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Sunshine Beach Renourishment



Photo by Melissa Lattman

Beach nourishment is in progress at Sunshine Beach in Treasure Island. Parts of the beach are still open to the public. About 55,000 cubic yards of sand has been pumped to Sunshine Beach. There is about a week of work left on Sunshine beach according to the August 18 activity update report. Currently nourishment of Sunset Beach is set for September and St. Pete Beach's Upham Beach is slated for October. For regular updates on project progress go to <http://www.pinellascounty.org/environment>

Gay Bar? No Way, Says Gulfport's Gay Community

By Cathy Salustri

One new businessman is touting Gulfport's beach as the sexiest gay beach in Tampa Bay.

The Dive Bar and Grill's web site, DiveBarandGrill.com,

promises "Tampa Bay finally gets its own gay beach! We're right in the heart of it!"

MyGayWeb.com invites patrons to come see "all the sexy bodies tanning" on Gulfport beach by the Dive Bar and Grill.

"WE ARE THE PROUD NEW HOME OF TAMPA BAY'S GAY BEACH!" the Dive Bar and Grill's listing reads on the gay-themed web site. The restaurant, slated to open Labor Day weekend, will fill

the spot of the former AquaBellas, which replaced the Mexican restaurant Casa Cortez. Most recently, Roman Gardens served food in the big yellow building.

Now Steve Donahue, the owner of G. Bar, a gay nightclub in Ybor City, plans to open the Dive Bar and Lounge in the big yellow building. He and Ernie Webb are listed on a pending occupational license with the city of Gulfport.

Some Gulfport men and women who happen to be

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Police Chief Hosts Crime Meeting in Gulfport's Marina District

Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent will be hosting a community meeting on Monday, August 30 at 6:30 pm at the Gulfport Lions Club located at 4630 Tifton Dr. South, for residents in Gulfport's marina district. Some have expressed concerns about the appearance of increased crime in the area east of 49th Street and south of 26th Avenue, and Chief Vincent would like to get input from residents on how police resources might best be used to address these concerns.

This is your opportunity to learn something new, meet your neighbors, and tell the chief what's on your mind.

Gay Bar, from front page

gay or bisexual object to a nightclub that caters only to gay people opening in Gulfport.

"We're all thrilled to have a gay-owned establishment—that's fabulous. What everybody's not liking is that it's sounding so exclusive," local Faun Weaver said. "That's not Gulfport; we have gay-owned establishments but they've always been inclusive."

One man, who asked that we identify him only as Joe, said that he didn't

appreciate the need for exclusivity.

"Gulfport's such a diverse community. Every place in Gulfport is very gay accepting; why do we need to advertise it and put off the straight people and everybody else? Limiting it to one community is not going to work in Gulfport. (Compare it to) Georgie's Alibi downtown... no place there do they announce that it's a gay place and they get a wide range of people from all places."

Not all gay people oppose the bar, though.

"Sometimes in the gay community it seems like things are so political in Gulfport," Beau Cotner said. "I don't see how it can be anything but a positive, really. If it weren't for exclusively gay bars, gay people would never have made the advances that we have. I hear they're going for a specific community, which is fine. It's a free enterprise system."

Regardless of the intended clientele, the city of Gulfport may have issues with the business. The city has yet to grant a license for a restaurant.

MyGayWeb.com also lists "Dancers/Strippers" as a feature of the soon-to-open Dive Bar and Grill. The MySpace page for G. Bar sandwiches ads for the new Dive Club Bar and Grill between ads for G. Bar, including "amateur strip contests" and "male sexy underwear contests."

"Anything beyond (a restaurant) we need to discuss," Myra Schwarz, Gulfport City Planner said. "I am aware of the applicant's history; they have assured us that's not what their intent was. We have no reason at this point to deny it; all the information they have given us is for an allowed use," she said last week in a telephone interview.

The web site for the G. Bar Restaurant and Grill boasts a front shot of a man's lower torso, clad in a blue bikini swimsuit, as well as another shot of the backside of a man in a bikini.

The city is discussing the advertisements with the owners, Ms. Schwarz said.

"It has to be a restaurant first, bar second," she said, saying the owners assured her the Dive Bar and Grill would be a restaurant first. Community Development Director Fred Metcalf said that the city couldn't shut down a business before it violated the city code, likening it to ticketing a driver for speeding because they drove a Maserati.

"We have to protect the Gulfport public from anything that is not within code, but we also have to protect the business owner's right to operate. We're in the middle of that right now," Ms. Schwarz said.

The restaurant plans to open Labor Day Weekend with a Bacardi Beach Bash, according to its web site. Mr. Donahue did not respond to an e-mail from the *Gabber* requesting an interview.

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St. Pete Beach Sign Workshop

There will be a Planning Board sign workshop at 5 p.m. on Aug 31. The city commission requested that the board discuss signs. The board plans to review various signs such as banners for special events, electrical signs and specially designed signs like those in the shape of a crab or a shrimp. The workshop session will be held in city commission chambers at 155 Corey Avenue.

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Classic Car Show Set For September 5

ST. PETE BEACH- The city commission approved the use of Pass-a-Grille Park and the partial closure of 9th Avenue on Sept. 5 for a car show. The VW Classic Car Show will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be 100-200 cars on display. Vendors will sell auto parts and arts and crafts.

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St. Pete Beach Fixes Sunshine Violation

To fix a technical violation to the Sunshine Law the Planning Board discussed at its regular Aug. 17 meeting comments on the Traditional Hotel District, which circulated via email. A few people apparently hit reply all with their comments to an e-mail providing a summary of joint planning and historic board discussions on the THD.

City Attorney Mike Davis said they would have a cure hearing, which they did at the planning board meeting, to discuss in public the items mentioned in the e-mails since they went to multiple board members. Items discussed included the process of registering traditional hotel district properties. They discussed when to register the properties and the level of detail needed. They decided extensive details would not be needed from property owners by the end of the year.

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Use a broom rather than a hose to clean up garden clippings, dirt and litter from sidewalks, patios and driveways.



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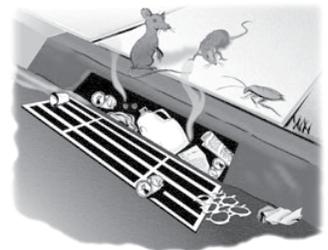


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Gulfport Budget Proposal- No Tax Increase

By Cathy Salustri

For the second year in a row, Gulfport city manager Jim O'Reilly submitted a balanced budget without sacrificing city services. Gulfport tax payers will not have a city tax increase this year and will remain the same as last year at 3.4742 mills. Adjustments to the budget include almost \$50,000 in unexpected revenues

- Property values went down less than expected, decreasing 9.7% instead of the projected rate of over 10%.

- The city will receive over \$5,000 more revenue from the Pinellas Library Co-Op.

- The city will receive an additional \$23,000 from the Pinellas County School Board for its work at Boca Ciega High School.

The city will put this overage towards the pension fund.

However, property values in the Waterfront Redevelopment Area went down more than expected, resulting in a loss of over \$12,000 for the city. The city will have to use money in the

Introducing Monthly GOLD

The first monthly Gulfport Organic Landscaping Days (GOLD) is Saturday, August 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. These days are a chance for inexperienced and experienced gardeners to visit organic landscapes in Gulfport, offer free plant and seed exchanges, and help each other create beautiful landscapes. The first meeting will be at Bryan Hilbert's Organic Garden Co-op, 2526 54 Street S. We will watch clips from a documentary about Permaculture (permanent agriculture) and learn why it is needed for healthy communities worldwide and how it has been done.

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City Council Workshop

The City of Gulfport will hold a City Council Workshop today, August 26, at 3:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and are held in City Hall Council Chambers, 2401 53 Street S.

Waterfront Redevelopment Fund to complete the scheduled work in the Waterfront Redevelopment Area.

The city had to reduce the amount of health insurance it pays for employee dependants. They did this to account for rising premiums; by not paying for any of the employees' dependant healthcare coverage the city kept health insurance rates constant and also saw a slight insurance premium reduction for the city. Mr. O'Reilly said that this change affected 1/3 of

the city's 120 full-time employees.

The city will vote on the proposed budget at a Special Council meeting at 7 p.m. on September 9.

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St. Pete Beach Adds Redevelopment District

The Planning Board approved at its Aug. 17 meeting an ordinance implementing an Eight Avenue community redevelopment district. The ordinance, which covers items such as setbacks, density and parking requirements, goes to the city commission next.

The proposed district's goal is to encourage and promote continuing the existing mixed use development and aesthetics of the area and encourage filling in vacant and under-developed lots. The area covers about 20 parcels by 8th and 9th Avenue between Gulf Way and Pass-A-Grille Way.

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Marina Study Okayed

ST. PETE BEACH- The city commission approved a marina feasibility study at its Aug. 24 meeting. Woods Consulting will complete a marina permitting feasibility study for the waters adjacent to the Community Center at the cost up to \$9,160. The study will consider the permitting issues that will impact the overall site design and economic viability. The contract covers determining the maximum number of boat slips allowed by regulatory agencies and preliminary dock design options.

City Manager Mike Bonfield said the study would provide an assessment of what's out there, what the limitations are in terms of easements and to establish a footprint for a prospective marina.

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Beach Goes Pops Report

ST. PETE BEACH- Jay Anderson gave the city commission a report on the Beach Goes Pops. He thanked the city for its co-sponsorship, which helped cover orchestra and lighting expenses. About 150 volunteers helped with the annual spring event in Pass-A-Grille. "Its fun for us to produce this," Anderson said. "It's a great venue because of where it's located- the sunset behind the bands."

The two-day musical event in its 20th year raised \$12,505 that went to several local non-profits including the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, the Pass-A-Grille Community Association, Vina Del Mar Island Association and AMIKids Pinellas (formerly the Pinellas Marine Institute), Anderson said.

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Professor Henderson’s presentation

will be the last of the lecture series entitled An F.Y.I. with CSI at MOSI and is part of CSI After Dark, which offers extended museum hours until 9 p.m. Henderson is the director the National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law at Stetson.

The presentation on the “CSI effect” will be offered at 6:15 p.m. and again at 7:15 p.m. this Saturday. MOSI is showcasing CSI: The Experience, an interactive exhibit in which museum guests play the roles of crime scene

investigators to solve mysteries, through September 6.

MOSI is located at 4801 E. Fowler Ave. in Tampa.

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Waste Water Update

ST. PETE BEACH- City Public Services Director Steven Hallock gave an update from an inspection and testing of waste water pipes under the water. Divers went in the water and looked at the pipes every fifty feet. They found much of the pipe appears to be in good condition. They discovered about 63 feet of pipe, which was installed three feet under water in the early 1980s, was now exposed. The city is exploring options to put a protective cover over the pipe. They reduced energy costs by cleaning the lines and have installed valves to test and clean the lines Hallock said.

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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 through August 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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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 are available by calling Jane or Chris at 727-821-0017.

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Please RSVP to RSVP@TampaBayBeaches.com or call the Chamber office at 727-360-6957.

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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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Volunteers Needed for Friends of Strays

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Friday, September 24th, 7pm

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

We are also inviting entertainment groups or individuals, singers, dancers to come join in the fun during this event. If you are interested in introducing yourself to public in a fun and family environment, this is the place for you. Contact information should be sent to the above fax number or email address.

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Back to School Bash at St. Luke's

St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 4444 Fifth Avenue N. in St. Pete, invites all middle and high school kids to a Back to School Bash on Friday, August 27 from 6-9 p.m. Bring your friends and hang out, play games, eat pizza, popcorn, snacks and drinks, all free. Watch a movie, enjoy games, prizes and door prizes. Call 321-1335.

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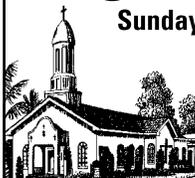
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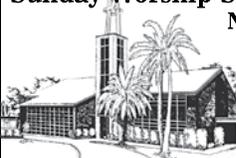
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Annual Gecko Ball Returns

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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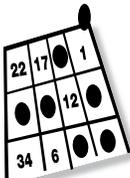
Petite Little Theatre to Hold Auditions

St. Petersburg Petite Little Theatre announces the opening of its new season of shows open to all children between the ages of 8 and 14. Auditions for "The More The Scariest" by Pat Cook will be held Monday and Tuesday afternoons, August 30 and 31 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Little Theatre, 4025 31 Street S. Everyone who auditions will get a part.

Rehearsals are every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 6 p.m., or after school if your school dismisses later, and every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. Fee is \$50 for the six weeks. The six weeks will culminate in a public production.

Scholarships are available. No child will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information go to www.splt.org or call Elaine Taylor at 727-864-2850.

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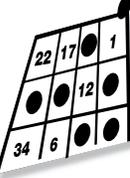
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South Pasadena Civic Association

By Agnes Stebelton

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Treasure Island



By Fred Wilder

Art Guild Starts New Season

The Treasure Island Art Guild will begin its 2010-2011 season on Thursday, September 2. One or two paintings will be accepted from members between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. All artists are invited to become a member and enter our shows. On Saturday, September 11 at 1 p.m. there will be a reception for the winners of the show. There will be an art demonstration by a professional artist. Both events will take place in The Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108 Avenue. Refreshments will be served.

All our workshops are starting. They are a good way to brush up on your skills. Anything Goes on Wednesday at the Community Center, Still Life on Thursday and Portrait on Friday in the Auditorium. We hope to see you there.

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12:30 p.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m. Register at either start time with proof of dog(s) current vaccination. Donations of dry Iams or Science Diet dog food, clean towels, nylabones, bleach, dish soap, blankets, trash bags, and newspapers will be accepted on behalf of the S.P.C.A. Admission: \$5 per dog, per session (humans free). Sponsored by city of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation. For further information

call 893-7732. No humans permitted in pool. Fossil Park Pool will be closed for the season and maintenance following Dog Swim Day.

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Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on August 26 at 1 p.m. and learn about rain gauges on your sprinkler system. I will have information on what the law calls for on your sprinkler system and why they are so important. Anyone who has a group can contact me at 384-0701 to tour the park.

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

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Last Dive In Movie



Photo by Melissa Lattman

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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.

Visit www.BPWStPetePinellas.org or to reserve email RSVP@BPWStPetePinellas.org or call 727-471-8248.

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SPOT Pet Festival & Adoptathon

SPOT ...Stop Pet Overpopulation Together is teaming up with a few local rescue groups for an adoptathon, Tuesday, August 31 through Friday September 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. SPOT is celebrating completing 5,000 spay and neuter surgeries since opening in March of 2009. They are having a special \$10 vaccine clinic, raffles, goodie bags and more!

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Labor Day Fish Fry at Lions Club

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The menu features a great supply of freshly fried Pollack, homemade hushpuppies and cole slaw, baked beans, tartar sauce, coffee and iced tea. At a cost of \$8 per person (for all you can eat) you can bring out the entire family. Plenty of tickets will be available at the door, or contact any of your Lion friends.

This is a Gulfport Lions Activities Project, with all of the net proceeds generated to be allocated to their community outreach programs, especially Sight First activities, as are all

of their fund-raiser projects (Spaghetti Suppers, Pancake Breakfasts, Shrimp Boil, etc.).

Come be a part of this popular annual social event. They will also be hosting the Shrimp Boil on October 16, at the Gulfport 100th Birthday Bash at the beach. If you need directions call them at the Lions Den on Labor Day at 321-7859.

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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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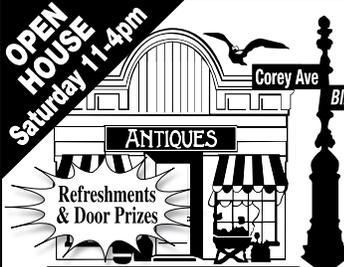
Rotary Club to Meet

The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Suncoast meets every Thursday at noon, at Gigi's Italian Restaurant, 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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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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South Pasadena Committee Openings

The City of South Pasadena is looking for two new members for the South Pasadena Beautification Committee. You must be a registered voter or owner of real property in the City of South Pasadena. If you are interested in sharing your input in the City's beautification an application can be picked up from the South Pasadena City Hall at 7047 Sunset Drive S. For more information contact the South Pasadena Public Works Department at 384-0701.

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By Leigh Clifton

A federal judge issued an injunction to halt federal funding for the use of donated or discarded embryos for stem cell research which in essence, stopped current stem cell research in its tracks. Do you think the use of embryonic stem cells should continue?



Becky Keesling, Seminole: “I have mixed feelings; I personally feel that if some good can come out of this research, shouldn’t we use that opportunity to help others? Research is done to help people so I’m 100% for it if the embryos are donated or discarded. I was asked after I had my children if I wanted to save the umbilical cord blood. I asked my insurance if they would cover it and they didn’t cover that procedure. It was also very expensive. If it could have been covered by insurance, I would have done it. I work in a managed care facility and I see Alzheimer’s patients every day. I know some of the stem cell research has looked promising for that disease. So, if it could possibly help people, why shouldn’t we allow it? I think the pros outweigh the cons. If these donated or discarded stem cells can save lives, what can be more moving than someone giving them for research to ultimately save lives?”

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Dorothy Dulau, St. Pete: “Yes, I think the research should continue if the people have given their permission for the embryos to be used for it. I just had my son Trevor nine weeks ago and I was asked at the hospital if I wanted to keep the umbilical cord blood. But it was so expensive; over \$1000 I think and then there was a fee for storage for 18 years at \$100 a month. I opted out, but it was hard because I know that that blood could possibly help my son or another family member if they got sick with a disease. I have no moral or ethical problem with using the embryos because they weren’t taken from anybody, they were donated for research.”

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Meagan Keck, St. Pete: “I think it would be one thing if they weren’t donated or discarded, but it’s not like they were taken from someone illegally. I see no reason to halt the research if the embryos were already going to be discarded. I don’t think there is an ethical issue because it’s not a life; I understand that it could have been but it was discarded after a doctor found it wasn’t usable for in-vitro. I know that people have religious or moral beliefs, but if the research can help people with diseases, I think it should be allowed to continue. There’s always a reason to debate these issues, but I see the research as being very important.”

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Brittani Loesch, Clearwater: “If the judge didn’t have a good reason, then why would he do that? I think if the stem cell researchers think that it looks promising, that should overrule any objections from a judge. It should be a person’s choice whether they want their discarded embryos used for research. It’s their property, part of their body and if they want to donate them for scientific research it’s their business. I can’t think of a good reason that a federal judge would hold up promising research that could potentially save so many lives.”

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IAC Marks Second Anniversary

Gulfport's innovative arts teaching facility, the Industrial Arts Center, will kick off a month of events and activities to celebrate its second anniversary the weekend of Gecko Fest, September 3 and 4.

September's featured artist, award-winning sculptor Sean Alton, will demonstrate his unique large scale copper enameling technique during the Gulfport Art Walk, Friday

evening, September 3, at around 8 p.m. From 7 - 10 p.m., the public is also invited to Blow a Glass Masterpiece from the IAC's seven-course glass blowing menu.

Alton will demonstrate again during Gecko Fest on Saturday, September 4, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Joining him at Gecko Fest will be Gulfport artist Eric Folsom, who will demonstrate his metalsmithing skills throughout the afternoon. Both artists will also be teaching a variety of classes at the Industrial Arts Center this fall.

Also kicking off in September will be the IAC's first Hot Glass Prep School workshop. This workshop is for glass blowing students who have completed both classes in the Fun With Hot Glass series, or who have other previous glass blowing experience. Prep School is designed to teach students the skills they will need to work independently during the IAC's new Instructor Assisted Studio. To participate in the Studio, students will have to complete the Prep School workshop and all required prerequisites. Final approval by master glass blower Jackie Ballard is also required.

The Industrial Arts Center's annual 360 Degree Club membership campaign also starts officially on Gecko Fest weekend. "Our goal each year is to raise \$36,000 for our basic operating fund by enlisting 360 members of this exclusive group," says IAC President Lynn DiVenuti. "By making a donation of only \$100, each 360 Degree Club member contributes a building block for our operating fund in the coming year."

In return for their donation, 360 Degree Club members will receive one of the IAC's fused glass Gulfport Centennial pins, free admission to the Chili Cookoff and other special events throughout the next year, and a \$35 discount on every adult class.

Wrapping up the month will be the Second Annual Industrial Strength Chili Cookoff on Saturday, September 25, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is open now. Rules and registration forms are available at www.industrialartscenter.org. Entertainment at this year's cookoff will be provided by Silk Heat.

More classes coming up in September and October will include a Saturday Kids Art Club, mosaics, and glass casting.

For more information, call the Industrial Arts Center at 727-289-9365 or visit www.industrialartscenter.org.

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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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Fall Opening Tea at Woman's Club

After a summer hiatus, the GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard N.E. will be holding their Fall Opening Tea on Friday, September 10 at 1 p.m. Priscilla Murtha of Good Manners will present "Afternoon Tea Etiquette" in which she will talk about the history and traditions of afternoon tea. Guests are welcome. Reservations may be made by calling Linda Rizzo at

526-5801 or email slrizzo@verizon.net.

For more information on monthly meetings, Saturday Group and other diverse activities which include art and craft workshops, monthly excursions, book discussions, weekly sewing group and card games or rental information on our clubhouse, please call 822-4982. The St. Petersburg Woman's Club has been serving the community since 1913.

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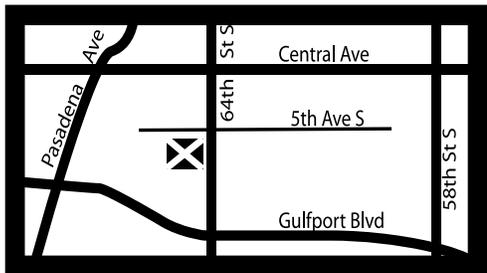
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ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center is offering classes to become a certified Lifeguard. Students must be at least 15 years old and complete a mandatory swimming/diving test and pre-course on September 9. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the duration of the session, running from September 14 to October 7. The class fee is \$125 for residents and \$150 for non-residents, books not included. Classes are located at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, and all interested participants can stop by to register in person. Contact the pool at 363-9264 for more information.

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Donate to Library's CD Collection

The St. Pete Beach Library is accepting donations of new or gently used CDs in the following genres: children's, classical, contemporary, country western, holiday, jazz/blues, pop standards and rock 'n roll. Please drop off donations including name, address and telephone number at the library, 365 73 Avenue.

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Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

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- 6 Heckelphone
- 10 Grand ___: home of Evangeline
- 13 Ignited again
- 14 Serling and Steiger
- 15 Bone up
- 16 Similar
- 17 "___ a song go ..."
- 18 Busy place
- 19 DC presidential guest house
- 21 Certain corner
- 22 Many eras
- 23 Short trip for a special purpose
- 25 Freight
- 29 Ant
- 31 ___ Khayyám
- 32 Assuage
- 34 Trades
- 38 Lounge ___
- 40 Kind of pass
- 42 Palm
- 43 Hops or malt kiln
- 45 Late night star
- 46 Oglers
- 48 Certain monastery resident
- 50 Tasty egg dish

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- 53 Identical
- 55 Avatar of Vishnu
- 56 Derbyshire home of the dukes of Devonshire
- 62 "It's ___ to tell a lie"
- 63 ___ over the coals: discipline
- 64 Venerate
- 65 Blabbed
- 66 Scat lady
- 67 Part of a stair step
- 68 Compass pt.
- 69 Defeats at bridge
- 70 Mom's kinsman

ACROSS

- 15 Winston Churchill: home in southern England
- 20 Did a fireman's job
- 24 R and R word
- 25 Soft drink
- 26 Turkish title
- 27 Demolish
- 28 Elvis Presley's Memphis home
- 30 Tormé and Ott
- 33 Hebrew lyre
- 35 Vicinage
- 36 Huff and puff
- 37 The blackthorn
- 39 Memorable Martha
- 41 Tiny bits
- 44 Violent attack
- 47 Engraves
- 49 Watch out!
- 50 Emulate Cicero
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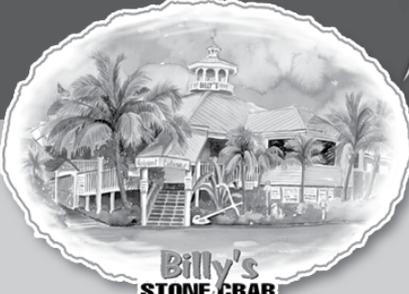
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So49 is seeking sponsors and fine art and craft vendors for the third annual event. So49 members who wish to participate will receive first right of refusal and a member discount. Community sponsorships are available from \$100 and up. Vendor information and applications can be found under the vendor info tab at www.sikpromotions.com or by calling 727-322-5217. To become a sponsor or a 49th Street South Business member please visit www.So49.org.

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The City of Gulfport Waterfront Redevelopment Advisory Board is currently seeking residents to create an easily recognizable name for the area located on Beach and Shore Blvds. The name could encompass the historic waterfront, dining, the beach, and shopping. A logo should also accompany the name. They're looking for something fresh and new. Groups and individuals welcome to apply. Submissions may be dropped off at the Paul Williams Public Service Building, 5330 23 Avenue S. in Gulfport. The chosen name and logo will be made public at the 100th anniversary celebration in October.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Nu hosted their 40th Anniversary Beginning Day Luncheon on Saturday, August 21 at Banquet Masters in Pinellas Park. There were 26 chapters represented from the bay area with over 150 in attendance. It was good to see everyone after the summer and this is always a wonderful way to start the new sorority year. This year's theme is "New Path to Friendship". Thank you to Laureate Epsilon Nu for a wonderful luncheon.

If you would like to learn more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Susan Henry at 244-8045.

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter will celebrate the beginning of a new year with a Beginning Day Dinner at the home of Sharon Ingram on Wednesday, September 1. Members will review the plans for the year.

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The Principals of the Shake-Up at Bogie

By Leigh Clifton

By now, no doubt, most students at Boca Ciega High School and their parents are aware of the changes mandated by the Pinellas County School Board to "switch" principals at Bogie and Northeast High. But the real reasons seem to remain a mystery. Both schools were rated a "D" school last year, according to the Florida Department of Education. Northeast's current rating is a "C." In June, the State of Florida mandated the Pinellas County School board to essentially flip flop principals in four schools; Boca Ciega, Northeast, Dixie Hollins and Lakewood. Both Dixie Hollins and Lakewood are also rated "D" with other local high school Gibbs getting an "F" rating.

What makes this so confusing is that Bogie's Principal Paula Nelson was sent to Northeast, replacing Kevin Hendrick, who was not only extremely popular with both faculty and students, but was thought to be turning around Northeast and getting it back on track. In fact, when the changes were announced in June of this year, the backlash was instant; both students and parents of Northeast High writing Pinellas County School Board (PCSB) President Dr. Julie Janssen copious letters in protest. For some inexplicable reason, Kevin Hendrick was sent to Bogie, then un-sent, finally landing a District position; Director of High School Education

Meanwhile, over at Bogie and on Paula Nelson's watch, the school was building brand new, state of the art facilities and a new \$400,000 renovation of the Field House, with new lockers, laundry facility and newly re-surfaced track. Nelson was very proud of what she had accomplished there. Now she has good things to say about her new digs, but she admits that the move was not her choice.

"It wasn't my choice to move to Northeast, but the state felt that with a different principal, they might improve on the Correct II sanctions put on Bogie by the state to improve. While I was there, we did make learning gains but did not make gains in other areas that were necessary. I'll have to learn to be a Viking," Nelson says with a good-natured laugh. "We were always rivals before."

Nelson says that Northeast is a good school and that the staff was very welcoming and wonderful. But she knows that filling the emotional shoes of Kevin Hendrick will be a bit trickier. He was very well-liked.

The Pinellas County School Board might well re-think some of their moves however; both Bogie and Northeast still scored below the state average on the FCATS. For grade 10, Bogie scored a 26% in Reading and a 39% in Math; Northeast scored 31% in Reading and a 68% in Math. The State of Florida average standard for Reading was 48% and 67% for Math. So Bogie, as well as the other four mentioned schools has a long way to go to meet those standards.

Other moves from Bogie include Athletic Director Heather Holloway, who moved into the Hillsborough School District and Mr. Charlie Drake who will assist Nelson at Northeast as Assistant Principal. Baseball coach Jason Szafarski resigned his position and is now teaching and coaching at Dixie Hollins.

It remains to be seen whether these changes will affect the performance of the schools involved and whether or not the Pinellas County School Board was right or even justified in their decision. Time and FCATS will tell.

Leigh Clifton is the Education Reporter at *The Gabber*

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Horoscope Guide

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you are very great and powerful, you will be dogged with questions and requests. People will depend on you constantly and will be angry if you do not deliver. It is a huge responsibility, and even the part that's fun and games becomes a lot of work. Still, if you're up to it, you should do it. You will make a difference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Unlike so many celebrities, you have not offered your life choices up to the media for scrutiny in exchange for an indiscriminate amount of attention. And yet you seem to be very much in the public eye now, and people are talking. Make light of the social commentary. It just means you are on the "hot" list.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A new interest is starting to take up more of your time than anticipated. Some would say this is a time waster, but you're not so sure. There is something of value to be explored here, though at this point you would be hard-pressed to find a scale by which to weigh its worth. Bottom line: If it makes you happy, it's good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your astrological symbol is half human, half beast. Part of you is wild and cannot be tamed. If you have to do what's appropriate every hour of every day, you will surely rebel. Let yourself do the inappropriate thing once in a while (and probably more often this week) to prevent a major revolt down the line.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). For your plan to come together, you need the support of someone who has the knowledge and resources to take it to the next level. The kind of power play you want to attract is not so easy to get to know. Form a strategy. What would make your project more appealing? What's in it for the other guy?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The one who comes just in time to help you is a true friend. This may be a stranger, but the timely support of this person will join you in an inexplicable way. You may never see this person again, but you'll always have the moment -- the time you needed assistance and there was someone to help.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No amount of money can make you immune to the bothersome realities of mankind. Even billionaires deal with poor customer service and computer malfunctions. That's why if you can flow with events and maintain your charming, easy-going personality, you are richer than Midas in all the ways that count.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are those in your midst who have already attained what you aspire to. Everyone goes at his or her own pace. When you realize this, you will derive inspiration from your peers instead of feeling threatened by them or superior to them. If they can do it, so can you. You just need to keep working at it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your thoughtfulness and attentiveness to others are quite remarkable. You will make people smile. Wherever you go, you will bring the perfect weather with you. When those around you are hot, you'll be the cool breeze. When they are cold, you are the sun. And you'll be the rain when they are thirsty, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In some way you feel that you have to do more than others in order to gain the same amount of success. Perhaps you feel you must make up for a perceived deficit, or maybe you just use a different scale to measure things. Whatever the reason, you'll win far more success because of your high standards.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may be a tad out of step with your loved ones. It's nothing personal -- you just see things differently. So if you happen to be ecstatic about a decision they find less than pleasing, don't worry about it. They may never fully get on board, but by the end of the week, this won't be such a big deal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Loyalty is a quality you strive to uphold through thick and thin. Sometimes it's easier to be loyal when things are looking bleak -- that's when you're really needed. But when things are crazy-good, you're needed, too. It's just harder to see it. A wave of success is coming. Bond with loved ones so you can ride it together.

This Week's Birthdays: In the past, you have skillfully hidden some of your abilities for various reasons -- no longer, though. The world is ready to see all you can do, and you're ready to deliver on the promise of your potential. You'll band together with talented people in September. A teacher shows you the ropes in October. You'll put money in the bank in November. December brings family time. There will be a move in the new year or a renovation to freshen up your environment. Wedding bells ring in June.

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Entry deadline is September 20 for the chili tasting and judging event. The entry fee is \$25 and includes an IAC membership and commemorative apron. Check the Industrial Arts Center website for details: www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org.

First, second and third place winners will receive hand blown chili pepper trophies. Attendees will have an opportunity to vote for the People's Choice Award at a cost of \$1 per vote. Event tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids.

For more information call 727-289-9365 or visit www.industrialartscenter.org.

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Rotary Club Meets

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

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The New School Year Kicks Off



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Little Drummer Boy



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Four year old Trevur Mjelleli shows his drumming chops at the final summer concert by Noisemakers on stage at the Catherine Hickman Theatre last Friday night. Founded by musician and teacher Gabe Whitney, Noisemakers offers kids the chance to both play instruments and perform on stage at various venues around town. Over 100 proud parents and friends enjoyed the show.

Trevur, who is a highly functioning autistic loves the drums and is encouraged by his rocker parents Angie and John Mjelleli, who have taken Trevur to several concerts; Trevur even got to sing with Vince Neil at a concert in Miami. Trevur also has a 10- piece drum set at home, with dual bass drums.

Tampa Bay Job and Career Fair

Looking for a new job? How about a new career? Come on out to the Tampa Bay Job & Career Fair on Monday, September 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Coliseum, 535 Fourth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg.

Meet 30-40 local companies who have immediate employment needs, from entry level positions to skilled trade, health care jobs and even top managerial positions. The Tampa Bay Job & Career Fair covers all areas of business and is open to everyone. This is a special event designed to help put you face to face with companies that have open positions which they are looking to fill immediately.

This fall's event will also include a Career Fair. Several of the area's top schools, universities and vocational/technical institutes will be on hand. You will be able to meet with various representatives of these local institutions and hear about their courses and programs. It is a great opportunity to examine ways to further develop your skills for the jobs of today and prepare for the bright career prospects of tomorrow. Expand your skill set or even learn a whole new career.

Dress for success and come prepared with a stack of resumes. You'll find on-site hiring, testing, screening, helpful tips and advice, and great job opportunities. You could be to work by the end of the day. Or even on your way to a whole new career.

For more information contact Dave LaBell at 727-893-8523 or visit www.tampabayjobfair.com. Free admission, free parking, no pre-registration.

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Braille Classes forming Now

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

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BCHS Class of 1970 Reunion

Boca Ciega High School Class of 1970 will be having their 40th reunion November 5 and 6. The event will be held at the Treasure Island Community Center that Friday night and Silas Dents on Saturday evening. The cost of the reunion will be \$70 for both nights. Last day to make reservations is October 1.

Please email them for more information at bogie1970reunion@aol.com; call Sabina Harshbarger 727-345-3135; or write to us at BCCHS 40th Reunion, 6860 Gulfport Blvd. #239, South Pasadena, FL 33707.

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"Ain't Retirement Grand!" to Run Again

The hilarious musical "Ain't Retirement Grand" is back by popular demand and will be playing at the Back Door Theater in Gulfport September 17 through 26 prior to going on tour again throughout Florida. The Back Door Theater is located at 1619 49 Street S. in Gulfport.

Always a sellout, "Ain't Retirement Grand!" is a funny and delightful look at our retirement years with a cast of four singing 21 original songs. Written by playwright/composer, Gil Perloth, and directed by Daniel Harris, this musical has been receiving standing ovations while playing to packed theaters and retirement communities for the past 18 months. Among the many songs you will hear are: The Wedding from Hell, Early Bird Special, Catch of the Day, and We Spent it All on Ourselves (where a couple apologizes to their offspring for not leaving them an inheritance).

Tickets are still only \$15 and may be purchased in advance at Eileen's Resale Boutique (located at 5101 Gulfport Blvd. in Gulfport), or reserve them by calling 727-322-0316. Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Early reservations are advised, as the performances usually sell out quickly.

Visit the Players' website at: <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org> or contact Gil Perloth at 343-8560.

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Garden Club of St. Petersburg

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg will be holding a Coffee & Garden Crafts Workshops on Monday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Garden Club Center, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. A materials fee of \$3.50 for Garden Club Members and \$4.50 for guest and the general public will be charged to cover supplies.

All craft workshops are open to the general public, potential new members and guest. Please bring

your own scissors, pencil and small paint brushes. Coffee and tea will be furnished. For additional information please call Betty Martin at 343-2255.

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg will be holding its Horticulture for Weekend Gardeners, (aka the "Night Bloomers" Circle) on Tuesday, September 14 at 7 p.m. at the Garden Center. The Program - TBA

For additional information please contact Derri Davisson at derridavisson@hotmail.com or 727-423-7644.

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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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SPCA Offers Specials for Cat Adoptions

Find your new fabulous feline at this year's SPCA Tampa Bay Calico Corner. Beautiful Calicos with striking orange, black and white markings are waiting for their forever homes. Now through September 12, SPCA Tampa Bay is offering these adoption specials: Calico Cat Combo: Adult Cat (1 year or older), carrier, collar, ID tag and toy for \$50. Calico Kitten Combo: Kitten (under 1 year), carrier, collar, ID Tag, and toy for \$60.

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Foreclosure Fraud Seminar

The fourth and final free workshop alerting consumers to the perils of foreclosure fraud, and offering direct assistance referrals for those who have either fallen behind in their mortgage payments, or anticipate missing payments in the future on Saturday, September 11 at Largo Library, 120 Central Park Drive in Largo. Counselors will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

With more than 33,000 active foreclosure cases in the Pinellas-Pasco court system, foreclosure fraud has become a real problem in Pinellas County. Unscrupulous individuals prey upon those who are in the process of losing their homes, promising relief, but providing few tangible results.

Pinellas County's Department of Justice and Consumer Services recently received a \$100,000 federal grant to fight foreclosure fraud. The grant was provided through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

A Foreclosure Fraud Prevention Team has been formed with the Department of Justice and Consumer Services as project coordinator, along with Pinellas County Community Development, St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Services, Tampa Bay Community Development Corporation, Gulfcoast Legal Services, the Pinellas-Pasco Area Agency on Aging and the Community Law Program.

Homeowners can get more information by calling the Pinellas County Department of Justice and Consumer Services at 727-464-6200.

More information on assistance provided as a result of the grant can be found at this website: www.pinellascounty.org/foreclosure.

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

"(I) am just trying to get creative and find a way to get Christmas decorations without paying for it." -Commissioner Marvin Shavlan- on the possibility of getting a vendor or business to support funding holiday lights. The commission discussed that advertising such as a vendor's logo in the lights, could not be displayed on the state road right of way. Commissioner Halpern said he heard from people about wanting Christmas decorations.

"Getting more information in and getting more information out..." -Vice Mayor Jim Parent on an idea from the Florida League of Cities conference on engaging residents through social media sites such as Twitter, YouTube and Facebook.

"Seventy more boxes to our courageous troops overseas." -Mayor Mike Finnerty, on a recent shipment of care packages sent by the St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops to military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It is the hurricane in our backyard and we do have to deal with ...how to fund it, what we do." -Commissioner Bev Garnett, agreeing with Vice Mayor Parent on the need to talk about city pension plans. Parent said he watched a recent budget and finance committee meeting where they were discussing setting up a meeting and inviting pension board trustees.

"If water transportation is a viable thing (consider) talking about (service across) Boca Ciega Bay." -Vice Mayor Parent after reading about proposed water shuttles/ferries between Tampa and St. Petersburg, suggested possibly discussing with Gulfport a water shuttle service between Gulfport and St. Pete Beach.



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Open Gameroom- Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$20 non-res.

PROGRAMS

Teen Night - Teens, age's middle school to 17. Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$20 non-res.

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. Transportation provided from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek Elementary and Gulfport Montessori.

TOT TIME PROGRAM - REGISTRATION for the 2010-2011 Tot Time

Program are currently being accepted. Hours for registration are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Classes begin September 7, 2010. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information

- Belly Dance - 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.matScoutHallMoves back to the Rec. Center Sept. 9th. 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-Thurs., Begins Sept. 2nd Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., 9 a.m. at 49th Street Neighborhood Center Returns to the Recreation Center Sept. 1st. 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.



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

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.

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, August 28, 1:00 pm. This is not a formal class, just an opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history.

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.

SummerCoffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, September 16, 10:00 am. Our summer series, "Pushed to the Limit," continues with In Cold Blood, by Truman Capote. Stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a discussion guide and reserve a copy of the book.

Real Estate Law Program: Saturday, September 18, 10:00 am. You are cordially invited to attend this new series of presentations offered by members of the Bay Area Real Estate Council on the third Saturday of each month. Free and open to the public.

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, September 25, 1:00 pm. This is not a formal class, just an opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flat Stanley Joins GEMS! It finally happened! Flat Stanley paid his \$50 registration fee and is now an official GEMS rider. You will soon see him riding GEMS all around town and beyond! GEMS is the City of Gulfport's door-to-door transportation service for Gulfport seniors 55 and over. Watch for updates on Flat Stanley's adventures with GEMS! For more info on GEMS, call 893-2242.

First Tuesday GEMS Pass: Every first Tues. Gulfport seniors can ride GEMS to special locations in Gulfport to promote Health & Wellness. Round trip: \$1 (\$50 Registration fee waived). Trips include the Senior Center Fitness Room, Gulfport Library, Gulfport Beach, Gulfport Art Village Courtyard, and any of Gulfport lovely parks. (small fee connected with the Senior Center Fitness Center). Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more info.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Patio Party: Sorry, but tickets are all sold out for the Patio Party on Fri. Sept. 3 at 11:30am. Not to worry! Another party will be held in October! Watch the Gabber for further details.

Flea Market: Don't forget the Senior Center's Flea Market on Fri. Sept. 3, 9am-1pm. Check out the electric scooter, artwork, walkers, portable baby bed, jewelry and much, much more!

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.

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

AARP Driving Classes: are held on the first two Tuesdays of every month from 1-4pm. Call 368-3199 to register and fee info.

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

JUST FOR FUN

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

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

Language Practice:

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

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

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

Bingo: Fridays at 1pm.

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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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

Local Obituaries

MILBOURN, RUSSELL LOMAX "JOE", 83, of South Pasadena, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010. Born in Hamilton, VA, Joe came here in 1982, from Vienna, VA after retiring as manager at Safeway Stores. He loved 17 years of volunteer work at All Children's Hospital. A member of Fifth Ave. Baptist Church and the Celebration Sunday School class, he also enjoyed his service as a Deacon at Azalea Baptist and First Baptist of New Port Richey. He was an Army veteran of WW II. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Gloria; a daughter, Judith M. Milbourn of South Pasadena; a son and daughter-in-law, Russell L. "Chip" Jr. and Rae Ann Milbourn; a brother, William H.; 2 granddaughters and 2 great-granddaughters of VA. E. Dale Gunter Funeral Home.

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WESSON, SUZANNE J., July 11th 1948 Aug. 11th 2010 Suzanne was a resident of Pass-A-Grille and St. Pete Beach for forty years. From 1984 to 1995, she owned Suzanne's, a women's specialty boutique on Gulf Boulevard. She was semi-retired until Jan. 1st, 2000, when she opened Paradiso, on Pass-A-Grille's historic Eighth Avenue. She was very active within the community as a successful business owner and through the Pass-A-Grille Woman's Club. She served on the St. Pete Beach Historic Board, volunteered for the Taste of Pass-A-Grille and the Beach Goes Pops, and was a member of the Pass-A-Grille Civic Association and the 8th Avenue Merchant Association. Suzanne served on many committees after joining the Woman's Club in 1997-98. They include Recording Secretary (98-99), Exterior House and Grounds (99-01), Special Events (01-02), Community Welfare (03-05), House and Grounds (05-07), Hospitality and Programs. She produced the first fashion show for the club, and many since then, as well as for the City of St. Petersburg throughout the years. She helped with many of the monthly luncheons, served in various capacities for the annual Home Tour (Co-chair, House Captain, Patron Captain and Patron Sponsor, Hospitality). This years Home Tour will be held in her honor. Suzanne loved the beach and

she loved to travel, with a particular fondness for the island of Bermuda. Despite her accomplishments, her happiest and proudest moments were with her grandchildren, JR and Pres. Her closest and dearest friend, Elena Bussey, would agree that they were the topic of many of their conversations. Suzanne was born in Padgett's Parrish, Bermuda and moved to Florida at a young age. She was raised as an only child, but as an adult sought to locate a half brother, Ross Frith. She has since had a very close relationship with him and his family, and particularly with her niece Tami Pesek. Suzanne was a cancer survivor, diagnosed in her thirties. She was able to overcome the disease, however, as a result, experienced residual health complications. Over the last decade those complications had become more debilitating. She passed away on Aug. 11th. Suzanne is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Barbara Metzler; her grandchildren, Michael Jr. and Prescott, and many more loved ones and friends. Her contributions to her community and her love and commitment to her friends and family will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the S.P.C.A of Pinellas in her memory. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 21, 10:30 am at Pass-A-Grille Community Church, 107-16th Ave., St. Pete Beach. 727-367-4211. stpete-beachtoday.com

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WIRSIG, BERNADETTE ANN, 89, of St. Pete Beach, passed away Aug. 18, 2010. She was born in New York City, NY. She is the daughter of Thomas Joseph Donohue and Margaret McKenna Donohue. She moved to Florida in 1955 and has been a resident of Bahia Shores since. Bernadette retired from St. John Vianney Church in 1983, where she worked in the rectory as a bookkeeper for 20 years. She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Thompson and husband Fred; grandchildren, Lisa Bartell, Brice Green and wife Beth and Robert J. Wirsig II; great-granddaughter, Peighton Green; sisters, Jane Kienast and Catherine Klecan and brothers, Thomas Donohue, John Donohue and wife Joan. She is preceded in death by her husband, Werner Wirsig; son, Robert

J. Wirsig; granddaughter, Leslie Bartell. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2010, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, St. Pete Beach. Friends may call at the church from 10 a.m. till Mass time. Burial will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010, at Calvary Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to All Children's Hospital or your local Hospice organization. Online memorial and guestbook at www.brettfuneralhome.net. Brett Funeral Home & Cremation Services St. Petersburg.

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WOLF, ELIZABETH SNOW "PEG", 90, a resident of The Allegro at College Harbor, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010. Born in Mathews, VA, she moved to St. Pete Beach in 1990 from Andover, MA. She was a 1941 graduate of Mary Washington College; Fredericksburg, VA, received a Master of Arts degree in 1948 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and continued graduate studies in mathematics there until 1950. She took graduate courses in aeronautics and astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1960. In a long and varied career from 1941 until 1986, Mrs. Wolf taught mathematics, physics and preflight aeronautics at New Hanover High School, Wilmington, NC; mathematics at the University of North Carolina, concurrent with graduate studies; mathematics at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC; and mathematics at Indiana Technical University, Ft. Wayne, IN. She was a research scientist specializing in missile and space projects for 12 years at Avco (now Textron) in Wilmington, MA; an engineer for two years at Raytheon in Bedford, MA; and a technical writer and documentation manager for 12 years at Wang Laboratories in Lowell, MA. She was predeceased in 2001 by her husband of 51 years, Herbert Wolf. She is survived by a nephew-in-law, Samuel J. Wolf, Wells River, VT; several cousins; dear friend, June M. Maurer and Elaine D. Mullaly, St. Pete Beach, and Arlene V. Bradford, Pinellas Park. At her request, there will be no services. Interment will be in the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Beach Memorial Chapel, 360-5577.

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A Middle Finger to America

The mosque at ground zero is a 13 story middle finger to America. There is time for forgiving and forgetting. But, now the wound is as fresh as the cut throats of the pilots and flight attendants described here."

"Here" was Shanksville, Pa. where I posted this message last week on the wall at the temporary memorial to Flight 93 which crashed in a rural field 90 miles east of Pittsburgh taking the lives of 40 innocent passengers and airplane crew members. A number of others also posted anti "mosque" comments.

The flight from Newark to Los Angeles was hijacked, its pilots and a flight attendant throats were cut even as they pleaded for their lives, the plane turned around and headed for the U.S. Capitol. It was the fourth plane to be hijacked on that bright, clear September 11, 2001 morning. Two flew into the Twin Towers in New York City; one into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.; and this last was to be crashed into the U.S. Capitol.

Brave crew members and passengers thwarted that plan by charging the hijackers and breaking into the cockpit. The Islamist terrorists, crying " In the name of Allah, the most merciful, the most compassionate and Allah is the greatest" deliberately crashed the plane to stop the takeover.

An open microphone in the cockpit captured shouts, screams, pleadings, the sounds of scuffling and a horrifying, "ugh, ugh" whose source can only be imagined. These transcripts are at the memorial site and are included with summaries and some direct transcripts of phone call made from passengers to their loved one as they realized they were on a death flight.

That 9/11 is still a fresh wound is shown by the fact that over 1.2 million people have visited this remote - 10 miles of windy, hilly country roads from the small town of Somerset since 2002. According to a National Park Service Ranger, some one has visited every day of the year; 55,000 have donated to the permanent memorial which will be completed next year; and 35,000 momentos of all sorts were left by visitors to the site.

Last week, 700 bikers from across the country came as part of an annual ride, that included Washington, D.C. and New York.

Ground zero is not just a New York thing, either. It is an American thing. America was attacked at its financial and political centers. And, it was attacked by radical terrorists in the name of Islam. There were attacks before and there have been attacks since.

The Cordoba Initiative, as the mosque and community center project is called, has been labeled as a project of sympathy and reconciliation. It has been anything but. If reconciliation and coming together were the goals of moderate (or rational) Islamists in this country, wouldn't some groundwork have been laid in the past nine years?

The man behind the idea, Iman Feisal Abdul Rauf, is controversial himself. He has stated that the attacks were partly the fault of the U.S. and he has declined to label Hamas as a terrorist organization. No one knows where the money for the mosque is coming from. Ironically, the Iman, considered a moderate, is a U.S. paid good-will envoy to the U.S. He played a similar role for the Bush administration. (Strange, Billy Graham, Jr., was not allowed to pray at the Pentagon).

This is not an issue of freedom of religion. As stated over and over and over, the right to build is there, but it is not necessarily the right thing to do. I do not care who worships what, when, where, or how. That's their business. This mosque idea can be promoted in any way, but it remains an in- your-face gesture.

President Obama's reaction has been to defend the building of the wall as an item of religious freedom. He refused to comment on its appropriateness. Compare this to President Ronald Reagan's comments about the Berlin Wall (in East Berlin) as he spoke in West Berlin at the Branderburg Gate: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

Need I point out that Gorbachev, then the president of the Soviet Union, and the East Berliners had every right to keep the Wall in their own territory? But Reagan knew it was not right.

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WASHINGTON, DC— Stetson Law Professor Ellen S. Podgor was awarded the 30th annual Robert C. Heeney Memorial Award, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' most prestigious honor, Aug. 14 at its 52nd Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ont. This award is given annually to the one criminal defense lawyer who best exemplifies the goals and values of the Association and the legal profession.

Ellen Podgor is the LeRoy Highbaugh Sr. Research Chair and Professor of Law at Stetson University College of Law. Professor Podgor teaches in the areas of white collar crime, criminal law and international criminal law. She has been a member of the NACDL since 1979, and was a member of the board of directors of the NACDL for six years. For more than 30 years, Podgor has served the NACDL in more than a dozen roles. She is currently Co-Chair of The Champion Advisory Board. The Champion is the only national magazine devoted wholly to the interests, needs and concerns of the criminal defense lawyer.

Professor Podgor is an internationally known and respected white collar crime expert and the author of numerous books and more than 50 articles and essays on subjects including computer crime, international criminal law, lawyer's ethics, criminal discovery, prosecutorial discretion, corporate criminality, and other white collar crime topics. A former deputy prosecutor and criminal defense attorney, she authors the highly-ranked White Collar Crime Prof Blog.

She presently serves on the board of directors of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, is an honorary member of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers and a member of the American Law Institute. An invaluable resource and a legal scholar of the first order, Professor Podgor is frequently interviewed by media outlets including National Public Radio, the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, L.A. Times, National Law Journal, Chicago Tribune, and Business Week.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport

Q: What is the difference between the city of Gulfport's laws about golf cars on the street and the ones in Ozona?

A: According to Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent, there are a few key differences. First, though, he says people should understand the difference between a golf cart and a low-speed vehicle.

"A low speed vehicle is one that meets all of the vehicle requirements established by the Department of Transportation (DOT), including lights, signals, windshield, restraint belts, etc.," Chief Vincent says. This can include modified golf carts which, like all low-speed vehicles, must get inspected by and registered with the DOT.

Golf carts, Chief Vincent continues, don't necessarily meet those requirements and thus can't operate on any public Florida roadways unless the city or county that has jurisdiction over those roads designates them for use by golf carts.

Armed with that knowledge, consider this: Ozona isn't a city; it's an unincorporated Pinellas community. The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners sets those rules, and several years ago they designated Ozona and Crystal Beach as golf cart communities. That ordinance allows golf carts with headlights, brake lights, tail lights, turn lights, reflectors, parking brakes, a rearview mirror, a windshield and a standard hip restraint or hand hold. Drivers must have a valid driver's license and golf carts can't go faster than 20 miles per hour.

While Gulfport hasn't passed an ordinance like that, it defers to the state law. However, Chief Vincent says, "It appears that the only difference between the Ozona ordinance and the state law is the vehicle registration requirement. All other regulations regarding safety equipment and driver licenses still apply."

So you can drive a golf cart in Gulfport as long as it has all the equipment mentioned above. The only difference between what Gulfport allows and Ozona allows is that Gulfport follows the state law that requires owners to get their golf cart inspected and registered.

One final thought from Chief Vincent: Gulfport may only allow golf carts on city roads. That excludes Gulfport Boulevard, 58th Street, and 49th Street, so "even if Gulfport were to pass its own ordinance, golf carts would not be allowed to drive on or across these roadways unless also approved by the board of county commissioners."

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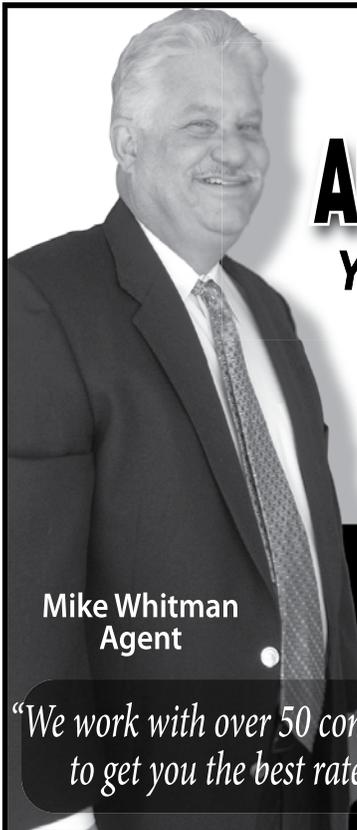
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

Last week: The Gulfport Water Tower was a landmark for over 60 years. Located in the city hall complex, the tower was about 160 feet high and had a 75,000 gallon capacity. Built in 1927, it was taken down in 1988, having become dangerously rusted. It had not been in use since the city started buying water from St. Petersburg.



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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.

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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.

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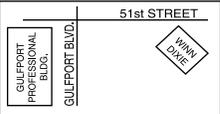
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- Animal Complaint-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 2800 Blk 58th St. S.

- Street Obstruction-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5100 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 4900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Saturday 8/14**
- Burglary-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Street Obstruction-** 2200 Blk 51st St. S.
- Street Obstruction-** 2800 Blk Upton St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5300 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 4900 Blk 10th Ave. S.

- Trouble with Individual-** 2400 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 2400 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Sunday 8/15**
- Trouble with Individual-** 2700 Blk Seabreeze Dr. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5100 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Road Hazard-** 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 6200 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 5600 Blk 19th Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5000 Blk 25th Ave. S.
- Accident with Injuries-** 1100 Blk 64th St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 4800 Blk Coronado Way S.
- Suspicious Person-** 6300 Blk Pasadena Pt. Dr. S.

Monday 8/16

- Domestic Verbal-** 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- DUI Investigation-** 6300 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Hit & Run-** 6200 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Armed Person-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 1800 Blk 56th St. S.
- Prowler-** 5400 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Tuesday 8/17**
- Stolen Vehicle-** 2700 Blk 54th St. S.
- Call for Officer-** 4900 Blk 31st St. S.
- Theft-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Burglary-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Wednesday 8/18

- Trouble with Individual-** 2200 Blk 51st St. S.
- Theft-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 2600 Blk Upton St. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 1400 Blk 59th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 6300 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Drunk Driver-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Thursday 8/19**
- Prowler-** 5600 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 1000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5100 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** Tomlinson Park.
- Burglary-** 1600 Blk 55th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
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Zhu-universe will sponsor the children's area with inflatable habitat trails, human hamster wheel, 6 set obstacle course, Nintendo DS Hand held systems, Wii kiosks, photo opportunities, Zhu Zhu Pets and Kung Zhu Product and accessories showcase, give-a-ways, ID clips, Music and more!

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

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

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What to Expect in a Divorce Proceeding (Part 3)

A Court may find it necessary to award alimony or spousal support in many dissolution of marriage cases. As with child support, the Court will consider two factors: one party's need and the other's ability to pay. Both of these factors must be proven in Court by the requesting spouse if the husband and wife cannot reach an agreement on their own. Alimony may be awarded to either a husband or wife and, depending on the length of the marriage and other factors, the alimony may be permanent or for only a short duration of time.

Under Florida law, the Court must try to make an "equitable" distribution" of marital property

and debts. "Equitable" does not always mean equal, although that is the starting point. Many factors, including child support, custody and alimony awards, can cause the Court to make an unequal (but still equitable) division of property. A Court will not generally divide the property and debts that arise outside the marriage.

If needed, the Court can order you or your spouse to do, or not do, certain things. The Court may order a party not to telephone the other, not to come to the other's place of business and not to interfere in the other spouse's activities.

The Court can order one party to pay some or all of the other party's attorney's fees. A Court does this to assure that both parties have equal access to competent counsel. The Court does not award legal fees in every dissolution of marriage case. The Court must first find that one party has a greater ability to pay than the other.

Even if there is an indication that one party has a greater ability to pay legal fees than the other party,

you cannot be certain the Court will award the payment of legal fees in behalf of the party who does not have an equivalent ability to pay legal fees. For this reason, and because of the great drain that legal fees can have on marital assets, everyone (parties and attorneys alike) should make every effort to resolve a divorce case as economically and amicably as possible.

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Working (Out) Through Your Anger

Exercise has long been touted as a mood changer. Numerous studies have shown that running, biking and other forms of strenuous exertion help fend off emotional downers like clinical depression.

Even light exercise like walking or gardening reportedly boosts participants' moods.

So maybe it shouldn't be surprising that a new study indicates physical activity moderates anger. Researchers at the University of Georgia asked hundreds of undergraduate volunteers to take a survey about their moods, eventually winnowing the group down to 16 men with "high trait anger." In other words, these guys were habitually touchy and easy to set off.

The 16 angry men were asked to watch a series of emotionally upsetting images while wearing a device that measured brain patterns. The following day, they were asked to watch the images again, only this time half of the group rode stationary bikes at the same time.

The scientists found that both groups of men quickly became angry, but the pedaling fellows' anger plateaued. They still got upset, but they were no angrier after the images than they had been at the beginning of the session.

Nathaniel Thom, a stress physiologist and the study's lead researcher, said that exercise, even a single session, seems to have a strong prophylactic effect upon anger. "It's like taking aspirin to combat heart disease," he told *The New York Times*. "You reduce your risk."

GET ME THAT. STAT!

The age of puberty for American girls is declining, with more girls developing breasts by age 7 than compared to similar studies conducted 30 years ago, according to a new report published in the journal *Pediatrics*.

OBSERVATION

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Why You Should Beware of Debtors' Prison

Debtors' prisons were abolished in the United States in the 19th century. I surprised myself when I remembered that fact as I read a recent headline from the Star Tribune of Minneapolis-St. Paul, "In jail for being in debt." Immediately,

I conjured an image of a shivering woman crouched in the corner of a jail cell, sharing a meal of gruel with rats. Suddenly, \$39 late fees and annoying calls at dinner didn't seem all that bad.

Only days later, CBS MoneyWatch.com consumer reporter Marlys Harris related the story of Mr. Button in southern Indiana. Seems that one

Herman Button owes \$1,800 to a former landlord and has no means to pay up. The judge threatened jail time for Button if he did not come up with \$25 each month to pay down the debt. In that case, the Indiana Court of Appeals reversed the order on the grounds that it violated the state constitution. Even so, in that state, a creditor can petition a court to issue a summons for nonpayment of a bill. If the debtor fails to appear, then she's in contempt of court and all bets are off. Jail time becomes a definite possibility.

Should you be worried about getting hauled off to the pokey because you're behind on payments or you've defaulted on a credit card balance? Apparently, you should. Any creditor can file a lawsuit for nonpayment. If you do not respond and show up to defend yourself, you could lose by default. If the court is in a particularly nasty mood that day, it could issue an order for your arrest plus a legal judgment against you.

Even if you simply are issued a judgment, you still have cause for concern. The plaintiff can use any legal means available to collect that judgment, including garnisheeing your wages, filing a lien against your property, tapping your bank account and so on. Laws vary by state, but none of the potential consequences is pleasant.

Though the odds of your going to jail for nonpayment of your debts are probably slim, it does occur to me that any time we carry debt, we have created our own kind of debtors' prison. Whenever there is a debt incurred, the borrower becomes a slave to the lender. Sounds like prison to me. Thank goodness there's a way out. It's called repaying the debt as quickly as possible. If that means selling assets or taking on a second or third minimum-wage job nights and weekends, it would be worth it to break those chains of bondage.

Should you ever find yourself in jail for being in contempt of court, get ready to run up even more debt. Harris reports that an increasing number of prison systems are charging inmates for their keep. It's as high as \$60 a day in Springfield, Ore. If you can't pay? Harris is guessing they'll just issue a warrant for your arrest and put you back in jail.

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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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Kathleen's Alterations

By Cathy Salustri

For over 30 years, Kathleen Mattea has breathed new life into old clothes. She is the "clothes whisperer," re-cutting dresses, tailoring suits, and creating fresh new looks out of the clothes they already have.

With the poor economy, it only makes sense to get new life from your clothes. If you can't afford to buy a new pair of pants, don't despair- come to Kathleen. She can help you love last year's clothes. If you've got old clothes in your closet that you haven't worn in years, load them in your car and come to Kathleen. If you have old clothes that need a new look, bring them to Kathleen and let them give you a new look for a fraction of the cost of buying a new wardrobe. Let her

help you redesign your wardrobe using what you already have in your closet.

With so many sales and lowered prices designed to get you shopping, you might be tempted to buy things that don't fit properly as a cost-saving measure. That's fine, but if you want things to fit like they're made for you, Kathleen can do that. So bring that \$10 skirt in and have her shorten the hem or take in the waist- it's still cheaper than that \$78 designer skirt, and when Kathleen is finished working her magic, it'll look even better on you than the pricey one.

Suppose you have a dress you used to love, but the material is falling apart from repeated wearings (and washings!) and you can't wear it anymore. Bring it to Kath-

leen and she'll re-create the dress for you using new materials.

Kathleen can also help your kid's clothes last longer- if the knees are worn out or the pants got too short over the summer, Kathleen can save you the cost of a new pair.

"A lot of people will go buy brand-new uniforms because the old ones no longer fit, but you can let them out, take them in, hem them, and get more life out of the clothes," she says.

"We also alter wedding dresses, prom dresses, and formal gowns," she says. So if you have a wedding dress that's been passed down for generations and you need it to fit perfectly, Kathleen's your girl.

She can also turn your wedding dress into a christening gown for your baby or a First Communion dress for your little girl.

Kathleen's talents don't stop at clothes, either. If you want to turn those old curtains into cafe curtains, or if you bought a bedskirt that's too long, Kathleen can alter those. A tailor like Kathleen can help you redecorate your home for a fraction of the cost of buying new. She can create throw pillows, repair cushion zippers, and make slipcovers.

Not everything Kathleen does is major work, though; she's just as happy to replace your zippers and hem and cuff your clothes. If your jeans gap at the waist because you're curvy, Kathleen will make the waist just right for you.

If you've bought a suit and the store's tailor won't touch the tailoring because it's too involved, have no fear- Kathleen can do it.

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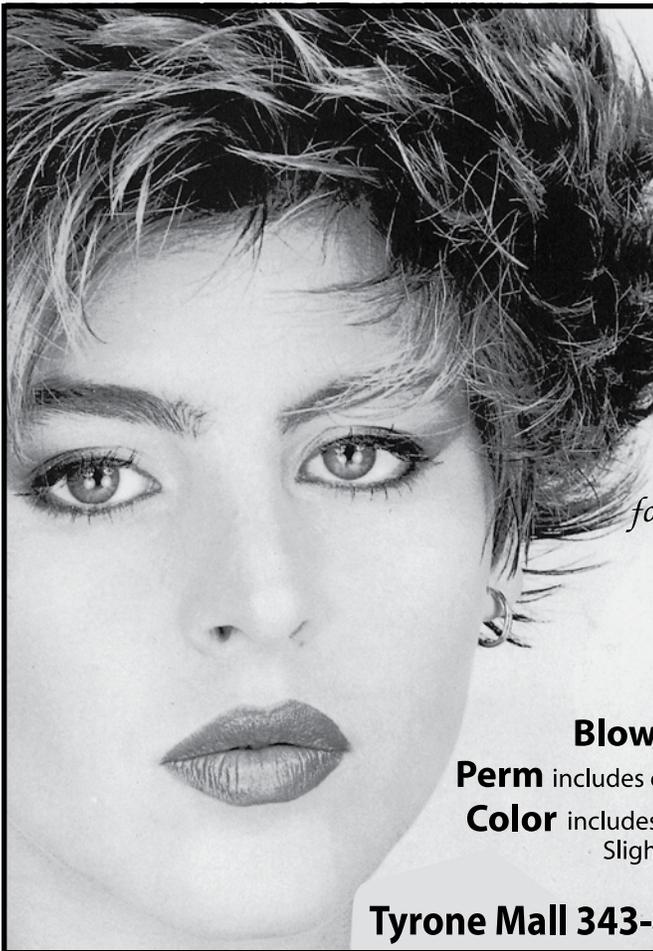
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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County is in dire need of mentors, especially male and minority mentors. There are more than 200 boys on the waiting list waiting to be matched with a positive role model. More than 74% percent of children waiting 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.

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SEPTEMBER 2010

- September 1, 2010 **Planning and Zoning Board**
***Meeting to begin at 6:30pm
- September 7, 2010 **City Council Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- September 8, 2010 **Board of Adjustment**
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- September 9, 2010 **Special Council Meeting-Millage Budget**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- September 13, 2010 **Economic Development Advisory Board**
Meeting to begin at 6:00pm
49th Street Neighborhood Center
- September 15, 2010 **Historic Preservation Committee**
***Meeting to begin at 5:30pm at the
Historical Society Museum
- September 21, 2010 **City Council Meeting**
***Meeting to begin at 7:00pm
- September 22, 2010 **Special Council Meeting-Millage Budget**
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- September 23, 2010 **City Council Meeting**
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- September 27, 2010 **Waterfront Redevelopment Advisory Board**
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