

Eat your Greens



By Melissa Lattman

Holly Harriman samples a salad with prickly pear cactus in it.

GULFPORT- What is your favorite Florida grown vegetable? Imagine eating a salad, with cactus in it. A new program series Celebrating Florida kicked off July 28 with a look at how early Floridians used plants for food and medicine.

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Higher Tax Rates at Gulfport Budget Workshop

By Cathy Salustri

GULFPORT – In a reversal of his “no tax increase” position, Vice-Mayor David Hastings led the charge to raise property tax rates to 4.0 mils, or \$4 per thousand dollars of assessed value. This will increase taxes by .5258, or roughly fifty-three cents per thousand dollars of taxable home value. Currently, Gulfport property owners pay 3.4742 mils, or \$3.47 per thousand dollars, in property tax.

The vice-mayor, who previously said he couldn’t bring a higher tax rate to his ward (which includes homes in the gated, waterfront Pasadena Yacht and Country Club), said he couldn’t justify not raising taxes.

“If you look at all of our charts that we’ve had, our expenses since 2002 have exceeded our revenue. The gap is widening. Our general unreserved fund balance has been on a steady and sharp decline since 2003. The real estate tax revenue has been declining since... 2007. We can’t continue to go on. The city can’t do it. We can’t continue to go on,” the vice mayor said.

In addition to raising taxes, he told the council he thought the city should eliminate its police dispatch and join forces with the county’s sheriff’s dispatch. He also said the city should contract with a landscaping

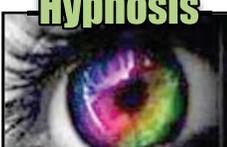
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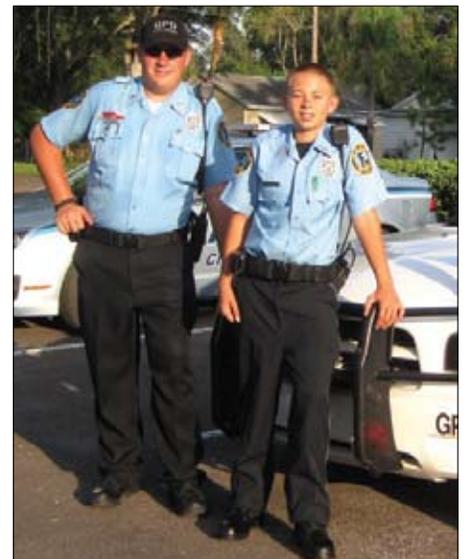
National Night Out

By Melissa Lattman

GULFPORT- Residents wanting to learn more about the inner workings of the police department had an opportunity Tuesday night. Touring the Gulfport police station and getting crime prevention tips were part of National Night Out, in its 28th year. Also the explorers helped people in town register their bicycles to help get them back if they are lost or stolen. Plus, people could get an up close look at a few police vehicles.

Gulfport’s full-service professional police department covers the town’s 2.5 square miles with 30 sworn police officers and eight civilian employees. The department is accredited and has its own communication center.

Pictured; Members of the Gulfport Police Explorers





We invite you, your friends and family to be our guest at these upcoming events.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH | 1:30PM – 2:30PM
Sterling University with Philip Leto: Trials of the Century, O.J. Simpson – The 1995 double homicide trial of O.J. Simpson, with gavel-to-gavel coverage on three cable news networks, gave many Americans their first comprehensive look into the criminal justice system. And what a look it was.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH | 2:00PM – 3:00PM
Seven Dimensions of Wellness – What are the seven dimensions of wellness and how well are you using them to balance your life? Join Dining Services Director Aileen Carlson as she discusses these important wellness principles and ways to incorporate them into your lifestyle.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH | 2:00PM – 3:00PM
Simple Steps to Closet Management – Is your closet a disaster area? Learn how to get the most out of your closet space at this free workshop.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH | 2:00PM – 3:00PM
Great Inventions of Our Time – Whatever happened to typewriters? Join us for a discussion of some of the greatest inventions of our time.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD | 1:30PM – 2:30PM
Sterling University with Philip Leto: Iran and the Middle East – Proudly Persian and Shiite Muslim, Iran, in many ways is quite different from its Arab, Sunni Muslim neighbors to the west. Now, as the United States withdraws from Iraq, will Iran attempt to exert greater influence in Middle Eastern affairs?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH | 2:00PM – 3:00PM
More Than Just Grapes – Whether you know a lot, a little or not a thing about wine, you'll enjoy sipping it with Barbara Beveridge. She'll review the basics of wine making and get into the nuances between varietals and regions.

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Florida, from front page
Participants sampled a salad with prickly pear cactus as the main ingredient.

Celebrating Florida continues every 4th Thursday from 7 until 9 p.m. through December. Upcoming topics include: the county's first inhabitants, prehistoric fishing techniques, folk music, a Thanksgiving potluck, and celebrating the sun. Event costs range from \$3-\$12. All programs are held at the City of Imagination Arts Center at 2726 54th Street South. For more information call 744-7051 or check www.floridafrontier.com

Drumming Summer Finale at the Library

The Gulfport Library is pleased to announce the finale of the Summer Program will take place on the lawn in front of the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., on August 10th at 2 p.m. All ages are welcome! A participatory and infectious Drumming program will be facilitated by Steve of Giving Tree Music. Yummy and cool surprises are in store! This event is sponsored by the City of Gulfport Public Library. For more information, please call 893-1074.

Dive-In Movies are Back

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Community Center and Aquatic Complex continues its popular "Dive-In" movie series for the summer! Bring your noodles, floats and chairs on Friday,

August 5 to see "Madagascar" on the big screen. Admission is just \$3 per person and the pool opens at 8 p.m., 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Drinks, snacks, and glow jewelry will be sold at the pool.

The last dive-in movie of the season will be held on August 12. Call the Recreation Department at 363-9245 for more information or visit www.spbrec.com.

Kugelis for Lunch this Thursday

The Lithuanian/American Klub has started a lunch on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. at 4880 46 Avenue N. It will be serving a different Lithuanian entree side with coffee and dessert for \$7. Call Vida at 866-7936 for information. Everyone is welcome.



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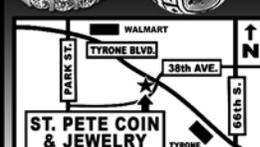
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New Elementary Principals

Parents and children will soon get to meet new principals at several area elementary schools. The following new principals are all subject to school board approval on August 9. James Pribble at Gulfport Elementary (most recently assistant principal of 74th Street Elementary). Randi Latzke at Maximo Elementary (most recently principal of Pinellas Central Elementary). Debbie Caven at Azalea Elementary (most recently assistant principal of Azalea Elementary). The new principal at Bear Creek Elementary has not yet been determined.

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City of Gulfport offers VPK

The City of Gulfport Recreation Division will be offering VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) during the 2011-2012 School Year. VPK is free for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Parents must apply

at Coordinated Child Care and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. This program is being offered in addition to the Tot Time Program, which is for children who are between the ages of 3-5 and potty trained. Registration fees for the Tot Time Program are \$15 for residents and \$100 for non residents. Both of these programs will start on Tuesday, September 6th and is limited to 10 children each. Sign up now with either your voucher from Coordinated Child Care or your registration fee. Please call 727-893-1068 for more details.

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Library is a Member of a Co-op

Do you know the Gulfport Library is a member of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC)? This gives you the opportunity to receive books at the Gulfport library from any of the 15 members of the cooperative. Come in and talk with the front desk. The Gulfport library is located at 5501 28th Avenue S. For information contact the library at 727-893-1074.

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Tickets are \$14 in advance or \$17 day of the cruise. Must purchase tickets before arriving at the boat. Tickets may be purchased at The Outpost, 3007 Beach Blvd. and the Village Pub, 5519 Shore Blvd., both

in Gulfport or Dolphin Landings Charter Boat Center, 4737 Gulf Blvd. in St. Pete Beach. Boarding begins at 6:30 p.m., cruise departs at 7 p.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m. Cash bar on board (sorry no BYOB).

Cruise departs from the Gulfport Marina, 4630 29th Ave. S. in Gulfport. There is plenty of free parking in downtown Gulfport, on the beach, near the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd. S. as well as at the Gulfport Marina. Free transportation is provided by the Gulfport Trolley from the Gulfport Casino to the Gulfport

Marina at 6:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. For more information about the Gulfport Trolley go to: <http://www.mygulfport.us/Trolley/index.html>.

Call Dolphin Landings Charter Boat Center at 727-360-7411 or email info@DolphinLandings.com with any questions.

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**2011-2012 School
Year Child Care**

Registration for the 2011-2012 School Year Child Care Program began Monday, July 25th for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Gulfport Montessori and Bear Creek Elementary. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents with monthly fees of \$133* for residents and \$266* for non-residents (*fees subject to change). Packets are available at the Gulfport Recreation

Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Hours of registration are Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Please call 893-1068 for any information.

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**Wounded Warriors
Benefit**

American Legion Post 125, Legionnaires, Lady’s Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion are hosting a benefit, Sunday, August 7th, 1-7 p.m. at their Post located at 6440 Fifth Avenue S. All proceeds go to the Wounded Warriors program in

our area. Help a wounded warrior and his or her family in their time of need. They were there for you, now it’s your turn to help them.

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The first ever Keep Gulfport Weird Mini-Triathlon will be held at 7 a.m. Saturday, September 24th, same day as the Tangerine Blues Fest (4-9 p.m.). This route connects the 49th St. Redevelopment District with the Waterfront area. The course will incorporate in order, a 1 mile run, 3 mile bike and 1/4 mile swim. The run will begin at the church parking lot of 5424 Gulfport Blvd. S., then bike around the Clymer Park Greenways

to Shore Blvd. S., to finish with a swim along the beach from Shelter # 7 to the Gulfport Casino. Register online at www.thegabber.com, scroll down to Get Involved on the lower left side of the home page and click on Keep Gulfport Weird Mini-Triathlon.

The race is designed to be short enough to invite participation from most ages and fitness levels, whether individually or in teams, and is intended to be simply for fun. Prizes will be in the form of recognition for not only finishing, but

for other categories as well including enthusiasm, originality and costumes. The competitive component is not the priority, but rather the gathering of community in the spirit of having fun and getting outdoors. Best of all, registration is free. Anyone who wants to participate, all or in part, is welcome to do so. The rules are simply obeying the law and treating fellow participants with respect.

Forty to 50 volunteers are a key element to this event, so if anyone is interested in volunteering, please call City of Gulfport Leisure Services at 727-893-1066 or email bwilliams@mygulfport.us.

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The 11th Annual Gulfport GeckoFest

The 11th Annual Gulfport GeckoFest will be held on Saturday, September 3 from noon to 10 p.m. This whimsical send off to summer is like Mardi Gras meets the Renaissance, and brings together strolling street performers, main stage performers, performing artists and vendors with all types of weird and wonderful wares up and down Beach Blvd. Over 200 arts, craft, food vendors and performing artists will be in attendance.

Upcoming Geckofest fundraisers include The Geckofest Pub Crawl on August 13 and the "Lizard of Oz" Gecko Ball on August 27. Each of these adult only adventures and fundraisers is a \$25 donation, and will support the Geckofest event.

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Gulfport's First Friday Art Walk

Come out to Gulfport's First Friday Art Walk on August 5 from 6-10 p.m. Observe and purchase from the talented artists at work all along Beach & Shore Boulevards and enjoy the work of over 50 artists and crafters, as well as authors and entertainers stretched over a half-mile up and down scenic Beach Boulevard. Live entertainers will be appearing at venues throughout the Village. The Industrial Art Center continues to offer "Blow Your Own Glass Masterpiece" mini classes by master glass blower Jackie Ballard and the IAC team. Visitors can view the stars through St. Pete Astronomy Club's state of the art telescopes, weather permitting, every first Friday. While shopping the artist

and crafters booths, don't miss Gulfport's unique shops, boutiques and galleries. Enjoy dinner at one of over a dozen fine restaurants within the Art District, now one of the foremost dining destinations in the Bay Area.

Gulfport Art Walk takes place on the First Friday and Third Saturday of every month, year-round. Parking and admission is always free and free trolley rides are available from off-site parking areas. Pet and family friendly! Experience a new dining, shopping and cultural experience

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For information on the Gulfport Merchants Association and Gulfport events, please visit www.GulfportMA.com. The Gulfport Art Walk and event recorded information line is 866-ART-WALK. Artists and Crafters interested in participating can find more information and download an application at www.SIKPromotions.com/.

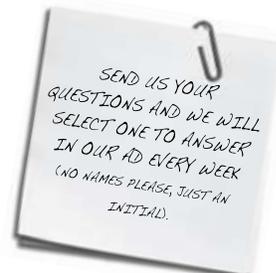
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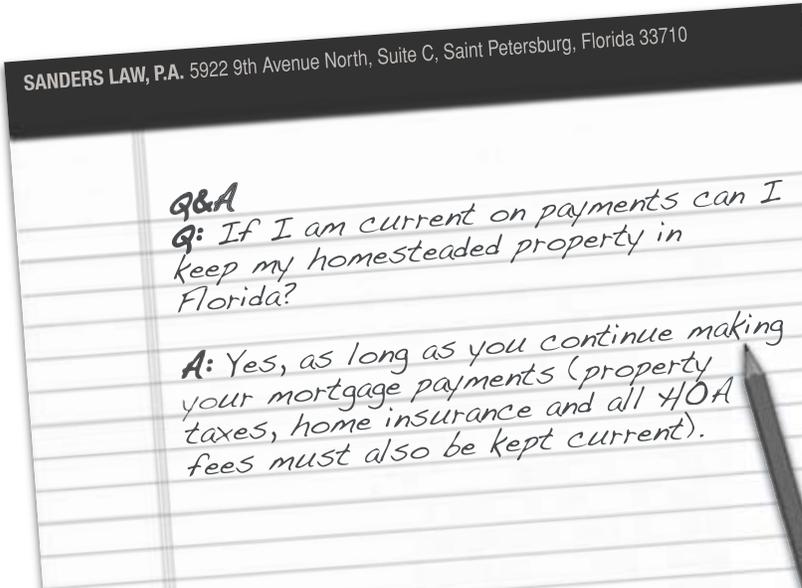


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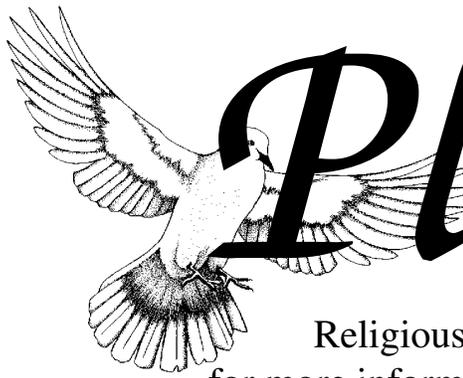
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Call the office mornings at 321-8086 or email to gulfportpc@tampabay.rr.com. For information, call Nancy any time at 321-6547, Lavon evenings at 866-3814 or Pastor Micki Robinson mornings at 321-8086.

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Planning a Yard Sale?

Instead of all the work planning a yard sale, why not donate all those unwanted or unused items to Sophie's Attic thrift store? Just call

the church office at 321-3620 M-F 9-12 and they will gladly pack up or pick up at your convenience. All donations are tax deductible.

Donations are always accepted with a smile at their church office M-F 9-12 at 2728 53rd St. S. or at the thrift store Friday or Saturday from 9-1. Sophie's Attic is a mission outreach to the community by the First United Methodist Church of Gulfport.

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City of Imagination in partnership with First Florida Frontiers will be hosting an exhibit of Elizabeth Neily's photographs in the lobby of the Catherine Hickman Theater through August. Opening reception is on Friday, August 5 at 7 p.m.

As the director of the Panama Canal Museum in Seminole, Neily traveled to Panama and several other Latin American countries. While there her interest in indigenous and early Spanish cultures inspired her to spend time with the Kuna Indians in the San Blas Islands and to explore

the ruins of churches and monasteries in Antigua, Guatemala.

The theater is located at 5501 27th Avenue S. Admission is free. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar available for opening night. Visit www.cityofimagination.info.

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2011-2012 Tot-Time Program

Ongoing pre-registrations are currently being accepted for the 2011-2012 Tot Time Program. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning

fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. Classes begin September 6, 2011. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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Judge Sullivan to Address St. Pete Republican Club

Judge Irene Sullivan, author of the highly acclaimed book, "Raised by the Courts; One Judges Insight Into Juvenile Justice", will address the members and guests of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday, August 10 at 7 p.m. in the Piccadilly Cafeteria located at 1900 34 Street N. in St. Petersburg. Judge Sullivan is a nationally recognized speaker on youth development, juvenile justice and truancy matters. She is an advisor to the State of Florida as a gubernatorial-appointed member of the Blue Print Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform. Following Judge Sullivan's presentation, she will entertain questions from the audience. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Question and Answer session. There is no charge for this event.

For more information on this event and the club's activities, call Gus Pries at 727-864-0312.

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Single Solos to Meet

Looking for activities do this month? Join the Single Solos at the Pinellas Recreation Center at 59th St. N, in Pinellas Park. Their meetings are the second Monday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Bring \$2 and a dish to share for 6 to 8 people (\$5 if not a dish). For more information call 727-520-8797 and ask for Pat.

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Representative Rick Kriseman (House District 53) and Vice Chair of the Florida Democratic Party, Allison Morano, will be the featured speakers at the August 11 meeting of the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club.

Mr. Kriseman will report on how recently-passed State legislation is taking effect with all its inherent challenges, especially in new voting law, even as he shares his insight into the next session.

Democratic activist and honored leader, Allison Morano, will speak on multiple strategies for political success. Her experience includes all aspects of political activity in

local, state and national campaigns (including President Obama's).

The meeting, to be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. in Pinellas Park, starts with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. and concludes with these very special and stimulating guest speakers' presentations, questions and discussion.

Dinner is \$15, please reserve to Betty Morgenstein at 727-360-3971. Everyone is welcome.

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Register for the IAC's Chili Cookoff

GULFPORT- It's time to start polishing your best chili recipe and register for the Industrial Arts Center's Third Annual Industrial Strength Chili Cookoff on Saturday,

September 10, 6:30-9:30 p.m.!

This will be a hot, hot, hot -- fun, fun, fun event to support the innovative teaching facility in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard. In addition to tasting some fabulous chili, attendees will enjoy live entertainment.

Not into cooking chili? This year the IAC has added a new category for the best home-made salsa. Winners of all contests will receive hand blown glass "trophies" and glass blowing certificates.

Entry deadline is September 7th for the chili tasting and judging event. The entry fee is only \$25 for chili or salsa and includes an IAC membership and commemorative apron. Check the Industrial Arts Center website for details: www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org.

Grand Prize, Runner-up and third place will be awarded to Chili winners, in addition to the People's Choice Award. Salsa winners will vie for Grand Prize. Attendees will have an opportunity to vote for the People's Choice Award from all categories at a cost of \$1 per vote. The People's Choice Award supports the IAC operating fund.

Event tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids. Registration and complete rules are available online at www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org or by calling 727-289-9365.

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Care Givers Support Groups

Do you find yourself "caring" for the health concerns of another? If so, consider coming to one of Pasadena Community Church's Care Giver Support Groups in the Life Enrichment Center at 227 70 Street S. One group meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the other meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Both groups are open to the public and provide a confidential setting for those attending to share with others who are in like situations their experiences, joys and concerns of "care giving". The person may be a relative or just a good friend. It is not necessary that the individual reside in the same house with you or even the same state.

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During August, Animal Services is also offering rabies vaccinations for \$1 with the purchase of a county pet license.

Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Normal hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the adoption center closing at 4:30 p.m. To reclaim a pet, visit the shelter between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Special Saturday hours to reclaim a pet or drop off a pet are 9 a.m. to noon. The facility is closed Sunday and holidays, with the outside animal drop-off open on days that the shelter is closed.

Find Pinellas County Animal Services on Facebook, visit www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices

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Library hours are Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Come on in and browse. The Gulfport library is located at 5501 28th Ave South. For information contact the library at 727-893-1074.

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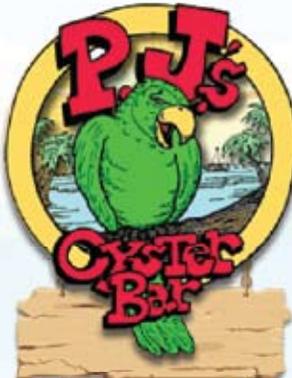
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Please join them on August 7th at the St. Petersburg Lions Club located at 9300 W. Gulf Blvd. on Sunset Beach in Treasure Island.

- Donations of \$15 includes Butler's BBQ entrée and sides starting at 2 p.m.
- BluesBand - S.A.L. Post 305 entertains from 3-7 p.m.
- Steel Drums - Lightning Jack entertains 7-9 p.m.
- Sunset - A special charitable 50/50 drawing with donations to Lions Club House
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August 8-August 12, 2011 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Gulfport Recreation Center

This priority registration is for teams which currently play in our summer league. The ten-game season will be played on Friday nights beginning September 9th with a 6-team maximum. League fees are \$385 or \$485 for teams with three or more non-residents of Gulfport, due at registration. The manager's name listed on the current roster must be the person to register during priority registration. Payment can be made by cash or check.

Open Registration

August 15, 2011 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Gulfport Recreation Center

This registration is open to any team interested in playing in the fall league if spots are available. The league fee is \$385 or \$485 for teams with three or more non-residents of Gulfport. Payments must be cash or check and are due at registration.

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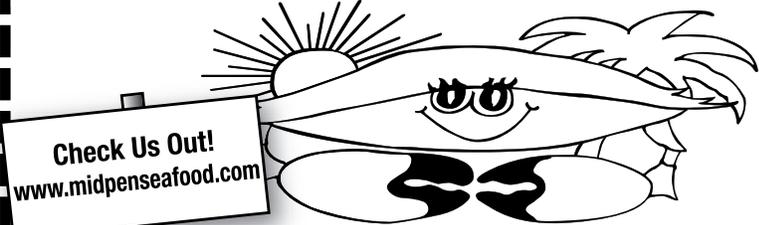
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Summer Reading for Grown-Ups

By Melissa Lattman

ST. PETE BEACH- Summer reading is not just for children and teens. Adults can join the fun at the St. Pete Beach Public Library through August 22. For every book read, fill in a book review form and be entered for prize drawings. This year's theme, Novel Destinations, involves traveling through books.

Would you rather talk about books? The adult book discussion group is traveling through the pages with A Tale of Two Cities on August 16. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Would you rather travel through film? Films from the adult book discussions include A Tale of Two Cities on August 23.

Would you rather write than read? Enter the monthly travel-themed essay contest sponsored by the Friends of the St. Pete Beach Public Library. The theme for August is "My Ultimate Dream Trip." Entries should be 300 words and will be judged on originality, adherence to the contest theme, vocabulary and style.

For a complete list of county libraries participating in the Novel Destinations program go to: <http://www.pplc.us/adultreading2011.shtml>.

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Letters

St. Pete Beach Logo is Weak

Dear Editor: Last week the Gabber posted five logos for potential use for St. Pete Beach.

The first four: The skinny font on "Beach" will not reproduce well when small and has NO visual impact, as if downplaying the beach in St. Pete Beach. The colors are weak. It does not sell St. Pete Beach at all. Teal and yellow are very over used in Florida, and is more a medical industry color theme.

Number five: This makes a very cool sign, especially a sand blasted painted road sign. But it is too busy for a "logo" and a full color design costs a fortune to use on printed material, such as business cards, letterhead, t-shirts, posters, etc. These days a logo should be two to three colors max. They must

be clean and sharp, easy to recognize for branding purposes. A logo on an ink pen should be as powerful as the same logo on a billboard sign. If you shrink it and you can't read or understand it, it will fail. You might get away with just using the "St. Pete Beach" font part and then can add the other elements on signage or posters.

Here is a link to 7 tips for a logo which any basic Marketing 101 class stresses over and over.

<http://top7business.com/?Top-7-Tips-on-What-Makes-a-Good-Logo?&id=1285>

Is the design still open for submissions?

Don't ignore your website, it IS the first impression for a significant percentage of your potential visitors.

Rob Fowler

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Maximo Resource Center Needs You!

Maximo Community Police Resource Center, located in the Marina Village Shopping Center, needs volunteers to man the office each week day, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1-4 p.m. You can work one or more three-hour shifts. Currently, they need the Friday morning shift and all afternoon shifts. Stop in at the Center Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon or call 866-7177. You must complete an application, be interviewed, pass a background check and be fingerprinted.

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Chamber Partners with Post 125 for Troop Supplies

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A list of items asked for by these service people can be had at the Chamber office, 4926 Gulfport Blvd., or call 727-344-3711 for a list. Items can be also dropped off at Post 125, 6440 5th Ave. S. in St. Petersburg.

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August specials include:

- Wednesdays Free Over 3: adoption fee is waived on all cats 3 years and up. Fee-waived promotions in June helped 121 cats at SPCA Tampa Bay find forever homes.

- Biggest Losers: Feline Special on Adult Cats 1 year+. The adoption fee of \$35 will be reduced by the weight of the cat adopted.

- \$20 Kitty Go-Home packages from the SPCA Tampa Bay Pet Boutique: includes a stylish break-away collar,

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- Puppies under 6 months -- \$110. Mixed breed pups go home spayed or neutered and microchipped. Also includes vaccinations, leash, collar and free puppy play day behavior class.

Check out their website for even more specials.

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Gulfport and why she is celebrated every year. Stories must be family friendly. Send them your best in 1,500 words or fewer, but you had better get started—the deadline is August 27. Open to all ages.

Stories will be judged by the Gecko Goddess and Gecko Governor and their committee, in their sole discretion, on the basis of originality, writing style, quality of the work, and adherence to contest guidelines. Stories must be original and not previously published. Submissions

will not be returned or acknowledged. Entry in the contest constitutes permission to use the submitted stories and the name, identity and likenesses of all participants for promotional purposes. The stories must be typed on 8 ½ x 11 white writing paper or as a digital word document. Because word programs vary, please save your file in rich text format.

The winning story will become the O-Fish-al Gecko Tale and will be read at the City of Imagination - Gulfport Art Center during Geckofest on September 3. The stories and authors of the First through Third-Place winners will be published on the Gecko website at Geckofest.com. There are some other surprise awards pending.

Submit your Gecko Tale to: Legend of the Gecko Contest, 732 23rd Ave. S. Gulfport, FL 33707 or email it to: office@floridafrontier.com.

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Library offers Program for Young Readers

The Gulfport Public Library is excited to announce the Children’s Summer Reading program will begin on Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m., through August 10 for elementary age group. The Theme is “One World, Many Stories.” Among reading stories from all over the world, children will have fun making crafts and playing games. Visit the Gulfport Public Library at 5501 28 Ave. S. or call 727-893-1074 for more information.

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Solution on Page 18

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- 6 Warhead
- 10 Fanny
- 14 Mrs. Mertz
- 15 Essayist's alias
- 16 De novo
- 17 Reek
- 18 1996 Tony-winning musical
- 19 Luigi's lucre
- 20 TV's *Tic ___ Dough*
- 21 1987 POW film, with *The*
- 24 Diminish
- 26 Pirouette pivot
- 27 Kind of cat
- 29 Dar Robinson, e.g.
- 34 Pick-me-up
- 35 1989 Tom Hanks film, with *The*
- 36 Well done!
- 37 Three-point lines, e.g.
- 38 Removes the center
- 39 Winter Palace resident, once
- 40 Home of the Mustangs, for short
- 41 *Look Homeward, Angel* author

- 42 Astronaut Shannon
- 43 North Carolina cape
- 45 Murder, e.g.
- 46 Old movie studio
- 47 Strength
- 48 Police car
- 53 Day starter
- 56 Scheme
- 57 Word of despair
- 58 Bring out
- 60 Tribe
- 61 Sardine containers
- 62 Lycra's kin
- 63 *The Daily Planet* reporter
- 64 Nervous
- 65 Microscopic

DOWN

- 1 ___ la vie
- 2 Boy or girl preceder
- 3 Strip steak
- 4 Clucker
- 5 City east of South Bend
- 6 *Games People Play* author
- 7 Low cholesterol spread
- 8 Skimpy skirt
- 9 Household fixtures

- 10 Spandau ___: pop group
- 11 Army outfit
- 12 Detective Wolfe
- 13 Type of dive
- 22 One-time link
- 23 Atomic particles
- 25 Tweed, for one
- 27 Disconcert
- 28 Actress Talmadge
- 29 ___ up!
- 30 Genealogy diagram
- 31 Vodka cocktail
- 32 Auto racer Prost
- 33 Like a pencil pusher?
- 35 Gaucho's weapon
- 38 Enthroned
- 39 California bulrush
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- 44 AWOL
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- 50 Maggie Smith role
- 51 Put ___ on it!
- 52 Breakfast powder
- 54 Computer image
- 55 Gainsay
- 59 Easter need

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Fits and Phobias

I spend a lot of time writing about dog aggression -- partly because it's a big problem that keeps getting bigger and partly because there is such an air of confusion to it. At times, aggression seems to suddenly appear out of the blue. Take the following letter from a reader:

"I recently moved from Arkansas to Washington State with my 2-year-old puggle, Tankeray. I have had him since he was 4 weeks old. He has never shown any signs of aggression toward little children before, but since moving up here with him, he has tried to attack my 1-year-old niece numerous times. He has not been around a lot of children or other animals and has been going into hunching fits when confronted with them. I don't want to get rid of him, as I have had him since he was a baby and he is my buddy. He has spent his entire life with only me and my boyfriend. I need help to figure

out what could be going on with him before he actually bites someone."

Reading between the lines, it sounds like Tankeray was never properly socialized. He spent two blissful years with his owner and her boyfriend, each day reinforcing that small unit and Tankeray's comfort zone within it. New adults might not be so scary, as they at least appear in a familiar form. Little children are another story.

This is why full and proper socialization is so important. This is the process of introducing your dog, in a safe and friendly way, to all kinds of external stimuli -- big dogs, small dogs, big people, small people, bicycles, vacuum cleaners, cars, the noises of traffic, the noises of your home, the noises of life. By making these introductions and positively reinforcing to him that he is safe in the midst of all kinds of chaos, you are eliminating the kind of fear that, over time, breeds aggression.

Fear is often the culprit. Some fears can be mitigated; many are

irrational. Not all fear becomes aggression toward people or other animals; sometimes the dog turns his fear on himself. Like people, dogs suffer from phobias -- fear of thunder and lightning, fear of air compressors in the garage, fear of water, fear of shiny surfaces, fear of being alone, fear of women in hats, fear of men with beards. I could go on.

If you have a dog who suffers from a phobia, beware that he may hurt himself. A dog with a fear of thunder left alone in an empty house might panic and hurl himself through a glass window or attempt to chew his way through a door or wall. Either way, he will seriously injure himself in the process.

As the owner of a dog with a phobia, you have options. You could research the phobia and attempt to gradually desensitize the dog to that particular frightening stimulation. You could contact an animal behavior specialist for advice and assistance. At the very least, you could make sure he is safe and contained when you know he will be confronted with a situation he finds scary. This is why crate training is so effective. Your dog has a safe, comfy place that he loves and that is all his, and you can secure him inside when a storm's brewing, so to speak.

When a dog turns his fear toward other people or animals, your best bet is to bring in a pro. Contact a professional dog trainer to work with you to better socialize your dog and determine whether he is trustworthy around strangers. If not, you'll need to work out ways to keep him away from his triggers. This will keep you, your dog and everyone else safe.

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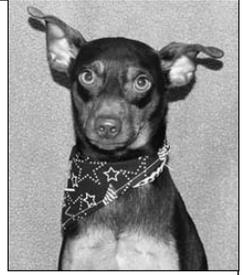
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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The idea that someone else's trouble and loss could lead to your good fortune might make you uneasy -- you would prefer a win-win situation. Well, don't be too quick to judge appearances. The long view will show that this actually is the win-win situation you wanted all along.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you feel stuck, know that you are not alone. Many before you have been similarly limited, and they got through to the other side. So will you. Be inspired by the success of your predecessors, and know that you are just like them. If you can't do exactly what you wanted to do, think of what you can do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will be tempted to put things on your to-do list that do not belong there. If you don't really want to do something, and you add it just because you think you should, it will never get done. So what's the point of putting it on the list? Instead, place your intentions on what excites you. Reminder: You deserve to be happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you can't seem to repeat a past success, don't worry about it. Consistency is overrated. You cannot step into the same ocean twice. Magnificence must always be changing. Your water-sign nature suggests you are like the ever-moving sea. New successes will soon be yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Lately, it hasn't been a priority for you to get to know your own preferences, and you should make it one now. Imagine your own utopia -- it's unlike what anyone else would imagine. Knowing precisely what you want to experience in this life will get you back on track with a feeling of purpose and meaning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Perhaps these are not the most ideal

and favorable conditions you have ever come across, but to another person in your midst, the experience is downright heavenly. You wouldn't dream of spoiling the magic by pointing out the tricky smoke, mirrors and magnets. You respect each person's right to believe.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). With your flexibility and easygoing temperament, you'll have zero difficulty tolerating the same person everyone else seems to be running away from. You might say that dealing with eccentricity is one of your talents, and it will bring you rich rewards this week, including and especially those of a financial sort.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have a strong sense of who you are, and therefore, you know what you can rely on yourself to do. You also know what you probably won't do, and this week you'll find people who can fill in the blanks. With the right team, reaching your goals will be an enjoyable process.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You love it when a person makes you laugh and look at life a different way, though it doesn't necessarily mean you will trust the person or extend an invitation to him or her to join your inner circle. You have tough standards for your close loved ones and expect those lucky few to do a lot more than simply entertain you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Try not to be overly influenced by others now. Those around you do things a certain way, not because it's the best or most correct way, but because it's the way it's always been done. You have special skills and extra creativity to apply to daily living this week. Good fortune favors you on Thursday and Friday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The last thing you need is more worry. However, there is something very constructive that could happen when

you concern yourself with what could go wrong or think of ways in which your loved ones need your care and protection. You'll prevent problems and create a safe, secure environment around yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't expect another person to adapt to your needs, though you may secretly consider how nice things would be if such an occurrence were to happen. After all, on many occasions, you have been gladly inconvenienced in order to help someone else feel more comfortable. If you want your turn, seize it.

This Week's Birthdays: Your life will be exciting through the next six weeks, and you'll record it well, too. Later, you can put these memories into a memoir, instruction manual or work of art. In September, a new partner is attracted to your strong personal magnetism. You'll fund an inspiring project in October. November features travel and changes to your domestic environment. Celebrate family in December -- there will be additions to your group then, too. A financial payoff comes in May.

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Time is running out to register for the final session of the Industrial Arts Center's Reality Glass Blowing Boot Camp for Kids from August 8-12. Each Boot Camp participants will explore every job and aspect of a real glass blowing hot shop with experienced instructors Elise and Caity Pautler.

Hundreds of kids ages 5 and up have experienced the thrill of creating their own hot glass masterpieces at the Industrial Arts Center on school and Scout field trips and at Gulfport's bi-monthly Art Walks. This summer, for the first time, the non-profit 3D arts education facility offers a week-long glass blowing camp for kids ages 8-17. Kids made as many as 13 blown and sculpted glass pieces in the July session.

Each Boot Camp will teach the basics of glassblowing, including skills taught in the IAC's Glassblowing 101 & 102. Campers will make blown glass projects in the IAC's Hot Shop. These in-depth workshops stress safety and team work. Students will get hands-on experience in glass blowing techniques such as picking up color on the marver, blowing, centering glass, and using the blocks, paddles and jacks.

Students will explore creating new forms and learn additional techniques such as using gravity to manipulate hot glass and creating waves. Age appropriate hot shop tasks will be rotated among all campers.

Kids will also learn about the history, science and techniques behind glass art creation, while promoting creativity and generating pride in students of all ages and abilities. Step-by-step instructions and all glass, tools and supplies are included.

Reality Glass Blowing Boot Camp is open to kids ages 8-17 with a maximum of eight campers per session. Tuition is \$250-members (\$275 non-members). Tuition includes all materials and a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. For information about scholarships or to register, please visit the IAC online at www.industrialartscenter.org or call 727-289-9365.

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Monday is Pasta Night

Back by popular demand from permanent residents, The Sons of Italy Lodge, 2500 34 Street S., will remain open Mondays from 4-8 p.m. The fare is still \$5 for all you can eat pasta in real Italian sauce. Included are two meatballs, small salad, bread and coffee. The latest hit is their mussels in white or red sauce (minimal additional charge). Sausages, beverages and desserts are available at fair prices. Meet your neighbors and friends while you enjoy this casual atmosphere. Eat in or take out dinners. 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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Openings for Artists and Crafters

The Gulfport Merchants Association's Art Walk has new openings for artists and crafters. The twice a month Art Walk is a fantastic opportunity to have your work seen and purchased by hundreds of Tampa Bay locals as

well as visitors from outside the area. Gulfport Art Walk takes place year-round along Beach Blvd. on the First Friday and Third Saturday of every month from 6-10 p.m. Exhibitors with handmade and personal creations are welcomed to submit an application now. Buskers and street performers are also welcomed to apply. There are a limited number of openings available for those who would like to be considered. Submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance. Photos required. Venue address: 3007 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport, FL 33707. Please visit

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Arts Center Announces Two Competitions

ST. PETERSBURG- As part of the summer-long event – Colorpalooza! A Summer of Color @ the Morean – The Morean Arts Center is hosting two fun and exciting contests, both of which are open to the public.

The Morean Arts Center invites you to compete in a city-wide search for St. Petersburg's Best Cupcake. The contest will be hosted at the Morean Arts Center Galleries on Central Avenue, Thursday, August 18 (which happens to be National Cupcake Day) from 4-6 p.m. A \$10 entry fee allows each participant to enter one submission. A minimum of 12 delicious cupcakes are required

for entry so that the judges can taste each submission.

Cupcakes will be judged on icing/frosting, flavor/texture and presentation/creativity for a total of 50 points, which allows plenty of room for edible creativity. The winner will receive bragging rights around St. Petersburg and the coveted handmade glass cupcake trophy made by our own resident artisans at the Glass Studio & Hot Shop. The winning cupcake will enjoy fame and fortune as a celebrity on the Morean website, Facebook page and city-wide media. Grand Prize winner announced at 5 p.m.

Although the cupcake trophy will be the coveted prize of the evening, there is also a People's Choice award

voted on by the attending audience. Participants in the contest are encouraged to bring sufficient quantities for the public to taste. Votes will be tallied and winner of the People's Choice Award announced at 6 p.m. Free admission for the public. \$1 per vote collected to help support the Morean Arts Center's mission of Connecting People with Art.

Another way to get involved with the Morean Arts Center is to participate in the St. Petersburg T-shirt Design Contest with submissions due by August 18.

This is a terrific opportunity to show your love for St. Petersburg with a great T-shirt design. The Morean Arts Center is asking for original designs, promoting the city of St. Petersburg to be produced in T-shirt form. Submissions to the Morean Arts Center should be received by August 18 and will be prominently displayed in the Galleries at 719 Central Avenue. \$500 cash is at stake for the winning design which will be decided by the general public. \$1 per vote collected at the Morean Arts Center between August 18 and September 2 will determine the winning design which will be produced in limited quantities. Free to enter contest.

The Morean Arts Center embraces creativity and both these fun contests are designed to stimulate the creativity of the community. For rules and regulations, and entry forms, please visit [www. MoreanArtsCenter.org](http://www.MoreanArtsCenter.org)

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"We have to eliminate and outsource dispatch. We have to eliminate and outsource the lawn care. By [the city manager's] estimate, that's about \$400,000 every year," he said. The city manager outlined these options at the start of the city's budget workshops earlier in the year, but the rest of council previously expressed concern about eliminating dispatch, as did chief of police Rob Vincent.

The Vice Mayor didn't stop there.

"I further recommend that we increase, across the board, our water and sewer rates by 10%. We are below average," he said, adding that such an increase would add roughly \$350,000 to the city's coffers each year.

He noted that increasing the millage to 4.0 would yield \$110,000 next year.

Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, the most vocal opponent to raising utility rates, previously called them "regressive taxes." She said she supported the increased millage rate over raising utility rates.

"I'm also in favor of 4.0, but I would prefer that over increasing our water and sewer fees," she said. She suggested that higher utility rates would cause a hardship on some members of the community.

"Then they don't have to use it," the vice mayor said. "They don't have to use more. You're talking about \$2.25 a month in 2000 gallons? The property owners in the city cannot bear the revenue enhancement burden; we're got to look at other sources."

In past years the city used money from reserve funds to offset falling property values and rising costs. Several years ago the council approved resolution that stipulates that the city must keep 25% of the prior year's budget money in reserves, but at the workshop Hastings said it was an arbitrary number that wouldn't be enough.

"In a few years our reserves will be inadequate. Our council picked this 25% for our reserves to handle a catastrophe. We don't know if 25% is adequate or not. I submit that 25% would not even begin to cover a catastrophe that we are trying to plan for. The catastrophe we're

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trying to plan for would mean that our revenue is totally shut off... our homes are underwater, our people are in shelters. Our police are working 24/7; they're on overtime. Our reserves would be wiped out in a month," he said.

The mayor supported the tax increase but expressed concern about the "balance of tax" of raising utility rates. He also said he didn't feel good about changing to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office dispatch but said "I feel we need to look at it."

Councilwoman Barbara Banno also agreed with raising the taxes.

"It's very alarming," Ms. Banno said.

Vice Mayor Hastings told council he knew his suggestion would not make him popular in his ward.

"My ward probably pays 20% of the property taxes... 50% of what I'm proposing is going to affect my ward directly. Believe me, it hurts me to tell my ward, and I may not be re-elected because I'm out here saying 'we've got to go to 4.0,'" he said.

Other Ideas and Hard Questions at the City Budget Workshop

GULFPORT – Councilwoman Barbara Banno suggested the city could add \$30,000 a year to its income by adding dry slips to its marina. She also stressed the need for enhancements that would require more money.

"We need to be able to keep up with the beaches, we need to be able to keep up with 49th Street, we need to keep up with Beach Boulevard," she said, but, she added, "but they cost money."

Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon pointed out that landlords with fewer than four units didn't have to get a business license.

"We don't have handle on our landlords. It seems to me when you're landlord that's a business," she said in favor of requiring all landlords to get a business license. She also suggested enhancing the marina instead of creating a mooring field, suggesting a "full-fledged marina with a pool," although she admitted the investment in such a marina would cost more than a mooring field.

Next, councilwoman Salmon asked the city about its spending

in the waterfront district. The city currently pays basic electric costs for 33 meters (totalling \$412.50 a year) for ArtWalk vendors. In addition, the city pays parks employees and police overtime to work special events. The money for these costs comes from a portion of taxes collected in the waterfront redevelopment area, city manager Jim O'Reilly said. The city may only spend that money inside the waterfront redevelopment area.

"Those funds are earmarked for economic enhancements," he told her.

"There's not better uses that have come forward to us?" she asked.

"Yes, there, is," councilwoman Banno said before the city manager could answer. She told council she asked the merchants.

"They'd like to see some kind of boardwalk, or replace all the flags on Gulfport Boulevard and Beach Boulevard - maybe updating them or having seasonal ones. They're definitely looking for some types of upgrades in that area. But... we're using TIF funds to pay for these events, and then there's no TIF funds to make upgrades to the area," she said.

Councilwoman Salmon asked if the vendors using the city-funded power paid money to the merchants. He told her yes.

"And we don't see those funds?" she clarified.

The city does not, he affirmed.

Next she asked about marketing the city.

"Do we have the right set of people so that there's somebody marketing Gulfport?" she asked the city manager, who told her no. When she suggested "we have some talented people on our staff," the city manager explained that they weren't "trained professionals in that area."

She asked if the city had a contract with the merchants. If they did, she suggested the city negotiate the contract to have them do some marketing or pay for some marketing.

"There has to be some responsibility for the private sector," the city manager agreed.

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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



Smart Driving Saves Time and Money

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

gas and money this summer, as well as reducing carbon emissions.

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

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

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

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Gulfport City Council Workshop Public Comment & Council Quotes

"All of these things that everybody's been discussing? Hello? They're peanuts! They're pennies! We have to take drastic measures and we have to take them now,"—vice-mayor David Hastings, who suggested raising taxes and utility rates. Other proposals included adding a swimming pool and dry storage to the marina.

"It frightened me when I read this stuff in the early part of the proposal ... it indicated to me 'crisis'. If somebody doesn't use that word now, when it really hits the fan we won't be prepared.... We raided the reserve fund,"—Bob Newcomb, a citizen, about the city's financial health.

"Obviously when property values come back up again, we adjust the other way,"—Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about the tax increase.

"Any change in programming will result in a change of culture,"—City Manager Jim O'Reilly, about ???

"That is just another example of 'how can you depend on Washington?'"—Mike Yakes said, about FEMA running out of money and the city's need to have a healthy reserve

"Future officials will be glad we did this We don't know what it means about our longevity,"—Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about the higher tax rate.

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Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter members will be gathering for a "Traditional Summer Picnic" at the home of Joyce and Clarence Keller on Sunday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. The hostesses for the social are Sharon Ingram and Joyce Keller. An evening of good food, good friends and good fun are planned.

Members are also looking forward to Laureate Epsilon Nu's Beginning Day Luncheon on Saturday, August

20 at Banquet Masters. This annual Beginning Day Luncheon is always a good way to start off the new sorority year.

Laureate Epsilon Theta members will have a "Bushel of Cookies with a \$25 gift card from Publix" at the opportunity table. This will be a fun afternoon for all attending.

For more information, please contact, Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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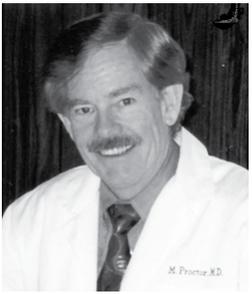
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No experience is necessary and singles or couples are welcome. Dress is casual but be sure to wear comfortable shoes. The cost is just a \$5 donation per person each week.

In addition, prior to the Mainstream Class every week, the club offers Round Dancing lessons from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for an additional \$2.50 donation per person.

The Suncoast Squares general membership meets at the church every Tuesday (and monthly on the third Sunday) throughout the year to dance what they consider to be contemporary square dancing with style and flair; not the "old style" square dancing that typically comes to mind when one hears "square dancing". Call 727-599-1440 for more information.

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Pre-registration for the 2011-2012 Tot Time Program are currently being accepted. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims

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TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

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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.



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Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, August 13, 1:00 pm. Craft artful memories.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, August 18, 10:00 am. Discussion of Saint Maybe, by Anne Tyler. Books & discussion guides available at the Reference Desk.

Hospice Bereavement Group for Widows and Widowers: Tuesday, August 23 & 30, 1:30 pm. FMI: 727-542-6788.

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

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Flea Market: Come shop at our Senior Center Flea Market on Fri. Aug. 5, 9am to noon. Don't miss out on some great bargains!

Diabetic Support: Our Diabetic Support group will now meet at 9:30am rather than 10am starting Monday, August 15.

GEMS Express: GEMS clients are encouraged to try out our new express trips to South Pasadena on Fridays when we make hourly trips. If you are a quick shopper, this is the run for you! Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more info.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Senior Trips: Come join us for some fun trips including the Hard Rock Casino on Aug. 16 & 26. Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for more details as well as info on upcoming 2 & 3 day trips (Immokalee Escape/Casino & Shopping and Key West).

Annual Game & Card Party: The Senior Center's 2nd Annual Game & Card Party will be held on Wed. Aug. 31, 2-5pm. Make up or join a card or game table. Includes finger foods, door prizes, opportunity baskets, etc. Tickets: \$10. Fundraiser to develop Senior Center health & wellness programming. Tickets available at the Senior Center or online at [HYPERLINK "http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org"](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org)

Three Special Opportunity Drawings: How about a Star Lite Cruise or a Dolphin Watch Cruise for a party of two? Suggested donation for the opportunity drawing is \$5.00 per ticket. Winners will be announced on Fri. Sept. 2nd. Need not be present to win. Tickets are available at the Senior Center.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Free Legal Assistance: Community Law Program offers free legal assistance for seniors 60+ every 3rd Fri. (Aug. 19) 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. Aug. 16 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.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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It's All about Freedom

There's lots of talk about Cuba and the reforms being made there. Minor, but reforms nonetheless. Lift the embargo on U.S. citizen travel, let tourism flourish, help the impoverished island move to prosperity and therefore freedom.

That's a dream, but not a bad one and not without having some basis. Allowing more trade and movement of citizens here to there will help change. There is no doubt that the innate corruption that goes with prosperity will undermine the Castro regime.

However, there's no doubt that Castro and his band will not go quietly.

They are entrenched and powerful. They have what money there is and all the guns and all of the media and all the perks that the average citizen doesn't. More U.S. dollars may entrench them more solidly, or feed the underground criminal element. See Russia's experience.

No, real change is not likely to be peaceful. The fact is that Cuba is a police state. The government spies on the people, the people (for money and self preservation) spy on each other. There is no freedom. No one expresses it better than Euclides Rojas, former all-time saves leader for the Cuban National baseball team and now a pitching coach for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

He and his wife and child came here on a make-shift raft. "I didn't come to the United States to play baseball," he told the Post-Gazette in Pittsburgh. "We came to the United States looking for freedom." Not much. Freedom. Pretty basic.

He continued, "We didn't know if we were going to make it. But if we didn't make it, at least we would have died trying to be free." He didn't mention free medical care, old-age pensions, free education, housing or any other government subsidy. It's freedom.

He explained that you aren't allowed to express what you feel or see. He referred to it as slavery. Cuban citizens cannot move about freely. Defection to another country is traitorous. Thousands have died trying to escape. Rojas left behind sisters, brothers and parents. His escape was nearly 20 years ago.

Not much has changed since then. Cuba's poorer. They have a little more economic freedom only because the government has no choice. Political freedom still doesn't exist, and there's no indication that that's going to change. Government still controls the source of most food, housing, education, medical care, and jobs. You protest or revolt at your peril. Concur or starve. Connive, cajole, sneak around the system, cheat a little, maybe. But, don't mess with the political system.

It's a good thing to consider those basic truths and consider the proper context when we hear people talk about the communist paradise just across the Florida straits.

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Wine Talk

with Lee Neal, a fine wine merchant for over 30 years.

Sonoma County California

Arguably Sonoma County produces some of the finest wine grapes in the world. As the 1960s redefined so many facets of American life, the decade made its mark on the Sonoma County wine industry. Americans developed a taste for wine and demand began to grow.

Early 1970s – A second generation of wineries are started, following a nationwide wine boom. Consumption grows at a 40% rate.

1975 – Wine labels are regulated and appellations begin to be important in marketing Sonoma County's wines. Planted acreage returns toward 1920s levels of 24,000 acres (9,700 ha.)

1980s – Sonoma County made the transition from being known as a producer dairy, grain and fruit crops with grapes in fourth position. By 1989 grapes were Sonoma County's top revenue-generating agricultural crop. Technological advances in winemaking improved wines to meet the more discerning tastes of consumers.

1999 – There are over 49,000 acres (19,800 ha) of vineyards owned by more than 750 growers and 180 bonded wineries in Sonoma County.

Today – Sonoma County has 13 unique AVAs and more than 50 grape varieties are planted here. It is estimated that the wine industry and related tourism contributes over \$8 billion to the local economy each year, about 40% of the county's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

I have had most wines from this region, but, I suggest these producers of red and whites that range from around \$20: St. Francis, Schug, Seghesio, LeCrema and Newton.

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The Auxiliary meetings have changed to the second Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Please devote one hour a month of your time to come to the meetings and be informed of what your Auxiliary is doing. If you like, please participate in helping us be successful. Thank you.

The Auxiliary is collecting school supplies. We have a barrel in the lobby. Let's fill it up for the kids!

The Auxiliary has been contacted by a unit fighting in the Mideast requesting supplies. Members on leave even visited our Post. Please help! Items may be dropped off at Post anytime. For a list of items requested, go to www.AmericanLegionPost125.com.

Service Officer will be here every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to help veterans, spouses, widows.

Don't forget, Bingo is back, Wednesday 6p.m. Open to the public, kitchen open.

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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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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

How is Your Legal Health? (Part 2)

In our last article, the need for periodic legal checkups was examined. The following are some of the legal problems which may be uncovered by a legal checkup:

WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING

An indicator of good legal health usually includes having a valid will and some basic estate plan. If you don't have a will, your personal and real property may not be distributed in accordance with your desires. In

addition, unnecessary expenses and taxes may be incurred and certain family members could possibly inherit your assets contrary to your desires.

A trust is another effective estate planning document. A trust allows you to transfer property to your designated heirs utilizing a successor trustee to implement your specific instructions. If you create a trust in a last will and testament, this is called a testamentary trust. Another form of trust is a living trust which is created by written contract. Living trusts are very useful estate planning tools for everyone--not only the very wealthy. A living trust assists in the avoidance of probate and will help in keeping your affairs out of the public record and private.

It is critical to review your estate planning documents whenever important changes in your life occur. If you marry, move to a new state,

have a child or lose a loved one, an update of your legal documents may be necessary. Also, it is an excellent idea to discuss with your lawyer if your estate plan is keeping pace with the value of your property and is updated to address changes in Florida law and tax laws. Revisions may be made with the drafting of new documents or an amendment to existing documents may be necessary. It is important to never make a change in your old will or trust by writing on or crossing out words or phrases which you want to eliminate as this may invalidate your documents.

DIVORCE

A lawyer should be consulted if your marriage is ending or you are contemplating ending your marriage. Issues concerning child custody, financial support and a fair division of the marital property will need to be addressed. If your spouse threatens to harass or harm you, hide marital property or take your children in violation of your visitation or custody rights, a lawyer can assist you in seeking protection against these improper acts of your spouse.

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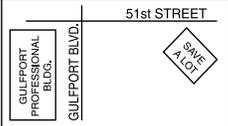
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Host Families Needed for Exchange Students

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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Calling the Game

By Melissa Lattman



Bruce Ward has volunteered for Little League for 12 years.

GULFPORT- Twelve years ago giving his grandson a ride to Little League, unexpectedly started Bruce Ward's volunteer work with Gulfport Little League.

"My grandson's mom had to work and when we got to Little League. They told me we need a coach and handed me a shirt," Ward said.

The father of six now grown children, still volunteers for Little League. Now he umpires and helps train new umpires.

"We need more volunteers. Little League is all volunteers. I volunteer to help keep the kids off the streets," Ward said.

What are the challenges of being a Little League umpire?

"Everybody sees things differently especially if you have a close call," Ward said.

Training umpires on the rules and consistent enforcement is key.

"We train umpires where to go and where to stand for the best view. We try to be at the right place to make the right call. We try hard to get it right," Ward said.

Safety is key in Little League. Umpires have to watch the pitch count and types of bats used. Stealing bases is not allowed until a child is nine.

"Pitchers are only allowed to pitch a certain number of pitches depending on their age to save their arms," Ward said. "They are very strict on bats. Bat performance is a factor...Little League uses aluminum. If the wrong bat is used you can hit the ball so fast back to the pitcher, he won't have time to defend himself."

Umpires review and enforce the rules at every game.

"We have a meeting at the plate with the two managers to discuss the rules... we check the equipment and make sure everybody is okay. We set a 1.5 to 2 hour time limit depending on the age of the kids," Ward said.

If you are interested in being a Little League umpire, there is a class starting August 12. All volunteers must undergo a background check. Space is limited and participants must be pre-registered. Please call Bruce at 327-7383 or John at 482-6787.

For more information on joining a team <http://www.gulfportlittleleague.net/>

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Friday 7/22

- City County Code Violation-** 4900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk Hull St. S.
- Drunk Person-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Vessel Stop-** Boca Ciega Bay.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Animal Complaint-** Town Shores.
- City County Code Violation-** 1000 Blk Gray St. S.
- Call for Officer-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5900 Blk Pelican Bay Plaza.

Saturday 7/23

- Narcotics/Drugs-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 900 Blk Gray St. S.
- Street Obstruction-** 5800 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Call for Officer-** 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 1000 Blk Gray St. S.
- Arrest on Warrant-** 5100 Blk 27th Ave. S.

Crime Awareness Meeting

The next Crime Awareness and Prevention meeting will be held on Monday, August 8 at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th Street S. The topic will be on crime stats from 4-1-11 thru 6-30-11 and much more. Hope to see all concern citizens there.

- Trouble with Individual-** 700 Blk 60th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** Wood Ibis Park.
- Trespasser-** 5400 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** Clam Bayou.
- Animal Complaint-** 1000 Blk 59th St. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 900 Blk 59th St. S.
- Sunday 7/24**
- Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 4900 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 3100 Blk 53rd St.S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 900 Blk 54th St. S.
- Burglary-** 5000 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 5600 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Burglary-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 6000 Blk Luana Ln. S.
- Drunk Person-** 1200 Blk Gray St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Monday 7/25**
- Suspicious Circumstances-** 2900 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Call for Officer-** 6000 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Burglary-** 1900 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Theft-** 2200 Blk Pasadena Pl.
- Animal Complaint-** 5900 Blk Bayview Cir. S.
- Animal Complaint-** 2900 Blk 57th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5900 Blk Bayview Cir. S.

- Trouble with Individual-** 2500 Blk 50th St. S.
- Tuesday 7/26**
- Suspicious Person-** 5800 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 2800 Blk Kipps Colony Dr. S.
- Call for Officer-** 2500 Blk 50th St. S.
- Call for Officer-** 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 4600 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 700 Blk Gray St. S.
- Theft-** 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.
- Wednesday 7/27**
- Drunk Driver-** 2100 Blk 58th St. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 700 Blk 51st St. S.
- Domestic Verbal-** 900 Blk 60th St. S.
- Theft-** 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Noise Complaint-** 1500 Blk 52nd St. S.
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- Reckless Driver-** 1400 Blk 49th St. S.
- Theft-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Robbery-** 700 Blk 51st St. S.
- Thursday 7/28**
- Criminal Mischief-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- City County Code Violation-** 4700 Blk Baywood Pt. Dr. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5800 Blk 25th Ave. S.
- Trespasser-** 4900 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Criminal Mischief-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Call for Officer-** 2400 Blk York St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Domestic Battery-** 2900 Blk 54th St. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
- Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Hit & Run-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.

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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. through 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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New Public Tennis Courts

Thanks to a grant from the United States Tennis Association (USTA), Pasadena Community Church has newly renovated tennis courts. The courts are open to the public during all daylight hours and the staff is in the process of putting together a kids' 10 and Under Tennis Program for the fall season. Come out, play, and have a ball! Visit www.pasadenacommunitychurch.org for more information.

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Register your Special Needs

The 2011 hurricane season is upon us. Persons with special needs (i.e., medical, transportation, mobility and other needs) must register with the Pinellas County Office of Emergency Management if they might need special assistance at the time of a hurricane threat or evacuation. Registration forms for Special Needs are available at the Maximo Resource Center, 4815 34th St. S. in St. Petersburg. The center's staff can provide these forms and information at no charge during the center's regular business hours.

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Fun Served a la Mode at First Annual Apple Pie in July



ST. PETERSBURG- More than a hundred eager pie testers gathered like summer storm clouds last week to weigh in on their favorites at The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay's First Annual Apple Pie in July baking contest. Three winners were announced after judges Joshua Wilson, GM of Publix, Wengay M. Newton, St. Petersburg City Councilman and Steve Bambase, a marketing associate from The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay cast their votes based on a blind tasting of eight pies.

Winning Best Presentation was Community Life Director (and trained chef) Nicole Bacher for her Twice Baked Apple Pie. Best Tasting Pie went to Executive Chef Josh Marlowe for his Fuji Dutch Apple Pie. Dining Room Manager John Hubbs earned Most Original Pie for his Carmelized Apple Pecan Pie. After judging was complete, the entire audience celebrated with individual blossom apple pies a la mode, the perfect finish to a summer afternoon.

Try your hand at Sudoku

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Lorraine's Bench

Lorraine DelBene prays at Gulfport Beach most weekday mornings.



By Melissa Lattman

Lorraine can be found most days on 'her' bench.

GULFPORT- Most weekday mornings Gulfport's Beach has a regular visitor. For around 30 years the now almost 80-year-old woman said she has sat for an hour or so on a wooden bench near the casino, reading page-by-page through her prayer book. The edges of the notebook are worn and the inside of the book stuffed with prayers and sacred mementoes.

With only the birds overhead and the steady rhythm of the waves Lorraine DelBene, 79, finds peace as she prays on Gulfport Beach.

"Everything is peaceful- quiet. You need this fulfilling peace. There's too much going on in the world. If you have a moment of feeling depressed, come here. The serenity, the tranquility of the water- you can feel it...when I leave here, I am fine," DelBene said.

The long-time Gulfport resident found the town by accident in 1979.

"I came on vacation (to the beaches). I went for a ride and I got lost. I said, 'Okay, this is a beautiful place.' And I moved here two years later," DelBene said.

For DelBene it was love at first sight for her new hometown.

"Gulfport means my world. I came from Yonkers. Once I came here I loved it. Everybody knows you. I come out on my scooter and say my prayers. This is a beach where everybody, if they have a problem can come. They have a place to be," she said.

After the recent beach cleanup DelBene was overwhelmed. The cleanup of litter included repairs and painting of Lorraine's bench. As Lorraine sat on the bench, she started writing her name. She's not sure what overcame her and she apologized for her actions.

"I was shocked. I was oh my God (the bench) was beautiful after the cleanup," DelBene said.

A confrontation occurred from an observer of Lorraine's actions, and then came tears and the bench getting touched up again. Through her tears, DelBene shared with a few Gulfport neighbors what the bench meant to her and the peace she found on the beach. Some fellow Gulfport residents decided to add Lorraine's name to the bench with a brass plaque (the city did not object).

"This bench belongs to everybody. When they put the plaque on it, it just moved me," DelBene said.

DelBene encourages people to continue to take care of the beach.

"I don't know how people cannot see the beauty of this beach. When they throw something away on it. This is God's country. People should pick up after themselves," DelBene said.

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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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

A Hand Out or a Hand Up?

So a man walks into the Gabber office (no, this is not a joke) yesterday and asks for walking directions to Bay Pines. Mary, one of the last few genuinely nice people in the world, listens to his story and decides that this man cannot possibly walk – after all, by his own admission he'd already walked to Gulfport from Bayfront – and gives him four bucks for bus fare. Except the bus costs \$4.50, so I, for some reason I still don't quite understand, chip in fifty cents. Mary gave him a cold bottle of water and wished him well.

We then watch this man walk to the bus shelter – and I have to admit, I am shocked – and sip the water.

For about three seconds. Then he leaves the bus shelter and walks behind the Laundromat.

A lively conversation ensued as we waited to see if he would return. Some of the office girls suggested I might be a cynic; I suggested I might be realistic.

"I don't care," Mary said. "I've done worse things with four dollars."

She, of course, has a point. If this man was truly a veteran who needed to get to the doctor, then, yes, we absolutely did the right thing. If he was scamming us for money, well, then, we didn't give him a hand up so much as a handout.

That's the problem with helping people in need: it's a fine line between a hand up and a hand out. Even if you start out helping someone who has the best intentions, sometimes, I've found, that help becomes a crutch. That's why unemployment and welfare come with conditions and time limits.

This is an argument my editor and I have quite often. Not about welfare or panhandlers, but about the fine line between supporting your community and becoming a crutch for organizations. I believe that Gulfport has many fine organizations that have developed a nasty habit of approaching the city with their palms open.

I watched the city council make some tough but long overdue choices last week in the final budget workshop. You

will pay more taxes next year. Local police dispatch may get eliminated. You may pay more for drinking water. Hey, things are tough all over.

Unless, of course, you're a business or nonprofit group in the city. That party has turned into quite the rager, unchecked for many years now. The Lions Club gets a waterfront building for a dollar a year, a lease voted into effect while two of five councilmembers belonged to the Lions Club. The city pays \$12.50 a month for 33 meters that provide power to the ArtWalk vendors who in turn pay... the Merchant's Association.

The problem, as I see it, is that the city helps out any organization that asks, and for years now it's been absorbing the costs. But what started as a way to help bring people into a floundering city and give these organizations a hand up has become something akin to organizational welfare: the money that should go to help draw new people to Gulfport now goes to maintain the status quo. A little help here and there has turned into expected income factored in to these groups' operating budget.

My editor will tell you, as he has me, loudly, that cities (just like newspapers) need to support communities. I do not disagree. Where he and I diverge is with this public assistance mentality that's overtaken virtually every organization that feels like Gulfport should pay their way. The argument goes that these groups do good in the city and help the economy. This has somehow turned into "we should roll over and give them anything they want."

At the budget workshop last week, councilwoman Jennifer Salmon had the courage to ask the tough questions. Dr. Salmon and I are not, by anyone's definition, chums. There's a lot about the way she goes about getting things done I do not endorse. I will say that the woman deserves a metric ton of credit for questioning the city's partnerships and what the city paid as opposed to what the groups do not. That couldn't have been easy; no one speaks out against the groups that, as many have tried to explain to me with

obvious patience, keep the economy vibrant.

But speak out she did, and I applaud her loud and long. She asked the city manager if no one had come up with a better idea for using city money than paying for the power for Art Walks. Before he could answer, councilwoman Barbara Banno, who has a business downtown, said that there were better ideas. Why isn't the city using its earmarked downtown money for those better ideas? Well, because it's using it to pay overtime for police officers working the Chamber of Commerce events. It's using it to pay for the power along the street.

Take a look at the numbers: Gulfport's Leisure Services spent over \$114,000 for events last year, including many Chamber of Commerce, Merchant's Association, and other business-bolstering events. (We have a copy of these figures on our web site; read this column at theGabber.com to get the link.) This number does not include overtime for the police department. By comparison, the city's looking at eliminating police dispatch to save about \$200,000. There are no such plans to cut the special events budget.

I am not saying these groups don't provide a worthwhile service. I'm not even suggesting the city shouldn't help out. I go to the Art Walks and Fresh Markets; I don't want these things to go away. I am saying it's time for the city to reign in its spending. When we can't afford our own dispatch department but we can afford twinkly lights in the trees, it's time to end the party. It's time for last call at the cash bar.

Perhaps this is just the push these groups need to spread their wings. I know they may kick and scream – I'd be astounded if they weren't actively seeking a candidate to run against Councilwoman Salmon in January and threatening to pull their mostly free advertising from the Gabber – but I believe it will serve the city better if these groups have to pay their own way.

Oh, and that man who so desperately needed bus fare? He never came back to catch his bus. Which means the money we gave him didn't really help him. But then, he wasn't asking because he wanted our help.

I've found that people asking for a handout usually don't.

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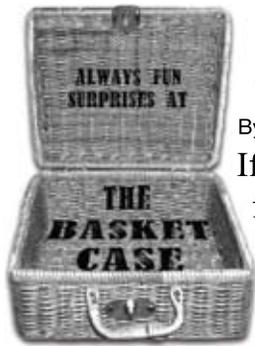
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The Basket Case Always Fun Surprises!

By Cathy Salustri

If you're looking for a gift for a special person or special occasion, consider shopping with someone who can personalize the gift basket. Dianne McCormick, who's worked as a Realtor for over 30 years, recently opened a gift basket business – The Basket Case – at the Value Fair Market in St. Petersburg.

“I started creating welcome baskets as part of my real estate business,” Dianne says. She found she enjoyed making baskets for any occasions, such as get well soon, spa baskets, and what she calls “happy baskets.”

“I just like to put in frilly, fluffy things – things that would make somebody smile. Maybe I'll add in some decadent candy, or something like this guy,” she says, gesturing with a blue duck pen that has feathers and springs on it.

If you visit her shop inside Value Fair Market you'll see a sampling of her creativity. Baskets for every occasion line the shop. Today she's working on a basket for a golf tournament – that basket will include golf balls and golf bottles.

Many of her baskets aren't actual baskets – the “basket” part of the gift basket is often something reusable, like the kitchen themed basket that comes in a colander, or the make-up gift basket that comes in a cosmetic bag. Other “baskets” come in simply decorated pretty boxes, and, yes, some baskets come in actual baskets, as do many of her spa baskets.



If you visit Dianne at the Value Fair Market, you'll also be able to buy Avon. She carries many of the basic Avon products in stock, like Skin So Soft and Avon deodorants. She also stocks popular Avon colognes, and, of course, you can order anything from her, either at the market or over the phone. If you'd like to sell Avon she can sign you up there too.

Dianne has gift baskets for every budget, ranging in price from \$10 – \$50.

“I try to keep them affordable, and I try to keep some small ones on hand for last minute gifts,” she explains.

You can find Dianne at The Basket Case from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday. You can also always call her at the number below. She can usually create a basket within a day, sooner if need be.

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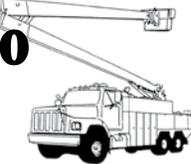
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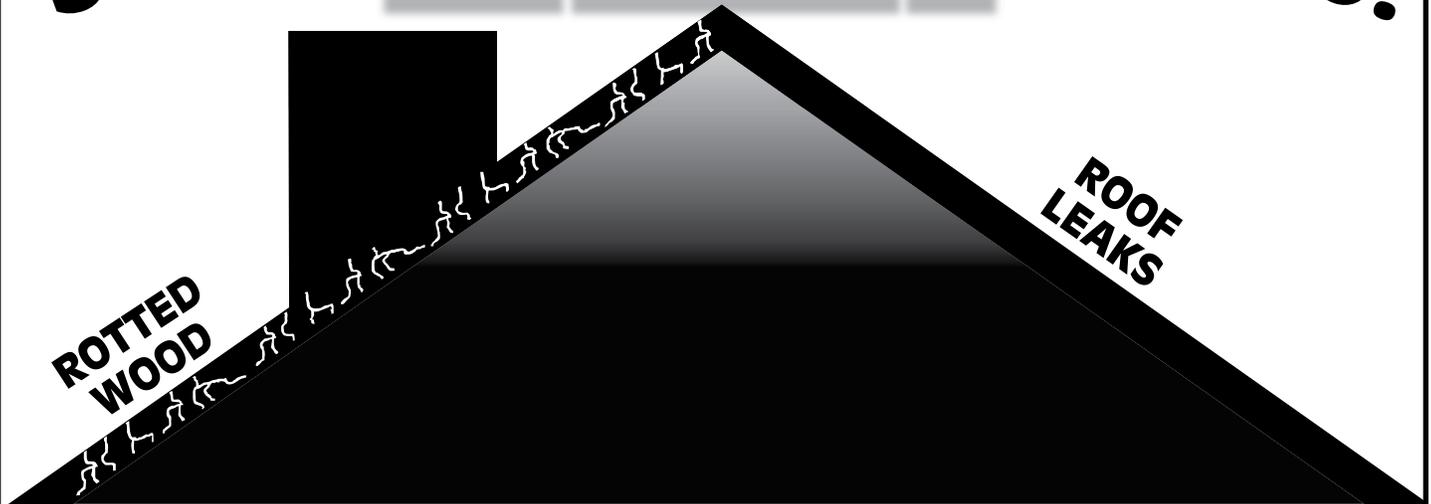
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