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Clam Bayou Town Hall Meeting



By Cathy Salustri
Brant Henningson, a Southwest Florida Water Management District employee, uses large aerial photographs to discuss Clam Bayou with a resident.

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Word of Mouth Helps Put Out Small Gulfport Fires

By Cathy Salustri

When Gulfport firefighters arrived on the site of a small brush fire at 5409 Delette Avenue South, they found out about a similar fire around the corner.

“When they arrived on the first call there were bystanders outside ‘saying there’s another one down the road,’” Gulfport Fire Chief Jim Marenkovic said. Firefighters found a second brush fire one-tenth of a mile north of the first, at 5414 30th Avenue South.

Although Marenkovic noted similarities between the two fires, calling them “a trash fire, more or less,” he stopped short of calling the fires arson.

“There was not so much arson,” the Chief said. He did call the fires “suspicious” and said that the city’s

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Gulfport Youth Joins Hands Across the Sand

By Cathy Salustri

Cody Lemons, 8, holds up a sign asking legislators to “Stop Killing My Sea Turtles.” This young Gulfportian joined many others Saturday afternoon at the second “Hands Across the Sand” event this year.

While Mr. Lemons held hands as part of the chain, Ben Prieemore sat with a drum circle and drummed. The drum circle drummed the entire time the human chain kept their hands clasped together in protest.

Clam Bayou Town Hall Meeting

By Cathy Salustri

On Tuesday evening, concerned residents from both sides of Clam Bayou attended a meeting where city and state agencies discussed the final plans for the Clam Bayou Trail as well as the entire restoration.

"The purpose of this evening's meeting is to make everyone familiar with the project and the schedule of the project," Brendan Lynch, a civil

engineer with St. Petersburg, told the attendees shortly before encouraging them to break onto groups to review the projects.

The sponsoring agencies, including the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), the city of St. Petersburg, and the Florida Department of Transportation, set up stations around the room. One station addressed amenities in the park, another allowed residents to talk about the stormwater ponds, and yet another had more general information about Clam Bayou.

Gulfport council members Jennifer Salmon and David Hastings attended the meeting, as did St. Petersburg councilman Wengay Newton.

Although Mr. Lynch made a brief announcement about the stations set up around the room, several in attendance took seats and appeared to wait for a presentation. Councilman David Hastings said he, too, expected to hear a presentation. When a representative from one of the agencies announced the group would not gear a presentation, many people left the meeting.

The Community Affairs representative for SWFWMD, Cori Cuttler, said that the agency recently switched to the less formal style of meeting to allow people to address concerns one-on-one with the people from the agency.

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Wastewater Improvements

ST. PETE BEACH- The Public Services department completed improvements to a wastewater lift station in the Belle Vista area. The rehabilitation and repair work was done within budget for \$94,500.

The public services department said prior to the updates there were breakdowns at this station at least once a week. There are now new pumps and new electrical systems. The system now runs quicker with reduced flow and lower energy costs.

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4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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6:00 p.m.

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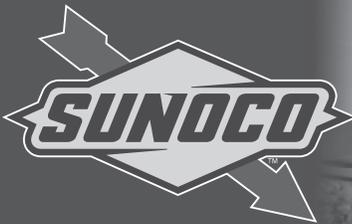
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Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA

GULFPORT- A summer clothing swap will take place at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market on Tuesday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. The clothing swap will be held in the Fresh Market area, near The Outpost, 3007 Beach Boulevard S. Participants are invited to bring up to five gently used garments to exchange for vouchers that may be used to select clothing brought in by other participants. This clothing exchange will feature summer clothing only. Clothing may be for women, men or children. Please provide hangers for all garments to be used in the swap. For anyone interested, vouchers may also be purchased for \$3 each.

Donations of clothing above the 5-garment limit will be accepted. All additional donations should be contained in bags or boxes. All cash proceeds, donated clothing, and non-selected garments at the end of the swap will be donated to Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA). CASA is a local non-profit

organization providing services to survivors of abuse or violence. For more information on the clothing swap, contact Leslie Gilchrist at 727-439-1485 or gilchristleslie@gmail.com). In case of rain, the clothing swap will be rescheduled for Tuesday, August 10.

For more details about the Fresh Market or for vendor information, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org or visit the Gulfport Merchants Association website at www.GulfportMA.com.

Healthy Hut Goes Outdoors

ST. PETE BEACH- The city commission approved outdoor tables and chairs at the Healthy Hut, which is a restaurant and food store. The conditional use approval allows four tables and eight chairs for customers at the Corey Avenue business. No food delivery service is provided to the tables, they are just a convenience to patrons.

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Public Conveyances Passes Second Reading

ST. PETE BEACH- The city commission passed June 22 on second

reading an ordinance regulating all vehicles, which transport the public whether or not they charge a fee. Previously only paid taxis or vehicles for hire had to follow the city's licensing requirements for public conveyances.

The ordinance will be effective August 16. The city needs time to create stickers and to order forms required by the ordinance.

Other changes in the ordinance included raising the amount of required insurance coverage; insurance certificate stating it covers

public conveyances and providing a lost and found contact number to passengers.

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Get a Headstart on Lifeguarding

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Family Aquatic Center offers youth ages 10 and up a chance to get a head start on lifeguarding. The Junior Guard program is a series of eight classes using video instruction, discussion and skill practice to teach students first aid, CPR and water safety. After completion of the program, candidates may be eligible for the Junior Lifeguard Volunteer Program. The program will be held this summer from July 12 to July 22 at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Classes are from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday. Call the Aquatic Center at 363-9264 for more information or to enroll.

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fire and police departments would investigate the fires. Chief Marenkovic added that the fires had nothing in common with the ones in Ybor City and that Gulfport didn't face a similar arson wave.

"There were two little fires that occurred over the week here but nothing since," he said.

Firefighters could not find any trace of accelerant at either fire. The fires did not damage either home.

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Gulfport Celebrates the 4th of July!

GULFPORT- The City of Gulfport invites everyone to celebrate this 4th of July centennial celebration with an extraordinary line-up of fun and exciting activities in the City's downtown waterfront district on Sunday, July 4, 2010!

To keep you informed ahead of time, street closures are on the following

streets starting at 6 a.m. on Sunday, July 4th. Beach Boulevard will be closed from 31st Avenue (south) to Shore Boulevard. Shore Boulevard will be closed from 54th Street South (west) to 56th Street South. 54th Street South, south of Essex Avenue will also be closed. Beach Boulevard south of 28th Avenue South to 31st Avenue South will be temporarily closed for the City's 4th of July Community Parade from 5:45 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Other early closings to prepare for the fireworks and your safety will include Williams Pier (corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 54th St. S.) which will close at 7 a.m. Friday morning July 2nd until Monday morning, July 5th at noon. At that same time, perimeter buoys will be placed 900 feet from the Williams Pier. Also, fencing will be placed on the seawall at Veteran's Park (corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 54th St. S.). Other safety issues include "sparklers only" on Gulfport Beach.

The open air trolley will be running from 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. to pick up passengers from remote parking

spots to make your journey more convenient to Gulfport. Remote parking spots include: Library (5501 28th Ave. S.), Senior Center and Theater (5501 27th Ave. S.), Hoyt Field (2306 56th St. S.), Chase Park (54th St. S. and 28th Ave. S.), Ted Phillips Wood Ibis Park (58th St. S. and 28th Ave. S.).

Get up, have your coffee early and bring the kids to the Kid's Fishing Derby, at the Recreation Center seawall, from 8-11 a.m. (registration for the derby will start at 7:30 a.m.) followed by a free family Sandcastle Contest, sponsored by the Gulfport Recreation Division on Gulfport Beach, from 10 a.m. to noon (registration will start at 9:30 a.m.). Keeping with tradition, the theme will be "Red, White and Blue". City staff will be on Gulfport Beach from noon to 6 p.m. with a variety of free kid friendly activities! Also, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Beach Blvd. S. towards 54th St. S., you can view a stunning variety of autos at the annual auto show. Did we say all of this is free?

At 5 p.m., the "Troy Duncan Band" will be jamming with a variety of current and classic rock music. Local vendors offer a variety of arts, crafts, food delicacies and patriotic knick-knacks for your enjoyment, from 4 to 10 p.m. Our community parade will begin promptly at 6 p.m. making its way (southbound) down Beach Boulevard to the Gulfport Casino, where it will head west on Shore Boulevard to 58th Street South. Make sure to grab a good viewing spot!

At 9 p.m. an always amazing fireworks display will offer a phenomenal closing to the day's festivities.

The City welcomes all to celebrate the Fourth of July in the City of Gulfport! For more information regarding the day's events, please email gbiiron@mygulfport.us or call 727-893-1118.

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Toastmasters Club

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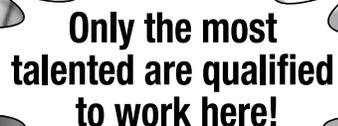
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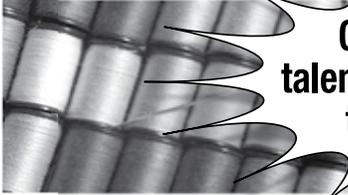
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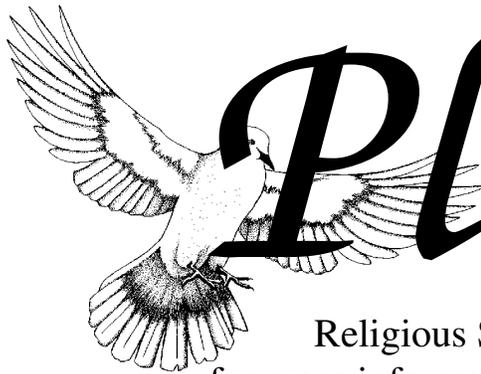
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Worship

Give-Away Day for Community

Cornerstone Community Church, 6745 38 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg, will host a give-away day for the community on Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Event features good clothing, food pantry and fresh goodies to eat. Call 343-7747.

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High Seas Expedition VBS

All you pirates out there are invited to attend High Seas Expedition Vacation Bible School at the First United Methodist Church of Gulfport from July 12-16. Ages 3 years through adult are welcome to come and enjoy songs, crafts, bible stories, games and dinner. The fun starts at 6 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. at 2728 53 Street S. For more information or to register please call the church office at 321-3620 Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Jennifer Salmon's Town Hall meeting

By Cathy Salustri

Nine people from all four wards attended Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon's first town hall meeting on Thursday, June 17.

"It worked out very well and it was a very nice discussion. I'm looking forward to doing it on probably a quarterly basis," Councilwoman Salmon said.

Topics raised included what one person called "blight", or, as Councilwoman Salmon described it, "the general look of Gulfport"; the number of vehicles in people's

yards; how to increase participation in the city's recycling program; speed problems and limits on neighborhood streets; Clam Bayou; and how the city would respond to oil on its shore (the Community Emergency Response Team, CERT, had a representative at the meeting to handle this question.)

Three of the nine attendees came from Councilwoman Salmon's home ward (Ward Three); the rest came from the city's other three wards.

"It was really constructive," the councilwoman said of the meeting.

If any resident has concerns they would like to bring Councilwoman Salmon's attention, she encourages

them to contact her at JSalmon@MyGulfport.us or 399-7746.

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Players to Open 10th Annual One Act Festival

The Gulfport Community Players will be opening their 10th Annual Summer One Act Festival on July 8 at the Hickman Theater of Gulfport. This Festival will consist of 10 short plays, never before seen by anyone. There will be something for everyone in them, containing both drama and comedy for all ages. Tickets are on sale now and are available for just \$15 each at the door, at Eileen's Resale Boutique, the Beach Bazaar, the Gulfport Casino, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, or by calling them at 727-322-0316 for advance sales.

The Festival will run through July 18 with performances at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. All performances will be at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport located at 26th Ave. S. and Beach Blvd. in Gulfport. Join the crowds for another round of fine, live theater at the Hickman!

For more information on this Festival or the Players, visit their photo-packed website at: <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>.

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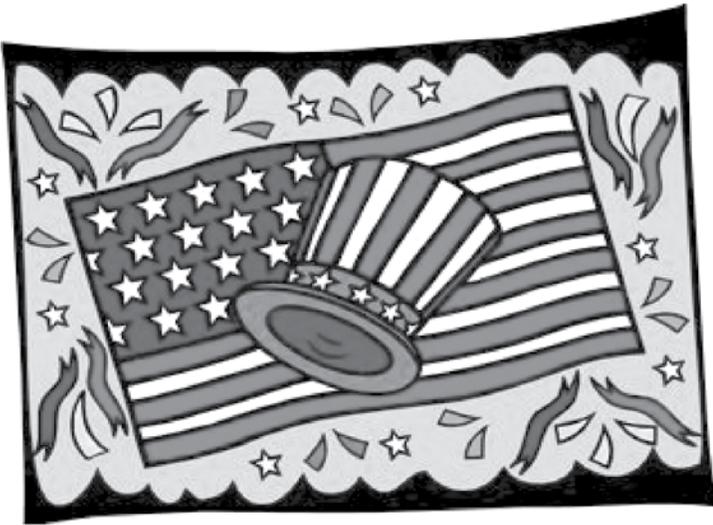
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- Wash your car on the lawn. This will allow the groundcover to use nutrients from the soap.
- Landscape your yard with trees, shrubs, and groundcover. They help reduce runoff.
- Clean up after your pet. Bury or dispose of waste in trash. Pet wastes can be a source of bacteria and excess nutrients to local waterways.

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Thrills and Chills

By Pam McGinnis



Pictured are Gail Biron, Fortune Teller and Barbara Lally

About 135 people kept cool while celebrating the first day of summer on June 21st at the Gulfport Senior Center's Ice Cream Social.

Guests built their own banana split or sculpted their own sundae while piano music by Joan Kujawa filled the air. Those waiting to make their ice cream creations

could play games for candy and prizes. Sarah Peel, Gulfport Senior Center Foundation President was spotted at the Kissing Booth, where she was giving out delicious Hershey Kisses. There to give you your fortune was City employee, and TechnicalEvents Specialist, Gail Biron. Gail was the Fortune Teller who gladly read your fortune and upon leaving, offered you a candy treat with even more words of wisdom. Also among this group was balloon man, Rich McCauley making balloon shaped animal creations for the guests to enjoy. Cookies were a sell-out, thanks to cookie bakers, Betty Reith and Janet Vosler. The two were in early baking and packing. The cookies were so good, one guest bought two dozen to send to a soldier in Iraq!

A super big Thank You goes to Physicians United Plan for sponsoring this event. Your presence and sponsorship help make events like this fun and possible for our community.

It was indeed a fun day to kick off summer and stay cool doing so. Thanks to Delia Saavedra, Lorraine DelBene, Mike Wells, Sylvia Nute, Honey Rome, Bob Smith, Alice Otis, Sharon Molinaro, Rita Thompson, Eva Morrison, Joy De Abreu, Julie Fuce, Brenda Coates, Carmella Nessi, Elvira Carmen, Bill Distel, Peter Amabile, Margo Scannell, Rich McCauley, Joan Kujawa, Sarah Peel, Jay Edwards and Pam McGinnis. Thanks again volunteers! Your endless energy makes these events come to life! As always special thanks to Sue Frank, Senior Center Supervisor, and Cynthia Dean, Coordinator, for always being open to new ideas and always there with their sleeves up ready to pitch in and help.

Hope to see everyone at our next big event on Wednesday, July 21st. Tickets are on sale now for our Fun and Games Day. Name your game!

First Friday Art Walk

Celebrate an old tradition at the Gulfport Third Saturday Art Walk on Friday, July 2 from 6-10 p.m. and absorb Gulfport's authentic "Old Florida" atmosphere. Peruse the work of over 50 artists and crafters, as well as authors, antique dealers and entertainers stretched over a half-mile up and down scenic Beach Boulevard. While browsing the art and craft booths, don't miss Gulfport's unique shops, boutiques and galleries. Enjoy dinner at one of over a dozen fine restaurants within the Art District, now one of the foremost dining destinations in the Bay Area. Live entertainers will be appearing at venues throughout the Village. Observe the talented artists at work all along Beach and Shore Boulevards. Also, visit master glass blower Owen Patch at his new "glass alley" studio, for glass blowing demonstrations and instruction. The Industrial Art Center continues to offer "Blow Your Own Glass Masterpiece" mini classes by master glass blower Jackie Ballard and the IAC team.

Gulfport Art Walk takes place on the First Friday and Third Saturday of every month, year-round. Parking is always free and free trolley rides are available from off-site parking areas. Pet and family friendly! Experience a unique dining, shopping and cultural experience unlike any other. Once you discover Gulfport, Tampa Bay's "best kept secret", you'll want to come back for more.

For information on the Gulfport Merchants Association and Gulfport events, please visit www.gulfportma.com. The Gulfport Art Walk and event recorded information line is 866-ART-WALK. Artists and Crafters interested in participating can find more information and download an application at www.SIKPromotions.com.

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The class will be offered Wednesday, July 7, from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. and will be presented by Karen Saley, money

management specialist with Pinellas County Extension; Jane Muhrlin, principal planner for the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County and Karmen Lemberg, community development specialist from Pinellas County Community Development.

To register, visit www2.gotomeeting.com/register/630444219, or call 727-582-2100.

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Town Shores Red Hatters

The group is dwindling as the summer months expand. There were only 14 playing Bunko and 10 at their luncheon, but they still enjoy being with friends.

For July please join them for their monthly Bunko game on July 9 at 1 p.m. and come make root beer floats with them on July 23 at 2 p.m. Floats will be free for Red Hatters, but a small donation will be required for any friends attending. Please call Carol at 345-2303 or Julie at 343-6587 if you plan to attend. Stay cool and enjoy your summer!

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Starlight ArtCruise Added to Art Walk

GULFPORT- A sightseeing cruise has been added to the festivities during Gulfport's First Friday Art Walk. The ArtCruise will last one and a half-hour hours, providing views and vistas of Gulfport and Boca Ciega Bay during Gulfport's Art Walk on the first Friday of each month. *The Island Time*, a large two-level vessel will board at the dock adjacent to Gulfport Casino, located at the intersection of Beach and Shore Blvds. The sunset ArtCruise will begin boarding at 6:30 p.m. The cruise will depart at 7 p.m. and return to the Casino dock at 8:30 p.m.

Dolphin Landings of St. Pete Beach operates the cruises. The ArtCruises add an extra festive activity to the traditional first Friday Art Walk. Each cruise will feature live music on the top deck. A cash-only bar will also feature specially formulated signature Art Walk cocktails including the Mary Disston Margarita, the Boca Ciega Blossom and the Gabber Cocktail. Stop by your favorite Gulfport restaurant for a carry-out order to take aboard and enjoy a picnic during your cruise.

Tickets will be \$12 per person in advance or \$15 on the day of the cruise. Tickets are available (cash only) at the Outpost (3007 Beach Blvd. South) and the Village Pub (5519 Shore Blvd. South). Reservations can also be made with a credit card by calling (727) 360-7411. Book early. No outside beverages are permitted on board. Please purchase tickets before arriving at the dock.

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Family Dollar Update



By Cathy Salustri

The Gulfport Plaza "has the big stuff done," according to Fred Metcalf, Gulfport Community Development Director. Although Metcalf couldn't say definitely when the stores would open, he said it wouldn't be beyond the realm of possibility for them to open by Labor Day.

When completed, the renovated space (formerly the Winn-Dixie) will house a Family Dollar and a Save-A-Lot. 49th Street LLC paid just over \$1.1 million for the plaza in February. The owners filed paperwork to form the 49th Street LLC on December 31, 2009. The registered agent for the owners, Jonathan P. Jennewein, also serves as the registered agent for the Seabreeze Plaza Partnership in north Pinellas County.



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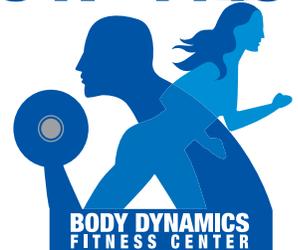
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News from the Gulfport Historical Society



Docents Needed

The Gulfport Historical Society is an all-volunteer organization. At present, they are in need of other volunteers to help keep the museum open for two hours per day per week. The museum is on the list of Florida Historic places and houses detailed information about homes and buildings in Gulfport's past up to the present. You need not join the Historical Society to volunteer. Call 727-384-4228 or 727-327-8370 for information.

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg will be holding its Horticulture for Weekend Gardeners, (aka the "Night Bloomers" Circle) on Tuesday, July 6 at 7 p.m. at the Garden Center, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. The program will be on "Florida Trees". For additional information please contact Derri Davisson at derridavisson@hotmail.com. or 727-423-7644. Their meetings are open to the public but there will be a \$5 charge to all non-members of the Garden Club to help cover speaker expenses.

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St. Petersburg Library Open House

Adults Mentoring Children will hold an open house at the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 Ninth Avenue N. on Monday, July 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Learn how to enjoy summer fun through the eyes of a child. They will have information on how to become a mentor. Come enjoy lemonade, cookies, summer books and door prizes! For more information call Beverly at 727-479-1841.

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

Have you made any plans to help with the oil spill cleanup if it comes our way?



Kacy Martell, Ellenton, works in Gulfport: "I haven't made any plans yet but will try to help in any way I am capable. I know some people who are active in the wildlife rescue so I would be interested in that. I am animal and environmentally friendly so that would be my focus of support. I've done some research and heard about some bacteria that actually eats the oil. But the studies have only been done with a small amount of both oil and bacteria. I don't know if it would work on a much larger scale and even if it would be safe for the other marine environment when it's broken down. It seems like that might be a decent solution if it works. All I know is that I'm willing to help in any way I can."

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Kenny Groover, St. Pete: "I'm pretty new to the area and don't know a lot of people yet. But I think if there was a group of people that I could feel comfortable with that were going to do a beach cleanup or volunteer somewhere, I would definitely help out any way I could. I feel bad mostly for the sea animals and wildlife like the crabs, dolphins, sea turtles and fish. They're the ones just minding their own business; it's like they're getting hit by the stray bullet. They can't defend themselves."

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Barbie Pierson, St. Pete: "Absolutely! I'll do whatever I can to keep our beaches as clean as possible. The oil spill has just devastated so many of the beaches up north in Louisiana, Mississippi and parts of Northern Florida. As a water conservationist, I'm just horrified at the amount of total destruction of the wetlands and eco habitats. If the oil comes our way, the desalination plants in Pinellas County will likely have to shut down; they can't separate the oil from the water. It only takes one quart of oil to foul 250,000 gallons of water. Those plants contribute to potable drinking water as well as agricultural use. That will directly affect us in a negative way not to mention the poor wildlife and sea animals. I'll do everything I can to help with the cleanup; I have a three year old son and I want him to have a clean water supply when he grows up!"

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Kellie Kyser, Gulfport: "Oh, yeah, absolutely... it kills me to see what's happening to wildlife now. I'm an animal lover and my focus would primarily be on helping the wildlife. They're the innocent ones. They can't defend themselves. I haven't really gotten that involved yet, but I know about the work the Seabird Sanctuary is doing. I know more and more people are getting involved. I hope it doesn't hit us like it hit the Louisiana and the upper Florida coastline. It looks really, really bad; it's just horrible. I think about the turtles who have already laid eggs and how they will probably all die. They're already endangered. The businesses all along the water here have even started to feel the pinch. People aren't renting charters; the fishing boat captains are directly affected and they're losing business. The restaurants are slow because people have cancelled hotel reservations thinking the oil is already here. It makes me sick to hear their stories. And now it's just a matter of time before it does get here. There's just too much out there, under the water and on top, to think that we won't be affected. It kills me that the other states were waiting for permission to put out boom off their shoreline.. by the time BP agreed to it, the oil was already there. What they should have done was just do it, then bill BP. The waiting cost them valuable shoreline and bird habitat. I know one thing; it's going to be one hell of a big bill for BP and Transocean once all this is done. I feel Transocean is equally to blame; it was their rig and their equipment. It's just a mess!"

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Local Obituaries

BALNUIS, LEOKADIA, of St. Pete Beach, died June 26, 2010, at home. Born in Lithuania, came here in 1982 from Chicago. Homemaker and member of St. Casimir Mission and the Lithuanian Club. Survivors include nieces and nephews. Please call Beach Memorial Chapel, 360-5577, for service.

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BEAN, ARLINE E., 91, of Gulfport, died June 24, 2010. Survivors include: son; 4 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren & 1 great-great-granddaughter. Abbey Affordable 727 517-2340.

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BURIAN, MARY, 85, of South Pasadena, passed away June 21, 2010. She moved to the area in 1975 from Long Island, NY. A member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, A former Regent of the Catholic Daughters, and did volunteer work for many nursing homes. She is survived by grandsons, Christopher and Michael Forman; great-grandsons, Nolan and Trevor and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded by her husband, George Burain and daughter, Jeanette Forman. Visitation will be on Thursday, June 24, 2010 from 5-7 p.m. at Beach Memorial Chapel. A Catholic Mass will be held on Friday June 25, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. Beach Memorial Chapel, 727 360-5579.

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KIRSNER, CLARA I., 91, of Gulfport, passed away Saturday

June 26, 2010. A native of Worcester, MA. Clara is survived by her daughters, Carole (Frank) Kalman, Linda (James) Sigel; son, Barry (Dorothy) Kirsner; sister, Ruth Freedman; grandchildren Ali, Josh, Rachael, Steven, Eric and Jeffrey and great-grand-children, Noah, Abbey and Asher. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at Chapel Hill Memorial Park, Largo. Donations in memory would be appreciated to the Glaucoma Research Foundation, 251 Post Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94108. Online guestbook at www.davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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PARSONS, VICTOR FRANCIS, of St. Pete Beach, and Spencer, MA, died June 16, at age 84. Beloved husband of Antoinette (Glove) Parsons for 59 years; loving father of Susan Parsons, James Parsons and his wife Audrey, Elena Parsons and her husband Gregory Wilson, Victor Parsons, Jr. and Jade Lu, and grandson, Ari Parsons Miller, Susan's son. Survived by his sister Margaret Watkins and predeceased by his brother George Parsons and sister Marian Theriault. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. During WWII Vic served in the European Theatre. Upon returning he attended Boston University and graduated in 1948. Born in Brookline, MA and raised in Newton, MA he and Toni raised their four children in

Rhode Island and Billerica, MA and later opened a bookstore in St. Pete Beach. Our father's greatest love was time spent with his family, followed by reading and fishing. Donations in Victor's name may be made to the Kidney Cancer Assoc. or Umass Memorial Hospice. A memorial service is planned in August.

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REDMAN, ALAN R., 58, born March 6, 1953, formerly of Uncasville, CT, passed away in FL on June 15, 2010.

He was preceded in death by his mother Helen Paul. He is survived by his step-father, Kenneth J. Paul, daughter Missie Buras and husband David, a son Alan, Jr. and wife Michelle, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, a sister Deborah Bates, a half sister Stephine, two brothers Bob and David. Alan served in the U.S. Army for 22 years serving two tours of duty in the Persian Gulf theatre. He was stationed in West Germany. He helped out in Haiti for several years after his military service. He worked as a security guard for several years in St. Petersburg, FL God bless you Alan.

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TAG, DON R., of Gulfport, born in 1934 to the late Arthur and Grace Tag; passed away on June 19, 2010. A graduate of St. Lawrence University, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy and worked for many years in the food spice and seasoning industry. A forever grateful friend of Bill W., he is survived by sons Stephen, Bryan, and Donald and six grandchildren, a sister Janet O'Loughlin, and by his beloved companion of many years, Alice Marie Johnson. He was a member of First United Methodist Church Gulfport, chairman of numerous committees, member of the choir and United Methodist Men. A memorial service will be held at the church on July 8 at 11 a.m. followed by interment at Bay Pines National Cemetery at 2:15 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First United Church of Gulfport Memorial Foundation or Suncoast Hospice. A Life Tribute Funeral Care - Gulfport.

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Call Pam Lanning at 347-2809 or Barbara Posey at 381-2499, ext. 214.

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Obituaries (con't.)

TOURTELOT, MONTA L., 97, of St. Pete Beach, passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at home. Born Nov. 1, 1912, in Frankford, KY, she was the oldest of eight and was raised in Alabama, near Mobile, where most of her siblings settled and raised their families. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack F. Tourtelot who passed in August of 2000 and her daughter Sharon Downing who passed in September of 2000. She is survived by her daughters, Frankye Brooks, Hillsborough, NC; Dorothy King, St. Petersburg; sisters, Wanda Nealy and Iris Trovaioli, both of Grand Bay, AL and Geraldine (Gerry) Simonetti, Islip, NY; a cousin, Julia Maupin, Versailles, KY; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and caregivers, Myra and Leslie Burbank. Monta began her selling career selling canned soap, door to door, during the depression and then made her name selling and managing Tourtelot Real Estate from 1950 to the late 1980's. She was an enthusiastic member of AOAI (Amatuer Organists and Keyboard Assoc. International), an accomplished bridge player, had a green thumb and grew beautiful red roses, papayas and bananas. She loved the color red and nearly always wore combinations of red,

black, white or gold, befitting of her personality which was vibrant, spontaneous and full of life. She had her sense of humor until the very end. A remarkable woman in every respect. She will be missed. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on June 29 at Anderson-McQueen, 2201 Dr. MLK St. N. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to People Who Love Mission or Suncoast Hospice. Visit the family's personalized online Guestbook at www.AndersonMcQueen.com. Anderson-McQueen Funeral Home, 727-822-2059.

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WILSON, SHIRLEY H., 84, of Gulfport, passed away Thursday, June 24, 2010. She was born in Springfield, SC. She was a published poet and wrote Shirl's Pearls in the Gulfport Gabber. She was Baptist and a faithful servant of the Lord. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; her parents, and daughter, Bonnie. She is survived by her children, Timothy Danby of Rumford, RI; Dianne Belbeisi of Jordan; Nelson Weed of Rockville, KY; and Danita Weed-Smith of Largo. A Celebration of Life will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30th, 2010 at Reese Funeral Home, 6767 Seminole Blvd., Seminole, 727-391-9954.

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The program is limited to 20 children, plus their adult companions. Pre-registration required. General admission is \$15 per adult, \$10 per child; Dali Museum member admission: \$10 per adult, plus \$10 per child.

To register, please call 727-823-3767, ext. 3024 or email Bethany Mead, Education Coordinator: bmead@thedali.org.

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Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

ACROSS

- 1 Dynamo part
- 6 Make tea
- 10 Eat at
- 14 Donald's ex
- 15 Roof overhang
- 16 Heap
- 17 1995 US Open winner
- 19 Analyze verse
- 20 "___ Kate," Broadway musical
- 21 Foot part
- 23 Set of tools
- 24 Reagan's Star Wars, briefly
- 25 Switch positions
- 27 Winner
- 29 Last
- 31 Fate
- 34 1995 British Open winner
- 37 Pardonable
- 38 Gen. Bradley, of WWII
- 39 Push gently
- 41 Pond refuse
- 42 Awkward fellow
- 44 1994 U.S. Open winner
- 46 Fishhook fastener
- 47 Intelligence

48 "___ Song Go Out ..."

- 50 Food add.
- 51 Health farm
- 54 Christmas tree
- 56 Gentlemen
- 58 Commands
- 60 Actor Rob
- 62 1995 PGA Tour's money leader
- 64 Writer Bagnold
- 65 Bees' home
- 66 Come together
- 67 Magician's prop
- 68 Abound
- 69 Tough problem

DOWN

- 1 Haystacks
- 2 Egg-shaped
- 3 Ankle bones
- 4 Wallet fillers
- 5 Actor Massey
- 6 Actress Arthur
- 7 Sitarist Shankar
- 8 Show clearly
- 9 Girl
- 10 AMA members
- 11 1994 PGA Tour's money leader
- 12 Khirghiz range
- 13 Departed

18 Necklace or earring

- 22 Cod family member
- 26 Philippine sea
- 28 Parsonages
- 29 Sign up for class
- 30 Actress Winona
- 32 Handie roughly
- 33 Charity
- 34 Runs for exercise
- 35 Muscat's nation
- 36 1995 Senior PGA Tour's rookie of the year
- 37 Deerhunter's product
- 40 About 1/28 of an ounce
- 43 Shouts at a bullfight
- 45 Cognoscenti, e.g.
- 47 Peter Pan's creator
- 49 Very snug
- 51 Big rigs
- 52 Babble
- 53 Actor Ed
- 54 Took the Concorde
- 55 New Rochelle college
- 57 1988 British Open winner Ballesteros
- 59 The first James Bond movie
- 61 Hall-of-Famer Roush
- 63 Ruby or opal

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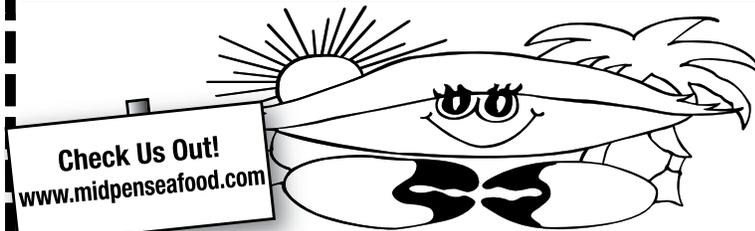
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Twice Their Weight in Trouble?

Toy dogs are so darn cute. You can tuck them under one arm or even into a small carry-on. They're trendy. They travel. They're the perfect dog for today's go, go, go ways.

They also seem to invite twice their weight in trouble. Why? Because we let them -- even encourage them. Yes, the biggest trouble with toy dogs is the people who adore them. For example:

"I have a cute miniature pincher -- a rusty. Her name is 'Sweetie.'

"The problem is that I have disabled children and Sweetie steals food from them and never gets to socialize with other people and pets. There isn't a lot of time to take her out, and now she has bitten a couple of people who have come into our courtyard and house.

"One of the people she bit is disabled herself. Lucky for me, she is a neighbor -- not to mention her dog bit me once!

"I was wondering whether you might know someone who could take Sweetie, because I can't afford a lawsuit. I was hoping to find an adult with another dog for her to play

with, who hopefully would be able to take her out to socialize more."

To state the obvious: Toy dogs are not actually toys. They're dogs. And while it's undoubtedly true that Sweetie needs to be socialized, it's equally clear that she needs some good old-fashioned training.

This reader is on the right track in that Sweetie does require a new home -- one without children. But she should also be tested to determine whether a home with other pets is appropriate.

People tend to make the assumption that small dogs can only create small problems. But what about the dachshund that urinated on the carpet "a little bit" every day, for years? The yapping Yorkies that landed their owner in court with a noise complaint? The Chihuahua that got underfoot and landed her famous owner in the hospital with a broken nose? The Pomeranian that killed an infant in her crib?

These were all extremely costly incidents -- monetarily and emotionally -- that could have been avoided with training and a little more diligence on the part of the owner. But for some reason, people let their guard down and lower their expectations when it comes to miniature canines.

Those who own toy dogs should not be fooled by the mythology. Little dogs need exercise. Little dogs need training. Little dogs have sharp teeth. Little dogs can bring big trouble.

This is not to say toy dogs are bad dogs. To the contrary, toy dogs make great pets, wonderful companions and even stellar guard dogs. The difference between worth their weight in gold and twice their weight in trouble is largely up to us.

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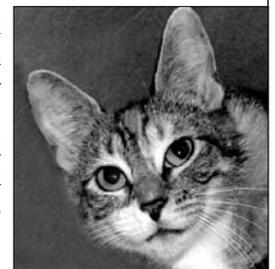


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Horoscope Guide

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some people do their best work in phases, editing bits and parts together into a pleasing whole. You like to do it all in one hot stint. Both are fine, but this week you might get a little help from an editor type. Accepting and applying notes from a knowledgeable person will take your work to the next level.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are a lot of songs in the world, but yours is the most important because it's yours. The song in your heart that was just a verse a few days ago now has a chorus. In a related matter, someone adores you and wants to be adored back. Finding novel ways to share your love -- or just to flirt -- will be a fun pastime.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You tend to like things that involve a lot of people at once, so the work-related gathering that's on the schedule for this week is right up your alley. It can go whichever way you want it to go -- you could create the opportune moment for a bold move or just enjoy an easy hang with people you like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you were a superhero, you'd be called "Rulebender." Your acts of heroism are committed against the tyranny of hard deadlines, guidelines ... and sidelines. This week, you'll have another showdown with your arch-nemesis, "Uptight Guy." Your victory will free you -- and perhaps him, as well!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you win, will the people around you win, too? Hopefully, they think so. Otherwise, you'll have a hard time getting them on your side. This week, your relationships have a powerful impact on your ability to do what you want to do with your life. Formulate goals that include others and will motivate them to motivate you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you're not feeling particularly optimistic, don't worry. It doesn't matter whether you think the glass is half-empty or half-full. The fact is, it's a huge glass and there is more than enough liquid inside to quench your thirst. So trust that things will be provided for you this week, and enjoy it when they are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you haven't found the opportunity to fire up your motivation, it may be that your current zone has gotten too comfortable. Get out and explore. New experiences, people and stimulation will bring out your best. The one who will ignite your passion for life is likely a fire sign -- Aries, Leo or Sagittarius.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Muster up the courage to take a chance. If it doesn't go how you want it to go, no regrets. Never "shoulda," and definitely don't "woulda." Just seize the moment. And if you don't, it's either because you weren't ready or because you thought better of it -- no shame in that, either. Stand proud behind your choices.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No one is immune to life's frustrations. Sometimes the check really isn't in the mail and the phone doesn't ring when it's supposed to, or when it does, it's the wrong person on the line. Your stellar attitude will help you rise above these petty disturbances and focus on what's going right in your world -- an awful lot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is nothing wrong with finding out you have limits. So many never press against them in the first place. Knowing when to stop is not the same thing as giving up. And just because you're not moving forward doesn't mean you're moving backward. You might have to stop what you're doing to find a truer calling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Feelings are neither right nor wrong, neither logical nor illogical. They just are. Instead of trying to fight them or make them what you think they should be, accept them. Only then will you be able to work with them and use them to your advantage. You'll get help from a fellow earth sign -- that's Capricorn or Virgo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Imagine your future the way you want it to be. With the stars augmenting your powers of visualization, it will be easy and fun for you to do so. This opens doors in your psyche. In the process, you may come to the realization that you have access to far greater wisdom than you ever knew was inside you.

This Week's Birthdays: You are accustomed to turning problems into opportunities. But this year you don't have to -- your opportunities will come custom-made to you. You've already laid the groundwork for this to happen. Self-discipline increases through this month. August brings a proposal. You find a buyer for what you're selling in September. Invest in a hobby in November -- this move will prove to be good for your health and for your financial picture, too. December brings a party for the ages.

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Daniel Harris will be holding auditions for a musical revue entitled "Sex and Sensibility" on July 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. Auditions will be held at the Gulfport Community Players' Back Door Theater located at 4919 17 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

The play was written by Gil Perloth and will be directed and choreographed by Daniel Harris. Daniel needs three strong singing female actors who can move well: one in her 20's, just entering the singles scene; one in her 30's, a bit more wiser and experienced; and one in her 40's or 50's, divorced and re-entering the dating scene. Be prepared to sing a portion of a ballad as well as an upbeat song. Bring music in your key, a resume and a photo. A pianist will be provided.

The play is a humorous look at the dating scene in New York City by three single ladies of various ages. The show deals with relationships and situations exemplified by 21 songs including: Mr. Right, Mr. Almost Right, Commitment, Testosterone, Cats, Gay Men, and Mr. Wrong.

Actors will receive payment for their performances. The show is scheduled to play four weekends at two different theaters: the Back Door Theater in Gulfport and the Venue Theatre in Pinellas Park. For more information, contact Gil Perloth at 727-343-8560 or via email to: gilcyn@verizon.net.

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ACTIVITIES

Open Gameroom - Tues. & Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Adult Basketball - Mon., Wed. & Fri, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Thurs., 6-9 p.m.

PROGRAMS

Teen Night - Teens, age's middle school to 17. Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m.

2010 SUMMER PROGRAM-Ongoing registration continues for the 2010 Summer Recreation Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Registrations for Gulfport residents and non-residents (30 children max.) are currently being accepted. Hours of registration for Monday-Friday are from 9:00

a.m.-5:00 p.m. Information and packets are available at the Rec. Center or log on to www.mygulfport.us and follow the links to City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center. For more information call 893-1068.

NEW CLASSES- Interested in teaching a class? Call John at 727-893-1079 for more info

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information

- Belly Dance - Starts April 13th, Tues., 6:45 p.m. Call Daniela at 561-302-6174.
- Body Sculpt - Tues., 6:30 p.m. Call Billie at 239-313-0876.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Gymnastics - Fri., 5:30 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
- Karate - Mon. & Fri., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.

- Noisemakers - Call Gabe at 345-7472.
- Tai Chi -Thurs., 9 a.m at Scout Hall. Call Marge at 345-6708.
- Tennis - Tues., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call Jack at 430-0690.
- Watercolor with Patsi -Beginners/Intermediate>Returns in the Fall. Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., 9 a.m. at 49th Street Neighborhood Center. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Daniela at 561-302-6174.

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

ALL skaters must purchase a sticker. Annual cost is \$5 res./\$10 non-res. Skaters 17 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a parent, have proof of residency and fill out a consent form. Availability to register: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.



Gulfport Library 5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074 or fax 893-1072

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5 FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Kids! 'Tweens! Teens! Adults!: There's still time to sign up for our Summer Reading Programs for ALL AGES (and qualify for weekly prizes)!

Our "Wednesday Afternoon Specials": continue through July! At 2:00 pm: June 30—make Patriotic pinwheels, streamers, plus games and posters, scrapbooks, and "minibooks" to make and take home! July 7—"hoop" it up with the Hoolah Monsters! July 14—more Crafts and Games! July 21—a visit from Tampa Bay Watch, plus some "watery" fun! July 28—still more Crafts and Games!

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

One-on-One Computer Instruction: By appointment only--contact Alex Hooks at the Reference Desk, or call 893-1073.

SummerCoffee/Talk Movie: "We Were the Mulvaney's" Thursday, July 8, 1:30 pm. Based on the novel by Joyce Carol Oates and starring Blythe Danner and Beau Bridges. This Emmy-nominated TV film is not rated, and contains mature subject matter. (Hallmark, 2002, 86 minutes).

Suncoast Computer Users Group (SCUG): Thursday, July 8, 6:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, July 10, 1:00

pm. Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Some supplies available, but you furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album. FMI, contact Kay Boatwright 893-1074.

SummerCoffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, July 15, 10:00 am. Our summer series, "Pushed to the Limit," continues with Them, by Joyce Carol Oates. Stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a discussion guide and reserve a copy of the book.

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, July 24, 1:00 pm. 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.

Services *City Sponsored Activities* *in the Community*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closed for Holiday: The Senior Center and GEMS Mini-Bus Service will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. GEMS clients are asked to plan ahead for shopping needs.

GEMS Health & Wellness Day

Pass: Gulfport seniors are invited to take advantage of our new Health & Wellness Day Pass on the first Tuesday of every month. The \$50 GEMS membership fee is waived for this monthly occasion. Round trip: \$1.00 to one of the following areas: Senior Center Fitness Room; Gulfport Beach; Gulfport Art Village Courtyard; any of Gulfport's lovely parks; and Gulfport Public Library. (Small fee connected with the Senior Center Fitness Center). Trips are subsidized by the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation. Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more information.

Senior Center Looking for 100 Year

Olds: Are you 100 years young or more or will be sometime this year? Please contact the Senior Center as we would like to honor you!

Fitness Center: Summer hours: Mon. Tues. Wed. 8am - 7pm; Thurs. & Fri. 8am-3:30pm.

Tai Chi Moves to Scout Hall: Tai Chi Class are offered at Scout Hall (5315 28th Ave. S.) every Thursday at 9am. Must be a registered Senior Center member to participate.

Visual Support Group: meets every second & fourth Monday at 2pm. Newcomers welcome.

Want to be a CNA? Free CNA Training available in Gulfport. "Earn while you learn". Minimum age: 55. Must meet income requirements. Call AARP Foundation WorkSearch at 547-0534.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Card & Game Party: Mark your calendar now for Wed. July 21, 1-4pm for the Senior Center's Card and Game Party. Donation: \$10 for munchies, beverages & fun. Play Bridge, Canasta, Euchre, Pinochle or Scrabble, Tiles, etc. Name your game! This event is sponsored by the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: A support group for grandparents raising their

grandchildren meets on the last Tuesday of every month (June 29) at 10am. Learn about available resources to make care giving responsibilities easier.

Phones for Hearing Impaired: Amplified phones will be distributed to the hearing impaired on Tues. July 20 from 9:30am-11:30am. No appointment necessary.

Elder Law Clinic: Seniors 60 and over who are income eligible can receive free legal assistance with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, and health care surrogates on Friday, July 16 at 9:30am. Call for more info.

Transportation for Gulfport Seniors:

Gulfport seniors 55 & over who would like door-to-door transportation service for medical appointments, grocery shopping, beauty/barber shops, etc. please call GEMS at (727) 893-2242. Annual membership: \$50 and \$1.00 for each one way trip. All rides to the Senior Center are free.

Telephone Reassurance: A friendly phone call each morning is available for Gulfport seniors who live alone. City volunteers offer this free service with your safety in mind. Call now for more information.

AARP Driving Classes: are held on the first two Tuesdays of every month from 1-4pm. Call 343-9044 to register and fee info.

Diabetic Support: Our Diabetic Support Group meets every Mon. at 10am. Newcomers welcome.

Duplicate Bridge Class: every Mon. at 6:30pm

Language Practice:

Spanish: Beginners and Intermediate, every Mon. 3-4:30pm

Italian: Beginner Conversation, every Mon. 5-6pm

Art Practice: Mon. at 4pm; Wed. at 1pm, Thurs at 9am. No instructors but come and work on your own project while enjoying the company of other artists.

JUST FOR FUN

Live Chat Room - every Friday at 2pm. Share stories and meet new friends.

Bingo: Fridays at 1pm.

Wii Bowling every Thurs. at 1pm and every first and third Tues. at 6:30pm. More bowlers are needed for the evening sessions so come and join the fun!

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ATTENTION GULFPORT TEENS

Are you 13-19 years of age?

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The Gulfport Teen Council is looking for you! Teen members' involvement includes working with the City Council concerning equipment recommendations; budgetary considerations for City's parks and recreation programs; and provide recommendations, suggestions and assistance with youth events for city-sponsored festivals/programs. Teen Council members also gain valuable community experiences by attending local and state conferences, participating in community services projects and by representing the best of the City's youth. Get involved today! There are three vacant regular member positions and three vacant alternate member positions available. Applications may be picked up at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard S. or City Hall, 2401 53 Street S. Positions open until filled. A recommendation/reference letter is required from a principal, school counselor, teacher or an adult not related to applicant attached with the application.

Letters

Many Thanks to All

Dear Editor: As the month of June comes to an end, I wish to commend the city of Gulfport who recommended that we call the Senior Center. When huge trees fell into our yard after a storm (from a height of three stories!) they recommended Tim Copola to us. Tim is a fine gentleman who has a tree service in our area. Thanks so much to all for helping two seniors in our time of need! He even cut and removed a huge branch that fell from a neighbor's property over our fence and onto our property. Thanks to all these fine folks!

John & Frances Gonzalez

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Enter the Labyrinth

Located at 5001 20 Avenue S. in Gulfport (east of the elementary school) is the labyrinth. A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. Open seven days, noon till sundown. Free admission. Call Mike at 727-418-7359 for more information.

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St. Pete Beach Day With The Rays

St. Pete Beach residents Danford Wilson, 4, and Nicholas Wilson, 2, and their parents got to go out on the field before Sunday's Tampa Bay Rays game. Their grandfather E.C. Williams Executive Vice President of Grow Financial Federal Credit Union threw out the first pitch. Danford and Nicholas also got to meet Raymond and some of his friends.

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This is a photo of my mother, Frances Perez (right) and my partner's mother Nancy Hudson (left). We were all vacationing on the eastern side of the state, visiting St Augustine. This photo was taken on the doorsteps to America's oldest house in St Augustine on May 23, 2010. We took two copies of the Gabber that kept us entertained on the road trip there and on the beach too.

- Submitted by Leonardo Robledo

Send us your picture with you and your Gabber on vacation.
Include a brief description and your name.
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SAL Charity Bowling Tournament

The SAL Post 125 will hold a charity bowling tournament in memory of Donny Boyd on Saturday, July 24 at 1:30 p.m. at Ten Pins Bowling Lanes. The event will be 8 Pin No Tap at \$25 per bowler with 5-person teams. First Place wins \$125 per team, 2nd Place \$100 and 3rd Place takes \$75. Event features food, prizes and 50/50s at Post 125. Signup sheets are available at Post 125, 6440 Fifth Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. Deadline to sign up and pay is July 17. Donations to Hospice and other SAL charities. Call Ron DiBucci at 686-8695 or Bill Jonas at 384-6293.

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Playwriting Workshop at Gulfport Arts Center

GULFPORT- The Gulfport Arts Center proudly presents an eight-week playwriting workshop given by local playwright Tinamarie Hansen. Ms. Hansen is the recent recipient of two "Cathy" Awards presented by the Gulfport Community Players for Best Original Writing and Best Production/Direction for her one act play Buying Back Brooklyn. She is a 2007 graduate of Eckerd College's Creative Writing program. Over the course of the workshop, students will discover the elements of playwriting, and will be guided through the process of creating a 10-15 minute one-act play.

The workshop is being held on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m., July 12 through September 6 at the Arts Center. The cost for the 8-week workshop is \$75. Space is limited so pre-registration is encouraged. The Gulfport Arts Center is located at 2700 54 Street S. adjacent to the Gulfport dog parks. For more information and to register, contact Tinamarie Hansen at 727-637-4331.

The Gulfport Arts Center is kicking off a regular schedule of classes and workshops conducted by local and visiting artists in a variety of media. Artists interested in these teaching opportunities should contact Jessica Sager at 727-346-3004 or sager.jessica@hotmail.com.

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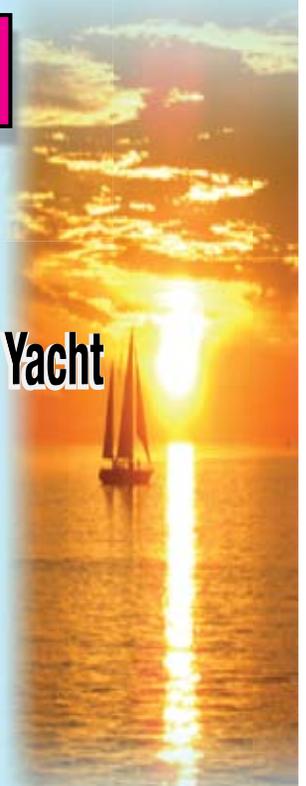
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Mysterious Debris at Gulfport's Clam Bayou Kayak Launch

By Cathy Salustri



When Kurt Zuelsdorf went down to the kayak launch at Clam Bayou Friday morning, he found the launch site littered with trash and covered with a filmy substance.

"I woke up today and came down to Clam Bayou and found my launch site in such disrepair that it actually breaks my heart," he

reported in a video in his web site.

By the day's end, Gulfport city manager Jim O'Reilly arranged for park staff to clean the debris from the site. Additionally, Mr. Zuelsdorf said, many locals also assisted with cleanup efforts.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) contacted Gulfport Public Works Director Don Sopak and asked for assistance cleaning up the floatables by the launch site. An email from Mr. Sopak to Mr. O'Reilly, sent Friday afternoon, indicated that Janie Hagberg, a SWFWMD employee working on the Clam Bayou restoration project, believed the debris came from stormwater runoff and not the restoration project.

Mr. Zuelsdorf said that he'd seen this sort of debris on a smaller scale in the past during certain tide cycles. This debris seemed connected with what he called "a gooey mess up to four inches thick." He said he couldn't identify the goo.

"Whatever was binding it together was the question mark," he said.

Saturday Mr. Zuelsdorf he found a pile of fresh grass clippings by the launch site.

"I can guarantee you it didn't come from the city mowers. It was a different kind of grass. It was a standard fancy grass like you'd find in a manicured yard- St. Augustine. There's no St. Augustine growing in Clam Bayou Nature Park," he said.

Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@theGabber.com.

Sponsors and Vendors Wanted for Blues Fest

The 3rd Annual Tangerine Blues Fest will take place on Saturday, September 25 from 4-10 p.m. along the Tangerine Greenway (located at 18th Ave. S. between 49th St. S. and 54th St. S. in Gulfport) The 49th Street South Business Association has a great lineup of entertainers this year, including the Joel Sanders Band, Julie Black, Deacon Blues Band and Damon Fowler Group. A portion of the proceeds from the Blues Fest will benefit All Children's Hospital.

So49 is seeking sponsors and fine art and craft vendors for the third annual event. So49 members who wish to participate will receive first right of refusal and a member discount. Community sponsorships are available from \$100 and up. Vendor information and applications can be found under the vendor info tab at www.sikpromotions.com or by calling 727-322-5217. To become a sponsor or a 49th Street South Business member please visit www.So49.org.

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Koins for Kittens

Friends of Strays is kicking off their "Koins for Kittens" fundraising campaign for its no-kill animal shelter. Collect your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in a coffee can or other containers and bring it to the shelter located at 2911 47 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg between 9-4 p.m. daily. Checks are also appreciated by marking "Koins for Kittens" in the memo section.

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This month's Kids Glass Week will be held July 19-23. Kids will experience a variety of glass arts in a series of five 3-hour workshops: blown glass ornaments, hot glass paperweights, glass fusing, broken glass mosaic and glass painting. The next week long glass art experience will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday - Friday, July 19-23.

For information or registration, visit the Industrial Arts Center online at www.industrialartscenter.org. The Industrial Arts Center is located at 2902A Beach Boulevard S., in Gulfport's Art Village Courtyard. For information, call 727-289-9365.

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Exhibit Focuses on the 'Magic' of Early Florida

TAMPA-At an early age, Hermann Trappman became fascinated with the origins of Florida and its early inhabitants. Eventually, he turned to art to express his findings about the distant past. As he acquired more scientific information, his illustrations became increasingly accurate. Suddenly, his sketches of the Florida he once knew exploded into shifting plates, becoming part of a dynamically changing Earth. Entire environments developed then disappeared. Humans arrived; struggling with Florida's challenging landscape, until they finally constructed complex civilizations.

Many of these insights will come to life when the Tampa Bay History Center presents the exhibition *Obscured by Time: The Magic of Florida*, featuring the art of Hermann Trappman, opening Saturday, July 10th. The exhibition will detail the natural history of Florida through Trappman's compelling paintings,

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artifact replicas, fossils, and examples of the resources utilized by ancient Native Americans.

Obscured by Time offers a glimpse of early Florida, its native peoples and geography prior to European contact in the 1500s. A self-taught artist, Trappman's work explores the life of Florida's early peoples and is based on artifacts, fossils and other archeological evidence found along the shores of Florida.

This exhibition will be in the History Center's Third Floor Gallery through September 26th. A variety of programs and workshops are also planned. For more information,

contact the Tampa Bay History Center at 813-228-0097 or visit www.tampabayhistorycenter.org.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

B_Northrop@theGabber.com

I haven't met anyone who is in favor of oil polluted beaches. Duh! And, I read this past week that a couple of hundred beach-goers locally, as part of a nation-wide movement, joined hands on the beaches of Pass-a-Grille to protest oil drilling.

I'm assuming a couple of things: that they were beach-goers and that they were opposing oil drilling off the Florida coast. It's difficult to tell these days about the political motivation or direction of any group. Were these people just ordinary people trying to keep the beaches clean? One person told the St. Pete Times that he didn't know how to explain to his six and 10-year-olds what might happen to the beaches for fear of ruining their memories of the beaches. Huh?

Whatever the political motivations, the demonstration got coverage with little in-depth probing. Think G20

"demonstrations" in Toronto. I'm not saying that holding hands on the beach has any comparison to the wanton destruction of property by the thug anarchists who show up at world economic summits. What I am saying is that perhaps we do need to take the discussion of oil drilling beyond the beaches.

For instance, did the demonstrators use cars to get to the beaches? That's a contribution to pollution itself. Exhaust fumes pollute the air, as does deteriorating rubber on the tires. As I wrote, no one wants polluted beaches, but almost everyone wants fuel for his car. If they are Americans they want cheap fuel. Yes, \$3 to \$4 a gallon is cheap relative to what others in the world pay unless you live in Iran or Venezuela where gasoline prices are dictated by politics not supply and demand.

More important, look at the beaches themselves. Almost all the beaches on our coasts have been polluted from the inside out. Roads, houses, commercial buildings, hotels, restaurants, have torn up our barrier islands in numerous ways. Permanent structures stop the movement of sand that is characteristic of barrier islands. The islands that should move don't and sand is washed away.

Structures restrict the movement of wind and the movement of sand. So, we have to replenish the beaches which is something we all seem to accept (it is at someone else's expense and protects our investments). The sand is not the same and "replenish" is not the same as "restore". We also accept the concept of subsidized insurance. But, we're protecting our "way of life". Actually, it's not the way of life of everybody in this country, but it generally costs them to support us. While I suppose this general sharing of "help us" dollars goes both ways, I'm not certain it's a tit for tat arrangement.

The fact is that our barrier islands probably should be free from any development at all. Our main coast lines would be better protected as would the wild-life above and below the water in and around our islands. If we are to be really serious about the environment, we need to scale back our so-called "standard of living". Simply put, at least in America we have too much of everything. So, stop it.

Of course we won't and can't and shouldn't. Humans do not want to move backwards. We like little corrections here and there, but we like to move forward. And, right now, we can't keep moving forward without oil. So, as in everything, we have to accept some things and not others. In other words, compromise.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

The house at 5420 29th Avenue, shown last week, was the home of Ebin and Ida May Steele Drumm in the 1920s. Later they moved to the back house and their in-laws, the Alonzo Steeles, lived in the front place. In the late 1930s, both buildings were occupied by folks connected with the Gulfport Tribune, the Barlows and the Wirts.

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Annual Gecko Ball Returns

GULFPORT-Gulfport's annual Gecko Ball returns on Saturday, August 28. "Geckos in Wonderland" is the light-hearted theme of this year's festivities. The Ball will be held at the Peninsula Inn & Spa, 2937 Beach Boulevard. The party starts at 7 p.m. and lasts until 11 p.m. The Gecko Ball is an annual event leading up to the 10th annual Gecko Fest, Gulfport's largest street festival of the year on Saturday, September 4.

"Geckos in Wonderland" will be a celebration befitting Gulfport's quirky, funky, artistic nature. Larger than life décor will evoke Alice's adventures in Wonderland. Food for the occasion will conjure elements of the Mad Hatter's tea party. Live music for dancing and entertainment will keep party-goers on their feet. Wonderland-related characters and activities will offer surprises throughout the evening. Silent auctions will also be held during the Ball, featuring gift certificates and merchandise from local businesses and artists. A portion of proceeds from the Ball and Gecko Fest will benefit the City of Gulfport's Centennial Celebration to be held in October.

Tickets for "Geckos in Wonderland" are \$25 each and are available in advance at The Outpost, 3007 Beach Boulevard, and Domain Home Accessories, 3129 Beach Boulevard. The third annual Gecko Fest Pub Crawl is another event in the lineup of festivities leading to Gecko Fest. The Pub Crawl will be held on Saturday, August 7. Watch for more details about this and all things Gecko in Gulfport as they develop.

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Red Hot Beach Nuts

By Dee Ten Brink

The following is a list of what the Red Hot Beach Nuts will be doing for the summer:

- July 19 Lunch & Pottery at Practically Picasso
- July 23 "Bye Bye Birdie" at Ruth Eckerd Hall
- Aug. 16 Lunch at Billy's Stone Crab in Tierra Verde

Don't forget to RSVP with your captains for each event.

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City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport

Q: How much money is Gulfport obligated to towards pensions for past and current employees? How does it compare to a comparable local town?
- Poul Hornsleth

A: Well, first let's explain how Gulfport pensions work. The city has three plans: one for the fire department, one for the police department, and one for all other employees except for department directors, the city clerk, and the city manager. The city pays its four non-public safety department directors and the city clerk 12% of their gross salary into a 401a that those employees manage individually. The city manager does the same thing, except the city pays him 15%.

The fire department, police department, and general employees each have their own trusts, managed by the employees as well as one council-appointed citizen for each of the three trusts. The city contributes the money and the trustees manage the plan themselves. The trustees currently manage the plans by hiring professional plan managers (the fire department currently uses Salem Trust while the general employees and the police department use 5/3) to invest the money.

Between the three funds and the 401a plans for the directors and two charter employees (the city attorney receives no pension or retirement plan from Gulfport), the city will pay roughly \$831,000 this year to keep current, past and projected future pensions solvent. This breaks down to 7.2% of each salary in the fire department, 15.5% for the police department, and 15.9% of each general employee's salary.

"Gulfport's in a very good position," Administrative Services Director Dan Carpenter said of the plans. Although he said he couldn't make comparisons to smaller cities like Safety Harbor without extensive research, he did have figures for some local cities available.

Clearwater spends about 25% per employee salary, and St. Petersburg's firefighter pension plan costs the city over 60% of the payroll. That means that for every dollar the city of St. Petersburg pays a firefighter, it pays another 60 cents into a pension plan.

Given that, Carpenters says, "7.2% is fantastic; I don't think you'll find many lower than that. Fifteen percent and under is well better than the average."

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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



Staycations

About 1.3 percent fewer Americans are expected to fly this summer than last summer, according to the Air Transport Association. Which may be good news for the environment, since a single transatlantic flight for a family of four creates more carbon emissions than that family will generate domestically for an entire year.

Instead of making pricey travel plans this year that damage the environment as well as your bank account, take a local vacation, or "staycation." This is a chance to rediscover the beauty of your home region by taking the time to visit cultural attractions and natural places that you may be too busy to see in your daily routine.

A staycation does not mean staying home and doing yard work, or the list of jobs you've been putting off for the past year. "Instead," suggests Pauline Frommer of Frommer's Travel Guides, "become a tourist in your own hometown." Plan to see tourist attractions, historic sites, take an art class, learn to swim or a number of small adventures you always wanted to do if you had the time.

A fringe benefit of staycations is that you develop a deeper connection to your community and hometown. People feel more connected to a place when they experience the history and natural beauty of it firsthand. Try to see something different each day -- a different spectacular view, a different museum, a new restaurant. At the same time, you benefit your

local community by pumping vacation money into the local economy.

Some staycationers go so far as to camp in a nearby campground to get away from the daily routine. If you are addicted to technology, and can't imagine a day without email or Internet, then consider leaving the house and staycating in a local campground or Bed and Breakfast. You'll still save gas money and travel expenses, but you'll feel refreshed after being away from the computer for a few days.

Here are a few tips for a successful staycation:

-- Explore the rail trails in your area by bicycle. Most communities have rail trail projects connecting larger cities by walking and biking paths. Explore your area by riding in five miles sections each day. (www.railtrails.org)

-- Go to the local tourism office or website for a list of historic sites and museums to visit.

-- Spend a Saturday touring farms and farm markets in your region to find out what is grown locally, and get a fresh delicious taste of the local flavors. (www.localharvest.org)

-- Pick a nearby town on the map, and spend the day walking through the whole town, antiquing, eating in local restaurants, and getting a real sense of the history and culture of the place.

-- Take an art, music or acting class. Do something you always said you would do if only you had the time.

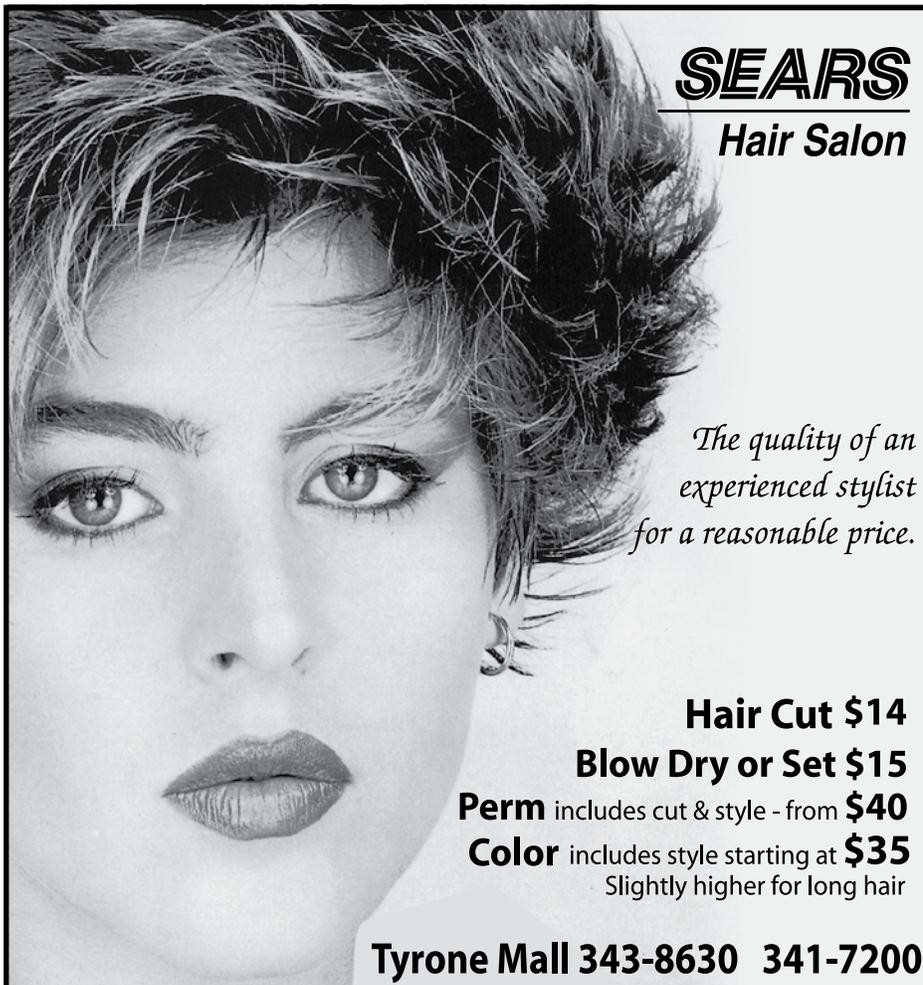
If you really must go out of town, make your vacation as green as possible:

-- Stay in a green hotel when possible. If you strive to be green at home, why not on vacation as well? (www.greenhotels.com, www.environmentallyfriendlyhotels.com)

-- Travel with friends, and share the costs and carbon of each car trip. If you carpool, then share a vacation rental including meals. You form tighter friendship bonds, use less gas and eat out less.

-- Consider a working vacation, and volunteer to work on an organic farm located in a place you wish to visit. Many countries also have programs for whole families to spend a vacation working as part of a relief effort. (www.globeaware.org, www.globalvolunteers.org)

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According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) President, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from one semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local public and private high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a monthly charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

Families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

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

Last week's Comment and Quotes from St. Pete Beach was placed in error. Below is the correct version. *The Gabber* apologizes for any confusion.

"I was more excited about looking at her then looking at the eggs."
-A resident on the arrival of a sea turtle on the beach who he found oil free. There is still no oil on the city's beaches.

"Renourishment is on schedule" -Mayor Mike Finnerty on beach re-nourishment scheduled for late August, early September.

"The beach will be closing to public at 6 p.m. (on July 4)." - City Manager Mike Bonfield on the evening closing of Upham Beach for the Independence Day fireworks display.

"It's not well received at all in the community." -- Commissioner Bev Garnett on revisiting allowing parking on the south side of 10th Avenue. The parking is affecting green space, she said. Ordinances updating parking and one-way streets changed recently.

"That's a nice free hot spot." - Vice Mayor Jim Parent on the new wireless Internet service at the city library. The wireless service provides another option to library patrons, in addition to the ten existing computer stations.

"I think the citizens of St. Pete Beach understand this hometown democracy is not working." -Commissioner Marvin Shavlan, on the various land development litigation in town and the proposed state Amendment 4.

"You can't insure these things. You're dancing around the subject...I think the city has an obligation to our citizens and tourists."
-Mr. McFarlin, during the insurance requirements discussion on the public conveyances ordinance.

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

Friday 6/18

Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls- Location Withheld.

Suspicious Vehicle- 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Trouble with Individual- Tomlinson Park.

Domestic Battery- 2500 Blk 51st St. S.

Hit & Run- 2500 Blk 51st St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 2800 Blk 50th St. S.

Lost or Stolen Tag- 1200 Blk Hull St. S.

Saturday 6/19

Disabled Vehicle- 1000 Blk 49th St. S.

Theft- 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Noise Complaint- Beach Pavilion.

Trouble with Individual- 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Sunday 6/20

Noise Complaint- 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

2010 National Night Out

National Night Out is August 3. Gulfport Crime Awareness and Prevention has stepped up to the plate for an event that evening. Our preliminary plan is to gather at the Neighborhood Center for a kick off of the "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going-Away Party".

The kick off will be a walk to show a united effort of both municipalities (Gulfport and St. Petersburg) to include residents and businesses from both sides of 49th Street. The walk will start on 49th Street S. and 16th Avenue (in front of the Neighborhood Center) and go south to the Tangerine Greenway (Tangerine Avenue/18th Avenue S.). The Tangerine Greenway will then be the site for the "Going Away Party". The intent is for community building, education and a united effort.

If you would like more information or to provide suggestions, feel free to contact Jeri Reed at 727-548-5566 (days), 727-327-3509 (evenings) or by email at JRvolunteer@aol.com.

Reckless Driver- 2700 Blk 52nd St. S.

Open Door/Window- 5600 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Hit & Run- 2200 Blk 54th St. S.

Vessel Stop- Boca Ciega Bay.

Monday 6/21

Trouble with Individual- 1200 Blk 59th St. S.

Prowler- 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.

Burglary- 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Animal Complaint- 5400 Blk 25th Ave. S.

Criminal Mischief- 2200 Blk 56th St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Street Obstruction- 6200 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Tuesday 6/22

Trouble with Individual- 3200 Blk 58th St. S.

Road Hazard- 2500 Blk 54th St. S.

Accident with Injuries- 4600 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Animal Complaint- 5900 Blk 13th Ave. S.

Hit & Run- 2800 Blk- 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

Wednesday 6/23

Trouble with Individual- 1000 Blk 59th St. S.

Domestic Battery- 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.

Violation of Probation- 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Domestic Battery- 5700 Blk 12th Ave. S.

Burglary- 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

Animal Complaint- 5700 Blk 23rd Ave. S.

Burglary- 5600 Blk Gulfport Blvd S.

Animal Complaint- 5700 Blk 25th Ave. S.

Noise Complaint- 3100 Blk Dupont St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 4900 Blk 23rd Ave. S.

Thursday 6/24

Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls- Location Withheld.

Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls- Location Withheld.

Animal Complaint- 1400 Blk 55th St. S.

Lost or Stolen Tag- 1400 Blk 55th St. S.

Domestic Battery- 5000 Blk 24th Ave. S.

Animal Complaint- 2600 Blk 45th St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Domestic Battery- 5900 Blk 19th Ave. S.

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Sea Breeze Film Festival Coming To Gulfport

GULFPORT- Nomadic Tendencies is bringing its Sea Breeze Film Festival to Gulfport offering independent, international films to a local audience. The film events also help filmmakers gain greater exposure for their films. Sea Breeze Film Festival screens films of all lengths and genres from around the world. Large, commercial film distributors and venues can rarely afford to take on smaller films. The goal of the Festival is to ensure audiences in Tampa Bay have the opportunity to see films that would not otherwise be available to them.

The festival will be held on three days from Friday, July 23 through Sunday, July 25 at Gulfport's Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27 Avenue S. Screenings take place from 2 p.m. until 11 p.m. each day. Individual film tickets are \$5 for children, military, students and seniors; \$7 for regular tickets; \$12 for day passes; \$30 for full festival passes. For advance tickets, go online to seabreeze.eventbrite.com. Tickets will also be available at the Theater during the festival.

The festival will screen 26 films, including ten features, five documentaries, three student films and three animated films. Ten countries are represented by films at the festival: USA, UK, Germany, China, Singapore, Iceland, Netherlands, Serbia/Montenegro, Spain and Canada.

Titles include: the Dutch short film Blossom, about a young woman unable to speak and her challenges interacting in a speaking world; the American documentary American Dumpling, which explores the ties that bind diverse cultures through a common food that each shares: the dumpling; Karaoke Show, a German animated short film, described as a mix of sauna and disco; Severing the Soul, an American experimental documentary exploring the psychosurgery movement of the 1930s to 1960s, including found

footage about Rosemary Kennedy's 1941 lobotomy procedure; and The Symmetry of Love, a British comedy feature exposing the tangled lives of a journalist, an architect, a psychiatrist, a novelist, a librarian and others. More information, film schedules and selected film trailers will be posted to SeaBreezeFilmFestival.blogspot.com.

For more information contact Christine Scott at 352-942-4803 or via email at SeaBreeze@Nomadic-Tendencies.com.

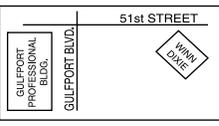
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Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

How To Vacation Without Going Broke

Dear Mary: We have a large family, and we plan to take a road trip this summer because it's significantly cheaper than flying. We often are tempted to spend a lot on eating out when we take road trips, as we cannot bring the kitchen with us. What suggestions do you have for families going on short or extended road trips to keep the food budget down? -- Robert S., California

Dear Robert: You can't bring the kitchen, but a nice big cooler will be a must. First, set a budget for how much you will spend on food per day. Then stick to it. Visit groceries along the way to fill the cooler with snacks, beverages and lunch for the day. It

won't be as cheap as eating at home, but it will be cheaper than eating all of your meals out.

Then book your overnight stays in hotels, such as Homewood Suites, where hot breakfast is included in the price of the room every day of the week and a hot dinner is served Monday through Thursday. Other hotels, such as Country Inns & Suites, include kitchenettes, enabling you to prepare meals in your room. This strategy will require planning and a little work. But if everyone pitches in to prepare and eat breakfast and lunch on the cheap, you'll be able to eat out for one meal a day while sticking to your budget.

Dear Mary: My husband made really good money. Then BAM! He got sick last fall. Since then, he's

brought in only \$500. We are almost four months late with our mortgage. We have been in contact with our lender, and I need to write a hardship letter to explain our situation. Do you have any suggestions on how to write a successful letter? -- Cathy K., Montana

Dear Cathy: Stick carefully to the facts. Keep your letter to one page. Be to the point and nonemotional. Make sure you have job titles correct and names spelled correctly. Once you've written the letter once, rewrite it, removing all unnecessary words. Make sure your grammar and spelling are impeccable. Once you have it perfect, print it, sign it and send it off. Good luck.

Dear Mary: Thank you for your recent column "8 Words That Changed My Life." I'm a prime example of what not to do with money. A while back, I thought about the sorry state of our finances and tried to analyze what we did wrong. I came up with a question: What's the difference between ambition and greed? I wanted the best schools for my kids, the bigger house, the better neighborhood, etc. It's a no-win game because you never are satisfied. I found that I wasn't ambitious; I was greedy. That ranks as one of the deadly sins! Your eight words, especially the last four, say it all: "Buy what you need; want what you have." You cleared my mind and made my day. -- June R., e-mail

Dear June: Thanks for writing. I am humbled and also proud of you for getting it.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

Your Last Will and Testament

Many otherwise successful and diligent people overlook what could be one of the largest tax-saving devices available to them during their entire lifetimes: a will. Wills are the primary document for transferring wealth upon a person's death. It is the document in which you specify how, to whom and when you wish to have all of your earthly belongings distributed. Although this is a vital document, many people procrastinate or defer having one drafted. Consequently, many people die without the benefit of their specific instructions being carried out.

If you die without a will, you die "intestate" or without a last will and

testament. If this occurs, your estate will be distributed according to the probate laws of the State of Florida if you reside in Florida. More than likely, this distribution will not be according to your wishes. This could also cause problems in your immediate family due to disputes over who was meant to receive what, what proceeds go to your spouse as well as any intended charitable bequests.

In drafting a will, several factors must be taken into consideration. These include, but are not limited to:

- Specific instructions designed to distribute your estate to your intended beneficiaries.
- Provisions for a guardian(s) to serve in your capacity if you have minor children.
- A nomination for a personal representative or executor to carry out your wishes in conjunction with the court.
- Instructions regarding the subsequent transfer of wealth on a tax-free or deferred basis through the Unlimited Marital Deduction or

Unified Credit as well as other tax savings strategies.

A competent attorney should be employed for the drafting of a will. While there exist many do-it-yourself products on the market which do provide presumably valid documents, there is no substitute for professional advice and sound legal counsel.

Once your will is finalized, it may be changed as you deem necessary to reflect your ever changing situation. Such changes may be based upon a birth or death in the family, a divorce, change of residence or change of intended beneficiaries. Such changes or codicils must be executed with the same formalities as a will, but are usually not as involved as the drafting of the original document. Even without major life changes, wills should be reviewed every two to three years to ensure that your intentions will, in fact, be carried out upon your death.

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Second Annual Sea Oat Planting



By Melissa Lattman

Volunteers gathered in Hurley Park for the second annual sea oats planting on St. Pete Beach. Equipped with gloves, hand shovels, sun block, bottled water and hats volunteers planted sea oats from 15th Avenue to 22nd Avenue.

The volunteers planted about 5,000 seedlings and 50 one-gallon plants. With adequate water about 75 to 80 percent of the plants will make it, said Public Services Director Steven Hallock.

The vital dune plants collect blowing sands. The sea oats provide cover for many living organisms as well as food for migrant birds. They help form and maintain sand dunes helping to control beach erosion. The Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management donated the sea oats for the renourishment of the beach. The city's beach stewardship committee helped coordinate the June 26 event.

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Put Your Money Where Your Carbon Is *Local restaurant offers carbon-savvy meals*



Artist Jeanne Meinke and poet Peter Meinke peruse Peg's carbon footprint menu at Saturday's fundraiser. Dr. Tony Smith expressed his gratitude to customers like the Meinkes who stepped up to the plate for the fundraiser.

"We'd like to thank everybody who helped us out and we hope the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary uses that money in a wonderful way," he said.

By Cathy Salustri

Patrons noticed two things different at Peg's Cantina Saturday afternoon: first, the restaurant opened early to serve lunch and second, the food cost more. Both of these differences had to do less with profit than they did oil.

The only reason Peg's opened for lunch, Peg Wesselink and Tony Smith said, was to host a unique fundraiser. The staff working volunteered their time, working instead for tips only, and restaurant donated seven percent of the day's sales (as well as all the difference between the regular prices and the fundraiser prices) to the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, who pledged to help if the oil reaches the west coast.

So why the higher prices? A close look at the menu- created only for the fundraiser- shows that the elevated prices reflected the carbon points associated with each meal.

Carbon points represent environmental impact; the higher the point value on a food, the more carbon dioxide it emits in its production. For example, imported beers cost more because they travel further and

thus use more oil, which gives them a larger carbon footprint and more carbon points. Dr. Smith, a former environmental policy professor, explained that his locally brewed beer had the smallest carbon footprint because he made it locally (often riding his bike to Peg's to do so, giving an even smaller carbon footprint than posted on the menu, Dr. Wesselink pointed out.)

The carbon points associated with each meal allowed people to see how their eating habits impact oil

consumption, Dr. Smith said, and the restaurant's management team posted a short note on their menu that explained why the restaurant does not serve beef: a huge carbon footprint. He added that a McDonald's cheeseburger Happy Meal uses enough carbon points (3300) to use up most of the 4500 points suggested for the average American's daily diet.

At the day's end, Peg's raised almost \$900 for the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary and reverted to their regular menu, pricing, and dinner-only schedule. Did they make a difference?

"It did to some people, absolutely," Dr. Smith said. "They were pretty surprised. When you can put it into something concrete, like food, then it makes sense."

Calculate the carbon points of your meals at EatLowCarbon.org. If you'd like to see a copy of Saturday's menu so you know which meals make the most environmental sense, Peg's will keep a copy on hand.

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Contact Cathy Salustri at
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Clothes To Kids Needs School Uniforms

Clothes To Kids has an immediate need for school uniforms! Twenty-three schools in Pinellas County will require their students to wear uniforms. Many of these students can simply not afford these essential uniforms. Please search your closets and donate gently used uniform pants in khaki and navy and uniform polo shirts in white, light blue and navy.

New or gently used clothing can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday in Clearwater at 1059 N. Hercules Avenue or in St. Pete at 3251 Third Avenue N., Suite 145. Cash donations are also needed for purchasing clothing in short supply and new underwear.

Clothes To Kids, a nonprofit organization provides free clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge. For more information, please call 441-5050 or visit www.ClothesToKids.org.

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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.

July program includes: "Powering Your Boat" July 6, "Knots" July 13, "Weather" July 20, and "Your Boat's Radio" July 27.

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

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Seniors' Chat Room

Experience table topics with the Gulfport Senior Center's Chat Room every Friday at 2 p.m. The Center is located at 5501 27 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

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Docents Needed for The Chihuly Collection

The Morean Arts Center at 400 Beach Drive NE in St. Petersburg is seeking docents for the new Chihuly Collection in early July. Docents are volunteer tour guides for the exhibit. Docents and volunteers must be enthusiastic, cheerful and willing to learn. They should have an interest in working with people, especially students, and be willing to become actively involved in the events and programs of the Morean Arts Center and the Chihuly Collection. Experience or education in art, art history, education, or teaching can be helpful, although not required. Respond to Chris Silvia, chris@moreanartscenter.org or 727-822-7872, ext. 2127.

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Historical Museum seeks Volunteers

Are you one of the rare natives to the beaches? Maybe you've lived here many years. Or have a special love of history. Gulf Beaches Historical Museum wants you!

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

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

If you would like to be a part of this vital group, leave a message at the museum at 727-552-1610 or email LPETERS7@tampabay.rr.com.

Gulf Beaches Historical Museum is located at 115 Tenth Avenue in Pass-a-Grille (the southernmost end of St. Pete Beach). Visit www.gulfbeachesmuseum.com.

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Black Jack's Second Chance

Clam Bayou Dog is No Longer Feral

By Cathy Salustri

Megan Barrett calls the lab mix "Black Jack."

"I found him in the street," Ms. Barrett explains. "He'd been hit by a car, but the woman did stop and he was not seriously hurt."

The driver said she'd seen the dog around 49th Street neighborhoods and going into Clam Bayou.

Ms. Barrett took the dog, later named Black Jack, to a local vet, where she discovered that while he only had minor injuries from the car accident, he had heartworms.

"He's been through heartworm treatment, which hasn't been easy on him since the worms were so bad. His stomach is swollen, as happens sometimes with dogs where the worms have been worse, and he may have congestive heart failure. We hope it will not be permanent," Ms. Barrett says.

Despite his time in Clam Bayou and his illness, Black Jack adapted to life with his foster family.

"He... turned into a very sweet and friendly dog," Ms. Barrett says, adding that he is quite protective of

his foster family.

How did Black Jack end up a stray? No one knows for sure, but his heartworms could have been the reason. "It is my experience with rescue and big dogs that when the owners discover (the dogs) have heartworm, they dump the dogs," Ms. Barrett adds.

She will continue to oversee Black Jack's treatment, currently at \$400 and climbing and, once he recovers from heartworms, will get him the rest of his shots and have him neutered.

Black Jack currently lives with a foster family, but he can't stay there forever. Ms. Barrett wants people to consider adopting him even though he came from Clam Bayou.

"Not all the dogs (in Clam Bayou) are necessarily aggressive," she says. "He is friendly now. It is possible the he belonged to a pack that is no longer, or the pack did not accept him, or maybe he lost his partner and became a loner."

"He's a really sweet dog."

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To find out how to help Black Jack, call Megan Barrett at (727) 423-0226 or e-mail her at bonoball@verizon.net. Alternately, you may make a donation in Black Jack's name to Gulfport Veterinarian to help defray Black Jack's healthcare costs.

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Donated Glasses Helping Hundreds See



By Melissa Lattman

Using my pointer finger I measured the distance between the young boy's ear and where the plastic frame curved. The eyeglasses bobbed slightly down his face. Realizing the need to secure the fragile eyeglasses on the active child's face I waved the plastic frames over the heat from the candle. The plastic softened and I remolded the frame. Making sure it was cool enough to go back over the delicate skin of the child's ear we tried the fit again. I bobbed my head up and down getting the boy to try once again to make sure the glasses would stay on his head. He smiled broadly as the eyeglasses stayed put, tracing with his fingers the curve of the glasses over his ears as his parents and sister watched under the bougainvillea arches of Lunahuana's central square.

Along with 14 team members I journeyed in mid-June by plane then bus to Lunahuana, Peru with duffle bags stuffed with 3,000 pairs of eyeglasses. Over five days our team nurses checked 652 sets of eyes looking for cataracts and other conditions that would not be helped with eyeglasses.

Our team testers pointed at eye charts as people moved their hands up, down, and sideways matching what they saw on the charts. Once

they figured out the right prescription for distance and/or reading another team member gifted at figuring out the right frames to compliment the person's face pulled from boxes of glasses organized by prescription strength. Then team members in dispensing checked 876

pairs of glasses using distance charts and printed text to make sure we found the right strength to help the person see.

Then the other "fitter" and I adjusted the bridges and earpieces so the glasses did not slip or were not too tight. With glasses in hand or on their faces people could sing or talk with local missionaries before heading back home.

People came over five days gaining the ability to read the newspaper or faraway billboards. I gained a renewed appreciation to take a deep breath and enjoy the moments-remembering that life is as much the journey as the destination. Many images filter through my mind-- the views of the foothills of the Andes, smiling faces and shining eyes, cheery flowers poking through the dirt and the boisterous dogs guarding grids of the city's block.

MOST Ministries (Mission Opportunities Short Term) gives people the opportunity to help national pastors and missionaries for one or two weeks. Opportunities include eyeglass clinics, construction, English classes and other requests and needs from the field. For a complete list of teams and more information go to <http://www.mostministries.org/teams>.

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Get Help for Clutter Problems

Are you having a hard time getting organized? Do you find it impossible to throw anything away? Join a 12 Step support meeting and begin to unclutter your life, one step at a time. They meet every Sunday at 5 p.m.. at Unity Church, 6168 First Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. No dues or fees. Call 727-480-0865 or visit clutterersanonymous.net.

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NARFE News

Floridians, if you are a retired or thinking of retiring and worked for the government, they urge you to be a part of NARFE, (National Active Retired Federal Employees). Keep abreast with thousands of other retirees of what is happening in Washington D.C. Know first hand about their pensions and health care (FEHB). Members of NARFE receive a very informative magazine every month.

Chapter 1140 (Gulf Beaches and Southern Pinellas County) meets every month at The Fountains in Pasadena. They have lunch (\$5) and always have a very informative speaker. They do not meet in the summer, but will reconvene in September. If you want to know more about NARFE, contact Felicia at 727-446-1619 or Tony at 727-290-9662.

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Kittens Soon Ready from Save Our Strays

In July a large number of adorable kittens will be available for adoption through Save Our Strays, Inc. These kitties come in a variety of patterns and colors, from torties to tuxedos to tabbies to calicos, plus cream, orange, black and other shades.

These kittens must be three months old, spayed and neutered, microchipped, and have received their shots before they can be offered for adoption at a cost of \$50. For more information, please call Save Our Strays, Inc. at 727 481-5091.

They are also in need of foster homes for stray cats and kittens. If you have room in your home and heart, please call at 727-481-5262.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Hands Across a Sham

I know, I know. I can hear it as I type these words: how dare I call last Saturday's event a sham. Those who attended will tell you it was a beautiful demonstration of ... well, something. I'm not sure what. I know that everyone there seemed pretty passionate about stopping drilling off Florida's coast. And, hey, I'm all for that. Let's stop it right now. But the reality is, there's too much hypocrisy surrounding even events like these for that to happen.

Look, I applaud passion; I am passion's biggest fan. And I'm not trying to belittle your grand gesture Saturday, but I do hope you understand that Saturday's event was only that: a gesture.

People drove to the event. The event organizers handed out plastic bottles of water. Someone hired a banner plane to fly up and down the beaches, towing an anti-offshore-drilling banner. All these things require oil by the truckload, which, funny enough, needs oil to ship the oil. As far as I can tell, BP and other oil companies directly benefited financially from this international event.

Let's put it into one of those math problems we all hated in junior high: If 12,000 Floridians drove an average of two miles to participate in Hands Across the Sand, and each protestor consumed one bottle of water during the event, how many gallons of oil would BP have to pump out of the Gulf to power the protestors' cars and produce the plastic water bottles?

Don't bother doing the math.

I wouldn't have a problem with this if the protest stopped the practice, but I think we've gotten confused somewhere along the way. Government can't even stop tobacco farmers from growing tobacco, and far fewer Americans smoke than drive. What on earth makes you think the government is going to stop oil exploration? There's too much money changing hands; couple that with the potential for lawsuits for lost revenue and you and I both

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know that the federal and state governments aren't about to staunch the flow.

I know my attitude might upset you. Politicians promised us, you may start to say, but before you finish that sentence, stop. Oh, sure, Saturday saw plenty of political posturing and promises. What a down-home opportunity for grandstanding. I believe our city officials when they say they won't vote for drilling; I even might believe county commissioners. Here's the thing, though: all the people who spoke to our city Saturday? The school board candidates, county commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd, Gulfport's own very fine mayor Mike Yakes? *They don't actually get to vote on oil exploration.* So, you know, good for them for taking a stand, but it won't stop the oil from suffocating Apalachicola oysters or painting its carbon footprint over anhinga, dolphin, and mackerel. It won't keep the panhandle fishermen in business, and it won't wash the beaches clean.

Right about now I'm sure most of you are calling me a hopeless misanthrope, a hateful cynic who lacks compassion for the human condition. I beg to differ. I used to be like you, ready to march on Washington, sign a petition protesting genetic research on mollusks, or stage a sit-in for dolphin-safe energy. But somewhere along the way I started seeing all these causes as what they were: shams that detracted from the business of, as so many people like to call it, "saving" the planet.

BP acts in the best interest of its bottom line. I won't address criminal concerns or whether it was morally or ethically right for them to do what they did, because that - unfortunately - doesn't matter. What matters is economics: supply and demand and profit and loss. The minute oil production becomes something that doesn't bring a profit, I promise you BP - and every other oil company - will stop drilling. No government agency will revoke permits, no groups will

circulate a petition, and no protests occur: they will just pull up stakes and go home. Take away the profit and you take away the problem.

If you want to hit BP where it hurts, don't bother holding hands on the beach. They'll just scoff at our ineffective methods as we fuel our cars before heading out to the beach. Instead, stop using their product.

Is it possible? Yes, but not practical. Strive instead to reduce consumption. Eat local. Think about how things are made. Of course, there's the biggie: drive less. And don't kid yourself with an electric car: where do you think electricity comes from? Progress Energy has three coal and oil plants in Florida: Crystal River, Anclote, and Suwanee.

So try carpooling, or bicycling, or trading in that SUV for a snappy little Miata. Many scooters get well over 100 miles per gallon. Buy locally grown food, and stop drinking water sold in those convenient little plastic bottles.

Overwhelming, isn't it? It takes much less work to attend the occasional protest or sign a petition. But you won't change a damn thing that way. If you want to change things, really change things, forget about government. They won't help you. Administrations change, and policies shift with the tides. Government should keep us safe from crime, provide strong schools and protect us from foreign invasions. Despite what we'd like to think, our Constitution has no verbiage about marine ecosystems or environmental high grounds. That part's up to us, and we can't have it both ways.

Instead, put your money where your heart is. Change the world? Not likely, despite what we'd so dearly love to believe. Change your carbon footprint? That's the first step. You can't drive your Ford Explorer to the oil protest and think you're making a difference, and you can't enjoy French wine, German cheese, and Iowa steaks and think that your signature on a petition matters.

Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@theGabber.com. Find more details about determining your carbon footprint at Nature.org/initiatives/climatechange/calculator, or click the link on The Gabber Newspaper's Facebook Page.

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RUSH'S Reality

A satirical look at the world around us.

By Anne Rush

Talk to Your Doctor

I am probably the poster child for the pharmaceutical ads on TV. At least my doctor seems to think so. She's a doll. I only see her every six months to get refills on my prescriptions, still she knows enough about my personal life to show some interest in a kinda old-fashioned caring sort of way. She always makes a point of asking me "So how are things going?". It's my fault, really, because I told her EXACTLY how things were going. And then we had this conversation:

Her: Anne, do you think you could you be depressed?

Me: Hell, no! Why would you even think that?

Her: You seem irritable, for one.

Me: I am NOT irritable! I am justifiably outraged and incensed when things don't run as smoothly as I know they should.

Her: Well, like what for example?

Me: Why should I have to make a special trip to my new Publix which used to be an Albertsons because my new and improved in-the-process-of-being-remodeled-to-eerily-resemble-a-Publix Winn-Dixie was out of a simple staple such as hamburger meat? Why is that my lawn guy to whom I pay hard-earned money should show up just before code enforcement did?

Her: You mentioned you're having trouble sleeping?

Me: Yeah, me and 50 million other Americans, most of whom are not depressed either. Besides, sleep is overrated. Everyone knows that high achievers get less than six hours of sleep, and all my close friends and family know how driven I am. General McChrystal reportedly only slept for four.

Her: Yeah, and look what happened to him.

Me: *Rolling Stone*, who'd've thunk it? Look. I'm sure I just need a new mattress. And it would be helpful if I could get through the nights when I do sleep without dreaming that I'm

desperately searching for a bathroom while wearing my favorite jeans. Thank goodness I usually wake up!

Her: So you're having BCI?

Me: What's that? (I hate when she throws that technical lingo at me. Is the whole world one big acronym?)

Her: Bladder Control Issues.

Me: No, my bladder works just fine. Really, really fine, thank you very much. In fact, some might say I have an overachieving bladder. It's really just my dreams...

Her: You mentioned you dropped the ball this month in terms of your paperwork and bill due dates and such. That sounds to me like you might be experiencing a difficulty in concentrating. What do you think?

Me: I think that paying bills is not fun. And just because I was a little less diligent than usual this month only means that I was a tad disorganized, kinda like those tropical systems out in the gulf this time of year. Besides, it's not as though there'd be a county-wide blackout if I don't pay my electric bill on time.

Her: You mentioned tropical systems. Going with your weather analogy, are you aware that meteorologists sometimes refer to those as depressions, so...

Me: Oh, for Godssakes, would you get off that?!

Her: Fair enough. I see you've gained weight. Do you know that dramatic changes in weight, in either direction, can be a sign of...

Me: And you wonder why I'm irritable? Look! You yourself told me last fall that my weight gain was due to my age and metabolism and my total lack of physical activity of any kind. Whatsoever. Besides, did it ever occur to you that maybe I garner immense pleasure from Mr. Good Bars, Nestle Crunches, Snickers, ice cream, (oh, who am I kidding?) all things chocolate, salty and fried. Huh?

Her: OK. Have it your way. Speaking of diet, any problems with digestion?

Me: Well, sometimes when I drink beer I get heartburn.

Her: Have you ever thought about not drinking beer?

Me: No, coz it happens when I eat hot sauce or green peppers, too.

Her: I see. Any problems with your joints? I see you have a family history of osteoporosis and arthritis.

Me: Well, my knees aren't what they used to be, meaning that I can no longer watch the Rays play baseball without feeling agony for the catcher behind home plate. But in terms of family history, that's only on my mother's side and only when she was post-menopausal.

Her: When was your last period?

Me: Six years ago.

Her: Hmm. Well, Anne, our allotted three minutes are up. As your doctor, I can assure you that there are medications that can improve the quality of your life. Medicine has come a long way in recent years. I can give you some prescriptions.

Me: Write away, doctor, write away.

She gave me scripts for Cymbalta for depression, and the accompanying Abilify just to make sure, Ambien for sleep, VesiCare for bladder control, Prilosec for heartburn, and Boniva for my joints, all to the tune of about \$3,000 a month.

I pride myself on being a savvy consumer and my research found that the side effects of Cymbalta and Abilify included suicidal thoughts which seemed a whole lot worse than how I'm feeling now, even on an irritable day, so I ripped those up. The instructions for Ambien said to only take it when I can devote a full eight hours to sleep and since I can't sleep, that seemed pointless. One of the side effects of VesiCare is constipation and I don't want to trade one problem down there for another. Prilosec is made by the company who downsized my sister so I don't want to patronize them. I'm old enough to remember Sally Field as *The Flying Nun* but the label said that when taking once-monthly Boniva you have to be able to stand for an hour. And I just don't think with my level of physical inactivity that I can do that, even on a once-monthly basis.

So, I threw them all away. And the only thing I'm popping tonight is a Bon-Bon!

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Gary Tenore: Hairdresser to the Stars and Auracle Salon: Complete Glamour

By Cathy Salustri

If you want your hair to shine with color that lasts and makes you look drop-dead gorgeous, visit Gary Tenore at the Auracle Salon. We're not just saying that, either. Gary's got the dynamic duo of accolades when it comes to hair: experience and talent.

Gary's spent a lifetime perfecting the art of hair, and most recently he's become a "hairdresser to the stars." He's worked on hair shows with the hairdressers for America's Got Talent, Gossip Girl, and Sex and the City 2. For those of you who covet Kim Catrall's enviable blonde sheen, Gary has the inside scoop on how to make your hair look like hers. Gary also worked the most recent

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JULY 2010

- July 6, 2010 **City Council Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- July 7, 2010 **Planning and Zoning Board/LPA CANCELLED**
- July 14, 2010 **Board of Adjustment**
***Meeting to begin at 6:30pm
- July 15, 2010 **City Council Budget Workshop**
***Meeting to begin at 5:00pm
- July 20, 2010 **City Council Workshop Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 5:00pm
- July 20, 2010 **City Council Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- July 21, 2010 **Historic Preservation Committee**
Meeting to begin at 5:30pm at the
Historical Society Museum - 5301 28th Ave. S.

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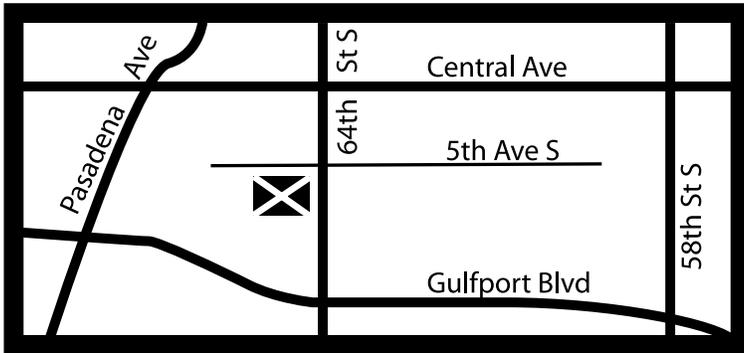
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