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Raising Money For CASA

By Leigh Clifton



Mother and daughter Laurie Dean-Crook (rt) and Emily Crook look for clothes at the Clothes Swap in Gulfport on Tuesday. They are in town for a month from California visiting Laurie's mother Carol Koehler, who lives in Gulfport. The event was also a fundraiser for CASA, Community Action Stops Abuse. People who came to the swap without clothing to contribute were asked for a donation to CASA. That money raised will go directly to CASA, which helps shelter battered women, educates them on their alternatives and also has a large thrift store downtown.

Later Alcohol Sales

ST. PETE BEACH- An ordinance extending the hours alcohol can be sold and served in the city passed on first reading. Soon alcohol could be sold or served until 3 a.m.

City Attorney Mike Davis said if Pinellas County extends service until 3 a.m., the city would not have to have the longer hours.
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Gulfportian, Kirby Rohrer Dies After Battle With Cancer

Gulfport lost a second community treasure in as many weeks: Kirby Rohrer died this week, and everyone who knew him mourned the man.

"I considered Kirby my friend for the past 30 years," Gulfport's city manager Jim O'Reilly said. As a teenager, he met Kirby, but later served on Gulfport City Council with him. "He was just one of them guys: somebody who seems to get along with everybody. It sounds goofy, but you know, he was one of those people who wore their heart on their sleeve. He was just a nice guy."
See *Kirby*, page 6



Gulfport Police Seek Public Input



Police Chief Robert Vincent

When he was appointed to the office in February, Chief Robert Vincent made it clear he was going to have his officers police the community

the way the people wanted it to be policed. One of his objectives was to actively solicit the opinions of those who use or benefit from police services, including residents, business owners, workers, and visitors in Gulfport.

Since then, the chief and his staff have been developing a community survey for just that purpose. After consulting the University of South Florida Criminology Department, they have come up with a survey designed to collect information

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Oil Spill Update

Sally Bishop of Pinellas County Emergency Management said chances are there will be little if any impacts on the area from oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Currently there is a one to 20 percent chance of the spill impacting this area, with the area just to the south of here having a less than one percent chance of impact, she said.

The oil is still 300 miles away. With the Tampa Bay area so far geographically removed from the initial spill- the product from the spill in this area would be more weathered, like tar balls, than what has been seen further north, Bishop said.

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Mariners Asked to Use Caution

ST. PETE BEACH- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be conducting dredging operations by the Blind Pass and Johns Pass vicinities. Its part of the beach renourishment and erosion control. The work is planned for July 19 through December 16.

Mariners should operate vessels with caution in the area due to potential for floating debris, increased traffic due to dredging operations, floating pipeline and large equipment working in and along the navigation channels. Mariners can monitor channels 13/16 or call (904) 232-2258 for more information.

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Parking Changes

ST. PETE BEACH- Some street parking changes passed on first reading. The modifications would remove all parking on the south side of 10th Avenue, which goes back to what was previously allowed before the ordinance changed last in May. Changes would be made to the ordinance to reflect existing signage on

55th Avenue. Also parking would be prohibited on both sides for parts of 64th Avenue, this extends the present no parking area, City Manager Mike Bonfield said.

Some residents from 64th Avenue expressed visibility concerns when cars are parked on the street and cars try to pull out of a condominium complex. "It's a pretty busy little area when they pull out," a resident said.

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City Commission is Community Redevelopment Agency

ST. PETE BEACH- The city commission approved a resolution making it the community redevelopment agency for the city's community redevelopment areas. The county required the commission served in that capacity, City Manager Mike Bonfield said.

Tasks covered include creating plans and administering the CRAs, which include the city's downtown area and the resort area along Gulf Boulevard.

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Kirby, from front page

"He did a lot of good things in Gulfport, there's no doubt about it."

Everyone who spoke about Kirby gave evidence of a life brimming with good deeds. Although he worked as a building contractor all over the state, he devoted the lion's share of his free time to Gulfport organizations. He saw every organization he got involved in, from Little League to the Lions Club, as an opportunity to touch lives and give something back to the community.

Kirby coached Little League teams, going beyond advice about hitting to making sure the teams had what they needed.

"The first time I met Kirby was when I was 17 years old and we were playing ball and our team didn't have a sponsor. Kirby sponsored the team and bought us our uniforms and we ended up playing," Mike Bonfield, the city manager of St. Pete Beach who grew up in Gulfport and still lives there today, remembered.

Kirby also operated Cliff and Kirby's Snack Bar (in the space presently

occupied by O'Maddy's) and then, in conjunction with a friend, ran KC Train. He presided over the Lion's Club for two terms and managed the city's marina for a bit. For 13 Christmases, he also mysteriously disappeared whenever Santa Claus came to visit R.W. Caldwell Realty. From 1987 – 1989, Kirby served on Gulfport council for Ward Two.

Although not born here- a Pennsylvania native who bought a home in Gulfport in 1977- he filled his 33 years in Gulfport with a lifetime of giving. With no biological children, he leaves behind a mass of unofficial children, grandchildren and godchildren whose lives he touched with his unique ability to keep giving.

"He was continually giving to the community and those around him," Mr. O'Reilly recalls. "He knew everyone from all parts of life, from the kids at Little League to the older ladies that he always had time for."

A gathering will take place to celebrate Kirby's life and magnanimous spirit this Saturday at the Gulfport Lion's Club. The

gathering starts at 2 p.m. and will last three hours.

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One Act Festival on a Roll!

The Gulfport Community Players opened their 10th Annual One Act Play Festival last weekend at the Hickman Theater and the audiences are getting their money's worth! Festival features ten short plays never seen before, with a total of 26 people in the cast! All this great live theater is offered for just \$15.

Entertainment for all ages is the norm for the Players and this Festival has that in spades. There is a little bit of everything- comedy, drama, and a couple of plays that actually make you think!

Join the crowds for the Festival's last weekend. Tickets are still on sale at Eileen's Resale Boutique, the Beach Bazaar, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, the Gulfport Casino, at the door, or by calling them at 727-322-0316 for advance sales.

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

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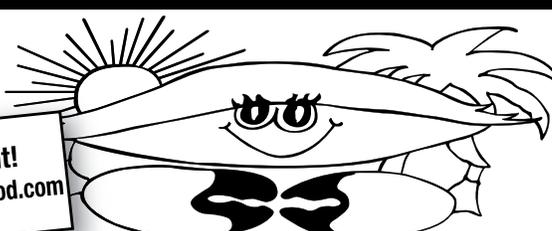
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Alcohol,

from front page
Commissioners debated having later alcohol sales just on Fridays and Saturdays but thought it could get too confusing and uniformity was better.

"In a tourist area, all week is a weekend," Commissioner Halpern said.

Commissioners discussed extending hours in just parts of the city. Commissioner Shavlan said he's pro business but understands concern of residents living near the businesses like in Pass-a-Grille.

"I'm pro business but concerned about Pass-A-Grille," he said.

Commissioners decided with nearby towns in the process of extending hours they should do the same in St. Pete Beach to help businesses in town.

"I think we have an excellent police force.. (we) need to keep the playing field fair," Finnerty said.

Christmas in July on Corey Avenue

The Corey Area Merchants are hosting a "Christmas in July" sales extravaganza through July 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 Saturday, July 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!

Free Parking. Corey Avenue is located just off Gulf Blvd. in downtown St Pete Beach. Call 727-498-8778 or visit www.coreyave.com.

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Summer Jazz Series

The Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will present the next in a

series of summer jazz concerts on Thursday, July 22 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Boulevard in Pinellas Park (across from the Wagon Wheel Flea Market, behind the car wash). Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5. Food and drink available. Call 727-397-1875.

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To participate in the online survey, please visit www.gulfportpolice.com/2010survey.html.

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.

Fall Vegetable Garden Class Sprouting Up

Reaping a harvest of flavorful fall vegetables starts with adequate preparation during the summer. Backyard enthusiasts can learn how to get started the right way with an upcoming four-part series on vegetable gardening at Pinellas County Extension.

Extension horticulturists will show participants how to plan and lay out a garden plot, methods to enhance the soil by incorporating organic matter and how to select the best vegetable varieties for Florida's fall/winter growing season.

The Saturday classes begin July 17 and are \$15 per person per class. Attendees who complete the first class and fill out a course evaluation get a compost bin (one per household) courtesy of Pinellas County Utilities Solid Waste Operations.

Call 727-582-2100 or visit pinellascountyextension.org and click on Calendar tab for more information or to register.

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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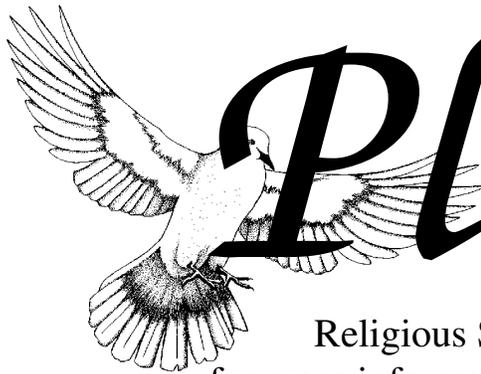
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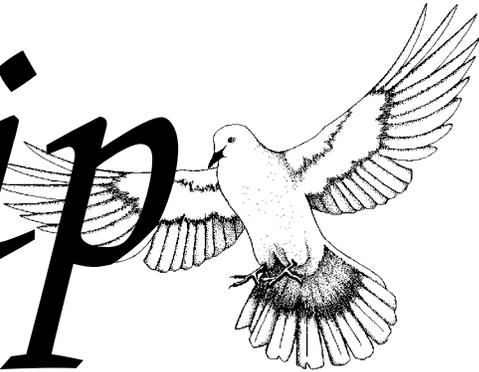
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Meet the New Pastor at Gulfport Methodist

On July 4th, the First United Methodist Church of Gulfport welcomed their new pastor, Dr. Gerald Partney, Jr. For the past 15 years, "Pastor Jerry" has been serving as the Pastor of the Albright United Methodist Church on 5th Ave. N. in St. Petersburg. He has been transferred to Gulfport and it is hoped many members of his former congregation at Albright will be coming with him.

Prior to his call to the ministry, "Pastor Jerry" served on the Faculty of the University of South Florida and also spent many years in the real estate and health insurance industry. He has been married to his wife Pat, a native Floridian from Miami, for 32 years and they have five grown children.

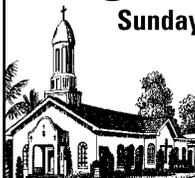
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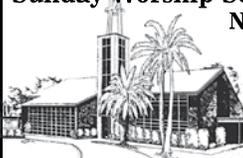
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By Melissa Lattman

City of St. Pete Beach

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Letters

There are Heroes Among Us in Gulfport!

Dear Editor: On Saturday, July 3 after a two-day search, I discovered by cat Pablo on top of a very tall "fan" palm tree. I called the non-emergency police number for help, hopefully from the fire department. I was told "No help for cats except in an emergency." I said, "By tomorrow, it will be an emergency as he's been up there for two days with no food or water already." Three great firefighters, whose names I'm sorry to say I didn't get as I was so distraught, came to help but the tree was too high for their ladders. One of the men suggested I call his cousin

who has a bucket truck for his tree business, Tim Coppola. I called and left a message about Pablo's plight. He called back quickly and said "I just got home from working all day and I was in the shower before taking my kids fishing as promised, but I'll come by and see if my bucket is high enough." He did, then went back to Tangerine Ave. and drove the bucket truck back. After some coaxing, Pablo was safe and sound in his arms, although quite traumatized after his two-day ordeal. He soon ate and drank and slept soundly, happy to be home. Thanks a million to Tim Coppola and the Gulfport Police and Fire departments. I'm forever grateful to all involved in the rescue of Pablo.

Donna Naughton

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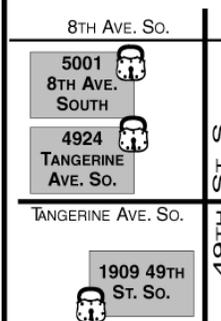
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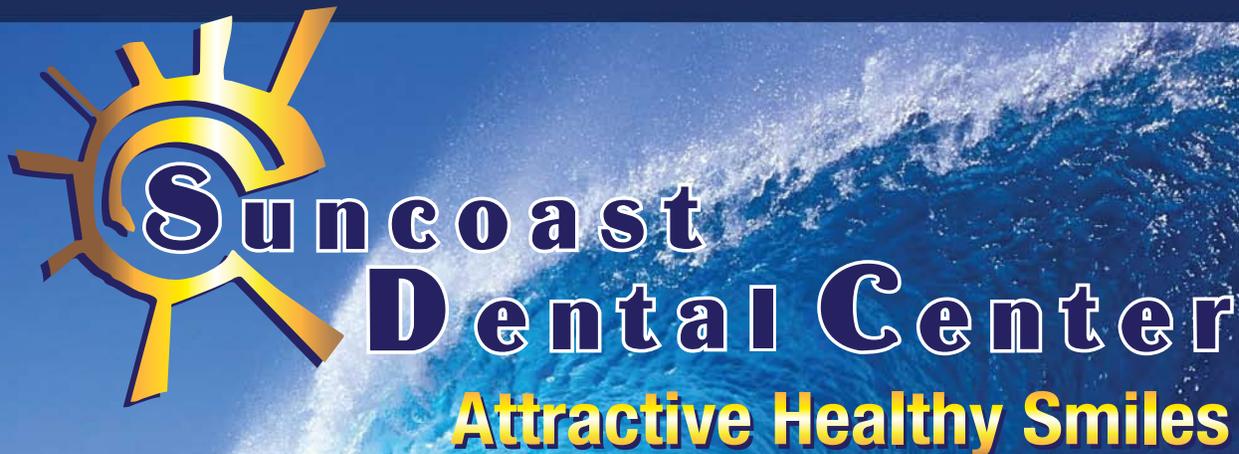


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The Library's Summer Program activities take place every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Friends room until the "Grand Finale" on Wednesday, August 10. Kids of all ages are encouraged to participate. All is free and all are welcome at the Gulfport Public Library. For more information, call 727-893-1074.

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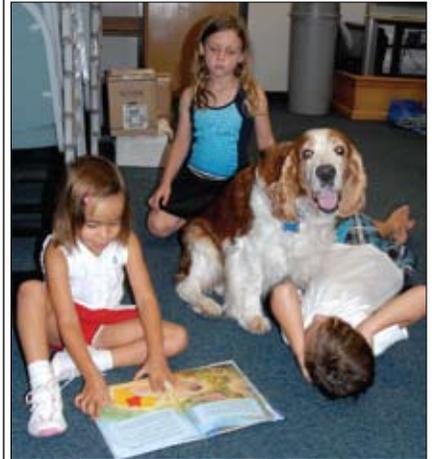
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Tucker Tuesdays



By Melissa Lattman

This summer a four-footed friend joins children for reading time at the St. Pete Beach Library. On Tuesdays Tucker, an 11-year-old Welsh Springer Spaniel comes and listens as children like (far left) three-year-old Samantha of Treasure Island read to him. Tucker has been a therapy dog for about five years and now makes about 100 visits each year around the greater Tampa Bay area.



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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

Do you think Gulfport should allow a dog beach here?



Jody Orgill, Gulfport: “Absolutely! It’s so much fun to take the dogs down to the water. I have two dogs and I work with dogs as well. I know I would be responsible and pick up the dog droppings. I actually hand out flyers that describe the effects of animal waste on the water and the environment. Here we worry about direct runoff into the storm drains that empty into the Bay. I try to educate people about what happens if they don’t pick up their pet’s waste. On the dog beach, we could provide plastic bag stations and trash cans. So many people in Gulfport have dogs and most are very responsible. It seems that the people who are complaining about the waste don’t have pets. I think the place for a dog beach would be to the left of the Casino. That might be a perfect spot.”

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Marsha Warner, Gulfport: “At first I thought there should be one allowed, but after talking to a few people I changed my mind. I don’t think our beach is long enough to support a dog beach and I’m very concerned that some people won’t clean up after their dogs. I have two dogs myself and I use the dog park all the time, but I don’t think they need to go to a beach here. There’s already a dog beach at Fort DeSoto and that has a nice, long beach.”

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Kathy Capen and Sebastian, Gulfport: “I would absolutely say yes to a dog beach here. I think people should be allowed to take their dogs to the water and play. Salt water has a great healing quality for wounds, for both humans and animals. I think we could have a volunteer committee or group that could police the beach in the evening and make sure the beach is left clean, or maybe a donation box that would buy supplies for the cleanup. I think if we all worked together, we could keep a dog beach clean and fun for everyone.”

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Lalan Hill, Gulfport: “I’m totally in favor of it; I can’t tell you how exciting it would be. I have three dogs and two children and taking the dogs to the dog park with the girls is difficult. I’m not sure how child-friendly the other dogs are and I certainly can’t leave the dogs alone in the park or leave the girls outside the fence. We love the little community feel of Gulfport. The people of Gulfport love their town and I think they would take great care of a dog beach. After all, it would be OUR beach. Fort DeSoto is ok; it’s got a very large beach, but it’s kind of hard to get to. If we had our own little dog beach here, we could just let the dogs off the beach to enjoy themselves and we could enjoy the beach! I think the people here with dogs have a high level of responsibility. They welcome dogs in several restaurants here. You hardly ever see an unruly dog here. We also have one of the biggest pet fairs here with Get Rescued. That draws people from all over. I think people here would take the protection and clean-up of the beach very seriously. I think the perfect place to put a dog beach would be to the left of the Casino; there are benches you could sit on and watch your dog play in the water. Nobody ever swims there anyway, because a lot of stuff washes up there, like sea grass. The dogs would love it!”

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Your Health

By Rallie McAllister M.D.

Feeling Stressed? Time for a Nature Break

If you're like most Americans, you probably spend the vast majority of your time indoors, whether you're working, sleeping or watching television. Data published by the Environmental Protection Agency suggest that adults in the U.S. typically spend about 90 percent of their lives in some type of building.

All this time spent cooped up inside could be causing us to miss out on some important benefits linked to communing with nature. Being outside in natural settings makes people feel more alive, according to research published in the latest issue of the *Journal of Environmental Psychology*.

In a study of more than 500 college students, scientists at the University of Rochester in New York found that subjects consistently reported feeling more energetic when they spent time outdoors in natural surroundings, as opposed to remaining indoors. Being outside in nature for just 20 minutes a day was enough to significantly boost energy levels and produce a greater sense of wellbeing.

Sitting quietly in nature is good for you, but engaging in virtually any type of physical activity in the great outdoors appears to be even better. The results of a new study published

in the journal *Environmental Science and Technology* reveal that when subjects engaged in just five minutes of activity in a natural setting, they enjoyed dramatic boosts in mood and self-esteem.

You don't have to travel to a remote destination to tap into the powerful benefits of nature. Research suggests that spending time in a backyard garden, on a golf course or at a city park can be as emotionally restorative as hiking or camping in the wilderness.

Even if your circumstances keep you trapped indoors most of the time, it's still possible to enjoy the health-promoting effects of nature. Simply observing natural flora and fauna through a window has been shown to reduce anxiety and anger while enhancing feelings of pleasure.

These effects may come in handy while you're driving, particularly if you're susceptible to road rage. Rather than glaring maniacally at your fellow commuter, it's helpful to periodically glance at the natural scenery beyond your windshield.

Research suggests that taking a moment to appreciate the beauty of a blue sky or a green area while driving can lower blood pressure and heart rate significantly, reflecting a greater sense of calm and an overall reduction in the body's response to stress.

For folks suffering from illness or injury, viewing nature appears to help diminish pain and hasten healing. In a landmark study published in the journal *Science*, researchers compared the effects of natural

scenery and manmade structures on patients recovering from gallbladder surgery.

The scientists found that surgical patients who stayed in hospital rooms with windows overlooking natural settings fared far better than those confined to rooms with windows facing brick walls. The patients whose hospital rooms afforded views of nature experienced fewer surgical complications and had faster recovery times.

The nature-viewing patients also reported less post-operative discomfort and required fewer prescription painkillers than their counterparts who viewed manmade structures.

While it's easy to think that toiling at a windowless workstation might deter daydreaming and increase an employee's productivity, the opposite is true. When officeworkers are able to enjoy a glimpse of nature from their desks, they report experiencing improved concentration and greater attention to detail.

Exposure to nature is associated with better problem-solving abilities and reductions in mental fatigue, irritability, illness and on-the-job accidents. The results of several studies demonstrate that employees who are able to glance outside while working tend to experience less job-related stress while enjoying greater job satisfaction.

If you don't have access to a breathtaking view of nature at work, you can always improvise with photographs or paintings. Scientists at the University of Rochester found that subjects who simply imagined themselves in natural settings felt significantly energized afterward.

If you're not able to traipse around outdoors or gaze out of windows while you're on the job, you might be able to bring a bit of nature's beauty indoors. Studies conducted by Norwegian researchers demonstrated that sprucing up the workplace with living plants resulted in less fatigue and fewer headaches among employees.

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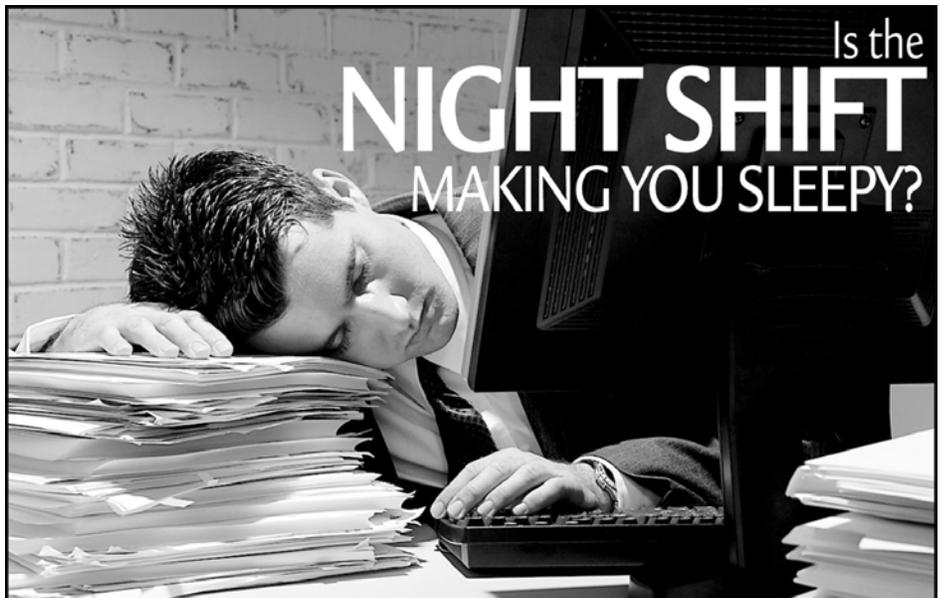
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- 17 FL vacation site
- 19 Actress Lanchester
- 20 In addition
- 21 Anatomy class model
- 23 What some willows do
- 25 Diva specialty
- 26 Misdeeds
- 29 Mine line
- 32 Inherited items
- 35 Starter for lord or board
- 36 ___ Rico
- 38 Kind of cat
- 39 Spenser's sidekick
- 40 Vapid
- 41 Persian fairy
- 42 Skater Midori
- 43 Blush
- 44 AI Roker prediction
- 45 ___ Haute, Ind.

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- 47 Part of CBS
- 48 Amusement park feature
- 49 Get the ___ out!
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- 53 Bahamas cruise stop
- 57 Liberate
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- 64 Another 41 Down
- 65 Legalize
- 66 Getz on tenor sax
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- 68 Shows courage
- 69 In a foul mood

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- 60 Medieval field hand
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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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New or gently used clothes and shoes can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at Clothes To Kids two convenient locations, in Clearwater at 1059 N. Hercules Ave. and their new store in St. Pete at 3251 Third Avenue N. Cash donations are always needed to purchase clothing in short supply and new underwear. Adult and youth volunteers are always needed especially in the new St. Pete store.

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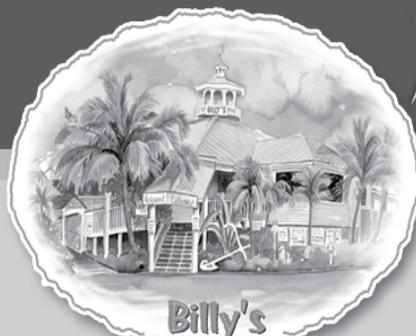
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Horoscope Guide

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have remarkable powers of empathy. Your natural sensitivity to what others are going through will allow you to effectively respond to the needs of others. You may even have the healing touch. The trick is to give of yourself without compromising your personal boundaries. Make sure your needs are met, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You would love to spend your week making headway on a project or playing with a new toy. Alas, your other responsibilities will prevent you from doing exactly what you want. This is how it is. It makes no sense to resent the schedule. Instead, give yourself over to it entirely. Resolve to have a blast fulfilling your duty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have dear friends whom you've known a long time. They have seen you grow, and they have changed, too. Your paths sometimes diverge. This doesn't have to make such a big difference in your relationships, though. You don't have to be alike in all things to be able to appreciate and enjoy one another.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those around you will be reminded that from time to time you can be intense. It's an attractive part of your character, but only because it happens so rarely. Brief instances of passion make life sparkle with excitement. But know when to turn it off. For the most part, a life devoid of extremes will suit you well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your experience will be enhanced through the efforts of working together. You'll come across some who need your gentle guidance to understand how to share. Your example of give and take may be all it takes to teach these people how best to cooperate and get along. Stay compassionate and be patient.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). From the earthworm underground to the highest-flying bird, every creature on earth has a purpose. You, too. This is true whether or not you feel particularly on course. There will be times when you don't -- ditto for the earthworm and the bird, and yet they do their thing and contribute to the earth's harmony.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because certain things haven't worked out in the past, you now feel a greater need for control. It's helpful to some extent. Some things do need to be managed, and you're the perfect person to do it. But this method will get tiring, so change your belief that others are incompetent. Expect them to be competent instead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Misery might love company, but joy draws a crowd. That's where you are this week as you repeatedly count your blessings. Your knack for winning people over relies on a long-refined technique of irresistible magnetism. The magnet is powered by a basic sense of joy. You love people, and people love you back.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll heal a relationship this week using one of your superpowers -- emotional flexibility. Like a tree bending over in a windstorm without breaking, you have gone to great lengths and compromises to make things work. Yielding is not your favorite thing to do, but for a little while, it will prove to be the most effective.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). One branch does not control the whole tree. Without the branch, the tree and the roots will go on doing what they do. If you find yourself obsessing over one thing that is not going as you want it to, bring your attention back to what is really essential. There is much to enjoy about your life and its process.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be offering something to the world. Your offer may be projected in the form of an e-mail, an advertisement or an energy that's jumping off of you. Before you send out the attention-getting message, ask yourself: Do I have the resources to respond to the opportunities or challenges I'm likely to get back?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Children, students and others you are responsible for may come across as being exceptionally needy this week. Some requests require your help. Also, look for appropriate times to encourage self-reliance. By backing off, you provide an opening for them to find courage and listen to their own hearts.

This Week's Birthdays: You will be astounded at how much you can accomplish this year. Friends will ask your secret, and it's really quite simple: You have to get a lot done in order to survive in the game you're playing. And you derive great satisfaction along the way. Wisdom from an elder will inform your career decisions in September. Finances take a turn for the better in October. Your love life thrives because you go with the flow, especially during December's excitement. Invest in January.

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Performing artists such as Johnny Zoom Cheerleading Squad, Sandy Atkinson, Julie Black, Ronny Elliot, Natty Moss Band are just a few of the large lineup scheduled for Beach Theatre throughout the event. SSS will have information about their organization as well as birds on display.

Participating Corey Merchants will also have live music inside their stores and on the sidewalks at no charge for your entertainment while strolling Corey Avenue. All bands and musicians are donating their time for this cause.

Other organizations such as the Tampa Bay Watch Marine Center and the Clearwater Marine Aquarium will be there to show and demonstrate what they do to help our seabird and wildlife population. There will be raffles, games and other fun things to help raise money for these organizations.

Corey Avenue is located just off Gulf Blvd. in downtown St. Pete

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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

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- Tennis - Tues., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call Jack at 430-0690.
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Our Summer Reading Programs and “Wednesday Afternoon Specials” will continue through July and early August

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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: 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 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.

The Final Scrapbook and Crafts” program for Summer 2010 will be on THURSDAY, August 5 at 2:00 pm.

Our “Grand Finale” for Sum-

mer Reading Programs is for ALL AGES! Come celebrate with us (and dance with our Fog Machine!) on Wednesday, August 11 at 2:00 pm!
SummerCoffee/Talk Movie: “Charley”. Thursday, August 12, 1:30 pm. Based on the novel Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes, and starring Cliff Robertson and Claire Bloom. This Emmy-nominated TV film is not rated, and contains mature subject matter. (MGM, 1968, 104 minutes).

Unless otherwise noted, all programs and meetings are held in The Frances Purdy Friends Room

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Center Looking for 100 Year

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

Presentation on Colorectal Cancer:

No one wants to talk about it but education is key to preventing more people from getting colorectal cancer. After all, it is the second highest cause of cancer related deaths. Come to a special presentation on Tues. July 27 at 10am. Courtesy of the Pinellas County Health Department.

Items Needed: The Senior Center is looking for the following items for upcoming projects: greeting cards of any kind, gift wrap, bows, ribbon, gift bags, stationary, regular and costume jewelry. Also, anything seasonal: Halloween Thanksgiving, Christmas and patriotic items. If you have any of these items on hand and no longer need them, please consider passing them our way! Thank you.

Lighthouse of Pinellas Visits Senior

Center: A special presentation will be offered on Mon. Aug. 9 at 2pm by Lighthouse of Pinellas to help seniors who are blind or visually impaired learn how to manage day-to-day tasks and personal needs using special techniques and devices. Learn how to travel safely and independently, use low vision magnifying devices, and much more! Future classes may be offered at the Senior Center that will focus on living independently if there is an interest. Call the Senior Center for more info.

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.

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

Tai Chi: 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Card & Game Party (Name Your

Game): Mark your calendar now for our Card & Game Party on Wed. July 21, 1-4pm. Includes door prizes, food,

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& beverages. Buy your ticket now for your group or yourself, \$10 each. There will also be opportunity drawings for 20 raffle items. (20/\$5 or 3/\$1). Call for more info.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Grandparents Raising 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 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. A special presentation will be offered on Mon. July 26 by a diabetic educator. Newcomers welcome.

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

“Upham is the only area where we have enough beach.” -City Manager Mike Bonfield on shooting the fireworks from Upham Beach. Because the 4th of July fireworks did not go off due to technical problems and human error, the city gets its fireworks free next 4th of July. Plus, they can have another fireworks show free before the end of the year, Bonfield said

“What’s the big deal if we drop the speed?” -Commissioner Marvin Shavlan on lowering the speed limit on Gulf Boulevard out of concern for pedestrian safety.

“We need to look at how they set (the speed limit) in the first place and why.” -Vice Mayor Jim Parent, in response to Shavlan’s suggestion to lower the speed on Gulf Boulevard to 25 to 30 miles per hour. City Manager Mike Bonfield said he would look into it.

“Our community does not have the organizations needed for this type of facility.” - A resident, on a proposed early release or halfway house on Corey Avenue. City Manager Mike Bonfield said the city has met with one potential buyer of the building proposed for the facility but the city had not received any applications for anything related to the facility.

“I am a humanitarian-people should be given chances... it’s a complex social issue.” -Vice Mayor Parent saying he didn’t think the philosophy of a halfway house was bad although he thought it would be bad for the city.

“One of the shops on Corey was selected as an outstanding business of the year.” -Commissioner Halpern, on Gone to the Dogs Boutique being recognized as a fine business.

Boating Classes in Gulfport

USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 7-16 is located at 3120 Miriam Street S. behind the Gulfport City Marina. Power point classes are every Thursday evening from 7:30-9:30 p.m. with a cost of \$40 per student for a 400 page color book. It is a 13-week revolving class; you may start any Thursday. Upon completing chapters 1-8, students will be eligible for their Florida State Safe Boating Card.

The new FWC rule states that anyone born on or after January 1, 1988 is required to have successfully completed a approved boating education course and have in their possession a boating education ID card and photo identification card before operating a vessel with a motor of 10 HP or more in Florida. After graduating the 13-week course, in addition to insurance discounts you will receive a “comp” one year BoatU.S. membership.

The new phone number for the Gulfport Auxiliary is 727-399-7986 or email auxgulfport@yahoo.com.

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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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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.

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Tall Ships Hit Channelside

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The Tall Ship Gloria, from Cartagena, Columbia rests dockside at Channelside in Tampa. The ship is one of three Tall Ships that participated in Sail Tampa Bay, a waterside festival to celebrate Tampa's rich maritime history. The Gloria draws 16 ft 4", has a beam of 34 ft 8" and is 249 feet long. Her mast dwarfs the 30 ft palm trees that line the dock at Channelside. All three ships, including the American USCG Eagle, and Capitan Miranda from Uruguay, offered tours aboard for the public.



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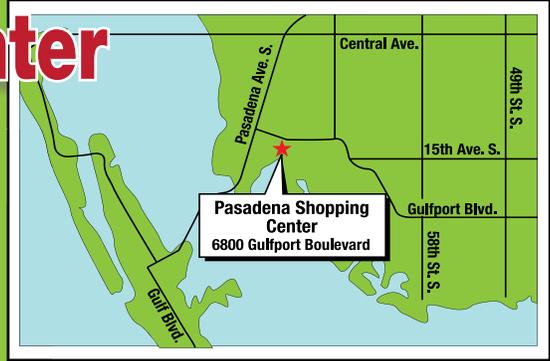
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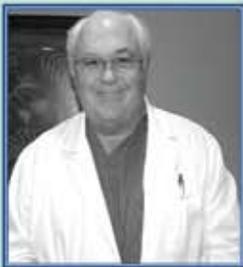
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Eligible seniors can receive help up to twice a year during each high-demand season. Health and Human Services staff members screen applicants to determine if they meet income limits. The income limit is 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline. For a household of one, the limit is \$16,245 a year. For two people, the income limit is \$21,855 (add \$5,610 for each additional member of family units with more than eight members.)

Prospective clients can either stop by a Health and Human Services office or call for an appointment and information. Call Annie Shaw at 727-464-8400 in Clearwater or Anne Eicher at 727-582-7781 in St. Petersburg. Health and Human Services offices are located at 2189 Cleveland Street, Suite 230, Clearwater and at 647 First Avenue N. in St. Petersburg.

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Two representatives from the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg were on hand June 29 to help select five pieces from the resident exhibit for submission to a nationwide contest sponsored by Watermark Retirement Communities. Finalists from 25 Watermark communities coast to coast will be featured in Expressions 2011, a calendar celebrating active aging and the arts. The calendar will be released in December.

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Local Obituaries

BARBEE, PATTY K., 66, of Gulfport, peacefully passed away early Tuesday morning, July 6, 2010 at the home of her daughter, Robin Barbee. Patty moved to Gulfport from Locust, NC in February 2010 after being diagnosed with cancer to be in her daughter's care. Patty is survived by her daughters Robin and Rita, granddaughter, Jordan and brothers Ronald, Gary, and Tony also of Locust, NC. Robin Barbee and Kim Finnegan will be receiving friends at their home located at 5136 23rd Ave S. in Gulfport on Sunday July 18, 2010 from 5 p.m. til 8:30 p.m. Those wishing to attend may bring food and beverages to share as we celebrate Patty's life and give thanks to supportive friends.

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HOISINGTON, HAZEL, 93, of South Pasadena, passed away Thursday, July 8, 2010 in South Pasadena. She moved to the area in 1979 from Detroit, MI. She was a member of Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church and is survived by her loving husband of 57 years John; son Andrew Fischer; 6 grand-children; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded by her daughter Dorothy. Services will be Monday, July 12, at 11a.m. with a gathering of family and friends beginning at 10 a.m. at Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Pete Beach, 727-360-5577. Me and you, You and me, That's the way, It will always be, In heaven and eternity. "Love John".

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JUODIKIS, REGINA, 68, of Gulfport, passed away July 9, 2010. She is survived by her loving family and friends. Guestbook at davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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LUPINE, JEAN H., 80, resident of Town Shores, Gulfport, died Friday, July 9, 2010. Born in Pittsburgh, PA she was a retired government worker and a member of the American Legion Post 125. She is survived by son David Lupine, nieces Linda Rock and Diane Rathbun and nephews George Rock and James Rock.

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MARINER, ROBERT, 75, of St. Pete Beach, died Monday, July 6, 2010, at home. Born in Chicago, he came here in 1981, from Oak Park, IL. He served as a St. Pete Beach City Commissioner from 1993-1997, and was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, St. Pete Beach. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jacquelyn; five children, William, John, Mary Woody, James and Patricia Davis. He was predeceased by a son, Michael. Other survivors include a sister, Patricia O'Sullivan and 6 grandchildren. A Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Monday, July 12, 2010, at St. John's Catholic Church in St. Pete Beach. A reception will follow at the parish hall, followed by entombment at Memorial Park Cemetery. On line memorial and guestbook at www.brettfuneralhome.net. Brett Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 727-321-3321.

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MONTROY, JOHN A., 67, of Gulfport, died Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at home. He is survived by his sister Sandra Montroy and a loving family. ALifeTribute-Gulfport.

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RUPP, FERN WESTCOTT, 83, of Gulfport, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, July 2, 2010. She was born March 28, 1927 in Toledo, OH to Frank J. (Fern) Westcott and graduated from DeVilbiss High School and Denison University where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Fern relocated to Florida in 1976 and resided at Isla Del Sol in St. Petersburg, where she was an avid golfer and President of the Ladies Golf Association. She enjoyed sharing her great style with customers while working many years at Casual Corner and Petite Sophisticates. She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Frances W. DiTirro and her older sister, Roberta W. Maxwell. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Karen Rupp of Gulfport; and son, Frank "Westy" Rupp (Caroline) of Palm Springs, CA; and nieces and nephews. She is remembered for her ever-present smile, her love of life and her God. There will be a gathering of friends and family on Friday, July 9, 2010 from 4 pm until service time at 6 pm at the funeral home. Memorial

contributions may be made to Suncoast Hospice or Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.alifetribute.com. ALifeTribute FuneralCare Gulfport 727-347-5521

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RUSSO, CARMINE, age 72 of Clarkesville and formerly of Gulfport, FL, passed away Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at his residence. Born in

Benevento, Italy on June 28, 1937, he was the son of the late Dominick and Yolanda Sarracino Russo. Mr. Russo was a self-employed baker having owned and operated Russo's Bakery for several years. He also owned Russo's Pizza for many years at the location of 5021 Tangerine Ave. S. He attended St. Mark Catholic Church. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by daughter, Antoinette Russo; three brothers and one sister. Survivors include wife, Laura Russo of Clarkesville; daughter, Marilena Russo of St. Petersburg, FL; sons, Dominick Russo of Yonkers, NY, Achille Russo of Clarkesville and Rocky Russo of Clearwater, FL; sister, Pompea Russo of Italy and seven grandchildren. No local services are planned at this time. An online guest register is available and may be viewed at www.mcgaheegriffinandstewart.com. McGahee-Griffin & Stewart Funeral Home of Cornelia (706-778-8668) is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Russo will be greatly missed. We love you always, Pops!

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Obituaries (con't.)

SUDIK, WALTER S., Jan. 1, 1917- July 2, 2010, 93, of Gulfport and formerly of Norwich, CT died on Friday, July 2. Walter was born in Norwich on Jan. 1, 1917 the son of Frances and Felix F. Sudik Sr. His parents had emigrated from Poland to seek a better life in the United States. They raised six children. Walter attended St. Joseph's Parochial School (31) and the Willimantic State Trade School (34) and became a carpenter for the John D. McWilliams Company of Norwich. He served in the U.S. Army from 1941 until 1945 and was stationed in Panama, Belize, and Curacao. He was married to Hazel Mae Senior in 1950. He resided in Florida and worked for the City of Gulfport until his retirement. Walter was predeceased by his wife Hazel in 1993, two brothers, Joseph S. and Felix (Hibby) F., and a sister, Sophie Cimikowski. Walter is survived by a brother Edward J. of San Diego, CA and a sister Edith Mulally of Norwich along with several nieces and nephews, numerous friends, especially Faye, his best friend who was a very special part of his life. Walter was a friend to everyone. Without exception he held a conversation with everyone he ever met. A funeral service will be held at ALife Tribute Funeral Care, 5601 Gulfport Blvd. S., Gulfport, on Thursday, July 15, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at the Memorial Park Cemetery. Special thank you to the Southern Home Healthcare employees and The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast for the kind care Walter received.

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VICEDOMINI, ANDRE, 75, of Bay Islands, South Pasadena, died Tuesday, July 6, 2010. He was born in Brooklyn, NY and came here in 1990, from Staten Island, NY. He was a Bus Operator in New York City and served in the U.S. Army as a Sgt. He was a member of St. Johns Vianney Catholic Church St. Pete Beach. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Frances; 1 daughter, Andrea Vicedomini of Old Bridge, NJ; 1 sister, Patricia (Thomas) Nazzaro of Staten Island; and 3 grandchildren, Kristin, Daniel, and Matthew Weber of Old Bridge, NJ. He was predeceased by a son, Frank. Graveside Services with military honors will be 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at Bay Pines National Cemetery. Online memorial and guest book at www.gunterfuneralhome.com. E. Dale Gunter Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, 727-528-2880.

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WHALEY, MARIE E., passed away at Egret Nursing Home on May 22, 2010 at the age of 91. She was born Sept. 17, 1918 in Chester, IL. She is preceded in death by her husband, Albert Ray Whaley, an attorney in St. Louis, MO for 50 years, and her daughter, Mollie Carnett who passed in 2002. She is survived by her son Patrick Carnett and her daughter, Carol Cleaver, and grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Marie was a loving mother who lived in St. Louis, MO for 74 years. She loved sewing, church and flowers. She is so missed by one and all of us who loved her so deeply.

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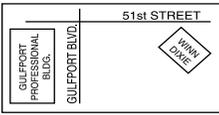
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Somethin' on my mind

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Spaceship Earth

Most of the world and certainly nearly all of the U.S. is focused on the oil leak, spill, whatever you want to call it, in the Gulf of Mexico. Eventually, the well will be capped and we'll move on to another crisis somewhere. In the meantime, while the Obama administration calls for a moratorium on deep water drilling (that's trying to cap 30 per cent of the oil supplied to this country), others fight to stop drilling entirely, but philosophically speaking I'm drawn to a book I read in the early 1970s.

"Spaceship Earth" was actually written in 1969 by an architect, engineer, professor, inventor, Buckminster Fuller. He was not the first to use the phrase, but probably the first to conceptualize its meaning. Fuller didn't call for the cessation of anything, simply the consideration that mankind is together on a spaceship on autopilot hurtling through space at thousands of miles an hour, spinning at 24,000 miles an hour, fueled by the Sun and flung in a giant orbit around it by the push

and pull of the gravity of our Sun, our own planet and surrounding planets and their moons and the glue of the rest of the Universe.

It's a sobering concept of interdependence on our spaceship and the Universe. In today's lingo, "it makes you think". He described it this way: "It is a well-provisioned ship, this on which we sail through space. If the bread and beef above decks seem to grow scarce, we but open a hatch and there is a new supply, of which before we never dreamed. And very great command over the services of others comes to those who as the hatches are opened are permitted to say, 'this is mine.' So, besides discussing the trashing of the Earth, he touches on our tribal politics which usually leads to drastic population control methods through war. As I wrote, "makes you think".

I'm not certain where he would stand on Global Warming. He died in 1983 and at the time, it was predicted that we were headed for a Little Ice Age. If I recall, he was concerned with nuclear war because that was THE big thing during the Cold War. I doubt if he thought we were big enough to

really change the climate or move the Earth's orbit, though he was aware that earthquakes often effect the tilt of the Earth even if temporarily. His, however, was a universal view as in The Universe. And, I suspect (I really can't recall), that he would consider the world's natural resources kind of belonging to us all. However, providing a workable plan for mutual ownership was not covered.

Buckminster Fuller was a genius although he didn't make it through Harvard. Too much of a party-boy. He was a pretty big failure outside of Harvard until he was about 55 when he "discovered" (better described as "utilized") the concept of the Geodesic Dome. Think Epcot at Disney and the Spaceship Earth there. Think the geodesic pattern in a soccer ball.

Actually, he kind of reminded me of the crazy professor in "Back to the Future". He designed functional, round (Dymaxion) houses and a three wheeled car (third wheel in the back for steering) that could ride more than five and be parallel parked in a spot its own length. Those were failures, but he continued to experiment with just about anything structural.

Along the way, he did a definitive study that showed that skin color (those were the days of the Civil Rights movement) is no more nor no less the result of long time exposure to the Sun. In other words, skin color is irrelevant. It's only a book cover arbitrarily designed by the Sun and the position of your seat on the Spaceship.

Getting back to the protection and conservation issue, I like the concept of "Spaceship Earth". Be aware of your provisions, search for new ones, carefully use them, don't trash the rest of the ship, be careful of what and who you kill off and why, remember that you're just a tiny part of an entire Universe the concept of which is larger than your tiny mind can handle, but keep trying, keep working, keep surviving and trying to improve life for you and others... you get the idea. Better yet, go to the library and get the book.

I'll close with a remark from a fictional cockroach brought to life by another author, Don Marquis: "a man thinks he amounts to a great deal but to a mosquito he is merely something good to eat."

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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 line-up 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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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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Suspicious Circumstances- 4700 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Suspicious Circumstances- 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.

Animal Complaint- 2800 Blk 58th St. S.

Drunk Person- 2100 Blk 58th St. S.

Suspicious Circumstances- 2100 Blk 53rd St. S.

Saturday 7/3

Trouble with Individual- 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Domestic Battery- 5400 Blk 16th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 2200 Blk 49th St. S.

Animal Complaint- 2400 Blk 58th St. S.

Animal Complaint- 5200 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Noise Complaint- 5100 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Suspicious Person- 5200 Blk 31st Ave. S.

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

Soliciting- 4900 Blk Gulfport 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.

Sunday 7/4

Trouble with Individual- Water Front.

Theft- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Theft- 2800 Blk 50th St. S.

Animal Complaint- 2600 Blk Upton St. S.

Arrest on Warrant- 5400 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Narcotics/Drugs- 2800 Blk Tifton St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 1400 Blk 51st St. S.

Abandoned Vessel- Water Front.

Open Door/Window- 3100 Blk 57th St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5000 Blk 12th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Arrest on Warrant- 3200 Blk 58th St. S.

Burglary- 1900 Blk 53rd St. S.

Drunk Person- 3200 Blk 58th St. S.

Noise Complaint- 5000 Blk 12th Ave. S.

Monday 7/5

Trouble with Individual- 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Trespasser- 1500 Blk 52nd St. S.

Burglary- 4700 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Domestic Battery- 1700 Blk 52nd St. S.

Animal Complaint- 1500 Blk Hull St. S.

Tuesday 7/6

Domestic Verbal- 5300 Blk 26th Ave. S.

Domestic Battery- 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Battery- 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.

Stolen Vehicle- 2500 Blk 50th St. S.

Animal Complaint- 2800 Blk 47th St. S.

Criminal Mischief- Tomlinson Park.

Battery- 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

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Wednesday 7/7

Domestic Verbal- 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.

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Thursday 7/8

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Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

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Please remember no dogs are allowed in this park due to the birds feeding on the ground. Barbara Gilberg Habitat is located at 1600 Pasadena Avenue.

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St. Pete Beach City Clerk Misuses City Credit Card

By Melissa Lattman

ST. PETE BEACH- The city clerk used a city credit card apparently for cash advances and other expenses in Reno, Nevada while on city business. City Clerk Teri McMaster reimbursed the city for \$1,039.74 for airlines baggage charges; cash advances at a casino and other expenses after a municipal clerk's annual conference in May, according to a memo by the city manager.

City Manager Mike Bonfield recommended the commission consider options of any disciplinary action at the July 13 city commission meeting. He provided the commission with a memo outlining the situation and possible next steps.

"The use of city credit cards for personal business creates issues for the city both directly and indirectly...the perceptions created and the example set by a high ranking city employee who knew or should have known better are not acceptable. Furthermore, the conduct herein alleged appears to have been taken without any valid excuse, reflects a lack of sound managerial judgment." Bonfield wrote.

Bonfield wrote that he had authorized the city clerk to attend the clerk's conference with the city "paying for registration (\$765) and meals (\$325), while the cost of travel and hotel room was to be paid by the City Clerk. It was also understood the City Clerk's spouse would be traveling and they were planning to stay a few extra days for a personal vacation at her expense...At no time did the city Clerk before, during, or after the conference advise or request from the City Manager the desire or the need to use the city credit card for cash advances or other expenses listed (in the memo) for her personal use."

The commission decided to delegate authority to the city manager to consider the situation and make a decision as to disciplinary action, if any he feels is appropriate short of termination, which would have to be decided on by the city commission.

The commission discussed the credit card use issue.

Maybe it's an issue of poor judgment, maybe she should just not have use of the city credit card, Commissioner Halpern said.

Commissioner Garnett said she thinks the clerk "has beat herself up (over this)...can't say we condone this. I think the personal embarrassment of this is quite a lot."

Commissioner Shavlan said he thought the city manager would handle the situation in a professional manner.

The City Clerk did not have any comment on the credit card situation.

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Gulfport One Acts

By Cathy Salustri

For one more weekend the Gulfport Community Players will stage their 10th Annual Summer One-Act Festival. This year the Players present mostly comedies and cram a variety of situations into less than two hours.

Starting with a delightful performance from newcomer to the stage Kayla Becker (Alice, in Ripples) the acting in this year's compendium of plays was among some of the best on the Players' stage this season. It's a shame that the same can't be said of some of the short plays.

Some of the best acting of the evening comes through in Gailand Kiltz' Food and Drink Police. Mike Baggs, who plays George, displays more depth of character in the first few moments of this piece than he has in longer pieces (a credit to Baggs as well as director Gailand Kiltz) and Eve O'Donnell,

who plays Alyssa, also does a superb job. The teenagers also turn in great performances. The downside is that within three minutes the play starts to sound and feel like Fox News fantasy sequence, and after a few pointed barbs about healthcare reform, the play stops being funny and starts politicking.

Kiltz's other plays also showcase some fine acting, especially Norm Nash (you may remember his spectacular performance last year, in Tina Marie Hansen's Buying Back Brooklyn), but the storylines are a disservice to Nash and other actors. The Old Man and the C comes dangerously close to parroting a funny e-mail sent around a few years ago, and Account Closed re-tells a common urban legend. That's not to say that these plays aren't funny; however, for those attending a one-act play festival to see sharp writing and bright ideas, they disappoint.

While many of the plays disappoint with writing that doesn't live up to the actors'

abilities, two plays stand out. Body Snatchers From the Black Lagoon endears itself through camp. Anyone who chuckles at B horror movies will enjoy this silly little one act ("Everything seemed normal until we held hands!" may be the best line of the evening). Writer Stanley Toledo chose his subject matter well and doesn't attempt to pack too much into a few moments, which gives the actors time to play with the script.

Coming Home, a short play by Vic Carr (who also penned the opening play, Ripples), is predictable by the time the second couple walks onstage, but it doesn't matter: Carr writes a heartfelt tribute to coupledness through the years, and all three sets of actors perform beautifully. This play has a few too many words in it to be perfect, and Gail Kitz (of the third couple) oversells the punch line at the end, but overall it has a nice flow and a bit of a twist at the end that make it a delight.

The rest of the plays run the gamut between the

ones described above, and although there is no clear star this year (as there was last year with the aforementioned Buying Back Brooklyn), the plays are mostly well-acted enough to make it an enjoyable evening of community theatre. The Players march on every year, giving opportunity to burgeoning playwrights, and, while some of this year's selections don't measure up, several do. The acting steps in where the writing falls down, in many cases saving the evening if not the playwright.

The Summer One Acts run through July 18 at the Catherine Hickman Theatre in Gulfport. Call the Players at 322-0316. Tickets cost \$15.

Cathy Salustri has worked as a stage manager for local professional theatres, although she never works for companies the paper reviews.

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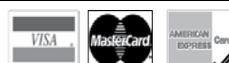
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City Charter Change Decision Delayed

ST. PETE BEACH- The city commission took the city attorney's advice to delay a decision to place before voters in November if they want all comprehensive plan changes and amendments to be decided by the city commission. Currently the city charter requires changes in density, intensity and height to be approved by voters.

City Attorney Mike Davis recommended taking the item off of the agenda until the July 27 meeting as the attorneys look at some of the legal implications of the agenda item.

Commissioner Marvin Shavlan said he assumed the delay relates to legal strategy and could the commission have a shade meeting on the strategy. Davis said they could not.

Vice Mayor Jim Parent asked does the legal discussion involve case law or the judicial system?

Davis said they have done the legal research already and they are having internal discussion between the lawyers.

Even with the item off of the agenda residents and the commission ended up discussing it.

Resident Bill Pyle said he has heard comments about the lawsuits and all the money spent on them. The cost of the lawsuits is small compared to unfinished buildings that the city would need to maintain, he said.

Commissioner Garnett said the lawsuits today have nothing to do with 2005, but the citizens plan, which was passed by the voters in 2008. Garnett said she thought it was good the citizens pushed back on the earlier plans.

Pyle said the issue with the ballot case was people have the right to know what they are voting on in terms of density and height. Shavlan said he thinks everybody knows because Pyle articulated it clearly to the newspaper.

Mayor Finnerty said he hopes after the August and September trials that the law suits finally end. "If its appealed and we are going to the Supreme Court that's insane," he said.



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By Scott Lafee

Being Lonely Hurts

Feeling alone isn't all about actually being alone. It's more a matter of perception, say researchers at the University of Arizona, who were interested in better understanding the effects of social networks upon loneliness and health.

"Loneliness is the discrepancy between your achieved and desired level of social contact," said Chris Segrin, head of the communications department at the University of Arizona and lead author of the study. "The portrait of a lonely person is very difficult to paint because what is really important is what is in your head."

But also, it seems, those you hang out with.

Researchers found that relationships established on social networks like Facebook and Twitter did little to stave off loneliness. It didn't matter if you collected Facebook "friends" by the hundreds or thousands. Those relationships tended to be too superficial to provide any measurable benefit, according to Segrin.

Having a partner was no shield from loneliness either, but having close friends and family members was -- even if they didn't live nearby. "There are so many people we have in our day-to-day interactions," said co-author Stacey Passalacqua. "But the absence of close family members and close friends is something that should be taken seriously. Sometimes we don't realize how important these close relationships are to our health."

Lonely people, she said, tended to manage daily stress less well, failed to get adequate sleep and were less healthy.

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Read the blog and try to stay out of the real thing.

STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

Different delivery methods mean newborn babies enter the world with different types of microbial communities living upon them, says a new study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Researchers at the University of Puerto Rico, the University of Colorado at Boulder and two Venezuelan institutes examined babies born vaginally and by Caesarian section. They found that the former possessed bacterial communities resembling their mother's vaginal bacteria, while the Caesarian births had common skin bacterial communities.

The skin bacteria were generally harmless, but some species can cause severe infections, the researchers said. The results of the study will be used as baseline data to follow the babies as they grow and their individual bacterial communities evolve and change. Previous studies indicate babies born via C-section can be more susceptible to certain pathogens, allergies and asthma than newborns born vaginally.

"These differences we are seeing in this study might be related with increased health risks in C-section babies, although more research is needed," said Maria Dominguez-Bello of the University of Puerto Rico, the co-lead study author.

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Teen teams rotate through eight stations, which include: an obstacle course, a joust pit, a belly bumper pit, mud tug-o-war, football, the eliminator, dodge ball, a new surprise event with music, and more extreme excitement - all in the mud! Teams compete for fun and for cash: \$500, 1st place; \$250, 2nd place; and \$100, 3rd place.

The cost is \$5 per participant. Old shoes and clothes are recommended. Concessions will be available for sale. For more information, contact Shawn Drouin at 727-892-5060. Sponsored by city of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation.

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Community Food Pantry

The Community Food Pantry housed in the Senior Center is available for Gulfport residents of all ages who are in need. Proof of address and income is required. Thanks to the wonderful individuals and businesses in the great City of Gulfport who so generously supply food items for the pantry on an ongoing basis.

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St. Pete Beach Crosswalk Improvements

By Melissa Lattman

Residents can learn more about planned crosswalk improvements at a design open house on July 29 from 5 until 7 p.m. Resident input is wanted on the crosswalk project planned for next summer.

The project's goal is to improve pedestrian safety on Gulf Boulevard between 35th Avenue and 93rd Avenue. There will be no formal presentations; people are encouraged to drop into the St. Pete Beach Community Center when convenient to speak with state Department of Transportation staff to discuss the project.

Crosswalk safety has been a continued concern in the city. Pedestrians have been hit this year by Sweetbay Supermarket on Blind Pass Road and by 44th Avenue.

"What's going to make (crosswalks) safer are the medians, landscaping, improved lighting and the flag system. Not only will we have the lights but also we will have the flag system. The system sounds archaic but it has been extremely effective (in other parts of the country)...the city plans to (request) the rapid flashing system when it becomes approved and available," Mayor Mike Finnerty said.

The pedestrian flag program, planned to start later this summer, is a new program through the state DOT with retro-reflective flags to increase pedestrian safety along Gulf Boulevard.

"When ready to cross the street, you simply pull a flag from the container at the cross walk, and wave it proudly as you cross the street. Upon safe arrival on the other side of the street, simply return your flag to the container," state transportation officials wrote.

This summer's pedestrian flag system is slated for 37 Gulf Boulevard locations including a couple in St. Pete Beach at 77th Avenue and 83rd Avenue. Treasure Island locals are by 100th Avenue, 104th Avenue, 105th Avenue, 108th Avenue and 124th Avenue

Plans for next summer include raised pedestrian refuge islands with crosswalks-- south of 44th Avenue and north of Gulf Winds Drive. Seven raised medians, which will be landscaped in the future by the city, will be built between 64th Avenue and 73rd Avenue. Adding rectangular rapid flashing beacons systems like those currently in use in St. Petersburg are not currently part of the state planned improvements, state transportation officials said.

Since 2005 St. Petersburg has tested and now has operational a rapid-flashing crosswalk system in more than 30 locations, which the city of St. Petersburg has found effective 85 percent of the time in having a motorist yield to a pedestrian. St. Petersburg found the amber light systems (like those used currently in parts of St. Pete Beach) to be effective only 17 percent of the time to get a motorist to stop.

The rectangular rapid flashing beacons are close to becoming approved by the state. Once approved the state would need to evaluate where the system would work best on the state's roads, Kris Carson of the state DOT said.

A brochure detailing the planned crosswalk improvements is available on the city's Web site.



The flag system is slated for 37 street crossin locations on Gulf Boulevard.

Osceola's Crying; A Musician's Response to the Oil Spill

By Leigh Clifton

For over 90 days now, an oil spill has gushed in the Gulf of Mexico. Many people feel helpless in the wake of such a massive tragedy; they are angry and frustrated, hurt by an oil company's apparent reckless actions.

One local musician, Darrell Clanton, has found a way to vent those feelings of frustration through his music. Clanton is a Treasure Island boy, as local as they come and he and fellow musician Chuck Cobb have recorded perhaps one of the most relevant songs

of the oil spill; a song that captures the true essence of Old Florida and the likes of which we will probably never see again. *Osceola's Crying* is Clanton's anthem for the Gulf region and it is a powerful reminder of what a great loss our waters would be if tainted with oil.

One of Clanton's friends was talking with him about the spill and reminded him of the old Indian with the tear running down his face in the commercial about polluting that ran in the '70's. A bell went off in his head. A successful songwriter and singer in Nashville for almost 30 years, an idea came to him to write a song that would embrace the feelings Floridians were having about the devastation of the BP spill.

"I thought to myself, what's more Florida than Osceola, a great Indian Chief, who was very vocal about the polluting of the Indian lands by the white man. He was an environmentalist who cared deeply for the waters here and I wondered how he would have reacted to this tragedy," Clanton explained.

Clanton immediately wrote the "hook"; he then wrote the words in a matter of days and picked at the melody in a minor key to add the drama of the American Indian's music.

"I wanted it to sound like it was written by a Native Indian," Clanton said. "I thought it would have more impact."

The next step was to get the song to Chuck Cobb, a talented local songwriter and singer in his own rite, who had worked with Darrell as a duo on the beach, singing at local bars and restaurants. Clanton played the song for Cobb, who was amazed.

"There was magic in it," Cobb said and immediately began to do all the vocal arranging. The song was cut on a Tuesday and on Thursday Clanton, Cobb and their back-up band De Lei'd Parrots stood on the beach and sang the song. The result was an instant impact, first of Clanton's wife Debbie, who is Native American, and then on Dan Mashburn, the sound engineer and producer who would eventually shoot the video for the song in two days on the beach at Treasure Island. It was a whirlwind five days.

The song was premiered last week on WMNF on Pete Gallagher's show where it got a tremendous response from the listening audience. Clanton hopes to put the song on iTunes and Rhapsody as a downloadable file, with the proceeds to go to one of the needy group of people affected directly by the oil spill.

Osceola's Crying is a bittersweet ode to the ways of Old Florida and how through greed and avarice, the purity of the coastline has been forever compromised and lost perhaps forever.

There will be a video viewing party at 6pm on Tuesday, July 20, at the Peninsula Inn in Gulfport. Go to www.thedunedoctor.com for more info on the song and the upcoming video viewing party.

Leigh Clifton can be reached at leighclifton@thegabber.com



Songwriter/singer Chuck Cobb (lft) and *Osceola's Crying* writer Darrell Clanton on the porch of the Peninsula Inn, in Gulfport. Clanton wrote *Osceola's Crying* as a response to the BP Gulf oil spill.

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Chihuly Exhibit a Stunning Display of Color and Form

By Leigh Clifton

An incredible collection by famous glass-blower/artist Dale Chihuly opened last weekend at the Morean Arts Center in downtown St. Pete. The permanent collection of 16 installations includes literally thousands of pieces of glass and is housed in a 10,000 square foot space designed by award-winning architect Alberto E. Alfonso on the ground floor of 400 Beach Drive. The collection encompasses both his glass-blown works as well as a wall of drawings, using textured paper and different styles of paints and medium.

One of the most fascinating of his designs is the Chandelier. The collection houses three of them; massive, multihued constructions that encompass thousands of pieces of blown glass, painstakingly put together by Chihuly's team, who oversees all the installations. The chandeliers are suspended from the ceiling by cables; the Vinoy boasts one of their own in their Grand Ballroom. There is also a beautiful installation of free-form flowers and stems; vibrant and loud, that sits on a black reflective Plexiglas base. The lighting is superb and well-thought out. The reflections carry into the entire room.

The unveiling of the opening was attended by many notables including St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster and Beth Morean, the art center's benefactress, who was on hand



A signature piece, this blue chandelier is made of thousands of pieces of hand-blown glass and is part of the permanent Chihuly collection at the Morean Arts Center.



Hand-blown glass flower and stem creations rise up from a black reflective base. The pieces glow with a warm and vibrant light that encompasses the whole room.

to help cut the very unusual ribbon, designed in true Chihuly colors. Mayor Foster, as well as several others, also sported Chihuly shoes; paint-splattered in the true Chihuly style. The artist was scheduled to attend the opening but had a medical problem that kept him at his Seattle, Washington home.

The Chihuly exhibit at the Morean Arts center is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 am-6:00 pm Thursday, 10 am-8 pm. Adult admission is \$15.00, Seniors, \$13.00, and students and children, \$12.00. The Arts Center offers a "Paint your own shoes" class as well. For more info call the Center at 727-822-7872 or email them at their web address, moreanartscenter.org

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Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

Life is Complicated ... so is Social Security

Q: I enjoyed reading your fact sheet about maximizing Social Security benefits. But after looking it over, I have just one question: how did Social Security get so complicated?

A: I know that was only a half serious question. But it got me to thinking, and I'll give you a wholly serious answer. Social Security has gotten complicated over the years because life has gotten more complicated. Also, because as a society, we are always trying to be as fair as we can to as many people as possible.

If you think about it, when Social Security started in the 1930s, men worked outside the home and women didn't (for the most part). Marriages lasted forever -- more or less -- and children were raised in two-parent homes by their biological mothers and fathers. Today, both men and woman work, divorce is common and blended families are almost the norm. I'll always remember helping a young teenager fill out his application for a Social Security number. When we got to the question about his father's name, he asked me: "Do you want my real dad, my stepdad or the name of the man my mom is living with?"

Anyway, Social Security has had to change over the years to respond to society's transformations. One of my favorite reference works is a book entitled "History of the Provisions of the Social Security Act." (Now you know how boring my life is!) It provides a nice summary of the

evolution of the Social Security program.

Passed in 1936, the original Social Security Act provided retirement benefits for workers (again, mostly men) age 65 and older ... period. But even before the first monthly benefits were paid in 1940, the Social Security Act was amended in 1939 to add benefits for: wives age 65 and older, children under age 18 of retired workers, widows age 65 and older, and widows of any age with small children.

In 1950, Congress decided that a wife of a retiree should be able to get monthly benefits, even if she was under age 65 if she was caring for her husband's minor children. They also realized that there were a few stay-at-home dads out there, so they added benefits for dependent husbands and widowers at age 65 and older.

There was a big Social Security amendment package in 1956. It recognized that many workers did not stay healthy until retirement age, so disability benefits were added to the program. Initially, the law restricted such payments to disabled workers over age 50. But just four years later, they expanded coverage to workers of all ages.

In 1956, Congress also decided to make reduced retirement benefits available as early as age 62 -- but only for women. They also allowed spouses of retired workers to claim benefits at 62. Further, they lowered the eligibility age for widows from 65 to 62.

A lot of men must have complained about pre-age 65 benefits being made available only to women, because in 1961, Social Security laws were changed to grant early retirement benefits to men and early husband's benefits to stay-at-home dads.

Imagine you were a 62-year-old woman involved in a terrible marriage in 1960. You had been married to your husband for almost 40 years when you finally couldn't take it anymore and decided to get a divorce. But then imagine your shock when you learned that you

were not eligible for a nickel of your ex's Social Security, even though you spent four decades cooking his meals, cleaning his house and washing his underwear.

In 1965, Congress finally recognized this was unfair, so they added benefits for divorced wives and widows. The original law limited benefits to women who had been married for at least 20 years. But frustrated women told Congress that being married to that no good bum for even 10 years was worth something, so in 1977, they lowered the duration of marriage rule to the 10-year mark -- where it remains today. And on the same subject, men pointed out that sometimes they are the ones who get the shaft in a bad marriage. So in 1983, Social Security benefits were granted to divorced husbands and widowers.

The list of amendments to the Social Security Act goes on and on. In the late 60s, the eligibility age for widows and widowers was lowered from age 65 to age 60. Disabled widows and widowers under age 60 were added to the roles beginning in 1968. Fathers caring for young children without a mother finally got benefits in 1983 -- to match benefits young widows had been receiving since 1939.

I don't have anywhere near enough room to list all the changes that have happened to Social Security since the original act was passed in 1935. But I will make this interesting point. In the entire 75-year history of the program, I can think of only a handful of Social Security benefits that have been cut. For example, children of retired or deceased workers used to be able to claim benefits until age 22 if they were in college. Beginning in 1981, the cutoff date was dropped to age 18. Also, widowed mothers and fathers used to receive benefits until the youngest child turned 18. The 1981 Social Security amendments lowered that age to 16. And in next week's column, I will address one of the most controversial cuts ever made to the Social Security program.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

Joint Ownership - A Will or a Trust

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If Andy was to hold one C/D in trust for each of his children, whose money would be used if Andy required expensive surgery, twenty-four hour home care or care in a nursing home? Under such circumstances, what had been planned as an equal distribution on death would substantially decrease the inheritance of one or

more of his children because money would be spent for Andy's care. In addition, if each of Andy's C/D's were held in trust for one of his children, another problem would arise if Andy became incapacitated. No one would have access to Andy's money and then it would be necessary to have the Court appoint a guardian for Andy. Even though the guardian could be one of Andy's children, this could create a needless expense and a great inconvenience.

At the very least, Andy should have a Will which states that whatever money is left in Andy's estate after the costs of his daily living, lifetime care and final expenses have been paid will be distributed to his children equally, if that is Andy's wishes. This Will, of course, would require a probate on Andy's death but Andy would have been provided for during his lifetime.

A much better way of handling Andy's estate, however, would be for Andy to create a Living Trust. He could then place all of his assets into the trust by transferring the title to his assets from his individual name into his name as Trustee of his trust. Andy would then retain full control of his assets while he is competent, or

chooses to have such control, but upon his incapacity the successor trustee that he names in the trust (this may be one or more of his children) takes over control of Andy's assets, pays his bills and keeps a record of receipts and disbursements. The trust will do the following things for Andy and his children:

1. Significantly avoid probate costs and provide for immediate distribution of all assets on Andy's death.
2. Avoid the necessity of a guardianship if Andy is incapacitated.
3. Provide money management during Andy's lifetime if Andy is unable to manage his own finances.

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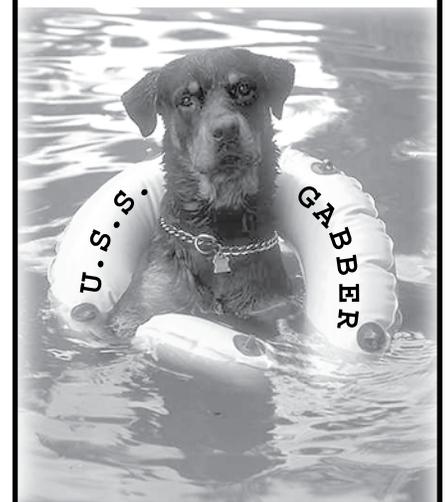
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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



Low Tech Ways to Keep Cool

According to NASA, 2010 is the hottest year on record so far. Summer temperatures are starting to soar, and many of us are looking for ways to keep cool without turning on the air conditioner. Here are a few low-cost and low-carbon ways to stay cool gleaned from around the world:

South America: Dampen a sheet, and hang it in the window like Mexico City tenement dwellers. The water evaporates in the breeze, cooling the room in the process. Another method is to place frozen 2-liter bottles of water in front of a fan for instant a/c.

Egypt: Egyptian nights stay in the 90s. Dampen a bedsheet, and use it as your "blanket." Evaporation does the trick.

China: Keep a bamboo mat between your skin and a hot or hard surface like a car seat or chair. The bamboo allows air to circulate and keeps bare skin from sticking to hot plastic.

Bahamas: In humid climates, people often dress down and get wet. Getting wet reduces your core body temperature by three degrees and will last up to an hour. If you wear clothes that can get wet, as well, the cooling effect will last for longer. You don't have to have a pool -- a water hose, faucet or misting bottle will work.

Bedouin: You can actually stay cooler in arid climates by covering up your skin. Picture desert dwellers in their turbans and flowing white garments. The white reflects the sun, and the natural, loose fabrics shade the skin where there is no shade. Bedouin cultures often wear two layers in the heat of the day. Skin exposed to direct sun is hotter than skin insulated by clothing. Turbans and bandanas shade the eyes, and soak up sweat from the head, which evaporates and helps cool you off.

New York City: Apartment dwellers in major cities often move bedding onto the fire escapes to sleep in the cooler night air. Rural counterparts

can sleep on screened-in porches or outdoors. Another trick is to fill your bathtub with cold water and take periodic dips to keep cool. If you live on the top floor, turn on the ceiling fan (or attic fan) and open the windows to draw out the hot air. If possible, go downstairs to the basement in the heat of the day. Turn off incandescent lights, as they generate 90 percent heat and 10 percent light. Use compact fluorescents or LEDs, instead.

West Indies: Spicy foods make you perspire more, which cools the body. Spices also help stop foods from spoiling as quickly and give you an endorphin rush that feels good in any temperature.

Italy: Train grapevines over window trellises to provide shade in the summer and let in light in the winter. Slightly opening windows on

the bottom floor and fully opening upstairs windows maximizes Mediterranean breezes through your villa.

Southern Comfort: Front porches are part of the cooling system of a Southern home. Sitting in a lawn chair or rocker that has slats or openings (for air flow) on a shady porch with iced tea is a Southern tradition. You hold the iced tea against your neck to cool the blood to your brain and on your pulse points in your wrists. Blow into the iced tea and cool air will rush around your face and neck. In temperatures over 105 degrees, soak your clothes then sit in the lawn chair with iced tea.

Women's wisdom: Women in hot climates always carry a folding fan in their purses. Another secret is to dampen a handkerchief and tuck it into your cleavage. It is very cooling and keeps sweat from running down your chest. Southern women often spritz with rubbing alcohol then stand in front of a fan. Follow that with a sprinkling of baby powder at your pulse points, and you're cool as a cucumber.

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A Pinellas County ordinance that was passed in May by the Board of County Commissioners has put some teeth in a local effort to cut the chain on tethered dogs. Chaining or tying a dog to a tree or other object can be a form of animal cruelty. Dogs are often left without adequate food, water or shelter and are adversely affected when left alone for long periods of time without proper care. Tethering is a potential danger to dogs that get tangled or attempt to jump over fences, and they can suffer from neck and throat injuries due to a taut collar.

Several partners are working in a coordinated effort to identify violators, educate them about the dangers and unlawful act of tethering, and ultimately issue citations to enforce the ordinance. With the support of concerned citizens, Pinellas County Animal Services, SPCA Tampa Bay and the Humane Society of Pinellas are providing outreach to heighten the awareness of the general public, as well as those who are violating the law.

The anti-tethering law includes a ban against the tethering of puppies or dogs that are sick or injured and limits tethering a dog to a stationary object, such as a tree or fence, for a short period of time required to

complete a temporary task. The dog must have access to water, adequate shelter and dry ground. Tethering with a running line or pulley system is permitted under certain conditions.

Ending the violations through education is the primary goal of local humane organizations. The partners will help identify violators and provide educational material to them. The county's code enforcement officers will issue warnings, and if the violation continues, they will issue citations. Pending investigation, citations and fines of up to \$500 could be levied against owners that violate the ordinance.

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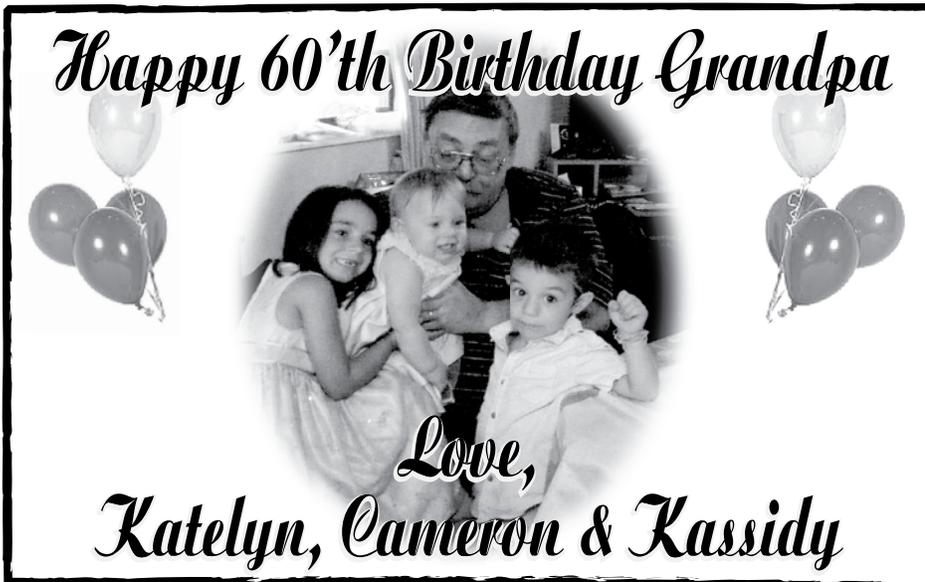
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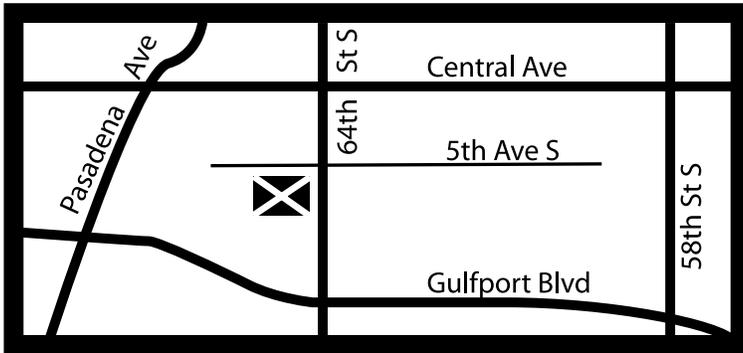


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