org).

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## Operation PAR Asks Community for Help

On May 1, Operation PAR, the largest substance abuse organization

in West Central Florida, kicked off "Pennies for PAR", an awareness and fund raising campaign. PAR's goal is to collect one million pennies by June 30.

Budget cuts as well as lower than usual donations are affecting the non-profit, and the campaign hopes to highlight the fact that even small donations can help those in need of services offered by the organization. Proceeds will benefit Operation PAR's services to children.

In order to meet its goal, Operation PAR is asking for the community's help. If you would like to make a donation visit PAR's corporate offices

at 6655 66 Street N., Pinellas Park or put a donation in canisters located at businesses throughout Pinellas County. If your business is interested in helping, canisters can be obtained by calling 545-7564, ext. 228.

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## German Speaking AA Meeting

There will be a German speaking Alcoholic Anonymous meeting every Saturday, from 4-5 p.m. at 7815 Blind Pass Road in St. Pete Beach (above the coin laundromat). Hope is found there.

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## Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.



# Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

I stepped on a child at the pool the other day and I don't feel even a little bad about it. Actually, it was pretty gratifying. Does that make me a bad person?

In an attempt to fight genetics, my metabolism, and a lusty affinity for the Larry's Ice Cream and the new burger place on the beach—both a short walk from my apartment—I've added swimming to my workout. Several days a week I make my way down to the St. Pete Beach community pool and swim a mile plus whatever else I can eke out of an hour in the pool.

I love the pool but it's made me realize I'm turning into a cranky old lady. If you've spent any time at a public pool you know exactly what cranky old lady I'm talking about, because you've seen her there, swimming laps and grimacing at the carefree little children frolicking about the pool, haplessly enjoying their last days of summer and annoying the hell out of her.

I wasn't always this way. When I was 18 I started lifeguarding and teaching swim lessons for the YMCA. I used to watch these old ladies swimming laps; they came in two flavors: the serious swimmer and what I called the make-up swimmer.

The serious swimmer had not an ounce of discernible body fat on her anywhere and had a freakish leathery tan that almost matched her strappy no-nonsense Speedo. I never saw her hair because she always wore a blue rubber swim cap pulled so tight her eyes met her hairline. She walked with the swimmer's slouch that

ensured her shoulders would show up about 30 seconds before the rest of her body.

The make-up swimmer showed up in a bathing suit that epitomized fashion in the early 60s. She wore bright red lipstick that bled into the lines above her upper lip and she kept a visor on while she breaststroked up and down the lap lane. Her hair-frosted and rolled within an inch of its life- never got wet except for her neckline and under her ears.

These two swimmers had one thing in common: they hated children. God forbid an enthusiastic youngster should cross their lap lane—even while they were at the other end of the pool—and I, as the lifeguard, didn't immediately wrench the child from the pool and threaten him with death or exile to a communist country. They would make an exaggerated point of stopping their workout and drawing this clear breach of the rules to my attention.

As a lifeguard it was my most solemn and irksome duty to prevent children from having any fun. I would dutifully tell the kids to stay out of the lap lanes, don't touch the lane markers, and for god's sake don't splash near the swimmers. After all, who wants to get wet in a pool? And while I understood the logic behind the "only lap swimmers in the lap lanes" rule, I didn't get the big deal. They weren't hurting anyone. How old and cranky did you have to be to mind a few kids in the lap lanes?

So when I saw these boys swimming underwater through my lap lane over and over and over again, I didn't get

annoyed, right? I understood that they were kids who wanted to have a good time and play some fun pool games, right?

You would think I'd achieved that level of maturity, wouldn't you? You wouldn't think that when another child swam through my lap lane and took his sweet time about it that I put my head down and added a little burst of speed, hoping to plow into him.

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## Host a High School Exchange Student

Foundation for Intercultural Travel (FIT), a State Department designated exchange visitor program is currently matching international students, ages 15 to 18 with host families in our area. Families of all types are eligible to host, retired couples to single parent families.

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## Try a Water Exercise Class

The St. Pete Beach Community Center offers Shallow Water Aerobic Exercise classes five days a week to help keep you healthy and happy. Classes are taught by Norma Robinson, Certified Aquatics Instructor, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center located at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. The class is great for muscle-toning and cardio with the benefits and support of the water. These fun and invigorating exercise sessions are held in the outdoor pool that's heated to 82 degrees year-round. Classes are \$5 with a membership card or \$6.25 without. This is a drop-in class so come by anytime! Call the pool for more details at 363-9264.

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# Antiques can be “Green” at *Patty and Friends*

By Leigh Clifton

For almost 30 years Patty and Friends Antiques has been collecting, appraising and selling the area's finest antique furniture, glassware and jewelry. Antiques by definition must be at least 100 years old and Florida is particularly teeming with wonderful treasures and collectibles. At Patty and Friends, with over 50 vendors, there is no end to what you might find around the corner or in the next of many rooms that house thousands of antique, art deco and restored pieces.

Most people inherit antiques from their family; they are passed down from generation to generation. Some they keep and some they throw away or donate. Often, when buying a new house, the new owners will find old furniture left in an attic or garage by the previous owners and decide it's either not worth fixing or not worth any money. But with the latest emphasis being put on “going green” and recycling, Patty and Friends' owner Blake Kennedy has found a unique and inspiring way to recycle, rebuild and reuse pieces of furniture that otherwise might go the way of the trash dump.

With a wonderful upholsterer at his disposal, Kennedy has resuscitated many a tattered and torn chair, couch or daybed. But sticking with his strict recycling motto, he finds the end bolts of fabrics from local fabric companies and using them, turns tears and rips into a beautiful and colorful upholstered art form. Wing chairs, long for the trash heap, become exquisite reading chairs; covered in leather or rich fabrics, ready to be cherished by another generation. But it's not just fabric he is a magician with; Kennedy is a builder and designer. He and his staff have taken designs from the art and decorating magazines he constantly reads and applied them to an old wooden table, chair or china cabinet to create a one-of-a-kind piece of furniture; one that still holds the integrity of the original design, yet retains the memories of the old wood. All of this is done with the idea of recycling,



Photo by Leigh Clifton

Owner of Patty and Friends Antiques Blake Kennedy stands in front of one of the company's unique recycled designs, the Bay Window Bench. Combining four dining room chairs with a stuffed bench makes a truly unusual window seat.

salvaging and reusing available resources, something he is passionate about. He uses wood and materials from existing furniture and each new piece is an augmentation of the original idea.

Some of the designs are very unique; one of them, a Bay Window Bench is quite unusual. He has taken four dining room chairs, and combining them with together, added a stuffed bench top. He then upholstered it with recycled fabric to create a beautiful and distinctive seat, perfect for a window view. The effect is striking. On another piece, he used the legs from an old coffee table that was past saving, added a large cushion and created a cocktail ottoman. His ideas are inventive and resourceful, something he thinks one has to do these days, with the faltering economy.

Recently, Kennedy saw a daybed in a decorating magazine, selling for over \$3500.00... he built one just like it out of wood he had in his shop, added a new mattress and is asking less than a fifth of the price for his. It is beautiful craftsmanship and a great use of imagination and talent.

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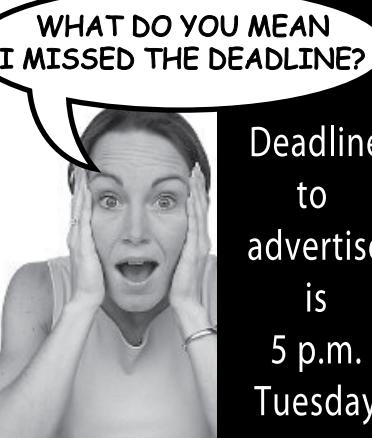
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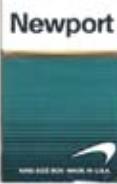
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