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Brody Waynewright is given his fishing tackle by Mayor Yakes during the Fishing Derby on Sunday.

Gulfport Celebrates

By Gail Biron

It was wet, but the fish were still biting and the sand was perfect for molding for the kids and their families who attended the Fishing Derby and the Sand Castle Contest on July 4th at Gulfport Beach. Every child left with something. Each child left with a grab bag from the Fishing Derby and a toy choice from the Sand Castle Contest.

The Fishing Derby was hosted by City of Gulfport Marina. Sponsors included: O'Maddy's Bar and Grill for Lunch. Owner, Jo Gunther

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Gulfport Treasure Mary Atkinson Gone But Not Forgotten

By Cathy Salustri



Gulfport mourns the loss of a community treasure this week. Mary Atkinson, who worked with Little League, Scout Hall, the Historical Society, and the Community Players, died last week. She was 82.

A Chance Meeting

Her husband, Lum, met Mary 64 years ago. They both attended St. Petersburg High School, but Lum didn't remember Mary, although she remembered him. She got her high school degree while he left high school to join the Marines

See *Mary Atkinson*, page 32

Wireless Class at the Library

The St. Pete Beach Library has been wireless since late June. Patrons with their own laptops can take advantage of surfing the Internet without waiting for one of the ten public computers.

The Library is offering a workshop on Saturday, August 7, from 10 am until noon with a very knowledgeable techie, Chad Mairn, who will provide basic instruction with laptops and then help individuals. Attendees should bring their own laptops and can get some free advice.

The library is located at 365 73rd Avenue.

Raw Sewage Flows Into Boca Ciega Bay

For 24 hours, a manhole overflowed and drained into the bay on St. Pete Beach

By Cathy Salustri

At noon on the 4th of July, water bubbled out from two manhole covers: one in front of 6161 Gulf Winds Drive on St. Pete Beach, and a second south of that one on Gulf Boulevard. The city dispatched a police officer to the second site.

By that night, the smell of human waste permeated the air, one Sylvette resident noted. A call to the city's non-emergency

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Gulfport Community Players 10th Annual

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Commerce or reserve by calling 322-0316.

St. Pete Beach Fireworks Glitch

There was no city fireworks display in St. Pete Beach on the 4th of July due to a technical glitch. The fireworks display slated for launch from Upham Beach was called off around 10:10 p.m. It was something with the wiring, City Manager Mike Bonfield said.

The vendor will give the city a full refund. They also plan to give the city a free fireworks show at a date to be announced, Bonfield said.

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City Layoffs

ST. PETE BEACH- In an effort to streamline costs the city eliminated three positions and added one position recently.

In the Public Services Department two jobs--the contract and grant administrator and the utility permits administrator were eliminated. One

person now handles all of the capital projects and utilities. The grant writing was reassigned to other positions, City Manager Mike Bonfield said.

In the Information Technology Department there are now two desktop support people instead of three, Bonfield said.

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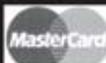
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Budget Workshop

GULFPORT- The city will hold a budget workshop at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 15.
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Tax Time Arrives in Gulfport!

GULFPORT- The city voted on a proposed millage rate that will not exceed 3.8399 mills. Currently, property owners pay 3.4742 mills. One mill equals roughly one dollar for every thousand dollars of taxable value. The cap on the new millage rate means that the city of Gulfport will not tax property owners more than \$3.84 per thousand dollars of appraised value.
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Traffic Regulation on Tangerine

GULFPORT- Police cannot lower speed limits along Tangerine without measuring actual observed speeds and setting the speed limit at what 85% of those drivers drive. 85% of drivers on Tangerine went 31. "The problem is with the speed limit, not

the cars." There is nothing, he says, that would justify lowering the speed limit.

"He's telling his officers not to stop people unless they're going 36." - Hastings

"I wasn't going to get that specific so that everybody knew it," Chief Vincent

The city will not install stop signs. Hastings and King voted against it; Mayor Yakes cast the deciding no vote. The state says stop signs should not be used as speed enforcement devices.
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Gulfport Automatically Included in Possible Extended Liquor Hours

GULFPORT- According to Attorney Andrew Salzman, if the county's effort to extend hours for alcohol sales succeeds, the city will have to take no further action to extend the hours during which stores can sell alcohol. Any city can choose to opt out, and, Salzman told council, if the county opts not to extend hours, Gulfport can do so on its own.
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Sewage, from front page

police line confirmed that the city knew about the sewage, which overflowed from the sanitary sewer into a nearby storm drain.

St. Pete Beach workers arrived at the site shortly after noon on Monday, 24 hours after police responded to calls about the raw sewage.

Steve Hallock, the Public Works director for St. Pete Beach, completed an Illicit Discharge Field Report for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The

report states that ten gallons of cloudy sewage came from one manhole. The report did not mention the second manhole.

Alarm logs for the city's pump stations (simply put, waste collection and pumping sites) indicate that city started receiving thigh water alerts on Saturday July 3.

"We used our vacuum truck to suck up as much of the spill as possible and cleaned the curb line. We have no way to meter or determine how much leaked out of the manhole but based on visual inspection do not consider it

significant. What we did not vacuum up was highly diluted and mainly due to the stormwater leaking into the wastewater collection system," Mr. Hallock said.

Mr. Hallock says that the combination of heavy rains and construction on the St. Petersburg lift station created the sewage discharge.

"The backup in the wastewater collection system was due to the very heavy rain and a lack of bypass pumping availability at St. Petersburg lift station #61. Rain water leaked into the collection manholes, pipe joints, et cetera, and the lift station could not keep up. Once another bypass pump was installed at the lift station we were able to pump down the entire wastewater collection system and return to normal operations," he said.

Although the city had a police officer stationed at the manhole directly south of the one the city worked on Monday, Mr. Hallock says that his staff said only one manhole leaked. He calls the event a "very unique, one-of-a-kind situation."

The overflow drained to storm drains one block from Boca Ciega Bay. Labels on the drains indicated that the drains emptied into the bay.

The city will not issue a water quality advisory.

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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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*News from the
Gulfport Historical Society*



Museum Closes for Summer

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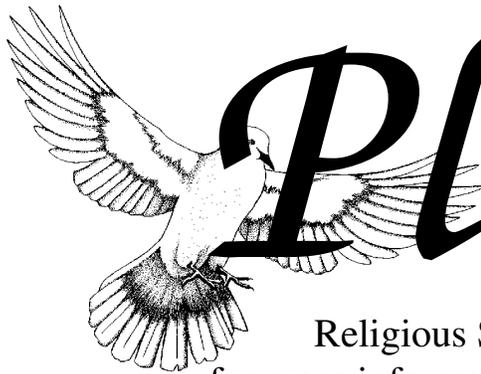
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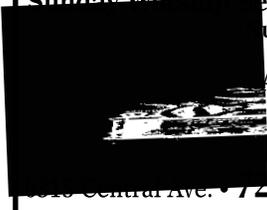
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Pasadena Community Church has three stores at one location (Pasadena Avenue and Second Avenue S.) featuring clothing, household items, gifts, children's clothes and furniture. Thrift and boutique are open from 9-12 Wednesday and Saturday. Gift store is open from 10-2 on Wednesday only.

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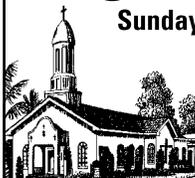
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Sewer Repairs Will Cost \$30,000

GULFPORT- City council voted to approve funding to repair the sewer lines. The culprit? tree roots that grew into the system. For almost \$30,000, J.T.V. Inc. will cut roots,

cleaning, and lining the pipes. they will make repairs to over one mile of sewer lines along the alleys between Hull and 60th Street South (from 7th to 15th Avenues South), 7th and 8th Avenues South (from 64th to 61st Streets South), and 11th Avenue South (again, from 64th to 61st Streets South.).

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Breakfast with Dali

ST. PETERSBURG-The Dali Museum is pleased to announce the upcoming date for the Breakfast with Dali program for children 5-12 years old and their families.

Join us on Saturday, July 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to explore the museum on a private interactive tour by a leading docent. A scrumptious breakfast follows the tour, along with arts and crafts. This is one of the Dali Museum's most popular and rewarding programs, available once a month. The next Breakfast with Dali is scheduled for Saturday, August 14.

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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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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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



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727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org or visit the Gulfport Merchants Association website at www.GulfportMA.com.

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Audition for "Sex and Sensibility"

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 Perlroth 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 Perlroth at 727-343-8560 or via email to: gilcyn@verizon.net.

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Christmas in July on Corey Avenue

The Corey Area Merchants are hosting a "Christmas in July" sales extravaganza July 10 through the 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Event features sales, discounts and music. Door prizes with refreshments are available in participating stores.

On Saturdays, July 10 and 17 at 10 a.m. the Beach Theatre will offer a free movie entitled "Christmas In July". This is a whimsical 1940's movie about a man who thought he won a contest, (which was purely a practical joke), buys lots of gifts, and then things get worse...well, you've just got to see it!

Also on Saturday, July 10, Kevin Wilder will perform live jazz music from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

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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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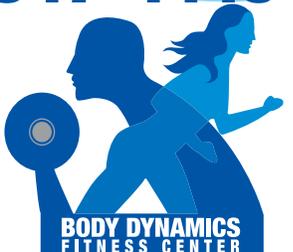
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Got your Game on?

The Senior Center is hosting a Card & Game Party on Wednesday, July 21 from 1-4 p.m. Several games will be played along with servings of munchies, beverages, and an opportunity to win some great door prizes along with lots of fun! Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Senior Center at 5501 27 Avenue S. The Senior Center Foundation is a proud sponsor of this event. For more information on this event, contact 727-893-2237 or 727-893-1231. You can also visit <http://gulfportseniorfoundation.org> for a

host of other events and to sign up on the event email list.

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“Southern Knights” Band to Honor Bassist

The “Southern Knights” Band will lead a Celebration of Life for Jack Topscot, a bass guitarist and friend, on Sunday, July 11 beginning at 1 p.m. at American Legion Post 125, 6440 Fifth Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. Other bands will perform as will other solo artists. The kitchen will be open for lunch orders. All are welcome.

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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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Reduced Fees to Adopt a Cool Adult Cat

Friends of Strays, a no-kill shelter, is offering their program “Adopt a Cool Adult Cat during the Hot Summer” for a reduced adoption fee. Their shelter is overflowing with kittens and they need to make room for more strays. Cats three years and older qualify and make wonderful companions. Stop by the shelter located at 2911 47 Avenue N. Tuesday - Sunday from 10-3, call 727-522-6566 or visit www.friendsofstrays.com.

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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 10. The exhibition will detail the natural history of Florida through Trappman's compelling paintings, 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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Pre-Register for Tot-Time Program

Ongoing pre-registrations are currently being accepted for the 2010-2011 Tot Time Program. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for

non-residents. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. Classes begin September 7. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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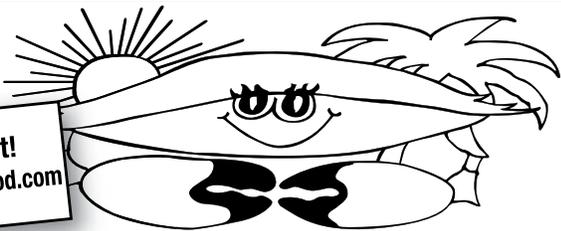
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Letters

Gulfport's Fantastic Fireworks

Dear Editor: Wow! Each year I feel Gulfport has outdone every previous July 4th fireworks display...and this year is right at the top of my 20-year list of enjoyable displays! My sincere thanks to the sponsors who made this possible (Stetson College of Law and the City of Gulfport. Were there others?)

What a patriotic gift to our community! God bless America!

Barbara Purtee

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

Do you think the federal government has the right to sue Arizona over its new immigration policy?



Mike Ketterer, So. Pasadena: "I work with a lot of Mexicans in the hospitality business; they're hard workers and take care of their families. But I think the Arizona law is fair because immigrants are taking jobs that people here could work. Everybody always says they do the jobs that no one else wants to, but I know people like me that would work those jobs, even for the lower wage. I've done it, so I know. I'm not racist and I have nothing against them personally, but I think Arizona has the right idea. Florida needs some kind of law like that here, especially in Pinellas County. They've got our jobs and we need them back. Two years ago, I would have had a different answer for you, because I felt differently. But after fighting to get and keep a job and sometimes watching it go to an immigrant, it's hard to feel sorry for them now. Americans need those jobs."

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Michele and Y.Z. Lahav, So. Pasadena: "Yes, the federal government should sue Arizona to stop the use of the law. The legal system in the US is expressly implemented so that the federal government's action takes precedence over the states; that's how it should be. The law is enforced by human beings, not pieces of legislation. The Arizona law enforcement could easily become Rambo's if given that much power; I think they would abuse it. There is that one sheriff that takes pride on being "tough" on immigrants. That seems to be against every fiber of the American character, or at least what we would like it to be."

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Frank Ridens, Gulfport: "Sure, I think the government can sue, but the mistake is that the government allowed the states to make up their own rules and then it criticizes them because they disagree with those rules. All states follow their own set of rules. I think that instead of the federal government suing the Arizona, take away their federal funding. That seems to be a more effective way to handle that situation. The Arizona policy as it stands now is nothing more than profiling, which is just not right. I hope they can settle it as long as it doesn't cost me anything!"

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Betsy Cook, Gulfport: "I don't think the government should be allowed to sue; it's in our business already way too much. It's starting to feel like a not so free country. At the same time, Arizona law enforcement shouldn't be allowed to just stop random people on the street- its wrong."

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Theresa Tinnerello, So. Pasadena: "Arizona should not be allowed to just stop anyone on the street and arrest them if they don't have ID; that's almost like entrapment. It's terrible! I think the federal government should sue; human rights are being violated. I'm appalled that they would even enforce a law like that."

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- 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.

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• 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.

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Our Summer Reading Programs and "Wednesday Afternoon Specials" will continue through July and early August

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Our "Wednesday Afternoon Specials": continue through July! At 2:00 pm: June 30—make Patriotic pinwheels, streamers, plus games and posters, scrapbooks, and "mini-books" 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"

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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 Mulvaneys" 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Classes 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 2nd & 4th Monday at 2pm. Newcomers welcome.

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Grandchildren: A support group for grandparents raising their grandchildren meets on the last Tuesday of every month (July 27) at 10am. Learn about available resources to make caregiving responsibilities

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Phones for Hearing Impaired:

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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

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

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Solution on Page 18

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- 5 ___ bleu!
- 10 FDR's dog
- 14 Rabbit: var.
- 15 Pinafore
- 16 Malleable metal
- 17 Betting board
- 18 Officer
- 20 Thick slices
- 22 Superlative ending
- 23 Rows
- 24 Respond
- 26 Capture
- 27 Umbrage
- 30 College officials
- 34 Tell
- 35 Mustang
- 36 Danish coin
- 37 Muresh River city
- 38 Customers
- 40 Ollie's pal
- 41 Roofing material
- 42 Craft
- 43 Hind parts
- 45 Constituent part
- 47 Church district
- 48 French island

- 49 Assign anew
- 50 Office worker
- 53 Completely: prefix
- 54 Bout
- 58 British general, at Yorktown
- 61 Pertaining to the mouth
- 62 And
- 63 Depart
- 64 Short drinks
- 65 Whistled
- 66 Stratum
- 67 Large knife

DOWN

- 1 Simulates
- 2 Simpleton
- 3 Architectural pier
- 4 Bakery product
- 5 "My Gal ___"
- 6 Each
- 7 Helmet decoration
- 8 Tumultuous mob
- 9 Noun suffix
- 10 Having limits
- 11 Islands near Ireland
- 12 Unfrequented

- 13 Insects
- 19 Mournful song
- 21 Dispatched
- 25 Organic solvent
- 26 Book of the Bible
- 27 Harangue
- 28 Savage
- 29 Road signal
- 30 Heater
- 31 ___ Dame
- 32 Start to act?
- 33 Sound perception, e.g.
- 35 Butter mass
- 39 Hair pad
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- 42 Unworthy of
- 44 Digits
- 46 Goldfish
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Bidder Beware

There have been times when my jaw has hit the floor and I swear it registered on the Richter scale. This week brought one of them.

On Monday, I took a call from a man who was livid. "I'm gonna take 'em to court," he railed, without offering any details, like he who was or what he wanted from me.

"Tell me what happened," I said.

"I just got this dog, and he's sick. I've already spent \$700 at the vet clinic."

I asked him where he got the dog. And a few seconds later marks the point at which my face went slack-jawed.

"On eBay."

American author Edward Abbey once said, "In the modern techno-industrial culture, it is possible to proceed from infancy to senility without ever knowing manhood." This man is living proof of that theory.

He went on to tell me that his \$100 bid bought him a dog on the popular Internet auction site, and that the seller met him at a gas station on the side of a highway to deliver the merchandise: One dog. No papers. What was he thinking?

He was thinking he wanted a dog and didn't want to spend a lot of money.

He was thinking he could learn everything he needed to know from pictures posted online alongside a brief description.

What was eBay thinking? You'd be hard-pressed to argue that providing a forum for the online auctioning of live animals is a reputable practice.

Turns out, eBay doesn't allow this practice. Under Rules and Policies in the membership section of their website, they've posted a list of prohibited and restricted items for sellers, and the list includes live animals. How active eBay is in enforcing their rules, I don't know. But they do provide a space for users to report violations.

Online communities policing themselves is not a new concept. And the idea isn't too far removed from the Neighborhood Watch groups that operate in many real-world communities. The key to the success of such organizations is that the majority of the players exercise sound judgment and a sense of responsibility. Instead of bidding on the dog, this man should have flagged the seller.

Anyone who wants to become a dog owner has a responsibility to educate themselves on what it takes to raise a puppy and what it means to live with a dog for upward of 15 years. You have to pinpoint why you want a dog -- for protection, for companionship, for a special need, for the sheer joy of it -- in order to know what kind of dog would be best for you. And you have to learn a little something about those breeds in order to narrow down the best match for your lifestyle and energy level.

Once you're through with that phase of your research and decision-making, you need face time with some living, breathing, three-dimensional canines before you seal the deal. Off the top of my head, our overpopulated shelters and rescues are a great place to start.

As for the angry man who wants to sue someone over his sick pup, I'd suggest he look in the mirror and sue the guy staring back at him. After all, he's the sucker who bought a dog on eBay.

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Horoscope Guide

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can see various shapes and forms in the clouds -- angels, dogs, trees. But really, they are just clouds, drifting, changing and always moving on. Your thoughts are like this. You can interpret them one way or another, but you don't have to. If you don't identify with them, they still roll along.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Trying to create a life without stress is futile. Some stress is necessary -- the right kind of stress. You'll be empowered by the knowledge that you have hard work ahead of you, but it is not impossible work. You are capable and able. Also, you have a choice, and you are free to choose differently at any time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are sections of your world that are usually separated -- not on purpose, it just happens that way. For instance, maybe your work colleagues don't know your family friends. This changes. Different parts of your world collide. It will take a few key introductions to get the melting pot boiling.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't worry about or compare yourself to others. You are unique. And this time is unlike any before. So really, there is no way to compare. Instead, own your actions. Take charge of your attitude. Commit to your path. Passion and conviction are your success keys. You will have an infectious effect on everyone around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The theme is cooperative relationships. Through your compassion, you have gained the loyalty of those around you. And now you reap the benefits of what you have sowed. It will be easy for you to move through your week, as you will have all the respectful assistance you need. Often, you won't even have to ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some places have such a vibrant energy that you can just tell something good is going to happen there. Opportunity always springs from such a place. There are big benefits to hanging out in the "right place." The longer you stay the more likely you are to be there at that magic moment called the "right time."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Whatever ails you, when you are inspired, you can overcome it. The people who make you feel happy will be nearby. Some of these people you don't know yet. But you can tell they are important to your well-being because you immediately feel uplifted, intrigued and perhaps comforted by their presence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Physical exertion will be part of the fun. You'll be encouraged to keep going even when you're not sure you want to. Listen to your body, and let it speak more loudly than any other person's voice. Friends and coaches and even doctors cannot really know how you feel. Trust your own intuition about your body.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Stay awake and aware wherever you go. Otherwise, you can count on spending some time looking for what you lost. Whether it's your keys, your dog or your heart, you will find it pretty quickly. The trick is not to let too much time pass between losing track of what's yours and seeking it with all of your attention.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've read about magic and have heard stories about miracles that regularly happen. It all sounds improbable. Keep up the diligent work this week. Fortune favors motion. You will make most of your luck yourself, but not all of it. So stay open-minded, and do ask for help from unseen forces as you move ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This week highlights your ambition. With your high level of personal and professional determination, you will cause another person to go deeper, learn more and perform better. Is this person on your team? Maybe so. But even if that is the case, this person will eventually also be your competitor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be pondering a risk. Your concerns about what might happen if you take this chance are valid; however, they are unlikely to come true. That is, unless you dwell on them endlessly. In that case, you are sure to make a few of them occur. So focus on what you want instead of on what you don't want.

This Week's Birthdays: This month you will get the chance to try something new, go somewhere you've never been and talk to people you've been curious about in the past. All the novelty gives you a different frame of reference. And when you return to your home and routine, you will find a new love for what you do. Everyone around will be excited to help with your projects in August. You'll earn a bonus for your creative ideas in September. Romance is the theme in November, and you'll make sweet memories.

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If you are interested in being a community sponsor for next year, call 727-893-1071 for the Fishing Derby and 727-893-1592 for the Sand Castle Contest.

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Submitted by Garrett Johnson

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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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"They may deserve it but they don't deserve more than everybody else," –Dottie Bellefluer, about the firefighter raises

"I think we all can probably more often than not say thank you for what they do," – Margarete Tober, in speaking about the fallen officers in Tampa Bay

"Why are you muting our voices by refusing to show the very faces of those who elected you?" - Lee Stapella, about the city's decision about how to televise meetings

"The message to Swiftmud was that they could do what they want because Gulfport doesn't care," -Al Davis, about last week's Clam Bayou meeting that included representatives from SWFWMD and St. Petersburg

"I'd like to thank the Building Department- I don't know how much support they get," - Mr. Pia, about help his business has received

"So much for the Consent Agenda. That cut a lot of time out of things," - Mayor Mike Yakes, after council removed a set of minutes from the Consent Agenda at Councilwoman Salmon's request and discussed it for several minutes. Items cannot remain on the consent agenda if a voting member has a question about them and no discussion can take place on consent agenda items.

"80% of people with RVs will be out of compliance if we pass this," –Councilmember Jennifer Salmon, about the proposed amendment to RV storage laws.

"I think it's important that we put our desires in writing so they carry forward, even if we don't," Councilwoman Michele King, who says she wants the city to put its wishes to "go green" in writing. *"In defense of staff, we're evolving again,"* -City Manager Jim O'Reilly, about the RV ordinance

"Al Davis was right on," - Mayor Mike Yakes, about the RV issue and Mr. Davis' statement that many lots could not come into compliance.

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Family Fun on the 4th at St. Pete Beach



By Melissa Lattman



Three-year-old Tristan of Orlando checks out the water on the 4th of July with his dad.

Top; People enjoyed fishing near Merry Pier on the 4th of July.

Dive-In Movies are Back!

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center is bringing back its popular "Dive-In" movies just in time for summer! Bring your noodles, floats and chairs to the Family Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, every Friday night of the summer. Doors open at 8 p.m. and admission is just \$3 per person but is limited to the first 150 guests. Drinks, snacks, and glow jewelry will on sale at the pool. Don't miss out on this awesome summer event. Call the Recreation Department at 363-9245 for more information.

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Sign Up for Creative Summer for Kids

Registration is open for the Creative Summer 2010 at the Industrial Arts Center in Gulfport's Art Village.

Continuing July 19-23, from 9 a.m. to noon will be Kids Glass Week. 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.

Another offering for kids this summer will be Hands On Sculpture from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. In this fun series, kids will explore a variety of hands on sculptural techniques including handbuilding with clay, papier mache, working with armatures, relief sculpture and glass casting. Hands On Sculpture will be held 2 to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, July 12-15.

Kids Art Experience with James Oleson, Jr. will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday - Friday, July 5-9. Kids will learn a variety of media and make two projects each day. They will be encouraged to explore how they can create unique works of art from materials and objects they can find in their everyday environment. Media will include wire sculpture, soap sculpture, rock sculpture, collage, mosaic, caricature and more.

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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Pinellas County Utilities Watering Schedules at a Glance

as of July 1, 2010

	Pinellas County Drinking Water		Wells, Lakes or Ponds		Pinellas County Reclaimed Water	
Rule, Code, or Regulation	Pinellas County Code 82-2		Florida Administrative Code 40D-22		Pinellas County Code 82-3	
Number of Days	One		Two		Three	
Authorized Hours	Before 8:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.		Before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m.		Before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m.	
Authorized Day for Properties Less Than Two Acres	House number	Water on	House number	Water on	House number	Water on
	0 or 1	Monday	Even	Thursday and/or Sunday	Even	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
	2 or 3	Tuesday	Odd	Wednesday and/or Saturday	Odd	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
	4 or 5	Wednesday	Mixed or no address	Tuesday and/or Friday	Mixed or no address	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
	6 or 7	Thursday				
8 or 9	Friday					
Mixed or no address	Friday					
Authorized Day for Properties Two Acres or Greater	Same as above		Any house number	Water on	Same as above	
			1/2 on Thursday and/or Sunday			
Change	Same schedule since December 2001		New schedule		Seasonal restrictions: April 1 to June 30 October 1 to November 30	

NOTE: The above schedule is for residents who receive their drinking water from Pinellas County Utilities. Residents who receive water from a city need to check with their local utility provider:

Belleair, Clearwater, Dunedin, Gulfport, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, South Pasadena, St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs.



For more information, please call Pinellas County Utilities at (727) 464-4000 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities and select Watering Schedule from the menu.

Old RV Laws Mix With New and Create Controversy

GULFPORT-After much debate over setbacks and lot size, city council voted 3-2 to pass an RV ordinance. Ordinance 2010-08 amends the Chapter 21 of the city code; this chapter deals with maintaining and keeping RVs on any private property. Initially, city staff brought forth an ordinance that would allow any RV that fit on a property owner's lot to comply with the law and eliminated setbacks, but council opted to alter the ordinance and leave in the setbacks as written. Current setbacks dictate that RVs not extend past the front building on the property, stay at least six feet away from side yard line (15 feet if the lot is a corner lot adjacent to a street or alley), and be at least five feet away from any structure on the property.

During the public discussion, Al Davis suggested that the city was "bringing light where there was no darkness." Mr. Davis, who, like many of his neighbors, has an asymmetrical lot, told council he could not get his RV behind his home. His wife, Cindy Davis, also spoke.

"I know it hasn't been rolled into this, but it has been discussed, is the boat issue. In our cul-de-sac, five boats... because of Clam Bayou and the sediment- have had to ...be sold," Mrs. Davis told council.

Former mayor Yvonne Johnson spoke against the ordinance.

"I'm an RV homeowner and I know what you're going through. So many of the lots in this city... are so small... I would hate to see you pass this as it is. I just feel like you're asking for a lot of problems. I see no provision for a variance to be granted to anyone," Ms. Johnson pointed out.

Anyone who cannot come into compliance with the ordinance will have 90 days to apply for a variance or arrange for storage at the city marina. Residents at the meeting expressed dismay at paying \$70 a month to park their RVs in the marina lot.

Initial discussion surrounding this ordinance came about when *Gabber* July 8 - July 14, 2010

Margarete Tober complained about her neighbor, John Miller, city staff said. At Tuesday evening's meeting, Ms. Tober said she and Mr. Miller disagreed over this issue. In an attempt to find a solution, city staff took a count of all the RVs in Gulfport and found that of 38, most were not in compliance with the current law. By making the ordinance less restrictive and allowing Class B recreational vehicles (such as ones used for daily transportation, and it will include the Davis family's RV), the city hopes to bring more RVs into compliance.

Many of the sections of the ordinance that residents and council members objected to, such as the aforementioned setbacks, were not new additions but existing laws. Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon pointed out that the city did not enforce many issues.

"I think any ordinance we have, we should get rid of it or enforce it," she said. Councilwoman Michele King said she didn't think the ordinance would be enforceable, although she made the motion to approve the changes.

"I think this ordinance, as it stands, is unenforceable anyway. Unless you're going to permit every RV in the city, you don't know where they are. It's never going to be enforced unless it's a complaint. This is not a new ordinance, it's basically an old ordinance with new things that are in it that are more lenient than they

were before. These setbacks have been in place for ten years. There are a lot more people who don't have RVs in this city," she said, then added that in addition to pleasing the RV owners, council should consider the people who lived near them.

"The guy who lives on the other side of the fence is just as important as the guy with the RV," she said.

Mayor Mike Yakes said that existing RV owners could apply for a variance if they couldn't come into compliance.

"A variance may be awkward, but it's done," he said.

Council voted 3-2 to pass the ordinance, with Yakes and Councilman Sam Henderson casting the dissenting votes. Mayor Yakes called the ordinance "unfair."

"We have been a city of compromise. She (Ms. Tober) is trying to have the city fight a neighborhood dispute," the mayor said Wednesday morning.

"I don't wish to create an ordinance because we can't solve our personal problems," he added. We have been a city of compromise and to create an ordinance to settle her dispute with her neighbors I think is unfair."

Mr. Miller, whose RV spurred this debate, approached the dais before the vote.

"I am a motor home owner and I am probably the one that this is all about," he said "I'm going to respect his decision and I thank you all for working with us."

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Mary Atkinson,

from front page

in the Pacific. He returned, got his GED, and met Mary. He still remembers the first time he saw her after high school.

"My family had a big place in John's Pass and she was living in Sunset Beach. Some of the girls in her graduating class got together and rented a cottage. Of course, none of the beaches were like they were today. She was riding down on the back of an oil truck that was spreading oil on the side of the road to keep the sand down, and I thought, 'I want to meet her.' And it went from there; we got married in 1948," Lum recalls.

The newlyweds lived on the beach for a while, then moved to Pinellas Park. Lum got called back onto the service during the Korean war, and when he came back home, they moved to Gulfport.

"We got us a house on 14th Ave and been here ever since. I couldn't get her to leave," he says. When Florida Power offered Lum a job in Dunellon-three separate times- Mary told him, "Go ahead and commute."

Mary quit working shortly after having her first of three daughters and stayed home with them, although "staying home" didn't quite apply to Mary.

Little League, Scouts, History, Theatre... and Family

Judy Ryerson met Mary 40 years ago, when her sons played in Little League. Her husband coached it, "he coached it, he did everything. He was just involved in everything and so was Mary. She loved Little League; she absolutely loved it," she says. The two women bonded over Little League, and after Little League came Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts (Judy had boys; Mary had girls.) Both women worked together at the historical society and community theatre (Mary co-founded the historical society and her sister started the theatre group).

Between the volunteering, Mary tutored Judy's son.

"My youngest son had a great deal of trouble in elementary school (academically), and he was quiet and well-behaved so they ignored him. When he was going into second from third grade, she took him on. She taught him to read write do arithmetic, fish, and shoot off fireworks," Judy laughs. When his son had the same problem, Mary stepped up to the plate and tutored him as well.

"She was a natural teacher," Judy says. "When she didn't go to college we lost a good elementary school Christmas Mountains

Christmas only came once a year, but Mary kept the Christmas spirit all the time.

"If you'd go into her living room she had a very small tree, but she bought Christmas presents for everyone all year long," Judy remembers. "Lum actually set up an assembly line to wrap them all. It would take four or five days; she would have Christmas presents for everybody, and I mean everybody."

Mary's Touch

Mary died last week, just a few months shy of Gulfport's centennial. She got to see the musical honoring the city but will not see the celebration this October. She is physically gone but, as Mayor Mike Yakes said, still very much with the city.

"It's humbling to really see all that she's done. People have said, 'Gulfport will never be the same' but I say that Gulfport, because of Mary, is for the better for all that she has contributed. Those things will never go away. All you need to do is walk around the city and you'll see her many accomplishments, and those many accomplishments are by the genuine love of community. She was involved in Scouts, she was involved in theatre- Catherine Hickman was her sister. You look at the museum, you see Mary there. I'm going to miss her, but I feel we're blessed for her contributions to the city."

The family asks that anyone wishing to honor Mary make donations to either Scout Hall, Gulfport Little League, or the Historical Society.

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Local Obituaries

ANKELEIN, WILLIAM T., 69, of St. Pete Beach, passed away July 3rd. Survived by his loving family and friends. Guestbook at davidcgross.com David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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D'ANGELO, ANTOINETTE FABRIZIO "ANN", 91, of St. Petersburg, died Sunday, June 27, 2010, at home. She is survived by a loving family. Graveside service July 14, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Bay Pines. ALifeTribute-Gulfport.

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SMITH, LAVERNE D., 89, of South Pasadena, passed away Thursday, July 1, 2010. He moved to the area in 1972, from Fairfax, VA, and moved to Bay Islands as one of the original owners, a place he truly loved. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WW II and Korean War, a retired U.S. postal employee. Surviving are daughters, Sheryl and husband Richard Fox of St. Pete Beach, Marjorie Danzig of South Pasadena; grandchildren, Jennifer Fox of St. Petersburg, David and wife Theodora of St. Pete Beach, Gregory and wife Jacqueline Danzig of Palm Harbor; great-grandchildren Alexandra and Michael Danzig of St. Pete Beach; brother, William Smith, sisters; Dorothy Kuhlins and Merriellou Davis all of Massillon, OH. He is preceded by his wife Jeanne Smith. Services with Military Honors will be at a later date at Bay Pines National Cemetery, Beach Memorial Chapel, 727-360-5579.

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VAN FOSSAN, RHONDA L., 53, of St. Pete Beach, died Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at home. She is survived by a loving family. ALifeTribute-Gulfport.

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WINTERS, LILLIAN H., 73, of South Pasadena, died June 30, 2010. Survived by children, Daryl, Jeffrey, James Jr., Vivian G. Winters; 2 brothers; 8 grands; 3 great-grands. Faupel Funeral Home, 849-9964.

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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

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selected film trailers will be posted to SeaBreezeFilmFestival.blogspot.com.

For more information contact Christine Scott at 352-942-4803 or purchase tickets on line at <http://seabreeze.eventbrite.com>.

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Tips on Landing a Job in a Tough Economy

Employment skills training seminars will be held weekly on Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. at Gulfport Rec. Center. Weekly seminars will

include: Avoiding the resume black hole, Winning resumes, Filling out job applications, How to put your best foot forward on a job interview, to name a few topics that will be covered. The fee for each seminar is \$13.

Pat Wellner B.A, Employment Training Specialist Certificate is a creative employment consultant with over 30 years experience, will be facilitating the seminars. Ms. Wellner has been a Gulfport resident for over 11 years For more information please call John at 727-893-1079.

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Year-Round Water Conservation Measures

Effective Date and Areas

The District's year-round water conservation measures go back into effect July 1, 2010 except where stricter measures have been imposed by local governments. Always refer to your HYPERLINK "<http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/conservation/restrictions/index.html>" local government or utility restrictions.

Restrictions apply to all of Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk, and Sumter counties; and portions of Lake and Levy counties.

Unincorporated Pasco County and unincorporated Sarasota County have local ordinances and are expected to remain on one-day-per-week restrictions.

The City of Ocala and unincorporated Marion County will continue to follow the St. Johns River Water Management District's water restrictions; however, the City of Dunnellon and The Villages remain under the Southwest Florida Water Management District's water restrictions.

Lawn Watering Schedule and Times

Lawn watering is limited to twice per week.

Unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours in effect,

even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

Landscape Watering Schedule and Times

Hand watering and micro-irrigation of plants (other than lawns) can be done on any day and at any time.

New Lawns and Plants

New lawns and plants have a 30-30 establishment period, which allows any-day watering during the first 30 days.

During the second 30 days, watering is allowed three days per week: even-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday; odd-numbered addresses may water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Reclaimed Water

Reclaimed water remains subject to voluntary watering hours, unless blended with another water source or restricted by the local government or utility.

Fountain Operation, Car Washing and Pressure Washing

There are no restrictions on fountains, car washing and pressure washing. However, the Districts asks that residents be as efficient as possible, such as using a shut-off nozzle on their hose, so water isn't wasted.

Summer Archery Camp for Kids

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Community Center will be offering a children's archery camp this summer for ages 8 to 15. Kids learn proper bow and arrow technique while shooting at targets, balloons and other equipment. Instructor Dan McKaeg will be leading the camp during the weeks of July 19 through 23 and August 9 through 13. Cost is \$45 per week-long session and campers can register for one or both weeks. Contact Dan McKaeg at 727-536-6207 to register your child now!

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Pinellas Fertilizer Ordinance In Effect

Pinellas County's ban on residential use of lawn and landscape fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous took effect June 1. The summertime ban will last until October 1. A corresponding summer ban on retail sales of the prohibited fertilizers begins in June 2011.

The Pinellas ordinance is based on one developed by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program to reduce nitrogen pollution carried in stormwater runoff to the bay. Nitrogen is the major pollutant in Tampa Bay, and residential runoff (including fertilizer) comprises about 20% of the stormwater load. Hillsborough County also is weighing restrictions on use of residential fertilizers and will vote on several options on July 15.

Pinellas County has produced brochures, displays, doorhangers and Public Service Announcements to inform homeowners of the summer fertilizer ban, and TBEP is assisting in funding and distributing educational materials. Additionally, TBEP has hired Salter-Mitchell, a marketing firm whose credentials include the popular "Chesapeake Club" fertilizer education campaign in the Chesapeake Bay, to develop a 2-year fertilizer education plan for Tampa Bay.

To learn more about proper fertilizer use, and alternatives to nitrogen-based fertilizers, visit tbep.org or pinellascounty.org.

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Oktoberfest Seeks Vendors

If you are a food vendor, craft vendor or local eatery interested in participating in Most Holy Name's Fall Festival, send your contact information to nolelover1@aol.com or fax to 727-343-6420. In the subject line enter "Oktoberfest 2010" and a reservation form with fees and details of the festival will be e-mailed or direct mailed to you.

Food vendors will be stationed outdoors and the Arts and Crafts Fair will be held inside the Maria Center throughout the 4-day festival. Space is limited both outside and inside and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Reservation forms are also available in the rectory office of Most Holy Name Church at 5800 15 Avenue S. in Gulfport. The "Oktoberfest" fall festival has been an annual event in Gulfport for over 30 years and will be held October 7 through October 10. This is a fun weekend including rides, games, food, dancing and entertainment.

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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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Rotary Club Meets

The Rotary Club of St. Pete West meets Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. at the Treasure Island Yacht & Tennis Club, 400 Treasure Island Causeway, in the third floor conference room.

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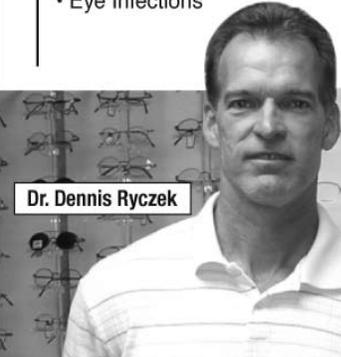
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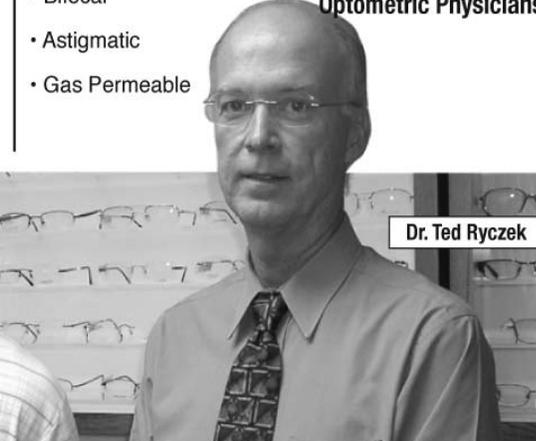
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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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In God We Trust

I heard an interesting and well presented sermon Sunday, July 4, by a pastor decrying the country's seeming abandonment of God in its everyday life. Could this explain our country's economic, moral, and political turmoil, he wondered?

Specifically, he cited the loss of prayer in the school, denying manger scenes on public sites, elimination of "In God We Trust" on new coins, and the continuous battle to wipe out religious symbols (Christian) in public places, as the source of many of our troubles. Afterwards, I didn't have a chance to discuss the topic, but would have disagreed with him to an extent.

First, let me concede that ours is a country founded on Judeo-Christian values by founders who recognized a divinity with power beyond countries and individuals. Check out the Declaration of Independence. For

more details read former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich's book, "God In America".

It's a quick read and a must read for anyone interested in the subject. The gist is that America abounds with religious symbols and has from the beginning and none of them intrude on individual religious liberties. Mostly, I agree with Gingrich. Wiping out all references to God, or symbols of God, or symbols of religion in every nook and cranny of local, state, or federal government, is to wipe out symbols of America itself.

Organized religion, many contend, has been a source of trouble in the world, and in this country. However, organized religion in America has been a huge contributor to public good in its founding of institutions to take care of the poor, the needy, the handicapped, the broken to establishing some of our nation's finest schools and finest hospitals.

Indeed, we need to study religion, we need to be familiar with its teachings, particularly in relation to the history of this country. In short we should be schooled in the Judeo-Christian philosophy.

On the other hand, having government call the religious tune, as in school prayer, should be unnecessary in a God fearing society. The Constitution in the Bill of Rights (First Amendment) grants every individual the right to practice his (or her) religion. It is not a government granted gift. It is an individual choice upon which the government should not intrude.

I argue that it is the responsibility of every believing individual to introduce his beliefs into society. It may only be by practicing beliefs privately, and leading a life by example, or it may be by street preaching. That's a right you have.

For individuals to pray in school (not the institution saying prayers for all those in school), that's fine. You might ask yourself, do we pray at home, in the morning, at meal times, at bedtime, at times of trouble, or times of joy? Many Muslims openly pray five times a day and carry a prayer rug with them. Do we, individually, display in society the values our many religions (Christians have many denominations by themselves) express?

That's the individual responsibility in a God society. It really isn't the government's job. James Madison once said that "government should not take cognizance of religion". I'm not certain that's possible or wise. However, if we attribute a decline in society and governance and politics and our daily life, to a decline in attention to God, then it is the responsibility of the individual or individuals collectively and not the job of government. They'd only mess it up, after all.

In the meantime, hear what Larry the Cable Guy (Gitt'er done) had to say (this is a paraphrase). About the Ten Commandments in public buildings: having such things as "Thou Shalt Not Give False Witness", "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery", "Thou Shalt Not Steal". Man, with all those lawyers, politicians and lobbyists, that would be a hostile environment.

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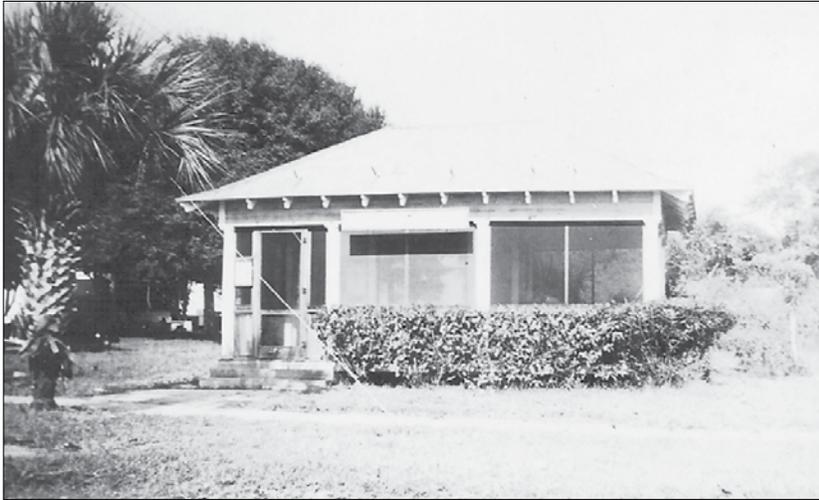
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

Last week: Just prior to the grand opening of the Rolyat Hotel in January 1926, the Pasadena Riding Academy with its 30 horses was added to the list of amenities, which now included golf, fishing, motor trips over the "smooth surrounding roads, a canter along the flower-bordered bridal paths, or merely a period of perfect relaxation, of delicious idling in the sunshine and breathing the fragrant ozone of a thousand pines.



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Get Global and Host an International Student

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. This is the last chance for these young ambassadors to fulfill their life-long dreams.

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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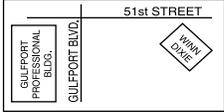


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By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

What are the Responsibilities of a Successor Trustee?

The use of a revocable living trust allows the beneficiaries of a trust to receive the assets of a deceased trust settlor without requiring formal Probate Court approval. A named successor trustee in a trust document has certain responsibilities which should be performed in the administration of the trust. Some of the ordinary and necessary steps which a successor trustee should take in lawful and proper trust administration are:

A. The trust document should be reviewed for legal sufficiency and interpretation as well as each trust amendment;

B. The implementation of the substitution of the successor trustee should be accomplished;

C. Interested persons concerning the administration of the trust should be

served with the required notices in a proper and timely fashion;

D. A successor trustee has a legal duty to protect, insure and manage trust assets and may have liability for the improper accomplishment of these legal duties;

F. A successor trustee has an affirmative duty to invest trust assets in accordance with the prudent investor rule;

G. A successor trustee is responsible to make any contributions due to the personal representative of the deceased settlor's estate in order to pay for creditor claims, administrative expenses and/or estate taxes;

H. A successor trustee has an obligation to inform and account to beneficiaries of the trust in a manner that is lawfully documented;

I. A successor trustee has a responsibility to make payment or compromise any claims made by creditors against trust assets;

J. A successor trustee is required to identify and file all tax returns in a timely and proper manner and is liable to ensure that all due taxes are paid;

K. A successor trustee is required to obtain a nontaxable certificate if the personal representative of the deceased settlor's estate has not obtained the nontaxable certificate from the State of Florida;

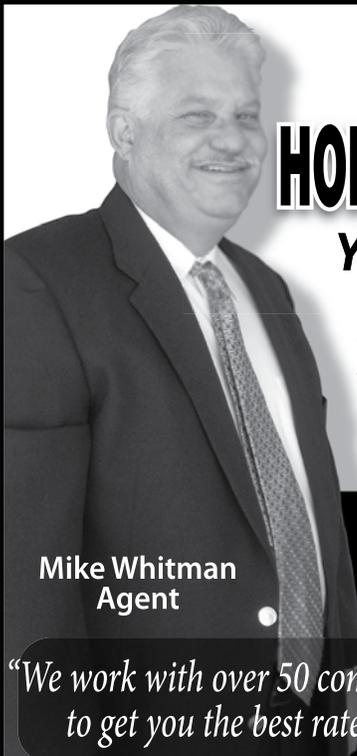
L. A successor trustee is required to distribute income and/or principal to beneficiaries of the deceased settlor's trust and is required to fund any further trusts provided for in the trust document; and

M. A successor trustee is obligated to perform all trust administration responsibilities as a fiduciary and should avoid self-dealing, prejudice or conflicts of interest. A successor trustee has a duty of impartiality in the performance of obligations to the trust beneficiaries.

The above is only a partial list of the duties of a successor trustee after a settlor of a trust passes on. Most of the successor trustee's duties should be accomplished with the guidance and assistance of competent legal counsel.

Mr. Myers is the owner of Akerson Law Offices which is located at 1135 Pasadena Avenue South, Suite 140, St. Petersburg, Florida. The telephone number is 727-347-5131. Mr. Myers welcomes calls regarding this article and other related legal topics. This column outlines general legal principles and is not intended to give you legal advice. If you have a specific question about the law, please consult an attorney.

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- Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Lost or Stolen Tag-** 5100 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5000 Blk 24th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5600 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk 50th St. S.

Saturday 6/26

- Trouble with Individual-** 4600 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5700 Blk 28th St. S.
- Road Hazard-** 5000 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Crime Awareness Meeting

The topic of the July 12 Crime Awareness & Prevention meeting is "Identity Theft". There are some simple things you can do to protect yourself! Come learn what they are! Please plan to join us at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center at 1617 49 Street S. at 7 p.m. For more information email Jeri Reed at JRvolunteer@aol.com or call 327-3509 or call Ernie Stone at 727-278-9277.

- Traffic Stop Failed to Stop-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - Stolen Vehicle-** 6300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
 - Battery-** 2800 Blk 50th St. S.
 - Domestic Verbal-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - City County Code Violation-** Pier.
 - Domestic Verbal-** 5900 Blk Pelican Bay Plz.
 - Burglary-** 5700 Blk 25th Ave. S.
- Sunday 6/27**
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5800 Blk 26th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5300 Blk 15th Ave. S.
 - Soliciting-** 6000 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Burglary-** 1600 Blk 57th St. S.
 - Domestic Verbal-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Narcotics/Drugs-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Suspicious Vehicle-** 5500 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Monday 6/28**
- Trespasser-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd S.

- Trespasser-** 2500 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 1400 Blk Gray St. S.
 - Burglary-** 5000 Blk Newton Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Burglary-** 4900 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Tuesday 6/29**
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 1100 Blk 56th St. S.
 - Theft-** 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Open Door/Window-** 2200 Blk 53rd St. S.
 - Criminal Mischief-** 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 2200 Blk 53rd St. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5500 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Wednesday 6/30**
- Domestic Battery-** 2500 Blk Premier Dr. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.
 - Criminal Mischief-** 5400 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 1500 Blk 56th St. S.
 - Accident with Injuries-** 1500 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 800 Blk 50th St. S.
 - Theft-** 2000 Blk 59th St. S.
- Thursday 7/1**
- Burglary-** 2000 Blk 55th St. S.
 - Abandoned Vehicle-** 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.
 - Domestic Verbal-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 1000 Blk 53rd St. S.
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Maximo Center has Community Information

The Maximo Community Police Resource Center, 4815 34 Street S. has information for you. For the 2010 hurricane season persons with special needs (medical, transportation, mobility and other needs) must register with the Pinellas County Office of Emergency Management is they might need special assistance at the time of a hurricane threat. Registrations forms for special needs are available at the Center. These forms and information are provided at no charge during the Center's regular business hours. They also have the forms for people with pets to register for evacuation and shelter needs.

Pick up some information from AARP on how the new health law might benefit you.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport

Q: I live off 58th Street by 11th Avenue South, and a few Saturday nights ago I got home late (around 3 a.m.) and the Sheriff's Office had cars at almost every street. There was also a helicopter circling overhead. I've looked in the paper but haven't seen anything about that night. What was going on? – Melanie King

A: Well, even though it was the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office at work, Gulfport Sergeant Rob Burkhardt lives in your neighborhood, too, Melanie. He says the helicopter woke him up that night. He also gave the Gabber the official story about what happened.

At 2:36 Saturday morning, June 19, Gulfport police officers helped the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office chase a stolen vehicle south on 58th Street. Two suspects fled south on 58th Street into Gulfport, then turned on 11th Avenue South.

From there, Sergeant Burkhardt says, the suspects got out of the car and ran away. They disappeared around 11th Avenue and Gray Street South. With help from Gulfport police, the helicopter you saw, and police dogs, deputies set a perimeter.

Unfortunately for everyone except the alleged criminals, the suspects escaped capture.

Anyone who wants more information can ask the Gulfport Police Department for log number 10-16017.

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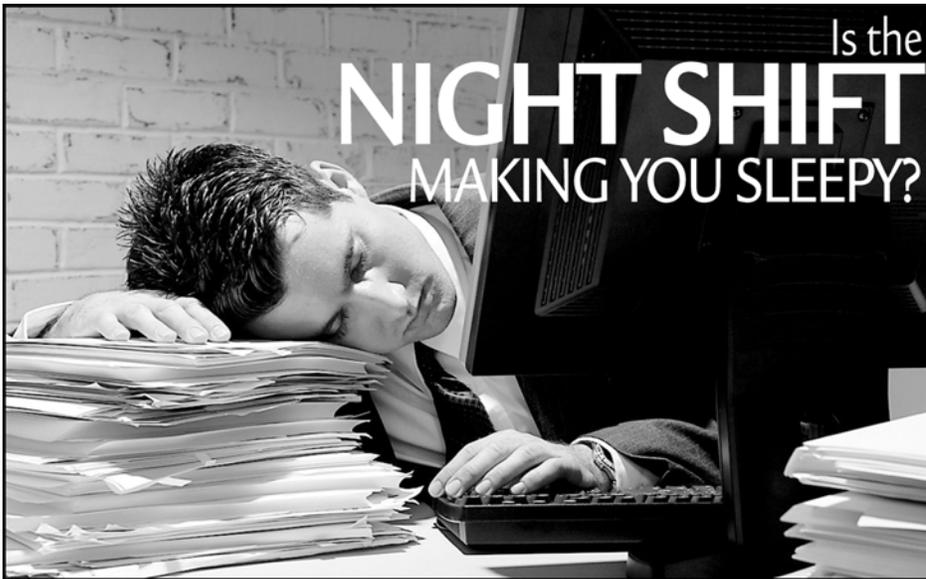
Meals on Wheels Needs Drivers

Volunteers are needed to deliver hot, nutritious meals to the homebound throughout Pinellas County. Volunteering for the Neighborly Meals on Wheels program is a hands-on, front line experience. If you have 1½ hours midday to help in your own neighborhood, you could help improve someone's life and make a real difference in this critical area of need. Meals are picked up at a site near you and delivered to the homebound in your area (maps and directions are provided).

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

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Gulfport Beach June Water Quality Report

By Cathy Salustri

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

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

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

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

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Of Dogs and Diapers

The city is entertaining establishing a dog beach, and, for a city that certainly has its share of four-footed residents, the anti-dog-beach outcry on the paper's Facebook page shocked me. Of course, "outcry" might be too strong a word, as only two people have commented at all, but what amazes me is that no pro-doggie beach people have jumped in to defend the honor of dogs and dog owners everywhere. I know, too, that opinions on Facebook certainly don't represent the real world (for those of you somewhat addicted to social networking sites, the "real" world is what's outside your window. No, your other window.)

Those who oppose a dog beach say that the dog poop will contaminate Boca Ciega Bay. Since I work Calypso into this column more regularly than BP comes up with useless solutions to the Gulf oil disaster, I think we all know what side of the fence I'm about to come down. Yup, you guessed it: Gulfport should create a full-time dog beach.

Those of us who live with dogs can tell you how very much it means to them to be able to run down a beach and splash in the water. These aren't creatures with long life spans by human standards, and that hour of joy they'll get from digging in the sand or splashing in the surf means more to them than non-dog lovers could possibly imagine. It's not as though they have other outlets like bowling or going out for tapas with friends. Let's not forget the benefits of dogs who interact regularly with other dogs: they how to behave around other dogs, making them less aggressive members of society. Couple that with a dog's need for exercise and running up and down the beach with fellow pups makes more sense than ever. And don't say they can get that in a dog park; it isn't the same.

I had the pleasure of spending 12 years of my life with a cranky, neurotic, overprotective, wonderful

Dalmatian named Madison. She went through a nasty divorce with me and never really recovered: she was mighty protective, got nervous in dog parks and didn't much care for other dogs, but get her to a stretch of beach and she was a puppy again. She was a great friend to me and the best reward I could give her was some time at the beach. When we got in the car and headed to Fort DeSoto, she knew. Once we got over the bridge on the Bayway, she'd start to whine in anticipation. She'd run up and down the beach, blowing bubbles when she stuck her snout in the sand and then chasing those same bubbles, which created more bubbles... it could go on for hours. I had to put sunscreen on her snout and behind her ears, because she'd get sunburned.

My best memories of Madison were at Fort DeSoto, and my best memories of Calypso are on the water as well. I understand and accept that unscooped dog leavings contribute to fecal coliform contamination in waterways. But anyone who thinks that a dog beach will create more unchecked dog poop either doesn't have a dog themselves or doesn't visit dog beaches much. Dog owners at Fort DeSoto are much more effective at policing the poop than any law enforcement officer could ever hope to be. I've seen things get ugly at dog beaches when someone didn't pick up after their pet, and the humiliation I've seen fellow dog owners put others through for not scooping encourages me to always- ALWAYS- have extra bags on hand when I'm at the Fort DeSoto Paws Playground. I am so downright thrilled to have a dog beach that I refuse to do anything to risk having it taken away.

When I hear talk about creating a dog beach, I think about Madison. She loved the beach. On the last day of her life, she couldn't walk anymore, but I lifted her into the back of my Rabbit and drove her down to Fort DeSoto. I inflated a raft and sat in the water with her for quite a while, letting her float. Her nose quivered at the scent of the salt air, but that

was all. After about an hour, I dried her off, put her back in the car, and together we drove to the veterinarian one last time.

I still have the collar she wore that day, and if I try real hard, I can still smell the beach on it. I wouldn't trade that last hour or two for anything except to have her back with me.

So, to those naysayers, I ask you for this: please let us have a small stretch of beach for moments like that. They mean so much to us and everything to our dogs. I understand your concerns and am not discounting them, but I will tell you that I, as a dog owner, wouldn't risk not being able to give my dog those moments of pure joy by leaving waste on the beach.

Let's compromise: let's see how it goes for three months, then decide. On behalf of Madison, Calypso, and every dog that's ever yelped with puppy-like abandon when the sand comes into view, please let us have this.

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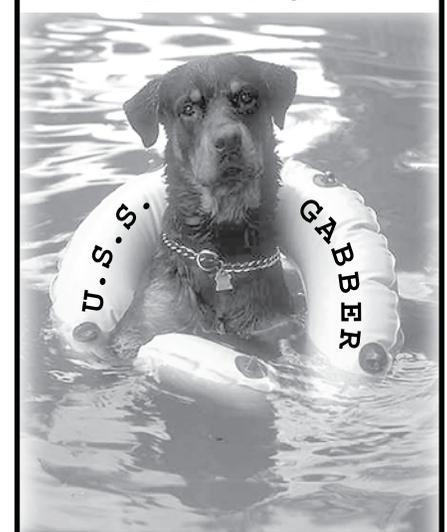
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