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National Night Out



By Leigh Clifton
Representatives from local organizations and area residents joined the *Ham Burglar* to take a bite out of crime for the annual National Night Out Tuesday evening. See *Story*, page 43

Who's Fixing Clam Bayou?
A Closer Look at the Southwest Florida Water Management District



An aerial view of Clam Bayou prior to any restoration.
By Cathy Salustri

What do a lobbyist who courts favor with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with big industry, an engineer who builds high-rise waterfront condos, and the president of a construction company have in common?

Give up?

They all have control over the Clam Bayou

See *Clam Bayou*, page 5

St. Pete Beach Budget Workshop Highlights

By Cathy Salustri

"I just think the newspaper kind of blew this thing out of proportion. Our intention is not to raise taxes," commissioners told residents as the St. Pete Beach city commission convened for the first of two budget workshops Tuesday afternoon. A local daily paper reported that the city planned to increase taxes; the city set a potential millage rate of 2.8718, a higher rate than the current one of 2.4834 at last week's council meeting. The city cannot exceed the set millage rate during the budget process.

Commissioner Parent explained that the city, by law, must balance its budget, but with no change to the current millage rate the city could not have changed anything.

"To all of those we scared the heck out of that we were going to raise taxes, we apologize," Commissioner Beverly Garnett said.

See *Beach Budget*, page 6

Take a Walk with Marilyn and Joe



A new exhibit at Gulf Beaches Historical Museum celebrates the history of the foundation of the Redington Beach communities.

It was Charles Redington's dream to build what would be looked upon today as a master planned resort community. Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio just happen to be one of the famous couples to have enjoyed the Tides Resort in its original splendor!

The exhibit recounts a pictorial history beginning in

1936 with the advertising campaign in which Mr. Redington hoped to attract Midwestern sun seekers to invest in properties that would also enjoy the pleasures of his Bath Club resort.

The museum collection highlights life as it was in the early development of the south Pinellas beach communities with its ongoing exhibits. Photos, articles and other memorabilia for this special exhibit come from the Redington family's personal collection, as well as the museum's own collection.

Gulf Beaches Historical Museum is located at 115 10 Avenue, St. Pete Beach. Open Summer hours Friday - Saturday 10-4, Sunday 1-4. Always free admission. Call 727-552-1610 for more information or visit www.gulfbeachesmuseum.com.

Tips on Landing a Job in a Tough Economy

Today, August 5, from 6:30-8 p.m. there will be a seminar at Gulfport Rec. Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard S. The topic will be avoiding the black hole resume and tips on landing a job in a tough economy. The cost is \$13

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

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Bridal Show at the Casino Ballroom

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Whether you're a parent helping plan your daughter or son's wedding, a curious couple wanting to see what the next step would be or ready to plan your wedding, all will be available for you at a \$3 admission. For more information, contact 727-893-1070.

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

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Correction

Two weeks ago, the Gabber mistakenly printed the Hicks family fed an egret. In fact, Ms. Hicks said "that Eatie a great white egret who lives in the bayou was at my house for her daily visit." *The Gabber* regrets the error.



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Later Alcohol Sales

ST. PETE BEACH- Alcohol sales are now until 3 a.m. in St. Pete Beach. The commission passed the change mirroring hours in nearby communities at its July 27 meeting.

Restaurant and bar owners spoke in favor of the ordinance.

"We are getting a lot of grief at 2 a.m.," said Cockney Rebel proprietor. "It is eliminating a lot of people coming into the beaches... that last hour would bring a lot more money into our establishment."

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Parking Changes Pass

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach City Commission passed parking changes on second and final reading. Now no parking is allowed on the south side of 10th Avenue. The updates also prohibit parking on parts of 55th and 64th Avenues.

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A Geckofest Fun-raiser!

The Third Annual Gulfport Geckofest Pub Crawl has expanded and will be held on Saturday, August 7!

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Donate \$25 per person and receive free drinks at participating Gulfport and St. Pete Beach Pubs! The Crawl starts promptly at noon. Coral your pals and show up in costume to get primed for the 10th Annual Gecko festivities. Participating Gulfport Pubs include: Bellini's, Dominic's Pizzeria, Peninsula Inn, La Cote Basque, Domain Food & Spirits, The Village Pub, O'Maddy's and Gulfport on the Rocks. St. Pete Beach Pubs include; Rip Tides, The Blue Parrot, Philthy Phil's, Sloppy Pelican and Swigwam Beach Bar. Tickets are available now at Gulfport on The Rocks, 5413 Shore Blvd., 727-321-8318 and The OutPost, 3007 Beach Blvd., 727-343-5962 and Swigwam Beach Bar, 336 Corey Circle, St. Pete Beach, 727-363-7944.

Crawlers are encouraged to ride the Pink Flamingo connector trolley, which connects Gulfport and St. Pete Beach. Free trolley pass with purchase of Pub Crawl Ticket.

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Clam Bayou,

from front page

restoration and other water-related issues in Pinellas county. These men sit on the local basin board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, SWFWMD. SWFWMD is one of five water management districts in the state. The District formed in 1961 to control flooding; over the past 50 years, its mission expanded to include stormwater management as well as managing the area's drinking water supplies. The District oversees seven basin boards; locally, the Pinellas-Anclote Basin Board oversees, among other projects, the Clam Bayou restoration.

The District employs scientists, hydrologists, and project managers who do the research and make recommendations about how to manage the water supply and keep stormwater runoff from contaminating area bayous, bays, and rivers. Guiding these scientific teams, the basin boards should "provide a local water management perspective, and to focus on water-related issues and projects," according to the District's web site.

What does that mean for Clam Bayou and other projects dealing with stormwater runoff? If, for instance, District scientists believed that the municipal

golf course next to the estuary harmed Clam Bayou with its runoff, who would decide whether or not the District would take action? The ultimate say comes from the Pinellas-Anclote Basin Board members, volunteers appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate.

These members, the District's web site claims, "represent a cross section of the area they serve...Diverse boards with vital interests balance the protection and use of the resource."

Who, exactly, comprises the "diverse board" that guides the Clam Bayou project? Read on to learn about the governing board for the Pinellas-Anclote Basin Board.

Co-Chair Todd Pressman

Mr. Pressman is president of Pressman and Associates, a consulting firm that lists its two top services as lobbying and land use consulting. Pressman and Associates consulted on "literally hundreds of cases at an extremely high rate of passage" that dealt with re-zoning property and obtaining zoning variances, lobbying the Department of Environmental Protection (the DEP works closely with SWFWMD), dock permitting, and access issues.

The co-chair's company also consults for clients on development reviews called "developments of regional

impacts", or DRIs. The DEP asks for a DRI review when a planned development could have a "substantial effect upon the health, safety, or welfare of citizens of more than one county," according to the DEP. Mr. Pressman's company helps its clients navigate DEP and developer laws so they can continue to build.

Mr. Pressman owns a home in Oldsmar. The Pinellas County Property Appraiser estimates the just market value of his home at just over \$400,000.

Co-Chair

Jeffrey M. Adams

Mr. Adams is a civil trial lawyer in St. Petersburg with the firm Abbey-Adams, LLP. His areas of expertise extend insurance lawsuits, including PIP claims defense, uninsured motorist defense, and professional malpractice.

Mr. Adams lives in the Old Northeast section of St. Petersburg in a home with a market value of slightly more than one million dollars.

Vice-Chair

Terry England

Mr. England is president of England Brothers Construction Company. His company does both renovations and new construction. He lives in Indian Rocks Beach; the Pinellas County Property Appraiser values his home at just under \$375,000.

Secretary

Housh Ghovae

As the CEO of Northside Engineering, Mr. Ghovae works for a company that specializes in designing large beachfront properties, including the new pink Aqualea on Clearwater Beach; La Vistana, a high-rise on Redington Shores; the Madeira Beach Resort and Spa; and the new Water's Edge, a high rise in downtown Clearwater. Mr. Ghovae's firm also helps clients get their property rezoned for the buildings they design.

Mr. Ghovae owns a condo on Madeira Beach and a house in Clearwater. These two homes have market values of under \$300,000 and over \$350,000, respectively.

Mitchell Hammer

Mr. Hammer works for the Internal Revenue Service as a senior appraiser. He lives in New Port Richey in a home assessed at under \$200,000.

Chet Renfro

Mr. Renfro helped run Charlie Crist's gubernatorial campaign. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Pinellas County Republican Party. He lives in Pinellas Park in a condo with a market value of roughly \$78,000.

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Here are the highlights of the first of the two budget workshops:

- The city may increase the library budget by just over \$10,000, which will allow the library to re-open on Mondays.
- *The increase of \$10,000 for fireworks is no longer needed, as city manager Mike Bonfield negotiated for free fireworks when the Independence

Day fireworks failed to launch last month.

- The city will no longer offer tuition reimbursement for its employees. This cuts \$5,000 from the budget.

“Are people going to school and using tuition reimbursement?” Commissioner Parent asked.

“Yes,” city manager Mike Bonfield said, but added that while “it is education” he couldn’t say whether the courses directly related to the jobs performed for the city.

“He’s telling you it’s not related to the job,” Commissioner Marvin Shavlan said.

“I think education, just like for our kids, is something you don’t cut out,” Commissioner Parent said.

“I think I’m OK with it being zero,” Commissioner Garnett said, adding that “we didn’t raise them” in reference to their employees.

- The city will give PSTA \$400,000. City manager Bonfield pointed out that the city isn’t a member of PSTA.

“Every other community is paying 6/10 of a mil to PSTA. You’re not doing that,” he said. The city pays this money instead of belonging to PSTA.

• The commission also paused from the budgeting process while it discussed the possibility of adding a marina behind the recreation center. The site could accommodate over 100 slips, staff said, but nothing was decided at the workshop.

• The city will continue to pay a lobbyist despite disagreement on whether or not the lobbyist got results. Commissioner Garnett said that the projects that others credited to the lobbyists were not federal projects.

• Code enforcement will not get additional staff.

• The city’s information technology department will lay off one person.

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The city held a second budget meeting Tuesday, August 4. The Gabber will publish the outcome of that workshop in next week’s edition.

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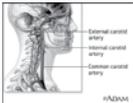
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- Election Service Center - Starkey Lakes Corporate Center, 13001 Starkey Rd., Largo, 33773
- Pinellas County Courthouse - 315 Court St., Room 117, Clearwater, 33756
- County Building - 501 First Ave. N. St. Petersburg, 33701

New this year, voters will be able to check early voting wait times online at www.votePinellas.com.

All Florida voters are required by law to use paper ballots and optical scan voting systems, whether voting early, voting by mail, or voting at the precinct on Election Day.

Clark also reminds Pinellas County voters that ALL registered voters are eligible to vote by mail. To request a ballot, visit www.votePinellas.com or call 727-464-6788.

The deadline to request that a ballot be mailed to you is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18. Voters may pick up ballots through Election Day at any Elections Office. Ballots must be returned to any Supervisor of Elections office by 7 p.m. on Election

Day and cannot be accepted at polling places.

To avoid delays and extra paperwork, voters should bring picture and signature identification to the polls. Anyone without valid ID can vote a provisional ballot. A canvassing board will later determine the validity of any provisional ballots. For detailed early voting or mail ballot information, or to view a sample ballot, go to www.votePinellas.com or call 727-464-6788.

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Meet the Artist

Patrick Henry talks about his current exhibit, "Let's Face It", a series of sculpturally altered ceramic platters and plates that you would never put on the dining room table. The presentation will be held on Saturday, August 7 at 1 p.m. at A Little Room for Art, 111 8th Ave., Pass-a-Grille. Exhibit is through August 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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as a video of sea turtles laying eggs and some hatchlings. Following the presentation you will visit the beach habitats and learn more. Find out how you can help these fascinating creatures and help preserve their disappearing nesting habitat.

Event is sponsored by Friends of Pinellas Master Naturalists.

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Benefit Golf Tournament

The American Legion Post 14 in St. Petersburg is hosting a two-person

scramble golf tournament to benefit Bay Pines VA Hospital on Saturday, September 11 at 7:30 a.m. This event will take place at Mainlands Golf Course located at 9445 Mainlands Blvd. W., Pinellas Park. The public is welcome to play (\$50 per golfer) or sponsor (\$25) a hole. Please sign up at Post 14, 1520 Fourth Street N. in St. Petersburg before August 15. For more information call Bob Strazisar at 727-410-7546, Ed Higgins at 526-2059 or Post 14 at 894-7320.

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Traditional Hotel District

ST. PETE BEACH- The city commission reviewed a summary of the consensus from recent joint planning and historic preservation board meetings on the traditional hotel district. A revised ordinance will go back before the planning board based on board, citizen and commission input. A purpose is to preserve existing small hotels in Pass-a-Grille while considering the residential impact.

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Career and Vendor Fair

ST. PETERSBURG- Pinellas County's Job Corps Center, located at Fifth Ave. S. and 22nd St. S. in St. Petersburg will hold a Career and Vendor Fair on Thursday, August 12.

The center will host two sessions. The first session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the second will session will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Job seekers interested in career positions at the Pinellas Job Corps Center, as well as local vendors are encouraged to attend this event to learn more about the new center, the types of jobs available and the goods and services the center will procure. Resumes will be accepted, but interviews will not be conducted at this event. Interested potential students should visit <http://www.worknetpinellas.org/youth.php?action=3>, and contact Carolyn Michael or Jackson Pierce at cmichael@worknetpinellas.org or 727-608-2492, for more information about student enrollment.

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Can you Name that Area?

The City of Gulfport Waterfront Redevelopment Advisory Board is currently seeking residents to create an easily recognizable name for the area located on Beach and Shore Blvds. The name could encompass the historic waterfront, dining, the beach, and shopping. A logo should also accompany the name. We're looking for something fresh and new. Groups and individuals welcome to

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Concert at Palm Lake Christian

David Powers will present a "Baritone on Broadway" concert Sunday, August 8, at the Palm Lake Christian Church, 5401 22 Avenue N. in St. Pete. The 4 p.m. concert features music from Broadway's better known shows, including the music of Rogers and Hammerstein, Cole Porter, Lerner and Lowe, Frank Laesser, and other giants of music theatre.

A native of St. Pete, Mr. Powers has appeared in several regional and local productions of musicals and operas. Sunday's concert is presented as part of the Palm Lake Community Concert Series. A reception will follow the concert. Call 321-8356.

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Visit St. Vincent's Thrift Shop

St. Vincent's Thrift Shop, 5126 Gulfport Boulevard, continues their half-price clothing sales every Thursday with a nice selection of dresses, children's clothing and ladies plus size clothing. Beautiful gift items and jewelry are available. The book nook has been expanded with more fiction and nonfiction. It is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Activity Heats Up at the IAC

Despite the record breaking heat and humidity, activity is building as Gulfport's Industrial Arts Center approaches its second anniversary. Art Walk hours have been moved back to 7-11 p.m. Friday, August 6, so the temperatures have a chance to drop a bit, but the same 7-course Blow Your Own Glass Masterpiece menu will be offered. Kids and adults are invited to create an original piece

of hot glass art all with their choice of colors and blown with their own breath. Also available at Friday's Art Walk will be the fused glass Gulfport Centennial pins created by IAC artists.

More than a dozen novice glass blowers braved the heat and humidity at the last Art Walk and patrons enjoyed the free show, watching as novice glass blowers from 5 to 85 created blown glass ornaments, vases, drinking vessels, fluted bowls and paperweights with the help of

IAC glass blowers. Live music on the coffee shop stage next door added to the fun.

Only a few days remain for registration at the last Kids Glass Week of the summer. This week-long camp for kids 12-18 is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 9. Projects will include blown glass ornaments, paperweights, glass casting and painting on glass blocks. Glass week classes are held 9 a.m. - noon and continue through August 13. A new summer offering for kids, Multi Media Week, follows Glass Week from 2-5 p.m. on August 16-20. This fun series will include clay handbuilding, mosaic, paper mache, painting on canvas and art from food.

Interest is growing in the IAC's series of glass blowing classes for adults and the last two classes have filled quickly. Fun With Hot Glass and More Fun With Hot Glass are scheduled August 8 and 22. The six-hour classes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays teach basic glass blowing skills, hot shop safety, teamwork and the proper use of tools and equipment. Students make three objects in each class.

The Industrial Arts Center, located in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard, will celebrate the second anniversary of its grand opening at Gecko Fest, September 4. special celebration activities for the day will be announced soon. Not far behind will be the IAC's Second Annual Industrial Strength Chili Cookoff on Saturday, September 25 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information about what's happening at the IAC, visit online at www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org or call 727-289-9365.

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Braille Classes forming Now

The Pinellas Braille Group, a non-sectarian organization sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Temple Beth El, specializes in producing Braille-format books for the visually impaired. Their work reaches beyond Pinellas County to the entire country. A class in Braille is forming in mid-September. To learn more or to register, call 727-545-4724 or 727-347-9836, or email stargaizer@tampabay.rr.com.

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Stetson Law Professor to Speak at MOSI

GULFPORT—Stetson Law professor Carol Henderson, a past-president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences who has consulted on the CSI Miami television series, will speak August 28 on the “CSI effect” at the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa. This presentation, at 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m., will be the last of the lecture series entitled An F.Y.I. with CSI at MOSI and is part of CSI After Dark, which offers extended museum hours until 9 p.m. Henderson’s talk is included in the museum admission.

MOSI is showcasing CSI: The Experience, an interactive exhibit in which museum guests play the roles of crime scene investigators to solve mysteries. Professor Henderson, whose law students have the opportunity to play investigators in mock crime scenes in her classes, said she was excited about the exhibit, which runs through Sept. 6 at MOSI, 4801 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa.

“The interest in forensic science is global, not just local,” said Henderson, who speaks around the world from Hong Kong to Helsinki about the intersection of technology and the law.

Closer to home at Stetson Law, Henderson directs the National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law, which houses an online database of more than 100,000 resources. Everything from court decisions to legislation, scientific publications to news media coverage can be found in the database, designed to be a free “one-stop-shopping” resource of forensic topics for lawyers, scientists, academics and researchers. The Stetson Law library and information center also houses a special collection of forensic resources that is unique among major law libraries in the U.S.

At Stetson, Henderson’s students learn about evidence, working with crime labs, and the “CSI effect” of pop culture TV science on real-life juries. Henderson regularly brings speakers to the Stetson Law campus to talk about the latest in forensic technology and the law. Among them, producer and writer of the Bones television series Kathy Reichs, legendary forensic investigator Dr. Henry Lee,

and O.J. Simpson defense lawyer and Innocence Project co-founder Barry Scheck.

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Pre-Register for Tot-Time Program

Ongoing pre-registrations are currently being accepted for the 2010-2011 Tot Time Program. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun

for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. Classes begin September 7. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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Americans drive an average of 10,000 miles per year, per person, which includes non-drivers, as well. We do a lot of that driving during the summer on family vacations, and chauffeuring kids from place to place. Here are a few simple tips to save you gas and money this summer, as well as reducing carbon emissions.

-- According to the U.S. Department of Energy, several short trips all begun with a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a single, longer trip that covers the same distance. Combining errands can improve your gas mileage because your engine will be warm for more of the trip. It might also mean you travel less total miles.

This one simple habit change can save about 20 percent of your fuel and mileage. It also keeps 1,650 pounds of carbon out of the atmosphere, and will add up to a savings of about \$260 per year.

-- Drive slower, and accelerate and brake less frequently. If you keep it at a steady 55 mph instead of 70 mph or more on the highway, you save up to 20 percent of your fuel costs. According to CNN, every 10 miles per hour you drive over 60 is like the price of gasoline going up about 54 cents a gallon. The most fuel-efficient range is between 45-55 mph for most vehicles. Accelerating quickly burns twice as much gas as keeping a slow steady speed. So does braking quickly, you lose all that momentum your car just worked so hard to generate. -- When stuck in traffic, turn off the engine.

We can lose up to one third of our fuel by idling. You save 1,200 pounds of carbon or the equivalent of 55 gallons of gas by implementing safer driving. That adds up to \$130 per year you could keep in your pocket!

-- Keeping your car in top condition will save you up to 30 percent in fuel efficiency. Dirty spark plugs, or air or fuel filters will all affect your fuel economy. According to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), replacing a clogged air filter can increase your mileage by 10 percent, while replacing an oxygen sensor could result in an improvement as high as 40 percent.

-- Check the air in your tires and save up to 3.3 mpg. You can find the proper pressure listed on the jamb of the driver's side door.

-- Clean out your car! Stop paying for all the extra gas needed to haul that junk around in the back of your car. Cleaning the outside of the car keeps it streamlined and more fuel-efficient by reducing drag. Another way to keep the vehicle streamlined is to remove those roof and bike racks when not in use. They only add extra weight and drag.

Of course, the best way to save gas and money is to park the car and take the bicycle. More communities across the country are creating bike paths and routes making bicycle travel easier and safer. Take your bicycle on vacation, and enjoy getting around at a slower, healthier pace.

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Boca Ciega Yacht Club is a local not-for-profit Sailing Club that promotes sailing activities throughout the entire Tampa Bay area and offers youth sailing courses free to the public each summer.

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Reserve Space for City-Wide Yard Sale

ST. PETE BEACH- The City of St. Pete Beach is hosting its biannual community-wide yard sale on Saturday, September 18

from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. St. Pete Beach and surrounding city residents can clean out their closets to make some extra money or come seeking great bargains on tons of items. Spaces 10' by 10' are \$10 for SPB residents and \$12.50 for non-residents. Registration begins Monday, August 2 and spots fill up fast! Call 363-9245 for more information.

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Grand Finale at the Gulfport Public Library

Kids of all ages are welcome to the "Grand Finale" for Summer Reading Program at the Gulfport Public Library at 5501 28th Ave. S. on Wednesday, August 11 at 2 p.m. Come celebrate and dance with their fog machine! There is always something fun going on at the Gulfport Public Library! For more information on Library events, go to www.mygulfport.us/gpl or call 893-1074.

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Annual Gecko Ball Returns

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

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

Tickets for "Geckos in Wonderland" are \$25 each and are available in advance at The Outpost, 3007 Beach Boulevard, and Domain Home Accessories, 3129 Beach Boulevard.

The third annual Gecko Fest Pub Crawl is another event in the 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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Rotary Club of St. Petersburg

The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Suncoast meets every Thursday at noon, at Gigi's Italian Restaurant in South Pasadena, located at 6852 Gulfport Blvd. in South Pasadena. Guests are welcome to attend these lunch meetings.

On August 12, Rebecca Appel, from Lifelink will speak. For more information, please contact Christy Wolf, at 727-822-2200, extension 1.

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A Beach Memory

Photo by Leigh Clifton



Two year old Marley Morrow is covered with sand as she plays on Gulfport Beach last Tuesday afternoon. Her grandmother Darlene Wilson, from St. Pete, watches Marley during the day while both of her parents work. "I like the environment here," Wilson said. "Everybody in Gulfport is very nice."



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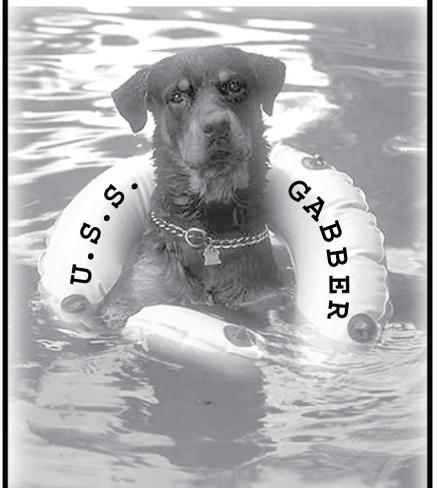
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changed how you spend your time off
and if so, how?



Ronald Brewer, St. Pete: "My wife and I have no children, so it's just the two of us at home. But we have definitely cut back on going out to eat, even ordering in. We've been spending more time at some of the free events downtown, like the Friday night concerts and the music at the Pier, things like that. We found the listing on the Time's website for free events; some of them we've never done. So we decided to try and do a free event once a weekend. We go to Gulfport for the Art Walks and then walk on the beach afterwards. Sometimes the best things to do are right under your nose. They don't cost you a dime and they're fun!"

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Mandy Griffin, St. Pete Beach: "I know that I used to just go out with my friends and spend whatever was in my pocket, thinking there was always more where that came from. We used to go dance and drink at the beach bars. Now, with everything so slow business-wise, I've really cut back. Now, instead of going out on a Friday or Saturday night, we all go to a friend's house and maybe swim or watch a movie. You can rent movies for a dollar; popcorn is cheap and you can still have fun. I think we're really learning the value of a dollar these days. I know I have. No more party central for me! We're not drinking as much; it's too expensive, except maybe beer. But I don't drink beer anyway."

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Jim Strong, Madeira Beach: "I know with my family, we have really cut back on going out to dinner. Instead, I have a gas grill out back that I never used to use. Let's just say it's getting a whole lot more use now! But it does seem like we spend more time together now than we used to, which is nice. I think people always adapt to situations like a bad economy; they tend to stay closer together and be more supportive. At least with my family it has. With money so tight, staying close to home just seems to make sense."

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Summer Warner, St. Pete: "I have really cut back on shopping. That's my biggest downfall; I shop a lot. So now, instead of going to the mall with my friends, I might stay at home and just hang out, have a few of them over and maybe play some board games or something like that. Last week, we pulled out the old Monopoly board and played it with a bunch of us. I had found a bunch of old games in my parent's garage one day, while we were cleaning it out for a yard sale. The Monopoly game was hilarious and we were all trying to steal each other's property and money. It was different, but fun. I'm also starting to be more careful around the house with lights and stuff, trying to remember to turn them off to save money. I really hope the economy gets better soon, because I want to find some new fall clothes."

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Letters

In Support of Gulfport Police

Dear Editor: Re: "Dissatisfied with the Police" letter in the July 29-August 4, 2010 edition, I just wanted to tell you that my experience with the Gulfport Police Department was the total opposite of Mr. Tanchette. I must say that, short staffed and underpaid as they are (no raise for the last 3 years?), for the most part, I think they are wonderful people! I'm not willing to put my life on the line for anyone but my family...is Mr. T?

I'm so sorry that he is frustrated and disappointed in his dealings but leaving a computer exposed on a back screened porch in this day and age is a dumb thing to do! It used to be fine but it's like leaving the keys in the ignition and the car unlocked and parked on the street! Might as well put a sign on it saying "Take Me!"

I've been a Gulfport resident longer than Mr. T. The things we used to be able to do, no longer apply. People must realize that! It's terrific that the neighbors witnessed the event but did they immediately call the police? It takes us all to keep up with crime today, residents and City employees alike.

I'm certain that Chief Vincent will be looking into Mr. Tanchette's issues and we will hear more about this. I hope that you will print this or another response to his letter and that Mr. T. will find that people do care in Gulfport, including the Gulfport Police Department.

C. Gabrio

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No Respect for Nature

Dear Editor: On this past Thursday evening, at around 8 p.m., the beauty and calm at Clam Bayou Park were shattered. Egrets and herons which

had settled down for the night, were startled and flew away. Birds already in flight flinched in their paths. The evening serenity was detonated over and over again.

These explosions at Clam Bayou were intentional, set off by a young adult. They were firecrackers tossed into that habitat just for the fun of scaring wildlife and the visitors present. There was a selfish meanness behind the act.

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These were massive explosions, M-80's or better, and you could feel the shock waves move through your body. The young man who threw the firecrackers wasn't poor, he wasn't ignorant, he wasn't being playful. This could be considered by all who were present as a small act of terrorism. But, because it was animals that he frightened, it was not a big deal. Because there were around two dozen people seeking a little solitude, it was a minor offense.

This young man needs a little respect for this community in which he says he grew up.

Hermann Trappman

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One-Sided Opinions

Dear Editor: I've been reading *the Gabber* since 1971 and never has there been a regular contributing writer so polarizing and politically motivated as Bill Northrop. Has the Gabber become a local mini Wall Street Journal, National Review or mouth piece for the Tea Party? If not, then why is Mr. Northrop given a weekly

soapbox to denigrate the Obama Administration, the Democratic Party and progressive thought? Is there a need or an audience for such opinions in a local paper?

If the Gabber has become such a vehicle, then I call on the publishers to give equal time to the other side.

Jeremy Steelman

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A Store she could Patronize

Dear Editor: Is there anyone out there to help save Pasadena shopping center? Our Kmart left us, then Publix moved to the old Albertson's where the parking is terrible, then goes the card shop.

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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:

• 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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Center to Offer Gymnastics this Fall

ST. PETE BEACH- Starting this fall the St. Pete Beach Community Center is proudly offering gymnastics classes for children of every age and skill level through Bayside Gymnastics, the premier gymnastics program in the Tampa Bay area. Gymnastics offers children fun and exciting new challenges in a safe and supportive environment, which helps grow confidence. Classes will be offered at varying times on Wednesday evenings at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, so contact Bayside Gymnastics directly for all details: 727-258-4981 or info@baysidegymnastics.com.

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Oktoberfest Seeks Vendors

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

Food vendors will be stationed outdoors and the Arts and Crafts Fair will be held inside the Maria Center throughout the 4-day festival. Space is limited both outside and inside and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Reservation forms are also available in the rectory office of Most Holy Name Church at 5800 15 Avenue S. in Gulfport.

The "Oktoberfest" fall festival has been an annual event in Gulfport for over 30 years and will be held October 7 through October 10. This is a fun weekend including rides, games, food, dancing and entertainment.

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Criticism of Police Came From Fake Letter

By Cathy Salustri

Last week *the Gabber* printed a letter from Bill Tanchette. In this letter Mr. Tanchette alleged that a relative of a neighbor broke into his home and stole a new laptop computer. Mr. Tanchette went on to say the Gulfport police said they couldn't do anything because the thief didn't live in Gulfport and the officer leading the case said he had more important cases to handle. Mr. Tanchette said he also received threatening phone messages, telling him not to make any more phone calls if he knew what was good for him.

Apparently not a word of that letter was true. Upon further investigation, the *Gabber* could not substantiate any of the information in that letter.

Police reports have no record of a Bill Tanchette. Police Chief Rob Vincent says the closest match he could find for the case was a June 25 bicycle theft from the home of Bruce Tallini. *Gabber* research uncovered a post at Topix.com, where a man identifying himself as Bruce Tallini used wording almost identical to last week's letter:

"Officer Novak took the report but said there was nothing he could do since the suspect lived out of his jurisdiction in St. Pete."

According to police records, Mr. Tallini/Tanchette called the Gulfport Police Department the day after the theft and reported a bicycle, not a laptop computer, missing. The post on Topix also refers to a bicycle. Mr. Tallini/Tanchette could not give police a serial number for the bicycle, according to police reports.

Chief Vincent says that although officers couldn't verify much of what Mr. Tallini/Tanchette told them Lieutenant Howard Coombs had an officer follow up four days after the theft. Department policy requires follow-up within 14 days.

Police records show that since the day Mr. Tallini/Tanchette reported his bicycle stolen, Gulfport officers took the report, spoke with a witness, went to the address of the suspect Mr. Tallini/Tanchette described to officers five times, spoke with the homeowner of the house, called the person who allegedly bought the bicycle, checked local pawn shops, and contacted people who knew the suspect. They also went to Mr. Tallini/Tanchette's home for additional information and fielded several phone calls and a visit from Mr. Tallini/Tanchette, who gave officers "potentially conflicting statements," according to an e-mail from Chief Vincent to the city manager.

At this time, police will not speculate as to why Mr. Tallini/Tanchette gave the *Gabber* a false name and lied about details of his case. This reporter could not ascertain how a stolen bicycle would keep Mr. Tallini/Tanchette from communicating with his grandchildren, as he stated in last week's letter to the editor.

"This case has received more than its fair share of attention," Chief Vincent said, adding that Detective Embry gave Mr. Tallini/Tanchette the attention described above despite 14 additional open cases, which include two armed robberies.

Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@theGabber.com.

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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 our new store in St. Pete at: 3251 3rd Ave., 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.

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

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BPW to Meet

Donna Graham will speak at the Thursday, August 19 meeting of BPW Petersburg/Pinellas. Graham will discuss the pro and cons of reverse mortgages.

Also, the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office will have a table outside the meeting from 11:30 until 1:30 so that members, guests and general citizens can register to vote, change their voting addresses or ask questions. The table will also be set up for citizens before and during BPW meetings on September 2 and September 16.

BPW meets at 400 Beach Seafood and Tap House located at 400 Beach Drive NE in St. Petersburg. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 12 noon. Meetings are open to the public but reservations (see below) must be made by noon the Tuesday prior to the meeting. Cost: \$16 for members and \$21 for visitors.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Breed Hysteria

Five dogs. Zero socialization. One unsuspecting little boy. The result, however tragic, is no surprise.

When 2-year-old Jacob Bisbee opened the door to his grandfather's garage, he had no idea of the danger that waited just on the other side. His grandfather, however, did.

Steven Hayashi, 52, of Concord, Calif., was charged with felony child endangerment and possession of mischievous animals after three of his five dogs fatally mauled his grandson. Hayashi told police he "ignored the warning signs" after one of the dogs killed his Chihuahua.

All five of Hayashi's dogs were destroyed after the incident. Unfortunately, all five were pit bulls. It's unfortunate because it's a distraction. Once a person reads

that a dog attack involved a pit bull, they tune out: This information doesn't apply to me. Whatever the dog owner's contribution, it doesn't matter, because pit bulls are inherently vicious. I don't and never will own a pit bull, so this could never happen to me. Those dogs should be banned.

But say Hayashi had five Labs, America's do-no-wrong breed. Say those Labs, like his pit bulls, lived in a garage, were sometimes tied up in the yard and had little if any socialization with people. Say those Labs, like his pit bulls, were not neutered or spayed, lived as a pack and had zero training. At this point, save three hots and a cot, what's the difference between the hypothetical Labs and a pack of wild animals?

More to the point: Would you bet everything on the door that stood between your child and that pack?

For whatever reason, people are determined to make this a breed issue. In that case, it's a poodle issue and a dachshund issue and a shepherd issue and a beagle issue and a husky issue, as well as a pit bull, Rottweiler and Doberman issue. It's a dog issue. More than anything, it's a dog owner issue.

Dog owners the world over refuse to educate their dogs. They don't have the money. They don't have the time. They don't have the motivation until it's too late. And untrained, unsocialized dogs of all breeds inevitably develop problems.

The question is no longer: What can we learn from this incident? There have been so many incidents, so many "teachable moments" that sparked media frenzy and breed hysteria but little in the way of discernible progress.

The question now is: When are we going to learn?

Almost a decade ago, a 4-pound Pomeranian killed an infant in her crib. Just last week, I got a call from a reader with two Chihuahuas -- one had just taken out the eyeball of the other in a dogfight. If we banned every breed that had ever been involved in the biting of a child or another dog, the domesticated canine would find itself on the endangered species list.

When are we going to learn that an untrained, unsocialized animal in the house is the equivalent of a loaded weapon in the cookie jar? Maybe your child gets away with a little shrapnel in the leg. Maybe he's not so lucky. Do you take the chance?

If a person were to chug a bottle of Jim Beam before driving their car through the world's busiest intersection, most of civilized society would concede that the driver had grossly shunned his responsibility to consider the reasonable expectation of danger inherent in his actions. If no one gets injured or killed, it's extraordinary luck or divine intervention. If someone does, it's no surprise. But no one yells, "Ban the Camry!"

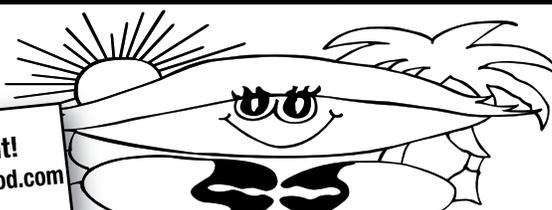
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Horoscope Guide

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Once the mother duck gets all her baby ducks in a row, they continue on that way, each following a tail feather until they arrive at their destination. You need team members like this now, people who, once directed, will do the job and stay on track. There's a time for wandering and tangents, and this isn't it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be susceptible to a phenomenon like love at first sight. But it's more like love at hundredth sight, since this is a person, project or endeavor that you've been exposed to quite a lot already. No matter -- the pull is strong enough to resonate through you again and again. You will know exactly what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your work projects become a strong focus this week. You'll have an audience to please. Yes, they want to experience something interesting and novel, but you have to be careful about how you bring this about. First bring them what they know and can relate to. Then put a different twist on it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The Toltecs, an ancient holy community, would practice bypassing the perceptive abilities of the five senses in order to get a spiritual view of the world. You'll easily slip into an extra-sensory mode when necessary. Something in you knows that the truth is beyond what you can see, touch, taste, smell or hear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Humor is revealing. That's why some people are overly serious -- they are afraid to let anyone know the truth about them, and the joke always gives it away. Be gentle with the humorless individuals you'll cross this week. Everyone has a defense of some kind or another. Endeavor to be with laughing friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ruthlessness and cruelty are not the same thing. You will be ruthless, refusing to take pity on a single soul -- especially not on yourself. Instead, you'll believe in each person's ability to do what is necessary, and there's nothing cruel about that. You'll rule with a no-nonsense mood, and others will rise to the occasion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Act like you are sure of yourself, even though you recognize that it is foolish to be too sure of yourself. Socrates said, "True knowledge exists in knowing that you know nothing. And in knowing that you know nothing, that makes you the smartest of all." This is a game. Make the commitment to the game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). How easy is it for you to detach from your rational mind? There is much good that can come of it now, as the esoteric insights you gain in a detached state of mind will, when you return to the so-called "real world," have powerful applications. Of course, some will think you're crazy, and maybe you should just let them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are a warrior. It doesn't mean you want to annihilate people who don't agree with you or who are in the way of your mission. It means your actions are imbued with purpose -- yes, even the small daily actions, like getting dressed in the morning. And a new purpose comes along this week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Occasionally, your mind seems to have a strategy you do not agree with. For instance, your mind deems it important to obsess about a situation you truly can't control. Fighting this takes a great deal of effort. It might be better to figure out the part in this scenario that you actually can do something about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You haven't decided yet whether you should conquer or befriend the enemy. And to make matters more complicated, the enemy is within. For now, coexist with the shadowy parts of you, accepting that you are a multifaceted gem in the universe, capable of a wide range of actions and reactions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will frame events with your words. Your ability to attract people to your cause will depend on your choice of vocabulary. And your vocabulary will depend on how you truly feel about the scene. Examine your feelings, and get your head into what you're doing. You'll be confident when you know your own mind.

This Week's Birthdays: You will master a skill over the next seven weeks -- nothing too difficult. Consider the process training for your body, mind and soul. When you can perfectly execute this simple task, you are ready to master something very challenging. October brings a windfall. You'll be celebrating good news during a family happening in November. New relationships in January will spice up your social world. April brings a fascinating journey. A professional breakthrough happens in June.

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

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Gecko Fest Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The 10th Annual Gulfport Gecko Fest is set for Saturday, September 4 from 12 noon to 10 p.m. on Beach Blvd. This free event sponsored by the Gulfport Merchants Association, The City of Gulfport and The Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, St. Petersburg Times, Bright House Networks, GEICO, and Zhu-niverse and is a full day of fun for everyone. This whimsical send off to summer is like Mardi Gras meets the Renaissance, and brings together strolling street performers, main stage performers, performing artists and vendors with all types of weird and wonderful wares up and down Beach Blvd. Over 200 arts, craft and food vendors will be in attendance at this year's event!

Zhu-universe will sponsor the children's area with inflatable habitat trails, human hamster wheel, 6 set obstacle course, Nintendo DS Hand held systems, Wii kiosks, photo opportunities, Zhu Zhu Pets and Kung Zhu Product and accessories showcase, give-a-ways, ID clips, Music and more!

Join the Goddess and the Gecko

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Court along with other roving characters who will be roaming the streets and entertaining the crowds! Live entertainment will be provided on two main stages from noon till 10 p.m.

Don't forget this is an audience participation event (especially the parade at 6 p.m.) with adults and children's costume contests and a hat contest at the end. Additional activities include sidewalk chalk art, face painting, dance lessons and much more.

The day culminates in Gulfport's famous street dance at 8 p.m. Bring your dancing shoes, and help celebrate their 10th anniversary!

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ACTIVITIES

Adult Basketball - Thurs., 6-9 p.m.

PROGRAMS

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

2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM -Registrations for the 2010-2011 School Year Child Care Program will begin on July 26th for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

TOT TIME PROGRAM - PREREGISTRATION for the 2010-2011 Tot Time Program are currently being accepted. Hours for pre-registration are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$15 for residents and \$100

for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Classes begin September 7, 2010. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information

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

- Noisemakers - Call Gabe at 345-7472.
- Tai Chi-Thurs., 9a.m at Scout Hall. Call Marge at 345-6708.
- Tennis - Tues., 4:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call Jack at 430-0690.
- TIPS ON GETTING A JOB IN A TOUGH ECONOMY- Thurs. 6:30-8pm The topic for Aug. 5 is Avoid the Resume Black Hole
- Watercolor with Patsi -Beginners/Intermediate>Returns in the Fall. Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., 9 a.m. at 49th Street Neighborhood Center. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba - Returns in the Fall. Call Daniela at 561-302-6174.

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

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



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

Our "Afternoon Specials": Thursday, August 5, 2:00 pm—Our Final Scrapbook and Crafts program! Wednesday, August 11: Our "Grand Finale" for Summer Reading Programs is for ALL AGES! Come celebrate with us (and dance with our Fog Machine!) on Wednesday, August 11 at 2:00 pm!

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

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

SummerCoffee/Talk Movie: "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 Em-

my-nominated TV film is not rated, and contains mature subject matter. (MGM, 1968, 104 minutes).

Suncoast Computer Users Group (SCUG): Thursday, August 12, 6:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, August 14, 1:00 pm. Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Some supplies available, but you furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album. FMI, contact Kay Boatwright 893-1074.

SummerCoffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, August 19, 10:00 am. Our summer series, "Pushed to the Limit," continues with Flowers for Algernon, by Daniel Keys. Stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a discussion guide and

reserve a copy of the book.

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, August 28, 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.

Open Monday-Friday: 10am-7pm & Saturday: 10 am-4 pm
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Services

City Sponsored Activities in the Community

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch & Learn about Medicaid and Long Term Care: Come enjoy a free lunch while hearing about Medicaid and paying for long term care. Certified Elder Law Attorney, April Hill, will speak and then be on hand to answer questions. Bring a friend and enjoy this informative seminar. The event will take place on Tuesday, August 17 at Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue South. Please submit your RSVP to 893-2237 or 893-1231 by Friday, August 13th.

Items Needed: We are so pleased to receive many of the donations we previously requested. It was all very much appreciated. We are still looking for regular and costume jewelry as well as other items for our Sept. 3rd Flea Market. Due to space limitations, we cannot accept clothing. Thanks again for your support.

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.

"StartWithYourHeart" Presentation: Come join us for a special presentation on Tues. Aug. 24 at 10am on improving your Cardio-Vascular System. It all starts with your heart! Courtesy of the Pinellas County Health Department.

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:

Patio Party: The Senior Center will hold its first Patio Party on Fri. Sept. 3 at 11:30am. Hot Dog Lunch, Entertainment, Flea Market, Door Prizes and more! Tickets: \$3.00.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Phones for Hearing Impaired: Deaf & Hearing Connection will distribute phones for the hearing impaired at no out-of-pocket cost on Tues. Aug. 17 at 9:30am.

Elder Law Clinic: Fri. Aug. 20 at 9:30am. Must meet income criteria. 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 368-3199 to register and fee info.

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

JUST FOR FUN

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

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

Language Practice:

Spanish: Beginners and Intermediate, every Mon. 3-4:30pm
Italian: Beginner Conversation, every Mon. 5-6pm

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

Bingo: Fridays at 1pm.

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

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Local Obituaries

GARRETT, RICHARD (RICK) SCOTT, 47, former resident of Gulfport, passed away on August 3rd, 2010. Born Jan. 1, 1963, he spent most of his life and final days in Southern California. He spent several happy years in Gulfport. He is survived by his three beautiful daughters, Zoey, Allie and Lula, his dear friends, Gina, Patty & Lawrence, of Gulfport, his devoted sister Sheryl and brother-in-law, Frank of Chino Hills CA, his father, Marvin, brother Bill, sister Diana, brother-in-law Bob, two nephews and a niece - all of southern California. There were so many more who truly loved this man. May he now be in peace with God. A celebration of his life is planned for the fall in Southern California. A private celebration will be held by his family in Gulfport at a time yet to be determined.

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MANDEL, ROBERT, 61, of St. Pete Beach, died July 22, 2010. Vietnam Navy vet and painting contractor. Survived by daughter Crystal

(Phillip) Webber; 2 grandchildren, Kelsey Mandel and Phillip Webber Jr.; brother James, all of Venice, FL. He will be forever missed and loved. Global Mortuary, 530-3600.

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MAURUKAS, DR. JONAS, 91, of South Pasadena, passed away Monday, July 26, 2010, at his home. He was a member of St. Casimir's Lithuanian Mission, Lithuanian - American Club. He was a graduate of the Frederick Wilhelm University in Bonn, Germany in 1947, with a Chemistry Degree. From 1945-1955, he worked in Canada at the Best Institute for Medical Research. He graduated from the School of Graduate Studies University of Toronto, Canada in 1955, and received his Doctorate in Philosophy. From 1955-1956, he was the head of the Bio Chemistry and Research Department at Elyria Medical Hospital in Elyria, OH, and continued working in the research department until his retirement. Jonas is survived by his wife Janina Maurukas; son; Rimas Maurukas; daughters Aida Gerbec, Daina Ignatonis; eight grandchildren.

He was preceded by his first wife R. Dalia Maurukas in 1998. Services will be Thursday, July 29, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Pete Beach. With a gathering of family and friends starting at 11 a.m. at the chapel.

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RICE, RUTH M., 89, of Gulfport passed away July 19, in Largo, under hospice care. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Alvin Blair Sr., her brother James Hearn, her sisters Lucille Beck and Betty Summa. She is survived by her sons, Burton Ebersole, of ME, Alvin Jr. of Rotonda West, FL; and her daughter Jeanne Couper (Michael) of Largo; her grandchildren, Tammy Hopp and Burton Ebersole Jr. of CT, Audra Rice of Largo, Amy Rice Schopfer and Allison Rice Wampole of Palmetto, Kimberly Salley and Mark Ebersole of ME. Ruth is also survived by her two sisters and several great-grandchildren. Ruth served as a Technical Sergeant 4 in the U.S. Women's Army Corps during WWII. First & foremost, Ruth was genuinely patriotic. Ruth was very active with the Republican party and volunteered at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg. Military services for Ruth will be held at 2:15 p.m., Sept. 10th at Bay Pines National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Ruth's name to the Suncoast Hospice Foundation, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760. Mohn Funeral Home-Seminole, 727-393-3481, www.mohnfh.com.

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Happy Birthday, Alex!



Alex Kochis has made it to 101 years old on Friday, August 6. His wife, Marilyn, would like to thank all the staff at Egret Cove for taking such good care of him since May. Happy birthday!

Love, Marilyn & Louise

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By Scott Lafee

Perhaps We Should Just Hide Under a Rock

They're colorful and they provide shade, but apparently beach umbrellas aren't entirely up to the task of blocking all of the sun's harmful rays. Researchers from the University of Valencia in Spain say 34 percent of ultraviolet radiation gets past and around their protective canopies.

It's not really the umbrella's fault. It deflects 95 percent of direct solar radiation. The problem is diffused radiation coming in from the sides.

"The umbrella intercepts the direct radiation that comes from the sun, but part of the diffused radiation, which makes up approximately 60 percent of the total, reaches the

sensor from the sky not covered by the umbrella," said Jose Antonio Martinez-Lozano, co-author of the study and coordinator of the Research Group of Solar Radiation in Valencia.

The researchers say their study may help better explain the epidemiology of some skin cancers.

BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

The small intestine really isn't -- at least in terms of length. In fact, it's the body's largest internal organ, with an average length of about 16 feet. The "small" refers to its diameter, about 1 inch compared to the large intestine's 2.5 inches.

GET ME THAT. STAT!

Women aged 65 and older who suffer wrist fractures (the most common upper extremity fracture in older adults) are approximately 50 percent

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PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Rhytiphobia -- fear of getting wrinkles

OBSERVATION

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Towns Shores Red Hatters

Just a reminder that the next get together to make root beer floats will be this Friday July 23 at 2 p.m. It will be held in the clubhouse lounge. Come join them and cool off a bit. Guests are welcome for a nominal fee.

Upcoming activities for August are: monthly Bunko on August 13 at 1 p.m. and a trip to the Red & Purple Shoppe and lunch at the Tick-Tock on August 24. They'll leave the clubhouse parking lot at 9:45 a.m. if anyone needs a ride.

Please call Carol at 345-2303 or Carole at 343-4483 to RSVP.

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Meals on Wheels has Urgent Need for Drivers

Can you spare an hour and a half to deliver noontime meals to those in need? Neighborly Care Network has an urgent need for Meals on Wheels drivers throughout Pinellas County. Meals are picked up at one of Neighborly's dining sites and delivered to seniors in your neighborhood (maps and directions are provided). They are looking for special people to provide life-sustaining nourishment to homebound seniors. Whether you can deliver on a daily, weekly or occasional basis, they need your help. It's easy, it's rewarding, it's lifesaving!

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Making Books at the Library

By Melissa Lattman

Five-year-old Ian made his own version of The Three Little Pigs at the St. Pete Beach Library on July 28. The bookmaking program was part of the library's summer reading program, which wrapped up on August 3 with the End of Summer Party for Make a Splash, Read.



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Rina and Joey Osani on vacation tent camping in the Smoky Mountains.

-Submitted by Linda Osani

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Sizzlin' Summer Bash



By Melissa Lattman

The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce hosted the second annual Sizzlin' Summer Bash at the St. Pete Beach Community Center. The organization's fundraiser included gourmet food from local restaurants and auction and raffle items donated by local businesses and individuals. People could place bids early on live auction items. *The Gabber* ran the wrong photo with this story last week. We apologize for the error.

US Power Squadron Seminar Series

The United States Power Squadrons Seminar Series, Onboard Weather Forecasting, presented by the St. Petersburg Sail & Power Squadron, will be held on Wednesday August 18, from 7-9 p.m., at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Ave SE, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg.

This seminar explains how just using your own senses can help you determine the conditions you will encounter. A forecast is important. It tells what weather systems are headed your way. But, they are challenged to tell exactly where and when the conditions will change. Add your own observations and you have an extra edge. The seminar explains weather system terms, how to understand clouds and their changes, using changing wind direction, temperature and pressure to hone in on emerging weather fronts. The seminar comes with a Captain's Quick Guide to keep on your boat.

Instruction is free, materials cost \$20 per family. Maximum of 20 students; pre-registration required. Contact www.boating-stpete.org or 525-0968.

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Help Improve USCG Building in Gulfport

Donations are needed for improvements to the USCG Auxiliary Building in Gulfport. Gulfport Marine Training & Rescue Group (GUMTARG) established in 1962, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Unlike most non-profit corporations that are only 50%, GUMTARG is 100% non-profit and has no paid employees or directors.

GUMTARG financially supports the Gulfport Auxiliary 7-16 building solely. Every penny of all donations are tax deductible and will go toward building improvements. They accept car, boat, and cash donations. GUMTARG has kept the Gulfport auxiliary building afloat since 1962. They would like to thank Home Depot, Kevin Yeaton, and Jim Newman for their recent donations. To help, call Jim at 727-742-5140.

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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.

This program is funded by Area Agency on Aging of Pasco/Pinellas, Inc.

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Donate to Library's CD Collection

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Open House on Crosswalk Improvements

By Melissa Lattman

ST. PETE BEACH- Residents gave input and looked at maps of proposed Gulf Boulevard crosswalk improvements at the July 29 open house held by the state Department of Transportation. Several display boards lined tables at the community center showing crossing plans for Gulf Boulevard from 35th Avenue (near the Don Cesar) to 93rd Avenue.

There will be two proposed new crosswalks on Gulf Boulevard. One new crossing will be by the 7-11 Store at 6203 Gulf Boulevard. There is also a trolley stop at this location. Many pedestrians cross to get to the store, a couple blocks south of the location a five-year old was killed attempting to cross the road in November 2004.

The other new crossing will be by the New Beach House Suites at 3860 Gulf Boulevard. A study of the area in 2008 found no crosswalks between 44th Avenue and 35th Avenue, a distance of 3,100 feet. The area has many places where pedestrians want to go as well as places like hotels that generate pedestrians. There is one concrete median in the area.

Seven raised medians, which will be landscaped in the future by the city through grant funding, will be built between 64th Avenue and 73rd Avenue. The raised medians give motorists a better chance to react to pedestrians and a place for pedestrians seeking refuge in the middle of the road, state officials said.

Plans for next summer include raised pedestrian refuge islands with crosswalks-- south of 44th Avenue and north of Gulf Winds Drive. Some of the proposed mid-block crosswalks are angled like half of the letter "V" to encourage pedestrians to look at oncoming traffic. Turn separators are also planned to help with the traffic calming.

The crosswalk project is under design and transportation officials wanted feedback from residents. The plan is to begin construction in the summer of 2011. Transportation officials said they got a lot of good input. The project came about because of citizens concerns and citizens helped develop the plan including taking a bus tour of the city to point out concern areas.

Other projects scheduled for the area are slated to start this summer. They include a crossing flag program for 39 crosswalks along Gulf Boulevard. This a new DOT program where pedestrians pull a retro-reflective flag from the container at the crosswalk, wave it as they cross and return the flag upon safe arrival on the other side.

Adding ladder style pavement markings to crosswalks is planned along Gulf Boulevard. There will also be pedestrian education and enforcement.



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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Will You Get Medical Treatment?

Imagine that you are the only doctor, or medical provider, in a community of say, 3,000 people. There is no near competition and no one has handy transportation to places with more doctors and more facilities.

As the only guy (or woman) in town, you have limited time, limited resources, and limited facilities. Simply put, you can't treat everyone for everything they have, or might have. Yet, you have demand for services, services you may not be qualified to deliver. So, what do you do?

The obvious is that you do only what you can do. The problem is how do you determine who gets what and why? In other words, you have to ration

care and have to have some way to determine. You do have resources.

You can turn to your data base. Sorted in many, many ways, it would include sex, age, race and/or nationality, information about parents or grandparents, prior medical treatments, medications taken and being taken, blood pressure, blood type and blood analysis, personal habits (drinking, chewing, smoking, exercise, stress), BMI (weight to height), diet, vaccines taken, general and specific health, mental health and/or problems.

In analyzing the information you have, you might attempt to sort into categories. It might be by medical trend, or by specific disease (heart, cancer, diabetes, etc.) You might sort by age, gender, or nationality or race (some races have specific medical susceptibilities or resistances), or

medical trend. Eventually, you would re-sort by habits and treatments and responses. On top of that would be dealing with emergencies - again, a sorting exercise.

Finally, at some point you would have decisions to make. These people get treatment, these don't. Or, perhaps it would be less finite. These people get direct, personal treatment, others get standardized for-that-condition packets, others would be given written or electronic information for general care, and some would simply get in line.

Obviously, young people come to the front of line as would most emergencies although, like on the battle field, decisions would have to be made. Maybe all those emergencies aren't emergencies. Aging people (starting at what age?) would have to be categorized. Then comes habits. Why treat people who won't help themselves? The overweight, the smokers, the drinkers, the chewers, the sedentary, the unhealthy eaters. Mentally ill or incompetent? How much of your resources here? How much to the very aged and very ill? This is the very costly group.

That's rationing which ultimately we may have to do. Is it all wrong? Maybe not. We should take better care of ourselves. Could we get along with less medical care? We did years ago, but then longevity was 10 years less. Yet, those extra ten years are costing up beyond our (or the government's) means. Working on wellness does make sense.

Of course, we could have rationing on a first come, first served basis. In other words, we care for everyone regardless of circumstances, medical conditions, and so forth. We don't sort and we don't select. Then, it's just a matter of waiting or finding an alternative.

Either way the basis is being laid by the comprehensive government focused medical care system that is coming within the next few years.

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As your new Commander, Vern Hunter, I would like to thank everyone for making the installation of officers a very special and rewarding day for all of us. Shirley Dibucci and her helpers were magnificent in setting up the food and thanks to everyone who donated food and their time.

Post Everlasting will be held next Monday, August 9 at 7 p.m. This is a very moving ceremony to honor the memory of Veterans of Post 125. Everyone is invited to attend.

Breakfast is back! Every Sunday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Our kitchen is open Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Our prices are reasonable and the food is delicious. Come on in and have a taste! The fourth Saturday of each month is the S.A.L.'s all-you-can-eat spaghetti & meatball dinner from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Southern Knights band is playing for your listening and dancing pleasure every Friday and Saturday night from 7 to 11 p.m.

Please help us with donations for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Lately donations have been few and far between. A collection box is provided at the post. For more information call Shirley at 510-1919. Let's show them our support!

The Auxiliary is again accepting donations for school supplies for our local schools. A barrel is located in the lobby for your donations.

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In just 10 weeks, Gulfport will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation, October 12, 1910. We'll be reminding you every week with an interesting old photograph from the collection of the Historical Museum. See if you can identify the people, places, and above all the decade of each picture as it comes along. To make it a little bit of a challenge, we won't publish the correct caption until the following week.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

Scout Hall, shown last week in a promotional brochure drawing, was built in 1926 as a church and moved to its present location in Chase Park in 1937. It served as the town's most popular meeting place until 1966 when the Rec Center was built on the waterfront, and the old building was given over to the Scouts. In the summer of 2008 it was completely renovated and reopened as a modern meeting facility.



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and resolve residents' concerns. Special training and certification is provided.

All interested individuals who care about protecting the health, safety, welfare and rights of long-term care facility residents -- who often have no one else to advocate for them -- are encouraged to call toll-free (888) 831-0404 or visit the program's Web site at <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>.

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Your Health

By Rallie McAllister M.D.

Seeking Shelter in Summer Storms Saves Lives

If your work or play takes you into the great outdoors this summer, there's a good chance that you may find yourself seeking shelter in a storm -- and the lightning that accompanies it. In the U.S., lightning is the second most common storm-related cause of death, exceeded only by floods.

In spite of its awesome power, lightning isn't always deadly. A flash can come and go in a millisecond, and this brief duration is what allows many of its victims to survive.

People with minor lightning injuries are typically stunned and confused, and often don't remember being struck. Headaches, weakness and temporary loss of vision or hearing may linger afterward, but most victims recover fully.

People who experience major lightning injuries suffer far more serious complications. The skin can be severely burned by melting metal and rubber from zippers and shoe soles, and by moisture from rainwater when it is instantly vaporized to steam.

A lightning strike often causes the eardrums to rupture and may lead to the formation of cataracts on the eyes within days of the injury. Some victims suffer permanent paralysis or brain damage.

Lightning strikes can be devastating, but the good news is that you can take steps to avoid being struck in the first place. It's always best to stay indoors when a storm is brewing, but if you're caught off guard when you're outside in the elements, you may need to take emergency measures.

If you can hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you. The sound of thunder should be your cue to immediately stop what you're doing and head for a safe shelter, which includes a substantial building or the inside of an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle. As you dash to safety, drop any objects that may serve as lightning rods, such as golf clubs,

fishing poles and umbrellas. Once you reach shelter, it's wise to stay put for at least a half hour after you hear the last clap of thunder.

If you're in the water when a storm approaches, get out immediately and move as far away as possible. If you're stranded in an open area with no safe shelter in site, you can reduce your risk of injury by moving to the lowest point in the land and by staying away from single trees, towers or poles.

You'll know that you're in grave danger if you feel your hair standing on end, hear crackling noises or if objects around you appear to be surrounded by blue haloes. These are signs that lightning is about to strike, and it's time to hit the deck -- now!

You can make yourself less of a target by squatting in a tucked position, with only the balls of your feet touching the ground.

When lightning strikes, you may not be the only one in danger. Although most lightning fatalities involve a single person, it's not uncommon for several victims to be struck at once.

If you're unscathed when others are injured, you can be a lifesaver. If there's a phone in your immediate vicinity, call 911.

Contrary to popular belief, lightning victims aren't electrically charged, so they don't pose any threat to their rescuers. Although it may seem counterintuitive, you should first try to help anyone who appears to be dead, and start CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) if necessary.

After a lightning strike, a person's heart may stop beating and respiration may cease, at least temporarily. In many cases, the heart will resume beating on its own in a matter of moments.

The ability to breathe takes much longer to return, and without respiratory assistance, oxygen deprivation may lead to death. When rescue breathing is given until the victim is able to breathe alone, the chances of survival increase dramatically.

Although it's entirely possible to survive lightning-related injuries, most people would agree that it's far better to avoid them in the first place. Seeking shelter in a storm will reduce your risk of being struck by lightning, and it might even save your life.

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- Burglary-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Burglary-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Accident with Injuries-** 2100 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2700 Blk 54th St. S.

- Noise Complaint-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 700 Blk Gray St. S.
- Saturday 7/24**
- Noise Complaint-** 6300 Blk Pasadena Pt. Blvd. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5700 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 1600 Blk 55th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 4700 Blk Baywood Pt. Dr. S.
- Theft-** 2800 Blk Dupont St. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Call-** Location Withheld.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Sunday 7/25**
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 6300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 6300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Armed Person-** 1100 Blk 53rd St. S.

- Suspicious Circumstances-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 800 Blk Gray St. S.
- Theft-** 2700 Blk 54th St. S.
- Monday 7/26**
- Domestic Battery-** 5500 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Disabled Vehicle-** 4900 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Narcotics/Drugs-** 1100 Blk 60th St. S.
- Burglary-** 1100 Blk 63rd St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Tuesday 7/27**
- DUI Investigation-** 1400 Blk Freemont St. S.
- Accident with Injuries-** 2100 Blk 58th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 1800 Blk 49th St. S.
- Hit & Run-** 4900 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Armed Person-** 1800 Blk 49th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 4900 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5300 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 2600 Blk Quincy St. S.
- Wednesday 7/28**
- Domestic Verbal-** 700 Blk 60th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 700 Blk 60th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 2800 Blk 59th St. S.
- Burglary-** 2500 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Thursday 7/29**
- Burglary-** 2900 Blk 57th St. S.
- Vessel Stop(s)-** Boca Ciega Bay.
- Burglary-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 2600 Blk 44th St. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 800 Blk 49th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 1100 Blk Hull St. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 3299 Blk 59th St. S.
- Fight in Progress-** 3100 Blk Miriam St. S.
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National Night Out

By Leigh Clifton

Things got a little soggy as the City of Gulfport, So49.org, the Chamber of Commerce, City of Gulfport Council members, Gulfport fire officials, law enforcement, members of Stetson Law School's Public Safety officers and Senator Charlie Justice were joined by concerned citizens last Tuesday night for the National Night Out; Give Crime a Going Away Party. Originally slated to start as a walk from the Neighborhood Center on 49th St to the Tangerine Greenway, a torrential downpour caused a slight change of plans. The Gulfport Trolley was then commandeered to carry people to the Greenway, where a number of information tents were set up. Members of the Tampa Bay Rays Street Team were on hand with prizes for the kids, along with a Bouncy House to keep them occupied. The St. Pete and Gulfport Fire and Rescue trucks, SunStar ambulance service, the Pinellas County Sheriff Department, St. Pete Police and the Mobile Crime Unit were all on hand as well, to assist residents with questions and to give out important information on combating crime.

Senator Charlie Justice, who listed the event in his FaceBook page and attended the rally, had great praise for Gulfport's collective efforts to combat crime.

"Gulfport is such a wonderful place; it's great to see a community come together and the people are always so supportive here. Events like this just make life better for everyone. They bring awareness to the neighborhoods about crime and criminal activity. I try to get to as many Gulfport events as I can; I always feel welcome here."

Gulfport Mayor Mike Yakes agreed.

"The message here is that the citizens of Gulfport will stand together in opposition to crime. With the courts and jails so overburdened with criminals, the system is challenged, costing millions of taxpayer dollars. It's just a shame that law abiding citizens have to pay the extra costs for their safety."

The event's organizer, Jeri Reed, was disappointed with the weather, which seemed to keep a lot of people away. But overall she was pleased with the turnout.

"I'm still pleased that we could get so many law enforcement and officials to join us for National Night Out," she said. "It's just a little rain," she laughed as a huge bolt of lightning shot across the black sky. "Criminals don't stop for the rain, and we won't either!"

The event was scheduled to end at 9p.m. but was closed down early by yet another wave of storms that came thru the area.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Fixing Things

In his nonfiction book about endangered species, *Last Chance to See*, the British satirist Douglas Adams says that “human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.”

I went down to Clam Bayou the other day and looked around at the construction site. I saw a lot of earth-moving machines, litter, and a young black-crowned night heron. Right or wrong, the restoration is moving forward, hopefully in tandem with the heron and at odds with the litter.

I say right or wrong because I don't know. Florida history is littered with environmental decisions that forever changed the state, and not necessarily for the better. I do not know that these decisions, like trying to straighten the Kissimmee River or drain the Everglades (we didn't realize mosquitoes caused malaria; we thought swamps did and hey, we can sell that land if it's dry, so let's dredge the hell out of it!) were made with malice. Greed? Well, yes.

Humans screwed up Clam Bayou by dredging up a bunch of land so we could have houses in Gulfport, put a golf course right next to it, and allowed people to try and coexist with an estuary before anyone realized what a really, really ill-conceived idea that was.

And now we want to fix it. As a species, we're not so good at that sort of thing. Look at any number of environmental projects in this lovely limestone state. Oh, we're fantastically gifted at mucking up the environment, but the fixing? That's kind of hit-and-miss for us humans.

I'm not concerned that we're going to muck up the bayou forever. Eventually all systems right themselves; the earth possesses an amazing capacity to pull itself back into balance. Don't believe me? Pay attention after the next hurricane, because that's a classic example.

It'd be nice to see it recover in our lifetime, which probably won't happen without an assist. It'd also be grand to see the stormwater diverted before it goes into the last remaining bit of estuary on Boca Ciega Bay, but that's not going to happen. Instead we're digging a deep pond- deeper than anything in Boca Ciega Bay, by the way- and hope it sorts itself out.

No, I'm scared it isn't a good idea for other reasons. DDT in the soil from years ago? Dredging it up puts it back into the water and the food supply; that can't be good for the osprey that fish Clam Bayou. Huge ponds deeper than anything that was there before? Is there a reason they weren't there before? The arrogance of doing what nature never would have begs for failure and in Florida, ecosystems aren't small-time. When we fail the environment, we do it in style. People across the world study our environmental failures.

I think the scientists suggested what they believed best for the bayou, but that's the problem. We've created a whole new set of problems and this business of fixing isn't as much of a science as we'd like to think.

I don't have answers. I'm not a scientist. I don't know what to do with all the junk that flows into Clam Bayou. I realize we're not all going to move away, and I know that this is all part of the process of learning to coexist with nature, but I wonder if we know what we're doing by creating things that have never existed in that area. How do you un-dig a pond that's 30 feet deep? How do you get rid of toxins that you've unburied?

Scientists make the best decisions they can with the information they have. But what if the scientists are wrong? What will happen when they have to tell a board comprised of people dedicated to selling the state rather than preserving it that things didn't exactly pan out? What decision will that board make?

Half of the board members make their living from development. Not one scientist sits on the board. The larger governing board has realtors,

ranchers, and farmers on it. As much as I want to believe that the scientists are doing what they think is best, every time I think about those boards, I start to feel a little queasy.

When will we learn that leaving the fate of our world in the hands of developers is just plain stupid? How can they possibly have the best interests of the estuary at heart when they, as individuals, make their livings by buying and selling land and creating huge buildings up and down the Pinellas coastline?

Do you really want the man who designed the Aqualea on Clearwater Beach deciding the fate of Clam Bayou? Do you want cattle ranchers and citrus farmers deciding what's an acceptable way to keep nitrogen, an essential element in fertilizer, out of Boca Ciega Bay? Do you honestly believe the president of a construction company should have the right to tell scientists how to rebuild an estuary?

Look, if the restoration works, I'll be thrilled. Believe it or not, I want it to work. I can't wait to kayak Clam Bayou once the work finishes. Short of ripping out the golf course and stopping cars from driving on local roads, I guess a redesign is as good a choice as any.

Unless it turns out they shouldn't have tried to redesign it at all. What if things get worse, not better?

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

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

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Tampa Bay Nitrogen Management Consortium Allows Additional Pollution

Gulfport Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon Says Gulfport Needs to Exercise Diligence

By Cathy Salustri

Several weeks ago, Gulfport city council considered renewing its participation in the Tampa Bay Nitrogen Management Consortium (NMC). Jennifer Salmon, one of the two newer council members, asked the council to vote no.

Nitrogen is a chemical found in everything from the air to cyanide. In the air, nitrogen is a good thing- people need it to breathe. In the water, large amounts of nitrogen causes problems like algae blooms, fish kills, and loss of wildlife habitat.

Nitrogen in the water comes from industrial and stormwater runoff containing pesticides, fertilizers, and other nitrogen-rich substances. According to the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, 63% of the nitrogen in Tampa Bay comes from stormwater runoff and 21% is deposited from the air.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) cites the Gulf of Mexico as one the two "most widely known examples of significant nutrient impacts." The other is Chesapeake Bay. Nutrients refer to phosphorous and nitrogen contamination.

The EPA also says that the nutrients in these two bodies of water impact over 80 estuaries and bays "and thousands of rivers, streams, and lakes."

The Tampa Bay Estuary Program developed the NMC to satisfy the federal government's request to do something about the amount of nitrogen in the Gulf of Mexico. Consortium members include local governments, regulatory agencies, phosphate companies, electric companies and agriculture. The NMC says it will reduce the nitrogen runoff into Hillsborough Bay, Old Tampa Bay, Middle Tampa Bay, and Lower Tampa Bay by 17 tons every year, or 85 tons every five years.

Although the plan met with state approval, the nitrogen runoff into Tampa Bay is still higher than the EPA allows. This runoff comes from permitted sources, such as the TECO plant. The NMC set lower limits so industries wouldn't lose permits or have more severe limits imposed by the EPA, its own documents say.

Outside of Hillsborough Bay, the nitrogen load decreases significantly. In Hillsborough Bay industry contributes 1451 tons of nitrogen runoff every year. Lower Tampa Bay, by contrast, has 349 tons of runoff per year.

Gulfport is part of the Lower Tampa Bay watershed, which includes Clam Bayou and Bear Creek. A watershed refers to an area where all the water in that area- from rainfall to runoff- goes to the same place. People and animals in a watershed share the same water.

Most of the nitrogen (75%) in the Lower Tampa Bay watershed comes from the atmosphere, whereas 76% of the nitrogen in Hillsborough Bay comes from non-point sources. "Non-point" refers to things like agricultural runoff and industry like TECO.

By participating in the NMC, Gulfport helps the Middle Tampa Bay watershed (which includes Hillsborough Bay) meet EPA guidelines. That means that Hillsborough Bay can still have higher than allowable runoff, even though Gulfport and TECO are part of two different watersheds. Gulfport pays \$6000 every three years to be a part of the consortium.

Despite Councilwoman Salmon's objections, Gulfport city council voted to continue to participate in the NMC. Councilwoman Salmon said she felt the city's participation allowed industry to contaminate local waterways and felt that staying in the consortium deviated from the city's stated goals in regards to the environment.

Now, she says, she understands that "it's better to be a player" but still wants to see a debate on the issue. She has asked for a workshop on the issue. The city's web site has no such workshop listed on its calendar.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esquire

What to Expect in a Divorce Proceeding (Part 1)

A divorce is a painful and difficult experience, but if you understand the functions and limitations of the legal system, the process becomes somewhat more tolerable. This article should provide you with a greater understanding of the process to help you get through your divorce with realistic ideas and goals.

Florida's divorce system is based on the principle of "no-fault" meaning that a divorce will be granted if either party believes that the marriage is over. Generally, the causes of the failure of the marriage are not an issue in court. All that matters is that the marriage needs to be ended.

It is not practical for any attorney to heal the emotional wounds created by your divorce. You must understand that the legal system is not a tool for punishment of your spouse. Indeed, the courtroom is no place for revenge.

The best way to conclude your case is to settle it. Through compromise and cooperation, a settlement can lead to greater mutual satisfaction and reduced dislike between you and your spouse. In most cases, negotiations toward settlement can be more productive and far less expensive than a full-blown trial.

Every divorce is different. Your results in a divorce proceeding may be different from your neighbor's, friend's, or even a relative's divorce. You simply cannot rely upon what happened in other cases and assume that your results will be identical. Cases that seem similar may, in fact, be very different and will be treated differently under the law.

Unless you settle your case outside of a formal court proceeding, a judge must allocate the income and assets accumulated during the marriage.

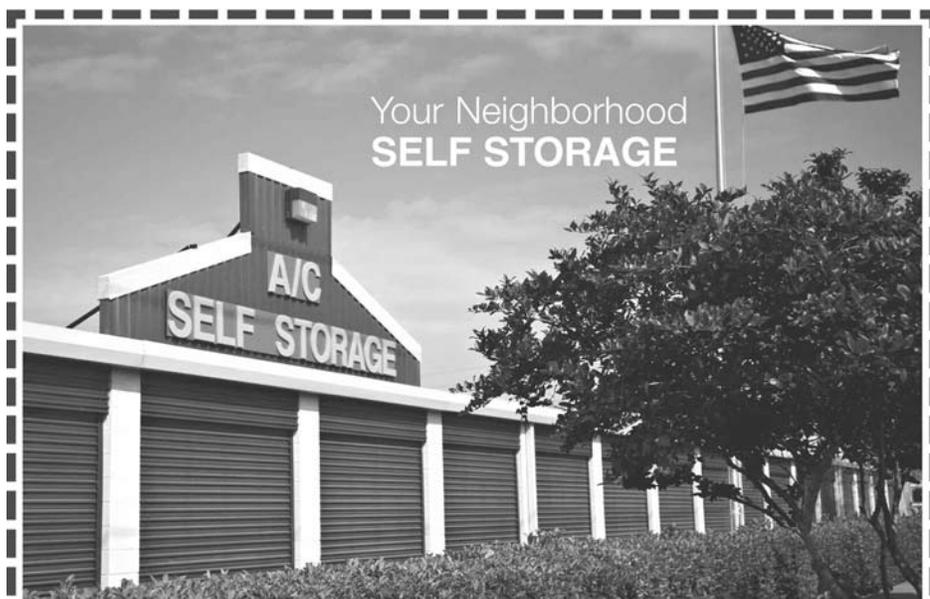
The law is that you and your spouse were financial partners during the marriage and are presumed entitled to share in both the assets and income the partnership made. You must make a full disclosure of your finances on a court approved Available Monthly Income and Financial Affidavit.

For most people, life-styles change after a divorce. Since divorces do not create property or income, the court must divide the marital resources between two separate households. Remember, it costs more to run two households than one. In considering a settlement, you should consider whether you can afford the Court costs and attorney's fees to fully litigate your case. Fees and costs in contested cases can be quite high. Usually, a settlement prior to trial reduces the expenses considerably, an important consideration if you come to the divorce with limited resources.

In our next article, we will explore child custody/visitation and child support as part of a divorce proceeding.

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Sea Breeze International Film Festival Brings a Taste of Culture, Independent Movie Magic



Sea Breeze International Film Festival Programming Director Christine Scott (left) and her daughter Sophie Scott, the festival's Director, stand among the many film posters in the Hickman Theatre lobby last weekend. They were very pleased with the turn-out for the film showings and hope to bring the festival back next year.

The Gabber ran the wrong story with this photo last week. We apologize for the error.

By Leigh Clifton

The City of Gulfport and the Catherine Hickman Theatre hosted the Sea Breeze International Film Festival last weekend, bringing 28 independent films and shorts from more than nine countries to our area. The festival's Head of Programming, Christine Scott, was very enthusiastic about bringing the festival to Gulfport; she and her daughter Sophie Scott, who is the festival's Director, have just moved back to the area from Trigora, France after four and a half years. There they had been presenting the Strasbourg Film Festival in that country. That festival, originally a flop when presented by the city officials there, has been given new life when the Scotts took it over; it's now a very successful and much sought-after venue for independent film makers world-wide.

"Sea Breeze has evolved from the Strasbourg festival," Christine Scott said. "It is actually a travelling piece of it; a roaming arm of it. We found fabulous films to show over there and we're thrilled to be presenting some wonderfully directed indie films here in Gulfport."

Sophie Scott, who is now just eighteen, has cut her chops on the acting world; she was a child actor in Los Angeles and starred in several films and commercials, auditioning for the part of Terri Hatcher's daughter in *Desperate Housewives*. She wrote, directed and starred in 'Cannibal Jane'; a popular indie film about a young female sociopath who justifies her crimes by believing she is acting out of love for her victims. It is a cult classic on YouTube. She also wrote, starred and directed *Perspective*, (her first short) and *OCD*, a film that was accepted by the TV show film competition "On the Lot"; an opportunity to compete against other independent film makers with the ultimate prize a

year working with Steven Spielberg's film company.

Both Christine and Sophie Scott are thrilled to be showing the festival at the Hickman Theatre.

"This is the perfect venue", Christine said. "The theatre is ideal for our festival; easy to get to, beautiful accommodations and central to Gulfport. We would really like to make this an annual event!"

"I think there's definitely a nice fit here in Gulfport. I love the town and the artsy feel. We've been embraced by the Merchant's Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the community. It's a perfect place for a grass roots effort to bring interesting, eclectic and valuable films to a receptive public. Film makers have repeatedly submitted second and even third films for our consideration. They know we have a very high standard. We don't accept disrespectful or exploitative films; we only accept quality films that we love, are relevant and should be shown."

People drove from Tampa and farther points to attend the festival this past weekend. One patron drove from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Gene McDonald, from Tampa enjoyed almost all the films and hopes Gulfport will host it again.

"There's definitely a call for this type of culture, especially here in Gulfport," Christine said. She hopes to secure the Hickman for next year as well.

"Not only is this a perfect place for the festival, but it also can bring money and prestige to the City. We couldn't be happier about the response."

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Young Artists Follow in Dali's Footsteps



Kids from the Campbell Park Rec Center stand in front of the door they decorated in the Dali style. The summer camp project gives the kids the theme of some aspect of Dali's art and they are then asked to create their own interpretation of it. The project is underwritten by the Dali Museum and is under the direction of Vicki Brunner, who coordinates the museum's family programs.

By Leigh Clifton

Children from the Campbell Park Rec Center stand proudly in front of the door they decorated at The Dali Museum as part of the "2010 Opening to Surrealism". The brainchild of Dali Museum Family Program coordinator Vicki Brunner, the project works with the four local Rec Centers in the downtown area to bring Dali's art to life; the children were given a tour of the museum and watched a movie of Dali's years as an artist. They were then given a theme about some aspect of his art and over the next four weeks, create their interpretation of it. This year's theme was doors, windows and mystery boxes, which fascinated Dali all his life.

Brunner gave the teachers of each Rec Center the ideas and all of the art supplies, which are underwritten by the Museum and a donor grant. The doors for the project were donated by Lowes.

The teachers then asked the children to create art based on the theme. The summer project runs about four weeks and Tuesday night's reception was the culmination of all their hard work.

"The teachers just run with it", Brunner said smiling. "I have so many more ideas in my head for projects. This is my fifth year with this project and I still have more ideas left for themes from Dali's art.

The children's adaptation of the wonderfully eclectic art style of Dali was evident as the kid's showed off small windows, three-D cards and life-size doors decorated with frogs, flying fish and cats and dogs.

Twelve year old LeDrake Gamble, from Campbell Rec, wore a black pipe cleaner rolled up on either side under his nose. He was Dali for the day. His teacher Chloe Josefson was amazed at the children's talent on this project.

"This is my first time with this program," she said. "The kids just loved it; they blew me away with their artwork. It was amazing!"

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By Mary Hunt

How To Develop a Saver's Attitude

Recently, I asked five friends this question: How do you save money? "Buying things on sale" was the most common answer. "Bringing lunch to work" and "finding the cheapest gas" were other responses. But only one person got it right: "I put it in a safe place." Bingo!

Cutting expenses is the way to spend less so you have money to save, but unless you actually are putting it aside for some future use, you're not really saving at all. You only are spending less.

No matter your situation, whether you are financially comfortable or

in debt up to your eyeballs living paycheck to paycheck, you need money in a savings account that has your name on it.

Saving money quiets the must-have-everything-now monster that runs us ragged. It calms our fears. Having money in the bank promotes contentment.

If you cannot save a great deal of money right now, that's OK. It's not the amount you save in the beginning that matters; it's the fact that you make saving money a regular habit.

Ideally, you should save 10 percent of your net income. If you can't do that right off the bat, start with 5 percent or whatever amount you can, even if it's only a dollar or two each week. Determine the amount. Then

commit to it. Keep putting at least that amount into your account week after week. Quickly you'll figure out how to make it \$3 and then \$5, \$10 and beyond. Soon you'll be hooked on saving.

Cutting costs without sacrificing your lifestyle or causing some other area of your life to collapse is the way to grow a savings account on your current income. What you need are a set of basic principles that will guide you into thinking in new ways.

Like any meaningful change, it has to start with a change of attitude. Consumerism has become a religion that goes against the teachings of just about every other religion, belief system and moral code. Think about what you really believe to see whether your buying decisions are motivated by your values or by a retail sale schedule.

Ask yourself before you buy anything: Do I really need it? How often would I use it? Where would I store it? How would this look sitting on the table at a yard sale? How much would it cost to dry-clean (dust, polish, insure, fuel)? Sometimes just stopping to think will prompt you to turn and walk away.

No matter how much or how little you have to save right now, develop a saver's attitude. Our beliefs and attitudes about money have a powerful effect on our behaviors. I've watched people with ordinary incomes do extraordinary things simply because they stopped feeling entitled. Instead, they determined that no area of spending was off-limits for serious cuts. They became habitual savers, and that has made all the difference.

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Gulfport Beach July Water Quality Report

By Cathy Salustri

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

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

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

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

You can reach Cathy Salustri at
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Sample Date	Enterococcus	Fecal Coliform
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July 20	3	7
July 27	3	7

The city provided no data for the second week of July.



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Sunshine City Kiwanis: The Joy of Yelling "Bingo!"

By Cathy Salustri

Looking for a new place to call out "Bingo!"? The Sunshine City Kiwanis has just the place for you: The Disabled American Veteran's hall on Tuesday nights. Starting at 6 p.m., friends and bingo fans start coming in to the hall to see if it's their lucky night. The Sunshine City Kiwanis has hosted bingo games for over 20 years, and all the money they raise goes directly to their service efforts with children- every person in the hall is there as a volunteer. The Kiwanis won't even accept tips; if anyone ever insists that a volunteer take a tip, the money goes directly into the group's Youth Fund.

The Kiwanis know their bingo, too. Quickie games start at 6 p.m. sharp and the regular games begin 30 minutes later. 12 cards cost \$12.75 and the prices go up to \$31 for 60 cards. All regular games pay \$50 and Jackpots always pay \$250 each. The Kiwanis also sell pull tabs (an instant chance to win) for 50 cents and one dollar. The 50-cent pull tabs pay up to \$100 and the dollar pull tabs pay up to \$300.

Everyone who plays gets free popcorn and coffee as well as a free donut, but if you're hungrier than that, the D.A.V. runs a grill. These workers, volunteers for the D.A.V. and not the Kiwanis, are the only people in the place who *will* accept tips- because that's the only money they get; they're volunteers and that's how the D.A.V. keeps the food prices down (many meals are under five dollars.)

If you're unfamiliar with the Kiwanis, you should know that the money they make from their bingo games goes to their efforts with



Come down to the Sunshine City Kiwanis Bingo on Tuesday nights and meet Imogene, who sponsors the K Kids club at Gulfport Elementary.

children. This 55-member chapter of Kiwanis is part of the international Kiwanis organization, which exists to, as the group says, "serve the children of the world." Locally, that means everything from sponsoring a club in the schools, such as the K Kids at Gulfport Elementary. In middle school, high school, and college, the Kiwanis have Builder's Club, Key Club, and Circle K, respectively. In the community, they provide diapers and baby wipes to Johnnie Ruth Clark health care center, assist Eagle Scouts, and take Sally House children (abused children removed from their homes and placed in a Salvation Army home) shopping for Christmas presents.

The Kiwanis also sponsor the Children's Dream Fund, which grants wishes for terminally ill children. They have Horses for the Handicapped in Seminole, which allows handicapped children to ride horses. They offer Doorways Scholarships so young adults can go to college. Through everything they do, they encourage community

service, and they can't do it without the money they make at bingo.

If you've never tried bingo, this smoke-free hall is a great place to try your hand at a few cards. If you're looking for a new hobby during tough economic times, bingo can be a fun, affordable night out. If you're an old pro looking for a new place, this is the place to try. The hall is bright and airy and bustling with activity on bingo nights, so stop in this Tuesday (or any Tuesday) and give the Sunshine City Kiwanis a try.

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RUSH'S Reality

A satirical look at the world around us.

By Anne Rush

Change your Thinking

Well, the phrase goes “change your thinking...change your life”. I first saw that saying years ago on a wall in my therapist’s office. She probably didn’t want to know what I thought about that simplistic saying. Suffice it to say that after our brief professional relationship, she did not change my thinking and I did not change my life. At least not because of her.

Fast forward 20 years, and I saw that saying again on the wall of one of my coworkers. Only her sign was not cross-stitched in burlap and pulled tight against a wooden frame with flowers and butterflies like my counselor’s was. Hers was hand-written on a ripped piece of copy paper and stuck to her corkboard with a push pin.

I didn’t have a lot in common with this woman. But as I listened to her talk (you had no choice-she was a notorious “talker”), I fell in love with her. To this day I know more than I ever cared to know about her cat, her wayward daughter whom she loved dearly and always helped just short of being enabling, and her demanding mother-in-law (may she now rest in peace). Another day her tears flowed without fanfare as she related holding her dear friend’s hand when he passed, yet talked about how beautiful and peaceful it was. She was an eternal optimist, but not in an annoying Pollyanna sort of way. She simply believed that life happens and that you can choose how you deal with it. I think we can learn a lot from her.

I know it’s been a long hot summer! It seems particularly cruel having just endured a record setting cold and freeze earlier this year. The word extreme is great when referring to sports or home makeovers. Not so much the weather. The record setting highs for June and July have been reflected in my electric bills just when it seems I got a break from running the heat. It’s just been too hot, too soon.

To add to this heat, it doesn’t much help that the economy is so bad that even Ellen Degeneres and Meredith Vieira have to work two jobs, we’re still at war, there’s a still oil out in the gulf and if the government thinks they’re gonna unload this massive debt on the shoulders of my three teenagers, (whom they haven’t met yet) and their children, there had best be a Plan B.

But not to worry. Sure, misery loves company, but sometimes you DO need to change your thinking. You and I can’t really do much to help the global state of affairs, but we can control our own small little universe. So here’s what I propose.

First of all, turn off the news. I struggle with this myself coz I’m a bit of a news junkie, but there’s only so many car wrecks, murders, fires, missing children and politics that you can handle all at once.

Secondly, I try to do a random act of kindness every day. Sometimes it’s as simple as holding the door for someone or letting a car out into traffic when I’m approaching a red light anyway. It just makes me and them feel better. Mind you, I try to get these acts over with as early in the day as I can, so that when the heat really starts to affect me in the afternoon, I can give into my heat rage. I’m a realist.

And speaking of rage, in the mornings when I’m driving to work and the temperatures are still only in the 80s, I envision starting a movement for changing Road Rage into something I like to call Sweet Streets. Here’s how it would work.

Road rage is based on anonymity. We don’t see stupid, incompetent, reckless, idiotic drivers as individual people. We see them as operators of a vehicle that could do us or others harm. But I like to think of them as family members or friends whom I could forgive. Here’s what I do. When I see a car make a left hand turn from the right hand lane, instead of thinking “Look at that idiot! Where’s

a cop when you need one?!”, I envision the driver as being my well-meaning but often scatter-brained teenage daughter and am grateful that there wasn’t an accident. Or a cop.

When a vehicle is tailgating me to the point of intimidation, instead of tapping my brakes like I used to do, I imagine that surely his wife is in labor and he’s just trying to get to the hospital in time and so I move over and get out of his way as soon as I can and pray for a healthy baby.

If you’re lucky enough to have a job, the atmosphere is likely to be a little tense and stressed. You’re underpaid and overworked and live in fear of the pink slip. But here’s what you do. Turn the tables. Use some humor to lighten the mood. I recently proposed at my job that we all get paid for a few hours on Sunday for doing grocery shopping for lunches and laundry in preparation for work on Monday. Everyone laughed, but I was actually trying to make a case for it. Still I felt better for seeing smiles all around.

If you’re looking for work, don’t despair the desperation you feel. In the first place, the 500 other applicants are feeling desperate, too. The bottom line is that the job is either a good fit or it’s not. In other words, be yourself. Up until the last few years, it’s gotten you this far and it will again. I just know it. On the other hand, if you’ve never been able to hold a job, even before the recession, it’s time for a complete makeover. Everyone’s situation is unique.

The thing I admired and respected about my former coworker is that she didn’t complain. She was never bitter or angry at the whole world nor railed about how unfair this whole thing called life can be. She simply accepted it at face value and chose to approach it head-on and enjoy the ride.

The funniest thing about all this is that I didn’t work with her very long. I was new to the job and she left before we could become good “friends”. I’m sure she has no idea what an impact her demeanor and philosophy or that silly little hand-written sign on her bulletin board had on me over the years.

So, allow me to step into her shoes. Change your thinking...change your life and maybe you’ll change a stranger’s too. And save a therapy bill. At the very least, it might help you to enjoy the ride!

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