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Riding Out The Storm at Upham Beach



The thought of a tropical depression--or worse--sweeping along the Florida coast sent some scurrying to the grocery to stock up on water and canned foods. Others, like four-year-old Gulfport resident Cobia McClain, took advantage of the wind and surf at Upham Beach. With a little help from his dad, Brian, Cobia braved the surf. With tropical depression Ana larger surfs will continue through the weekend.

City Pursues Contract Regarding Attorney

GULFPORT- Interim City Manager Jim O'Reilly received an almost-\$10,000 proposal from Governance Services to assist Gulfport in its search for a city attorney.

On July 10 of this year city staff asked Governance to draft a proposal to help the city create a job description for a city attorney. This week Governance sent back the following proposal:

"Governance, Inc. will represent the City of Gulfport in creating a system for hiring an in-house attorney. The responsibility of Governance Inc. will include but not [be] limited to:

- Interview each council member to understand expectations.
- Initiate a comprehensive effort to frame the position.
- Conduct thorough research based on economic and geographic factors reference the position.
- Create a detailed job description for Council approval.
- Craft an RFP, RFQ or similar application process.

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Contractual Work To Continue in Gulfport

GULFPORT-The city approved contract work for several different public works projects. At Tuesday night's council meeting the city voted to extend and enter into the following contracts:

- Advanced Engineering and Design, approximately \$94,000 for work related to replacing water mains throughout the city,
- Suncoast Development of Pinellas, just under half a million dollars for Phase 5 of the city's water main project,
- J.T.V., Inc., roughly \$144,000 for sewer repairs, and
- R.E. Purcell Construction Company, Inc., about \$132,000 for 58th Street repairs.

Vice-mayor Bob Worthington praised the city's public works department for performing repairs on a rolling basis so that the city would not have to bear the brunt of the repair cost as one large chunk.

A Geckofest Fun-raiser

The Second Annual Gulfport Geckofest Pub Crawl takes place on Saturday, August 22nd!

Donate \$25 per person and receive free drinks at participating Gulfport pubs! The Crawl starts promptly at 5 p.m. Coral your pals and show up in costume to get primed for the 9th Annual Gecko festivities. Tickets are

available now at Gulfport on The Rocks, 5413 Shore Blvd, 727-321-8318, and The OutPost, 3007 Beach Blvd., 727-343-5962. Participating Pubs include: Bellini's, Dominic's, Peninsula Inn, Pia's Tratoria, Ecco, La Cote Basque, Roman Gardens, Domain Food & Spirits, The Village Pub, O'Maddy's and Gulfport on the Rocks.

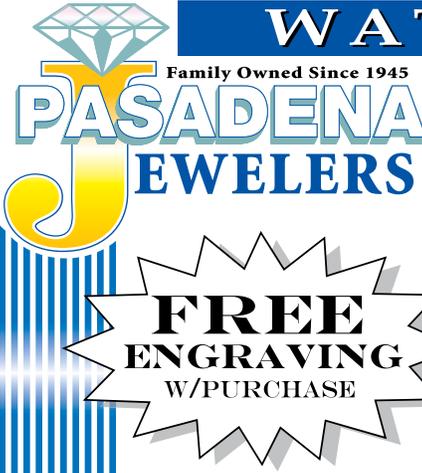
For more information on the Geckofest Pub Crawl on August 22nd, please visit www.GulfportMA.com or call Sherrye at 727-321-8318.

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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 feet. 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.sailbcyc.org or call Jennifer Rogers at 345-7544. Pre-registration is required.

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Attorney, from front page

• Make recommendation on salary level and benefits packages.

• Assist in scheduling Council interviews with prospective applicants.”

Governance has already started some of the above tasks although no city staff or councilmember has approved the agreement.

According to O'Reilly, while Council voted to hire Governance to help the city find an attorney, it did not specifically vote to enter in to the above contract for the proposed amount (\$9,750) and can change negotiate a different agreement if Council so desires.

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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!

“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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South Pasadena Civic Association

The South Pasadena Civic Association has announced that the first regular meeting of the association will be September 9th, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in Hibiscus Hall. The Association will be planning activities for the coming year. Bring your sweet tooth as it will also be an ice cream social!

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Show Support to Save our Beach's Post Offices

St. Pete Beach: The two post offices in St. Pete Beach are in danger of being closed, including the historic branch in Pass-a-Grille that has been open since 1905 and has over 300 post office boxes serving residents. The City is offering a chance to rally in support of keeping them open and operating. On Tuesday, August 25 at 5 p.m., concerned citizens should meet at the Post Office on Corey Avenue where they will be able to show their support by signing letters addressed to local and federal representatives and exchange ideas on how to keep the post offices open. Calls for more information can be directed to the City Manager's office at 727-363-9232.

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Tot Time Program Open House

Open House for the 2009-2010 Tot Time Program is Tuesday, August

25th from 10-11 a.m. or 6-7 p.m. Ongoing pre-registrations are still currently being accepted for the 2-day (T & TH) program. 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. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Registration forms will be available at the Open House. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. Classes begin September 8, 2009. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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Red Hot Beach Nuts

The Red Hot Beach Nuts had a tour of Orange Grove Winery in South Pasadena where they saw how wine was made, a wine tasting and a visit to their gift shop. Then they went to Pasadena Steak House for lunch. There were 20 Red Hatters attending. The Red Hot Beach Nuts is a charter member of the Red Hatters Society.

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The Geckos are Coming!

The 9th Annual Gulfport Gecko Fest will be held on Saturday, September 5, from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Beach Blvd. in Gulfport. This free event sponsored by the Gulfport Merchants Association, The City of Gulfport, Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, The St. Petersburg Times, Bright House Networks, GEICO, The Gabber and Sail Away Realty, and is a full day of fun for everyone. Proceeds will benefit the Gulfport Recreation Center. This quirky celebration brings together strolling street performers, main stage performers and vendors with all types of weird and wonderful wares up and down Beach Blvd. Over 165 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 Kim Magic, Belly Dancers Hip

Expressions, The West Coast Mutineers, ARRR Ink, Sterling The Silver Statue, City of Imagination, Orlando's Most Wanted Dance Team, Bohemian Fire and Captain Tut's Pirate Parrots 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 11 a.m. till 10 p.m. Musicians will include Next Exit, Terra Luna, ROTC, Noisemakers, Gypsy Trane, Mike Wilcox and more.

Don't forget this is an audience participation event especially the parade at 6 p.m. (think wacky, noisy, and costumed) with adults and children's costume contests at

the end. Additional activities include sidewalk chalk art, face painting, 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!

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your listening pleasure. Admission is \$5. Full bar available, light snacks but no other beverages may be brought in. For more information call 344-3711.

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Flag Football For All Ages

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

towns; (North Teams) Clearwater-West, Clearwater-East, Palm Harbor, Tarpon Springs, Bellair, Dunedin, North Beaches, Indian Rocks Beach, (South Teams) S-t. Petersburg-West, St. Petersburg-East, Pinellas Park, Seminole, Largo, Gulfport, South Beaches, St. Pete Beach. There are eight age groups which are: 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45+. Registration is now open visit us at www.pinellasjocks.com.

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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.).

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Their speaker, Jessica Lowe, is a Doctoral Student at Florida State University in Tallahassee and a lobbyist for BPW of Florida and the Florida National Organization for Women. Now in her 5th legislative

session, Jessica works on a number of women's rights issues including the Equal Rights Amendment, civil rights, education and public health.

BPW St. Pete Pinellas is the local chapter of Business and Professional Women/USA. Founded in 1919, the organization is multigenerational and nonpartisan. The local organization's mission is to achieve equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information.

For more information visit www.BPWStPetePinellas.org or to reserve email RSVP@BPWStPetePinellas.org.

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Checks can be made payable to American Legion Post 125, and mailed to 6440 Fifth Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33707.

Thanks to all for your help. There are openings for golf teams, first come-first served. Any questions, please call Co-Chairmen Bill Jonas at 384-6293 or Bill Blair at 727-545-1811.

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Telephone Reassurance Program

Did you know that volunteers from the Gulfport Senior Center make a morning telephone call every day

of the week except Sundays and holidays to make a welfare check for many Gulfport seniors? They constantly hear from those they call who live alone how reassuring it is to hear that friendly voice on the phone to start their day.

If you are a person who would like to add your name to the list of Gulfport residents who already enjoy this service, call the Senior Center and speak to Susan at 893-2237 or Cynthia at 893-1231. This service is free to all Gulfport residents.

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The Garden Club of St. Petersburg

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg will hold its Horticulture for Weekend Gardeners (aka the "Night Bloomers" Circle) on Tuesday, September 1 at 7 p.m. at the Garden Center, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. The program will be "Vegetable & Herb Gardening" presented by Carroll's Nursery. For more information, contact Derri Davisson at derridavisson@hotmail.com or call 727-423-7644.

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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 Perloth 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 some poetic license has been taken to make it more enjoyable for the audiences. This is a unique musical, both entertaining and educational, and fit for the whole family.

Become a part of history! Stop on by and audition for this once-in-a-lifetime chance!

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DBSA Support Group

DBSA Support Group for adults and teens meets every Thursday night from 7-9 p.m. at Northeast Presbyterian Church, 4400 Shore Acre Boulevard in St. Petersburg. If you suffer from depression, bipolar or other mental illness, call Mary, at 204-2608 for more information.

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Holy Name Church Oktoberfest 2009

Time is fleeting, fall is fast approaching and the season of festivals and fun is almost upon us. Holy Names' "Oktoberfest 2009" fall festival is scheduled for October 29 thru November 1, so come celebrate Halloween in a safe, entertaining and fun environment. This year we have invited local restaurants, food vendors and businesses to participate

in our festival. We hope this will be an exciting adventure for both parties. The Arts and Crafts Fair will be held outside this year with greater exposure to our many visitors. If you are a food vendor or crafter interested in participating in our festival send your contact information to nolelover1@aol.com or fax to 727-343-6420. In the subject line enter "Oktoberfest 2009" and a reservation form with costs and details of the festival will be e-mailed or direct mailed to you and will be available at the rectory office at Most Holy Name. This is a fun weekend including rides, games, food and entertainment. The "Oktoberfest" fall festival has been an annual event in Gulfport for over 30 years. Most Holy Name of Jesus church is located on the corner of 58th Street and 15th Avenue South in Gulfport. Come join in the fun.

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Thrift Shop has Sales on Thursdays

St. Vincent's Thrift Shop is now featuring a sale every Thursday when all clothing is half off. Many items to choose from. Located at 5124 Gulfport Boulevard, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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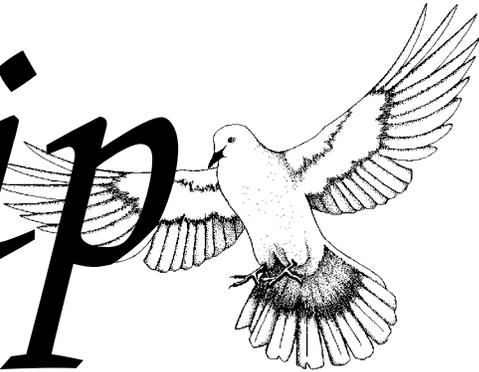
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Worship



Kids Nite Out

Trinity Church of the Nazarene is starting a new program for kids and teens ages 4 to 16 called Kids Nite Out. This program is for any kid who wants someplace to have fun, play games and have some snacks. All are welcome. The program begins August 26 and runs from 6-7:30 p.m. There will be an adult bible study during the same time so parents are also welcome. The church is located at 1000 55 Street S. in Gulfport. Call Pastor Denny at 727-239-1548 or the church at 727-239-1443.

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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.

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Market in the Park Calls for Vendors

Plans are ramping up for November's opening of Pinellas County Market in the Park, and vendors are welcome to get in on the action now. Farm-fresh produce, natural products and gardening items are the mainstay of the Market in the Park, and organizers are looking for more vendors. Specialties of particular interest are plants, herbs, jams, jellies, ethnic food, organic products, pasta, citrus, 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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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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Enrollment is open until all slots are filled and they are currently enrolling for the 2009-2010 program year. Call 727-459-2003, ext. 7022.

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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.

More information on programs aimed at helping students and families in need will be forthcoming. Please drop off items at the Chamber office between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. For more information call 344-3711.

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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.

Everyone is invited, just show up and bring your business cards! No charge for the meeting, please order from the menu and/or tip the staff.

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365-6690 or 727-459-6630 or email to Gary@GaryLoper.com or Susan@WinWinMentoring.com.

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Dog Swim Day

ST. PETERSBURG: The end of swim season for humans marks a day of fun just for our canine friends. Bring your dog for a day of leash-free swim and play in the pool on Saturday, August 29 at Fossil Park Pool, 6739 Martin Luther King Jr. St. N. Choose from two swim sessions: from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m. Register at

either start time with proof of dog(s) current vaccination. Donations of dry Iams or Science Diet dog food, clean towels, nylabones, bleach, dish soap, blankets, trash bags, and newspapers will be accepted on behalf of the S.P.C.A. Admission: \$5 per dog, per session (humans free). Sponsored by the city of St. Petersburg Recreation Department. For further information call 893-7732. No humans permitted in pool. Fossil Park Pool will be closed for the season and maintenance following Dog Swim Day.

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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

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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 or call 1-800-876-2377.

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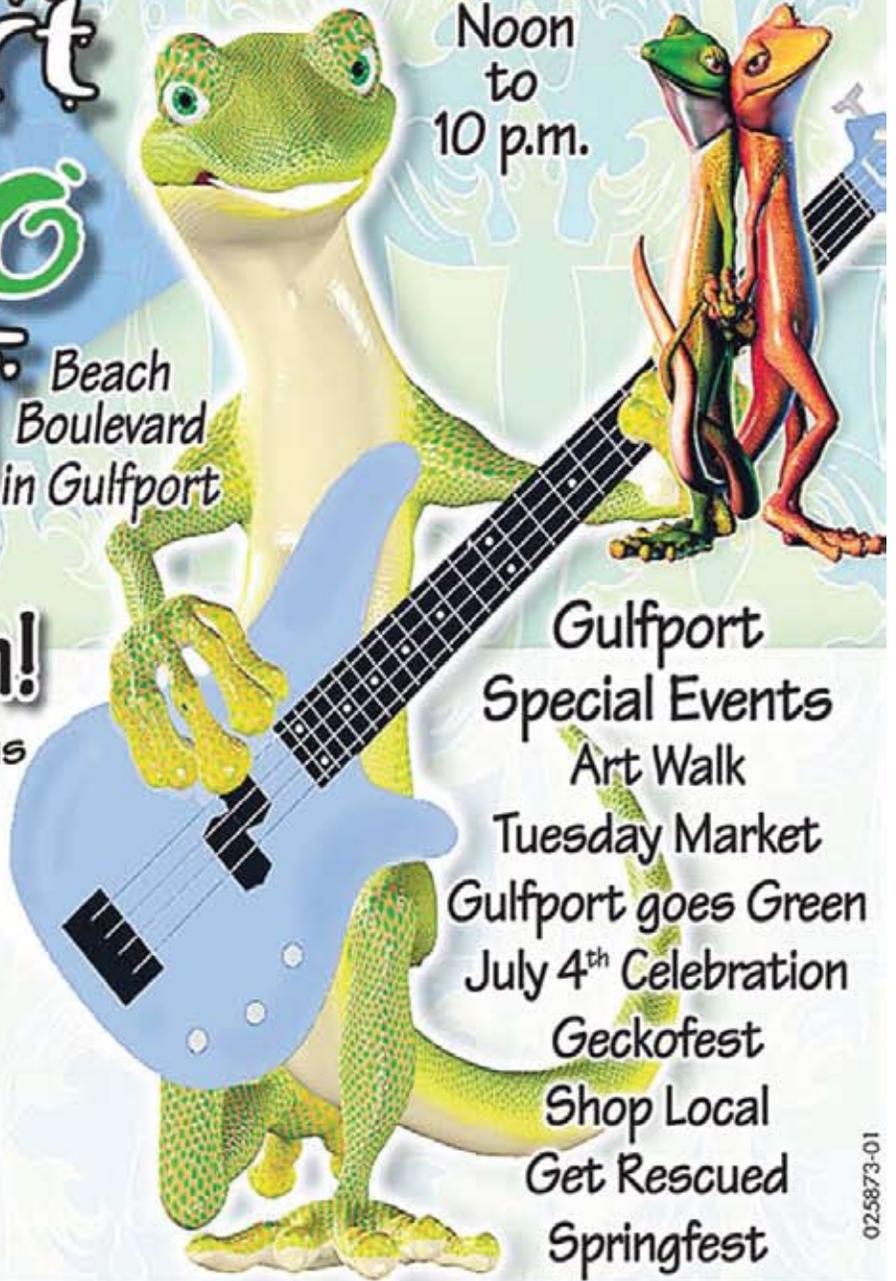
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For more information, call Martha Dupes at 736-3355 or Pat First at 397-8833.

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Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Suncoast

The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Suncoast meets every Tuesday at noon in the Palm Terrace Grill at the Peninsula Inn & Spa located at 2937 Beach Boulevard in Gulfport. Guests are welcome to attend these lunch meetings. For more informa-

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Gulfport Tuesday Market

Every Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. you can find the Gulfport Tuesday Market on Beach Boulevard south of 28th Ave. S. in Gulfport in the Waterfront District. It is a free and family friendly event. Each week you will find produce, music, and craft and art vendors like Anne Painted Signs who offers custom painted and decorative signs for your home, office and garden. Contact: <http://gulfport-market.com>, info@gulfport-market.com or Leslie Gilchrist at 727-439-1485.

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Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural sorority organization for women. There are twelve chapters in Sunshine City Council with members who would like to share their experiences as part of this sorority. They are an international organization of a variety of women who enjoy the many activities of their chapters and council.

If you would like to learn more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Sharon Melton at 595-9625.

Salvation Army Seeks Donation of Personal Items

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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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.

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Do you believe that the power of prayer can heal?

By Leigh Clifton



Holly Pelose, St. Pete: “I talk to the universe and I’m actively trying to incorporate that philosophy into my life. I want to pull positive energy towards me. My way of praying is manifesting; I now ask for what I want from the universe. Before, I didn’t ask for anything. Then my Nana (my grandmother) died last year. We were very close and she was very psychic. She had a wonderful energy and I still feel her around me a lot; she’s always with me. I smell her scent around me and she comes to me in very vivid dreams. In my dreams, she gave me some advice about a good friend of mine; she said that she would have some troubles but would be ok, and she is. My sister used to have horrible headaches; she started praying and manifesting energy from the universe and now she doesn’t have them anymore. I’m looking for a job right now, but I know that I’ll find one because I’ve asked the universe for it. My mom was looking for a job as well; now she has one and I know I’m next! However you pray, whether it’s to God, Universe, Spirits or Angels, I believe that the energy you send out comes back to you in a positive way. That’s the power of prayer to me.”

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Colleen Obrien, Gulfport: “Yes, I do believe in the power of prayer, regardless of organized religion or spirituality. I feel there is a mind-body connection that is very important to the healing process. Prayer can take many forms: including formal, organized prayer, as well as feelings, thoughts and emotion. It’s all about how you see your own place in the world, how you relate to your surroundings and the people around you. It’s what you DO with those emotions that make your response so important. I know someone in my life who’s been ill; they were an addict, and that through meditation and prayer have healed themselves. I thought about them and sent them positive messages when they were sick; they’re much better now. I have to think that it helped; that it really does help to have the emotional support that helps send positive energy towards them.”

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Eddie Talbot, Gulfport: “Absolutely, I definitely do and I know from experience. I’ve had family members who have been sick. Prayer isn’t about religion; it’s about a belief in yourself and a belief in your surroundings. If you’re in a good place, have good values and your heart is 100% in the right place, prayer can mean a lot. You can’t just pray when you have trouble or need; you need to be thankful for what you have now. You have to realize that you’re here now; breathing, standing, walking, making a living. You have to pray all the time, it’s not just ‘I need, I need, I need’. It has to be ‘thank you, I’m grateful for what I have.’ Life is too short and we should be thankful for the things we have now. I pray every day. Once I only prayed for the things I wanted, the material things. Now I’m grateful and happy for what I have; good health, good friends and happiness.”

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Glen Wirtanen, St. Pete Beach: “Oh, absolutely... Prayers are our connection with God. I believe that when we pray to God, he hears our prayers and give us guidance. I’ve prayed for people who have been or are ill now. I believe the calmness that comes from prayer is an essential part of physical healing. Prayer can be such a consoling power that allows us to accept the certainty of God’s healing hand, which then allows us to heal. Personally, I know several cancer survivors that I feel were helped from prayer and their own divine belief in God.”

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Letters

Thanks to Anderson Lumber

Dear Editor: I would like to thank Anderson Lumber (located at 666 49th St. So.) along with Troop 301 and all other contributors that donated to the success of my Eagle Scout project. Fred, the owner of Anderson Lumber not only donated the Brazilian lumber for the tops of the picnic tables, but also permitted the use of his facility, tools, and his valuable time on Saturday, July 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. His contribution during his busy week of getting married and making plans enabled the two beautiful tables to be completely finished in one day. The tables are on display at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. All donors are acknowledged on a wooden plaque centered on each table top, and everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the newest addition to the park. Thank you to all those who donated their time, and materials as well as those who helped; all of you played a large role in making my project a success.

Shawn Gicka

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Thanks to Nationwide South Auto Repair

Dear Editor: I want to thank the wonderful people at Nationwide South Auto Repair on 49th Street for their help, and kindness recently.

I was involved with an auto accident at the intersection of 11th Avenue S. and 49th Street S. last Tuesday. A driver turned right in front of me, placing him at fault. The driver left the scene of the accident. I was shaken but fortunately not seriously hurt.

Witnesses at Nationwide cooperated with the Gulfport police and were able to give them a full description of the driver. I appreciated that since

the only thing I saw was the back end of the vehicle as it sped away at a high rate of speed. They also were able to tell the police that I had the green light and that it was obvious that the other driver was at fault.

Most importantly the wonderful owners/staff at Nationwide towed my totaled vehicle out of the middle of 49th Street to their lot adjacent to their facility at no charge. They also let me store the vehicle there in secure location for a couple of days until I was able to get it towed to my house. There was no charge for that either.

The owners and staff epitomize everything good about Gulfport. Many, many thanks for their assistance.

Greg Stemm

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Thanks for Your Support

Dear Editor: The Frank, Myers and Taylor families would like to thank the many people who offered their condolences for the loss of their loved one, Julie Anne Taylor. The families appreciated this outpouring of love and support.

Susan Frank

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Thanks from the Animals

Dear Editor: Get Rescued...in Gulfport wishes to thank Ecco Bistro & Tapas for donating a portion of the sales from their Grand Opening event on August 15 to help homeless animals. Get Rescued co-founder Mary O'Malley and volunteer Pam Kennedy along with Little Dixie our 4 lb. chihuahua ambassador greeted guests in the outdoor dining area and answered questions concerning the advantages of adoption versus purchasing their next pet.

We also extend our greatest appreciation to those who dined at the restaurant and made the donations possible. Every penny of the upwards of \$160 collected will be used to pay vet bills. Medical costs are rising daily as rescues work endlessly to care for those animals awaiting their forever home.

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With Gulfport's 100th year as a City coming closer, the Historical Society has brought back a special 15 month Gulfport Centennial calendar to commemorate the occasion. All dates of special events from October 2009 to December of 2010 will heavily line the calendar. This is a must have in every Gulfport home as even the images reflect the years of Gulfport's past.

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The Gulfport Centennial Calendar will be available for its big debut on October 10th, during The City of Gulfport's 99th Birthday Bash at the Gulfport Historical Museum at 5301 28th Avenue S. The party starts at 4 p.m. If you would like to order the Centennial calendars in advance for your home or business, please call the Gulfport Historical Society at 727-327-0505 between 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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By Mary Hunt

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Call me old-fashioned, but I like my humble checkbook. You know, it's that pad of paper curiously the same size and shape as currency. On this pad are paper checks, which allow me to pay for things by filling in the blanks and signing my name.

Recently I stopped in to a store in my neighborhood to pick up treats for my grand-pets. I admit I'm a sucker for a certain mixed terrier named Gromit and a burly bulldog named Newkie.

I wrote a check for the purchase and handed it to the clerk, who proceeded to do all kinds of things with machines and keypads. Finally, she handed me a pen and a long piece of receipt paper filled with tiny print that I recognized as terms and conditions. She instructed me to "sign here."

What? I wasn't making a credit or debit purchase. This was a check. I responded to her request by saying no, I wasn't going to sign the paper because I had signed my check. I offered my photo ID, reiterating that one signature would be all she would need.

She responded by calling her manager from some far-flung corner of the store, which made me feel like a problem customer. The boss disgustedly informed me that this was the new store policy. All checks are handled as "electronic checks" on the spot. They are processed by TeleCheck, which guarantees the transactions (and charges the store a hefty fee for the service, no doubt). By signing this second document, I would, in fact, give TeleCheck permission to reach into my account and take the purchase amount as I stood there. The boss went on to say that my check would be paid on the spot and that they would actually give it back to me as my receipt.

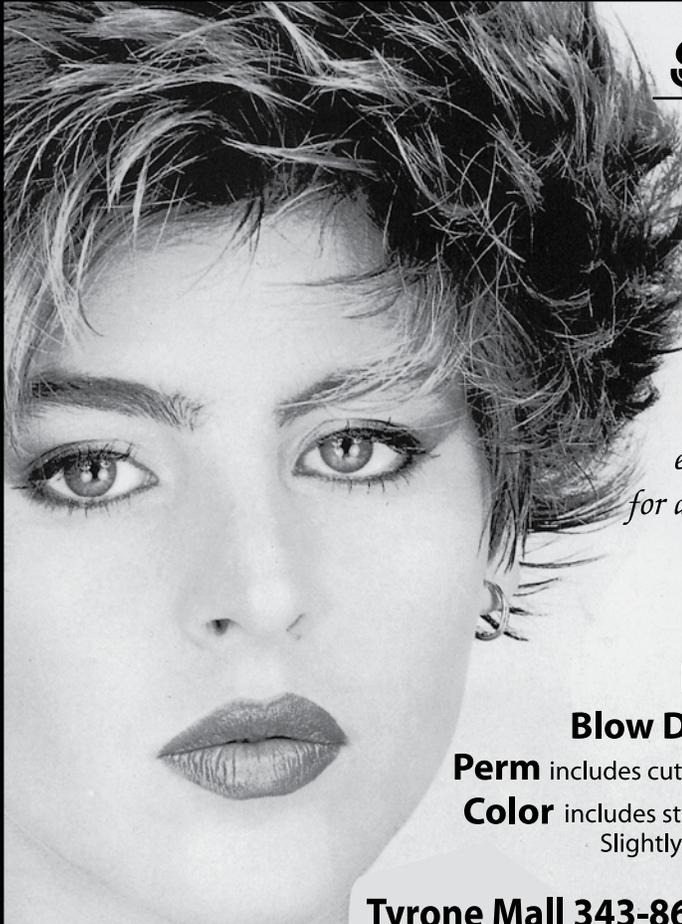
I am not totally foreign to this new procedure. It happened to me once before and was so shocking that I went along with it. Later, I regretted not saying anything. I wasn't so keen on the whole idea this time, either. I felt manipulated. Even though I did not produce a debit card to pay for my purchase, this store's policy was about to force me into a debit transaction anyway.

I asked for my check back and added that I simply would go to the really big pet store just a few blocks away. Apparently, I said the magic words. All of a sudden, my check was just fine; no additional signature was required. They bagged my items and thanked me for shopping there.

As I walked to the car, the only thing I regretted was that I didn't pay cash. Good old U.S. currency, as maligned as it is these days, would have saved all of us a lot of hassle, to say nothing of all the processing fees, something I definitely will keep in mind the next time I reach for my checkbook.

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- 23 Seersucker, e.g.
- 24 Units
- 26 Follows
- 28 Draw back
- 30 Man-shaped mug
- 34 A small Tom
- 37 Killer whale
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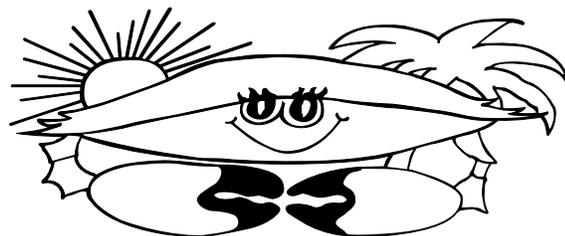
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Protection And Aggression Are Not The Same Things

Not long ago, a woman called me, very upset. She'd just dropped her dog off at a shelter -- the same shelter from which she had adopted him only a few weeks earlier.

When I asked why she returned him, she described what were obvious signs of severe aggressive tendencies.

When I asked why she had taken him home with her in the first place, she said, "For protection."

OK. "For protection" makes sense. A lot of people bring a dog into the family for protection. But protection and aggression are not the same things.

You don't want your iron-jawed protector protecting your home and belongings from you and your family. And you don't want to have to protect yourself and your family from little Cujo.

Crime is a reality, and we all want to feel safe. And we all have our ideas of how to secure that feeling of safety. Politicians and pop stars hire bodyguards for protection, but that'll cost an arm and a leg. There's the home alarm system -- just a notch above the car alarm in effectiveness. And some folks keep a gun near the nightstand -- intimidating, for sure, but not for everyone. Still others get a dog.

If you're leaning toward the latter, there are some things you should understand before diving in.

First, protection dogs should be social, friendly and loving -- with everyone. What? What about growling? Snarling? Frothing at the mouth?

Anyone who argues that Cujo was just doing his job should be forever banned from the privilege of dog ownership. Protection dogs are not mean. They're highly trained, physically conditioned and mentally alert. They're also incredibly loyal and loving -- when properly trained, socialized and treated with love, praise and affection.

Which brings me to my next point: Protect your protector by keeping him inside the house at night, when those with bad intentions are most likely to lurk in nearby shadows.

Dogs will be dogs, and even the most sophisticated and intelligent watchdog finds it hard to resist a juicy sirlain. If some ne'er-do-well drops an enticing hunk of beef seasoned with arsenic over your fence, your pal and protector won't be around to help you when you need it. So keep your dog inside -- where he can keep you safe and you can keep him safe.

In thinking about a dog in terms of protection, ask yourself what you really want and what you really need. Do you want a protection dog, trained like a police dog, or do you really want a burglar alarm with a heart?

Unless you're in some serious hot water but don't yet qualify for the Witness Protection Program, what most of us really need is a dog who will raise a little Cain if someone's scratching on our window in the dead

of night. As Waylon Jennings once sang, "You wanna get the rabbit out the L-O-G, you gotta make a commotion like a D-O-G."

Mr. Burglar makes a small noise, little Fluffy makes a big ruckus, and Mr. B has to pause and ask himself, "Do I feel lucky?"

But if you think you really do want and need a protection dog, first carefully consider the breed. Certain breeds are better suited to provide that kind of service than others, and you might be surprised by what you find.

A 90-pound Bloodhound asleep at the foot of your stairs might look capable of doing some serious damage, but chances are a clown car full of burglars could step right over him, empty your jewelry drawers and head out without so much as a "Woof!" A 7-pound, yappy Yorkshire terrier, on the other hand, could easily be Mr. B's worst nightmare.

Do your research. Decide what kind of protection you need. Be aware that professionally trained protection dogs are more expensive. Your local police station may be able to provide additional information on this option if you feel it's the one for you.

Whatever you do, know the difference between protection and aggression. Protection is a legitimate reason to get a dog, but there is no reason at all to live with aggression.

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Horoscope Guide

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Attraction and repulsion may be antonyms, but they are energies that intermingle this week. Stretching into the unknown brings up tremendous fear. The thing that makes you feel queasy might actually be your best next move. You sense that things will change if you pursue your dreams, and indeed they will.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Relationships have been eventful lately. The energy exchange hasn't been all positive, and there is residue that hasn't worn off yet. Give yourself time to process. Explore your part in things. Journal writing can help. Focus on your feelings, not on what was done or said. A Pisces could provide wise counsel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've stated what you need and what you want to happen. But you are still acting as though you don't expect that it will really come into being. Believe that you're going to get your way, and make room for that occurrence. In fact, it will speed things along if you simply act as though you've already gotten your way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Offers will come your way, and some will try to persuade you by making you believe that you can't afford to say no. They are hoping you won't recognize what a strong position you're really in. You don't have to agree to anything you don't want to do because you'll be fine either way. Be confident.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As the sign of fame, you understand the aspects of popularity that leave others puzzled. For instance, why do celebrities work so hard at becoming famous so that they can hide behind sunglasses and try not to be recognized? You'll get great publicity this week and handle it with more grace than most.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's amazing how the tiniest infraction of etiquette or ethics can hinder your happiness. You probably didn't even do anything wrong, but if it's not

exactly right, well, something has to be done to clear the way. Forgive yourself, or ask for forgiveness from someone else so you can move on with a clear conscience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone is making a big fuss about an upcoming event. Perhaps you don't feel like investing the same amount of effort and energy as the others. However, if you force yourself to get into the spirit of things, you'll actually have a much better experience. Don't be a "why?" person. Be a "why not?" person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Join with friends and colleagues to get a job done, even if you know you can do it alone. Collaborative efforts have a better chance of getting noticed, not because the quality of the end product is better, but because the P.R. will be better. The more people you have invested in a project, the more attention it will get.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Decisions and actions are practically the same thing now, as there is not a moment to spare between deciding to do something and then doing it. That's why it's helpful to take your time in weighing the options, researching and sorting things out in your own heart. Progress comes from knowing yourself well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Every story can be told in a way that empowers or diminishes the teller. Keep that in mind, as you'll be asked to share part of your history. The reason might be for business or pleasure -- either way, people want to know about where you've been and how you feel about that. Present yourself in the best light.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be called to battle on behalf of someone who hasn't done such a great job sticking up for him or herself lately -- and that person may very well be you. You're a peaceful warrior for the most part. Still, you recognize when it's time to gather

and apply your forces toward doing what's right for everyone involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You didn't ask to be a hero -- not recently anyway. You were cast in the role just as soon as you started executing heroic deeds. So maybe you haven't been rescuing people from burning buildings, but you have helped others do things like save face, meet their destinies and/or heal their hearts. You'll be rewarded.

This Week's Birthdays: You have an irrefutable attitude this year, and that's why most people don't even bother telling you no. Since you know what you want, you don't waste time. You approach life with vigor. Business takes off as you use your instinct to choose projects carefully. Communicate often to make sure your loved ones are on the same page. Relationships thrive because of a shared vision. Family vacations, renovations and events are laced with luck through the winter. March brings a windfall.

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Important numbers and websites during hurricane season

•Pinellas County Emergency Management: (727) 464-3800 www.pinellascounty.org/emergency

• Find your evacuation level: (727) 453-3150 www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/knowyourzone.htm

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

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so twice a month the customer base at the Galleria is increased. Plus Gulfport has several festivals and events nearly every month besides the art walk.

Remember all you do is bring your art, they do the rest. They are experienced shop owners and show coordinators. Please contact Georgia at 513-633-1001.

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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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Police Officers Receive Awards

Three officers received awards for their contributions to keeping Gulfport safe. Officer Jason Motte received the Meritorious Service Award; Officers J. Kellington and T. Woodman both received a Gulfport Police Commendation.

Kellington and Woodman received their commendations "regarding their involvement in a multi-jurisdictional case that resulted in the apprehension of a violent offender."

"Their dedication, professionalism, and investigations were essential to this operation," the interim police chief told council.

Additionally, the Gulfport Police Department named Motte Officer of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2009.



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The Last Summer Concert on the Point

By Leigh Clifton

The recent persistent rain showers last Friday let up just long enough for the Summer Concert on the Point to conclude the series, with the band Ozona playing rocking sets of 70's, 80's and 90's dance music to a die-hard crowd of about 350 people. The ground was just dry enough to sit on blanket and enjoy the music with a cool beverage.

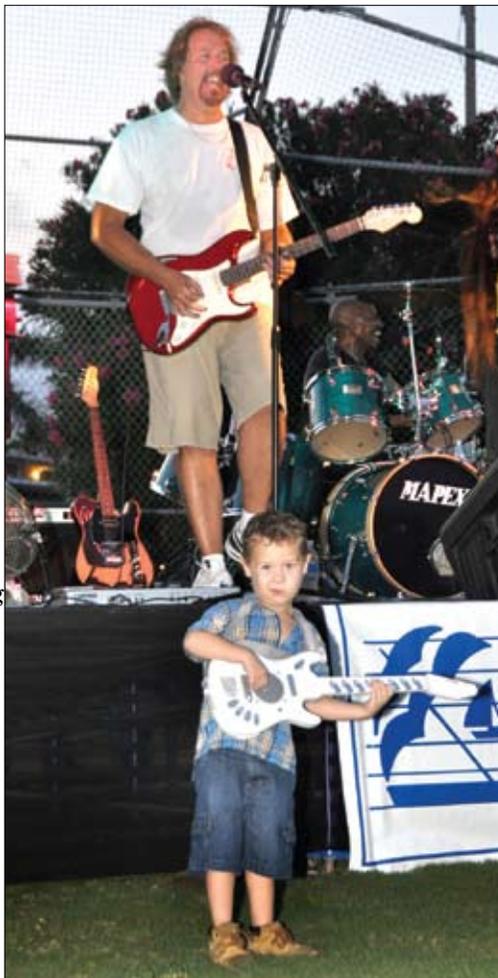
Chamber of Commerce President Lori Rosso also had an announcement for the crowd; the Chamber, in conjunction with the City and the Merchant's Association, is exploring expanding the Concerts on the Point into the fall season, from October through December. A potential stumbling block appears to be that any organization that holds these types of events may only pull three permits to serve alcohol in a given year. Rosso explained that all three organizations are in discussions and hope to come to a resolution about the permitting, which would allow the concerts to resume in October. Rosso said that the overwhelming success of the series been a boon to summer tourism for Gulfport.

"We are so pleased with how many people have been coming to Gulfport for the concerts; people come from Tampa, Largo, Seminole and Sarasota! This can only be a positive thing for Gulfport; it also brings tourists in for the local merchants as well. The restaurants have all agreed stay open later and serve food after the shows. It's been a real cooperative effort from the City and the merchants," she said.

Anne-Betty Arthur, in visiting from Charleston, West Virginia was "absolutely thrilled" with the idea of a free concert on the water.

"I think it's awesome," she gushed in a deep southern twang. "I never expected this kind of thing from a little town like this!"

As Ozona played their last set, the lingering pink from the sunset gave way to heavier clouds and a light rain started to fall. People started to pack up their chairs, kids, families and dogs and head home. The rain had held off just long enough.



Dubbed the "Cisco Kid" by the band, four year old Aston Van Roten got up on stage with the band Ozona and rocked his white guitar to the famous War song. Ashton is the grand nephew of Tim Coppola.

Special Vendors Needed for Corey

Special vendors are wanted for Cool Down on Corey every Friday evening from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Corey Avenue merchants will start staying open later on Friday evenings and promoting a "Cool Down on Corey" during the Dog Days of Summer. They are looking for special vendors to set up on the sidewalks during this time. Electricity is provided in some areas. No tent required, most areas under large awnings. They are looking for prepackaged food (salsas, hot sauce, etc. - permit required), face paintings, magicians, plants/flowers, etc. Little or no set up fee. If interested please contact Kathi Hansen, Corey Corners, 350 Corey Avenue or call 727-366-2003.

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Book Discussion Group at Woman's Club

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Blvd NE, has scheduled their "Book Nook" discussion group gatherings for the next Club year. Again this year, each get together will be an informal group discussion of a pre-selected book. The first book to be reviewed on Sept. 17 from 6:30 – 8 p.m., is To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Future discussions- November 19, 2009: People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks; January 21, 2010: Keeper of the House by Rebecca Godwin; March 18, 2010: Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy. Guests are welcome to join us for these lively discussions at our Historic Clubhouse. Questions can be directed to Andi Barlow at 727-521-9888 or andibarlow@tampabay.rr.com.

GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club has been serving the community since 1913. For further information on club meetings and our diverse activities, which include art and craft workshops, monthly excursions, cooking classes, weekly sewing group and card games or information on renting the clubhouse please call 727-822-4982. Guests are always welcome to attend their activities.

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Donate Your Car for Kids

Everyones Youth United, a non-profit 501-c-3 organization that serves kids in St. Petersburg, is having a major fundraising campaign to save their building and their program. Donate your cars, trucks, vans, boats, etc. by calling Ron at 564-6769. Donations are tax deductible. Free pick-up!

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REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Tot Time Program Open House- Tues., August 25th from 10-11 a.m. or 6-7 p.m. Registration forms will be available during the Open House. Gulfport residents must bring a Florida driver's license/I.D. with current address and two current utility bills for proof of residency.

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 \$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.

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.

Sunvie - 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.



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

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH FOR LABOR DAY.

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.

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 Sun-coast.

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, September 10 at 10:00 am.

Suncoast Computer Users: Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER--next meeting Saturday, October 10, 1:00 pm.

Summer Coffee/Talk: Summer series of monthly book discussions, "Grace Under Pressure," continues with Franz Kafka's The Trial. 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, September 17 (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 "The Trial," a 2000 BBC film production starring Anthony Hopkins, Kyle MacLaclan, Jason Robards and Alfred Molina. Thurs-

day, September 17, starting at 1:30 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, September 19, 1:30 pm.

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It's All About Fitness Celebration-All are invited to attend a celebration called "It's All About Fitness" on Wed. Sept. 23 at 1pm. The celebration will open with a motivational speaker to help YOU live a more healthy life. We will also be recognizing 20 seniors who just completed a 12 week fitness program designed by Allegro at College Harbor and Alliance Care. New participants for the upcoming 12 week fitness program will be also be announced. Come celebrate with us. Refreshments provided.

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 drop them off at the Senior Center. Proceeds will benefit the Senior Center Foundation.

English as a Second Language-Materials are being prepared for a conversational English class for those who want to improve their language skills. Please call the Senior Center for more info.

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

Websites of Special Interest

www.ci.gulfport.fl.us

www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org

www.aaapp.org

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Movie of the Month-Mon. Sept. 28 at 12:45pm, It Could Happen to You based on a true story.

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. Last Class on Thurs. Aug. 20 at 10:30am.

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

Fall Prevention- Wed. Sept. 16 at 10:30am

Treasures You May Have in Your Home- Wed. Sept. 16 at 1pm

VA Benefits - Find out about available help to pay for cost of home care, ALF & Nursing Home Care - Wed. Aug. 26 at 1pm.

Holocaust Museum Presentation - Thurs. Aug. 27 at 2pm in the Catherine 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/drive.

Young & Restless Seniors Club- resumes meeting on Tues. Sept. 8 at 7pm. Newcomers welcome.

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. Sept. 15, 9:30-11:30am. Call for more info on how to qualify.

Diabetic Education Classes-Diabetic Educator Sandra Grosvenor offers free diabetic education classes every 2nd and 4th Mon. at 10am. Learn how to manage/cope with diabetes. Next classes: Aug. 24 & Sept. 14

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 Southern Pinellas County and meet 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 Hearing Impaired, Mon. Sept. 14 & 21 at 2pm

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

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

Telephone Reassurance-Are you a Gulfport senior who lives alone? We would like to phone you each morning to check on your well being. Free service.

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VitalLife Exercise Class-Monday &

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Overeaters Anonymous-Sunday, 6:30 p.m., www.oapinellas.org



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

EGGERSTEDT, LUCY, 95, of Gulfport, passed way peacefully at home with her family Aug. 3. She lived in the Buckingham Building in Town Shores. She moved to Florida in 1945. Born in Tiffin, OH. She worked in her father's clothing store until she received her nursing degree at Kent State University in Ravenna, OH and decided she wanted to travel. She worked as a Social Director on Cruise Lines for 30 years and loved to dance, was in the movie Cocoon, directed by Ron Howard. Lucy and her late husband Fred Eggerstedt will take their last boat ride together to the Gulf of Mexico.

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ERNST, KATHY GALE, 56, of Gulfport, formerly of Anderson, SC, died Aug. 9, 2009. Services Aug. 16, 2 p.m. at McDougald FH, 2211 N. Main St., Anderson, SC, 864-224-4343.

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LOVETT, GEORGE E., 76, of Gulfport, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at Hospice House Woodside. He was a United States Coast Guard veteran. He graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1959. He was a member of the University of Maine Alumni Association, Graduate M Club, Friends of Maine Hockey, College and University Human Resources Association, and recipient of the Block M Award. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne Lovett; two daughters, Sandy Ritchie, Lori and her husband, Kent Dyer; son, Scott and his wife, Renae Lovett and four grandchildren, Ryan and Jason Lovett and Garrett and Emily Dyer. A private family service will be held at a later date, where his ashes will be scattered at sea in a fitting tribute to George's love for the ocean. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Hospice Woodside at 6770 102nd Ave. N., Pinellas Park, FL 33782 or a charity of your choice. ALife Tribute FuneralCare Gulfport Chapel, 727-347-5521.

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MAIDEN, LORI LYNN, 48, of Gulfport, died Aug. 14, 2009, beloved daughter, sister and aunt. R. Lee Williams & Son 49th St. N, 527-1177.

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MORGENSTERN, LEONA I., 92, of So. Pasadena, passed away, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009. Born Aug. 11, 1916, in Sharon, PA. Predeceased by her husband, Howard. She leaves two daughters, Nancy Stevens (Darrell) of Sarasota, Linda Christensen (Wayne) of So. Pasadena, and three sons, Robert (Louise), Gregg and Lyle all of Gardner, MA. She also leaves 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Memorial Services will be held at a later date in Sarasota. Brett Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 321-3321.

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PORTER, FREDERICK, 92, of Gulfport, passed away Monday, Aug. 10, 2009 at Hospice Woodside. Mr Porter is survived by his three daughters:

Carol (Connecticut), Deborah (Washington), and Christine (Washington), and by other relatives in the United States, England and Australia. Family members were at his side at his time of passing. Fred was predeceased by his wife, Margery, who died in 2003. Mr. Porter was born in London, England and was also a U.S. citizen. Fred moved to Gulfport, FL from Milford, CT in 1985. Mr. Porter was a veteran of World War II and served in the British Army. His profession was that of a Photo Engraver. He was also a Freemason and a member of the Elks. Mr. Porter was member of the First United Methodist Church of Gulfport where he sang in the choir. For several years he was an active member in the Town Shores Chorus. Our father was such a loving, compassionate man and a great father and husband to our mother. Throughout his life he always volunteered his time and heart to helping others and will be greatly missed on this earth. A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Gulfport (2728 53 Street S., Gulfport, FL) on Monday, August 24th at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made in Fred's name to the Sun Coast Hospice (www.thehospice.org).

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SCHROEDER, BERNICE B., of South Pasadena, formerly of Columbus Grove, OH died Monday, June 1, 2009, at Hospice House Woodside. Born to Susie and Clark Wells in Ottawa, OH, she came here in 2005, from Ohio. She was a member of Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank H. Schroeder and her son Gerald L. Schroeder. She is survived by her son Larry F. Schroeder; brother Clark Wells Jr.; granddaughter Erin M. Schroeder; close family friend Louis T. Scott, and other family members; granddaughters, nieces and nephews. There will be a Celebration of Life Mass at Most Holy Name Catholic Church on Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. ALifeTribute Funeral-Care - Gulfport.

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STRONG, NANCY TEABY, 75, of Gulfport, passed away peacefully on August 9th at Suncoast Woodside Hospice Hospital. Nancy was a joyous and adventuresome woman who set goals in life and met them. Born in Monterey, California and raised in Carmel, CA and Burlington, VT. She came to Florida in 1958. She is survived by her loving husband of 20 years, Paschal Nielson Strong, Ph.D.; her sister, Joan DeVore; four children: Geri Lyn Doherty, John S. Doherty, Stephen L. Doherty and William G. Doherty; and 3 grandchildren: Travis, Scarlett and William. A world traveler, in her lifetime, she had many facets in her busy and productive life. She was a crack water-skier, held a 100 ton U.S.C.G. captain's license, was a sailing instructor for Annapolis sailing school, and Womanship in the U.S. Virgin Islands. She earned a Masters Degree in Vocational Guidance at USF and was a licensed Mental Health Counselor and an associate professor of human services at St. Petersburg Junior College. After retirement she began painting and was recognized as new rising star in art. A memorial event will be held at Lewis House on the Eckerd College campus at 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 22nd. The family requests that donations in her memory be made to the Suncoast Hospice Foundation.

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Child Advocates Urgently Needed

Over half of the abused and neglected children and teens in Pinellas County do not have a volunteer Guardian to be their voice in court and the child welfare system. The average time needed is four to six hours a month.

The Guardian ad Litem visits the child every month, becomes familiar with the child's case and makes recommendations to the court to help ensure the child has a safe, caring and stable environment.

The next training to become a Guardian ad Litem will be Sept. 8th through Oct. 8th, Tuesdays and Thursday from 6-9 p.m. for 5 weeks at Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th Street S., St. Petersburg. To attend a 30-minute orientation call 727-464-6528.

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By Cathy Salustri

Q: Where are the St. Pete Beach City Commission minutes from October 2008 through April 2009? The city's web site shows a gap between October 14 and April 14 but none of the minutes for meetings that occurred between those dates. Can citizens access those minutes?

A: According to St. Pete Beach City Clerk Theresa McMaster, "there is a considerable backlog on minutes due to the recording secretary being laid off, an extended leave of one employee and another employee retiring unexpectedly."

"We have a plan in place to get the backlog completed and are working diligently on that," McMaster assured The Gabber. She also said that if anyone needs information about a particular issue before her office gets the minutes caught up, "I will be happy to assist you in finding your requests."

Don't forget that you can access every city commission meeting on the city's website via streaming video. The web address for the city of St. Pete Beach is StPeteBeach.org.

In response to questions from residents of cities other than Gulfport, we've changed "Gulfport Whys" to "City Whys," so if you have a question about your city and why something is the way it is, please send it to News@TheGabber.com. We welcome your questions no matter where you live.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Throwing out the good with the bad?

And, another thing...about medical care. Yes, we do have to address problems in the health care system starting with the cost of Medicare and Medicaid and extending to how to insure millions who aren't. The question is how much government should dictate.

Another way to address the problem was put to me by a British friend who lives both in the U.S. and the U.K. He's stayed out of the debate he says because he doesn't really know enough about it. However, in comparing the British system to the U.S. system, consider where the British system was when the reform movement started and where the U.S. system is now.

The first began after WW II when care was minimal. The second begins when care is high quality, easily accessible to the majority, accessible to the poor but at high prices to government and those who are insured, and is comparatively expensive relative to per capita costs and results.

In this view, the question is how much of the good is destroyed by reforming the whole? In other words, are we in danger of throwing the baby out with the bath water? Or, put another way, are we tearing down the whole house to renovate a few rooms?

So what should we focus on? The first would be Medicare and Medicaid which are already government operated and directed. How do we cut costs without a degree of rationing, or how do we raise more money to pay for both since both are in financial trouble?

The second would be malpractice law suits. This is known as tort reform. We know with certainty that

medical care providers practice defensive medicine. This goes hand-in-hand with patients demanding more tests and drugs. These cost billions of dollars.

The third is providing a mechanism to get real insurance competition by permitting plans to cross state lines. This is not without problems including a leveling of costs where cheaper insurance becomes more expensive and vice versa.

A fourth would be dealing with catastrophic health situations as well as pre-existing conditions. This cannot be done without raising costs on some one or some entity or every one.

A fifth would be discussing openly and frankly end-of-life and beginning of life care. Both cost huge amounts. Few want to talk about death and practical application of medical care towards the end of it, but we should. The problem is that a government dictation of care ignores differences in individuals.

As for the beginning of life, premature births cost billions. The U.S. system, compared to the European, uses heroic measures to save children at such early stages (23 weeks). This is costly and ineffective.

Whatever issues have to be addressed, the biggest is individual responsibility. We do have an obligation to take care of ourselves. We shouldn't expect others to pay for our excesses. Insurance is a shared cost arrangement, but at what point do those sharing the costs say, "whoa!"

Smoking, drinking, obesity, drugs, dangerous behavior (reckless and drunken driving, for instance), and even sports all add to the costs of medical care.

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Historical Museum Seeks Volunteers

Have you ever thought of volunteering? Gulf Beaches Historical Museum has a large, diverse group of volunteers who participate in all aspects of the Museum.

Do you enjoy looking at "neat old things" and learning more about them? Volunteers who work behind the scenes carry out the function of the museum's mission: "to preserve our island history".

Do you love visiting with people? Volunteers teach touring visitors and assisting in the gift shop. You represent to the public a friendly, inviting experience!

By contributing your time and sharing your wealth of experience the Museum will continue it's proud tradition of being an "all volunteer operated" organization. No special skill, talent or knowledge is needed, other than an interest in our island history. The rewards of volunteering are many, including the friendships you'll make.

As a Pinellas County Volunteer you will receive special benefits, invitations and rewards for committing six hours a month. Training is provided at the Museum. It is their goal to place volunteers into activities they will enjoy. They couldn't open our doors without the help of volunteers! Please join today!

If you would like to be a part of this vital group please leave a message at the museum, 727-552-1610. Gulf Beaches Historical Museum is located at 115 10 Avenue in Pass-a-Grille, St. Pete Beach.

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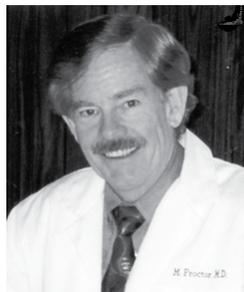
Many Pinellas County seniors are living alone, too poor to buy food, or too frail to shop and cook for themselves. And the need is growing every day. Do someone else a favor and you will be doing yourself one!

Neighborly needs compassionate, caring volunteers to share their time with lonely, isolated seniors. Please call Pat Hazell at 727-573-9444, ext. 291 to start helping your community today.

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Don't forget, the \$1,000 drawing is Tuesday, August 25 at 8 p.m. Get your tickets now.

The golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, September 20 (rain date Sunday, September 27th) Hole sponsors are still needed.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7pm Food Served	Bob & Pegs 7-10pm	Music 7-10pm	Open noon-6pm	Dinner 5-8pm Karaoke 7pm	S.A.L. Meeting 6pm Harry 7-10pm	Dinner 6-8pm

Gulfport Centennial Countdown Continues!

Gulfport's Centennial

100 Week Countdown to 100 Years!



This beautiful Gulfport home had a twin right across the street. When was it built and where is it located? Answer next week.

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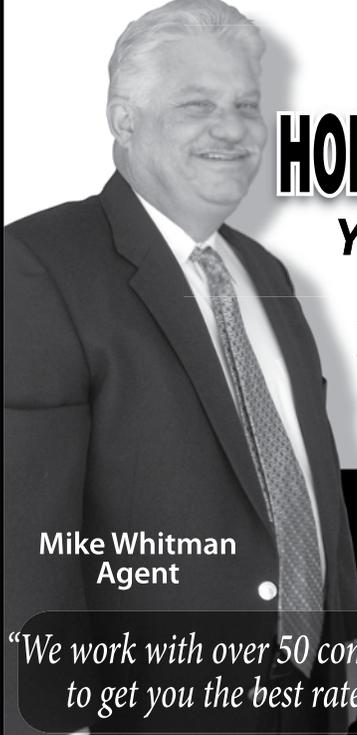
In just 60 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We'll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, places, and above all the decade of each picture as it 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:

Samuel James Webb, pictured in last week's photo, was elected mayor of Gulfport in November 1929, defeating Alvah C. Roebuck by 145 to 73 votes. He was reelected the next year and was running yet again in 1931, when he died in office. Some of his great-grandchildren are still active citizens of Gulfport.

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Annual SPCA Pet Walk Needs Vendors

Vendors interested in supporting homeless animals and exhibiting their products/services to more than 2,000 pet lovers at the 19th Annual SPCA Pet Walk should apply now. The early bird deadline to register booths for the October 24 event, for a nominal fee of \$175, has been extended through August 15. After this date the fee will increase to \$225.

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.

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day, Sunday. The first show date is Saturday, November 7. Antique dealers interested in participating may call 321-8454 for information, or visit www.hulahula.biz.

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Wednesday	8-26	Country Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans	
Thursday	8-27	Club Snadwich with chips	



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- Suspicious Vehicle-** 1800 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5600 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5000 Blk 24th Ave. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 5500 Blk 13th Ave. S.

Suspicious Circumstances- 4800 Blk Trade Winds Dr. S.

Saturday 8/8

- Traffic Stop-Failed to Stop-** 1300 Blk 60th St. S.
- Theft-** 3000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Theft-** 5000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 1000 Blk 60th St. S.
- Burglary-** 5200 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5400 Blk 21st Ave. S.
- Trespasser-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Sunday 8/9

- Domestic Verbal-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 4900 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 1200 Blk Hull St. S.
- Theft-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.

Trouble with Individual- 2300 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Monday 8/10

- Hit & Run-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.

Trouble with Individual- 2300 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Monday 8/20

- Hit & Run-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 1500 Blk 55th St. S.
- Theft-** 5200 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Traffic Stop- Failed to Stop-** 4900 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 2200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 4600 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 1800 Blk 51st St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk 51st St. S.

Arrest on Warrant- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Tuesday 8/11

- Trouble with Individual-** 1800 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Disabled Vehicle-** 3100 Blk 57th St. S.
- Theft-** 5900 Blk Bay Dr.
- Hit & Run-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 2400 Blk 53rd St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5100 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 1800 Blk 53rd St. S.

Wednesday 8/12

- Trouble with Individual-** 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5200 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 5500 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Disabled Vehicle-** 2100 Blk 58th St. S.

Thursday 8/13

- Suspicious Vehicle-** Tomlinson Park.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 5000 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Threatening Bodily Harm-** Beach Pavilion.
- Animal Complaint-** 5800 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 2100 Blk 59th St. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.
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Gulfport Teen Unveils Trolley Website for City's New Website

By Cathy Salustri

Gulfport residents and trolley riders got a double bonus when the city unveiled its new web site (www.MyGulfport.us) this week: the city's reduced its costs and added a substantial amount of information about the Gulfport Connector Trolley.

After Boca Ciega High freshman Zachary Stoler read an article about the Connector Trolley and its budget in *The Gabber*, he got the idea to create web pages for the trolley. Thanks to Stoler, on the city's new web site riders can access fare information, ridership statistics, and schedules.

Stoler told *The Gabber* he built the web pages for free "to contribute to the city." Stoler said it took him about 20 hours over the course of one week to create the web pages.

Information Technology Director Sam Rivera changed the city's old website to the new, more easily remembered web address this week. The new website includes the new trolley information and also saves the city a little money.

"We're saving \$10 a month with the new web site," Rivera explained. When the Information Technology department investigated prices, they found that by switching web hosting companies (from Verizon to GoDaddy) they would save \$10 every month and get unlimited space on GoDaddy's servers.

Because the city has unlimited space on the servers Rivera says he now can post videos on the website.

"It will take a couple of days to get the videos posted," he explained, so council meetings and workshops won't appear the immediately. Rivera added that the city will continue to put the streaming videos online, so anyone who cares to may watch city meetings live at www.MyGulfport.us.



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Habitat for Humanity Builds in St. Pete.



Volunteers set the gables for the porch roof at the Habitat for Humanity build in St. Pete last Saturday morning. More than 30 volunteers assisted in community-based effort for the Christina Teartt family.

By Leigh Clifton

The Christian based organization Habitat for Humanity is in the middle of three-month build in St. Petersburg that joined together about 30 volunteers from St. Paul's Catholic Church, the Pinellas Democratic party, neighbors and community activists from all walks of life early last Saturday morning. In a time when so many people are desperate for any kind of home and shelter, the Christina Teartt family is the latest recipient of the hard work and generosity of these friends and strangers alike.

To be eligible to be a recipient of a Habitat for Humanity built-home, the prospective homeowner must complete 250 community service hours if single and 350 as a couple or family. According to the Habitat for Humanity website, Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor (sweat equity) into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are then used to build still more Habitat houses. Materials are often donated by lumber supply yards like Home Depot and Lowes and the

builders are engineers, architects and every-day people who donate their time and individual skills to the endeavor

"It truly is a community effort," the building site hostess and neighbor Catherine Hubbard said smiling. She was dressed in a white hard hat and bright pink Habitat shirt that read 'As girls we played with houses; as women we build them.' Hubbard lives across the street from the build and as site hostess she makes sure that there is plenty of water, fruit and coffee for the volunteers. She also pitches in with the hammer and nails when needed.

The local Starbucks donated the large green coffee-filled urn and Save-A-Lot donated the fresh fruit. The Home Depot truck had just dropped off a donated pallet of lumber and materials. The home will be a "green" home as well as hurricane resistant; large, thick columns of concrete are visible where the porch begins and trusses are now going up to stabilize the roof.

The volunteers on the build come from all walks of life; Dawn Hunter, Vice-Chair for the Pinellas Democratic Party, put out an email fellow Democrats. Of the ten people that signed up, six were on site as of 9 a.m. on Saturday and Dawn was really pleased with the turnout.

"I've done about five builds, at various stages," she said. "Habitat

is one of my favorite charities to volunteer with because there truly is a sense of community here. There are people here who are electricians, architects, engineers and economists and we all come together and offer our skills to serve others. It's a great sense of accomplishment and I want to get Democrats more involved in our community. This is a great way to do that."

Some of the volunteers are old hands at this; Cliff Molaskey, from Crescent Heights is an engineer and has been volunteering for Habitat for years through his church St. Paul's Catholic Church. In fact, there can be as many as seven to ten people from the church on any build. Tom Oberhofer has been volunteering since 1994. Adam Honick, age 19, came on his skateboard from downtown St. Pete; this is his second build. He says he'll help finish with the project.

"It's always good to help someone," he said. "It gives me a sense of accomplishment knowing that I helped someone who needed it."

The pounding of hammers, the buzz of the circular saw and the good-natured bantering among the volunteers pierced the early morning, already sweltering with typical Florida summertime sizzle, but nobody seemed to mind.... They had a house to finish.

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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.

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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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The Many Faces of Artist Kim Dohrman

By Leigh Clifton

Artist Kim Dohrman has a fascination with faces... her current art reflects several mediums that she has used to portray an array of them; portraits, really, of not just one, but many people within the piece. She credits this present direction to a stream of consciousness that she describes "almost automatic". Her gallery opening at the Catherine Hickman Theatre features an entire collection of faces, all with distinctive expressions. They represent the product of steady evolution in her art.



Kim Dohrman stands next to her painting, Project A. She said the work evolved and at one time, included the many faces of friends and people she knew throughout her life. Her artist exhibit of faces will be at the Catherine Hickman Theatre through August 31, 2009.

"I was living in North Dakota and has a fairly large studio, where I worked steadily for about three hours a day. For four years there, I was able to surround myself with my art, often working on several at a time. I would take one down to work on, and then rotate on to another one. At one point, I had about 30 pieces going at the same time."

During that time, Dohrman was able to devote all her time to her art, and experimented with several different mediums, including two that, according to the art world, should never be mixed; oil and acrylic. The result is a wonderful, haunting face she calls Process A.

"I never start a painting with a conscious face in my mind; as my paintings evolve, I start to notice that they resemble different people in my life at different times. When I used the oil and acrylics, it became apparent that, like my own stream of thought, the painting kept changing, as the acrylic started to crack and take different shapes. It really represented to me the changing expressions of a face. After that, it became a compulsion for me, to try and capture an expression, a voice of the piece. I don't ever plan a piece; my art just evolves from doing it," she explained.

Moving back to Florida, Dohrman began to work at Creative Clay, an artist collaborative with mentally challenged member artists and guest artist who act as mentors. But the eight hour day left her with little time to paint and she had to discipline herself to make at least two hours after work to concentrate on her art.

"I take all the emotion of the day and put it into my art. I wouldn't call myself an academic artist; I don't try to create a perfect representation."

Dohrman's newest foray into mediums is Encaustics; painting with heated pigmented wax on canvas, glass, metal, wood, claybord and even tile. She paints her faces on a surface and while the paint is still wet, she uses a blank piece of paper, vellum, canvas or whatever medium she has chosen, places it on the wet paint and using either a pencil or a clay tool, draws the faces all in about 30 seconds. The result is a monoprint, created from the original painting. The faces are all different, unique and have wonderful expressions; some have heavy-lidded eyes, others bright, sensual lip-sticked lips, still others seem to follow you when you walk by. All seem to look like someone you might know...

About 50 people attended Dohrman's gallery showing at the Hickman Theatre last week; her show will run there until August 31. Some of her oil paintings will also be on display at The Long House in late September. The gallery show was sponsored by City of Imagination, whose purpose is to promote the creativity of local artists in Gulfport.



Clearwater Marine Aquarium: Not Just Dolphins

By Cathy Salustri

WHAT: The Clearwater Marine Science Center (CMSC) opened in 1972 as a nonprofit corporation. In 1980 the USDA designated CMSC as a research facility. While other aquariums along Pinellas beaches failed, the CMSC prospered. The city of Clearwater donated an unused water treatment plant and CMSC converted it into an acceptable facility for dolphin and other marine creatures. In 1984 Sunset Sam, the painting dolphin, made the CMSC famous. In the 1990s CMSC changed its name to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

Today people come to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium to see dolphin, pet sting rays, and explore local waters. The facility rescues, rehabilitates and releases marine mammals as well as turtles and other marine wildlife.

WHO: The Aquarium has four dolphins who live there full-time. These dolphins include Nicholas, Indy, Panama and Winter (the dolphin who swims with the assistance of a prosthetic tail.) The aquarium also houses otter, turtles, stingray and fish, and the otter and stingray tanks have a permanent crowd of kids clustered around each of them.

BEST Part: The Sea Life Safari, an add-on boat ride, lets kids and adults alike discover the sealife in their local water. On our boat ride our tour guides netted starfish, toadfish, sponge, seahorses, and a bounty of other sea life. Our group also had a chance to see a dolphin pup up close to the boat.

WORST Part: Because the dolphins at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium can't function well-or at all- in the wild, they'll spend the rest of their lives at the facility. While the trainers and volunteers do a stupendous job of caring for these marine mammals, the idea of a dolphin having to spend the rest of its life in captivity is heartbreaking.

MAGIC Question: Aquarium admission costs \$11; groups of ten or more pay only \$4.75 per person. The Sea Life Safari costs \$22. Go for a combination ticket- for \$36 you get aquarium admission, the Sea Life Safari, a behind-the-scenes tour and a 10% discount in the gift shop. Anyone under 12 or over 60 pays significantly less; educational groups should call for rates.

WHEN: The Clearwater Marine Aquarium opens at 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10 a.m. on Sundays. It closes at 5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and stays open until 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

WHERE: 249 Windward Passage in Clearwater, just inside Island Estates. Call 441-1790 or visit www.cmaqarium.org for more information. Plan on an hour's drive or take the beach trolley for \$1.75.

Top to bottom: Laurel Wendt, Palm Harbor, shows passengers specimens from Clearwater Harbor; a rescued sea turtle; a tour guide explains how staff baits a crab trap; a rescued otter plays with his food.

Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@TheGabber.com. To see a video of otters at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, please visit [The Gabber Newspaper on Facebook](#).



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.

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Excerpts heard at the August 18, 2009

Gulfport City Council Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

"I was reading the memorandum of understanding that Mr. Minkoff prepared [and] I was really surprised that we're having employees write their own contracts," – Dotty Wolksi

"The interim city attorney will serve for a period of 90 days and will not be a candidate" (for the permanent attorney position)
– Mayor Mike Yakes

"Half of that time has passed. What are you doing?" – Dotty Wolksi, to Mayor Yakes about his above comment. The city received a proposal from a company called Governance to help find an attorney.

"The city really shouldn't be in the business of going into somebody's bank account." – Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington about whether or not to offer online water bill payments.

"I just wanted to say—I have one last thing- call me Ted!"
– Bob Worthington, as Mayor Mike Yakes was poised to adjourn.

"I cannot imagine putting money in that man's pocket." – Al Davis, about Rick Kriseman, who Davis called "instrumental" in defeating the city's proposal for Clam Bayou.

"His comment was that we were selfish and ignorant. I thought that was kind of an odd start." – Al Davis, about councilman Sam Henderson.

"I'm getting tired of getting hate mail." – Al Davis

"I just wanted to offer a resource—I hope—to council. Six months ago we began an Internet site called GulfportWatchdog.com; it's become a really interesting forum for ideas. I hope that you, as council, will occasionally take a look at it. Use some of those ideas. It's not a bad thing for city council to know what people think." – Bob Newcomb

"Sanibel probably has a full-time decorator, too." – Jerry O'Regan on whether or not a small town like Gulfport needs a full-time attorney like Sanibel does.

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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Premier Choice: Flood Insurance That Pays You

By Cathy Salustri

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Jeff co-owns two insurance agencies, Bentley-DeNight Insurance Services, a full service, independent, Trusted Choice agency that offers business, auto, home, commercial, life, boat, motorcycle, RV and umbrella policies. He also owns Premier Choice Rebate Flood Insurance, a flood insurance agency that sells nothing but flood insurance.

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agencies that write their policies. Jeff and his agency are sharing that commission with their customers. Jeff says Premier Choice can afford to share its commission with its customers

since all the owners are hands-on and they run a lean, efficient operation.

Besides, Jeff says, things are tough for everyone, and if his company has a little to share with the community, it's happy to do so.

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