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**Pass-A-Grille Post Office Closes After 106 Years**

By Melissa Lattman

The post office donated the sign from the Pass-A-Grille Post Office to the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum. The post office closed its doors Friday after 106 years. Pictured left to right are PAG Postmaster Dick Weber, St. Pete Beach Station Manager Diane Goldstein and Spencer Lucas of the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum.

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**Gulfport Yard Sale Changes**

**GULFPORT**— After approving the ordinance on its second reading, Gulfport now allows its residents six garage sales per year instead of four. Previously the city allowed a permitless yard sale the first Saturday of every month in addition to the four permitted by ordinance.

At council's request the city will add language to the permit application that applicants agree to remove their items from the yard by noon the following day.

The city does not charge for these permits.

**Palm Tree Arsonist  
Strikes Again**

By Cathy Salustri

Shortly before 6 p.m. last Wednesday night, Gulfport had another set fire, this time in Clam Bayou. In keeping with the pattern of other set fires, the person or persons who set this fire set it at the base of a palm tree, according to Detective Sergeant Rob Burkhardt. Detective Sergeant Burkhardt noted that almost every palm tree fire in the city has occurred between Wednesday night and Thursday morning, although he also noted that this fire occurred earlier than the others, which often occur after two o'clock Thursday morning.

"Other than the time, the M.O. is the same," Detective Sergeant Burkhardt said.

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**Golf Carts: Gulfport  
Looks to Change Rules;  
Police Chief Speaks Out**

By Cathy Salustri

Two years ago, Gulfport city council opted not to allow non-street legal golf carts on city roads. Although state law makes provisions and allows some types of golf carts on certain roads, some citizens have asked once again for council to consider allowing other types of golf carts on the roads.

A street-legal golf cart is also a low speed vehicle, or LSV. State law (Florida Statute 316.2122) allows LSVs, including golf carts, under the following conditions:

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**Chief Robert Vincent**  
'We need a traffic study to comply with state law that says the city must make a determination that it's safe to operate golf carts on city roads.'

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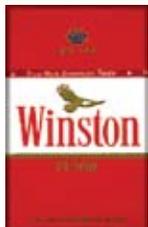
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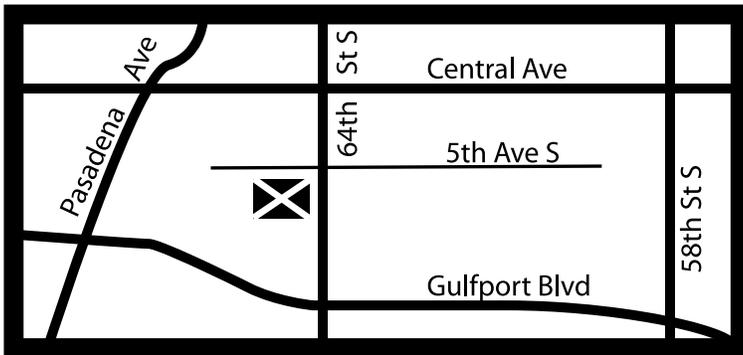


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## Police Officers Offered Free Access to Stetson Exercise Equipment

GULFPORT – The city signed a “hold harmless” agreement with Stetson Law School. To help Gulfport police officers meet Police Chief Robert Vincent’s new fitness guidelines for officers, he would like officers to have access to fitness equipment. Stetson will allow officers to use its exercise equipment for free.

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## City Approves Power Agreements With Gas, Electric Companies

GULFPORT – The city voted to approve two franchise agreements at Tuesday night’s meeting. Council members passed an ordinance granting Peoples Gas System (Tampa Electric Company) and Progress Energy to non-exclusive rights to provide natural gas and power, respectively. This does not mean other companies cannot offer the services in Gulfport; rather, these contracts allow these

companies to use city right-of-ways to provide service to residents and businesses.

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## St. Pete Donates Rescue Vehicle

GULFPORT – With council’s blessing, Gulfport’s CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) accepted a surplus Freightliner fire and rescue vehicle, a “rescue box truck,” according to city manager Jim O’Reilly. The city of St. Petersburg initially donated the truck to Boca Ciega’s medical program, but with program cuts the school could no longer use the truck for training.

CERT will use the truck as a “rehab” truck for emergency response personnel. The truck will offer a controlled environment with water and high-energy snacks for responders as well as a way to monitor vital signs of responders to ensure they’re fit for returning to whatever emergency situation they’re facing.

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**Arsonist**, from front page

However, he notes, police saw cigarette butts around the tree, and, while police remain skeptical about the possibility of coincidence, "a careless smoker could have started the fire."

The police are addressing this series of palm tree-related fires – technically criminal mischief, not arson, as they did not damage a structure – with problem-oriented patrols. A "problem-oriented patrol" means that one officer leads the charge in finding solutions to a specific ongoing criminal problem.

Officer Matt Parks is in charge of the problem-oriented patrol. Anyone with information can call Officer Parks at the Gulfport police non-emergency number, 893-1030.

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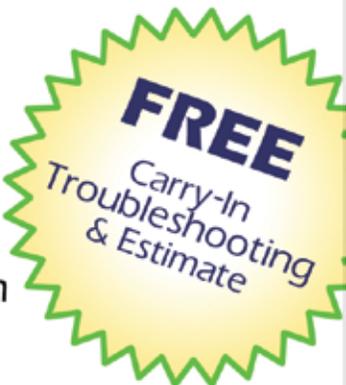
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# Pass-A-Grille Post Office Closes After 106 Years

By Melissa Lattman

ST. PETE BEACH-The Pass-A-Grille post office closed its doors permanently on June 17. People watched as postal workers took down the post office's sign. The post office donated the sign to the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum.

Pass-A-Grille had a post office since 1905. People filled the small post office lobby to say good-bye at a reception on Friday. Patrons took their pictures with longtime postal manager Dick Weber. Post office boxes, and other services will still be available at the Corey Avenue post office. Weber will also be at the Corey Avenue location.

Frank T. Hurley Jr. shared the early days of the post office in his book "Surf, Sand and Post Card Sunsets."

The Pass-A-Grille post office was the first post office on the Gulf Beaches. It opened in the lobby of the Bonhomie Hotel on August 10, 1905. The post office moved to Page's Pavilion at Ninth Avenue and Gulf Way around 1912, Hurley wrote.

The Pass-A-Grille Post Office moved to 8th Avenue in the 1930s or 1940s adjacent to the location that closed Friday. Shirley Merry Lynch, 85, shared how her parents built the building at 103 8th Avenue for the post office in the early 1940s.

"We played badminton in the vacant lot when I was a kid," she said.

Lynch's mother, Blanche Merry, was the postmistress for 32 years, until Blanche retired in 1962. Lynch said she and her husband ran a drug store for years--sharing the building with the post office.

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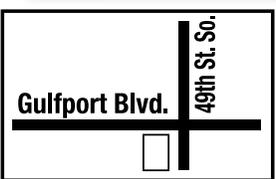
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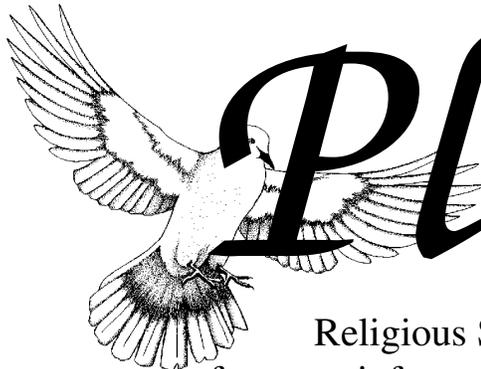


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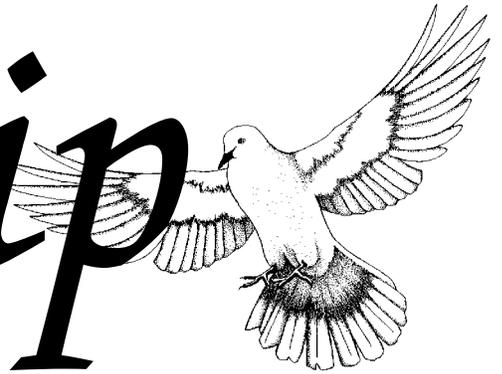
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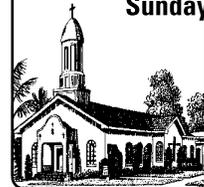
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## Growing Green at the Casino Attracts Other Local Leaders

By Cathy Salustri

What started out as a small local event attracted close to 900 people as well as other Pinellas and Florida politicians. Saturday's Growing Green event at the Gulfport Casino, the brainchild of council woman Jennifer Salmon and other local gardeners, attracted an average of 125 people

every hour, according to city staff. The event also attracted a Clearwater council member, the Indian Rocks Beach vice-mayor and Representative Rick Kriseman.

"Everybody was talking about how they wanted to do this in their own communities," Councilwoman Salmon said. The event grew out of the councilwoman's own passion for environmentally sound landscaping.

It's a definite interest of mine to promote this," she said "to get at the issue of urban blight where people

aren't doing anything in their yard." Since taking office the Ward Three representative has taken an active part in creating Gulfport Organic Landscaping Days (GOLD); these half-day events included seminars, tours and workshops focused on creating local organic gardens.

Out of these days grew Saturday's Growing Greener event, which brought together almost 40 vendors to help Gulfportians learn about "green" landscaping techniques. In keeping with its policy to allow Gulfport nonprofit groups one free use of city buildings annually, the city donated the use of the Casino (Growing Greener represented both for-profit and not-for-profit groups, according to Councilwoman Salmon).

The free event included demonstrations and information sessions that helped arm attendees with practical knowledge to allow them to start their own gardens, Councilwoman Salmon said.

Will this one time event become an annual occurrence? Perhaps.

"There was a lot of talk that it should be a regular event," the councilwoman said Monday afternoon. She said that if Growing Greener becomes an annual event, she'd like to see it take place at the start of one of Florida's growing seasons, or when the weather was more conducive to people to people getting outside and gardening.

"A lot of people are excited, but it's not the best time of year to start a garden," she said.

Peaceful Plate and other Gulfport groups also helped organize the event.

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## Anime Afternoons at the Library

The Gulfport Public Library Teen Summer Reading program will have Anime Afternoons on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m., June 24 - August 12. Teens 12 and up can watch anime and read manga. Anime is animation that derives from Japan. It is also called Manga which is book form. Light snacks and prizes will be given during this summer program. Visit the Gulfport Public Library at 5501 28th Ave. S. or call 727-893-1074 for more information.

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## Glee Performs at American Stage

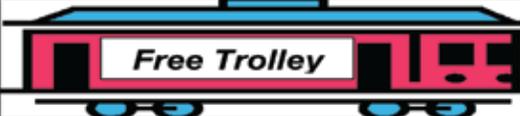
By Melissa Lattman



ST. PETERSBURG- Have you ever imagined being on the hit FOX TV show "Glee?" The popularity of the musical comedy show led to the addition of Glee Camp to the American Stage Theatre Company summer camp program.

"A lot of students and teachers were interested in the show Glee and when (American Stage Theatre Company) came up with camps, they thought of Glee," said Katie Castonguay, an American Stage Education Teaching Artist.

Singing complex harmonies by morning and dancing through the choreography by afternoon, 15 area teens learned five new songs in a week. The cast put the finishing touches on their performance the second week. This Friday they will perform them at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the theatre company's 163 Third Street N. location. The choreography is by Domenic Bisesti and music is by Nick White.



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## Little League Closing Ceremony

By Melissa Lattman



GULFPORT- Team "Beat It" posed for a group picture at Saturday's Gulfport Little League Closing Day ceremonies. This season little league grew to eleven teams from nine last year.

## Boys & Girls Clubs Present Tribute to Fallen Police Officers

After the community experienced the loss of three of St. Petersburg's finest, children from the community are using the tragedy to spread hope.

In honor of fallen St. Petersburg police officers Jeffrey Yaslowitz, Tom Baitinger and David Crawford, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast (BGCS) has teamed up with Big3Records, SubbZero Entertainment, LLC and TASCO to create the tribute song "Let's Get Together." The song is available for download on iTunes and serves as a fundraiser for the officer's families.

The project was led by BGCS Conservatory Artist-in-Residence and national recording artist Alex "LX" Harris after he discussed the tragedy with Herbert A. Murphy, Director for the Royal Theatre Boys & Girls Clubs Arts Academy, and 60 students. The song is sung by children from the BGCS.

Officers Yaslowitz, Baitinger, and Crawford were killed in the line of duty in January. The crime occurred just blocks away from where many BGCS children live. The song is available for download on iTunes for \$0.99, and the video can be downloaded for \$1.99. All the proceeds will go directly to helping out the families of the fallen officers.

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## Library offers Program for Young Readers

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## Sizzling Summer Deal in St. Pete Beach

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By Melissa Lattman

## City of St. Pete Beach: *Comprehensive Plan*

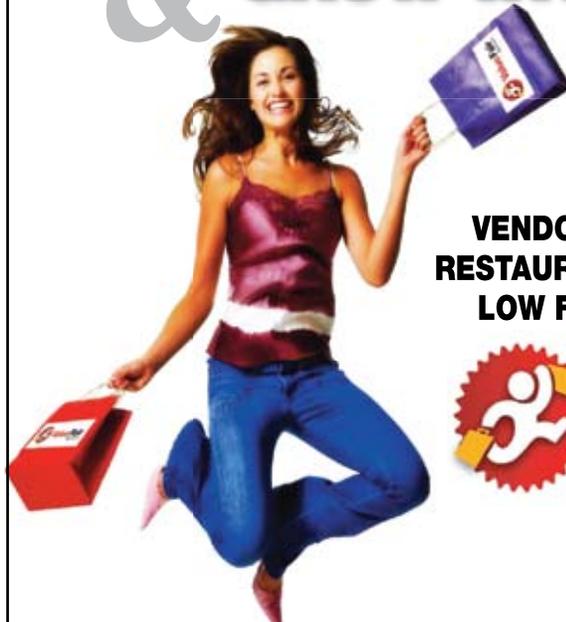
**Q:** How could re-adopting the community redevelopment plan effect height in the large hotel district in St. Pete Beach?

**A:** City Manager Mike Bonfield said it depends on how much rebuilding is done and the size of the lot. The maximum hotel height under the proposed plan could expand hotel height to 12-stories or approximately 146 feet, if the lot is three or more acres. Currently 50-feet is the maximum height for hotels along Gulf Boulevard.

This is the same comprehensive plan the commission and voters approved in 2008. A judge found the ballot summary language did not clearly explain possible changes in height in the plan. Ballot summaries by state law are limited to 75-words, which can make fitting key components in the summary challenging. In March city voters returned comprehensive plan decisions to the city commission. The state legislature earlier this month passed a bill allowing the city commission to readopt the 2008 comprehensive plan through the ordinance process. The commission scheduled the second and final reading of the comprehensive plan for June 28.

To read the whole plan-- click on the comprehensive plan on the community development page (under city departments) of the city's Web site [www.stpetebeach.org](http://www.stpetebeach.org).

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## Hands Across the Sand

On Saturday, June 25, thousands of citizens, businesses and organizations across the nation will unite under the banner of "Hands Across the Sand" to demonstrate their objection to offshore drilling and to call for a renewable energy policy at the state and federal levels. A St. Pete Beach event will be held at the TradeWinds Island Resorts. This event is open to the public.

Join hands from noon to 12:15 p.m. Participants should plan to arrive by 11:15 a.m. at TradeWinds Island Grand on St. Pete Beach – Beachfront, 5500 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach. Additional locations throughout the Tampa Bay area can be found by visiting [www.handsacrossthesand.org](http://www.handsacrossthesand.org).

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## IAC Offers Two Glass Blowing Scholarships

Two lucky students age 8-17 will win \$200 scholarships to the Industrial Arts Center's Reality Glass Blowing Boot Camp this summer. To enter, students should write a 75-word essay explaining why they would like to learn glass blowing. Entries should be sent via email to [info@industrialartscenter.org](mailto:info@industrialartscenter.org). Winners will be announced July 1 at the Gulfport Art Walk.

Reality Glass Blowing Boot Camp is a series of workshops where kids will explore every job and aspect of a real glass blowing hot shop. Campers will make solid and blown glass projects with IAC instructors Elise & Caitly Pautler.

Glass Blowing boot camps are scheduled July 11-15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and August 8-12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each session is limited to eight campers ages 8 to 17. Tuition is \$250 for IAC members and \$275 non-members.

For more information or to register call 727-289-9365 or visit the IAC online at [www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org](http://www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org). The Industrial Arts Center is located at 2902 A Beach Blvd. S. in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard.

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## Growing Greener! Gathering

On Saturday, June 18th, thanks to volunteers, participants, the city of Gulfport, and the local businesses the First (Annual?) Growing Greener! Sustainable Gardening Gathering – with its healthy living market – place was a great success! Approximately 700 community members enjoyed inspiring seminars, awesome vegan/ raw foods, and storytelling and

music by local artists. They had 26 market place displays and a drawing with great prizes...not to mention two truckloads of amendment-rich soil provided by Larson's and free to participants who filled their own buckets. The remainder was donated to the Gulfport Community Garden.

They raised enough money to move forward on their goal of establishing a water harvesting model! This Sunday, June 26th from 9 a.m. to noon at 5332 Gulfport Blvd. a water harvesting

team will be sharing information on how to install and where to purchase the system. The model system will be set up at Annabelle Butterfly, where Carol Ann has generously agreed to teach visitors interested in water harvesting about the system. Come on out and continue Growing Greener!

To find out more about the 1% Growing Greener! Healthy Home, Garden and Body Project, come to their first study/action group that will be meeting every two weeks beginning Tuesday, June 28th. They look forward to helping the city become a garden and aim to see 70 more fruit trees sponsored and planted.

For more information visit [www.peacefulplate.org](http://www.peacefulplate.org) or call 541-227-6655.

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## Help out the Christmas Toy Shop

The Christmas Toy Shop Project, Inc., is continuing the celebration of its 90th year collecting and distributing toys to needy children.

As part of their 90th Anniversary celebration, they are hosting a "Christmas in July" toy drive. You may participate in their celebration through donations or sponsorship. Donations of new or gently used toys may be dropped off at several convenient locations throughout the area, as many local businesses are supporting their efforts. This celebration is also opportunity for local civic and social groups and clubs to sponsor a great local non-profit in our community.

A list of toy drop-off locations may be obtained on their website, [christmastoyshop.org](http://christmastoyshop.org), or by calling the organization. If you would like to make a monetary donation or other type of sponsorship, please contact them at 727-898-3962 or email [toyshopelf@juno.com](mailto:toyshopelf@juno.com).

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# Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

## Pay Down or Save?

**Dear Mary:** My husband is receiving a bonus from his work, and he would like to use it to pay down our debt. I want to save it. We have already cut our debt by more than half, and if we stick to my plan we will have our debt paid off within the next year. If we use this bonus to pay down debt, we can pay everything off in the next six months and start saving money at that point. What do you think we should do? -- Tanya, California

**Dear Tanya:** I am going to assume that you do not have your Contingency Fund in place, with enough money in it to pay all of your bills for six months without any income. Your Contingency Fund is for emergencies. Having a fully funded Contingency Fund is more important than paying down debt -- and you know how important paying down debt is to me!

Here's why: Let's say you use that bonus to pay down the debt. Two months from now, life hits you with a mighty blow. The same day your air conditioning and heating system blows up, you are in an auto accident that's your fault. Even if you have insurance, you will need money, and you'll need it in a big hurry. What will you do? Run to your credit cards? Call your relatives? You'll be facing financial trauma on top of everything else!

Let's say you put that bonus into your Contingency Fund and continue to pay down your debt, according to your current plan. A year goes by. Your debts will be paid, and you'll have money in the bank. If during that time something happened and you had to use your CF, your debts will still be paid.

My advice: Treat that bonus as income. Give away 10 percent, and then use the balance to jumpstart your Contingency Fund.

**Dear Mary:** My husband and I both went through difficult first marriages with partners who wanted out. We each got custody of our children, but both marriages ended in bankruptcy. This all happened over 30 years ago. We've been married to each other for almost 25 years. Would there be any record of that old debt now? -- Kath,

email

**Dear Kath:** In the U.S., a bankruptcy filing never goes away. It becomes a matter of public record just like records of birth, marriage, divorce and death.

In most cases, a personal bankruptcy can only be reported to a person's

credit file for 10 years. Since your filings were so long ago, under most circumstances I bet they don't appear on your individual credit reports.

As you apply for a mortgage or other type of loan, the application will include this question: "Have you ever filed for bankruptcy?" Even though it may not show up on your credit report, you must respond "Yes" so as to not submit a fraudulent application. The lender could easily check through the court system. This will be the case for the rest of your lives.

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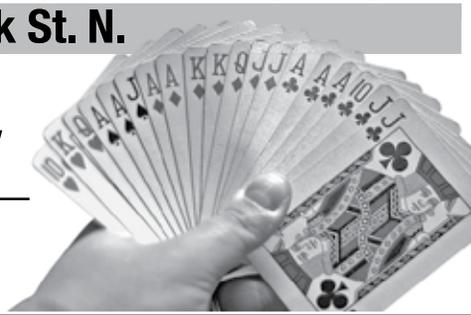
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## Bring Donations to Gulfport Fresh Market

GULFPORT-The Gulfport Merchants Association is collecting donations of non-perishable food, toiletries and personal needs to be distributed to the Gulfport Senior Center Pantry. Bring your donations to the Gulfport Merchants Association tent each Tuesday during the Fresh Market, on Beach Blvd. below 29th Ave. South, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Senior Center Pantry, which offers food

and other needed items to struggling Gulfport families, is in great need of donations to keep up with the needs of its clients.

The Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market is a year-round open-air market held in Gulfport's Waterfront District. Vendors offer a variety of produce, including but not limited to, local, organic and hydroponic fruits and vegetables. Vendors also offer local honey, herbs, seafood, cheese, fresh breads, pastries, nuts and granola, gourmet and ethnic foods, candy,

garden plants, bath and body products, jewelry and much more. Many other unique items are available from over 40 vendors. A variety of local artists and crafters offer their wares. Live music is featured during each market. The village in which the Market takes place includes a variety of independent shops, boutiques and restaurants, all within walking distance. For more information, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org.

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## Arts & Crafts Mondays

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg, at the corner of Park Street and 5th Ave. S. offers a series of Arts & Crafts Mondays for members and the general public. Each class is from 10-12 at the club building with supply fees of \$3.50 for members and \$4.50 for non-members. "Talent is not a requirement, but enthusiasm is" says director, Susan Cooper. She encourages participants to have scissors, pencils and a couple of small paint brushes but will share their supplies as well.

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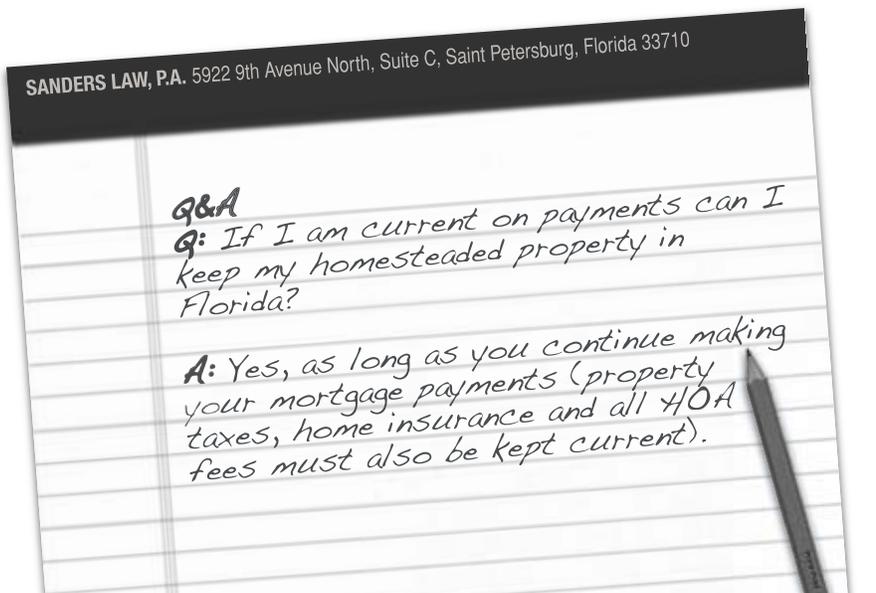


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# Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

## ACROSS

- 1 Wampum unit
- 5 Give \_\_\_ up: help
- 9 Insomniac's java
- 14 In re
- 15 Actress Patricia
- 16 Dickens' title starter
- 17 Eventually, to Jack Tar?
- 20 Spheres
- 21 \_\_\_ minute!: hold up!
- 22 Eremite
- 23 Sound of relief
- 25 \_\_\_ up: enjoy greatly
- 28 United's rival
- 29 Dragged to court
- 30 Sioux Nation unit
- 32 \_\_\_ bleu!
- 34 Self-pitying one
- 35 Western Stetson, to Jack Tar?
- 38 Oust from office
- 39 Cloys
- 40 Dark red colors
- 41 Mug for a Minolta
- 42 Surpass
- 45 RR stop
- 46 Psycho, to The Bard

## DOWN

- 47 Ballerina Shearer
- 49 Pens an ode about
- 53 Round up and pen
- 53 Come from behind, to Jack Tar?
- 57 Helena's rival
- 58 Get \_\_\_!: quit joking!
- 59 Light bulb, in toons
- 60 Conjecture
- 61 Cheerleader's forte
- 62 Tracy, nee Trueheart

## DOWN

- 1 Volcanic rock
- 2 Real estate term
- 3 Parthenon sculpture
- 4 "Lorna \_\_\_"
- 5 Sothern, et al.
- 6 Marvin
- 7 Anvil's site
- 8 Shone
- 9 Limp-clock painter
- 10 Coup d'\_\_\_
- 11 Santa \_\_\_: island of song
- 12 It may take some hops
- 13 \_\_\_-de-lance
- 18 Scull
- 19 Kind of recruit

## ACROSS

- 23 Knit's partner
- 24 On the \_\_\_: close behind
- 26 Help a hood
- 27 For each
- 29 Fitzgerald's forte
- 30 \_\_\_ down: slacken
- 31 61 Across components
- 32 Dirk
- 33 It's \_\_\_: awesome
- 34 Speck
- 35 T-bolt's kin
- 36 Increase
- 37 The \_\_\_: Orient
- 38 Bull periods
- 41 Danish
- 42 Spate of words
- 43 Mass-ive robes?
- 44 See 3 Down
- 46 WWII hero
- 47 Swab
- 48 Celestial ellipse
- 50 Tar's affirmatives
- 51 Luau music makers
- 52 Pick over
- 53 Take down a \_\_\_
- 54 Baton Rouge campus: abbr.
- 55 Homonym for see
- 56 Falstaff's friend

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## Industrial Arts Sculpture Class

By Melissa Lattman

GULFPORT- Horses emerged from scraps of metal as children learned the basic of sculpting Monday afternoon at the Industrial Arts Center. Special guest artist, James Oleson Jr., encouraged and helped develop their creativity in the week long "Art Experience for Kids." The classes included sculpting, collage, painting and drawing. Oleson makes art from various objects he finds discarded in the environment. Some of his work can be seen at [www.artandsculptures.com/](http://www.artandsculptures.com/)



## We Want Your Junk!

The children in the Gulfport Rec Summer Program are "Going Green" and want to reuse your old household items to turn into art projects. Some of the things they are looking for are: plastic and glass jars-preferably with lids, 20 oz. sport drink bottles, colored paper or plastic plates, Kleenex boxes, unused plastic straws and aluminum pie pans. They also are looking for any crafting supplies such as yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, candles, stickers, shoe laces, unused scrapbooking supplies and sewing supplies. Please make sure all of these items have been cleaned out prior to donation. Drop donations at 5730 Shore Boulevard S. in Gulfport.

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## Gulfport Rec Summer Program

Ongoing registrations continue for the 2011 Summer Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Hours for registration are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.. Annual registration fees are \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. The 8-week program (June 20 – August 12) cost is \$250 for residents and \$504 for non-residents, which does not include field trips Post camp (August 15-19) cost is \$70 for the week, which includes field trips. Post camp is limited to 60 Gulfport residents only. Summer camp hours are from 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Detailed pricing is currently available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or on-line at [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us) and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center. Call 893-1068 for any questions.

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## Swim Lessons Focus on Safety

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Classes are held at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Complex, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, Monday through Thursday for two consecutive weeks with morning or evening class times available. Lessons are \$35 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$40 for non-residents. Call 727-363-9264.

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## St. Pete Beach Yard Sale

By Melissa Lattman

Erin, Maya and Jade show cupcakes that were part of the Faith Fellowship bake sale table, which was a fundraiser for summer camp. People also browsed for bargains at the quarterly yard sale in the community center.





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## **Golf Cars,** from front page

- They can only operate on roads with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less, although they may cross roads with higher speed limits as long as they do so at an intersection.

- The owner must register and insure the cart

- The driver must have a valid driver's license

At the behest of Gulfport resident Bonnie Bray, a resident who invested in Jim Greenwald's golf cart business, councilwoman Jennifer Salmon brought the golf cart issue before council once again. Council heard the first reading of a city-specific golf cart ordinance Tuesday night.

Gulfport city staff drafted an ordinance (see this week's related article about the council meeting to find out how councilmembers voted) that offers Gulfport drivers a more relaxed version of state laws. If this ordinance passes, Gulfport will allow golf carts under the following conditions:

- Golf carts may not operate on 15th Avenue, 22nd Avenue, 58th Street, 49th Street, Royal Palm, and any streets shared with county or St. Petersburg

- The city will not license the carts
- The city will not require the golf carts to have a license plate

- They will not require headlamps, stop lamps, turn signal lamps, taillamps, reflex reflectors, parking brakes, rearview mirrors, windshields, seat belts, but drivers may not operate golf carts without such safety equipment between sunset and sunrise.

- Golf carts will not have to have vehicle identification numbers but they will have to have a unique identifier

"It's not different" than the state law, city manager Jim O'Reilly said, adding that the state ordinance allows the city to allow the golf carts.

Gulfport police chief Rob Vincent expressed hesitation about the proposed ordinance. He said he wanted a traffic study to comply with state law that says the city must make a determination that it's safe to operate golf carts on city roads.

"I would feel much more comfortable with that," he said, but adds that he was unsure what the city's drivers gained with the ordinance presented Tuesday night.

"If you have to buy all this safety equipment and you have to insure it, the only thing you're saving is the registration, and the registration on one of these things is \$40 a year. For \$40 a year we could not have to go through all this," Chief Vincent said, adding that while he has serious safety concerns including those about safety equipment not complying with state statutes, he and his officers would not hesitate to follow the will of the council

"If the council's wish is that we do this, my department will be 100% behind it," he promised.

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### **Golf Carts Will Not Cruise City Streets**

With a three-to-two vote, city council voted against allowing golf carts on city streets.

"I still am uncomfortable," Vice-Mayor David Hastings, who said he didn't like the language that indicated the city determined it would be safe for golf carts to operate on streets when he, as a member of council, did not know that. City attorney said that without the language the state would not allow the city to pass the

ordinance.

Chief of Police Rob Vincent said he agreed with the Vice-Mayor's concerns on this point. He also expressed concern over not mandating seat belts as well as inspection issues.

Councilman Sam Henderson also expressed concern over inspection issues.

"Let me clarify: If we do this, I absolutely want to be involved somehow that these vehicles are checked out... but actually doing that is going to be a complicated process," Chief Vincent told him. Mayor Mike Yakes said "it would not be my pleasure" to burden the police department, although he favored the idea of golf carts.

"How would you be able to cite somebody for a DUI in a golf cart?" Councilwoman Barbara Banno asked. Chief Vincent said that his officers could cite them the same as a DUI involving any other vehicle.

"If we're going to require all of the equipment... except for seatbelts, which I think we would be remiss... then it's almost a low-speed vehicle," Vice-Mayor Hastings said "The point is, if we're requiring all this equipment, why do we need to put all of these regulations in there about licensing and inspections? Let's just go the one step and say 'we don't need to do anything; the statute is already here!'"

Councilman Henderson agreed.

Councilman Salmon asked the Chief to speak about his father-in-law's his experience with the difference in pricing between a vehicle manufactured as a low-speed vehicle and one that is converted into a low-speed vehicle.

"For some reason - I have no idea why - it seems insurers charge" more for the low-speed vehicle. "In order to get a low-speed vehicle registered, it has to be inspected" the chief said, adding that the closest facility was in east Tampa.

"By somebody who's qualified to do that," the Vice Mayor said.

"Yes," the chief agreed. Before he took his seat he assured council, "You tell me what to do and I'll make it work."

Those on council who voted no cited safety concerns as the chief reason for their vote.

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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There are “givers,” and there are “takers.” Here’s how you know that you’re a “giver.” When you don’t know what else to do, you just give. This week, you’ll unselfishly help humanity by building up the people around you in any way you can. It mostly happens in small gestures that mean more than you realize at the time.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe you’re feeling older and more mature -- perhaps even a bit jaded and tired. That’s why it’s important to nudge your inner child awake. Call the friends, play the games and read the books of your youth. Conjure the innocence inside you. The magic is all around you. You just have to believe it’s there.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Think of cut flowers on their second day in the vase: They may look just as pretty as they did on the first day, but they don’t smell nearly as nice. You’re lucky when you make an effort to be fresh in every aspect of your presentation, including your appearance, the work you do and what you talk about.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You’ve planned out a certain goal several times, and each time it didn’t pan out. It’s not the goal but the method of planning that is flawed. It’s likely that your plan doesn’t accurately account for the resources of your current reality. Maybe a more creative approach is needed. Consider talking it out with a good friend.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You, like most people, would prefer that everyone, or at least a majority of the people, like and approve of you. However, this preference waxes and wanes throughout the week. For instance, midweek it will be far more important to you that you do what’s right for you, even if it means displeasing the group.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You have no problem pointing out when someone’s expectation is unrealistic -- except when the person in question is a child. Children make you wonder if the world might be a better place if we imposed a few more unrealistic expectations on it. It’s one way to come up with a better tomorrow.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ever wonder why people seem to expect more from you than they do from the others? Every time you make a miracle happen, you set the bar higher for the next time. It’s something to think about as you wave your magic wand over (i.e., put your blood, sweat and tears into) this week’s projects.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some find it odd that you are better able to accept criticism than praise. They do not yet understand how complicated you can be, and the puzzle has them fascinated. You’ll get more practice with compliments this week, so try to become more comfortable with and accepting of the glowing aspects of who you are.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Though rainbow chasing can be a lovely pastime, don’t chase those that promise effortless, fast results for the low, low price of (insert high, high price). Also dangerous: rainbows that involve an ongoing financial obligation. Bottom line: You shouldn’t have to shell out much money to follow your dreams.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You’re self-assured until a certain someone comes around, and you become tongue tied and childlike. Perhaps you see this person as an unfriendly authority figure. Hang in there. Something will happen midweek to change this perception and get you back to your usual high level of confidence.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You will grow in power as you change self-defeating behaviors. Of course,

you first have to recognize which behaviors fit the bill. For instance, you may be ignoring instruction or half-listening when your full attention is required. You’ll make an exciting leap forward once you identify the problem and nip it in the bud.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Most people are reluctant to give honest feedback, but not you. You have a way of being truthful and charming at the same time. So when you communicate, the truth does not, in fact, “hurt,” as the saying suggests. It heals. You’ll give the gift of constructive criticism, and you’ll change someone’s life for the better.

**This Week’s Birthdays:** In many respects, you are fearless and will take risks others wouldn’t dare touch. Because of this, you enjoy a reward that only goes to an elite few. In July, you will finally forgive someone for the past and instantly gain new vitality and excitement for life. You give your best to a professional endeavor in August. A coincidence leads you to meet a special someone in September. Your environment reflects the effort you put into family and personal development in November.

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## Music at Gulfport Beach Pavilion

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Blow Your Own Glass Masterpiece is available at Art Walks twice monthly and during other special events at the non-profit 3-D arts teaching facility located in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard, 2902 A Beach Boulevard South. From 6-10 pm, kids age 5 to 85 have an opportunity to work with one of the IAC's experienced glass blowers to create a one-of-a-kind glass masterpiece. The 7-course glass blowing menu includes everything from paperweights and vases to drinking glasses and decorative bowls.

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# Gulfport City Council Meeting Public Comment & Council Quotes

***"I just wanted to give this to Jim. It is a replica of the last snipe sign that was in Gulfport,"*** -Margarete Tober, who recognized a group of people who called the numbers on illegal signs and told the people who answered the phone that the signs were illegal.

***"You can believe what you read in here or you can come down and see it and smell it like we do,"*** -Al Davis, about a recent *Gabber* article quoting the Southwest Florida Water Management District about the progress of work in Clam Bayou

***"When the sale ends, get it off the street. The problem is, how do we get it off the street? It may not be for sale, but it's left in the front yard, which turns it into a code enforcement issue,"*** -City manager Jim O'Reilly, about post-yard sale debris left in front yards, not at the curb.

***"You can be more restrictive if you so choose. The statute allows drivers 14 and older; we've put in that (you must have) a driver's license,"*** -City attorney Andy Salzman, about the proposed golf cart ordinance.

***"I'm wondering how many members of this council have approached, called anybody who has similar ordinances? I think it would be beneficial before the final vote... to find out how it's working in other places,"*** -Cindy Davis, about the state golf cart ordinance.

***"I have previously voiced support for the golf cart ordinance... however, I'm not real sure what we're talking about... The issues that were raised the first time around...the term 'street-legal' sticks in my mind as something that sticks in my mind as a reasonable thing to do... I don't want to see the city open itself up to something that is impossible to enforce...If you resolve street legal, I'm for it. If it's not street legal, I'm not,"*** -Al Davis, who pressed the city to talk about the difference between street-legal vehicles and golf carts.

***"I don't believe the golf cart is going to be as popular as the mustang,"*** Mayor Mike Yakes, about the proposed golf cart ordinance.  
***"Is there a way we could collapse old, new and council reports into one?"*** -Vice Mayor David Hastings. City attorney Andy Salzman said yes.

***"I still think there's room for improvement and I would like to workshop code enforcement,"*** -Vice Mayor David Hastings, who took two outings with different groups to look at litter and outdoor code issues in Gulfport.

***"Each day I live in Gulfport I am part of the positive It's difficult to sustain the clamor of the negative. My message is 'Go forward and conquer my Gulfport friends and colleagues and just ignore the barnacles,'"*** -Lori Rosso, Chamber of Commerce President, to Gulfport council last night

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### TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

The City of Gulfport will now allow bicycles on the Tomlinson Lake Skate Park on SUNDAYS only for a trial period.

Effective October 1st, all skaters/ bicyclists MUST purchase a new City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson Lake Skate Park. Stickers MUST be visibly placed on the helmet. Annual fee for stickers is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Also, all skaters/ bicyclists 17 years of age or younger MUST have a signed parental consent form filed at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Availability to register: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.



## Gulfport Library

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**Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers:** Wednesdays at 10:00 am.

**One-on-One Computer Instruction:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 am-1:00 pm. First come, first served.

**Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step) Meeting:** Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. FMI: Call 727-323-7660.

**Summer Children's Programs:** Wednesdays at 2:00 pm, through August 10th.

**Anime Afternoons for Teens:** Fridays at 2:00 pm, through August 19.

**"The Power of Now!":** A free 8-week seminar/discussion presented by Ted Leitho. Saturdays at 10:00 am-Noon, July 9-August 27. FMI, call: 727-623-9532.

**Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults:** Saturday, July 9, 1:00 pm. Make beautiful pages of memories.

**Crafts for All Ages, with Pat Brinkley.** Celebrate the release of "Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows (pt. 2)," as well as animals of Africa and Antarctica. Saturday, July 9, 1:30 pm.

**"Neighborhood Office Hours" with**

**County Commissioner Ken Welsh:** Wednesday, July 20, 4:00-7:00 pm. Free and open to the Public.

**Coffee/Talk Book Club:** Thursday, July 21, 10:00 am. Discussion of The Last Time I Saw You, by Elizabeth Berg. Books & discussion guides available at the Reference Desk.

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All meetings and programs are free and open to the public

PROGRAMS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Gabber June 23 - June 29, 2011

# Services *City Sponsored Activities* *in the Community*

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**AARP Driving Class:** Take AARP driving classes and possibly reduce your insurance premiums. Classes are normally held on the first two Tuesdays of every month at 12:45pm but July classes will be held on July 12 & 19. Must attend both days. Call 368-3199 for registration and fee info.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Senior Trips:** Come join us for some fun trips: July 7: Hard Rock Casino, \$20 and includes \$5 food voucher & \$15 free play; July 10: Hard Rock Casino, \$20 (\$10 for Brunch Buffet); July 21: Last of the Red Hot Lovers (comedy) \$63; July 26: Marina Jack's Sightseeing Lunch Cruise: \$59; July 19, Seminole Brighton Casino: \$119.99 and includes overnight and food/game vouchers. Call the Senior Center or Carolyn at 347-0806 for more details.

**Chair Yoga:** – Mon. at 10:30am at the Senior Center

**Hawaiian Luau:** Mark your calendar now for Wed. July 27 at 1:30pm for our Hawaiian Luau. Be thinking of what you will wear for our Best Hawaiian Shirt Contest and a Hula Contest. Should be great fun! Includes entertainment and refreshments. Tickets: \$3.00 in advance; \$5 at the door, if available.

### Overview of Services for

**Visually Impaired:** Come and listen to a presentation about the services and support available to meet the needs of those who are visually impaired or blind. Learn about the comprehensive vision rehabilitation services offered to individuals of all ages in the home, at the agency and in the community. Discover some

of the Magnifying Products for the visually impaired and legally blind. The presentation will be offered on Fri. July 22 at 11am courtesy of Lighthouse of Pinellas. Please share this info with your visually impaired neighbors and friends.

**Free Eye Screenings** – Mon. July 29 at 10am to 1pm courtesy of Eye Institute of West St. Petersburg.

### SPECIAL SERVICES

**Free Legal Assistance:** Community Law Program offers free legal assistance for seniors 60+ every 3rd Fri. (June 17) at 9:30am. Must meet income criteria. Call for more info.

**Phones for Hearing Impaired:** Do you find it difficult hearing on the phone? Deaf & Services Connection will be offering free phones for the hearing impaired on Tues. July 19 at 9:30am. Call 399-9983 for eligibility information.

### Support Groups

**Diabetic Support Group** on Mondays at 10am

**Visually Impaired Support Group,** 2nd & 4th Mon. at 2pm.

**Caregivers:** Every Wed. at 2pm

**Telephone Reassurance:** Are you a Gulfport resident who lives alone? Would you like to receive a friendly phone call each morning between 7:30-8:30am? It's a free service and a great safety measure! Call the Senior Center for more info.

**Transportation Service:** If you are limiting your driving to just the immediate area, consider calling GEMS when your travel needs take you beyond your comfort level. GEMS is a door-to-door transportation service available for Gulfport residents 55 and up. Fees: \$50/year and \$1 each one way ride. Call 893-2242 for more info.

### **Neighborhood Center**

**1617 49th St. So./893-1070**

Faith Cathedral International Church:  
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8-10:30pm Practica/Milonga

Every Wednesday  
Swing Dance  
6-7pm Lindy Hop lesson  
7-8pm East Coast Swing lesson  
8-11pm Swing Dance \$7

Thursday, June 30  
Salsa Dance  
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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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## Why the Economy Crashed

If you're looking for someone to blame for the drawn out recession (often more accurately called a Depression) that we're experiencing, a good read is a book called, "Reckless Endangerment". I write, "good read", with reservations. Frankly, it's difficult to continue reading a book when you know that it ends in financial disaster that could have been prevented.

The book is written by Gretchen Morgenson and Joshua Rosner, the former a columnist and business writer for The New York Times. They target two government sponsored enterprises (GSE), the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). Both were set up to make it easier for lower and middle income families to own their homes. Fannie Mae was established in 1938.

It's a tale of good intentions gone bad aided by greedy and corrupt and inept politicians, investment bankers, bankers and businessmen. It's not a tale of incompetent and mindless bureaucrats handing out favors. In fact, the bureaucratic operatives

are the ones constantly giving the warning only to be threatened and warned off by the so-called elite leaders.

It's a tale of the perfect storm: ideology, greed, corruption and power coming together to bring, nearly to its knees, the world's wealthiest and most powerful nation. It is not a story of the failure OF regulations, but the failure TO regulate compounded by a deliberate lowering of lending standards.

As the "everyone gets a home game" became more and more profitable, financially and politically, forces colluded to reduce the amount of money financial institutions, including Fannie and Freddie, had to put aside to cover bad loans, defaults and so forth. Simultaneously, they also reduced the standards for approving loans.

Fannie Mae bought up almost all the loans that banks and mortgage brokers could scarf up. Their executives got bonuses based on volume. Everyone got a home. All the risk was dissipated so no one (except the homeowner and taxpayer) was at risk. Everyone got rich. Home prices shot up bringing more people into the market. Homeowners borrowed against their equity, buyers

speculated on multiple homes. And, as we know now, it was a bubble with nothing but air in the balloon.

The losses to individuals were (and still are) huge. The poor, put into homes they couldn't afford, got poorer. Those just incidentally in the market got smashed. Taxpayers will, in the long run, be on the hook for as much as \$1,000,000,000,000 and that's just for Fannie Mae and Freddie. Another trillion was spent rescuing banks and investment houses and car companies.

Everyone got poorer except those in charge. Politicians, like Barney Frank, a long time supporter of Fannie, survived. Brilliant (particularly in his own mind) Alan Greenspan, head of the federal reserve bank, who knew what was happening but stood aside, retained his reputation. Other players moved on into the Obama administration - Larry Summers, for instance. Economic gurus whom we seem to blindly follow continue in positions of power and influence. The book provides the names.

Politically, there is plenty of blame, too. As noted, these programs to spur more home ownership go back several decades. It was a good cause corrupted gradually by excessive political zeal and then pure greed. The administration of George H. W. Bush helped it along. The Clinton administration gave the first big boost. The Republican legislature in the latter part of the 1990s saw the problem, but backed off. The G. W. Bush administration took a shot at Fannie and Freddie, but didn't push hard enough. Politically, you don't take away free rides from the voters.

It was, in one perspective, the closest to a socialized (but quasi-government driven) housing program we've had. It was unsustainable and it certainly hasn't been free except for those who were responsible for it.

What's on your mind?

Email your opinion to:

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## Boating Safety Classes in Gulfport

USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 7-16 is located at 3120 Miriam Street S. behind Gulfport City Marina. Power point classes are every Thursday evening from 7:30-9:30 p.m. with a 400 page color book. It is a 13 week revolving class you may start any Thursday. Upon completing chapters 1-8, students will be eligible for their Florida State Safe Boating Card. The new FWC rule states that anyone born on or after January 1, 1988 is required to have successfully completed a approved boating education course and have in their possession a boating education ID card and photo identification card before operating a vessel with a motor of 10 HP or more in Florida. After graduating the 13 week course, in addition to insurance discounts you will receive a "comp" 1 year BoatU.S. membership. The new phone number for the Gulfport Auxiliary is 727-399-7986 or email [auxgulfport@yahoo.com](mailto:auxgulfport@yahoo.com).

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## CTK Needs School Uniforms

Clothes To Kids has an immediate need for school uniforms. Uniform khaki or dark blue pants, shorts and uniform tops (white, light blue or navy blue). They are getting ready for the new school year where there are 23 schools that require uniforms. Please donate your gently used uniform pants and shirts to a Clothes To Kids store near you.

New or gently used uniforms, school clothes and shoes can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday in Clearwater at 1059 N. Hercules Ave., or in St. Pete at 3251 Third Ave. N., Suite 145. Cash donations are also needed for purchasing clothing in short supply and new underwear.

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

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# What's on Your Mind?

Readers respond to Bill Northrop's Opinion Column.

Submissions must include a name and phone number for verification and be kept on point.

The Gabber will only accept email responses sent to: [B\\_Northrop@theGabber.com](mailto:B_Northrop@theGabber.com)

## Re: Bill Northrop's column on 6/16/11

Dear Editor: David Brooks, author, columnist and political commentator, recently noted that every second spent talking about Sarah Palin is a second we will never get back. Yes, the media attention is overwhelming and ridiculous.

Palin is an utter waste of time, but I suspect the media attention (including Northrop's) is fed by the public's fascination, not the other way around. It isn't the lack of "fairness, wisdom or ethics" on the part of the media that worries me.

It's Palin's total lack of those characteristics that is truly scary.

Bonnie Navin

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## Local Obituaries

**BELCHER, GARRY D.**, 61, of St. Pete Beach, passed away at home on Sunday, June 12, 2011. He was born in Pikeville, KY and moved to St. Pete Beach from Toledo, OH in 1989. Garry was a realtor with the brokers of Marie Powell, Coldwell Banker, and St. Pete Beach Realty. In health, he participated in triathlons, enjoyed gardening, and watching his grandchildren play sports. Garry was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby and Bobby Belcher. He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Candace; daughters: Nichole Hollenback Eaton (Eric) and Sarah Hoagland (Robert); mother-in-law, Rosemary Burns; 9 grandchildren, Emma, Hannah and Carlee Hollenback, Madison, Ruby and Gary Eaton, Taylor Grace, Ryan and Sean Hoagland; brothers, Smitty (Donna) Belcher and Timothy (Anthony) Belcher. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 18th at 5 p.m. at Beach Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Suncoast Chapter, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 3507 E. Frontage Rd., Ste. 300, Tampa, FL 33607. A celebration of life gathering will take place following the memorial service. Beach Memorial Chapel, 727-360-5577.

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**GRIGGS, JAMES F., JR.**, 60, of St. Pete Beach, died at home on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 after a long illness. Jim was born in Morristown, NJ on Sept. 10, 1950 to James F. Griggs, Sr. and Kathleen Joyce Murray Griggs. Jim was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served on nuclear submarines as a radioman. He was also a former member of the PGA and a music lover, as well as an alumnus of Crossroads Center in Antigua. Jim is survived by his wife, Sharon Duffy Griggs; his father, James F. Griggs, Sr.; a daughter, Jennifer; stepsons, Clayton and Shawn; 4 siblings, 6 grandchildren and nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Lynchburg, VA. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations in his name to Crossroads Center at <http://crossroadsantigua.org/donate.aspx>. Online memorial and guestbook available at [www.brettfuneralhome.net](http://www.brettfuneralhome.net)

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**HARDOERFER, BARBARA "BARBIE"**, 77, Gulfport, passed away June 13, 2011. She is survived by a loving family. For complete information, contact Reese Funeral Home, 727-391-9954.

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**RASTATTER, STELLA L.**, 95, of Gulfport, passed away Sunday June 19, 2011. Survived by son, James and Connie Rastatter. Beach Memorial Chapel, 727-360-5577.

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**RYCZEK, DR. THEODORE A., JR.**, 59, of St. Petersburg and Land O' Lakes, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 18, 2011, following a long and valiant battle with cancer. Born May 10, 1952, in Washington D.C., the eldest of five children born to Theodore A. Ryczek Sr. and Carolyn (Dowiak) Ryczek. "Dr. Ted" was engaged in the practice of Optometry for 32 years subsequent to his 1976 graduation, Magna Cum Laude, from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN where he was a Beta Sigma Kappa member and editor of the school newspaper. The last 25 years of his career have been spent in joint practice at Ryczek Eye Associates in St. Petersburg with his brother, "Dr. Dennis", as well as providing excellent care for the patients of Eye Care Optical in New Port Richey and the Super Target Optical in Wesley Chapel. He was a member of both The American and The Florida Optometric Associations. Ted was devoted son to his surviving parents and a faithful husband to his loving wife, Desa Boyd. In addition he loved and was much loved by his children, Kyle Ryczek (Bailey), Ashley (Chris Monteath) and Robert Ryczek all of New Port Richey, and the children of his wife; Rob and Katie Boyd of Land O' Lakes. Ted will be fondly remembered by his brother, Dr. Dennis Ryczek (Brooke), and two sisters, Karen (Tom Lakus), and Sharon (Joe Rizzo). He is also survived by four nephews, two beautiful nieces and many cherished extended family members. Ted was greeted in heaven by his predeceased infant brother, Anthony Ryczek. Visitation from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday June 22, 2011 at Trinity Memorial Gardens, 12609 Memorial Dr., New Port Richey, FL, 727-376-7824. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Springs of Hope Kenya, 2504 Southpoint Dr. Dunedin, FL 34698.

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# Here's How

By Pat Logan

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## Building a Decorative Arbor

**Dear Pat:** I would like to build a decorative arbor at my back door and plant flowering climbing vines around it. How large should the posts be and what is the best way to construct the sides and the arch? -- Joan C.

**Dear Joan:** Building an arbor properly can be a fairly complicated project requiring some power tools. If you want to make it decorative and appear professionally made, plan on using a router to prepare the slots for the sides and lattice.

Unless you are very skilled with woodworking, you should hire a

carpenter or a millworker to make the top arch for you. It can be quite complicated to make it properly so it has enough strength and has a uniform curve. If you try it yourself, you will probably spend more on extra lumber for all the trials and mistakes than if you had it professionally made.

Determining the size of the arbor is your first and most important step in building one. If the proportions are off, it will have a strange appearance. It is probably wise to measure several arbors in your neighborhood and make yours to the same height and width ratios.

Remember when planning the

arbor, the height of the arch will be half of its width. It must also clear the door when it is opened. The type and thickness of the foliage and stems of the plants you select must also be considered when determining the door clearance.

Make the side framing using 4-by-4-inch posts with 2-by-4 rails. Using a router, make mortise and tenon joints for the most strength and rigidity. Assemble them with waterproof wood glue and galvanized decking screws. Countersink the screw holes for a professional appearance. The screw heads can be covered with wood putty when the arbor is completed.

Next, make the lattice panels that will be inserted into the side framing. Use 1-by-2 lumber or rip 2-by-4s down to any size you prefer to make the channels. There are many attractive designs of lattice to use, but a woven rectangular (vertical/horizontal) pattern is probably the easiest to make.

Using the router again, rout dados (slots) into the length of the channels. Make the dados somewhat wider than the lattice materials. Nail the channels in the side frame. Carefully slide the lattice pieces into the dados until the side panels are completed filled with your pattern.

Adding a floor to the arbor will make it nicer to step through into your back door, and it will add rigidity to the entire arbor. Frame the floor with pressure-treated 2-by-4s attached to the 4-by-4 posts. When the frame is complete, use standard decking lumber to lay the floor. Leave enough of the 4-by-4 posts extending down to reach below the frost line for your area.

Dig postholes and fill the bottom with a few inches of gravel. Place the arbor in the holes, level it and fill the holes with concrete. Once the concrete is set and everything is complete, take careful measurements and have the top arch made. When you receive it from the carpenter, it should fit perfectly.

Tools and materials required: carpenter's level, posthole digger, tape measure, chalk line, router, table saw, hand saw, bucket, hammer, various finishing (painting) tools, nails, cement mixture, pressure-treated posts and miscellaneous lumber.

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## Host Families Needed for a Week

PeopleLink, a non-profit organization out of Petaluma, CA, is sponsoring 20 high school math and science students from Jutoku High School located in Kiryu, Japan. They will arrive in our area on July 13 for a six day visit. Their goal is to improve English language skills and observe classes at Pinellas Science Center. The highlight of their stay will be participating in Student Astronaut Training (ATX) program at Kennedy Space Center. On their final day, they will go to Shark Valley in the Everglades for an airboat ride.

If interested, call Bill Weiss at 727-204-3965.

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## Register your Special Needs

The 2011 hurricane season is upon us. Persons with special needs (i.e.,

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**Friday 6/10**

- Call for Officer-** 6300 Pasadena Pt. Blvd. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk 19th Ave. S.
  - Suspicious Vehicle-** 700 51st St. S.
  - Criminal Mischief-** 1100 Blk 60th St. S.
  - Theft-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Abandoned Vehicle-** 5300 Blk 12th Ave. S.
  - Burglary-** 5300 Blk 15th Ave. S.
  - Drunk Person-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Call for Officer-** 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.
  - Domestic Battery-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk 15th Ave. S.
  - Domestic Battery-** 2100 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Domestic Battery-** 2000 Blk 55th St. S.
- Saturday 6/11**
- Trouble with Individual-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
  - Street Obstruction-** 1100 Blk 51st St. S.
  - Criminal Mischief-** 2800 Blk 57th St. S.

**Crime Awareness Meeting**

The next Crime Awareness and Prevention meeting will be held on Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street S. Topics TBA.

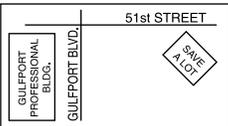
- Theft-** 1200 Blk Hull St. S.
  - Stolen Vehicle-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Theft-** 2000 Blk 55th St. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
  - Call for Officer-** 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.
  - Call for Officer-** 5600 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Sunday 6/12**
- Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.
  - Noise Complaint-** 5500 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
  - Noise Complaint-** Seabird Dr. S.
  - Call for Officer-** Wood Ibis Park.
  - Stolen Vehicle-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
  - Domestic Battery-** 5600 Blk 14th Ave. S.
  - Call for Officer-** 6100 Blk 9th Ave. S.
  - Criminal Mischief-** 3000 Blk 50th Ave. S.
  - Domestic Verbal-** 5200 Blk 16th Ave. S.
  - Open Door/Window-** 5800 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Monday 6/13**
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 1200 Blk 53rd St. S.
  - Animal Complaint-** Wood Ibis Park.
  - Theft-** 1200 Blk 55th St. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 5500 Blk 18th Ave. S.
  - Animal Complaint-** Beach Front.

- Trouble with Individual-** 2000 Blk 52nd St. S.
  - Worthless Document/Check-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
  - Call for Officer-** 5300 Blk 19th Ave. S.
  - Suspicious Person-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
  - Open Door/Window-** 2300 Blk 56th St. S.
- Tuesday 6/14**
- Suspicious Person-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
  - Truant-** 2000 Blk 52nd St. S.
  - Domestic Verbal-** 6200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
  - Theft-** 5900 Blk 17th Ave. S.
  - Theft-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Battery-** 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
  - Arrest on Warrant-** 5500 Blk 12th Ave. S.
  - Suspicious Circumstances-** 5100 Blk Pine Grove Terr. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** Tomlinson Park.
  - Noise Complaint-** 5600 Blk 12th Ave. S.
  - Call for Officer-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
  - Call for Officer-** 2600 Blk Tifton St. S.
- Wednesday 6/15**
- Criminal Mischief-** Tomlinson Park.
  - Suspicious Vehicle-** 2200 Blk 52nd St. S.
  - Burglary-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Trespasser-** 2400 Blk 49th St. S.
  - Narcotics/Drugs-** 5400 Blk 30th Ave. S.
  - Suspicious Circumstances-** Clam Bayou.
  - Hit & Run-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
  - Trouble with Individual-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
  - Theft-** 1600 Blk 58th St. S.
  - Suspicious Circumstances-** 5900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Thursday 6/16**
- Narcotics/Drugs-** Williams Pier.
  - Stolen Vehicle-** 1900 Blk 59th St. S.
  - Suspicious Vehicle-** Clam Bayou.
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## Dog Tag Heroes Needs Donations, Volunteers

Dog Tag Heroes is a non-profit organization that provides free furniture/household items to soldiers returning from war. They have opened a Boutique & Thrift Store at 5601 66th Street N. in the 66th St. Flea Market. They are open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come shop or drop off your donations. Any soldier in need can contact Kathleen D. Smith, Founder/CEO in regards to items they need for their household. Call 727-577-5455 or visit dogtagheroes.org.

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## Water Aerobics Keep you Cool and Fit

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Community Center and Aquatics Complex will be offering Shallow Water Aerobic Exercise classes all summer long to help keep you healthy and fit. Classes are taught Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The class is great for muscle-toning and cardio workouts with the benefits and support of the water. These fun and invigorating exercise sessions are held in the outdoor pool located at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive and are \$5 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$6 for non-residents. Call the pool for more details at 727-363-9264.

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# City Whys?

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport: Bonds

**Q:** Can Gulfport sell bonds to generate income? Why aren't we?

**A:** Because typically a city sells bonds to finance capital projects (one time expenses) rather than ongoing expenses.

"If the city sold bonds, it would have to pay a rate for the use of the money," city manager Jim O'Reilly says. "Basically, you're mortgaging the project, so you pay so much interest on it over the course of the time."

Currently, Mr. O'Reilly says, the city is debt-free, and if the city sold bonds, it would have debt.

"A bond is a debt," he says.

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## Try your hand at Sudoku

Solution on Page 18

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## Become an SOS Volunteer

Save Our Strays is a no-kill non-profit organization dedicated to re-homing abandoned cats and kittens. It does not maintain a shelter facility and is in serious need of additional foster homes for its felines. They are currently not able to accept new felines because they have no available foster homes for them. Volunteers

serving as foster families can specify that they prefer a pregnant cat, an adult cat or kittens. They also need volunteers to transport felines to/from veterinarian appointments, etc. If you are interested in helping their kitties, please call 727-481-5262.

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## Gala Pasta Night

The Sons of Italy Lodge, 2500 34 Street S., serves pasta every Monday night from 4-8 p.m. for \$6

and includes all the pasta you can eat, two meatballs, salad and coffee. Other beverages are available. Look for their flotilla of flags. They also provide catering for all events and their hall is available for rental. Call 323-2691.

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## Personal Lightning Safety Tips

Plan in advance your evacuation and safety measures. When you first see lightning or hear thunder, activate your emergency plan. Now is the time to go to a building or a vehicle. Lightning often precedes rain, so don't wait for the rain to begin before suspending activities.

If outdoors avoid water, high ground and open spaces. Avoid all metal objects including electric wires, fences, machinery, etc. Unsafe places include underneath canopies, small picnic or rain shelters or near trees. Where possible, find shelter in a substantial building or in a fully enclosed metal vehicles such as a car, truck or van with the windows completely shut. If lightning is striking nearby when you are outside, you should crouch down, put feet together, and place hands over ears to minimize hearing damage from thunder. Also, avoid proximity (minimum of 15 ft.) to other people.

If indoors avoid water. Stay away from doors and windows. Do not use the telephone. Take off head sets. Turn off, unplug and stay away from appliances, computers, power tools and TV sets. Lightning may strike exterior electric and phone lines, inducing shocks to inside equipment.

Suspend activities for 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder.

Injured persons do not carry an electrical charge and can be handled safely. Apply First Aid procedures to a lightning victim if you are qualified to do so. Call 911 or send for help immediately.

Teach this safety slogan: "If you can see it, flee it; if you can hear it, clear it".

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## Give a little, Get a lot

The Adults Mentoring Children program needs caring volunteers age 30 and over to be mentors for children throughout the county. Volunteers are matched with children between the ages of 3 and 15 who need a caring adult to spend time with them, be a positive role model, and let them know that they are special. The children are living with a single parent who is working and going to school and working, living with a relative or in foster care.

No experience is necessary. Background screening is required for all volunteers, and they must drive. There is never a cost, and social activities and ongoing support are provided by the staff. Spend 2 to 4 hours a week with a child doing simple activities such as reading, fishing, baking, gardening, doing a craft, or visiting a park.

For more information, please call Bev at 727-479-1841.

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## Volunteer Nurses Needed at Free Clinic

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## Gulfport's July 4th Celebration

GULFPORT- The City of Gulfport invites everyone to celebrate this 4th of July centennial celebration ALL DAY LONG with an amazing line-up of fun and exciting activities in the City's downtown waterfront district on Monday, July 4, 2011!

To keep you informed ahead of time, street closures are on the following streets starting at 6 a.m. on Monday, July 4th. Beach Boulevard will be closed from 31st Avenue (south) to Shore Boulevard. Shore Boulevard will be closed from 54th Street South (west) to 56th Street South. 54th Street South, south of Essex Avenue will also be closed. Beach Boulevard south of 28th Avenue South to 31st Avenue South will be temporarily closed for the City's 4th of July Community Parade from 5:45 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Other early closings to prepare for the fireworks and your safety will include Williams Pier (corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 54th St. S.) which will close at 7 a.m. Friday morning July 2nd until Monday morning, July 5th at noon. At that same time, perimeter buoys will be placed 900 ft. from the Williams Pier. Also, fencing will be placed on the seawall at Veteran's Park (corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 54th St. S.). Other safety issues include "sparklers only" on Gulfport Beach.

The FREE open air trolley will be running from 4 p.m. - 11 p.m. to pick up passengers from remote parking spots to make your journey to Gulfport more convenient. Remote parking spots include: Recreation Center (5730 Shore Blvd. S.), Library (5501 28th Ave. S.), Senior Center and Theater (5501 27th Ave. S.), Hoyt Field (2306 56th St. S.), Chase Park (54th St. S. and 28th Ave. S.), Ted Phillips Wood Ibis Park (58th St. S. and 28th Ave. S.). If you see the trolley, just give the driver a wave and they will pick you up along the route.

Get up, have your coffee and breakfast early and bring the kids to the Kid's Fishing Derby, at the Recreation Center seawall, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Registration for the derby will start at 7:30 a.m.) followed by a free Family Sand Sculpture Contest, sponsored by the Gulfport Recreation Division, on Gulfport Beach, from 10 a.m. to noon (Registration will start at 9:30 a.m.). Keeping with tradition, the theme will be "Red, White and Blue". City staff will be on Gulfport Beach from noon to 6 p.m. with a variety of free kid friendly activities! Also, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Beach Blvd. S. towards 54th St. S., you can view a stunning variety of autos at the annual auto show. Did we say all of this is free?

Starting the evening, local vendors offer a variety of arts, crafts, food delicacies and patriotic knick-knacks for your enjoyment, from 4 -10 p.m. At 5 p.m., Bobby and the Rockets will be performing some of the best classic rock covers. Our community parade will begin promptly at 6 p.m. making its way (southbound) down Beach Boulevard to the Gulfport Casino, where it will head west on Shore Boulevard to 58th Street South. Make sure to grab a good viewing spot!

At 9 p.m. an always amazing fireworks display off of Gulfport Beach along Shore Blvd. S. will offer an exceptional closing of the day's festivities. The City welcomes all to celebrate the Fourth of July in the City of Gulfport!

For more information regarding the day's events, please email gbiiron@mygulfport.us or call 727-893-1118.

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## Update on Best of the Road Contest

GULFPORT- Gulfport, Florida is one of six small-town finalists from across the country in the first ever Rand McNally/USA Today "Best of the Road" competition in the "Best for Food" category. To celebrate Gulfport's ranking as a finalist and to prepare for an upcoming "Road Rally" visit in which the town will be judged, 15 participating Gulfport restaurants have crafted a special "Best of the Road Sampler Plate." Each plate will offer taste-sized samples of that restaurant's best or signature dishes. Most plates will be priced in the range of \$10 to \$15. Plates at each of the 15 locations will be offered beginning Thursday, June 23rd and will remain on menus at least through Saturday, July 23rd.

Gulfport restaurants offering their own "Best of the Road Sampler Plate" include: Backfin Blue Café, Habana Café, Isabelle's at Peninsula Inn & Spa, Island Flavors and 'Tings, La Cote Basque, Winehouse, O'Maddy's Bar and Grille, Peg's Cantina & Brewpub, Neptune Grill, Pia's Trattoria, Smokin' J's BBQ, Stella's Deli, T & Me Tea Co., Tangelo's Grille, Village Pub and Yummy's.

Small towns were nominated in an online public forum beginning in May, with open voting for towns in the "Best for Food" and four other categories: "Most Beautiful," "Most Patriotic," "Friendliest," and "Most Fun." Gulfport received the highest number of votes in its "Best for Food" category during public voting. Other small town "Best for Food" finalists are: Addison, WV; Burnsville, MN; Lafayette, LA; Costa Mesa and Visalia, CA.

The "Road Rally" portion of the competition kicks off with an event on June 23rd in New York City. Online public voting was also a factor in selecting the five two-person teams which will participate in the Rally. At the June 23rd event, teams will be notified which category they will be assigned to judge in the competition. Teams will have the discretion to determine their own routes and itineraries. Organizers for Gulfport's "Best for Food" host committee determined the sample plates would be a good idea to have in place on local menus prior to the team's arrival. After it is notified of an arrival date for the Rally team, the host committee plans a public event to welcome the team to the City, as well as a festive "restaurant stroll" in which the team and the public will be invited to partake.

The Road Rally continues across the country as teams visit their assigned small towns and observe and judge each. Teams are asked to blog, tweet and otherwise document their experiences as they travel. A final ceremony in Los Angeles will welcome teams on July 15th, at which time they will announce their own choices for best small towns in each category.

For those who want to know updated information, you can search on Facebook at "Gulfport's Best of The Road Food Rally!" Up to date details will be posted there as they are known. For more information, contact Lori Rosso at 727-343-4445 or email to [rsvp@seabreezemanor.com](mailto:rsvp@seabreezemanor.com).

## Host Families Needed for Exchange Students

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

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

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a monthly charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402.

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- Vehicle tires are \$10 each
- Car batteries are \$5 each
- 20-lb bottled gas cylinders are \$10 and must be empty
- TV's are \$15 each
- Computer components \$15 each

Wednesdays' yard waste pickup entitles residents to dispose of small tree/shrubbery trimmings piled no longer than 4 feet in length and 3 feet in height; piles must be loose – no bags or containers as this material is recycled into mulch. Leaves must be bagged and called in for a pickup.

Larger piles will not be picked up on Wednesday and need to be called-in for a 'special' billable pickup. Larger loads, including yard waste, shall be based on size and type of equipment required to load and haul. Please contact Public Works at 893-1089 to schedule a special pickup.

When an owner/occupant does not notify Public Works of a special pickup item(s) they can be picked up and billed as an additional charge.

Residents are limited to a maximum of three 32-gallon trash containers or 30-gallon trash bags for garbage collection and not to exceed 50 lbs. (unless on an automated residential route).

### MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL RIGHT OF WAYS & ALLEYS

All residents are required by City Ordinance to help keep their right of ways and alleys neat and orderly. The most important portion of the City Code that applies is as follows:

#### Sec. 12-2 "Specific nuisances: states:

"The maintaining, using, placing, depositing, leaving, permitting, allowing or causing any of the following items, conditions or things to exist in, on, over or under any public or private property shall constitute a nuisance; provided however that this enumeration shall not be construed to exclude the identification of other nuisances not specifically identified herein:

- a) Any weeds, grasses or other vegetation of a height exceeding twelve (12) inches, including without limitation, broom grass, jimson, burdock, ragweed or sandspur and not including trees, flowers and ornamental bushes or plants;
- b) Any trash, litter, debris, garbage, bottles, paper, plastic, metal, cans, rags, offal, bricks, concrete, lumber, building materials, dead or decaying trees, plants, fruits, vegetables, or animals of any kind.
- c) Any condition which provides, or could provide, harborage for rats, mice, snakes, insects or other vermin ..."

Not keeping the portion of the right of way and alley fronting your property may result in a visit from the Code Enforcement Officer, and may result in significant fines if deficiencies are not corrected.

## Safeguard Your Dogs Against Heat

Hot weather is often deadly for dogs who can succumb to heatstroke in just 15 minutes and suffer brain damage as a result. Dogs who are left in parked cars are especially susceptible.

Symptoms of heatstroke include restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, vomiting and lack of co-

ordination. If you see a dog showing any of these symptoms, get him or her into the shade immediately and call a veterinarian. Lower the dog's body temperature by providing water to drink, applying a cold towel to the head and chest, or immersing the dog in tepid (not cold) water.

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) makes the following suggestions for safeguarding animals.

Don't carry your dog in the bed of a pickup truck. While this practice is always dangerous, heat brings the added danger that dogs' feet might be burned on hot metal.

Don't take your dog jogging, except on cool mornings or evenings. Rest often, and take plenty of water.

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

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

Additional information can be found at [HelpingAnimals.com](http://HelpingAnimals.com).

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## Meals on Wheels Needs Drivers

For thousands of Pinellas County elderly, the Neighborly Care Network Meals on Wheels program is a pivotal part of daily life. Volunteers allow the Meals on Wheels program to continue. But recently, some volunteers have had to cut back due to high gas prices and many of our winter visitors have returned home, leaving the program in critical need for volunteers all over Pinellas County.

Volunteers spend just two hours of your time, midday, once a week. Most routes have only 10 to 12 stops and are just 8 to 10 miles long. Meals are picked up at a site near you and delivered to the homebound in your area (maps and directions are provided). Do someone else a favor and you will be doing yourself one! We are confident that if you try it once, you'll be back!

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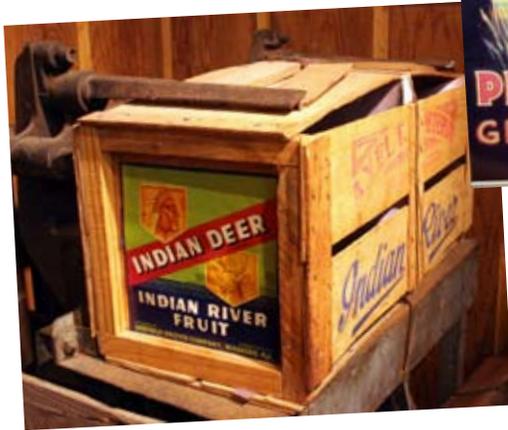
## A Small Citrus Diversion: The Citrus Museum

By Cathy Salustri

Perhaps everyone who ever came to Florida as a tourist had a citrus experience, whether it was a fresh-squeezed glass of orange juice at a welcome center or watching the citrus sorting assembly line at a local grove.

Today, most of the citrus industry has moved out of the country, although you can still find fresh Florida oranges seasonally and Florida orange juice all year long. The remaining industry thrives, perhaps the most heartily, in the Indian River area of Florida, so it's fitting that if you're looking for a citrus museum, that's where you'll find it.

**WHAT:** Tucked into one corner of the Heritage Center, the Indian River Citrus Museum has a few small-ish exhibits paying homage to the citrus industry. The other side of the



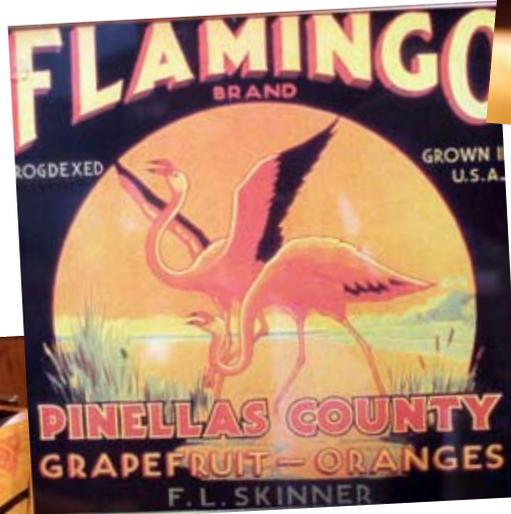
Heritage Center is not entirely unlike the Gulfport Casino and serves much the same purpose. This portion of the city-owned building has nothing to offer the citrus history seeker, although people can rent the hall. The grounds include a playground and large grassy yard.

**WHY:** Because it's Florida, and our citrus heritage plays a huge part of how the state grew into what it is today. The citrus industry has changed and, while a visit to a citrus grove or orange product store used to be

*de rigueur* for tourists, those opportunities are dwindling, as is the idea that citrus is a large part of the state's personality.

This small museum doesn't need to be the highlight of a visit to the east coast - in fact, it's too small for it to be the main event - but it offers insight into the state's orange-and-grapefruit colored history.

**WHO:** The city owns the building but the Heritage Center is run by another group who



leases it from the city for one dollar a year. In return they maintain the historic structure, inside and out. To help defray costs the museum has a gift shop filled with citrus- and Florida-centric items, ranging from books about tourist attractions to replicas of old orange crates.

On our visit to the Citrus Museum, a lovely lady behind the gift counter talked to us about the displays, which include everything from old advertising to field testing kits.

**WHEN:** The Citrus Museum portion of the Heritage Center (the only part open to casual visitors) operates from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Tuesday through Friday.

**WHERE:** Across the state at 2140



14th Avenue in Vero Beach. The museum takes up less than half of

**BEST part:** The Citrus Museum doesn't try to impress with overly-elaborate displays and it doesn't try to make itself into more than what it is: a simple museum paying homage to the citrus industry.

**WORST part:** It's not a terribly large museum, so don't plan your whole day around going to visit. Make it a half-hour pit stop and, to really enjoy the neighborhood, consider having lunch on the grounds of the Heritage Center.

**MAGIC question:** Free. Parking, admission, and knowledgeable staff are all free. Call (772) 770-2263 for more information, or visit [VeroHeritage.org](http://VeroHeritage.org).

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## Beach Balloon Tales

By Melissa Lattman



Playing the tortoise and the hare, Samantha (left) and Breanna (right) get ready for their race as they act out the famous fable with some help from Tony the Balloon Guy at the St. Pete Beach Public Library.

ST. PETE BEACH- Balloons as costumes and props brought tall tales, fables and other stories from around the world to life with the help of Tony the Balloon Guy. The interactive story time followed the theme of this summer's library reading program—One World, Many Stories. Check it out at the library.

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# Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

## Save the Beach Theatre.

I love a feel-good movie, a bag of popcorn with fake butter and a glass of wine.

The wine part is weird, I admit, but blame my misguided youth: for a brief while in college I fancied myself a film student, which meant going to see a lot of art films at the Enzian theatre, where they served Gardenburgers and cheap wine. I love Gardenburgers but hate art films as much as I cannot abide the patchouli-scented men who make them, so I failed at the whole film student endeavor, traded my black cords in for some sundresses, and happened upon this cool beach community. With only two "art houses" in the area I could catch Tom Hanks films without ever bumping up against a serious young man in black jeans and wire-rimmed glasses who wanted to show me his claymation documentary. Despite its artsy films I preferred the Beach Theatre to others, because when it did show popular movies instead of brooding subtitled affairs, I'd get popcorn and a cheap mini-bottle of red wine and pretend I was in college again, only this time I could watch a movie I actually enjoyed.

But then something changed: movies started to suck. Computer-generated explosions replaced plot, and the dark, Quentin-Tarantino-on-barbituate, brooding characters replaced George Clooney and Harrison Ford as on-screen idols. When I realized that Pulp Fiction wasn't a fluke, I took to watching my Goonies and As Good As It Gets DVDs.

The critics promised me Super 8 was different. I walked over to the Beach Theatre, which, as it fell on hard times, started (much to my relief) pandering to the lowest common denominator of the moviegoing public: me. I bought my beloved artery-clogging buttery popcorn and requested my cheap mini-bottle of wine.

Save the Beach Theatre, which was out of wine. In fact, their cooler's

kind of bare. The registers don't have receipt tape. The seat arms wobble in what I choose not to view as an allegory for the entire place.

Save the Beach Theatre, owned by St. Pete Beach resident Michael France. He's made public his struggles with the classic movie house, and he says he's trying to convert the theatre to a non-profit to keep it going. After last night, I do not know if he can hold on that long. Rumor has it he's going through a wicked divorce, and I can't imagine he's got a lot of energy left in him to keep fighting this fight.

Save the Beach Theatre, a grand palace once. To me, it still is. But its glory days have passed and those of us who still love it are probably more in love with what it stands for than what it has become.

Save the Beach Theatre, where you can go see Super 8. I loved that, as the critics promise, it's a Goonies-meets-Stand-By-Me movie not outpaced by special effects. It's set in the summer of 1979, complete with My Sharona on the soundtrack. Glittery, polished effects and computer-generated images would have ruined this movie.

Save the Beach Theatre, because it occurred to me as I watched the film in my seen-better-days seat and tried not to resent the flat Pepsi that, even though the theatre may be fading, it's a lot like Super 8: proof that the simple things are grander than the glitzy.

How do you save the Beach Theatre? I have no clue. I do know this: people always tell me that had they known that this restaurant or this business was having trouble, they would have done their part and patronized them more. Well, I'm telling you: the Beach Theatre needs you. Until the theatre gets its nonprofit status, you can't donate money, but you can buy a ticket. Don't want to see a movie right today? I'm not suggesting you see a movie: I'm suggesting you buy a ticket.

Save the Beach Theatre because if it goes under we'll have to head over to the vacuum that is the Baywalk Muvico. We will buy tickets online, listen to a nifty sound system, and probably order popcorn shrimp.

Save the Beach Theatre because you can't buy tickets online, and no one's accusing them of deafening you with their massive sound system, and other than the old-fashioned fake butter on the popcorn, your food choices are limited.

Save the Beach Theatre and keep your money local when you buy your cheap wine, popcorn buttered all the way down to the bottom of the bag, and tickets to a movie that reminds us that you can find the amazing in the unsophisticated.

Save the Beach Theatre, because, like Super 8, some things, including our communities, do better without the glitz.

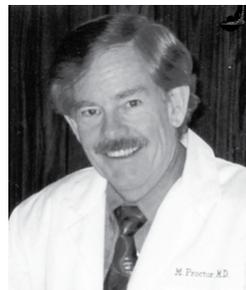
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## How Should my Business be Set Up (Part 2)

In our last article, we examined together the general legal requirements of a sole proprietorship and general partnership. In this article, we will examine the general legal aspects of a limited partnership and a Florida Corporation.

### A. Limited Partnership

1. A limited partnership is similar to a general partnership. The primary difference is that some partners are designated as "limited" partners and, as such, are normally not personally liable for the debts and obligations of the partnership, except to the extent of their contribution of capital to the partnership. A limited partner is a passive investor, and is prohibited from participating actively in the management of the partnership business. If a limited partner participates in management, she/he can lose the benefit of limited liability and, instead, be treated as a general partner for purposes of determining liability for partnership debts and obligations.

2. A limited partnership must have at least one general partner and at least one limited partner. The general partner of a limited partnership has unlimited liability for the partnership's debts and obligations.

3. Like a general partnership, the income of a limited partnership is passed through to the partners, and reported on their individual income tax returns.

4. A limited partnership is organized by filing a written certificate of limited partnership in the Office of the Secretary of State in Tallahassee, Florida. Normally, the limited partners are specified in the certificate of limited partnership and in a separate limited partnership agreement, which may be more detailed than the certificate of limited partnership. A Florida limited partnership must file

an annual report and pay an annual fee to the Florida Secretary of State, and receive a certificate of authority to conduct business as a limited partnership.

### B. Corporation

1. A corporation is a separate legal entity or "person" for purposes of both state law and federal income tax law. A corporation may be formed by any number of individuals, other corporations, or other entities.

2. The owners of a corporation are "shareholders." Normally, business policies are dictated by a board of directors, which is elected by the shareholders. In Florida, a corporation may have as few as one director. Normally, directors are elected annually, at an annual meeting of shareholders.

3. Normally, the routine operations of the corporation are managed by the corporation's officers, who are elected periodically by the board of directors. In Florida, a corporation must have a president, secretary, and treasurer, and may have one or more vice presidents or assistant officers. One person may hold two (2) or more offices.

4. Corporations are required to hold annual meetings of shareholders, at which the shareholders may elect directors.

5. For federal income tax purposes, a corporation is taxed as a separate entity, and income and losses of the corporation are not passed to its shareholders, unless the corporation makes an "S election."

6. A corporation is formed by filing a corporate charter, known as "articles of incorporation," with the office of the Secretary of State in Tallahassee, Florida. The articles of incorporation must contain various information specified by statute, including a unique corporate name, a statement of the number of shares of stock that the corporation is authorized to issue, the par value (if any) of the stock, the duration of the corporation (if other than perpetual), the general purposes for which the corporation is initially authorized (which may be stated to include in the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under Florida law), the name of an initial registered office, the street address of an initial registered office where service of pro-

cess can be made upon the corporation, the name of directors, and the name and street address of the incorporator. The corporation is required to file an annual report and pay an annual fee to the Secretary of State in order to maintain its standing as a corporation.

7. After the articles of incorporation are formed, the board of directors holds an initial organizational meeting, at which it elects officers, adopts bylaws, and takes other organizational actions. The bylaws consist of a written document specifying the "rules" under which the corporation will be governed and managed.

8. Generally, ownership interests in a corporation may be transferred through a sale of stock, although the transfer of stock may be restricted by agreement or by law.

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Commander Carl and his family sends their sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the BBQ Benefit on June 5th making it a big success! The family cannot express enough how much the continuous outpouring of support has meant to them.

Notice for American Legion Post 305: Due to the Convention in Orlando we will not be having Steak-O Games this Sunday, June 26th .... We will resume on Sunday, July 10th...See you then, Marilyn Kerins, Pres. Unit 305

The St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, has moved its headquarters from City Hall to St. Alban's Episcopal Church at 8451 Blind Pass Road. As always, donations of money, non-perishable food items, hygiene items, books, toys or miscellaneous items suiting for sending to our troops are always welcome. They may be dropped off at our Post lounge, the lobby at City Hall or the Library, in addition to the facility at St. Alban's. They are looking for a corporate sponsor.

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## College Financial Aid Myths

Don't believe these college financial aid myths.

**Myth #1:** You can't afford college. The truth is most college students require some form of financial aid. Don't ignore college because of its "sticker price".

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

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

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

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

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# A Greener View

By Jeff Rugg

## Floodwaters Can Greatly Affect Landscapes

Flooding along the Mississippi and other related rivers has been in the news a lot lately. Not to discount the toll taken on people and their homes, but there's also a lot of damage done to the landscape.

A single day's worth of flooding can take many months to repair. Flooding in the man-made landscape mimics flooding in the natural landscape, since land that is regularly underwater has little vegetation and almost no debris. Most plants do not survive both being underwater and dried out, so natural areas that are often flooded are mud flats that erode easily. Any litter that can float will be washed up to the high water mark, so the same areas don't have mulch-like materials to prevent more erosion from rains.

You will be able to tell the height of the water by finding the line of what's left of the landscape's bark mulch. The only benefit to gravel mulch in flower beds is probably that it doesn't wash away easily. It will most likely need to be washed because of the silt that's present in the floodwaters. If your mulch is gone, it is a good idea to replace it soon to prevent lots of weeds. Plus, the flower beds won't dry out in the hot weather after the storms.

Floodwaters do several things to harm plants. Fast moving water smashes plants and breaks or cracks their stems and branches; they can't straighten up. This is especially true of plants without wooden stems. Annual flowers and vegetable crops may be ruined and need to be replaced. Perennials can be propped up for now and, of course, they will

grow new stems next year. Shrubs and trees can be staked up until they can regain their strength.

When the top of a plant is below water, the plant has a hard time maintaining its proper level of moisture within the leaves and stems. When it eventually dries out, some leaves may die off. The longer it was underwater, the worse it will be.

Mud that coats the leaves will reduce the plant's ability to photosynthesize. Although it adds water to the landscape, wash off any mud-coated leaves. Lawns may be so thickly coated in mud that it will be necessary to scrape it off. Small mud-covered areas could probably be replanted with new grass seed.

For most terrestrial plant roots to survive, soil must have oxygen in it. Waterlogged soil doesn't contain enough available oxygen for many dry land plants -- and for some big trees, the damage may not be apparent for several weeks or even months. Plants native to stream banks and near lake shores can take low levels of oxygen in the soil around their roots. Some maples are especially good at tolerating periodic flooding.

Because we change the topography of the land and many people plant new trees in the wrong areas, many plants have been placed where flooding can harm them. The longer the water is over the roots, the more potential for damage. If water is removed from the surface in only a few days, there should be no harm to most trees and shrubs. But a week or two of water over the root area will stress the plant, and the plant will have to be watched for other signs of problems for the next year or more. Over a long period, excessive water will kill non-flood tolerant plants and leave only the hardy ones. New plants in these low areas should be flood tolerant.

As water is slowly released from retention ponds into the receding rivers and streams, water levels may remain artificially high along their shorelines. Trees around the edges

of retention ponds should have been flood-tolerant to begin with, but I have seen many instances where this wasn't the case.

Most lawn grasses do not tolerate being underwater for more than a few days without showing signs of dying. Often, grasses in low areas are not particularly strong to begin with. Because of high humidity, they often have fungal disease problems. Many subdivisions have used park spaces and open areas as flood detention areas. These areas are not intended to stay continuously wet like a retention area; they are supposed to only detain water for several days.

If a soccer field or ball diamond holds water for more than a couple of days, and the grass was already weak from the wear and tear of summer activities, the grass may need to be replaced. If played on while the soil is wet, the ground will become compacted. These compacted lawn areas will need lots of remedial care to come back to full strength. For the safety of the participants, a good lawn care program should be implemented before play is resumed. Play should be restricted while the soil is soggy. These areas will need core aerations in the fall. They may also require an overseeding at that time. If possible, mud should be washed off grass leaves. The normal fertilization and disease control programs should be followed.

People with water gardens and backyard ponds may have lost some fish and plants as the surrounding water flooded over the pond levels and the inhabitants floated away.

Over all, there will not be a lot of long-lasting effect on the landscape from local flooding -- if it doesn't last more than a few days and stays as a once in a while occurrence. Unfortunately, when some areas are flooded longer, much of the landscape may need to be replaced. Fungal disease problems on plants growing in low lying areas and shady areas can also become a problem.

A simple rule of thumb to remember is that if a plant does not normally grow on the edge of a lake or in a swamp, it will not do well being flooded. The longer it is flooded, the worse it will do. Slow growers or already weak plants will have a harder time recovering from a flood.

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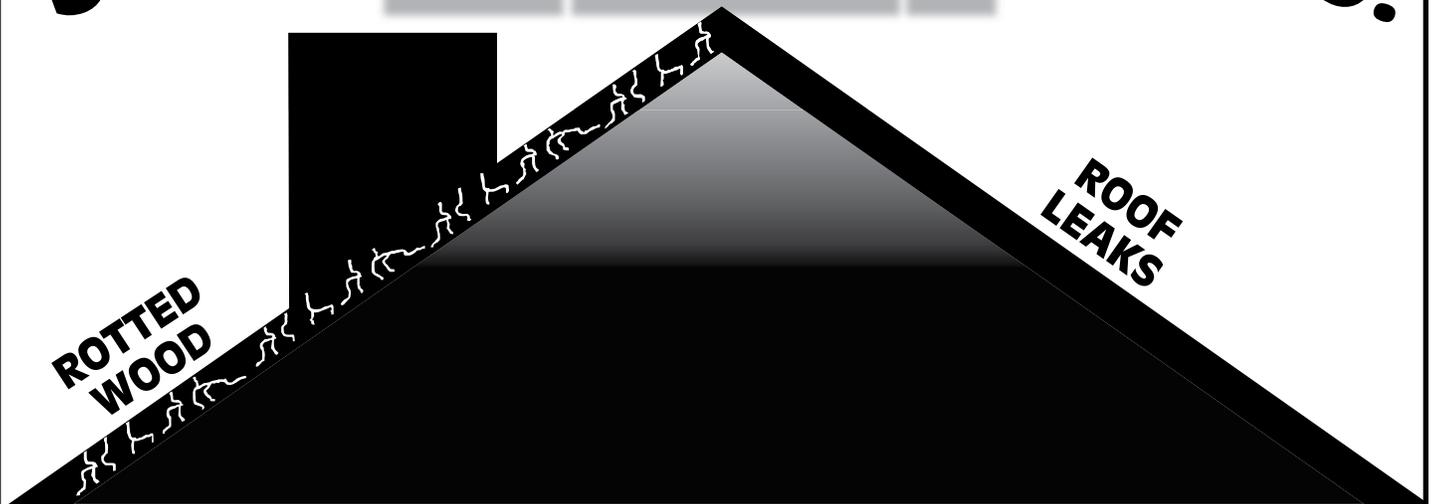
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**PRAYER TO ST. JUDE** - This novena has never been known to fail. This novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Publication must be promised. Oh Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and call you to be invoked. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. Say 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Marys & 3 Gloria's. R.S.

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