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Beach Residents Fight To Keep Post Office



By Cathy Salustri

“Citizen input was a big part of our turnout today,” Kevin Hing, chairman of the St. Pete Beach Stewardship Committee, told The Gabber.

The US Postal Service could make a decision to close the branches as early as the end of August, although it could put off the decision until the end of October, Hing said.

“Given that window we thought it was best to organize this as soon as possible,” Hing said.

For information about how to sign the petition against closing the post office or contact local congressmen, call the St. Pete Beach city manager’s office at 363-9232.

For more photos of Tuesday night’s protest or to tell your story about the St. Pete Beach post office, check out The Gabber Newspaper’s Facebook page.

Coconut Inn Rezoning Postponed For Rebuild

ST. PETE BEACH – The City Commission opted to postpone voting on an ordinance that would change the zoning of a lot in Pass A Grille until they could gather more information. The Coconut Inn was already standing when the land around it was designated for residential use, and was grandfathered into St. Pete Beach’s Land Development Code. Now, owner Joe Caruso wants to knock down the building, which he says is dated and therefore not competitive and replace it with an updated hotel. To do this, the City needs to designate the lot – and the adjacent space that serves as a parking lot – as traditional hotel district zoning.

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Tree Planting in Alleys

ST. PETE BEACH – Pass A Grille residents can now plant vegetation in the alleys that line the perimeter of their properties – but only if they live south of 32nd Avenue, and if the alley is at least 12 feet wide after planting. A permitting process is required.

The Science of Herpetology

By Leigh Clifton

One of Boyd Hill Nature Park’s most interesting camps for kids is the Herpetology Camp, or the study of reptiles and amphibians. The week-long camp is taught by field biologist George Heinrich, who teaches the kids



Pleased to meet you! Seven year old Paul Fernandez makes the acquaintance of a Rosy Boa snake at the Herpetology Camp at Boyd Hill.

about snakes, reptiles, frogs, snapping turtles, gopher tortoises and alligators as well as ecology and conservation. The students learn to differentiate between venomous and non-venomous species of snakes, using deceased specimens as examples. They also study the scat of local species and learn to determine

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Rezoning, from front page

Neighbors testified against Caruso's request at a recent hearing before the Commission, expressing concern over traffic and other potential issues as well as what would happen to the land if he were to ever sell it. Caruso tried to reassure those in attendance that he had the neighborhood's interests at heart. "My love is to operate my business the best I can, leave it to my children and be a benefit to my community," Caruso, clearly getting choked up, told the Commission. The Commission will discuss, and

potentially vote on, the ordinance during a budget hearing Thursday, September 3rd.

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Gulfport Community Dance

The City of Gulfport and Gulfport Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring a community dance featuring "A Pair to Remember" at the Waterfront Gulfport Casino Ballroom at 5500 Beach Blvd. S. on Friday, August 28 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$5 donation and cash bar available. For

more information contact 727-344-3711 or www.exploreulfport.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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Herpetology, from front page what their diet comprised of and what kind of variety it is. But the real excitement happens when the children get to handle live, non-venomous snakes and study them up close. The camp has inspired some young biologists –in- the- making to think about a possible career in biology, veterinary medicine or zoo biologist. Any one of those would suit eleven year old Samantha Coombs

“I love animals and I have some snakes at home. I’m not scared of them; here we get taught how to handle them safely and of course they’re not poisonous. I think I’d like to be a vet or a biologist/herpetologist when I grow up!” she said.

George Heinrich thinks camps like the one offered for kids at Boyd Hill are a real necessity, to get kids outside again and engaged in the environment.

“The goal is to get these kids excited and open their eyes. It a healthy hobby and get them outside away from the TV, the AC and the computer. That sedentary lifestyle contributes to childhood obesity, which then translates to adult onset of diseases like diabetes, heart and circulatory problems. This type of class is a real treat for these kids; the schools are cutting back so much funding that essential programs like field trips and outdoor activities are severely curtailed or eliminated all together.”

Heinrich hopes that his hands-on camp will inspire and encourage youngsters to get outside, get going and get knowledgeable about their environment and all the creatures living in it.

Boyd Hill offers several different summer classes for kids; they will offer another Herpetology camp in the fall.

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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.

Meetings are open to the public but there will be a nominal charge for nonmembers of the Garden Club to help cover speaker expense.

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No Problem With Tuesday Market

Despite resident Deborah Blake's complaints at the last several council meetings, city manager Jim O'Reilly told council that his office had not received complaints about the vendor violations during the Tuesday Morning Market.

"As long as an owner or a tenant says that they don't want it there, it will remain that way until they say 'I've changed my mind'," Councilman Sam Henderson explained.

The discussion, an agenda item spurred on by Blake's repeated complaints during the public comment section of city council meeting, centered around how to interpret Resolution 2007-15 (which outlined initial guidelines for the Market) and whether or not issues existed between property owners abutting the Tuesday Morning Market.

"The way that this is to be read in its totality is with common sense," Interim City Attorney Tom Minkoff

said about the resolution. He went on to explain that vendors could not block sidewalks but could legally use extension cords.

"The person who is having difficulty with all this is going about it the wrong way in understanding it," Janice Ryan.

City council and staff encouraged any property owner impacted by the Tuesday Morning Market who had a vendor problem to call the city. After hours, city staff said, any safety issues should get directed to the police department's non-emergency number, 893-1030.

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A Patriot Day Tribute

A Patriot Day ceremony will be held Friday, September 11, at the Galatea Garden, 7015 Sunset Drive South honoring first responders and veterans, and remembering those who have fallen in the war on terrorism. The ceremony will start at 8:30 a.m. with a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m.

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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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Sign Up for Chili Cookoff

It's time to start testing your best chili recipe and sign up for the Industrial Arts Center's first Industrial Strength Chili Cookoff on Saturday, September 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.! This will be a hot, fun event to support

the innovative teaching facility in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard. In addition to tasting some fabulous chili, attendees will enjoy live entertainment and watch glass blowing demonstrations.

Entry deadline is September 23 for the contest. The entry fee is only \$25 and includes an IAC membership and commemorative apron. Check the Industrial Arts Center website for details: www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org.

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

If you do not have Bright house digital cable, but have internet access, go under City Departments, you can view the Gulfport station GTV615 on line. It lists the program guide, City YouTube Videos and a live web stream link. Webstream is the same information distributed as if you were watching on cable TV.

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

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Family Fun Day in Treasure Island

There will be a Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 5 from 12 noon to 10 p.m. on the beach behind the Bilmar Beach Resort, Gulf Boulevard and 106th Avenue in Treasure Island. Live music, food and beverage concessions, arts and crafts, children's activities and fireworks. Parking on the beach on Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., \$10. Enter beach lot at 112th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard (across from Waffle House).

Overhead Surf Shop Skim Jam, check in at 8 a.m., \$25 entry fee. Pre-registration required by calling Overhead Surf Shop at 727-398-7873.

Children's activities from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. include a sand sculpturing contest; wellness and fitness classes and demonstrations; Hula Monsters; Hawaiian War Canoes supplied by Kai Aniani Canoe Club; Hawaiian Dream Dancers; Stand Up Paddling presented by Stand Up Fitness; and the #1 Buccaneer Fan - Big Nasty.

Pre-registration preferred for the Sand Sculpturing Contest by contacting the Treasure Island Chamber of Commerce at (727)360-4121 or www.treasureislandchamber.com. A minimal entry fee is required and proceeds will be donated to the All Children's Hospital Guild Beach Branch. Sculptures to be judged by Sanding Ovations, World Champion Sculptors. Fireworks at 9 p.m.

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

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

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

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Open Awards Art Show

Suntan Art Center will hold an open awards art show with the opening reception to be held September 12. Open to all artists, members and non-members of Suntan Art Center. Cash awards will be awarded in three areas: 2-D, 3-D and photography. Artists are invited to submit one art work in one of a variety of media: painting all mediums, drawing, original craft, mixed media, film or digital photography, fiber, sculpture

or pottery. All submitted work must be available for sale. Entrance fee is \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members.

Entries may be presented for exhibition at the Don Vista Cultural Arts Center, 3300 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach on Friday, September 4 from 10-4 p.m. or Saturday, September 5 from 10-2 p.m. Art will hang from September 8 - October 2 and must be picked up on Friday, October 2 between 10-4 p.m. or Saturday, October 3 from 10-2 p.m.

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BPW to Meet

"Florida's 2009 Priority Legislation Affecting Women," will be the topic during the Business and Professional Women (BPW) meeting on Thursday, September 3 at Gratzzi's restaurant in Baywalk, 199 Second Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Networking at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 12 noon.

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 or call 727-471-8248 or fax 314-602-7823.

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AIDS Walk St. Petersburg

AIDS Walk St. Petersburg will be held on Saturday, September 12. This 5k walk begins and ends at North Shore Park, on the waterfront in beautiful downtown St. Pete. Registration at 8 a.m. with the Walk starting at 10 a.m. AIDS Walk St. Petersburg will benefit the clients of ASAP. 100% of money raised will remain in Pinellas County serving clients infected and affected by HIV. Last year, over 2000 participants raised \$117,000 for the clients of ASAP. Their goal this year is to pass the \$125,000 mark.

This year's Grand Marshal is CW44's own Sheli Sanders. Our Master of Ceremonies will be Ann Sherman-White, Coordinator of ASAP's Department of Prevention and Testing. Tampa Bay's Double M Band will kick off this year's Walk with a live performance, featuring the debut of "Time to Care," a song written especially for the event.

Individuals and teams can register online at <http://www.AIDSWalkStPetersburg.org>. Donations are collected by participants through a secure online payment system or by using sponsor forms which can be downloaded from the web site.

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Police Department to Receive Federal Funds

ST. PETE BEACH – The St. Pete Beach City Commission voted Tuesday to allow the City Manager and Chief of police to accept an award from the US Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) totaling \$232,872. The sum will

allow the department to bring in one new police officer, and will cover his or her salary for three years. The city can choose to extend that contract at the end of the three years.

The COPS Office was launched in 1994, and provides law enforcement training, information and personnel to communities in need through its grant program, which to date has benefited American communities to the tune of \$12 billion. The city also accepted \$39,597.83 from the Pinellas County Sheriff's office for crime scene services, evidence storage and other services that ensure efficient investigations.

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City Raises Rec Center Rates

ST. PETE BEACH – Citing the facility's potential for garnering higher rates than what the city is currently asking, the St. Pete Beach City Commission voted to raise the St. Pete Beach Recreation Center's rental rates. For non-residents, the Friday and Sunday rates will now be \$1,500 for four hours, \$2,000 for six, \$2,500 for eight and \$3,000 for ten. Residents will receive a 10 percent discount, and civic associations will still be able to hold their monthly meetings for free at the center.

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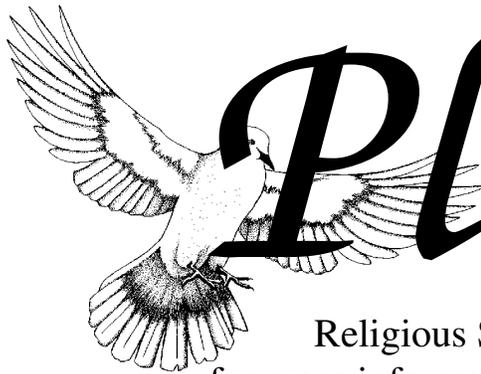
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for the care of the pastor. Call Kim at 343-9595 for more information.

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Hawaiian Luau Dinner

Trinity Nazarene Church, 1000 55 Street S. in Gulfport will hold a Hawaiian Luau dinner on Friday, September 11 at 6 p.m. The menu will include Hawaiian chicken, rice, salad, bread and desserts. The suggested donation is \$2.50 for children 10 and under and \$5 for adults. You may pre-register by calling the church at 239-1443 or call Judy at 687-1233. Hawaiian attire is optional.

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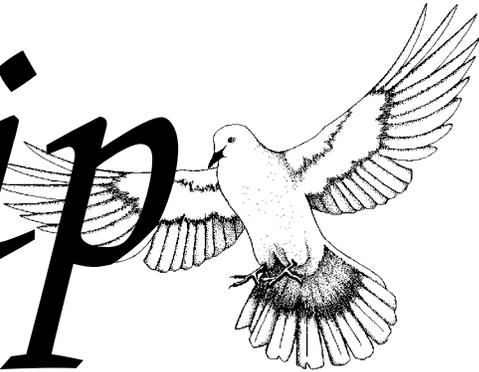
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If you have been reading the Gabber of late, you most likely know by now that the City of Gulfport will be celebrating its Centennial in January, 2010. Throughout the whole year of 2010, the City of Gulfport will be celebrating this historical event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

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

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

Daniel will need both males and females, ranging in age from 6 to 80. He will also need 6 or 7 children, ages 6 to 12 for the play. All people will have to be able to sing. Bring music in your own key to the auditions, a pianist will be provided

by the Players. Be prepared to sing a "bright" number (no love ballads, please!). Two people must be able to waltz. There will be ensemble, group, and solo singing in the play.

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

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

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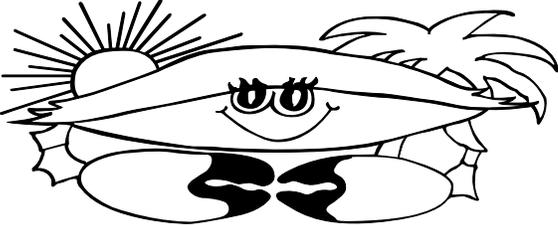
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New Business Networking Event

The Gulfport Go Giver Group, an established business networking group, meets every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Habana Cafe, 5404 Gulfport Blvd. S. in Gulfport. If you are looking for an opportunity to network with other business professionals from the area this is the opportunity to build your reach in the community by building relationships that will expand your business. Attendance will range from 10 to 30.

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The Deaf and Hearing Connection, Tampa Bay's only non-profit hearing

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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,

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Vendors Needed for Fall Holiday Market

The Salvation Army is seeking individuals and groups interested in selling gently used household items, arts and crafts, jewelry, antiques, collectables and other crafty home decorations at their upcoming Holiday Market scheduled for Saturday, November 7 from 9-2 p.m. at The Salvation Army located at 3800 Ninth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Outdoor spaces are available for \$20 each and include a 12x12 space and two chairs (no tables provided).

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St. Pete Half Century Softball

St. Pete Half Century Softball Club is holding tryouts on all Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at North Shore Park in St. Petersburg for ages 49-74 for this coming modified fast pitch softball season. The season starts October 26 for a 60 game schedule.

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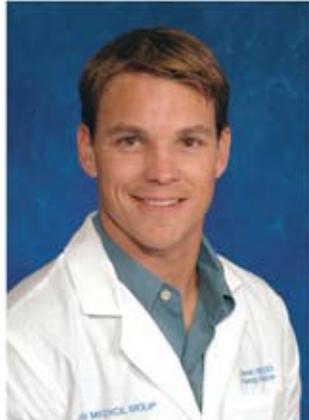


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Attorney Keith Sanders Handles Bankruptcies with Experience and Sensitivity

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“I guess you could say my motto is ‘been there, done that,’” says Keith Sanders, from the law office of Andre Keith Sanders, P.A.

He says that for two reasons. First, he says his more than 17 years of experience as an attorney specializing in handling “literally thousands” of bankruptcies means that he has dealt with virtually any kind of problem or issue that might arise with them. And, secondly, he had to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy himself a few years ago. He says that experience makes him very sensitive to the kinds of things people face when making the difficult decision to file.

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

“You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people and then they have gotten into a bad situation. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or perhaps someone has just gotten in over their head with debt. It’s very easy in today’s consumer driven society for that to happen,” said Sanders.

Sanders offers a free initial consultation with no set time limit on it. “It might take 20 minutes or it might take two hours, it just depends of the client’s individual set of circumstances,” he said. “We can meet at their home or in my office, we can even do it over the phone if they can provide me with the financial information we need to discuss their situation.” Sanders says that he can often offer other solutions besides bankruptcy such as re-negotiating payment schedules with creditors or reorganizing personal finances. “For example, I often have people who can avoid bankruptcy if they just get out from under the burden of a house they can no longer



afford because of a job loss or some other situation,” he noted.

He moved to the Tampa Bay area in July 2005 from Atlanta where he was a partner/owner of Hamilton & Sanders, LLC a firm specializing in consumer bankruptcy and real estate closings. The firm regularly filed between 40-60 bankruptcy cases a month. Prior to that he worked for three other major law firms in Atlanta from 1992 to 2003. All three firms specialized in consumer bankruptcy cases. He began his career as a staff attorney for the United States Trustee in Atlanta. He is licensed to practice law in both Florida and Georgia.

“I like what I do because I feel like I can help people get a fresh start,” said Sanders. “When you have financial difficulties it can really affect your entire life. It has negative implications on you emotionally and it can even damage or ruin your personal relationships. I do try and encourage people to come see me early on, even if they are just starting to get behind in payments or feel they are in over their head. If you can start working with an attorney from the very start it can really reduce your stress level as I can stop harassing creditor calls. I can also see if we can work out arrangements that a creditor might not consider when working directly with my client.”

“Since the initial consultation is free, you really don’t have anything to lose to meet with me and we can

assess your situation and see how it might be best for you to proceed. Bankruptcy can be one solution to getting back on your feet financially, but it may not be the best or only solution for you. As an experienced professional, I can help you sort through those issues and see what is right for you,” he noted.

Sanders has held a number of seminars and written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

Outside of the courtroom, Sanders lives in an unusual home in Gulfport that was one of the featured properties in last year’s Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes. It has a tree growing right up through the floor and up through the ceiling of his kitchen. He has three dogs and a cat. When he was living in Atlanta he was very involved with helping raise funds for a number of AIDS service organizations. He is hoping to get involved with local charitable groups as soon as possible.

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Treasure Island



First Show of the Season

By Fred Wilder

The long hot summer is finally over. Now it's time to get some paintings ready to enter in The Art Guild's first show of the 2009-10 season. On Thursday, September 3 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. members may enter up to two paintings. If you are not a member we invite you to become one.

On September 12 at 1 p.m. there will be a reception for the winners of the show. There will also be an art demonstration by Susan Hess.

All the above takes place in The Art Guild Gallery located in the Treasure Island Hall Auditorium, 120 108 Ave. Refreshments will be served. Our workshops have started: Anything Goes on Wednesday, Still Life on Thursday and Portrait on Friday with a live model. For more information, call Fred at 360-8390.

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

With the recent wave of shootings in Tampa, do you think the Tampa Bay area is becoming a dangerous place to live?



Gerald Goleman, St. Pete: "No, not in this area; I think we're pretty safe. But yes, I think the country is more dangerous. There are many contributing factors and I think one of the big ones is how we are raising our children. We're not parenting the way we should and children aren't learning right and wrong; they get away with a lot at a young age and then think as they get older that they're above the rules. They're the ones who become violent, who break the law. I think the short solution is to have a more visible police presence. I think with more community police action on the street, it becomes a conscious deterrent to crime."

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Ron Wolf, South Pasadena: "No, not at all. I think this area is still one of the safest places in the country. I just think that with the times so tough right now, people are getting desperate. Those shootings in Tampa just seemed to be random, not connected."

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Caitlin Connor, St. Pete: "No, I think it's pretty common with our metro area and a sign of the times and the economy. I think that it starts at a young age; parents aren't or can't afford to pay the bills so they both work outside the home. This in turn, creates latch-key kids, who have no guidance and don't have that positive influence from their parents that would keep them out of trouble. So they learn negative ways of coping with that. They steal cars; they break into people's houses. The more they get away with it, it seems the violence escalates I feel safe here in St. Pete; I live right near St. Pete College and they have 24 hour security. Those guys drive around the neighborhood all night long so we really don't have a lot of issues at this end. But people are getting desperate. They're losing their jobs at an accelerated rate. Personally, since college, I've had four companies close. That kind of stressful atmosphere definitely creates an open door for crime."

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Susan Pressman, Gulfport: "I'm from Boston and compared to there, this is a very safe place. I feel very safe in Gulfport; I live in the Art District and often walk around late at night. I've never even thought about not being safe. I guess today's economic climate has contributed to a lot of loss like homes and jobs and that could affect the crime rate. But I don't think that these isolated incidences of violence represent any kind of global problem."

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Letters

Consider Eminent Domain

Dear Editor: The City of Gulfport should consider eminent domain for the blighted shopping center at 49th St. and Gulfport Blvd. Due to the age of the building, the city would have better success in attracting a grocery store if the building is demolished and a new building is constructed on the site. A larger modern shopping center could be built on that intersection if the property that contains the former St Petersburg Times distribution building and adjacent vacant Caldwell lot are also included in an eminent domain action.

The city should purchase these properties and then sell the properties to a developer. Tax incentives should be considered for the developer and grocery store that choose to build on the site. As the community has a public interest in the redevelopment of this area, the city should act now while real estate prices are low.

David Shiner

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Reassurance Program

Dear Editor: Just a quick note to let your readers know that the Gulfport Senior Center Reassurance Program is not solely for people who are not able to care for themselves. This program is free and available to anyone in the city of Gulfport who lives alone and needs to feel secure in their home knowing that someone will call to check on them every morning.

As I am one of the volunteers who makes these calls, we find this program to be the life line of the Senior Center. So to anyone who could benefit from a caring call in the morning, please call 893-2237 or 893-1231 to add your name to the list.

Lorraine DelBene

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Thank You!

Dear Editor: I would like to thank the lady who found my purse and turned it in to the post office. God bless you for it and we need more people like you. Thanks again!

Olga K.

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Letters to the Editor

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News from the Gulfport Historical Society



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Gulfport Centennial Calendar

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.

Along with important event dates, you will find club numbers, including the local Scouts and the holiday trash pickup schedule available in this handy calendar. The calendar is \$5 and after printing costs, the remaining proceeds will help support the local Gulfport Historical Society.

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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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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Attention Artists!

Several artists are needed to participate in the new adventure of Gulfport Galleria.

They are attempting to get together a group of eclectic artisans to share in a semi-co-op gallery in downtown Gulfport. They will man the shop, and you just bring your art to sell. For as little as 200/month you can

be in on the ground floor of a much needed Gallery in Gulfport. Gulfport is growing in stature as an artist community. More and more folks are coming to the downtown area to see art. Also the art walk is booming 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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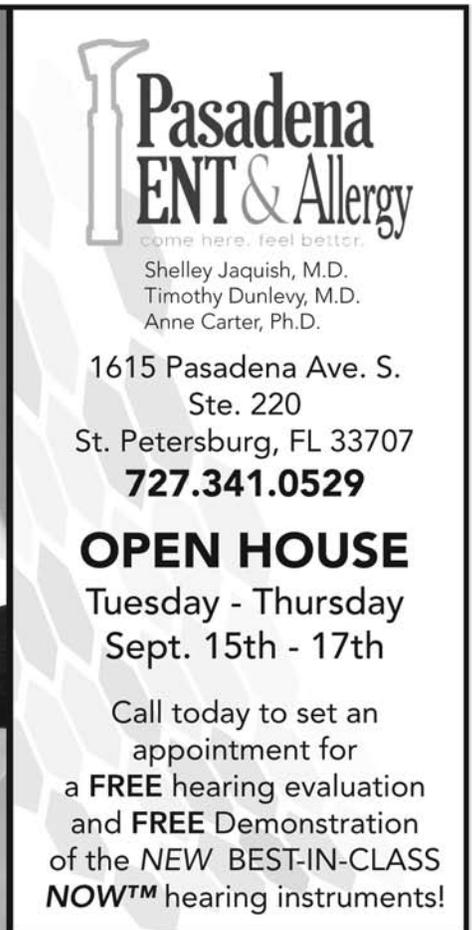
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Market in the Park Calls for Vendors

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.

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Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

ACROSS

- 1 Italian treats
- 5 Babble
- 10 Drying oven
- 14 Ball film role
- 15 Miller's salesman
- 16 Entreaty
- 17 Hearken
- 20 Decorative ribbon
- 21 "... so ___ a day in June?"
- 22 Scott of history
- 23 Give the eye
- 24 Abrogate legislation
- 27 Elusive needle locale
- 31 Adam and Eve ___ raft: greasy-spoon slang
- 32 Principle
- 34 Perfume oil
- 35 Hubbubs
- 37 Exhausts
- 39 Environmental prefix
- 40 Conductor Georg
- 42 Biological subdivision
- 44 "___ got the whole world ..."

DOWN

- 45 Victories
- 47 Doughnut cousins
- 49 Separate
- 50 Bitty predecessor
- 51 Dark dye
- 54 Stand
- 58 Surrender
- 60 List-ending abbreviation
- 61 The Real McCoy
- 62 Overtime causes
- 63 Broadway award
- 64 Actor Keach
- 65 Author Ferber

- 18 Gold weight unit
- 19 Latin music style
- 23 Like many cereals
- 24 Swelter
- 25 Biblical witch's home
- 26 Indiana town
- 27 "___ to ladies who lunch ..."
- 28 ___ drop of a hat
- 29 Bedouin transport
- 30 Kris ___: pint-sized rappers
- 33 Evening
- 36 In a dumb (and dumber) way
- 38 Finesse
- 41 Insect stage
- 43 Cloys
- 46 Sneaks around
- 48 Whirl
- 50 Architectural style
- 51 "___ a song go out of my heart"
- 52 Western acronym
- 53 Actress Cannon
- 54 Sari's Roman relation
- 55 Like the dust bowl
- 56 Some Feds
- 57 U.S. weather agency
- 59 Jersey pro

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Dogfighting: The Vick Effect

In an interview with "60 Minutes," ex-convict and newly instated NFL player Michael Vick had this to say about his ruthless alter ego: "When I was in prison, I was disgusted because of what I let happen to those animals. I could have put a stop to it. I could have walked away from it. I could have shut the whole operation down."

It looks like this new Vick has more in common with most of us than the old Vick. We're disgusted, too. But televised speeches can be deceiving, and it's too early to know in what ways and to what extent Vick really has changed.

The business of dogfighting, however, has undergone significant change in his absence. While no less vicious, it's grown more cunning, clandestine and adaptive to new technology since

Vick brought the underground activity into the spotlight two years ago.

Mark Kumpf, an investigator based in Ohio who directs the National Animal Control Association, made clear in an interview with CNN that the thugs behind this blood sport are no dummies. Two new practices that have emerged since dogfighting came under fierce scrutiny: mobile venues and Internet broadcasts.

Fights have been staged in 18-wheelers on the go. "If you're driving down the road, there could be dogs in that truck driving next to you that are dying," Kumpf said. And, he said, to avoid large crowds, "we've seen fights where you've got the two handlers, a referee and Web cams everywhere broadcasting the fight on the Internet."

You might conclude that the attachment of a celebrity athlete to the illegal activity of dogfighting only served to drive it further underground and its proponents to new heights of ambition. But some good has come, as

well.

Experts in law enforcement and animal welfare agree that the upside of the publicity from the Vick case is that people are more informed of what suspicious activity looks like -- and more willing to report it.

Last week The Baltimore Sun ran a photo of a panting pit bull struggling to tow his owner through Patterson Park on a bicycle. Readers were outraged: "Did the photographer report this suspicious behavior to the police?" "Did The Sun think it might be promoting dog fighting by publishing this photo?" "Doesn't your photographer know that this poor pit bull is being abused? Pit bulls wearing heavy weights are being trained for dog fighting."

And a recent dogfighting case in Dayton, Ohio, resulted in three convictions because of a neighbor. According to CNN, "a neighbor called police when she saw a mangled dog that had apparently escaped from a home where investigators found 60 chained pit bull terriers, many being starved and wallowing in their own waste."

This kind of abuse is too inhumane to ignore; these stories too sad to forget. We are paying attention. The key is to give more attention to our communities and less attention to guys like Vick with his coulda, woulda, shouldas. May he make the best of his second chance, and may we turn our hearts and minds to more important things.

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Horoscope Guide

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are usually subtle and sensitive in your communication; however, that method may cause your message to get lost in the cacophony of this week. What you have to say is important. Take measures to grab the attention you want. Once you have it, you can return to your gentle manners.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Know where the boundaries are and observe them. Social rules often go unstated. If you were not born into a family that carefully adheres to the rules, it will help you both in business and in your personal life to deepen your knowledge of etiquette. Formal grooming is available and may be as simple as a library visit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are well liked. And though you always want to reciprocate, sometimes it feels as though you are too indebted to do so. Luckily, you will have many opportunities throughout your life to return the affection and kindness you have received. Try not to keep score. Enjoy the generosity bestowed upon you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are in the driver's seat of your life, though there might be someone in the passenger seat who is advising you on which turn to take. You always have an option. Do not let anyone bully you into decisions. A good GPS system will recalculate the directions to help you get where you're going.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to know how things work in order to work them. However, you're better off learning how they work anyhow. When there's a problem, it will be easier for you to solve it if you have a basic understanding of how everything comes together. Read, take tutorials and ask questions. Educate yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Where you're traveling, there is no path. It's wild, uncharted territory. You can't sleepwalk there -- you have to have your wits about you. Navigation will

take skill, and you'll be solving one problem after another. That's why you need to stay open-minded. Rigid perspectives won't lead you to the Promised Land.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Avoid overanalyzing. Instinct trumps intellect, though you may want to keep that your little secret. There are those around you who need to go through a logical process in order to feel good about a decision. They might be annoyed at how quickly you make powerful and correct choices by just going with your gut.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You appear to be serving those around you. They are grateful, indeed, though they may not understand that your actions are not exclusively to help them. You are really in service of the divine force of love and goodness, and as you tend to that purpose, everyone around you feels the uplift -- you included.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you want yourself to move, don't ask questions. Information that causes you to stop and ponder won't lead to action. That's because if you think too much, you won't do it. So don't think. Trust your intuitive sense of direction. Spirit trumps knowledge every time. Command yourself to act and then do it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been studying human nature all of your life. You don't even realize the breadth of your knowledge, as you take most of it for granted. But you'll meet someone who seems to be new to the topic this week, and you'll be compelled to take this innocent being under your wing. This one will learn -- eventually.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In case you've fallen a bit out of touch, those around you will act as mirrors, reporting on how you've been treating yourself. If you don't like the way they treat you, change your you-to-you relations and all will be improved.

It's amazing how quickly the remedy takes hold. By Thursday there's a turnaround.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll move quickly. Money gets "wasted" along the way. It's part of the process, and there's no shame in it. You shouldn't expect yourself to make wise financial moves 100 percent of the time. You'll do your best. And besides, you never know what good the money that was once yours will do as it circulates.

This Week's Birthdays: You are endowed with a great magnetic attraction and will pull in what you think about most. It's challenging to take charge of your thought processes; however, you will quickly see the benefits of doing so, as well as the dangers of not doing so. Popular and friendly, you may not have time to take advantage of all of the lovely offers made to you through fall. A savvy financial decision brings lifestyle improvements this winter. Spring brings excitement to your love life.

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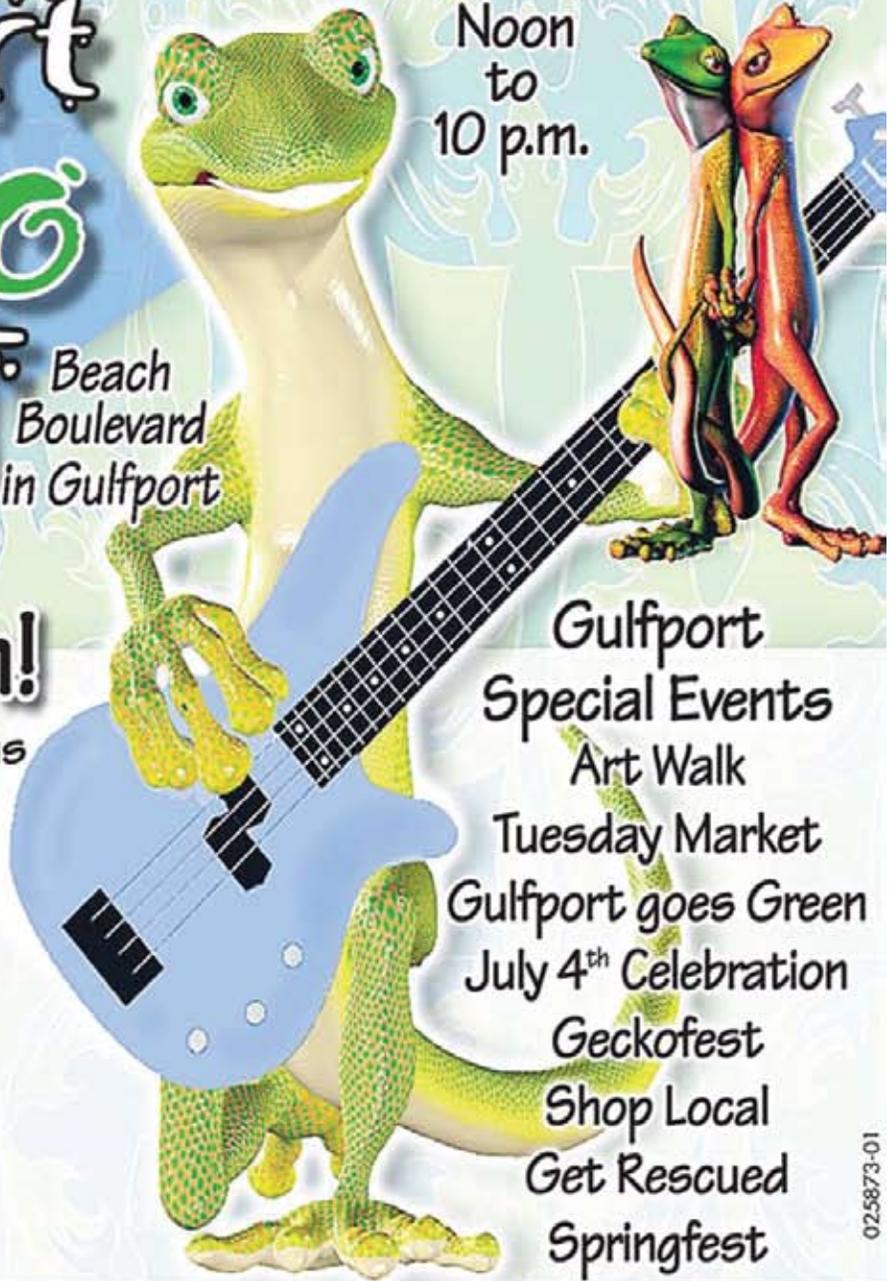
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St. Pete Beach. There are eight age groups which are: 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45+. Registration is now open visit us at www.pinellasjocks.com.

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One Stop Center Receives Award

On Friday, August 21, 2009, the One Stop Center received the Outstanding Program Award from Pinellas Adult, Career and Technical Education Association for the ABE/GED Program offered to the community through the One Stop. The PACTE

award is given out each year based on nominations from members of the community. This year the One Stop Center was nominated by Jane Huber, Administrator of Lakewood Community School to receive the Outstanding Program Award.

The ABE/GED Program is open to single adults and classes are taught at The Salvation Army located at 1400 4th Street South in St. Petersburg and are offered Monday through Thursday in the mornings from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and in the evenings from 5-8pm. For more information on the program you can contact Vickie Cucchiara, Program Coordinator or Lillie McCoy, Program Instructor at (727) 822-4954.

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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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Retired Stetson University President H. Douglas Lee passes away

DeLand, Fla. – Dr. H. Douglas Lee, DeLand, who recently retired after 22 years as president of Stetson University, died early Tuesday morning, Aug. 25, at Florida Hospital-DeLand of complications from surgery. He was 66.

A native of Danville, Va., Dr. Lee served as president of Stetson from June 1987 to May 31, 2009. He became chancellor – a position equivalent to president emeritus – upon his retirement. Before serving as president of Stetson, he served as the university's executive vice president from 1983 to 1987, as vice president for Planning and Development from 1980 to 1983, and as vice president for Development from 1978 to 1980.

His visionary leadership strengthened academic quality and transformed Stetson into a more diverse and socially responsible institution. He led Stetson through her separation from the Southern Baptist Convention in the 1990s, moving Stetson forward into the 21st century as an internationally respected university.

"This is a huge loss to Stetson and the larger community, and our hearts go out to Margaret and the rest of his family," said Nestor de Armas, chair of the Stetson Board of Trustees and a university alumnus. "Doug was a man of integrity who dedicated the last 30 years of his life to Stetson. Under his leadership, we distinguished ourselves by rolling up our sleeves and doing the work of faith without letting theology get in the way.

"His legacy is our deep commitment to social justice and to inclusivity," de Armas said. "We are sad, but we are comforted by knowing we were able to share in his life and work, and by seeing his legacy thriving in our Stetson family."

"I will miss Doug's wisdom and his enlightened world view, his passion for servant leadership and his fierce commitment to social justice," said Stetson President Wendy B. Libby. "Stetson University has been greatly blessed by having this giant at her helm for so many years. Together, with Margaret at his side, Doug transformed every person and institution he touched. I am humbled to follow in his path."

Dr. Lee's presidency focused on a com-

mitment to academic excellence, the integration of values into the teaching-learning process and active forms of social responsibility. Under his exceptional leadership, Stetson remained true to her 125-year heritage.

During his 22 years at the helm, Stetson hired more faculty and lowered the student-faculty ratio to 11 to 1, significantly increased the university's overall endowment, completed numerous major capital projects, added satellite centers in Tampa Bay and Celebration, and boosted enrollment. The university underwent a cultural renewal built on an institution-wide commitment to seven core values: religious and spiritual life, ethical decision-making, diversity, gender equity, environmental responsibility, community engagement, and health and wellness.

In December 2008, the university named historic Elizabeth Hall chapel the Lee Chapel in his honor. During Homecoming 2009, Doug and his wife, Margaret Easley Lee, received Stetson's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of their many contributions to the university. They also were recipients of the first George and Mary Hood Award, which honors those who personify the university's core values.

Dr. Lee was well-known and respected as a leader in higher education and, with his wife, as an active member of First Baptist Church of DeLand and as a supporter of the arts and charitable causes in DeLand, Volusia County, Florida, the Southeast and beyond. Among their favorite causes were the Cultural Arts Center of DeLand, the Spring Hill community, the National Museum of Women in the Arts and the Florida Museum for Women Artists.

Recognized for his passionate commitment to the community and social justice, Dr. Lee was presented the NAACP West Volusia Branch Humanitarian of the Year Award and the B'nai B'rith Citizen of the Year Award, both in 1998. Under his leadership in environmental responsibility, Stetson earned the Year 2000 Sustainable Florida Award for Initiative presented by the Governor's Council for Sustainable Florida. In 2008, Stetson University and Dr. Lee, specifically, were awarded



the first Historic Preservationist of the Year Award by the West Volusia Historical Society. He also was a leader in the evolution of the Volusia County ECHO Initiative.

Along with the many awards each has received as individuals, the Lees together were named Volusia County Citizens of the Year in 2006 and received the 2008 Spring Hill Neighborhood Association Exceptional Community Partner Award. In 2008, the Lees were recipients of the Volusia County Cultural Alliance (VCCA) Second Annual Tippen Davidson Award, presented to those who have made significant contributions to the arts.

Dr. Lee earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Richmond, along with Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. He earned a doctorate in Religion from the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

In addition to Margaret, his wife of 43 years, Dr. Lee is survived by a son, Gregory Lee and wife Lara; a daughter, Elizabeth Lee Williamson and husband Heath; grandsons, Parker Lee, Grayson Lee and Ayers Williamson; granddaughters, Maggie Williamson and Piper Williamson; father, Dr. Howard Lee, Danville, Va.; brother, David Lee and wife Ethel, Richmond, Va.; brother-in-law, Charles Easley III and wife Claudia, Danville, Va.; and sister-in-law, Sarah Drummond, Richmond, Va.

Details regarding a memorial services will be forthcoming.

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St. Pete Beach Remembers Beloved Fire Chief

By Kate Bradshaw



Those who were closest to him say there are enough stories about former St. Pete Beach Fire Chief Charles "Bucky" Hartman – most funny, some heart-wrenching – to span weeks in their telling.

Like the time when he was off duty and heard that a plane had crashed near Crabby Bill's (he always had his radio on him). Upon hearing the news, he dropped everything, says good friend and fellow firefighter Dan Daugherty, and stayed at the crash site until 3 a.m.

"On the guy's day off, you know?" Daugherty says.

Then there were all of those years during which he served as Santa Claus – a tenure that spanned multiple generations.

Or that time that Hartman, who was a die-hard Dolphins fan, bet Fred Golliner, Hartman's successor, five bucks that the Dolphins would beat the Bucks. Hartman won, but never collected.

Hartman, who passed August 12 at the age of 84, was the type of guy for whom there were no strangers; the type of guy who would do anything for those he loved; the type of guy who downplayed his own achievements, however substantial.

His attitude about his military years, during which he served in World War II, were just one example of Hartman's humility.

"He was highly decorated and never talked about his service record," says Billy Hartman, his son. "He would say, 'hey, I went where they told me to go.'"

The honors he earned include three Bronze Stars, Combat and Expert Infantryman badges, the Good Conduct Metal and a Purple Heart, which he was awarded after being wounded at the Battle of the Bulge. He fought in the Battle of Normandy and served in the Rhineland Campaign.

Born in West Virginia, he came to St. Pete Beach for vacation after his military service.

"I got sand in my shoes...Never went back," he once told the St. Petersburg Times.

He joined the fire department – first as a volunteer, then as a full-timer – and served for 35 years, 14 of them as chief. Throughout his service, Daugherty says, he would never tell anyone to do anything he himself wasn't willing to carry out. This meant leading men half his

age onto the rooftop of a flaming building if he had to.

Hartman came to be known as the Angel of St. Pete Beach, his daughter-in-law Jodie Hartman says, "because he did everything for everybody."

He could rip you a new one, Billy Hartman says, but was fiercely protective if someone were to cross a loved one.

"He was like a mother bear with her cubs," he says.

The community responded in kind.

When the city was trying to make him retire against his will at age 67, the citizens of St. Pete Beach responded with a huge campaign, complete with "Save the Bucky" t-shirts and bumper stickers. He retired, willingly, four years later, in 1995. Jodie Hartman says he had three retirement parties.

St. Pete Beach's Lido Beach Park was shortly after dedicated in his honor.

His memorial service, which took place at the St. Pete Beach Recreation Center and the Bay Pines Veterans' Cemetery, was another example of Hartman's fierce support. Fire departments from as far away as Lutz and Palm Harbor were represented in a ceremony fitting for someone so devoted to his community.

"It was phenomenal," says Billy Hartman, adding that he and his family are extremely appreciative of the fire and police departments' efforts.

The ceremony may be long over, but Hartman's seemingly inexhaustible list of family and friends, all possessing an abundance of vivid stories about Hartman and his role in his community, will ensure his legacy will live on, and boldly so.

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By Mary Hunt

Strike a Fiscal Balance With Your Grown Children

It is difficult for parents to balance giving financial help to their adult children with allowing them independence, even if independence means hardship. I do not have all the answers. I struggle because I'm a mother and my mom's heart wants to protect my children from every possible bump on the Road of Life.

My head, on the other hand, says that is absurd. Giving my boys all I can to make their lives perfect would deprive them of the joy of making it on their own, that feeling of accomplishment that comes when we figure out how to get through life's difficult situations.

I know of a family that has a lot of money. In their lifetimes, they could not possibly spend it all. Consequently, out of love and generosity, the parents have provided everything for their children, who are now adults with kids of their own.

These parents, now grandparents, have offered unbelievable support for their brood. They've purchased all of the homes and cars. They pay all the expenses and bills every month. They give their grown children more than enough money to live -- and live well.

These adult children never have had jobs. They do nothing. They are takers because everything always has been taken care of for them. These parents have deprived their children of the gift of independence. They've turned them into greedy monsters for whom more never will be enough.

So where is the balance? Is it wrong for families to help one another, especially during these difficult economic times? Of course not. But we need to set sensible boundaries.

Do not go into debt to help. Whether it's for a college education, co-signing a child's legal obligation or helping with the purchase of a home, if you have to go into debt to come up with the funds, watch out. That's a red flag that you're setting up yourself and your offspring for a future financial disaster. How can you give money to others that is not yours to give? Going into debt to help another is not a loving thing to do.

Do not do too much to help. This is the most difficult for me to pen because I am the queen of doing too much. My motive is one of generosity and love. But that help becomes inappropriate when it stifles financial maturity or precludes the need for my sons to become self-reliant. How much is too much? I cannot make that determination for you. Your resources should be your first consideration, and then you must consider each situation carefully.

There's a lesson to be learned from the way steel is made strong. It must be "stressed" sufficiently to become tempered. The same goes for the human spirit. The stresses of life make us stronger and prepare us for the future. Shielding our adult children from financial stress is not always the most loving thing to do. In the end, it might do more harm than good.

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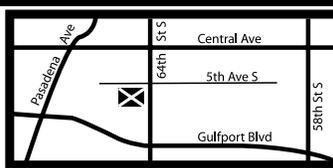
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ACTIVITIES

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-NEW REGISTRATIONS REQUIRED-Teens, age's mid-

dle school to 17. Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$20 non-res.

Tot Time Program - Currently, the program is FULL-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. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Classes begin September 8, 2009.

CLASSES

AAYA Cheerleading-REGISTRATION SEPT. 22nd 6-7:30 p.m.- Class begins Sept. 29th. Tues., 6-7:45 p.m. for ages 5 & up. Cost is \$10 registration & \$6 per class. Call AAYA 813-885-2292.

AAYA Dance - REGISTRATION SEPT. 24th 6-7:30 p.m.-Class begins Oct. 1st. Thurs., 6-8:45 p.m. for ages 5 & up. Cost is \$10 registration & \$6 per class. Call AAYA 813-885-2292.

Body Sculpt-NEXT CLASS BEGINS OCTOBER 1st-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. Call Billie at 239-313-0876.

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

Fencing-NEW HOURS BEGIN SEPT. 2nd-Wed., 4:30-6:30 p.m. for ages 8 and up are welcome. Cost is \$5 per one-hour session. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.

Gymnastics-NEW FEES AS OF SEPT. 11th-Fri., 5:30-6:15 p.m. for ages 5-12. Cost is \$28 per month. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

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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.

Sumyie - 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 - RETURNS TO THE REC. CENTER SEPT. 1st-Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Donations accepted. Call Marge at 345-6708.

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.



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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: Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. Some supplies available, but you furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album. FMI, contact Kay Boatwright 893-1074. NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER—next meeting Saturday, October 10, 1:00 pm.

The G & O Book Club: A philosophical discussion group based on the works of early 20th century mystic G. I. Gurdjieff and philosopher P. D. Ouspensky. Saturday, September 19, 1:30 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. Thursday, September 17, starting at 1:30 pm.

Genealogy Discussion Group: This is not a formal class, just an opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history. Saturday, August 22, 1:00 pm. FMI, call Kay Boatwright at the Library, 893-1074. NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER—next meeting Saturday, October 24, 1:00 pm.

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Closed for Holiday-The Senior Center and GEMS will be closed on Mon. Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day.

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 but please call to let us know you plan to attend..

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.mygulfport.us
www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org
www.aaapp.org
www.gulfportflorida.us

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

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

Outreach for Veterans- Wed. Sept. 30 at 1pm by VA Administration.

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.

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

Phone Distribution for Hearing Impaired - Tues. 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: Sept. 14 & 28

Elder Law Clinic-Free legal assistance on Fri. Sept. 18 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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VitaLife Exercise Class-Monday & Wednesday, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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



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7-8:30 p.m. - Lessons

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Local Obituaries

BRYANT, RUTH W., 90, passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at home with her family in North Port, FL. A native of Massachusetts, Ruth moved to Gulfport in 1957. Ruth owned Wesco Bait and Tackle in the 1970s and 1980s with her late husband, Bernard. She is survived by her daughter, Susanne Kremer, and Susanne's husband Ronald, of Longwood, FL and her daughter, Sandra Wakeley, and Sandra's husband Ronald, of North Port, FL. In addition, Ruth is survived by six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. A private family service will be held at a later date, where her ashes will be scattered at sea with her husband's. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ruth's name to TideWell Hospice, 1158 Veronica Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33952. National Cremation Society, Port Charlotte, FL.

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CORCORAN, MICHAEL E., 54 of Gulfport, FL, died unexpectedly August 24, 2009 at Northside Hospital, St. Petersburg. He was born March 31, 1955 in Ft. Myers, FL. He leaves behind his wife of 32 years, Darlene A. and 3 children; Evan D., Aron M., and Emily D., in-laws Albert J. Jr. & the late Barbara A. Boudreau, brother-in-law, Bruce G. & Lisa M. Boudreau & nephew and niece Brandon T. & Elle M. Boudreau. He was predeceased by 2 children, Adam M. & Analy M. Corcoran and his mother Margaret K. Corcoran. He was employed by Gulf & Southern Mortgage for the last 12 years, and was a past president of the Gulfport Little League. For those who have inquired, donations can be made to the Michael Corcoran Fund at any Regions Bank branch. Friends will be received Friday, August 28th from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. R. Lee Williams & Son Gulfport Chapel, 5730 15 Ave. So., www.rlwilliams.com.

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DEAN, MABEL LOUISE "CINDY", of Gulfport, passed away Aug. 21, 2009 in Harrisonburg, VA. Online condolences may be sent to www.kygers.com. Kygers Funeral Home 504-434-1359.

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HUFNAGEL, ANDREW J., born March 26, 1921, son of the late Alice McLaughlin and Joseph Hufnagel in Yonkers, NY. Mr. Hufnagel was a U.S. Marine during World War II. He co-owned a gas station in NY in the late 1950s. He then began his aluminum siding contracting company, teaching the trade to younger mechanics; he was a master of the trade. He was living in the Adirondacks and decided that the winters were too harsh. Moved to Gulfport 26 years ago and loved every minute. Many can remember him with a big smiling face and good conversation or as the man collecting your money at the Skyway Fishing Pier toll booth for many years. He loved fishing and hunting. He was surrounded by his loved ones, the love of his life, Andree, her sons Philip and Christina Deslander, Gerard and Rosanna Deslander, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters Dolores Walsh and Arlene Watson as well as many nieces and nephews. At his request, there will be no service.

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MARTIN, JOELE E., 30, of Gulfport, died Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at home. He is survived by his parents, Ralph and Claudette Martin, loving brother Justin Martin and loving sister Megan Austin. Services Saturday, August 22 at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church. ALifeTribute FuneralCare - Gulfport.

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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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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.

September classes include: "Piloting Your Boat Part-B" Sept. 1, "Powering Your Boat" Sept. 8, "Knots" Sept 15, "Weather" Sept 22, and "Your Boats Radio" Sept 29.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Sunshine City Council is planning a social event to introduce Beta Sigma Phi to prospective members. The "Rush to Tropical Adventure" is planned for Saturday, October 10 at 2 p.m. at the Oleander Club House, Five Towns. We are seeking women of all ages who would be interested in becoming a part of Beta Sigma Phi.

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. We are an international organization of a variety of women who enjoy the many activities of our chapters and council. If you would like to learn more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Sharon Melton at 595-9625.

Preceptor Epsilon Nu's Beginning Day Luncheon was held at Banquet Masters on Saturday, August 22. The theme was "The Nifty Fifties". Those attending from around the bay area councils were dressed to reflect the 50's - even in poodle skirts. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment and the reflection back on this era. The luncheon was delicious and the decorations and door prizes were wonderful.

Laureate Epsilon Theta members will meet on Sunday, August 30 at the home of Joyce Keller at 2 p.m. for the chapter's Beginning Day Social. At this time plans for the coming year's activities and information regarding the meetings scheduled for the year will be shared. Light refreshments will be served.

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

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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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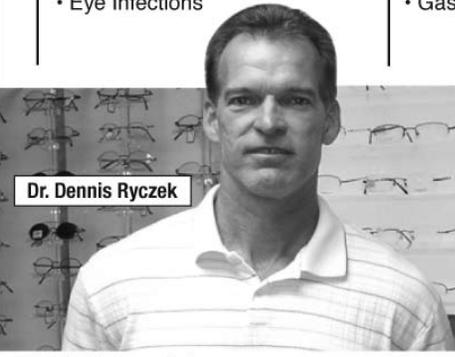
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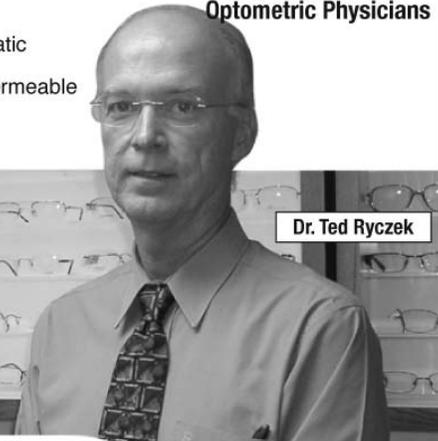
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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Behind the Wheel

While some protest the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and others worry about killers in the environment, the real slaughter takes place on our highways. I've had trouble finding comparative data state-by-state, but the death toll nationally in 2006 (latest data according to the World Almanac) was 42,642. An additional 2,575,000 were injured.

Deaths and rate of death per 100 million miles driven were down and have been declining for years. So, we're proud of the 11 per cent drop since 1996. We're proud that seat belts and air bags and backup beepers and lights, and roll-over bars, and better side panels and collapsible bumpers and so on were successful safety features.

However, the fact remains that vehicles are the great killers, wiping out more people than all our wars put together. Think of the impact, think of the violence, the trauma, the mental scars, the permanently crippled. Talk about the cost on national health care. Two and one-half million injured, 42,000 dead.

Yet, automobiles are a part of our lives. We accept the consequences of mobility unlike anything else we do. Not having a vehicle is to be deprived, to be limited and that is true. So, training is limited, administered at home or in schools as a casual walk-through. We worry about air-

line travel, yet the rate of fatalities in commercial aviation is a fraction of the rate of car accidents and even general aviation is better.

Aviation training is rigorous. It takes hours of training and testing at an average cost of \$3,000 or more just to get a private pilot's license. Additional training is required to fly without visual reference to the ground and re-testing is required every two years. Physicals are mandatory. Hmm. Could we be on to something here?

Why not tighten driver training, make it tougher, more demanding? Let's use enclosed simulators so we can test for instances such as running off the road and getting back on the road, sudden stops, the effect of rain on braking and turning, passing, swerving, speeding, night time and so forth.

Would the cost be too high, could people afford it? Think of it this way. It costs \$6,000 or \$7,000 a year just to own a car (amortization of the price of the car, repair, insurance and gasoline). A one-time cost on the front end wouldn't be such a burden. The costs could be paid back in a reduction of accidents. And, just maybe, having to fork over a few thousand dollars and be tested, really tested, might make us a bit more serious about jumping behind the wheel of a car and taking off.

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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 September 8 through October 8, Tuesdays and Thursday from 6-9 p.m. for five weeks at Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th Street S., St. Petersburg. To attend a 30-minute orientation call 727-464-6528.

For more information and an application go to www.guardianadlitem6.org.

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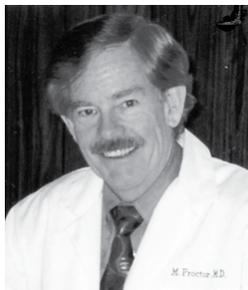
Free Acupuncture Clinic for Veterans

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

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

The house shown last week, 5320 Dellett, was built in 1926 by Alvah Roebuck for James and Daisy Morrison, who lived there for the next quarter-century. Just across Dellett, at 5319, is a house that was originally the mirror image of this one when it went up later in 1926 or 1927.

This man was one of Gulfport's most popular employees. What was his name and what was his job? Answer next week.

Think you know the answer?

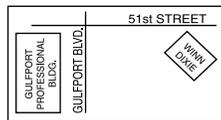
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Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

One Day Can Make a Difference for Social Security Payments

Q: I will turn 62 on Dec. 2. A Social Security representative told me that my first Social Security check would be paid in January. So, I understand Social Security holds back one month's pay. But why did my friend have to return her mother's April Social Security check when she died on April 30?

A: Remember that old song, "What a Difference a Day Makes?" Well, you'll be humming that tune by the time you finish reading this column.

There are three government rules at work here. And they demonstrate that just one day can make a huge difference when it comes to Social Security payments.

The first rule says you must be at least age 62 for an entire month in order to be eligible for Social Security benefits.

The second rule says that Social Security benefits are always paid in arrears. In other words, you get the benefit for July in August, August's benefit in September, etc.

The third rule says you must be alive for an entire month to be eligible for that month's Social Security check.

In the case of your friend's mother, she died on April 30. In other words, she wasn't alive the entire month of April -- almost an entire month, but not quite. And as we all know, close only counts in horseshoes, certainly not in legal matters. So, the April Social Security check (the one that came in May) had to be returned.

In your case, you turn 62 on Dec. 2. So, the rules would normally say the first month you are 62 for an entire month is January, and the first Social Security payment would be the January check that is sent in February.

So, why did the Social Security representative tell you you'd get your first check in January? It's because you are helped by a strange little twist in the law. That legal twist says a person actually attains his or her birthday on the last minute of the day preceding the actual birth date. (That's not a Social Security law. It's some kind of old established common law.)

In other words, even though your birthday is Dec. 2, the law assumes you will attain your 62nd birthday on Dec. 1. That means you are 62 for the entire month of December, which is why you will get a Social Security payment for December, payable in January.

Had you been born just one day later, on Dec. 3, then you would not have been legally age 62 for the entire month of December. And your first Social Security check would have been the January check, payable in February.

And had your friend's mother lived one more day, until May 1, then her family would have received her April Social Security check, which would have been payable in May.

"What a difference a day makes,
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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.

The service is provided to any Pinellas resident, who is the parent

or caregiver of a 3 or 4 year old child. The service is available for 5 year olds who have been enrolled in the 3 or 4 year old program.

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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USCG Safe Boating Classes in Gulfport

Boating Skills and Seamanship is a 13-week course offered every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-16 located at 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport. Lessons include a 400-page manual and a class covering basic charting in local waters. For the \$40 fee you also are awarded a certificate at the end of the course and a chance to learn everything you need to know to feel secure on the water.

You may start any Thursday. Course completion may help with insurance discounts. Call 727-686-6940 for more information or leave a message at 321-4455.

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Calling All Future Big Brothers

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County needs at least 125 Big Brothers to meet the needs of their current waiting list. Make a difference in a child's life. There are several different programs to suit your preferences including their Sports Buddies Program. Take a child to sporting events (like the Rays game) for which they supply the tickets and watch or participate in sports activities together. Not interested in sports? That's OK! Sports Buddies is just one option. You can select mentoring activities to suit your preferences and the child's.

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Meals on Wheels Needs Drivers

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Commission Considers Keg Ban on Treasure Island Beach

By Kate Bradshaw

A discarded water bottle lies near the volleyball net on an unusually slow Sunday evening at Caddy's in Sunset Beach. Bar staff attributed this to rain, but regardless, the nearly empty beach was a far cry from what has become the norm.

The beach in front of the open-air restaurant has recently been attracting enormous crowds of revelers, some of whom would drag kegs out to the beach or tip back bottles of hard liquor in plain view.

Litter left on the beach was one of many complaints Sunset Beach residents have voiced in recent months. Others include lewdness and drunk driving, and have in recent months spurred members of the community to seek a beach-wide ban on alcohol. Treasure Island Commissioner Alan Bildz had wanted to temporarily ban alcohol until a solution was found, the *St. Petersburg Times* recently reported, but the City Commission ultimately deemed such a ban to be against the will of the voters, who elected to legalize booze on T.I. beaches in 1986.

"The Commission feels that the citizens have spoken already," T.I. City Manager Ray Silverboard told *the Gabber*. To get an alcohol ban on the ballot, he said, a group of citizens would have to petition to do so, upon which the decision would be up to the voters. In the meantime, the Commission is considering banning kegs on the beach.



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 registration fee is \$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.

For more information and to register contact Janet at 727-586-3591, ext. 168. Visit www.PetWalk.org for event details.

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Shutterbugs

This is a photo I took of a cozy nook in Gulfport I call "Time-Out in Gulfport." The dog days of summer require no more than a hammock and cold drink! And let the grass wait.

-Submitted by
Jude Bagatti, Gulfport

Have a Photo You want to share? Send it to: News@theGabber.com
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Scallop Search Sets New Record

By Kate Bradshaw

Last weekend marked Tampa Bay Watch's 16th Annual Great Scallop Search, an event that entails surveying the turtle grass beds of lower Tampa Bay for signs of life. Almost 200 people – a sellout crowd – showed up. Armed with snorkels, dive flags and light surveying equipment they set out in 42 boats to tally up the scallops they saw over select swaths of sea floor.

Embedded in the gentle seagrass beds that skirt Tampa Bay's calm shores, bay scallops are the water's coal mine canaries. When their numbers go south, says Tampa Bay Watch Environmental Scientist Chris Sutton, it's an indicator that something is very wrong in the water.

"If the water's poor, they're going to be the first to die," Sutton says.

Once a food source for Floridians, a preferred one at that, bay scallops are now a protected species. Harvesting the creatures, whose shell diameters max out at three inches, is illegal south of the Suwanee, a rule that is

"diligently enforced."

They remain a vital link in the marine food chain, with a list of predators that includes starfish and rays.

Thus, to know the scallops is to know Tampa Bay.

Storm clouds seemed to steer clear of the survey areas as participants snorkeled and splashed around. One boat even had a couple of lines in the water. It was an idyllic Saturday morning in the waters off Fort De Soto, with little indication that the event is a key element of TBW's conservation efforts.

Critically low numbers for the filter-feeding mollusk spurred the monitoring and protection measures of TBW and other organizations, and eventually the watch began to organize the search.

"We know scallops were missing from the bay since around 1960," says TBW President Peter Clark.

The search doesn't give a complete count but rather a representative sample of the population. From this they can gage the the overall health of Tampa Bay.

"You actually see it," Clark says; it's a qualitative science.

Last year's search turned up a record number: 624. This year's count found a whopping



Volunteers prepare to launch from Fort De Soto during Saturday's Great Bay Scallop Search.

674, which makes this the fourth year in a row that they've seen an increase.

Lately, Clark says, bay scallops have been spotted as far north as the Gandy Bridge.

TBW Education Specialist Andy Lykens says that policy changes – like putting a lid on rampant dredging in the area – may be helping bay scallop populations maintain. Spawning cages, Clark says, may also be helping.

Yet the watch has seen fluctuations throughout the years that seem to tie in with specific events, like el nino and major storms. Fertilizer runoff, which causes harmful algal blooms, is a chronic culprit. The population had seemed to be growing until the mid-nineties, Clark says, until a phosphate spill at a

plant on the Alafia river washed into the bay and wiped them out. In 2005, they found only one scallop.

Volunteers Tom Martin and Tracy Nikel, have been participating for seven years, and while some years they came across none, they have seen their share of scallops for the past three years.

"It's fun," Nikel said. "We get to see how the health of the bay is."

Snorkeling in the hip-deep water, the two got spooked by a fish that darted out of the shadows. Moments later, a (harmless) bonnethead shark swam by.

They enjoy the search, Martin joked, for "the sheer terror" of it.

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Nathan Shaven of Seminole holds up a bay scallop near Fort De Soto during Tampa Bay Watch's Great Bay Scallop Search last Saturday.



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

Friday 8/14

- Battery-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Street Obstruction-** 2700 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1400 Blk 58th St. S.
- Burglary-** 2800 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** Beach Bars.
- Noise Complaint-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

- Hit & Run-** 1400 Blk 59th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2700 Blk 49th St. S.
- Saturday 8/15**
- Criminal Mischief-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Animal Complaint-** Tomlinson Park.
- Theft-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Traffic Stop-Failed to Stop-** 3000 Blk 55th St. S.
- Drunk Person-** 5000 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Sunday 8/16**
- Vessel Stop(s)-** Boca Ciega Bay.
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 1100 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Hit & Run-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1200 Blk Gray St. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 2600 Blk 44th St. S.
- Drunk Driver-** 1800 Blk 49th St. S.
- Monday 8/17**
- Burglary-** 1700 Blk 51st St. S.

- Domestic Verbal-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-Attempted-** 2700 Blk 45th St. S.
- Accident with Injuries-** 2200 Blk Horan Way. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 6000 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
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- Domestic Verbal-** 5000 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Tuesday 8/18**
- Trouble with Individual-** Tomlinson Park.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5000 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Violation of Court Order-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Trespasser-** 2700 Blk 54th St. S.
- Wednesday 8/19**
- Trespasser-** 2900 Blk 45th St. S.
- Trespasser-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5400 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 2600 Blk 48th St. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5500 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Thursday 8/20**
- Trouble with Individual-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Theft-** 1800 Blk York St. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 1800 Blk 59th St. S.
- Burglary-** 1300 Blk 50th St. S.
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- Theft-** 1400 Blk 59th St. S.
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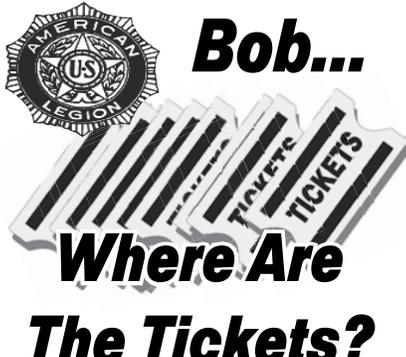
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CITY OF GULFPORT MEETINGS

City Clerk's Office

SEPTEMBER 2009

- September 1, 2009 **City Council Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- September 2, 2009 **Planning and Zoning Board/LPA**
***Meeting to begin at 6:30pm
- September 3, 2009 **Special Council Meeting - Millage/Budget**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- September 9, 2009 **Historic Preservation Committee**
***Meeting to begin at 4:30pm at the Historical Society Museum
- September 9, 2009 **Board of Adjustment**
***Meeting to begin at 6:30pm
- September 15, 2009 **City Council Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- September 16, 2009 **Historic Preservation Committee**
***Meeting to begin at 4:30pm at the Historical Society Museum
- September 17, 2009 **Special Council Meeting - Millage/Budget**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- September 24, 2009 **Council Workshop**
***CANCELLED

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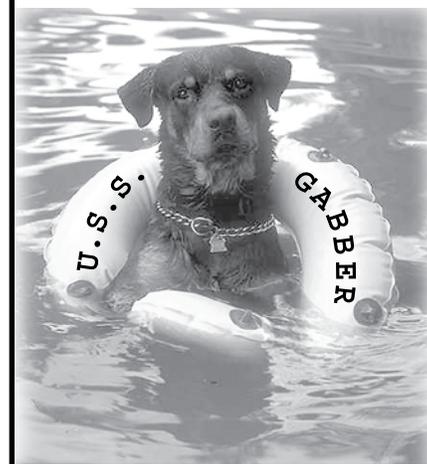
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