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Summer Reading Celebration



Eight year old Shanya Abrams goes airborne with the Hoola Hoop at the Gulfport Library's End of Summer Reading program celebration last week. Kids came to the library every Wednesday for two hours to share and read books, keeping a reading log.

Gulfport Library completed their Youth Summer Reading Program last Wednesday with games, prizes, glow pens and mayhem as the program came to a close for the summer season. Every Wednesday over the
See *Summer Reading*, page 5

City Council Approves Three New Districts

GULFPORT- It's official: people who want to live above their businesses on 49th Street may now do so, and people who want to run certain small businesses out of their home on Tangerine may also do so. Gulfport city council voted Tuesday night to approve three new overlay districts that change the zoning of certain areas of the city to allow homes and businesses to co-exist.

The three districts fall within the boundaries of the Tangerine neighborhood. Called overlay districts, these
See *New Districts*, page 2

Tax Decisions for St. Pete Beach

By Cathy Salustri

After the final budget meeting last week and Tuesday night's commission, the St. Pete Beach city commission made the following decisions about city spending for the upcoming fiscal year.

Lobbyist Budget Cut 50%
After much debate, city commissioner will only fund the lobbyist through next March 2010. The budget called for cutting \$32,500 from the lobbyist firm's paycheck, a 50% cut from the \$65,000 budget for the Alcalde and Faye, the lobbyist firm for the city.

Commissioner Jim Parent told the commission that the lobbyist firm, when questioned, admitted that "they would be hesitant to say they should be credited with getting the grants." He added that he also had concerns about the reduction or elimination of earmarked funds.

"Basically the Republicans came out and said there's not going to be any earmarks in the next year,"
See *Beach Budget*, page 12

Red Light Cameras Get the Green

GULFPORT- Drivers who gun their engines to race through a barely-red light will soon find themselves getting a ticket in the mail. Gulfport city council gave Gulfport Police Chief Robert Vincent the go-ahead to install red light cameras throughout the city.

A traffic enforcement officer will review the images, Chief Vincent assured council, and any intersection with a red light camera will have a sign notifying drivers.

City council approved the resolution unanimously; the city will have a second reading at the next council meeting.

New Districts,

from front page

districts exist over the city's existing districts and allow for special zoning. The three overlay districts will allow for mixed use. This adds in residential uses into the commercial district along 49th street and small, home-based business in other areas.

The city approved this unanimously. Upon approval, Chamber of Commerce president Lori Rosso gave a

victory salute. For specific zoning maps and new rules, please contact the city's Community Development department at 893-1000.

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School Year Child Care Information

Registrations for the 2010-2011 School Year Child Care Program have begun for children who will be entering Kindergarten through

age 14. Bus transportation is available from Gulfport Montessori, Pasadena Fundamental and Bear Creek Elementary. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents with monthly fees of \$133 for residents and \$266 for non-residents. Packets are available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Please call 893-1068 for any information.

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Senior Center Patio Party

Get your ticket now (space is limited) for our upcoming Patio Party on Friday, September 3 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27 Avenue S. Check out the new outdoor grill, new patio update and enjoy a hot dog lunch. Tropical music and door prizes will also be provided. Tickets are only \$3. Come early and visit their Flea Market at 9 a.m. to find your special finds and bargains!

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Florida Hospital Patient Protection Act Passes After Tough Questions

GULFPORT- After some debate over the validity of the research contained in the resolution, Gulfport city council voted to approve a resolution that endorses lower nurse-to-patient ratios. Councilmember David Hastings expressed some discomfort at signing the city's name to a resolution that quoted research no one on council had verified.

"As a city council we're agreeing to all of these 'whereas-es' without knowing if they are fact," Councilman Hastings said. When city attorney Caitlin Sirico (standing in for regular attorney Andrew Salzman) said the city could eliminate the sources quoted, Hastings said that eliminating the sources of the research would make the city sound as though "we know this to be true," even though the city hadn't verified those facts.

Resident Bob Newcomb also expressed discomfort at the city's passage of the ordinance, calling it a "labor management situation."

"I don't think it's the place of the city to get involved with it," Newcomb said.

"If this is going to the legislature and not the head of the hospital, it's not a labor issue," Michele King said.

The city opted to remove any alleged facts that lacked research citations; council approved the resolution.

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2010-2011 Tot-Time Program Open House

Open House for the 2010-2011 Tot Time Program is Wednesday, August 25 from 10-11 a.m. or 6-7 p.m. Currently, we still have openings for 2, 3 or 5 day. 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. Classes begin September 7, 2010. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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Summer Reading, from front page

summer, kids were welcomed to the Gulfport Library to pick out their own books to read and then filled out a reading log as they finished them. At the end of the summer celebration the children were allowed to pick their favorite books to take home as a prize for completing the program. For eight year old Shanya Abrams, the Harry Potter series was her favorite. Eight year old Katelin Demers' favorites included I Spot and Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

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3rd Annual Taste of Pasadena

Florida Bank will host the 3rd Annual Taste of Pasadena on Wednesday, August 25 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Hibiscus Hall, 7047 Sunset Drive in South Pasadena. Cost is \$15 donation at the door with proceeds to benefit the clients of Deaf & Hearing Connection for Tampa Bay. Enjoy local food and drinks! Networking opportunities available, sign language interpreters provided. RSVP to Morgan Cook at mcook@flbank.com or Holliday Lisowski at hlisowski@dhctb.org or 727-399-9983.

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VIP Wine Tasting

Pic Pac Liquors, 6609 Central Avenue in St. Pete, will host a Summer Sensation VIP Wine Tasting on Friday, August 20 at 6

CORRECTION

In last week's cover story on the Lincoln Cemetery in Gulfport, Royal Palms was listed as helping Lincoln Cemetery with maintaining the grounds. It was, in fact, Supervisor Tom Chicano, at Woodlawn Cemetery across the street who helps maintain the back six acres, trimming trees and cutting the grass, according to Ben Marshall, General Manager for Woodlawn Cemetery. We regret the error. The Lincoln Cemetery is located in Gulfport, not St. Petersburg. The Joshua Lodge 105 had volunteered to help with grounds keeping before the story ran as well as after.

p.m. Enjoy tasty and value-priced pinots, chards, cabs, zins, sirahs and more...complemented by tantalizing appetizers from Salt Rock Grill! Cost is \$20 per person. Partial proceeds to benefit Abilities Foundations.

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Gulfport Women's Softball League

The City of Gulfport Recreation Division will have priority registration for teams currently in our summer league to participate in the 2010 Women's Fall Softball League on August 23 -27 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open registration will be on August 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. if spots are available. The 10-game

season will be played on Friday nights beginning September 10 with a 6-team maximum. League fees are \$385 or \$485 for teams with three or more non-residents of Gulfport. Payments must be cash or check and are due at registration. For more information please call John at 727-893-1079.

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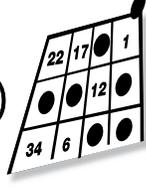
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- Election Service Center - Starkey Lakes Corporate Center, 13001 Starkey Rd., Largo, 33773
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Court St., Room 117, Clearwater, 33756

• 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.voteinellas.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.voteinellas.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.voteinellas.com or call 727-464-6788.

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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.

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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.

Six large steel geckos will be the centerpiece of a live auction to benefit Gulfport's Centennial Celebration. Each of the steel geckos will be hand-decorated by a local artist and will be displayed in locations throughout the Gulfport Art District from Monday, August 23 until Friday, August 27. The geckos will be auctioned during the Gecko Ball on Saturday, August

28th. Each gecko will be a prized collector's art piece. Organizers hope to make the Gecko Auction an annual event.

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.

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Blame it on Rio

Gulfcoast Oncology Foundation is sponsoring a Brazilian evening entitled Blame it on Rio. This event will feature a Brazilian show, dinner, silent and live auction. All proceeds are to financially benefit cancer patients and their families during difficult times. The event will be held on September 11 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Kapok Gardens in Clearwater. Reservations and tickets by calling 727-821-0017.

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Gulfport City Insurance Changes

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Councilmembers expressed regret that the city could not pay for dependant insurance, which will start at over \$500 per month.

"It's the lesser of two evils," Sam Henderson said of the plans, adding employees who need to insure dependants would most feel the impact of the insurance plans. He asked the city manager if, should the city receive a windfall or grant during the year, the city could increase its coverage. City manager Jim O'Reilly indicated that council should not expect that to happen.

Councilman David Hastings and councilwoman Michele King both said the plan was cheaper than what they carried independent of the city.

"Insurance is ridiculous; the whole system to me is ridiculous," Councilman Hastings said, adding that he and his wife pay \$845 per month for health insurance.

Councilwoman King agreed, saying she and her husband paid \$875 every month "and I guarantee you it's not half the policy that this is."

Additionally, city employees receive long-term disability to its employees and accidental death and dismemberment at no cost to the insured.

"This is one of those opportunities where I'd like to see us spend some money and never have to use it," Councilman Sam Henderson said of the life and dismemberment policy.

Mayor Mike Yakes thanked the employees and spoke about his insurance hopes for the future.

"Thank you very much," Mayor Yakes said "We appreciate all you give us and will give it back...when we can."

Meet the Author

Who doesn't love a wedding? The "Mama" character in a nationally acclaimed mystery series loves them so much, she's tying the sacred knot for a fifth time. What's a Bridezilla to do, though, when her caterer winds up dead even before the first pig-in-a-blanket is passed?

The Sea Breeze Manor Bed & Breakfast Inn in Gulfport will host a "Mama Gets Hitched" book signing and open house Saturday, August 28, from 2-3 p.m. Author Deborah Sharp, a former USA Today reporter, will be on hand. Light refreshments will be served.

The book is the third in Sharp's funny, Florida-set series, compared by "Kirkus Reviews" to Janet Evanovich: "Stephanie Plum goes into the backwoods in an amusingly wild ride . . ." Sea Breeze Manor is located at 5701 Shore Boulevard in Gulfport. Call 343-4445.

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GEMS Health & Wellness Day Pass

A Health & Wellness Day Pass on the GEMS bus is available for Gulfport seniors on the first Tuesday of every month. You don't have to be a registered GEMS member for this trip. Only \$1.00 round trip 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.

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Rotary Club to Meet

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

Upcoming programs include August 26, How YMCA serves St. Petersburg and Surrounding Communities. For more information, please contact Christy Wolf, at 727-822-2200, extension 1.

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BPW to Meet

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BPW St. Pete/Pinellas will also recognize Chief Castor during the meeting for her outstanding achievement as a woman in a non-traditional job and her exemplary performance of her duties during the recent tragedy that took the lives of two Tampa police officers.

Chief Castor is a pioneer in her profession. She was the first woman elected president of her police academy class 25 years ago. Her appointment to police chief (she commands a force of 1,000) was the culmination of several leadership roles in the department including patrol, narcotics, family violence, sex crimes, criminal intelligence, and training.

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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Widows Social Club to Meet

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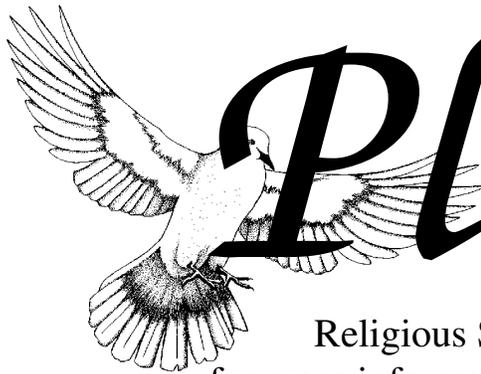
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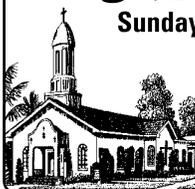
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he said “and I think the democrats have limited it-”

Commissioner Al Halpern interjected, “Nancy Pelosi has done the same.”

City Manager Mike Bonfield reassured the commission, telling them, “We sat in Bill Young’s office and he said there will be appropriations.”

Mayor Mike Finnerty voiced support for the lobbyists, asking the commission, “We’ve never had this kind of money before so where do you think the money was coming from? We’ve gotten over a million dollars in this last month, you think they didn’t have anything to do with it? I can’t believe you would think that.”

“Look, we’ve got a serious problem here- we’re \$13 million in debt on the pensions and our reserves are half of what they should be; we have got to look at every single penny and that’s why I’m bringing this up. The other thing that bothers me is I looked them up on the Internet and these guys have 300 clients,” Commissioner Marvin Shavlan said.

*Although it was not listed on the budget, the commission considered the idea of a marina behind the city’s Recreation Center. At the first workshop the city discussed a \$10,000 study, but Commissioner Shavlan suggested calling the city of Gulfport and talking about its successes with its marina.

“Before we spend that money, why don’t we do a pro forma? Just do some best case and worse case scenarios guessing how many slips we have and everything. Let’s go talk to Gulfport... Let’s do some numbers and see well,

if we have 200 slips, this is how much money we can make. And if it doesn’t make sense then why spend the money. I think that ought to be the first step,” he said.

Commissioner Bev Garnett said that although citizens voted against the marina several years ago, times had changed.

“When it was voted down... it was a different economic climate. \$10,000 is not going to make or break this city,” she said.

No Cuts for Employee Health Insurance

Commissioner Marvin Shavlan suggested decreasing health insurance benefits for city employees.

“The insurance policy here is very generous,” he said, explaining that his company offered two health insurance plans, an entry-level plan with fewer benefits and a more comprehensive plan that employees could pay extra to join.

Shavlan suggested the city make its base plan a catastrophic plan and people could upgrade to a more comprehensive plan.

Commissioner Jim Parent stressed that the city need to stay competitive to attract and retain quality employees.

“We’re talking about one little bitty part of this thing that could save a lot of money. We could cut pay by 50%, that’d save a lot of money,” he said.

In response, Commissioner Shavlan said, “We can’t go on with this \$13million deficit, it’s just ridiculous.” He said that he had spoken with a commissioner in another city who said their city was making similar cuts, but when Commissioner Parent pressed him for details, Shavlan

admitted that no such cuts had taken place yet.

“Maybe,” Commissioner Parent responded, “instead of fixing the pension deficit with healthcare savings, we should focus on the pension. We don’t want to cut out two tires off of each fire engine to save money over here.”

City manager Bonfield said that city employees had made several sacrifices.

“In defense of the employees. I’m comfortable you’re not going to find other communities that have cut the amount of employees we’ve cut. (Aside from the police department and the fire department,) we’ve lost almost 30% of the employees.

“You have fewer people doing the job, working harder, and the ones who are remaining, granted they have jobs, (but you don’t want) to beat on them. I don’t want to adopt the theory of just keep cutting, keep cutting, keep cutting, until nobody wants to be here, because you don’t know what that point is,” Bonfield said. He reminded the commission that the city keep health insurance costs from rising for four years, and that meant that employees had rising copays and decreasing benefits over the past four years.

Commissioner Parent agreed with the city manager.

“That doesn’t really look on the revenue side, either, to get the money...this whole city exists just to provide services... we provide services for the residents who choose to live here. I think it’s also important to take a look of where can we enhance revenue, and that’s the marina type of discussion,” he told council.

Library Gets to Open on Mondays

The library requested \$10,400, which would fund its reopening on Mondays.

“I really think that it’s in the best interests of the city to have it open on Mondays,” Mayor Mike Finnerty said.

Library staff, Jim Parent, and others made a passionate case for adding this funding to the library, but not every commissioner remained convinced.

The city decided at the Tuesday evening commission meeting to allow this budget item, despite indicating otherwise at the Wednesday afternoon workshop.

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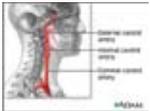
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Audition for "Murder in Green Meadows"

The Gulfport Community Players will be holding auditions for a thriller by Douglas Post entitled "Murder in Green Meadows" on September 6 and 7. Auditions begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Players' Back Door Theater, located at 1619 49 Street S. in Gulfport. The play will be performed at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport from November 4 through 14.

The director for this play will be Bill Rucker and he needs two men and two women, in their 30's to 40's for his cast. Auditions will be cold reading from the script. For more information, contact Bill at 727-388-0395 or 727-641-0367.

All interested actors are urged to try out for a part. For more information, visit www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org.

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The Gabs

By Leigh Clifton

How do you feel about a Muslim mosque being built blocks from the site of the World Trade Center tragedy?



Tom Brodersen, St. Pete Beach: "We have a Constitution and they need to follow it. The Constitution says that they have a right to build there. It's being used as a wedge issue by the politicians. But the Constitution guarantees the rights of all Americans and it needs to be followed."

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Lorie Hawkshead, Gulfport: "I think that while everybody is free to practice whatever religion they choose and but for that we have to assume that it would be a peaceful community. However, to want to build so close to the site of a huge tragedy for Americans and that extremists of their faith had bombed and killed so many seems very insensitive to me. Americans visit that site every day and regard it as a shrine. To make an American pass by an Islamic Mosque every day seems like a slap in the face. I can't understand why the Muslims would even want to build a mosque there and why they wouldn't be sensitive to the significance of the site. It's holy ground to Americans. If the Muslims are such a peaceful community, then why would they want to stir up so much angst?"

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Debbie Piazza, Gulfport: "I believe they should be allowed to build there. Just because they're Islamic doesn't mean that they don't have the right to practice their religion wherever their house of worship is. I think a lot of people are misinformed about the Islamic people; they are a peaceful, religious people. They're not all the Taliban. Our country was founded on the freedom of religion and they shouldn't start prohibiting building a house of worship just because they don't like the religious preferences. There seems to be a lot of racism and intolerance in this country, especially now. People here have their own ideas about it and many think that foreigners shouldn't have any rights. But you have to remember, we were ALL immigrants once; we all came from somewhere else."

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Suzanne McVey, So. Pasadena: "I think they have a right to build there; they might have had something there before the World Trade Center was ever built, I'm not sure. In one sense, you can see why people are so upset, but not every Muslim is a terrorist or was involved in the World Trade Center bombing. You can't blame a group or religion for a terrorist's actions. I don't think it desecrates the ground because they're Americans too and they're not breaking any laws."

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Adult Basic Sailing School

Boca Ciega Yacht Club will be offering a five week Adult Basic Sailing Class beginning Wednesday, September 8. The course includes five Wednesday evening classes as well as four weekend waterfront sailing sessions. Students will put classroom theories into practice sailing the club's Catalina 16.5 feet. Cost is \$225 per person including all classroom materials and an U.S. Sailing Association Basic Keelboat manual. Participants will receive a complementary three month membership. With a 2:1 student teacher ratio this is the most reasonably priced program in the Tampa Bay area. For registration information, visit www.sailbcyc.org or call Jennifer Rogers at 727-345-7544. Pre-registration is required.

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

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Critical Need for Back to School Clothes

Back To School is here and Clothes To Kids needs your help! They have an immediate, critical need for little boys shorts/pants sizes 14-16 and young men's jeans. Clothes To Kids serves low-income children from Kindergarten through 12th grade and are especially low in sizes 14 to 16. Uniform pants and shirts white, blue and light blue are needed to support the 23 schools requiring uniforms this year. Clothes To Kids will provide more than 300 wardrobes every week during this busy Back-To-School time. Help them serve the children in the community and donate today.

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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Book Discussion at Woman's Club

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard N.E. will be holding the first of a series of book discussions of the "Book Nook Club". Guests are welcome.

On September 23, from 6:30-8 p.m. the featured book will be "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer. The agenda for the remainder of the season is: November 18: "Paradise Screwed, Selected Columns of Carl Hiassen"; January 27: "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, a Novel by Lisa See"; March 31: "Outliers: the Story of Success" by Malcolm Gladwell.

For further information on these informal discussions please call Andi Barlow at 521-9888 or email andibarlow@tampabay.rr.com.

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USCG Safe Boating Classes

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous cycle of Safe Boating Classes every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Warren Webster Community Center, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (1 mile south of Don CeSar) Start at your convenience. First class, come at 7 p.m. to register. Begin any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to 2 years to finish.

September program includes: "Which Boat is for You", Sept. 7; "Equipment for Your Boat", Sept. 14; "Waterway Watch/Trailer Your Boat", Sept. 21; and "Handling Your Boat" Sept. 28.

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

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Attorney Keith Sanders, Handles Bankruptcies with Experience and Sensitivity

You could say my motto is 'been there, done that,' says Keith Sanders, from Sanders Law, P.A.

He says that for two reasons. First, he says his more than 18 years of experience as an attorney specializing in handling "literally thousands" of bankruptcies means that he has dealt with virtually any kind of problem or issue that might arise with them. And, secondly, he had to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy himself a few years ago. He says that experience makes him very sensitive to the kinds of things people face when making the difficult decision to file.

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

more at ease and understand that I have been there and done that MYSELF."

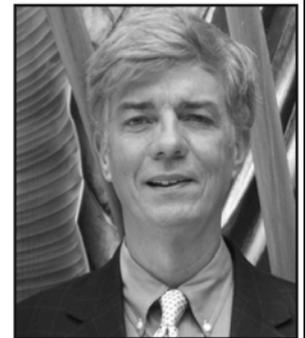
"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

He began his career as a staff attorney for the U.S. Trustee in Atlanta. He is licensed to practice law in both Florida and Georgia.

"I like what I do because I feel like I can help people get a fresh start," said Sanders.

"Since the initial consultation is free, you really don't have anything to lose to meet with me and we can assess your situation and see how it might be best for you to proceed. Bankruptcy can be one solution to getting back on your feet financially, but it may not be the best or only solution for you.

Sanders has held a number of seminars and



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

The firm also handles Short Sale negotiations, defense against foreclosures, wills & trusts, civil litigation and loan modification

Outside of the courtroom, Sanders lives in an unusual home in Gulfport that was one of the featured properties in a recent Pink Flamingo Tour of Homes. It has a tree growing right up through the floor and up through the ceiling of his kitchen. He has five dogs and a cat.

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Dire Need for Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Who taught you to tie your first shoe? Who went to the first game you ever played in? Big Brothers Big Sisters is currently seeking volunteers to be a part of many "firsts" for children right here in Pinellas County. There are more than 200 children on the waiting list hoping for a Big Brother, Big Sister, or Big Couple. By investing just a few hours a month, volunteers can make a life changing impact on a child.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County is in dire need of mentors, especially male and minority mentors. There are more than 200 boys on the waiting list waiting to be

matched with a positive role model. More than 74% percent of children waiting for a "Big" are boys, but only 34 out of every 100 inquiries to volunteer come from men. Now more than ever, Big Brothers Big Sisters needs male volunteers to step up and help kids.

Economic circumstances have created a greater need for more families to have professionally backed long-term mentoring support. Single-parent homes, neighborhoods with gangs and crime, poor role models and poverty can lead a child to despair, lack of self-worth and ultimately poor choices. In addition, there are an increasing number of children being raised by relative caregivers in Pinellas County. These

caregivers are unexpectedly faced with the challenge of raising children with time and resource constraints. Fortunately there are people who are willing to step up and provide these children with a positive, caring role model.

Mentoring is one of the most rewarding, enjoyable and simple things a volunteer can do. For as little as one hour a week, volunteers can add joy to the life of a child, and ultimately, contribute greatly to his or her potential. Together, "Bigs" and "Littles" do simple, everyday activities, such as going to a sporting event, playing a game, going to a park, or watching movies.

You don't have to change your life to change the life of a child. Help Big Brothers Big Sisters change the lives of children and learn how you can make a difference by going to www.bbbspc.org or call 727-518-8860.

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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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A large selection of adorable kittens are now available for adoption through Save Our Strays, Inc. Take your pick from torties to tuxedos to tabbies to calicos, plus cream, orange, black, white and solid grey shades. SOS kittens have been spayed/neutered, tested for feline diseases, microchipped, and are current on rabies and distemper vaccines. Visit www.saveourstraysinc.com to see more beautiful felines for adoption. SOS adoption sites include various Petsmart stores at Tyrone, Largo and Countryside on Saturdays and some Sundays. For more information, call 727-481-5262.

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

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Save Our Strays is a no-kill non-profit organization dedicated to re-homing abandoned cats and kittens. It does not maintain a shelter facility and is in serious need of additional foster homes for its felines. They are not able to accept new felines when they have no available foster homes for them. They also need volunteers to transport felines to/from veterinarian appointments etc. If you are interested in helping, please call 727-481-5262. The rewards are great.

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Gulfport City Council Meeting Public Comment & Council Quotes

"Our proceeds from GeckoFest this year are going to go to the city of Gulfport for our centennial celebrations." -Lori Rosso

"I went on the sunset cruise and it was great." - Margarete Tober

"I thank Mr. O'Reilly for doing the right thing... To my knowledge, the Gabber did not honor Mr. O'Reilly's request to print a correction and to my knowledge there is nothing legally that requires them to do so other than perhaps the law of common decency which of course is unenforceable." - Margarete Tober, who disputed a quote from city staff that appeared in a *Gabber* article about the proposed RV ordinance this past July. At Ms. Tober's request, city manager sent the *Gabber* a request to print a retraction. *The Gabber* chose not to print a retraction.

"I'd like to readdress the possibility of having golf carts legal."
-Bonnie Bray. Everyone on council except for councilwoman Michele King, consented to bring the matter forward for discussion. Vice-Mayor King said that the city already has an ordinance that is the same as Ozona's. Mayor Yakes stopped her and said he would not engage in debate during the public session.

"I think most of you are saying 'It's about time'." - Fred Metcalf, about the city's overlay districts, which the city started working on several years ago.

"The city does a good job of publicizing them, does a good job of filming them...There's no way that anybody's shut off from participating," -Bob Newcomb, who explained that although the city didn't include public comment in the workshops, interested people should still pay attention to them before approaching the dais at council meetings.

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Horoscope Guide

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Here's a strategy: Be highly enthusiastic. Take your joy over the top. Go on and on about how wonderful it is that your dreams have come true, even if this isn't the case. Assume that it will be soon enough. The rest of the world will support you, if only because it's not worth the effort to disillusion someone so gleeful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will utilize different tools to increase your power and influence. For instance, instead of writing an e-mail, you will find that you can communicate your requests telepathically. You mentally give clear directives to someone, and this person seems to pick up on your instructions and respond to your wishes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Being a force for good is a big responsibility. But over time and with daily practice, it is suddenly effortless. It's no longer what you do; it's just who you are. Continue to hold yourself to high standards and you'll lift the world around you. This week you recommit yourself to being the person you have always wanted to be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you don't have a lot of desire, you won't have a lot of frustration. Maybe your frustration is a good thing -- you want a lot out of life. You could just accept that because of your ambition you will spend part of your time being perfectly, beautifully frustrated. Or you could reduce your wish list and just be happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Progress will be thwarted for some of the week. It's nothing you should take too personally -- you are not being picked on. Rather, the rest of the world needs time to catch up to your ideas. During this slight pause, you'll have time to brainstorm and dream. This is your chance to broaden the scope of your vision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In defining the word "frailty," the Oxford English Dictionary suggests, "All drama begins with human frailty." Since you are trying to reduce the amount of personal drama in your life, you will spend much of this week working to strengthen your emotional core. You will face fear and conquer it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone who wants to know you will ask excellent questions. This will be your opportunity to present who you really are. Steer away from cliches, and refrain from regurgitating views that are popular. You can be you -- the true, original version. And when you are, you're exciting and very attractive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In certain moments, it is easy for you to lose your ego and truly see the world as someone else does. This week brings opportunities to step out of yourself and suddenly acquire knowledge that you could not have found without taking the leap. You will astound those who have more conventional learning methods.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It is your nature to be kind and gracious. You certainly don't expect thanks for this. And yet, if you are not acknowledged, you'll get the sneaking suspicion that you are throwing your kindness into an energy-sucking void where it will disappear and make no difference in the world. Go where you are appreciated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will strive for deeper understanding of those around you. You'll gather subtle clues as to their personality and character. You perceptively read the hints in their clothing, gestures and handwriting. "A signature always reveals a man's character -- and sometimes even his name." -- Evan Esar

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will be divinely guided to accomplish a goal in a completely new way. Believe in your mission, even when others find your drive and manner somewhat strange. You'll have to explain yourself repeatedly in order to be understood. Those who finally get it will be supportive and proudly involved.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will see someone so beautiful that your heart will literally pause -- and then pitter-patter harder and faster to make up for the lost beat. When this happens, seize the moment. Make something memorable out of it. If you let this person go without making a connection, you'll be searching for him or her in the weeks to come. **This Week's Birthdays:** You will experience the unusual side of life this year, as you tend to attract unlikely and even supernatural occurrences. Physical energy is yours to spend over the next three weeks, and you'll love what you can do. In October and November, you will enjoy the people and situations you encounter while studying art, religion or history. There's a family mission to complete in December. In 2011, you'll help a loved one with an important life transition, and in the process, you'll transform yourself.

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An official fundraiser for the theatre, this trip through their 2010 - 2011 season begins with a rousing opening number, then musically transports you by way of song and dance through seasons past and future. Showcasing applause-winning performances from entertainers that you've seen, loved and cheered for on stage, it's an afternoon dedicated to all things theatre.

Call the box office today at 866-1973 and reserve your tickets.

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Community Band Resumes Rehearsals

The South Pasadena Community Band has announced that rehearsals will resume Thursday, September 9 at the South Pasadena City Hall located at 7047 Sunset Drive S. The band rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. through May and presents public concerts monthly with the exception of January.

New members are invited to join the band. Max Millspaugh, Musical Director, said "we always welcome adult musicians who enjoy reading band scores and who enjoy the discipline of preparing and presenting community band concerts". The band is typically a 55 member group and concerts feature themes which facilitate a wide variety of musical repertoire.

The band anticipates a new venue for its winter concerts. Outdoor concerts are held in the band's shell in Galatia Garden. The concert season will be announced soon. The board of directors will hold a meeting September 2 in the City Hall. Anyone seeking further information may contact Band President Ronald Stoll at 727-345-4502.

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PARC Thrift Store Needs Donations

Due to an increase in community need, the PARC Thrift Store at 5825 66 Street N. in St. Petersburg is immediately collecting electronic and furniture donations. The PARC Thrift Store is able to pick up large donations with advance notice. Donations of electronics and furniture may be delivered to the PARC Thrift Store seven days a week during daytime hours. Opened in 1963, all proceeds from the PARC Thrift Store benefit the children and adults with developmental disabilities at PARC.

For more information, please call Ron Hoover, PARC Thrift Store Manager, at 727-541-4493.

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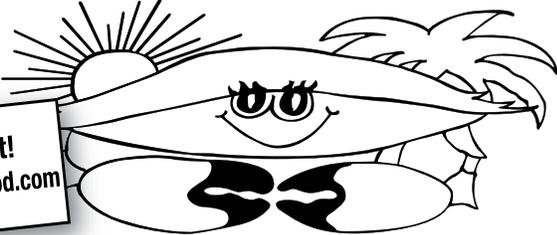
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Adult Basketball - Thurs., 6-9 p.m.

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 have begun 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 registra-

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

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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.



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

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

SummerCoffee/Talk 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 delv-

ing into their family history.

SummerCoffee/Talk Movie: Thursday, September 9, 1:30 pm. "In Cold Blood," based on the book by Truman Capote, and starring Robert Blake. (Columbia, 1967, 1 hour and 44 minutes).

Suncoast Computer Users: Thursday, September 9, 6:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, September 11, 1:00 pm. Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. Some supplies available, but you furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album. FMI, contact Kay Boatwright 893-1074.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you Know? Did you know that you could save money every month if you qualify for Medicare Savings Programs? Did you know you could lower your prescription drug costs by applying for Extra Help? To learn more or to apply, call the Elder Helpline at 1-800-963-5337 and ask for a MBOA consultant.

Volunteers Needed: The Department of Elder Affairs needs volunteers to assist with Medicare, Medicaid and health insurance questions by providing one-on-one counseling and info. Training providing. For more info, call Sue Samson at the Area Agency on Aging at (727) 570-9696.

Items Needed: The Senior Center Flea Market Committee is still looking for regular and costume jewelry as well as other items for our Sept. 3rd Flea Market. Thanks for the wonderful ongoing support from our community!

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:

"Start With Your Heart"

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.

Patio Party: Get your ticket now for our upcoming Patio Party on Fri. Sept. 3 at 11:30am. We have a new outdoor grill and a hot dog lunch is on order! Entertainment and Door Prizes will also be provided! Tickets are only \$3.00. Come early and visit our Flea Market!

Flea Market: Mark your calendar now for the Senior Center's next Flea Market on Fri. Sept. 3, 9am-1pm. Great bargains!

Inaugural Centennial 5K Fun Run/Walk: Support the Senior Center Foundation's fundraiser to improve Fitness Programs and Equipment at the Gulfport Senior Center by joining our upcoming 5K Run/Walk on Sat. Nov. 6 at 8am. Cost: \$15 (\$20 after Oct. 25). Amenities include: great T-shirt, goodie bag, refreshments and more! Forms are available at the Senior Center or online

at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 10am. Newcomers welcome.

Elder Law Clinic: Fri. Aug. 20 at 9:30am. Must meet age/ income criteria. Volunteer attorneys assist with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, and health care surrogates. No appointments necessary.

Transportation for Gulfport Seniors: Gulfport seniors 55 & up are eligible for GEMS transportation service! It's the best deal around! Registration Fee: \$50 per year. Round trip: \$2.00. We pick you up at your door and take you to medical appointments, grocery shopping, beauty/barber shops, etc. Service area includes Gulfport, South Pasadena, downtown St. Petersburg, trips to Wal-Mart, etc. All rides to the Senior Center are free! Call the GEMS office at 893-2242 for more info.

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

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

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

Bingo: Fridays at 1pm.

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

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8-10:30pm Practica/Milonga
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Swing Dance 6-11pm \$7
6-8 Lessons, 8-11pm Swing Dance

Every Thursday

Salsa Dance 7-10pm \$7
7-8:30pm Lessons,
8:30-10pm Dance

More Fun With Hot Glass Class at the IAC

Only a few days remain to sign up for the next More Fun With Hot Glass class at the Industrial Arts Center. Interest remains high in the IAC's accelerated glass blowing curriculum, despite the unseasonably hot summer weather. Sunday's class is open to novices and beginners who have completed the first class in the series. A third class in the Hot Glass series, Hot Glass Prep School, which

starts in mid-September. This class will help students learn the basic skills needed to work independently during the IAC's new Instructor Assisted Studio, also starting in September.

A full season of classes for kids and adults is coming to the IAC in September and October, including three brand new offerings by award-winning sculptor Sean Alton. Leading the list will be Large Scale Cooper Enameling, a three-day workshop that begins with an extensive lesson

on the use of copper including cutting, forming and repousse techniques. The class will cover color usage, sgraffito, and the use of transparent glass over foils.

Alton will also be offering a Lost Wax Casting class with extensive demonstrations from beginning to end. In this class, students will learn to produce a piece of fine jewelry, beginning by creating an enameled "jewel" that will be set into the finished piece of jewelry. This class will give students an opportunity to expand their capabilities as a jewelry artist or just make something for themselves.

A fun day of jewelry making will also be offered for teenagers and adults. This class will focus on creating a pendant using copper and glass. Students will cut and shape the copper into unique designs for hanging on a necklace. Each piece will incorporate pure silver foil and the student's choice from a wide variety of colors available.

Kids classes starting on alternate Saturdays this fall will include Fused Glass Kritters, mosaic, clay hand building and much more. Adult classes will include Basic Glass Fusion, Fused Photo Pendants, lampwork, and glass casting.

For current class information, visit www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org or call 727-289-9365.

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New Yoga Class in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH,- The St. Pete Beach Community Center is offering Yoga with Noa every Thursday morning from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. beginning September 2nd. All classes are held in the waterfront Boca Ciega room at the Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, and cost \$7.00 per visit. Instructor Noa Spector-Flock's background is in yoga, Feldenkrais, dance, and massage therapy. Come explore the benefits of yoga. Call the Recreation Division at 363-9245 for more information.

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Jeff co-owns two insurance agencies, Bentley-DeNight Insurance Services, a full service, independent, Trusted Choice agency that offers business, auto, home, commercial, life, boat, motorcycle, RV and umbrella policies. He also owns Premier Choice Rebate Flood Insurance, a flood insurance agency that sells nothing but flood insurance.

"We're a flood insurance agency that offers cash rebates back to all our customers," Jeff explains.

So if you buy your flood insurance through Premier Choice, you'll get at least seven percent of your annual premium (before fees and taxes) back in the form of a rebate check.

"We give the money back to our customers 60 days after the effective month and subsequent renewals" Jeff says.

Here's how the rebate works: You get seven percent of your policy back the first year. Every subsequent year for the next five years you receive one percent more back until you get to the sixth year. In the sixth year and every year following, customers will get 12 percent back as a rebate.

This rebate can add up to thousands of dollars for the life of your home or business policy. The company sends you a check rather than taking the money off the premium so you can spend it on whatever you choose.

Do Premier Choice Flood Insurance policies cost more than other flood insurance policies?

Nope, Jeff says. FEMA is the only



Jeff says, "State Farm announces that on October 1, they will not renew flood policies."

flood insurance provider, so the cost is the same no matter what flood insurance company you use. The policies written by his agency are supported by the federal government through FEMA.

FEMA pays a commission to the agencies that write their policies. Jeff and his agency are sharing that commission with their customers. Jeff says, things are tough for everyone, and if his company has a little to share with the community, it's happy to do so.

"With the economy the way it is, we thought it would be nice to give something back, especially since insurance has such a negative connotation," Jeff says. Maybe not anymore.

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Trim heavy-coated dogs' fur, but leave an inch of fur for protection against insects and sunburn.

Keep dogs inside. If they absolutely must stay outside, at least try not to keep them outside during the hottest part of the day. Provide all-day shade, drinking water in a heavy bowl and a kiddie pool.

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 -Submitted by
 Jeri Reed

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Local Obituaries

HEWITSON, VICTORIA S., 91, of South Pasadena, passed away Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010, at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. Services will be Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, at 11 a.m. with a viewing beginning one hour before service at Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Pete Beach.

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HUGO, FRANK D., 88, of Raymond, ME and Gulfport, died Aug. 14, 2010, in Raymond, ME. Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010, 12 noon, at Temple Beth El, 400 Deering Ave., Portland, ME. Interment will follow in Temple Beth El Cemetery, Congress Street, Portland, ME. Arrangements under the direction of Jones, Rich & Hutchins Funeral Home, 199 Woodford St., Portland, ME.

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KIMSEY, JEAN, of Gulfport, passed away on her 86th birthday, August 11, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Ezell. She loved golf, her view of Boca Ciega Bay, her family and friends, and especially enjoyed her 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She will be missed but never forgotten. Her final resting place will be in beautiful Colorado. "We always knew we were loved when she was near."

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MCNULTY, ROBERT G., "The Judge" 84, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010. He grew up in Astoria, NY with his parents, Peter and Charlotte and 3 brothers, Joe, Bill and Gerard. At the age of 17, he joined the Navy and served as a proud member of the SeaBees on Guam during World War II. He loved his country and could not wait to get involved to do his part in fighting for the rights and freedoms we enjoy today. After the war, he obtained his law degree from Stetson University and embarked on a successful law career. He served as Municipal

Judge for the city of St. Petersburg Beach in the 1960's and 1970s. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church and the VFW. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Nothing delighted him more than spending time with his family - especially if it was time spent on the golf course. He was an avid golfer, a huge baseball fan and loved following all the area sports teams. He was proud of his Irish heritage and made several trips to Ireland forming strong bonds with family and friends there. His great sense of humor and positive outlook on life will serve as an inspiration to all who knew him. He will be dearly missed. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years Georgia; his son Brian and wife Beth; daughter Karen; son Kevin and wife Carolyn; and 6 grandsons, Travis McNulty, Ryan McNulty, Bobby Barber, Tanner McNulty, Jameson Barber and Mike Barber. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 15th at Brett Funeral Home, 4810 Central Ave. A Prayer service will take place at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the DAV. Online memorial & guestbook at www.brettfuneralhome.net. Brett Funeral Home & Cremation Services St. Petersburg.

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SHANNON, DAVID, 59, of Gulfport, FL wished to send a last good-bye to his local extended family of friends; all of whom have made the last 30 years

of his life great. A Vietnam veteran, David's "best of the best" times have been spent in this little community. He met his wife, Vicki Mitchell in Gulfport and in his own words, "it was love at first sight". Dave and Vicki spent the last days of their 12 year marriage together with their feline friend, Tanner, in their lovely Gulfport home. This final time together was made possible with the

assistance of Hospice. David has thanked us all here in Gulfport, but many of us in his extended family believe that it is we who owe Dave a "thanks for the memories." David will be missed and remembered by many; not only in Gulfport, but by all who knew him during a lifetime that now seems much too brief. A memorial service for David Shannon will be held at Veterans' Memorial Park at the corner of 54th Street S. and Shore Blvd. in Gulfport on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 2 p.m. A gathering of his friends and celebration of David's life will be held at O'Maddy's immediately following the service.

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VILLA, MARGUERITE D., 79, of St. Pete Beach, passed away Wednesday Aug. 11, 2010, at her home. She moved to the area in 1968, from Rochelle, NY. She was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughters of America. Surviving are a sister Mary McLaughlin and many nieces and nephews and extended friends. She was preceded by her husband John in 2008; six sisters and three brothers. Visitation was held Thursday, from 5 - 8 p.m. at Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Pete Beach. A funeral services will be held Friday, Aug. 13, 2010, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m.

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WARGIN, MAREK, 45, of Gulfport, passed away Aug. 11, 2010. Survived by loving parents, Andrew and Janine Wargin. R. Lee Williams & Son Gulfport Chapel, 727-345-7797.

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Karen

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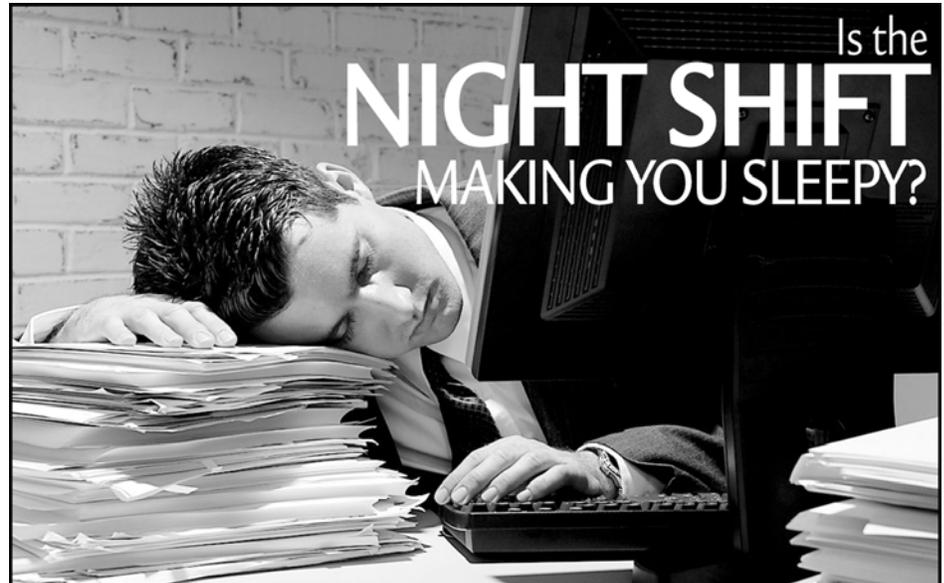
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Somethin' on my mind

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Pro Football Takes a Front Seat

It'ssss baaack! Politicians, you've got competition. It's called football and it is a welcome relief although there are comparisons to political campaigns. For one, it too is a blood sport; for another, often much is promised and little delivered.

Nonetheless, there's a variety of action to interest me. Personally, I prefer pro football. Nothing wrong with college ball, the taxpayer funded farm clubs for the pros. (Now, there's a thought. Maybe the National Football League can start paying the bills for college football). It's just that pro football gets my attention first.

I guess it wouldn't do to say that Florida, Florida State, Miami, University of South Florida aren't

on my radar. How can you live in Florida and be detached? Only if you root for Penn State, Pitt, or West Virginia. Actually, I'm a Western Pennsylvania native who grew up in the Washington, D.C. area. Back in those days it was the Army-Navy game that was big, or later, Oklahoma and Maryland. Not so much local to root for.

I played high school ball then tried my hand at small college ball when the small college was playing all the big teams. My college locker mate, even in the 1950s, was 230 pounds and an 23-year-old army veteran. I weighed 146. I decided that wrestling was my best sport.

Anyway, I moved up to Beaver Falls, Pa. just as Joe Namath completed his high school career. So, my interests focused briefly on high school football. Also, the local high

schools were sprouting guys who would later be pro athletes and that was interesting (Montana, Marino).

I wasn't ready to give up the Washington Redskins quite yet. So, I went to Steeler games rooting for the Redskins. The Redskin's owner, a very racist George Marshall (he resisted integrating his team until forced to), was a great promoter. The team had not only cheerleaders but a marching band. Like the politicians I mentioned earlier, Marshall promised much and delivered little even with great talent such as quarterback Sammy Baugh.

At that time, the Steelers weren't much better than the Redskins. I eventually was weaned from the Redskins to the Steelers - a requisite for living in the Pittsburgh area.

In the meantime, I looked at baseball for a diversion. I had grown up rooting for the Washington Senators whose great achievements were to get one game out of last place. Again, the Pittsburgh Pirates weren't much better. It wasn't until later - about 1960 when the Pirates emerged. My interest grew, particularly since my wife is an avid baseball fan. The Rays are an exciting team, but the Pirates are acting like my old Senators.

I never picked up on basketball probably because there weren't any contending basketball teams in the area colleges and pros.

Thus, I'm back to football. That includes the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Don't give up on them. I have faith, even while I root for the Steelers. I haven't totally dismissed the Seminoles, Gators, Bulls or Hurricanes. That's impossible. And, I haven't abandoned politics (better to think of it as civic responsibility to be involved in the process of governing).

However, as each Sunday rolls around - well more than Sunday now - I'll put aside mosques at Ground Zero, ObamaCare, Cap and Trade, unemployment, oil leaks, and political campaigns at least temporarily.

O.K., I concede that Florida football is exciting.

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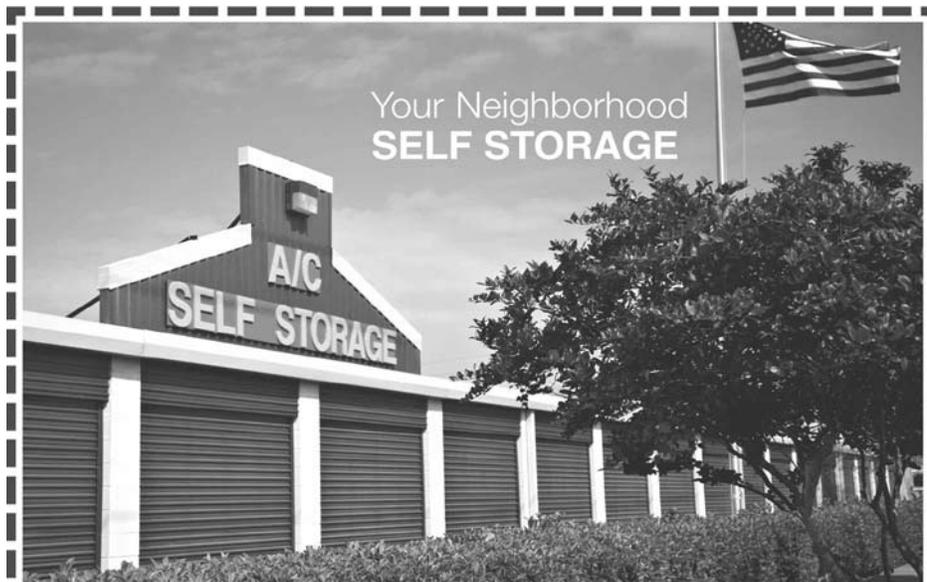
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Reaction to Ground Zero and a Mosque

Dear Editor: The Gulfport Gabber is a very important paper for a small town. I am one of many who reads the Gabber each week. One section I love to read is "Something on my Mind".

I continually hope my opinions will be swayed one way or the other. I must admit, I read this section with my hopes always dashed.

When I read the article about a mosque at ground Zero, I was reminded of a certain piece of paper that we hold very close to our hearts, this paper is The Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights commands and prohibits Congress from making any law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

There have been people of all faiths in this country, and we need to remember this. Because a person does not agree with us, this does not make them a bad person. Sometimes what a person says causes us to perform a little introspection, makes us think inside ourselves. Quite often, what we don't like about another is actually what we don't like about ourselves.

A mosque at ground Zero might not be the best place, but we need to band together and show love and tolerance towards others. We need to remember that people of all faiths lost a loved one on that fated day! That day in modern history was not a Muslim activity, it was an activity of extremists. All faiths have extremists, and each and every one scares me.

Hatred is not something that most faiths preach. We should love one

another, and that includes all!

Everyone is a child of a God, this includes everyone! Doing the next right thing is something we should all strive for, doing something nice for someone else actually feels good.

Please remember one very important thing, when we point a finger at someone, there are four more pointing at us!

Mark Grantham

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Dear Editor: I disagree with the opinion of Bill Northrop in the Gabber of 8/12-8/18/10. I do not see that building a 13 story Islamic building with a mosque on one floor, two blocks from the World Trade Center site, should be considered insensitive. Unless there is evidence to the contrary, I see no reason to assume that extremist Islam will be promoted there, any more than to assume that extremist Christianity will be promoted in the church being built across the street.

In instances where it turns out that extremist Islam or extremist Christianity or any other religion are promoted, I do think we all need to pay attention, wherever they are located. On the other hand, if a religious group wants to further interfaith and multi-cultural understanding and cooperation, we would all do well to help them make it happen.

I understand that Bill Northrop does not necessarily represent the view of the Gabber. Nevertheless, without a counter-balancing column, it leaves the impression that both the Gabber and possibly even the community lean toward being intolerant.

Nancy Robinson

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

Last week: The names of all Gulfport streets changed in 1928, when annexation to St. Petersburg was being considered and the towns had to be aligned into a common grid. Though Davis Boulevard became Beach, residents managed to hang onto Tangerine and Lakeview Avenues. Waldo Hildebrand operated the grocery store at 2832 Beach from 1927 until 1930, best remembered for bringing a radio outside so that the townspeople could hear the Dempsey-Tunney boxing match.

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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



Building a Stronger Community Is Good for Your Health!

In his recent book, "Outliers," author Malcolm Gladwell cites a study that proves a strong localized community actually improves your health. The study is centered on Roseto, Pa., a small community comprised mainly of immigrants from a small Italian village also named Roseto. This village attracted international attention in 1950 when it was exposed as having the lowest rate of heart disease in our whole nation.

The study, led by physician Stewart Wolf, studied the entire population of 2,000 people and discovered that the death rate from disease was 35 percent lower than the rest of the country. There was no suicide, alcoholism or drug addiction, and very little crime. No one was on welfare, and no one had peptic ulcers.

They found that Rosetons ate pretty much what the rest of the country was eating, deriving 41 percent of their calories from fat, with many struggling with obesity, and lots of heavy smokers. The difference between Roseto and the rest of the country was not diet, exercise or a genetic predisposition to good health. It had nothing to do with the land or the water, and everything to do with the town itself.

What these immigrants brought with them to rural Pennsylvania was an "old world" sense of community. Rosetans made the time to stop and chat with each other on the street, they cooked for each other in backyard parties and held friendships in high priority. Extended families lived under the same roof, with elderly parents commanding respect. There were 22 civic groups serving the small population.

Roseto had a healthy and prosperous localized community where everyone knew each other and were all there to lend a helping hand when things got rough. Wealth was

never flaunted, and those falling on hard times were never shunned. The villagers had woven a social fabric of interconnected relationships where each thread was valued and needed for the good of the whole.

As a result, individuals had a sense of belonging and well-being. Their labor was valued, and all were considered equally important to the community, whether they were the mayor or the garbage men.

This fabric was economic as well as social, with much of the community's needs met by members' labors. No chain stores, big box stores or Chinese imports were valued over locally produced goods and services. Sound familiar? Yes, there are still a few American towns and villages that could pass for Roseto.

Researchers who worked with Wolf found new ways to look at

heart disease, and treat the patient holistically, as a member of a community. The ongoing recession and state of the world weigh heavy on our communities. Money is tight for most of us, family relations are strained, and stress is wearing out our last nerves. Now is the time when we need to pull together and look above our individual problems to building a stronger community.

When we look at individuals in our community, they are each unique and beautiful, but what really makes a work of art is seeing each individual brushstroke as part of a whole painting. As an artist, I often have to take a few steps back from my work to see the painting as a whole. As a community member, let's collectively take a few steps back, regard the lovely tapestry of friends, neighbors and small businesses, and ask, "What can I do to make it better?" Then realize that what effort you do to build a stronger community is also good for your health, your family's health and the well-being of us all.

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Suspicious Circumstances- 2700 Blk 56th St. S.

Saturday 8/7

Suspicious Person- 1400 Blk York St. S.

Animal Complaint- 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.

Suspicious Person- 5800 Blk 26th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 2500 Blk 54th St. S.

Hit & Run- 1800 Blk 53rd St. S.

Noise Complaint- 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Welfare Check- 4900 Blk 20th Ave. S.

Noise Complaint- 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Sunday 8/8

Suspicious Circumstances- 5400 Blk Preston Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 1700 Blk York St. S.

Noise Complaint- 5800 Blk 18th Ave. S.

Fight in Progress- 3000 Blk 49th St. S.

Street Obstruction- 5800 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.

Monday 8/9

Open Door/Window- 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.

Animal Complaint- Beach Front.

Hit & Run- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Domestic Verbal- 1400 Blk 60th St. S.

Hit & Run- 5600 Blk 30th Ave. S.

Street Obstruction- 700 Blk 49th St. S.

Domestic Verbal- 5100 Blk 8th Ave. S.

Narcotics/Drugs- 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.

Burglary- 5800 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Violation of Court Order- 5500 Blk 14th Ave. S.

Suspicious Circumstances- 5300 Blk 26th Ave. S.

Tuesday 8/10

Suspicious Vehicle- 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Trouble with Individual- 4900 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

Burglary- 5600 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Burglary- 1700 Blk 58th St. S.

Stolen Vehicle- 2500 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Domestic Verbal- 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.

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Wednesday 8/11

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Stolen Vehicle- 2600 Blk Tifton St. S.

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Thursday 8/12

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By Mary Hunt

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Last weekend, I hauled four bags of clothes to a donation center. How do we end up with so many items of clothing that we don't wear because they don't look right, feel right or fit right? How much do we spend to pay for all of these unwanted items of clothing?

Then I read about Stella Brennan, an insurance executive in Wisconsin. She went on a self-imposed fashion fast, allowing herself to wear only six items for an entire month. The most shocking result of her four-week experiment was that no one noticed, not even her husband. For her experiment, Stella wore only the following items: a black blazer, black pants, two button-down shirts (one black, one pink), a pair of jeans and a pink T-shirt. This entire wardrobe had to suit her at home and at work. It even had to be appropriate for playing with her kids in the evenings.

Stella got the idea from the global experiment called Six Items or Less (<http://SixItemsOrLess.com>) and an even stricter program, called The Great American Apparel Diet (<http://www.TheGreatAmericanApparelDiet.com>), which has persuaded participants to abstain from buying clothes for an entire year. (Undies don't count.)

In a similar experiment, Valerie E., a professional stylist from Texas, wore the same black dress every day for a month. She recorded her experience in The Little Black Dress Experiment at <http://www.SocietyStylist.com>. Valerie did this to prove just how easy it is to look glamorous on a budget. Every day for 30 days in a row, she came up with a new look for her little black dress with the help of creative accessories -- belts, shoes, scarves, jewelry and even jeans.

Even with the recent closet purge at my house, I can't say that I'm down to six items. Nor am I ready to consider something that extreme. But I am happy to know that the items I do have are things that I like and that fit.

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I've had a real wake-up call thanks to Stella and Valerie and their fashion diets. I think I've come to care too much about what people think about what I wear. Truth be told, I don't remember what I wore last week, so I'm certain that no one else remembers (or cares much), either. I know that I will be able to go a long time without adding to the items that I have right now.

So, what's the condition of your closet? Is it overstuffed? Do you, like most people, wear 20 percent of the clothing you own, while 80 percent simply takes up space? Are you more overwhelmed than overjoyed by what lurks behind your closet doors? Are there six items in there that would hold you for an entire month? Could you go a year without buying anything new (undies excluded, of course)? Join us at <http://www.MoneyRulesDebtStinks.com>, where we're talking about the benefits of closet diets and fashion fasts.

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City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport

Q: Why won't the city council allow public comment at city workshops? How are residents supposed to have any input?

A: The city clerk, Lesley DeMuth, explained that the city has a policy of not allowing public comment at workshops.

"Workshop meetings of the City Council are held for the purpose of Council being informed on and discussing matters which may come before them for consideration at a regular or special Council meeting," the policy says. "Public comment is not taken during workshop meetings. However, City Council may request presentations when appropriate."

Since other cities- including St. Pete Beach- do allow public input, we asked Gulfport Mayor Mike Yakes why Gulfport has such a policy.

"Workshops are for council to deliberate and ask questions," Mayor Yakes explained. "It's their time to work together. Council needs an opportunity to debate and discuss their point of views, their perspectives. It's the best way to bring back for the people a decision for them to vote on at a public hearing."

So how should residents make their voice heard at a workshop? According to Mayor Yakes, residents can make their voices heard before the workshop by getting in touch with their council members.

"They can, at any time, call their respective council members," Mayor Yakes said, adding that any citizen has a voice with all council members, not just their ward representative. He encouraged residents to call or email their council members with their concerns about specific issues.

Questions about your city and why it works the way it does? Let the Gabber find out why: e-mail your questions to News@theGabber.com.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Benefits

It's budget time again and local governments are trying to keep from raising taxes. Fine. Good. I understand that need, but it makes me cringe to see governments cut employee benefits.

You see, despite the widely publicized misconception that it's a walk in the park to work for the government, municipal employees take a tremendous amount of crap and have relatively few benefits. Paid vacation and sick leave? Yes, they get that. Pensions? Maybe, if they contribute. Health insurance? Probably, but just for them, and it isn't necessarily great coverage. Raises? Not recently. Tuition reimbursement? Don't make me laugh.

Well, good, you might be saying to yourself right now. I haven't gotten a raise in three years, so what's the big deal?

Before I answer that, understand where I'm coming from. As a 1099 employee I buy my own health insurance, save for my own

retirement, and pay both the employee and employer portions of my taxes. I have no sick leave, vacation time, pension plan, disability, or, really, job security. I get a paycheck from my clients, but I don't get raises. So if anyone might feel like city employees have too many perks, it might be me. But I used to work for a local government, and trust me, those perks don't make it worth while.

Private sector employees have the luxury of choosing their customers. Nowhere in city hall is there a sign that reads "we reserve the right to refuse service to anyone," although I've seen people treat city staff more hideously than they would ever dream of treating their dry cleaner.

Private sector employees can have a bad day and shoot of an e-mail they shouldn't. Result? They may get disciplined or, in severe cases, fired. Government employees can do the same thing and end up on the front page of the paper.

As a government employee, anyone can find out how much money you make, and citizens will not hesitate to tell you, "I pay your salary. You have to do what I say." Some taxpayers feel like it is their constitutional right to berate and belittle any government employee. These employees cannot send these people away; they must accept unkindness and outright mean-spiritedness from everyone who walks through their door.

Ask any government employee why they work for the government, and all but a select few will tell you "the benefits" or "job security." They make less than their private sector counterparts, take more abuse, and are subject to a more public life. The notion that they have job security and can take their babies to the doctor without worrying about how to pay the bills makes these jobs more palatable. But come budget time some commissions- St. Pete Beach is a prime example- think nothing of slashing those benefits or reducing the workforce.

That's when I hear people like St. Pete Beach Commissioner Bev

Garnett say "they're lucky to have a job"- as if that justifies chipping systematically away at the one thing that made them want to take the job instead of a more lucrative one elsewhere. That's when I want to grab her by the ear and drag her into a city department. Let her do any one of city staff's jobs for a few days, and then let's hear how "lucky" they are after she's led the charge calling for layoffs and benefit reductions.

This woman, by the way, is the same commissioner who did not hesitate to speak up for funding Beach Goes Pops, because that helps local businesses, but she'll say the city should remove a \$5,000 line item for tuition reimbursement because "they're not our kids; we didn't raise them."

No, they aren't, and she may have a point, but it's weak. That workforce that you've reduced by 30% over the past year serves the residents that need city services. Businesses may see government as an interference to be dealt with, but homeowners see government as a necessity. Homeowners need services, like a sewer system that isn't collapsing or roads not pockmarked with potholes. Yet, the commission rushes to cut funding for the people and services that help residents but turns around and gives that money to business-related efforts. While I don't dispute that a healthy economy is vital to a city's well-being, just who the hell is this commission serving, anyway?

That staff that suffers while the city hands money over to promotional efforts while cutting their few paltry benefits? Well, they make sure residents have safe drinking water, handle the sewage leaving the homes, keep voters safe, and generally help ensure that the citizens of the beach have their basic needs met.

I'm not saying they're perfect, and I'm not saying they don't screw up. But they are the ones who do a million thankless jobs every year, often get yelled at in return, and sacrifice a normal job for the bizarre world of city hall.

For god's sake, let them have their benefits. They're devoting their lives to you; shouldn't your commission at least make sure they can go to a doctor when they're ill?

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Your Health

By Rallie McAllister M.D.

Minor Memory Lapses Could Signal CRS Syndrome

Sooner or later, it happens to everyone. Sometime in our mid- to late 40s, we succumb to CRS (Can't Remember Stuff) syndrome.

The condition is unavoidable, permanent and irreversible. I've already been stricken.

My husband, who suffers from a far more debilitating case of CRS syndrome, recently asked me a simple question.

"What was the name of that movie you made me watch with you when you were pregnant? You know, the love story on the big boat?"

Somewhere deep in my brain, a lonely neuron flickered and died. I gave him a blank stare and scratched my head.

Just milliseconds before he asked, I knew the title of the film as well as I know my own name. I could recite the complete cast of characters and the exact dollar amount the movie grossed at the box office.

But by some bizarre occurrence, the information had become hopelessly mired in a gooey crevice of my cerebrum, refusing to budge. Not one to give up, I mercilessly racked my brain.

Two days and a tension headache later, I shouted, "Titanic!" My husband was decidedly unimpressed.

You'll know that you have officially developed CRS syndrome when you start scribbling ridiculous notes to yourself that state the blatantly obvious. But if you don't put these things in writing, there's no way you can remember them.

If you've got CRS syndrome, it's absolutely imperative to record vital information before it mysteriously evaporates from your brain. You may want to keep a notebook filled with important facts, such as your children's names and your home address, just in case you draw a blank at an inopportune time.

This peripheral memory bank is less temperamental and more reliable than the one that's built into your brain. You might want to make several copies of your notebook, since you'll undoubtedly forget where you left the original when you need it most.

If you've got CRS syndrome, you'll spend much of your free time searching for missing items, especially eyeglasses. It's Mother Nature's cruel joke that just when we develop an absolute dependence on reading glasses, we're totally incapable of keeping up with them.

You may be tempted to overcome this problem by stringing your glasses around your neck with a decorative chain. You should resist this urge at all costs, since it's a sure sign that you're

not only losing your vision, you're losing your mind, as well.

Although there is no doubt that CRS syndrome exists, I'm not entirely convinced that it's caused by the age-related deterioration of our gray matter. It's more likely due to the fact that our brains are simply overloaded.

Having a bazillion bytes of information hurled at you on a daily basis by televisions, radios, computers, billboards and other people can be too much for the average human brain. The sheer enormity of it all can simply overwhelm our poor neurons every now and then.

There's a reason our brains worked so well when we were kids. All we had to remember were the names of a few siblings and dogs, and maybe a secret handshake or two.

Now we're expected to remember the names of dozens of co-workers, friends and family members, as well as their former husbands, ex-wives, current spouses, significant others, stepchildren and grandkids.

Back in the old days, people didn't waste their time memorizing bits of seemingly useless information or randomly chosen numbers, but now, there seems to be no way to avoid it. Modern civilization requires you to be ready and able to cough up dozens of personal identification numbers and passwords.

It's no wonder that most of us develop CRS syndrome by the time we're mature adults. However frustrating it may be, it's usually not a sign of impending senility.

Forgetting where you left your car keys isn't necessarily a cause for alarm. Forgetting what your car looks like or what it does, on the other hand, is a bit more concerning.

The good news is that although some memory functions tend to deteriorate slightly with age, many aspects of intelligence, including verbal ability, actually improve as we grow older. With a little practice, we can use this to our advantage.

While we may not be able to remember stuff as well as we once did, we can, uh, effectively compensate for our transient forgetfulness with eloquent, extemporaneous and totally irrelevant verbiage, and no one will notice that we have developed CRS syndrome.

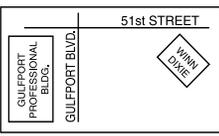
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American Theatre: Summer Camp and Drama Rama Fairy Tales



By Leigh Clifton

Kids from the American Theatre Summer Camp series show their silly side with funny faces for the camera. They were in costume for perform a play, *The Colorless Enchanted Forest*, which they co-wrote and starred in at the Florida Museum of Fine Art last Friday night. the performance was the culmination of a summer camp series, offered by the theatre.

The American Theatre in downtown St. Pete has been offering weekly summer camps for kids from ages 5-17, with Fairy Tales drama for the 5-7 year olds concluding last week. This group of children, led by teacher Betty-Jane Parks, assistant Angel Borths and intern Caitlin Kennedy, helped write the fairy tale drama and helped with the casting of the different parts.

"They came up with their own creatures and words," Parks said with a big smile. "We helped them with the costumes, but they had a lot of input. They've been incredibly creative."

The premise of the play is that the Wand of Promise has been lost and the creatures of the forest, of the sea and of the air are alarmed; the Enchanted Forest is colorless! The Wand must be found or they will forever be without color! After much searching, the Wand of Promise is found but really had nothing to do with the Forest losing it's color all along. All it took was Imagination!

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Myth #2: You have to be very poor, very smart or very talented to qualify for financial aid. Financial aid comes in many forms such as the federal government, the college or university itself, a parent's employer and others. When you take the time to explore all the possibilities, you will be surprised as to what services you may receive.

Myth #3: You can get more scholarships by paying someone to search for you. Scholarship scams are everywhere. Beware of any group or individual that guarantees a scholarship if you pay a fee. Check out www.fastweb.com or www.finaid.org for more information.

Myth #4: My child will pay for college, so my salary doesn't matter. Most need-based financial aid is based on parents' income and assets. The FAFSA form, available online at www.fasa.ed.gov asks for information similar to what you need for your income taxes. After submitting FAFSA, you'll receive a report that shows how much the government expects you to pay.

Myth #5: You can wait until you get accepted to a college before worrying about financial aid. Most financial aid is doled out on a first-come, first-served basis. No one should wait to get started. Looking for financial aid probably isn't a teen's idea of a good time, but it is better than graduating from college in debt.

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Jimmy Oswain, "Mr. Gulfport"

By Leigh Clifton

The first thing you notice is the smile; wide, sweet and kind. Then comes the handshake which is almost always followed by a big hug. He knows your name right off the bat; if you have animals or pets, he knows their name too and will ask about them. But that's just how Jimmy is....

Jimmy Oswain is a fixture in Gulfport; he's worked at Sweetbay Supermarket for 15 years and seems to know everyone in town. He has helped countless people out to their car with their groceries, bagged thousands of grocery items and has always maintained the sunny disposition he's so famous for. He is easily recognizable on his trusty bike, which he rides everywhere, unless it rains or when he cabs to the bowling alley where he bowls in a mixed league almost every night and frequently bowls 300. Yes, 300, the perfect game... and often!

"Jimmy loves to bowl and he's very good at it," smiles his mother Jackie. He lives with her in Gulfport.

"My dad taught me how to bowl," Jimmy says. "I used to go with him all the time. I used to like to shoot pool at the Blinker, but it's closed now."

Jimmy is a karaoke fan and can often be found at O'Maddy's, singing Tony Bennett's San Francisco.

"He's actually pretty good," his mom Jackie laughs. "And Jimmy is amazing when we watch TV. I'll forget who a particular actor is and

Jimmy will know his name and what shows they've been in. He never forgets a name; he's always been like that!"

Jimmy has a particular routine that he follows; he goes to City Hall almost every day to see the city staff, including Stephanie Hafley, who works in Customer service for the City and Lalanda Little, who is a staff assistant. Both are at the front desks. As soon as Lalanda hears him say hello, she buzzes him in. They are part of his fan club and he stops by to chat before moving on to say hello to Sam Rivera in IT or to chat with Dan Carpenter about sports. Sometimes the guys take him to lunch. Miss Francine in records and dispatch is a good friend as well. When Lalanda Little locks the City Hall doors behind her every night, Jimmy will often come back and check on things to make sure everything is all right. She's known him for two years and thinks he is really funny and sweet. If he happens to miss a daily visit, the girls will ask him where he was. They miss him like that.

Because he works at Sweetbay, Stephanie calls Jimmy her "in on the skinny" about when the new Sweetbay store near her house is going to open.

"The sign says 2011, but Jimmy told me he talked to the manager and it will be open by November," she whispers a bit conspiratorially with a grin. He keeps her updated about the store's progress. Jimmy also never arrives empty



Jimmy Oswain and his trusty bike stand in front of his house in Gulfport. Many who know him calls him "Mr. Gulfport" because he seems to know everyone around town. He has worked at Sweetbay Supermarket for 15 years.

handed on Wednesdays; he brings the Sweetbay weekly sales circulars for everybody in the building.

The Gulfport PD's Detective Pham had a hat made for Jimmy that says "Mr. Gulfport." Officer Zach Mills shares Jimmy penchant for pro wrestling and took him to see Wrestle Mania. Sgt. Rob Burkehart, who knew Jimmy as a neighbor even before he became a police officer, has taken him to a Ray's game. They've also gone to lunch together.

"I see him around the office and around town at least 3-4 times a week," Burkehart says. "He probably knows everybody in Gulfport!"

Jimmy says he considers Burkehart a great guy and a good detective. They've know each other for 12 years. Jimmy's mom Jackie has nothing but high praise for Burkehart as well.

"Rob's been a good friend to both of us," she says.

Jimmy is the middle boy

of three brothers; Larry is the younger and Eddie is the eldest. Jimmy swears that growing up, Larry was the instigator for any good-natured shenanigans that often happen among three boys in a household. But you never can tell, because all of the sudden, that big wide sweet smile turns on and a twinkle in his eyes signals that maybe, just maybe, he might have been a bit ornery too when he was growing up.

So when you see Jimmy riding around town on his bike or singing karaoke at O'Maddy's, working at Sweetbay or bowling at Ten Pins, stop him and say hello. He will remember you for it and the next time he sees you, he'll know your name. That's what makes him an everyday hero in my book. After all, he IS "Mr. Gulfport".

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Biscuits & Baseball



By Melissa Lattman

The Whistle Stop Grille, which offers food to group outings lives up to its name as a freight train passes. Built into a former train depot, the Rays AA affiliate- the Montgomery Biscuits, play right by the train tracks.

Taking a week to help a family member drive a car from the Midwest back towards Florida and a love for baseball led to several evenings at minor league ball parks along the way. Nestled next to railroad tracks built into a historical train station is the AA Tampa Bay Rays affiliate. A freight train chugged through as the Montgomery Biscuits played on a recent balmy southern summer night.

The park built in 2004 offered many seating options. The grassy outfield area gave people a place to play their own game of catch or eat supper with lawn seating at \$8. Wheelchair accessible seating was available under a weather protective over hang. There was also a playground and slide area by third base. Our box seats in the front row next to the dug out were \$10 and super box seats were \$12. And fans can re-enter the stadium by showing a ticket taker their ticket and have their hand stamped before exiting.

Rays' third baseman Evan Longoria's jersey is still seen at the park. Children sported his shirt from his days as a Biscuit in 2006-2007. Other former Biscuits who are now Rays include Reid Brignac, John Jaso, Andy Sonnanstine, and BJ Upton.

Familiar ballpark food like hotdogs, bratwurst and barbeque were available through windows in the brick walls of the old train depot. Food carts offered fresh squeezed icy lime and lemon drinks. Plus of course biscuits were available with the choice of sweet toppings, chicken, gravy and for strawberry shortcake.

Games are from April until September. For more information on ball parks around the country go to www.minorleaguebaseball.com where you can search by geography as well as teams. The Biscuits' Web site is at www.biscuitsbaseball.com

Maximo Center has Community Information

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

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

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This telecommunications access program is funded by a surcharge currently on all Florida telephone consumers' bills. Equipment is available by appointment Monday through Friday at the Deaf and Hearing Connection's main office located at 7821 Seminole Boulevard in Seminole or at satellite locations throughout Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. For a complete list of distribution locations or to schedule an appointment, call 727-399-9983 (Voice) or 727-399-9422 (TTY).

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Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

Half-Truths and Outright Lies

Q: I enjoy reading your column. You seem to be able to set people straight when it comes to Social Security issues. I occasionally get e-mails from "friends" that contain slams against the Democrats with respect to Social Security. I'm pretty sure their facts are bogus. But I don't have enough information about the issues to know for sure. Can you help me understand this latest diatribe?

A: I'm glad you recognize that most of this partisan Social Security gobbledygook floating around on the Internet is just what you labeled it: "bogus." In fact, the one you sent me is full of half-truths and often outright lies. And interestingly enough, it's been out there polluting people's opinions about Social Security for years. I first saw it maybe 20 years ago, being passed around via fax and snail mail and other pre-Internet forms of communication. For the past 10 years, it's been a staple of the conservative blogosphere.

This particular missive bills itself up front as a Social Security "history lesson." And even though it states, "it doesn't matter if you are a Democrat or Republican, facts are facts" -- it quickly reveals itself to be an attempt to convince people that the Democrats have messed up the original Social Security program beyond all recognition. In today's column, I'll cover about half of the allegations in the e-mail. I'll save the rest for next week.

Allegation: "Franklin Roosevelt, a Democrat, introduced the Social Security program. He promised that it would be completely voluntary. It no longer is voluntary."

Fact: Participation in the Social Security program never was voluntary. Although early Social Security planners, including Roosevelt, gave some thought to making the program a voluntary one, they quickly realized it could never work that way. They figured that if given the choice, the rich would opt out of system, and a large segment of the lower middle class and poor (the very people who would need Social Security the most in retirement) would choose not to participate. Social Security would never have been the success it is today (giving tens of millions of Americans a stable income in retirement) had it been a voluntary program.

Allegation: "FDR promised the participants would only have to pay 1 percent of the first \$1,400 of their annual incomes into the program. Today, people pay 7.65 percent of the first \$106,800."

Fact: Social Security planners, including President Roosevelt, knew from day one that as the program grew, taxation and revenues would have to grow. This is just common sense. Show me one large-scale pension plan or government program anywhere in the world that has the same funding structure it did 75 years ago! And by the way, the Social Security tax rate is not 7.65 percent, as is often stated. The Social Security tax is 6.2 percent. The other 1.45 percent of the payroll tax is used to fund the completely separate Medicare program.

Allegation: "Social Security money would be put into an independent trust fund, and therefore would be used to fund Social Security and no other government program. Under Johnson (a Democrat), the money was moved to the general fund and spent."

Fact: All Social Security monies are still deposited into the Social Security trust funds. But every nickel of those trust funds is invested in U.S. Treasury securities. In other words, as Social Security tax collections come into the Treasury Department (and

that's at a rate of about \$2 billion per day), those revenues are instantly converted into Treasury notes that are deposited into the trust funds. But the actual cash goes into the government coffers and is spent for whatever purposes the government spends money on.

But the point is that the Social Security trust funds still hold the Treasury notes. And every month for the past 70 years or so, the government has made good on its obligations to Social Security by redeeming enough bonds to cover Social Security benefits due.

This is the way the program has always worked. I always ask critics: If you were in charge of Social Security, what would you do with all the money? Buy Enron stock? Bury it under a mattress? Putting the money in Treasury securities has always been considered the safest way to invest Social Security's holdings.

So, President Johnson didn't "move the money to the general fund to spend it." What LBJ did was change an internal government bookkeeping practice. Social Security's income and expenditures used to be kept on a completely separate set of books. He simply added Social Security's accounts to the general government budget. But that did not change the method used to invest and spend Social Security money (as explained above). But let's be honest. Johnson moved the balance sheets for Social Security money into the overall government budget for one sneaky reason: All the Social Security income made the actual government deficit, caused at the time by spending for the Vietnam War, appear smaller. But please note that no president since, Democratic or Republican, has changed that little accounting trick -- for the very same reason: adding Social Security's surpluses to the overall government ledgers makes for a rosier (albeit duplicitous) budget scenario.

Next week: more allegations and more facts.

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A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

Can a Rain Barrel Save Water and Money?

Q: We are in a mild drought and were wondering if we should be using a rain barrel to conserve rainwater. A local conservation organization sells them, and their brochure says we will save water and money. We want to water our garden and landscape as much as possible.

A: There are some good reasons to save rainwater and useful devices to do it, but a rain barrel may not be the best one for you.

From \$75 to \$150, there are many rain barrels available that hold from 30 to 100 gallons. You will need to consider how much water you need for your plants. Then figure out how much water you can potentially save from your roof and hardscape. Finally, consider how large of a storage area you need in order to save that much water and how much it will cost.

A little bit of math shows us that a half-inch of rain on a 200-square-foot roof will generate 62 gallons of water -- 0.5 inches divided by 12 inches (in a foot) equals .0416 feet. Multiply by 200 to get 8.33 cubic feet, and then multiply by 7.48 gallons (in a cubic foot) to get 62.33 gallons. In other words, a half-inch of rain on a roof the size of a parking place will overflow the average 50-gallon rain barrel.

Once you have a full rain barrel, what are you going to do with it? You don't need to water plants in the landscape as it just rained on them, too. If it rains again before the plants dry out, you will just overflow the rain barrel again. Eventually, things will dry out and you can use the water.

How far 50 gallons will go in the landscape depends on the type of soil, water requirements of the plants, when they were last watered, temperature and other weather conditions. A hanging basket or a tomato in the garden can easily consume a gallon a day. Water 10 plants, and the water is gone in five days. A large pumpkin plant can drink more than 10 gallons a day.

Larger shrubs, trees and lawns will need far more water than a single barrel holds.

Will a rain barrel save you money? Probably not for a very long time. Clean inexpensive water is what most Americans enjoy. If you are on a well, then you don't pay for water. My water bill shows I pay half a cent per gallon. A full 50-gallon barrel costs 25 cents. Four full barrels cost a dollar. A \$100 barrel would take 400 fillings to break even. With consistent use and the frequency of rainfall in my area, rain could refill my barrel five to 10 times a summer. Ten refills a summer means I saved \$2.50, and at least a 40-year payback time on a \$100 barrel. Of course, you need to know your water usage, water rate and barrel cost to see your potential savings.

A barrel of rainwater can be great for watering orchids or other sensitive houseplants. It is good water for aquarium fish that require soft water. A rain barrel is great for city dwellers that have a landscape limited to containers with no outdoor faucet.

If you are serious about saving rainwater, you will require a very large container. How many houses are equal to the size of a single-car garage? (Two-hundred square feet in the previous example.) A 2,000-square-foot roof area will fill 10 rain barrels in a half-inch rain. Thunderstorms often drop three to 10 times that amount in less than an hour. Do you have room for 30 to 100 rain barrels?

In our drier portions of the country, new homes and landscapes are being watered with cisterns that hold 30,000 to 200,000 gallons of water. To do this right, you need to do more than hold water. The water needs to be filtered before it goes into the storage system. Smart irrigation systems (SIS) are used to compare the amount of water in the soil, the evaporation rate, soil type, plant type and other factors to decide when to water the plants. Pumps, filters and drip irrigation piping are used to

get the water out of the tanks and to the plants. Underground tanks can be installed under the landscape or driveway after considering the water table.

Hardscapes like driveways and patios can direct water into the system, or they can be made of porous materials that allow the rains to soak in the ground.

Another option for existing landscapes with limited room for storage tanks could be the Rainwater Pillow. This flexible storage tank can be installed under a deck or in an indoor crawlspace. They can hold from a few thousand gallons to custom sizes in the hundreds of thousands of gallons. Check the system out at www.rainwaterpillow.com.

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Life Church: Loving God - Loving People

By Cathy Salustri

Life Church in Azalea is not your ordinary Christian church. They're a small group that's just starting out, and they meet at the Azalea Recreation Center on Sunday mornings. But this church leadership knows what matters, and it isn't a fancy building.

"Jesus said, essentially, that the most important thing is to love God like crazy, and, after that, to love people," Pastor John Eldredge says. "That's what we're doing here."

"A lot of authenticity is lacking in some churches. We want to get back to the basics: Jesus and friendship," Pastor John explains.

"We have a really unique philosophy of ministry. We are really community-based. You see, we feel like if we use all our money for ourselves we aren't in keeping with our mission."

With that in mind, Life Church uses half of every penny it collects to serve the community. Their services ranges from handing out

sports drinks at bus stops to renting out Walter Fuller pool and opening it to everyone this past 4th of July. But don't expect to hear the Pastor asking for money during any of the services.

"I don't ask for money during the service. I ask people to pray and to love Jesus. It drives me crazy when churches use time dedicated to worshiping God to ask for money. Why should money be the focus?" He pauses and his wife, JoAnna, adds that not asking for money doesn't mean people don't give.

"People do give; we have a box at the back of the church, and people give," she says.

On August 29, that money will go to local school children. Anyone who wants free school supplies is welcome at the Azalea Recreation Center at 10:30, because Life Church is giving away much-needed school supplies. People don't need to come to the service, although Pastor John says he would welcome everyone and anyone who wants to attend the service. The giveaway is open to

anyone of

any faith.

Pastor John hopes that more people will join his small congregation (currently at just under 40), and he's looking for people who want to learn more about God.

"I want people who have never been to church before. If you're already a church person, you can find a church with a better kids ministry or better programs, but I want people who don't already have a church. I want people who don't know a lot about Jesus. I'm not saying a church person isn't welcome, of course, because everyone is welcome, but I'm looking for people who have questions and want answers."

New churchgoers and old alike will be

surprised to see this young, down-to-earth pastor. He doesn't wear suits and he doesn't stand on ceremony, but he is clear that just because the church is relaxed about religion, it's very serious about faith.

"I don't preach a watered-down message," he says. Pastor John says that message is Jesus, and he's happy to spread the word in jeans at the local rec center instead of in a suit in a fancy building.

"We don't want a building. This way, we can put more money back into the community and showing people the true meaning of 'Love thy neighbor,'" he says.

If you want to learn more, call Pastor John or, better yet, show up Sunday morning at 10:30. No suits required, and they won't manipulate you for money. They promise.

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What are Health Care Surrogates and Living Wills?

A thoughtfully prepared disability plan should cover who should handle a disabled person's health care matters as well as their property management issues. After all, health care matters are of monumental importance because of their deeply personal character and the consequences those decisions might have on the person's length and quality of life. The best way to avoid a guardian being appointed by the court to make these health care decisions is to designate a Health Care Surrogate.

The Health Care Surrogate should be in a good position to use substituted judgement for the disabled person,

the principal, and thus should have a solid grasp of the disabled person's attitudes, the quality of life the disabled person would find satisfactory, and his or her religious beliefs and philosophy of life. The disabled person should be confident in placing these important judgments into the hands of the Health Care Surrogate.

A competent person has the right to refuse medical treatment for any reason whatsoever, even if that refusal will result to an otherwise preventable death. But what happens if that person is unable to communicate his or her wishes?

A living will goes into effect if a person falls into a condition where recovery is almost impossible. It is a set of written instructions stating an individual's desire not to be kept alive through the use of medical technology when that individual is in a terminal condition and incapable of giving informed consent or refusal for further treatment. It also appoints someone to make such decisions on that person's behalf.

A living will is one of the most

important estate preservation techniques available to the average person. Numerous studies have shown that a large portion of all health care costs in the United States are incurred in the last few days of a person's life. The cost burdens to the family members of individuals in terminal conditions are also considerable. Many families are forced to spend substantial amounts of their income and savings in order to medically prolong the lives of their loved ones for just a few days.

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By Scott Lafee

Tongue-in-Bleak

Those little barbell-shaped tongue studs may look cool (well, at least to some people), but they are bad news for teeth.

"It's a basic tenet of orthodontics that force, over time, moves teeth," said Sawsan Tabbaa, an assistant professor of orthodontics at the University of Buffalo School of Dental Medicine.

A survey of Buffalo high-school students with the mouth jewelry found that the studs regularly chipped teeth and caused them to move as wearers banged or pressed them against their teeth over time. In a case reported in the Journal of Clinical Orthodontics, for example, a 26-year-old female patient required braces after wearing a tongue stud every day for seven years. She had habitually pressed it against the back of her front teeth, eventually causing a space to open up.

Tongue piercing presents other health risks as well, said Tabbaa. It is associated with hemorrhaging, infection, trauma to the gums and, in the worst cases, brain abscesses. "The best way to protect your health, your teeth and your money is to avoid tongue piercing," Tabbaa said.

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STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

A new University of Minnesota study says women who are ovulating unconsciously buy and wear sexier clothes during that time -- not to impress men as much as to outdo rival females.

"The desire for women at peak fertility to unconsciously choose products that enhance appearance is driven by a desire to outdo attractive rival women," said Kristina Durante, a post-doctoral fellow who conducted the study. "If you look more desirable than your competition, you are more likely to stand out."

The findings, to be published in the Journal of Consumer Research, represent some of the first evidence of how specific hormones influence specific consumer behaviors. Durante said ovulating women chose sexier fashion products with other local women in mind. "If you are in New

York, a woman who lives in LA isn't going to be seen as competition," she said.

No word about what it takes to get a guy to dress up.

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Dromophobia -- fear of crossing streets

BEST MEDICINE

Patient: Doc, my stomach sure is getting big.

Doctor: Maybe you should diet.

Patient: Really! What color?

OBSERVATION

"A Harvard Medical School study has determined that rectal thermometers are still the best way to tell a baby's temperature. Plus, it really teaches the baby who's boss." -- Comedian Tina Fey

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