

Chief Gecko Leads Parade



Gulfport's vice mayor David Hastings lead the Gecko parade on Saturday for the 11th annual Gecko Fest.

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City Applies for Brownfield Designation

GULFPORT – At council's direction, Gulfport will pay a consultant to apply for brownfield designations for different properties along 49th Street. Temporarily, the city will designate the entire 49th Street redevelopment area as a brownfield.

Brownfields are abandoned, idled industrial and/or commercial facilities/sites where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency will work with the city to offer tax credits to businesses who want to buy the contaminated properties and remove the toxins.

Most of those properties, city manager Jim O'Reilly said at the council meeting Tuesday night, used to house service stations, and the petroleum-related contamination under the properties make those "brownfields."

City Looks at PACE Proposals

GULFPORT – "If we're going to bring people in, they need to be very legitimate and very solid. Companies we thought to be very solid turned out not to be," Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon said as council discussed the PACE program.

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Photo by Tom Gibson

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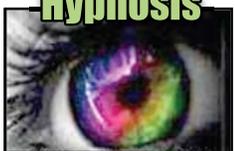
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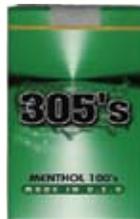


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PACE, from front page

Council voted 3-2 to look at contract proposals from both companies vying for the chance to be the PACE administrator for commercial properties in Gulfport. PACE, or property-assessed clean energy, allows for commercial property owners to borrow against the value of their property without going through normal mortgage proceedings.

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Chili, Salsa and Music Heat Up Saturday Night

Tastebud tingling chili, lively music, and glass blowing demonstrations will take the temperature up a notch Saturday night, September 10, for the Third Annual Industrial Strength Chili Cookoff. This fun benefit for the non-profit Industrial Arts Center takes place 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard, Beach Boulevard and 29th Avenue South.

Last minute entries for chili or salsa will be accepted until Friday, September 9. Cooks will receive a commemorative cookoff apron, beverage tickets and other perks. Complete entry information is available at www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org.

Creators of some of last year's top rated chilis will be back along with many new faces. New to this year's cookoff will be judging for the best home-made salsa. Cooks will compete for hand blown glass serving bowls created at the Industrial Arts Center. Votes for the People's Choice Award

will be sold for \$1 each to support the IAC operating fund.

Live entertainment will be provided by Gulfport's own rascally duo Barney Waterbury and Leta Woloshuk of "Urban Gypsies" of Florida fame. Local celebrity judges will include City Councilmember Barbara Banno and Richard Reale of Yummy's Casual Cafe. O'Maddys Bar & Grille has pitched in to help with beverages.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 & under. For information,

visit the IAC online at www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org or call 727-289-9365.

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Watercolor with Patsi Returns

Watercolor with Patsi returns to the Gulfport Recreation Center. Classes are on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:45 p.m. Cost is 4 classes for \$45 or \$13 per class. Please call Patsi at 727-501-3559 for more information and list of supplies.

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Attention Gulfport Citizens

The Gulfport City Council is ready to contract out your Police Department dispatch services to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office or to St. Pete Police Department. If you don't agree with this, come to the special City Council meeting on Thursday Sept 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm held in City Hall.

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Remembering 9/11

September 11, 2001 is a date that will live in the national memory as few others in our history. Epitomized universally as "nine-eleven," the destruction of the Twin Towers of New York City's World Trade Center, the attack on the Pentagon in Washington, D. C., and the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 marked a turning point in American history.

Artists responded immediately. On September 12, photographer Len Prince ventured into the devastated zone of New York City to explore the visual record of the tragedy. His documentation of the details—a stairway covered in debris, a dust-covered soda can—evoke a world transformed. His photographs of people reveal the human response to these unimaginable events and their aftermath. His images also include those of the majestic Twin Towers before the tragedy.

The Museum of Fine Arts (MFA), 255 Beach Drive Northeast in St. Petersburg will premiere 11 of these Len Prince photographs in the installation, Remembering

September 11, which will continue throughout the month. The images will be on view in public spaces off the glass Conservatory and in the Mary and Fred Shuh Lobby on the second floor of the Hazel Hough Wing.

At 3 p.m. Sunday, September 11, the MFA will also hold a roundtable on this momentous event with Director Kent Lydecker and Dr. Gary Mormino, the Frank E. Duckwall Professor of History and Director of the Florida Studies Program at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. Dr. Lydecker was Associate Director for Education at the Metropolitan Museum of Art when nine-eleven occurred and planned programs to help the city heal. Admission to the Museum that day is free to all law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel with I.D. and their families.

The opening ceremony of the September 11 Freedom Celebration will also be held at the Museum at 8 a.m., followed by events in North Straub Park. An estimated 350-400 police and firefighters are expected to attend. Call 727-896-2667.

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Today, as we mark the 10 year anniversary of the horrific attack against our country, we stand united in hope and wish healing to the families of the lost.

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- 34th Street/1st Avenue N.
- 4th Street/54th Avenue N.
- 34th Street/1st Avenue S.
- 4th Street/22nd Avenue N.
- 34th Street/22nd Avenue S.
- 6th Street/5th Avenue S.
- 66th Street/38th Avenue N.
- 34th Street/38th Avenue N.
- 66th Street at Tyrone Boulevard - 22nd Avenue N.

The intersections were chosen after evaluating where red-light running crashes commonly occurred within the city and where safety cameras are most likely to increase safety.

Cameras will capture still images and video of red-light running violations. Warning signs alerting drivers to the red-light safety cameras will be installed. During a 30-day warning period beginning September 15th, 2011, a warning notice with no fine assessment will be issued to the vehicle's registered owner. At the completion of the warning period on October 15th, citations will be issued. Each violation will be reviewed and approved by the St. Petersburg Police Department prior to issuance.

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For more information, contact Abby and Jeff Robbins at 727-954-4899 or email abandjeff@gmail.com or call John at the Gulfport Recreation Center at 727-893-1068. This class is on a donation accepted basis so there is no excuse not to come try gymcraftics. The Recreation Center had a demo at their teen night

program and the teens and staff loved it. See everyone on the 13th!

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Guild to Offer Art Classes

The Treasure Island Art Guild is starting its basic drawing and watercolor classes on October 3. Basic drawing will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and basic watercolor will be from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The cost for each class is \$30 for six weeks or \$6 per day if paid weekly. Classes will be held at The Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108 Avenue. Call Fred at 360-8390 to sign up and for what materials are needed.

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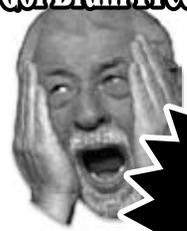
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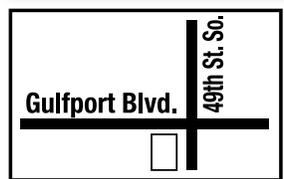
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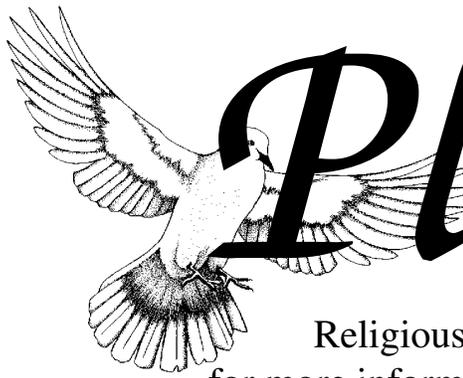


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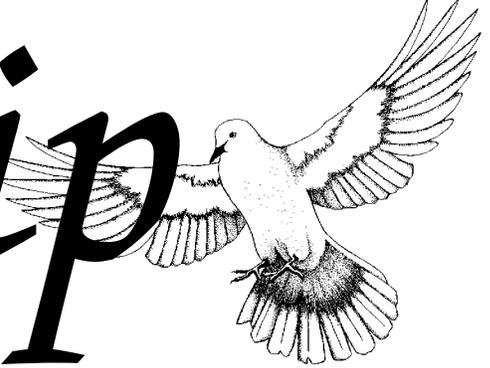
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St. Petersburg Aglow Lighthouse

St. Petersburg Aglow Lighthouse invites you to its meeting on Saturday, September 17 at Piccadilly Restaurant, 1900 34 Street N. in St. Petersburg at 11:30 a.m. The speaker is Denise Ford. Come and be blessed as she speaks on "Seeing with New Eyes". In order to use the restaurant facility, a food purchase (large or small) is required. Call 727-327-9070 or 727-348-3587.

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Gulfport City Events For 2012

City council approved spending \$78,000 for special events in the coming fiscal year.

“The money has to be spent in the district,” city manager Jim O’Reilly told council about the downtown events Gulfport intended to fund. Of this money, \$60,000 came from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds, or funds taxed on waterfront activities and, by city resolution, must be spent in the waterfront redevelopment district.

Only one person in the audience spoke against it, citing concerns about the city spending money to cut staff and police services but funding special events.

Council voted unanimously to approve the funding.

Teen Board Game Afternoons

“Teen Board Game Afternoons” is a new group forming every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Gulfport Public Library. Stop by after school to enjoy some fun and face-to-face interaction with your opponents! For more information, call Sheri at 727-893-1074.

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Blues Fest Volunteer Orientation

Blues Fest volunteer orientation will be held this Saturday, September 10th at 5021 Tangerine Ave. S. anytime between the hours of 8-10 a.m. Volunteers will get a brief description of volunteer opportunities. Pick your time, receive information on food and drinks and sign the city release. Even if you can’t make the meeting they will still need volunteers on September 24th. For more information call Walter Dill 727-515-4941.

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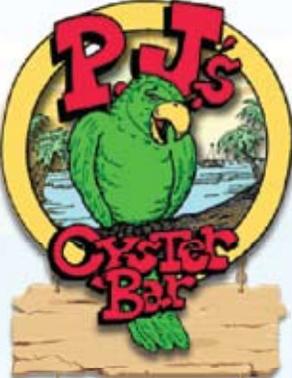
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Fall Children's Book Drive

The Christmas Toy Shop Project, Inc. is having a Fall Children's Book Drive. Donations of new and gently used books for ages 0-12 are requested. The books are included as part of the toy distribution to local needy children at Christmas. They are also requesting the participation of local clubs and youth groups in the book drive. Toys, both new and gently used, are also welcome. Donations are accepted at the Toy Shop, 550 16th Street N. in St. Petersburg or visit their website for other locals www.christmastoyshop.org. If your organization can help out with the book drive, please call 727-898-3962 or email toyshopelf@juno.com.

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Cards, Games and Fun!



Friends enjoyed cards, games and yummy snacks at the Gulfport Senior Center's 2nd Annual Card and Games party. Pictured are left to right, Marsha Provast, Julia Fuce, Helen Dukeshire and Margaret Reilly.

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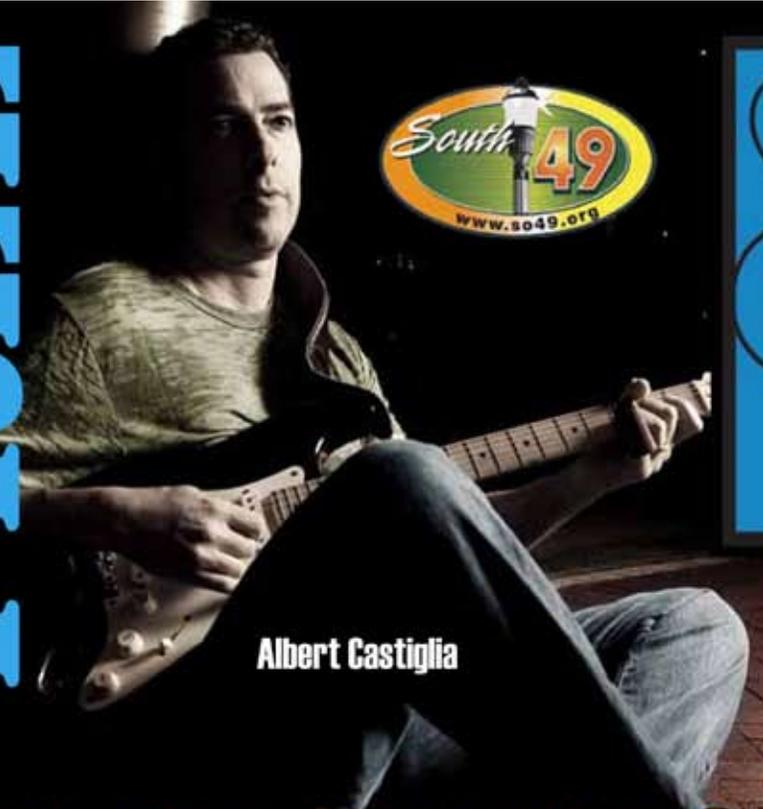
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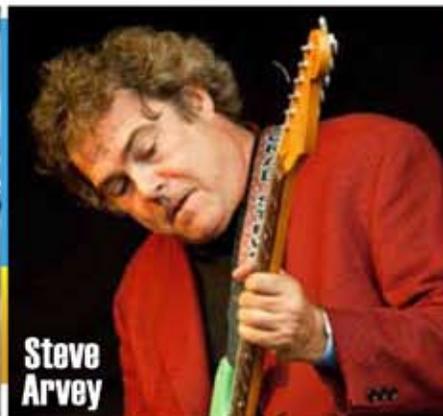
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Mark your calendar for the City of Gulfport's 101st Birthday Bash on Saturday, October 8th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. And what better way to celebrate than to have a good old fashion Gulfport Birthday party at the Gulfport Historical Museum?

A new twist to an old tradition is there will be plenty of antiques! If you are an antique buff, this event is for you. If you think you have an heirloom of worth from great grandma, bring it to Scout Hall from 1 - 3 p.m. where professional appraisers from the Gatehouse will value your antiques for \$5 per item or 3 items for \$10.

Children can sign up for Chalk Art Contest which begins at noon and judging will start at 2 p.m. Free inflatable kids jumping area will be available throughout the event. You can check out vendors along 28th Ave. S., take a guided trolley tour of Old Gulfport and try your hand at the popular Mullet toss (we dare you). The traditional Worthington (7th generation Gulfportians) fish fry dinner is a "must try" experience. Celebrate Gulfport's 101st Birthday with a free piece of cake at 3 p.m.

During this event, take an inside tour of the Gulfport Historical museum and pick up your brand new Historical Society Gulfport Calendar. It is a bonus 15 month calendar with the Gulfport event dates of October 2011 - December 2012. Calendars will be ready for purchase for \$5 at the Birthday Bash, so be sure to get your calendar or call the Gulfport

Historical Museum at 727-327-0505 to secure your order.

The Historical Society is also looking for a few wonderful musicians to donate their time and talents during the event. This is a fundraiser for the Historical Society and also it would give musicians great coverage. Please send music demo and info to: Gulfport City Hall, c/o Leisure Services, 2401 53rd St. S. or drop off at the main desk. Please include name, phone number and email address. Deadline for submission is Friday, September 23rd. All demos will be reviewed and

chosen musicians will be contacted. Entry demos will not be returned.

So call your old friends and meet some new ones at the City of Gulfport's 101st Birthday Bash at the Gulfport Historical Museum at 5301 28th Avenue S. on Saturday, October 8th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Antique and crafter application fee is \$10 and vendor fees are \$50 for craft and \$75 food vendors. Go to www.suzieking.com to download your application. Local non-profits please contact 727-322-5217 for availability.

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

It is almost time for the Gulfport Garden and Bird Club to start up again. Its 71st year will begin in October with a hayride at Boyd Hill Nature Park. Other activities include a trip to the Morse Museum in Orlando, a visit to Allison's Orchids in Seminole, a boat trip to Egmont Key plus the Christmas lunch, annual tea and end-of-year lunch.

Elsie Crimaldi, membership chairwoman, invites all who are interested in flowers, trees, plants, birds, nature and the beautification of Gulfport to join. It is not necessary to have a garden or to live in Gulfport. Anyone can join - men, women, part-time residents, house plant lovers, patio gardeners - all are welcome!

Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of each month from October through May. If you would like to become a member, mail a \$5 check (made out to Gulfport Garden and Bird Club) to Elsie at 2850 59th St. S., Gulfport 33707 or call her at 727-347-6831 for further information.

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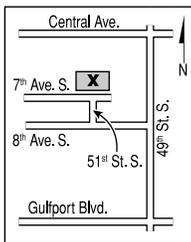
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Angus Macaulay, St. Petersburg: "I was in Oregon. I believe I found out later. I'm not a big TV person. Like everybody else, I was shocked. I used to live in New York City, so it kind of hit home. One of my aunts took me to Windows on the World when I was a little kid. I had spinach puree."

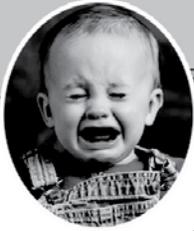
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Letters

Pornography in the Gabber

Dear Editor: Regarding the story printed last week about the sexual assault on the young girl. Your decision to go into such extreme graphic detail about the rape of a child was inexcusable. This is supposed to be a family, neighborhood, community newspaper, not pornography. The writer (none was listed) could have delivered the story with integrity all the while preserving the dignity of the child involved. Nobody, let alone your young readers should be exposed to the inappropriate description of this horrible event printed in your paper.

You owe your readers an apology.
Christine Brown

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Another View on Outsourcing Dispatch

Dear Editor: This is in response to the letter of Mark Gildauskis – “Dispatch and the Numbers Game” as published in the Sept. 1, 2011 edition.

Gee Mark – I am not sure where you get the opinion that the Reeds believe there is no crime. If there was no crime, we would be tickled to death! If there was no crime, we probably would not be advocating to keep our dispatch. We advocate because there is crime - not just on 49th Street - but in all four wards.

Let me clear up a misconception - we do not believe 49th Street is so crime ridden that it is unsafe to be on the street. After all, the Gulfport Neighbors did a wonderful clean up on 49th Street - and they all survived without being beaten, robbed or shot. We had a very successful Tangerine Blues Fest with only one or two mild issues – which were handled without a need for law enforcement.

As for your belief that the Reeds “... seem to think we are on a slippery slope to eventually ridding ourselves of the Police Department...” is partially true. The truth, however, is that this belief is shared by hundreds of residents – not just the Reeds. The comment of “...they have worked long and hard to build and support this wonderful system and are not going to give it up without a fight...”

is also partially true. We would love to take credit for the current system, however, we are not, nor have we ever been, a part of the professionals that serve as the leaders of our wonderful, accredited Police Department.

Our part is in supporting the department as a whole and it is true that we are not giving up without a fight. There have been reports (not just recently) that contracting the Police Department out – as a whole – could be on the table. Even if only the dispatch was outsourced, we would lose the holding cell capability, the Safe Place and the QA Controls.

The City Manager and the Council have tough decisions to make over the coming months and years and it is a given that not all decisions will be popular. However, the City Manager works for the Council and the Council works for and represents the residents. In order to represent, they also need to listen.

The City of Gulfport has many services and the citizens should be able to have a say in what services we keep. The citizens need to understand that to keep things status quo, it will come with a cost. Residents are making other recommendations for the budget and they should be seriously considered. Some ideas that have been discussed have included, but not limited to: 1) Put the outsourcing option as a referendum; 2) Cut back all non-emergency staff to 35 hours per week. There would be no lay-offs or eliminated positions and overtime would also go down. According to wage and labor, 32 hours is still considered full time; 3) Increase the millage rate to 4.0; and 4) increase water bills 15-20%.

The good news about this is that we live in a country where we are free to make our opinions known. Some people do it by dissing others and some simply do it by voicing their opinions and putting their energy into their beliefs. Whether or not one agrees or disagrees is entirely up to that person - as is how they deal with that disagreement.

Hope to see a good turnout for the special meeting tonight.

Jeri Reed

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Democratic Club to Meet

On September 8, Executive Director of the ACLU, Howard Simon, will speak to the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club on why the American Civil Liberties Union is involved with litigation designed to make sure the recently passed State Redistricting amendments are followed.

Adding to the discourse will be a few minutes spent with Tampa Bay

Field Director of "Organization for America", Saumy Narechania, who will speak on "Planning for President Obama's 2012 Election".

To round out the program, Victor Dimaio, President of the Hillsborough County Democratic Hispanic Caucus will talk about the caucus, its members' work, aspirations and achievements.

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 the speakers' presentations and discussion. Everyone is welcome.

For questions, reservations (dinner \$15) call Betty Morgenstein at 727-360-3971.

Seniors' Chat Room

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

and go through the process myself, that usually helps to put people more at ease and understand that I have been there and done that MYSELF."

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

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

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

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- 14 Russian poet
Mandelshtam
- 16 Mauna ____
- 17 Start of a
Cervantes quote
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- 20 Have a bite
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feminine
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Wayne film
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- 27 Was enamored of
- 28 Mighty mite
- 30 More of the quote
- 32 Dawn
- 34 Barker's oratory
- 35 ____ a girl
- 36 Feed bag tidbit
- 39 Knight's title
- 40 Luau fare
- 43 After, in Avignon
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- 47 Source of the
quote

DOWN

- 52 Regarding
- 53 Run ____: get into
trouble
- 54 Suits to fit
- 56 Low bow
- 58 Entreated
- 59 ____ pro nobis
- 62 Core: abbr.
- 63 End of the quote
- 66 Nice season
- 67 Thus
- 68 Passionate
- 69 Religious deg.
- 70 Bagels' go-with
- 71 Fodder grass

DOWN

- 1 Sunday seats
- 2 Luau locale
- 3 Marriage
acquisitions, for
some
- 4 Front ending
- 5 Tendency
- 6 Sappho, for one
- 7 Leb.'s neighbor
- 8 Even
- 9 Niche
- 10 Hang around
- 11 Fifth Avenue event
- 13 Power source

DOWN

- 15 Dulcimer's kin
- 18 Tutsi's foe
- 23 Eyelid darkener
- 25 Cousin of the ostrich
- 26 Party mixes
- 28 ____ was saying ...
- 29 Notable child king
- 31 102, in old Rome
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Cadmus
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college degree
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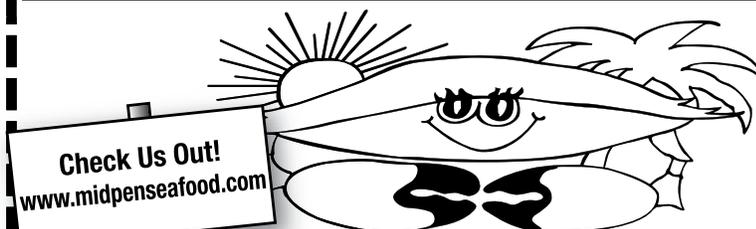
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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

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According to recent media reports, dognappings are up by at least 32 percent compared with the same time period last year. The American Kennel Club offers a Companion Animal Recovery service, and the new statistics are based in part on the number of calls they've received this year. AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson told the Chicago Sun Times, "Some are taken out of homes, some are taken out of cars, some are taken out of pet stores." Peterson added, "I've even seen some taken out of a child's arms on a park bench."

Who would steal a dog? The "who"

could be anyone. The "where" could be anywhere. The "why" is almost surely for profit. A stolen dog could be sold, used as a breeder, given as a gift thereby saving the expense, used to fight, held for ransom, or taken in hopes of a reward upon return.

The "how" is the one thing over which we dog owners have some control.

How can you protect your dog from dognappers looking to make a quick buck?

-- Keep your dog on a leash whenever you are off of your own property. Leashed dogs are in your sight and under your control.

-- Don't leave your dog outside unattended. This includes your own yard if you lack the kind of fencing that keeps dogs in and strangers out. Bring your dog inside or invest in a dog run with a lock for those times when you can't be outside with him.

-- Avoid leaving your dog in a car unattended. Besides the threat of

heat stroke, a dog alone in a car -- even a locked car -- is a target.

-- Resist the urge to tie up your dog for even a minute and run in for coffee, a snack or an errand. One snip of the leash, and your dog is someone else's.

-- Microchip your dog. This won't prevent someone from stealing your companion, but it will be enormously helpful in getting him back where he belongs. Equipped vets, shelters, animal control facilities and emergency animal hospitals can run a quick scan to determine whether a dog has been microchipped. The number on the dog's chip matches the number on the owner's registration file. This is a brilliant bit of technology of which all dog owners should take advantage.

-- Don't forgo the old-fashioned! It is as important as ever to have your dog wear a collar with ID tags that contain your contact information. Again, this won't prevent a theft, but it can help your dog find his way home.

-- Always have a current photo of your dog, just in case Lost Dog fliers become a necessity. And if they do, don't be shy about it. Plaster your neighborhood, including any and all nearby vet clinics, animal shelters and animal hospitals. Tell the world your dog is missing. Utilize websites such as FindFido.com. Relentless word of mouth is still one of the best ways to ensure a happy reunion.

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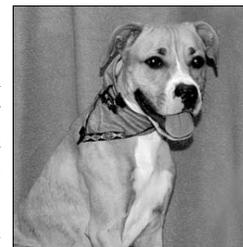


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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Just because you understand your feelings doesn't mean you'll automatically be able to get over them. Recently, you've had trouble moving on from something that happened in the past. However, this week brings a breakthrough. An exciting person and a brand-new goal will take your mind off of old history.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have increased powers of self-control this week. Instead of applying them to make yourself do what is unpleasantly "good for you," why not apply your power to creating more enjoyment in your life? For instance, you could pace yourself in order to make a fun activity last as long as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You fluctuate between being out of touch with your feelings and being overly in touch with them. Getting a grip on your emotions will be easier for you when you have a healthy perspective on your life. Imagine that a future version of yourself is looking back on this current scene. Ask your future self for insights.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Success depends on your ability to recognize an opportunity, even when the opportunity happens to be dressed as a shabby little problem. Your remarkable imagination helps you see three steps ahead of where you are now and make decisions that will lead you in a positive direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will be reinventing yourself in some way this week. You'll notice how a certain pattern affects your life -- for instance, your habit of accepting way more responsibility than one person can gracefully handle. You'll change the trend by getting into a new environment. In a sense, you can start over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You master the art of being modest while flaunting what you've got. Your

perfect balance of ego and ability will attract opportunities, both professional and personal. You'll be in a position to choose. It might be difficult for you to let someone down, but you'll enjoy the part where you get to make another person's day.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You were due for some great news. The resources and elite connections you have been wishing for will begin to materialize this week. At first, good luck comes in sprinkles and trickles. Think of each drop as a sign of things to come. Your gratitude and happy attitude will attract a deluge of good fortune.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Persistence pays off. Of course, it's easier to be persistent if you don't have a lot of emotional baggage and/or frustrated feelings attached to your efforts. This week brings tests of your patience. On a few occasions, you'll have to wait for what you need, so bring something to do in the meantime.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You encourage people to stretch beyond their usual boundaries. Sometimes you do this purely through your living example, but this week you make a conscious effort to cheer people on. You go out of your way to make it safe for others to excel beyond their previous limits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have always been disciplined in many regards, though you will leap to a new level of effectiveness in the days to come as you learn to apply that discipline in a daily, organized process. You'll have a mentor. This person has figured out a method that works for her and for many others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You make friends easily, and yet good friendships are still hard to come by. The perfect combination of mutual interest, logistical convenience and indescribable chemistry is required to form special bonds. Realizing this,

you demonstrate your appreciation to the ones who have proved loyal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being well-rounded may help you appreciate and understand a wide variety of people and influences. However, when it comes to your work, you will be better off if you specialize. Go as deeply into one niche as possible -- you have great powers of concentration and tenacity. Become an expert, if not The Expert.

This Week's Birthdays: Because you're open to new experiences, exciting opportunities find their way to you. You will broaden your intellectual horizons and develop new skills. The way you earn money will shift, allowing you to use different talents. You'll be surrounded by supporters in the next 10 weeks. At the end of 2011, you'll be ready to take a solo journey. You'll test your personal limits and work hard to move past them. Contact involving siblings and neighbors will contribute to your success.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: *Building Department*

Q: Why can't the city merge with the county's building department? How much does the building department cost the city and how much does it bring in to the city?

A: The city could merge with the county's building department, city manager Jim O'Reilly says, but council decided three years ago not to do so "to maintain the present level of service." If the city decided to go this route in the future, it would have to forego any profit it makes and become "revenue neutral." The county would then get the monies collected for permits and inspections. The city would no longer keep an inspector on staff to work with residents; all services would come from the county.

In the coming year the city plans to spend just under \$105,000 to maintain the building department. The city estimates that the building department will bring in just over \$145,000 (\$129,250 for building permits and \$16,500 for electrical permits.)

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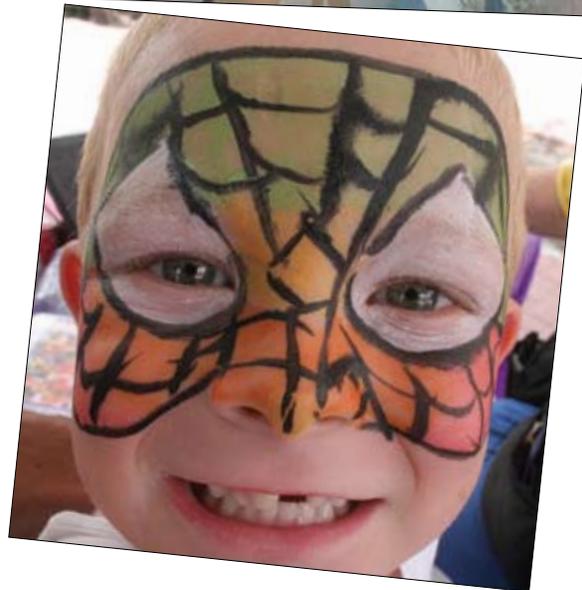
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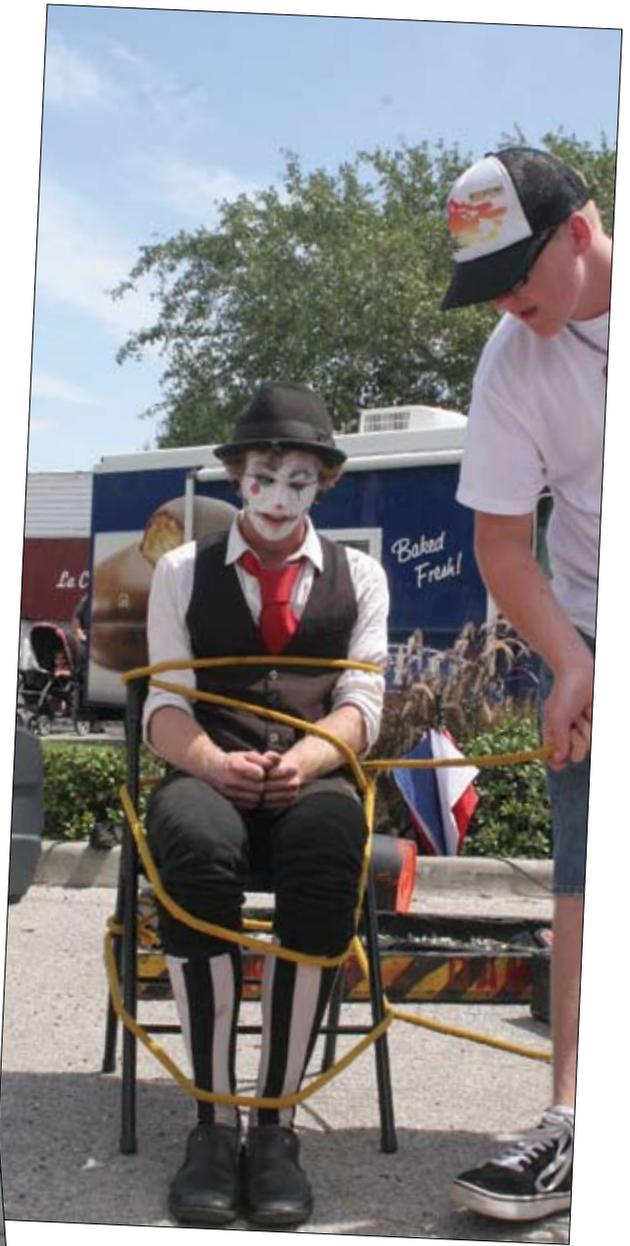
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Public Comment & Council Quotes

"I could stand here for three hours...what's going to drop off first is what I call the 'quality of life' calls. Past councils would have run from a proposal like this." – Bill Esselonious, who stood and spoke in favor of not hiring the county for dispatch services.

"Could we actually have the magistrate be (pro bono)?" – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, who said a citizen raised the question as to whether or not Stetson could provide pro bono services for the proposed code enforcement magistrate services

"I think this is one of those subjects that might need a little bit more time," – Councilwoman Barbara Banno said of making smoking illegal on the beach. She said she would discuss the issue at the council meeting but thought it was going to be discussed at workshop. Councilman Sam Henderson and councilwoman Jennifer Salmon agreed. Council agreed to wait for a workshop to discuss the issue.

"I'd like to note that it's not the city clerk who made this confusing; it's the state." – Councilman Sam Henderson, about the elections.

"We celebrate everything but water bill day," – Mayor Mike Yakes, about the number of city events.

"We're raising property taxes, we're raising water and sewer... we're laying off people... why would we not look at charging the events organizers (for city services during events)? I think we're one of the only cities who doesn't charge." – Margarete Tober, about the city's proposed budget for special events.

"The maximum is still \$250." – City attorney Andy Salzman, in response to councilman Sam Henderson's question about how high the city could raise the littering fines. Some fines, depending on situation, could go to \$500. Councilman Henderson asked council for consensus to raise the fines from \$97.

"We don't have any litter enforcement now, so... increasing it to a million dollars (will have no impact.)" – Vice Mayor David Hastings, about enforcing littering ordinances.

"If we don't have the enforcement to monitor littering, how do we magically have the enforcement to monitor smoking on the beach?" – Councilman Sam Henderson, in response to the vice mayor's comments.

"Sergeant Burkhart always brings these really, really great meatballs. I mean, he comes a little late, but they're always worth waiting for." – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about the October crime watch block party for her ward.

"If you stop at the light and wait, and then go, we can't catch you." – Chief of Police Rob Vincent, in response to vice mayor David Hastings about how a car evaded getting photographed at a red light camera.

"I don't think our staff should be constantly being held hostage as to how it's going to go." – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about the number of times eliminating in-house dispatch has come up at budget meetings.

"It hasn't been in the Gabber correctly. We are going to keep our police... Our four dispatchers will be offered jobs in Largo... I'm on my soapbox, but it's important to me because it's not being covered accurately in the press." – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about outsourcing dispatch. She also added that she was "sure" there would be "another brouhaha" about what to eliminate next year.

"Why don't we just ban them?" – Vice Mayor David Hastings, about disallowing any door-to-door solicitations inside city limits. Councilman Sam Henderson had suggested allowing only "point of contact" solicitation, meaning leaving anything not requested – fliers, phone books, or coupons – would break the law.



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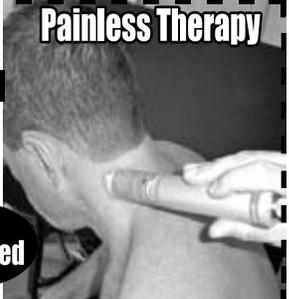
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RECREATION WEBSITE-www.mygulfport.us and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure services, Rec. Center.

ACTIVITIES

Open Gym- Tues., 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res./\$20 non-resident

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

PROGRAMS

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM

- Registrations for the 2011-2012 School Year Child Care Program are currently being accepted for children who are in Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

2011-2012 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM

- Registrations for the 2011-2012 Teen Night Program are currently being accepted for teens in middle school to age 18 (if still in high school). Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$20 non-res.

2011-2012 TOT TIME & VPK PROGRAMS

- Registrations for the 2011-

2012 Tot Time & VPK Programs are currently being accepted. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The VPK Program is for children who turn 4 years of age by September 1st and live in Florida. Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten. The Tot Time Program cost is a non-refundable annual registration fee of \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents with two, three and five-day monthly options available. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The VPK Program is FREE but parents must apply at Coordinated Child Care to receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Both programs are limited to 10 children each. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Hours for registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- Cheerleading- Starts Thur. Sept.8-5:45-6:30 p.m. Call Alison at 410-2227.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.

- Gymnastics-Starts Fri. Sept. 9, 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Tai Chi - BACK AT THE REC CENTER Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.
- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 280-4276.
- Watercolor with Patsi - Beginners/Intermediate - Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Patsi at 501-3559.
- Yoga in the A. M. - Wed., from 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga-Wed., 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba- Call Valerie at 557-4258.

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

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

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



Gulfport Library

5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074

or fax 893-1072

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, September 10, 1:00 pm. Craft personalized artful memories. FMI: contact Kay Boatwright 893-1074.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, September 15, 10:00 am. Discussion of "Every Last One", by Anna Quindlen. Books & discussion guides available at the Reference Desk.

Genealogy Assistance: Saturday, September 24, 1:00 pm. Answers tailored to your questions about using traditional and online resources for

researching family history.

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

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

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

Teen Board Game Afternoons: Every Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00pm.

Stop by after school to enjoy some fun & face-to-face interaction with your opponents!

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE FRANCES PURDY FRIENDS ROOM.

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

PROGRAMS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Services *City Sponsored Activities* *in the Community*

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

And the Winners Are!: Winners of the Starlite Cruises: Margaret Reilly; Ralph Mobley; Winner of the Dolphin Watch or Sunset Cruise: Jean Root. Congratulations to all of you!

“Sinatra, Do-Wop & Country”: Come and enjoy an afternoon of “Sinatra, Do-Wop & Country” music provided by the Toonsters on Wed. Sept. 14 at 1:30pm. Admission: Non-perishable food item(s) for our Senior Center Food Pantry.

Night in Italy Event: Come join us for our annual “Night in Italy” event on Fri. Sept. 30. There will be a Silent Auction at 5pm followed by a Baked Ziti Dinner at 6pm and a theater performance by the Italian-American Society of St. Petersburg at 7pm. Tickets are \$10.00. If you would like to donate an item for the Silent Auction, please call the Senior Center.

Art Under the Oaks: Show your talent at “Art Under the Oaks” on Sat. Nov. 5 at Clymer Park. Works for the juried show must be original and created by the artist. Variety of art accepted: painting, drawing, textile, collage, 3-dimensional, ceramic, metal, glass, wood and photography. Applicant deadline: Fri. Oct. 4. Photos of work required for juried show. Ribbons, certificates and purchase awards will be given in several categories. General artist space, \$75; Gulfport resident artist, \$50. Free for students. See more details at HYPERLINK “<http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>” www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org

Blessing of Animals: Tues. Oct. 4 at 1:30pm at the Senior Center. Watch for more details in next week’s Gabber.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Julie Fuce: Special thanks to Senior Center volunteer Julie Fuce and all her assistants for another successful Game & Card Party on Aug. 31. The fundraising event was a benefit for the Senior Center Foundation to *Gabber September 8 - September 14, 2011*

enhance health and wellness programs at the Senior Center. Thanks to all of you!

Tai Chi: Tues. & Thurs., 9am at the Rec Center

Italian Language Classes: Classes resumes on Thurs. Sept. 8 at 6pm & 7pm.

Bingo Cancelled: on Fri. Sept. 30 due to a conflict in schedule

GEMS Express: Try our new express trips to South Pasadena every Fri. No long waits with the hourly trips. Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more info.

GEMS & Tyrone Square Mall: Shop at Tyrone Square Mall every Mon. & Thurs. 9:30am to noon. This also includes Tyrone Gardens, Winn Dixie and other shops in the Tyrone Garden Shopping Center. Call now for more info.

Senior Center Snack Bar: Come check out our Snack Bar that offers a variety of food items at great prices. Fun and friendly atmosphere!

Computer Instructor Needed: Are you pretty good with computers? We have a few seniors in need of some basic computer skills. Call and let us know if you can provide some basic instructions. Background Screenings are required.

Line Dance Instructor Needed: The Senior Center is in need of a volunteer to facilitate a Line Dance Class on Thursdays at 9:30am. If you are able to help us out, please call the Senior Center.

Senior Trips: Fun trips ahead: Ed Fletcher’s Dinner Theater in Clearwater on Thurs. Sept. 22 (“Leading Ladies” play includes buffet meal, \$64); Mini-Horses of Fallen Pine Farms in Sarasota on Tues. Sept. 27 (Includes lunch buffet at Duff’s, \$44). Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for details and info on other September trips.

SPECIAL SERVICES

AARP Driving Class: are offered on the first two Tuesdays of every month at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. May

reduce insurance premiums. Call 368-3199 to register for the Oct. class.

Free Legal Assistance: on Fri. Sept. 16 at 9:30am. Must qualify. Call for info.

Support Groups

Diabetic Support Group on Mondays at 9:30am

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

Caregivers: Every Wed. at 2pm

Neighborhood Center

1617 49th St. So./893-1070

Faith Cathedral International Church:

9:30am, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays;

4th Sunday Bible Study

Overeaters Anonymous: Sun.

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1-2 Beginner

2-3 Dancing

Argentine Tango 6:30-10:30pm, \$7

6:30-8pm Lesson,

8-10:30pm Dance

Every Wednesday

Swing Dance

6-7pm Triple Time lesson

7-8pm East Coast Swing lesson

8-11pm Swing Dance \$7

Every Thursday Salsa Dance

7-8pm Beg. & Inter. Lessons

8-10pm Dance, \$7

Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

Temporary Disappointment Beats Lifetime of Misery

Dear Mary: Next year, our daughter will be going to a for-profit technical school in another state. We have not saved any money for her college education. Her schooling will cost about \$96,000 over four years, not counting travel and personal expenses. She is not eligible for any financial aid other than federal student loans because we make too much. We feel terrible about this and

need to know the best way to fund our daughter's education. -- Lynda and Ben, email

Dear Lynda and Ben: Your daughter can borrow up to \$12,000 per year, or roughly half the cost, in unsubsidized non-need-based Stafford student loans at 6.9 percent fixed. The balance can be made up of non-need-based Parent PLUS loans. Currently, PLUS loans are fixed at 7.9 percent.

If your daughter borrows the maximum in Stafford loans over the four years (\$48,000), her payments

will be \$553 a month for 10 years, for a total payback of \$66,360. If you borrow the same amount in PLUS loans, your payment will be \$580 a month for 10 years, or a total payback of \$69,581. That \$96,000 technical skill will end up costing \$136,000, not counting fees.

If, out of parental guilt, you make her payments, as well as yours, you're looking at about \$1,200 a month for a full decade. Those are the cold, hard facts. I promise that you cannot afford this, and neither can she. She needs to look at alternatives, such as staying at home and attending community college for two years and then transferring to a four-year state school.

It's unfortunate that your daughter will not be able to skate through school on borrowed funds, but that's life. She'll get over it. Better that you deal with that disappointment now and not for the rest of your lives. The best gift you can give her is the assurance that the two of you will not become a financial burden to her when you reach old age. Start funding your own retirement accounts with the \$1,200 a month instead of her education. In 10 years, you'll have \$188,000, assuming a modest growth rate of 5 percent. That will be a great start.

Dear Mary: How can I make my own flavored water that tastes sweet but does not contain caffeine or artificial sweeteners? -- Martha, email

Dear Martha: You can flavor your water with fresh or frozen fruits, veggies, extracts and even herbs. I grow mint in my garden (you'd think it were a weed the way it grows so fast), which is fantastic in water or iced tea. For sweetness, add some stevia, a natural sweetener available in most supermarkets and health food stores. Make a pitcher the night before so it can macerate, and then store it in the refrigerator. In the morning, pour it into your water bottle and you'll be good to go.

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Calling Antiques and Collectables Vendors

The Annual Gulfport Birthday Bash will take place on Saturday, October 8th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Gulfport Historical Museum. The Gulfport Historical Society is seeking antiques and collectables vendors to sell their wares during the event. Vendor information and application can be found under the vendor info tab at www.SikPromotions.com or by calling 727-322-5217.

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Hadassah's Centennial Year

Come help the St. Petersburg Chapter of Hadassah celebrate Hadassah's Centennial Year at its opening meeting. The event will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at the Philip Benjamin Tower which is located at 250 58th St. N. in St. Petersburg. Join them at 6:30 p.m. for a salad bar dinner at a cost of \$7 or come for the program at 7:30 p.m. The theme is "Come Back to Our Future". The chapter will showcase the anticipated activities for the Centennial Year. There will be a movie showing the history of Hadassah including the local chapter. The department heads will discuss an overview of activities planned for the year. RSVP to Naomi Berg at 727-381-0029 or Janet Augenbraun at jaugenbraun@hotmail.com.

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Gulfport Neighbors Elects Officers

Already active on the local scene, a collection of committed Gulfport citizens called Gulfport Neighbors elected a slate of officers on August 23 to lead its growing membership. Charged with pursuing the group's formal missions, "To inspire, motivate and unite our neighbors in order to improve the quality of life in Gulfport", the new officers will serve until full membership elections are held in early 2012.

Gulfport Neighbors first officers are President, Gina Burke; Senior Vice-President, Mike Schnippering; Treasurer, Terrie Lee and Secretary, Lynn DiVenuti.

Also elected were the following committee chairpersons who will serve on the group's Executive Committee:

Vice-President-Beautification Committee, Doug Hudson; Vice-President-The Arts Committee, Amy Oakley; Vice-President-Membership Committee, Charles Lee and Vice-President-Finance Committee, Bob Newcomb.

To date, Gulfport Neighbors has concentrated its early efforts in mounting two major clean-up efforts at the Gulfport Beach and the 49th Street Corridor. They are supporting the arts community in its participation in the city's proposal to create a distinctive and appealing attraction at Clymer Park for the Waterfront Redevelopment Area.

In addition to elevating the arts in Gulfport and helping to improve the city's "curb appeal" and image, Gulfport Neighbors has chosen

to get involved in finding ways to highlight the waterfront areas. Active involvement in community affairs and bringing a variety of entertainment opportunities to historic downtown Gulfport are other aspects of the group's emphasis on improving the quality of life for the community. As membership continues grow, other avenues of service are sure to follow.

Membership in Gulfport Neighbors is open to anyone who wishes to support the group's mission either by their efforts, their financial contributions or both. Gulfport Neighbors will soon become a non-profit corporation with all contributions being tax deductible. Membership information can be found on the group's web site at www.gulfportneighbors.org.

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For Info Call: 727-893-2237 or 727-893-1231

5:00pm - Silent Auction
6:00 pm - Dinner
7:00 pm - Theater Performance





Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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9/11 about Individuals

If we haven't run out of words, in ten years, to describe 9/11, we certainly haven't run out of feelings. Neither words nor feelings, however, are static. They change over time. They change as events change and even as circumstances remain the same.

In contrast, December 7, 2011 which will mark the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor is frozen in time though we still observe the event even though we are at peace with Japan. Pearl Harbor forced us into a war in Europe and Asia, an unavoidable war many saw coming several years earlier. The war, hundreds of times more devastating than the War on Terror, for us lasted only five years.

The September 11 aftermath continues today after ten years, just as its roots reach back to the Beirut bombing and multiple terrorist kidnappings of the 1980s. And, after ten years we seek a way to end the war that drains our lives and our dollars. Even a withdrawal from Afghanistan and Iraq will not end the conflict and many believe will prolong and encourage more attacks. The enemy has a head in Al Qaeda type organizations, but its arms, legs, heart, body and soul in a radical sect of a major religion.

Winning World War II did not eliminate tyranny and killing. Those continued for nearly 50 years under Communism some believe because the western allies did not challenge Communism in the aftermath of victory. Two major challenges did come later at great cost: Korea and Vietnam. One was ultimately successful; the other not.

Ultimately, Communism died out because it did not work, because it used up its resources, because it met opposition. Hopefully, radical Islam will do the same, but there are few signs of change. The Arab Spring movement may or may not be a game changer and it may be for the worst.

So, in the meantime, officially, we observe 9/11 in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. Ironically, in New York religious leaders are excluded even though 9/11 was a religious attack and even though in its immediate aftermath, Christians, Muslim and Jews, participated together in shared grief at Ground Zero. Unofficially, churches all over the country have special services. The latter is really more important than the former.

Each of us have our individual memories. I was in the newsroom of a small newspaper in Washington,

Pa., and watched as a re-run of the first plane hitting the first tower came on. I saw that the plane was not a private plane, but an airliner. Then came the second plane, then reports of a plane hitting the Pentagon, then a report of a plane down near Somerset, Pa. 90 miles away. It was unreal. My immediate emotional response was somewhat detached, more focused on the event, the news aspects.

I called the publisher of the Somerset paper who told me that all he knew was that a plane went down in Shanksville, a tiny farm community outside of Somerset and that he had reporters and photographer on the way. There was no chit chat. Our newsroom scrambled for news and leads on any local people involved.

Emotions came later, but as noted earlier, weren't static as they aren't today. For instance, I could reflect later how the hijackers must have felt God was on their side, because of the perfect weather, the luck going through security, the confusion by officials on the ground and in the air.

Life has changed and continues to change because of 9/11. Much was done by our government in the immediate aftermath of 9/11: Afghanistan (and, later, Iraq), Homeland Security, re-booting the economy, repairing the damaged infrastructure, re-setting the agenda. We moved from passive reaction to aggressive action. That has made us safer at home than before.

But, 9/11 is the story, not of the hi-jackers, and not of government, but the individuals who died in the Towers, and at the Pentagon, on the flights, particularly United flight 93, the rescuers on the ground, and those who picked through the debris at the Towers and the Pentagon, and those who are rebuilding at Ground Zero, all those who scrambled to meet the challenges of that day, all who lost loved ones, and all those individuals in the military who served to protect us then and today.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Lunch Served 11am-3pm Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Kitchen Open 11-3pm Dinner 5-7pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Dinner 5-7pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Breakfast 8:30-11am Kitchen Open 2-5pm	No Lunch Served	Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Euchre 1pm Bingo 6pm Kitchen Open for Bingo

Service Officer, Bob Cannon will be here Thursdays from 9a.m till Noon to assist veterans, spouses and widows.

The Ladies Auxiliary holding a yard sale on Septembetr 10th, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Buy at table, \$5 outside (bring your own table) \$10 if we supply table, \$15 inside and we supply the table. Sell your own stuff! You may donate any unsold goods for our Penny Auction to be held October 11th. We do need donations for the Auction but we don't accept clothes or shoes. We are still collecting items to be sent to our soldiers and school supplies. Members need to renew their 2012 dues now. Be an early bird - come to your free dinner!

The Legion is having a Labor Day picnic including hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixins, 1-5p.m. We cook \$5, you cook \$4. Come, eat, enjoy!

Post 305

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7pm Food Served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm Entertainment	Steak Dinner 6-8pm Entertainment	Steak-0 1-3pm	Labor Day	House Committee Mtg. 6pm	Legion Dinner 6-8pm Harry 7-10pm

The early bird dinner will be Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m.

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- Prowler-** 5600 Blk 23rd Ave. S.
 - City County Code Violation-** 5500 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Domestic Battery-** 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Call for Officer-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - City County Code Violation-** 5500 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Call for Officer-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Suspicious Vehicle-** 5500 Blk 17th Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 5700 Blk 23rd Ave. S.
 - Domestic Battery-** 5000 Blk 26th Ave. S.
 - Call for Officer-** 5400 Blk 7th Ave. S.
 - Domestic Verbal-** 1800 Blk York St. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 5000 Blk 18th Ave. S.
 - Suspicious Circumstances-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
 - Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls-** Location Withheld.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
- Saturday 8/27**
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 5000 Blk 17th Ave. S.
 - Drunk Driver-** 2900 Blk 51st St. S.
 - Suspicious Circumstances-** 5200 Blk 17th Ave. S.
 - Suspicious Vehicle-** 800 Blk 50th St. S.
 - Street Obstruction-** 1200 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Reckless Driver-** 900 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Suspicious Circumstances-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk 10th Ave. S.
 - Suspicious Circumstances-** 5700

Crime Awareness Meeting

The next City Wide Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention Meeting will be held on Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center located at 1617 49 Street S. We encourage everyone to attend and participate. For more information, contact Jeri Reed at 727-548-5566 days and 727-327-3509 evenings or at Jrvolunteer@aol.com.

- Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - Call for Officer-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 6100 Blk Kipps Colony Dr. W.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Sunday 8/28**
- Trouble with Individual-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
 - Domestic Battery-** 5500 Blk 12th Ave. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 5200 Blk 31st Ave. S.
 - Noise Complaint-** 1400 Blk 51st St. S.
 - Hit & Run-** 1100 Blk 64th St. S.
 - Burglary-** 900 Blk Gray St. S.
 - Burglary-** 2000 Blk 57th St. S.
 - Call for Officer-** 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 5600 Blk 15th Ave. S.
 - Battery-** 2500 Blk 50th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Monday 8/29**
- Drunk Person-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - City County Code Violation-** 1500 Blk 61st St. S.
 - Criminal Mischief-** Tomlinson Park.
 - Civil Matter-** 6000 Blk Kipps Colony Dr. W.
 - Animal Complaint-** 1500 Blk Hull St. S.
 - Suspicious Circumstances-** 4900 Blk 28th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 2100 Blk 55th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** Tomlinson Park.
 - Battery-** 3100 Blk 56th St. S.
 - Domestic Verbal-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - Trespasser-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
- Tuesday 8/30**
- Violation of Court Order-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - Call for Officer-** 5300 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Burglary-** 2900 Blk 56th St. S.
 - Suspicious Vehicle-** 900 Blk 58th St.

- S.
 - Domestic Verbal-** 5300 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
 - Arrest on Warrant-** 1200 Blk 55th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** Tomlinson Park.
 - Trouble with Individual-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Wednesday 8/31**
- Suspicious Person-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Suspicious Circumstances-** 2700 Blk Miriam St. S.
 - Burglary-** 5200 Blk 10th Ave. S.
 - Drunk Person-** 2700 Blk 54th St. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** Tomlinson Park.
- Thursday 9/1**
- Theft-** 2900 Blk Dupont St. S.
 - Battery-** 6000 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Animal Complaint-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.
 - Suspicious Vehicle-** 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.
 - Call for Officer-** 2500 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
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 - Trouble with Individual-** 5200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
 - Trouble with Individual-** Tomlinson Park.

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BPW to Meet

The Business and Professional Women/St. Petersburg-Pinellas (BPW) club will feature Barbara A. Zdravecky, President/CEO of Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, Inc. at its September 15th luncheon meeting.

BPW/St. Petersburg-Pinellas meets for lunch on the first and third Thursday of each month at The 400 Beach Seafood and Tap House, 400 Beach Drive NE in St. Petersburg. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m., the meeting and lunch follow from 12 noon-1 p.m. Cost is \$16 for BPW members, \$21 for guests. Make your reservations online: www.BPWStPetePinellas.org.

Tangerine Blues Fest

Headliner Albert Castiglia, The Legendary JCs, Shar Baby and the Steve Arvey Band will perform at the Tangerine Blues Fest, a free concert held at the Tangerine Greenway adjacent to 49th Street and 18th Ave. S. in Gulfport on Saturday, September 24th.

"Along with great music, we'll have food, soft drink, beer and wine vendors, as well as arts and crafts booths, plus a family fun area for the kids," said festival spokesman Rick Smith. "It's a community event to raise awareness about the 49th Street South corridor." Additionally, the Tangerine Blues Fest is a sanctioned fundraising event for All Children's Hospital.

Castiglia, a Miami-based singer/guitarist, is one of the blues world's rising stars. A former sideman with the late Junior Wells, Castiglia mixes modern sensibilities with strong ties to the Chicago blues tradition. The 8-piece Legendary JC's, out of Winter Park, are one of the most vibrantly entertaining acts in the Sunshine State, mixing classic funk, R&B and soul.

Birmingham, Alabama's Shar Baby, "The Queen of the Jukes," wields a mean guitar and sings in a low-down deep-South style. Versatile Steve Arvey blends blues, folk and rock on acoustic and electric guitars, and tops it all with gravelly, soulful vocals.

The Tangerine Blues Fest runs from 4-10 p.m. Gates open at 3 p.m. Free admission. Sponsors include Bright House Networks, So49.org,

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The Gulfport Community Players now have a pretty good deal on their season tickets for upcoming productions at the Hickman Theater. For the price of just \$60, you'll get a ticket for five shows, a savings of \$15 over the price of five individual tickets purchased separately. Find

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If you've ever been to one of their productions, you've no doubt seen Cathy at the ticket counter. Cathy is, and has been for years, their head "ticket lady". She'll answer any questions you may have about their group and their upcoming shows. You can also visit the Players' website at <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org> for more information too!

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

Common Misconceptions about Wills and Trusts

The following are a few common misconceptions that the lawyers at Akerson Law Offices have clarified for clients of the firm:

1. Does a valid last will and testament avoid probate? No, a will does not help you avoid probate. In

fact, the last will and testament is the primary tool of the probate system. A will serves as the instructions from you to the Probate Court as to how you want your property distributed. The Probate Court then ensures that all probatable assets are collected and valued. Then, after all bills and taxes are paid, the property can be distributed to your heirs in accordance with your wishes.

2. If I have a will, can my property be distributed to my heirs in a few weeks? Unfortunately, this does not happen in the vast majority of probate proceedings. Occasionally, family administration or summary administration procedures may be available which will significantly reduce the time period for a probate

proceeding which requires formal administration. A typical formal probate administration in the State of Florida will take six (6) months to one (1) year to properly close the estate.

3. If I have a last will and testament, will my will prevent a quarrel over my assets by the beneficiaries? No, even a properly drafted and authenticated will does not prevent any interested party from contesting a probate matter (including the amount of assets a beneficiary may receive).

4. Can my living trust be changed? Yes, a living trust may be changed or even eliminated so long as the trust is declared to be revocable. Some trusts are declared to be irrevocable and accordingly cannot be changed.

5. Are living trusts only beneficial to people with large estates? No, living trusts are beneficial for all people who desire to avoid the probate process which currently can be more time-consuming and costly than the administration of a living trust when someone passes on. Of course, those people with larger estates will realize larger benefits and potentially greater estate tax savings.

6. If I have a living trust, do I need to file a separate tax return for the Internal Revenue Service? Generally, the grantor and the trustee of a revocable living trust will not need to file a separate federal tax return for the trust. Generally, a personal 1040 tax return will be sufficient.

Mr. Myers is the owner of Akerson Law Offices which is located at 1135 Pasadena Avenue South, Suite 140, St. Petersburg, Florida. The telephone number is 727-347-5131. Mr. Myers welcomes calls regarding this article and other related legal topics. This column outlines general legal principles and is not intended to give you legal advice. If you have a specific question about the law, please consult an attorney.

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Garden Club of St. Petersburg Calendar

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg announces its schedule of events for the month of September.

• September 12: Creative Crafts, 10 a.m., Garden Center, 500 Sunset Drive S., St. Petersburg. \$3.50 GCSP members, \$4 guests

• September 13: Fun, Food and Flora Welcome Back Party at 1 p.m. at the Garden Center. Come and meet the persona of Flora Wylie, founder and first president in 1928, recall the history of the GCSP. Become a participant in horticulture, flower arranging, school gardening, conservation, crafts and many other facets of GCSP. Guests will receive a free plant and learn to "grow fresh air". Refreshments will be served.

• September 20: Dracaena Circle Meeting: 12:30 p.m., Welcome Back.

• September 21: Flower Arranging Circle Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (social), 10 a.m. Meeting at Garden Center. Program: Pot au Fleur, the arrangement of growing plants combined with cut flowers. The

emphasis of the Flower Arranging Circle is on creative floral design.

• September 27: Jungle & Green Fingers Circle Meeting, 1 p.m. at Garden Center. Program: Hummingbirds and the flowers that can be planted to attract them. Speaker, Steve Baches, International Humming Bird Group.

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Fall Opening Tea At Woman's Club

After a summer hiatus, the GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard N.E. will be holding their Fall Opening Tea on Friday, September 9th at 1 p.m. There is no charge and guests are welcome. Reservations may be made

by calling 522-2742 or 823-2088.

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club is a not-for-profit volunteer organization committed to serving the community through hands-on projects and fundraising as well as leadership development. They were organized in 1913 and are affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs- the largest and oldest nondenominational, non-partisan volunteer service organization of women in the world.

For further information on monthly meetings, club activities or rental information of their historic clubhouse, please call 822-4982 or check out their website at www.stpetersburgwomensclub.org.

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Ali's Allstars Cheerleading Class

Ali's Allstars Cheerleading at the Gulfport Recreation Center is an ongoing class on Thursdays from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Children ages 4-12 will learn cheers, chants, dance, stunts and team work. Cost is \$24 per month with a \$10 registration fee. For more information call Alison at 410-2227.

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Table Tennis is Back at the Recreation Center

The City of Gulfport Recreation Center is once again open for Table Tennis on Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. – noon. Anyone who is interested in playing should come to the Recreation Center and register. The one-time fees are \$2 for Gulfport residents and \$20 for non-residents. The gameroom is also opened Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for pool, table top shuffle board, air hockey or table tennis practice. You must have your own equipment. If you have any questions please call 727-893-1068.

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SPCA Seeks Vendors/ Exhibitors for Pet Walk

Vendors interested in supporting homeless animals and exhibiting their products/services to more than 2,500 pet lovers at the 21st Annual 3K Pet Walk should apply now. The vendor booth fees start at only \$175 and the deadline to register booths for the October 15 event in south Straub Park/downtown St. Petersburg is October 8th.

The festivities begin at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. Back again by popular demand the St. Petersburg Times, the 3K Pet Walk newspaper sponsor, will host the adoptable pet parade.

For more information, or to register visit their website at www.3KPetWalk.org or email Janet@SPCATampaBay.org or call Janet at 727 586-3591, ext. 168.

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Calling all Craft Vendors

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club is looking for arts and craft vendors to participate in the 2nd Annual Arts & Crafts show on December 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 40 Snell Isle Blvd. N.E. To participate, the cost is \$25 per vendor space. For more information, please contact Carolyn DeFreitas at 727-674-3484.

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Workshop Addresses Mental Illness

A workshop dealing with depression and bipolar illness will be given on Thursday, September 8 at Grace Lutheran Church, 4301 16 Street N. in St. Petersburg from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Topics will include understanding medications, building positive self-esteem and working on codependency. Call Les at 727-822-3480.

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Community Center to Host Yard Sale

ST. PETE BEACH- The City of St. Pete Beach is hosting its always-popular yard sale at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, on Saturday, September 24th from 8 a.m. to noon. Indoor spaces in the gym and outdoor covered spaces are available on a first-come basis for just \$15 for SPB residents and \$17.50 for non-residents. There is no entrance fee for shoppers. Sales at the Community Center have up to 50 sellers all in one place and are usually frequented by nearly 500 shoppers. Registration is going on now and continues until all spaces are filled. Come by the Recreation office or call 363-9245 with questions or to reserve your spot.

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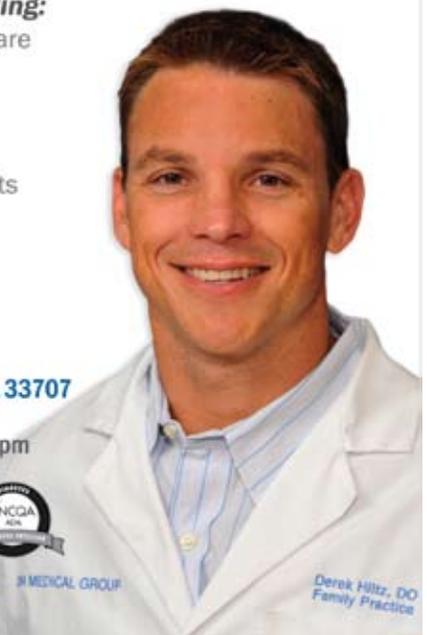
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Llamas

By Cathy Salustri

“Let him smell your hair, and he’ll know you for life,” Jim Murray says. “They’re very smart.”

“They” refers to his family’s llamas, kept on a small farm behind their house in Pinellas Park.

Despite some pretty extreme dentition – llama keepers must file the males’ teeth down to prevent the unpleasantness that occurs when the males vye

for dominance – Jim assures us that llamas are sweet creatures.

Intelligent, too.

“Teach them something three times, and they know it for life,” he says proudly, and judging by the way every llama in the barn follows us with its eyes as we talk about llamas and keeping livestock in the state’s most densely populated county, he’s probably right.

A Gulfport boy, raised racing swamp buggies alongside the Worthington family, Jim and his family didn’t go far when they moved to Pinellas Park, where they could legally own horses. They started with horses in 1978, but the Murrays branched into llamas when his mother bought one as a pet.

In a way, eBay started the Murrays on the road to llama-hood.

His mother, Jim says, liked to look for things on eBay, but one morning 13 years ago, she couldn’t access the site. Instead, she picked up the classified section of the local paper.

“For sale: llama.” That was all it took, and soon the family had a new pet.

Turns out that llamas, like goats, trim the grass. Their long necks also trim trees, and as an added bonus, they eat an invasive nuisance plant. The pesky air potato that chokes out so much local vegetation? To a llama, it looks like chocolate cake.

Despite a penchant for the fruit of that invasive vine, llamas are “particular about what they eat,” Jim says. They won’t eat trash, only green stuff, and, to Jim, a magnificent result of llama keeping (the family now has seven) is something he calls “llama beans.”

Llama beans, nicely put, are pellets of llama fertilizer. Jim sells the beans at local markets, extolling its virtues and telling people that the county allows its application when other fertilizers are not allowed.

But the farm is about more than beans. The llamas are a society unto themselves. Female llamas establish a pecking order through spit.

Yes, spit.

Two females will start spitting at each other, and whoever loses – so judged, Jim says, by the quantity of spit and the placement of the target on the other llama – gets ostracized by all the other females for up to three weeks.

Sound harsh? It’s not as bad as the males, who get those teeth filed down to keep them from biting off certain pendulous parts of one another’s anatomy. Sound horrifying? It is, but in the wild it ensures the top llama’s lineage for future generations.

On the farm, though, Jim says they’ve had limited success breeding llamas, but they do show their llamas. They even have “PR llamas” who do better with people, and performance llamas who Jim can lead around a small ring. They don’t do tricks, exactly, but they will kneel down and follow Jim along a path.

That is, when they feel like it. As he brings Violet the llama around the path, he stops and faces her. She looks at him, her shiny black eyes turned down toward his.

Then she flattens her ears, pulls back her lips, and showers him with a little liquid llama love.

Visit Jim – sans llamas – at the Tuesday morning market in Gulfport.

Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@theGabber.com.

Pickle Ball Anyone?

The City of Gulfport Recreation Center will once again be open for Pickle Ball on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. – noon. Anyone who is interested in playing should come to the Recreation Center and register. The one-time fee is \$2 for Gulfport Residents and \$20 for non-residents. The gym is also opened Monday–Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for basketball, volleyball or pickle ball practice. You must have your own equipment. If you have any questions please call 727-893-1068.

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Children’s Gymnastics Class

Sunshine Gymnastics will be starting on Friday September 9th at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Boys and girls age 5-12 years old are welcome and will learn floor skills, tumbling, low balance beam, spring board, and more. The class is from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. and is \$30 per month or \$10 per class with a \$15 registration fee (20% sibling discount).. Please call Barbara at 804-9400 for more information.

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Pancreatic Cancer 5K Run/Walk

Be part of a day of inspiration and hope and help support the fight against pancreatic cancer. The 3rd annual PurpleStride Tampa Bay 2011 will take place at Albert Whitted Park in St. Petersburg on Saturday, November 5 with registration/packet pick up opening 6:30 a.m. There are great incentives for fundraising and all proceeds benefit the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. There will also be a great post-race party with food, prizes and local vendors.

Events include Timed 5k Run/Walk, 1 Mile Family Walk and Youth races age 3 to 12. Pancreatic Cancer survivors may register for any event free. You can also form a team in memory of a loved one. Register at www.pancan.org/purplestride/.

If you wish to be a sponsor or volunteer for the event please contact tconnolly@pancanvolunteer.org. For more information, call Ben Fudge at 727-360-9213.

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Local Obituaries

MCCORMICK, JULIA W., 97, of South Pasadena, passed away Aug. 31, 2011. Julia is survived by her daughter, Julia McPeck; grandchildren Christy Williams, Chuck Woods, Daniel McPeck, David Woods, Erika McPeck, and Tammy Border; 6 great-grandchildren and daughter-in-law, Ann Woods. Guestbook at davidegross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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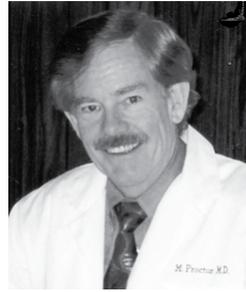
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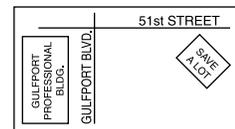
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When: Every Tuesday, 7:30-9:30pm

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St. Pete Shell Club to Meet

The St. Petersburg Shell Club will meet Friday, September 9 at 7 p.m. at the Seminole Recreation Center, (2nd floor via elevator) at 9100 113 Street N. in Seminole. Meet and greet starts at 6:30 p.m. This month's program entitled "The Effect of Tides on Marine Animals" will be presented by Bob Lipe, noted author and recognized authority on Florida/Caribbean sea shells. There will also be show and tell opportunities, shell displays and an educational segment. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings with programs pertaining to shell collecting, marine conservation and the beauty of sea shells. There is no charge and plenty of free parking. Refreshments will be served. Call 727-867-6861 or visit www.stpeteshellclub.org.

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Community Band to Resume Rehearsals

The South Pasadena Community Band has announced that rehearsals will resume Thursday, September 15 at the South Pasadena City Hall located at 7047 Sunset Drive S. The band rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. through May and presents public concerts monthly with the exception of January.

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

Outdoor concerts are held in the band's shell in Galatea Garden. The band will return to the Gulfport Casino for the November, December, February and March concerts. The concert season will be announced soon. Anyone seeking further information may contact Band President Ronald Stoll at 727/345-4502.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

This is America

This week we'll remember September 11, 2011. It is a hallmark disaster. My mother's generation remembers where they were when John F. Kennedy was shot; mine has etchings of collapsing towers burned behind their eyelids.

When the towers fell I was in San Diego on business with people I didn't like much. They didn't like me much, either, as hard as that is to believe. We were a day away from flying home and when the FAA grounded all flights indefinitely the idea of spending endless days with these people while 2500 miles from home made me physically ill. When a friend called and offered to bring me back to their apartment in Arizona, I jumped at the chance.

Of course, once we hit Arizona, I realized that no matter who you're with, when you miss home, you miss home. And on September 12, 2011, I missed Florida like you wouldn't believe. Once our family ascertained that all our New York members escaped the attacks physically unscathed, my focus sharpened and narrowed to one fine point: home.

For those of you who remember the days following 9-11, you know what I mean. For those of you who may not have quite reached adulthood yet, you probably remember it being scary. But it was more than that: combat – be it war or something else – is scary. Hurricanes – real ones – are scary. Horror movies – good ones – are scary. But this wasn't scary; this was terrifying. All we wanted was our families and friends close. We had no clue when the next attack would come; we had no idea how the next attack would come. To be that far from home and have my world so irrevocably, horribly altered was my own personal hell. I wanted home. I wanted to smell Florida's familiar scents. I wanted my mother.

I hopped on a Greyhound bus. Good lord willing and the creek don't rise, I will never do that again. I found myself on some sort of "every stop in America" Greyhound tour that

turned an 18-hour trip into four days. INS (back when it was called INS) stopped us when we were one minute inside New Mexico. Why? Because, apparently, on September 13, 2011, our priority was finding illegal Mexican families.

Things did not improve as we crawled through the barren landscape we call "Texas." For those of you who have never visited the Lone Star State, allow me to describe it: dust clouds and oil rigs. Oh, and Big Macs. I am positive that Greyhound and McDonald's have some sort of licensing agreement; we stopped at every McDonald's along the way – and nowhere else. This, as you may imagine, taxed the nerves of every air traveler sentenced to bus transit to get home; apparently the only thing worse than airline food is quarter pounders ad nauseum. We were scared. We were tired. We were overdosed on sodium. We wanted to get home and the driver just kept stopping, at one point answering our complaints with a suggestion that next time we book the non-stop route. Next time? I don't think so, Greyhound. I will yank my eyelids off with tweezers before I board your bus again.

Unsurprisingly, several busloads of passengers rioted at the Abilene bus station at 12:30 in the morning. We missed our connection in Dallas because a bomb threat at the bus terminal kept us out of the station. By the time we left Texas, we cheered, the high point in a trip through the bowels of lower America hell. At this point, there were five of us who had boarded in Arizona who were Florida-bound. We stuck together, refusing individual tickets on different routes that Greyhound promised us would get us home faster. We were Team Florida, knowing only that we alone shared the end-of-the-line promise of saltwater, shrimp, and sunshine. Terrorists had altered our America but we felt if we could just get back home something, however small, would be right again.

We hit Mississippi Friday night as the oil rig workers met the bus. Remember, these were the days before iPhones and web browsers on phones.

Those of us who owned cell phones rarely had a signal throughout most of the trip, so we shared information as one of us received it. We felt helplessly uninformed – we had no idea if any other area of America had fallen prey to terrorists – but these poor guys had no clue; they were clearly dazed by the sheer number of us at the station, vying for bathrooms and outlets for our phone chargers. One of my road-weary bus-mates tried to explain what had happened to one young man. He did not believe her.

"I don't get it," the rig worker said, clearly searching for an alternate explanation to a crowded bus terminal. "You're telling me that a bunch of sand n—s took down planes with box cutters?"

We all looked at each other, sheepish and saddened. We'd somehow overlooked that incongruity: so involved with the aftermath was America that we'd thought little about how implausible the cause of deaths sounded to those not privy to the live horrors on major television that past Tuesday morning.

A few hours later, Interstate 10 delivered us to the Sunshine State. We looked at each other; a few of us – myself included – teared up. We had arrived; we were home. The whole of the bus, from Arizona to Tallahassee, was America. But this slice of America... this was home. This was our America. It was well past midnight, but we saw sunshine.

Harriet Beecher Stowe described Florida as a piece of embroidery, with two sides: "One side all tag-rag and thrums, without order or position; and the other side showing flowers and arabesques and brilliant coloring."

On September 11 and the days that followed, never was that more true, not just for Florida but America. It was a collection of horrible, glorious moments I will remember until the day I die. There was a dichotomy in our lives: we were fallen, yet planning to rise. There were horrible, dusty moments when our defenses crumbled, and wondrous images of the black ribbon of road welcoming our tag-rag group home. We were tired patriots on a journey home through a fallen land.

We hated every state but our own, but we still loved America.

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Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

Bogus Social Security History Lesson on the Internet

Like an irritating canker sore that just won't go away, there is a plague of propaganda on the Internet that lingers and lingers -- spreading half-truths and outright lies about Social Security to millions of Americans. At least once or twice a day, someone forwards me an Internet message that claims to be providing a bit of a history lesson about Social Security. But it's really a lesson in how to take tiny kernels of truth and twist them into big fat whoppers of misinformation.

I've addressed this issue before in past columns. That's because the messages it contains have been out there polluting people's opinions about Social Security for years.

I first saw it maybe 20 years ago, being passed around via fax and snail mail and other pre-Internet forms of communication. For the past 10 years, it's been a staple of the conservative blogosphere. And like so much misinformation on the Internet, if the message is spread far and wide enough and repeated often enough, no matter how preposterous it is, it starts to take on an aura of authenticity. So it's time once again to set the record straight.

Although this so-called Social Security history lesson states, "It doesn't matter if you are a Democrat or Republican, facts are facts" -- it quickly reveals itself to be an attempt to convince people that the Democrats have messed up the original Social Security program beyond all recognition. In today's column, I'll cover about half of the allegations in the email. I'll save the rest for next week.

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

Fact: Participation in the Social Security program never was

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

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

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

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

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

Department (and that's at a rate of about \$2 billion per day), those revenues are instantly converted into treasury notes that are deposited into the trust funds. But the actual cash goes into the government coffers and is spent for whatever purposes the government spends money on. But the point is, the Social Security trust funds still hold the Treasury notes. And every month for the past 75 years, the government has made good on its obligations to Social Security by redeeming enough bonds to cover Social Security benefits due.

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

So President Lyndon Johnson didn't "move the money to the general fund to spend it." What LBJ did do was change an internal government bookkeeping practice. Social Security's income and expenditures used to be kept on a completely separate set of books. He simply added Social Security's accounts to the general government budget. But that did not change in any way the method used to invest and spend Social Security money (as explained above).

But let's be honest. Johnson moved the balance sheets for Social Security money into the overall government budget for one sneaky reason: All the Social Security income made the actual government deficit, caused at the time by spending for the Vietnam War, appear smaller. But please note that no president since, Democratic or Republican, has changed that little accounting trick -- for the very same reason: Adding Social Security's surpluses to the overall government ledgers makes for a rosier (albeit duplicitous) budget scenario.

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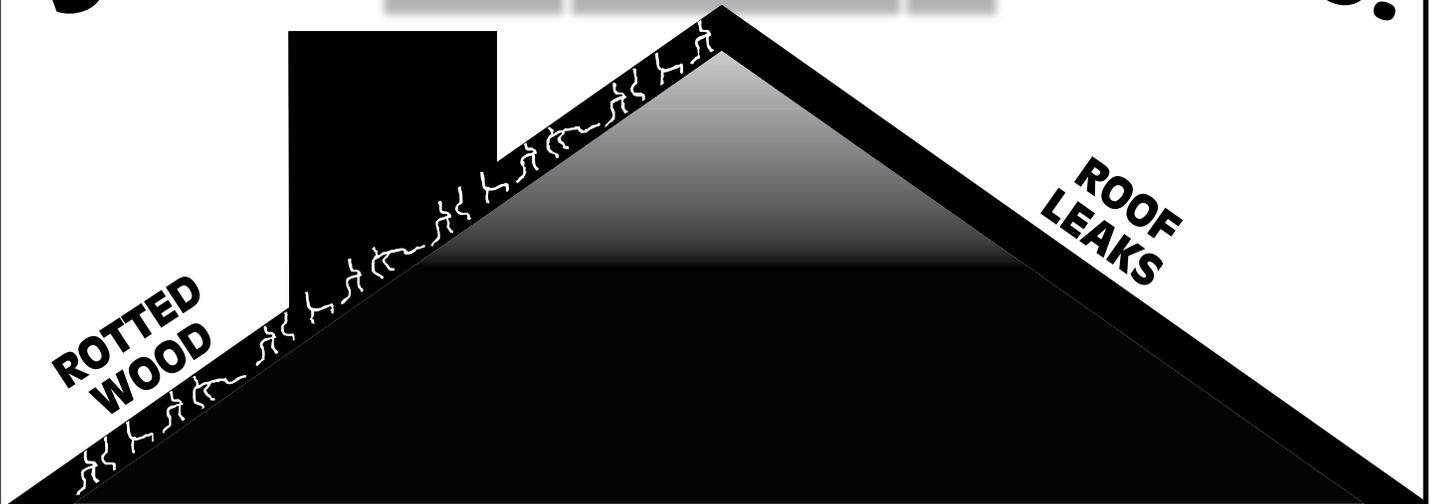
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FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

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1815 GRAY ST. S.-Sat. 8-1p.m. White wardrobe, misc. household, yard tools, gas grill, 2 rockwood tiles. Something for everyone.

HOUSEHOLD & MEDICAL- Much More! Inside and out. 6639 Date Palm Ave. S., So. Pasadena. 7am-2pm. Fri., Sat. & Sun.

2506 54TH ST. S.-10a.m.-6p.m. Furniture, etc. If rain, inside.

1901 54th ST. S.-Sat. 8-3p.m. Everything Goes! Reasonable Offers Accepted. Books, Household, Lot of Stuff!

1513 55th ST S.- Inside Sat. 9/10/11. 8am-? Furniture & n Misc. items.

5226 GULFPORT BLVD- Thursday & Friday 9:30a.m.-2:30p.m. Rain date Sat. Small Furniture, Costume Jewelry, household, Cd's & albums. Large variety misc. items, tools, Childrens Clothes.

YABO FLEA MARKET NOW OPEN!

Under New Management. Saturdays 8:00am. to 2:00pm. 4929 9th Ave. So. Gulfport.

5113 12TH AVE. S.-Friday & Sat. 7a.m.-? Toddler items & misc.

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

NEVER FAILING PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

- St. Michael, the Archangel, Defend Us In Battle; Be Our Defense Against the Wickedness and Snares of the Devil. May God Rebuke Him We Humbly Pray; and Do You Oh Prince of the Heavenly Host, By the Power of God, Thrust Into Hell Satan and the Other Evil Spirits Who Prowl About the World For the Ruin of Souls. Amen. St. Michael, I Resort to Your Protection and in My Faith, Offer This Light Which Shall Burn Every Tuesday. Comfort Me in My Difficulties and While Lodging in the House of Our Savior Intercede for Me and My Family That We Will Be Able to Hold God Close to Our Hearts and Be Provided for in All of Our Necessities. I Beseech You, to Have Infinite Pity in Regard to Favors I ask of You (Name Them) So That I May Be Able To Overcome All Difficulties as You Did the Dragons at Your Feet. Our Father (Say 3 Times). Hail Mary (Say 3 Times). Glory Be (Say 3 Times). This Prayer is to be Said 9 Tuesdays, in Succession and Each Tuesday a Candle Shall Be Lighted and a Copy of This Prayer Lft in the Church to Help Another Soul in Distress and Support the Devotion to St. Michael. This Miraculous Saint Grants Everything, No Matter How Difficult, Before the Termination of 9 Tuesdays. G.F.

MAY THE SACRED Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. Blessed Mother, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. Say this prayer for nine days, nine times a day. Then publish this prayer. Thank You, Jesus. G.F.

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GREAT WATERFRONT VIEW! Bay Island, So. Pasadena 55+, Swimming Pool, Clubhouse, Tennis courts, 1BR/1BA, Unfurnished, \$725/Mo. Annual. 727-729-9553.

4911-B 5TH AVE. S.- Nice garage apt. Newly remodeled, \$425/Mo. & security. No pets, call 323-0051, 9a.m.-5p.m.

APARTMENT 2BR/2BA-Near Tyrone, \$690/Mo., Electric, Cable, All Utilities Included. Small yard. 727-474-2687, 727-204-8475.

GULFPORT, 2001 55TH ST. S.- Large 2/1, Living, Dining, & Bonus Room. Garage with W/D Hookup. \$900/Mo. + \$450/Security. 727-742-5140.

1 BEDROOM DUPLEX APT.- Gulfport, Near Beach, Carpeted, Fans, Deck, Backyard, AC, \$550/Mo. + Security, Plus Utilities. 727-321-1605.

CHATEAU TOWER-Spectacular open water-view from this Ninth Floor, 1BR/1.5BA, Unfurnished w/new appliances and new carpet. All amenities included. \$900/mo. annual. No smoking/Pets. 727-367-8688.

SPB UNFURNISHED 1BR APT. Close to Shopping, 2 Blocks to Beach. Very Clean, All Tile. \$675/Mo. 1st/Last/Security. Small pets possible. Call 727-252-8656.

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STEPS TO POPULAR SUNSET-Beach (T.I.) Cute and Cozy 1BR. Includes Cable TV & W/S/T. \$650/Mo. Don Taylor, REALTY EXECUTIVES. 727-470-2552

5924 5TH AVE N.- Large 1BR/1BA plus Family Room. Ground floor, C/H/A, Basic Cable, Microwave, Free Parking. \$545/Mo. No Pets/ No Smoking 727-224-8731.

SMALL QUIET EFFICIENCIES -All utilities included. \$100/wk. and up. Also need Handyman & Housekeeper, possible live-in. 727-289-3588.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT-St. Pete Studio Apts. from \$400/Mo., 1BR's from \$500/Mo., 2BR's from \$600/Mo. Vouchers & Section 8 OK. 727-804-5596.

GULFPORT NEAR BEACH-and Library. 1BR \$600/Mo. Efficiency \$450/Mo. 2BR \$725/Mo. you pay electric and deposit. Includes WSG and cable. 727-321-8582.

ST. PETE 4, 3 & 2 1BR'S- \$550- \$1300 Opt. Rent or Own or Trade. Ask 727-541-2173.

BEAUTIFUL TOWN SHORES 1BR/1BA-3rd floor, 55+. 1yr. Lease. Newly Updated, Covered Parking. Move-in Ready, Marina View. All Amenities. \$750Mo. 954-270-4882.

LARGE 1BR APT. 55+-800sqft. in Resort area. Dock and Swimming pool. Off Gulf Blvd. Reduced by over Half, (was \$825) in Exchange for Maintenance, Swimming Pool Cleaning and Grounds work, Must have some Experience. Small dogs and cats ok. 727-897-5197.

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ST. PETE BEACH-2BR/2BA/1CG, Cottage. Complete Remodel, Water included, \$995/mo. Also extra large efficiency (near Corey Ave). \$600/Mo. Water Included. 1BR, 1/2 Duplex Near Publix S. Pasadena, \$610/Mo. Water Included. 727-946-3331, 804-5694.

KENWOOD LARGE 1BR-(7th Ave. N.) Hardwood Floors, Neat & Clean, \$625/Mo. +\$500 Security. No Pets. Call Tom 727-417-1462.

GULFPORT EFFICIENCY-Nice & Clean, 2808 Clinton St. S. Walk to Art District/Beach. Free cable. No Smokers or Pets. \$650/mo. \$350 deposit. Includes Utilities. 727-345-3798.

ST PETE BEACH 2BR APT.-\$795/Mo. & Large Studio Duplex, \$595/Mo. (Aloha Paradise), Ceramic Floors, Painted, Porch, Flowers-Fruits. Great Location. (69th Ave./Sunset Way). Near Beach, Shops, Parking, Free Rides. 727-614-2880 Anytime.

4911 5TH AVE. S. 3BR House. Large living room & dining room, freshly painted, new carpet, fenced back yard. \$895/Mo. First & Last, No Dogs or cats. Call 323-0051 9a.m.-5p.m.

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EFFICIENCY AT BUTTERFLY-Inn. Comfortable, Clean & Cozy. \$500/Mo., 1st and last. Background Check. Water Included. 727-323-4130. \$100 Discount to Permaculturist.

TENANT NOT PAYING - For Fast, Reasonable Eviction Service, Call Gulfport Attorney Karen S. Keaton at 727-822-2200.

4925 12TH AVE. S.-2BR/1BA Cottage, New Kitchen, Tile Floors, Fenced Yard, Garage, Dogs Welcome. \$795/Mo. plus Security. 727-322-8030.

GULFPORT

Large 1Br/1Ba. Laundry on site. Walk to beach. Available 10/1. \$600/mo. plus security/utilities. 727-347-1017.

GULFPORT ART DISTRICT-Furnished 1br/1ba, mini kitchen. Utilities included. Close to shops, beach & bus. \$500/Mo. plus Security. 727-345-1869.

LAND OF LIBERTE' REALTY PROPERTIES 1/1 Furn, pool, on Treasure Island. 710/SF, \$2100/Mo., 30 day minimum; 2/2, Furn, pool, on St. Pete Beach, 1897/SF, \$3000/Mo.; 1/1.5 Harbourside 'Paradise', 1050/SF, only \$185,000; 2/2, New Paint/carpeting, Pasadena Cove, 1025/SF, \$1000/Mo., 3/3, Furn, pool, North Redington Bch, 2560/SF, \$3500/Mo.; 1/1, Furn, pool, Sunset Cove, 480/SF, only \$136,500. 727-360-2006.

2-1BR APTS.- 1.5 Blocks from Gulfport Beach. \$575/Mo., \$575/Dep. 727-424-7582.

TYRONE SQUARE AREA 1&2BR APTS.- Close to Busline & Shopping. \$550-\$750/Mo. 727-410-4209.

TOWN SHORES 55+-1BR/1BA/Den Condo. Small pets ok. Waterfront view. \$675/mo., Will consider sale. 727-560-8166.

4551 3RD AVE. S.- 2BR/1BA, \$795 & Security. Call Mickey the Realtor, 727-322-8030.

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LARGE 1 -Mobile Home. Furnished, Excellent Area, Very Safe, \$500/Mo. Looking for Good Tenants. 727-410-6599.

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ROOMS AVAILABLE IN PRIVATE-Homes from \$400-\$500 Monthly. Applications and Criminal Background Checks Required. Contact Home Share Pinellas 727-945-1528 www.homeshareprogram.org

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HOME TO SHARE-Furnished, Cable, Concrete Parking, Washer/Dryer, Fenced Property, Utilities Included. No Smoking, Security Deposit, \$100/Wk. Neat & Clean. 727-323-1039.

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TOWN SHORES WATERFRONT- Buckingham #307, 2/2, \$170,000. Windsor #509, 1BR/1.5BA, \$130,000. Bill Sampson, Jr. BAIRD REALTYGROUP, 727-776-7280.

MOBILE HOME DOUBLE WIDE- Large 1BR, Large Living Room, New C/H/A, New Carpet, W/D, Carport, \$7000 o.b.o. 727-459-5944.

55+ LADY SEEKS TRADE- My nice 2BR/2BA, 1100SF condo, low tax/maintenance fee, Centrally Located off 58th St. N. Pets Okay, for Your 2BR/2BA Pet Friendly Condo, Town Shores, Les Chateaux, or Bay Island. Up to \$35,000 additional to you. 727-545-1026.

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Exceptional, large 2br-2ba private corner condo. Remodeled kitchen with pretty water view, updated baths, washer/dryer, glass enclosed balcony, with water view, storm shutters on windows. Carport, newer A/C, located in a popular condo community, close to major retail stores, mall, restaurants, and just minutes to beautiful gulf beaches.

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3BR/2.5BA HOUSE-Masonry, Double car garage, corner lot, tile roof, Two walk-in closets, large backyard w/deck. \$85,000. Call 289-8729.

TOWN SHORES BEAUTY 55+ Waterfront Community. 2/2 with gorgeous remodeled kitchen and bathrooms. Splendid water view of Boca Ciega Bay from 5th floor. 1,450SF. \$199,900. Call LUBIN TEAM REALTY, 727-410-5707 or 727-410-5696.

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MANCHESTER #612 - 1 BR Deluxe, freshly painted throughout, newer counter tops and carpeting, partially furnished, clean as a whistle, glorious water views, small cat accepted, covered parking. Great Buy So Hurry! **\$69,900**

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JAMISON - 2/2, Standard, freshly painted form head to toe, brand new flooring in every room, and much more... Direct view, literally steps to pool, keep your eye out for this one!!

KENMORE #205 - 2/2 Standard, newer AC & heating, all new windows, laundry same floor, pool in backyard, covered parking **\$71,900**

WINDSOR #510 - 2/2 Deluxe, split floor plan, new carpet throughout, panoramic water views, covered parking. **\$154,900**

JAMISON #515 - 2/2 Deluxe, West end unit overlooking marina, new kitchen and bath, covered parking. **\$139,900**

NOTTINGHAM #114 - 2/2 Deluxe, remodeled 1st floor living at its best! outside patio, spectacular water views. **\$149,000**

HAMPTON #203 - 1br Deluxe, new kitchen & windows, great floor plan, covered parking, water views abound! **\$89,900**

MANCHESTER #201 - End unit, 2/2 deluxe **CONTRACT PENDING**

MANCHESTER #502 - 2/2 Deluxe, 1250 sq. ft. New windows in Florida Room, fabulous water views: **CONTRACT PENDING \$119,000**

OPEN HOUSE! Sunday Sept 11, 1 - 3pm

JAMISON #515 - West end unit, new kitchen and baths, multiple water views overlooking marina, covered parking. **Bring A Friend! \$139,900**

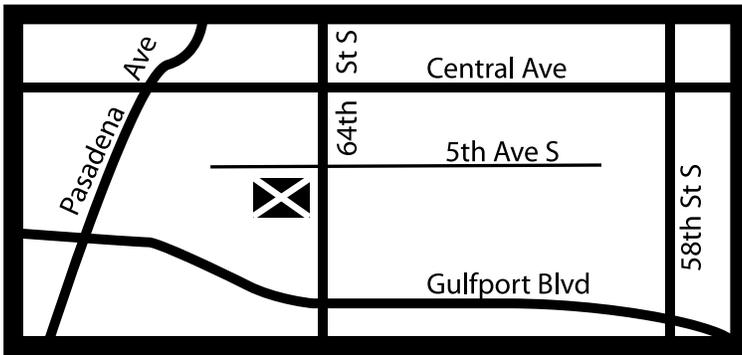


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