

Taking Tricks at the Senior Center



Eria Waterston looks over her hand during a game of contract bridge.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, the main room of the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center fills with groups of four. At 2 p.m. the players – designated North, South, East, and West – play contract bridge.

St. Pete Beach May Consider County Police

ST. PETE BEACH – After lengthy public comment, beach commissioners decided to talk to the Sheriff about what sort of policing services his county department could provide. Resident comment (see the “Overheard at the St. Pete Beach Commission Meeting” for a sampling of these comments), with one exception, urged the commission to drop the matter and stay with the city police.

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Boca Ciega High School: 180 Degree Change

By Cathy Salustri

“It’s been phenomenal,” School Resource Officer (SRO) Steven Beltran said of the school year. “It’s a complete 180 from where it was to where it is now. Awesome.”

The Gulfport officer, one of two assigned to Boca Ciega High School, is talking about the difference at Boca Ciega High since principal Michael Vigue took the helm at the start of the school year.

“A lot has to do with the administration,” Officer Beltran says. “They don’t have as many distractions, so they can focus on the issues at hand, which are student behavior and education.”

Students and teachers alike have noted the difference, and they

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Swigam Owner “Blindsided” By Commissioners Request

ST. PETE BEACH – Rob Williams thought he would speak about the car show and go back home, but before the commission reached that item on the agenda, District One Commissioner Lorraine Huhn told fellow commissioners she thought the outdoor use in front of the Swigam – Williams’ tavern on Corey – posed a “public safety issue.”



Pictured is the grand opening of the Swigam when it moved to Corey Avenue in March of 2010.

“It [the city allowing smokers to sit in front of the Swigam] really isn’t working as well for the city as it is for one of the business operators,” she said.

Although the commission did not hear public comment, Mayor Steve McFarlin did ask Williams to speak.

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Police, from front page

Commissioners said they wanted to allow residents to attend a public forum where they could ask the Sheriff questions, but city manager Mike Bonfield instructed them to allow the Sheriff to make a presentation at the commission meeting first and then, if they still wished to pursue replacing the city police department with county deputies, set up a public forum.

Before replacing the St. Pete Beach Police with the Sheriff's Office, residents would have to approve in a city-wide vote.

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Boca Ciega, from front page

credit Vigue for the change.

While Officer Beltran credits Vigue and the administration for the changes, he added that some of the changes came from the new building, too. Students walking outside between classes in the old open-air hallways, he said, may have encouraged rowdier behavior. Now that the students stay mostly inside, he says he thinks they're more calm.

The numbers show a decrease on certain issues as well. In the 2010-2011 school year, the two SROs dealt with 28 fights or reported incidences of "disorderly conduct." This past school year, SROs responded to 11. Last year, the school had 61 cases of "trouble with a juvenile" but over the past school year, officers received only 18 such calls. Battery fell from 16 counts to five.

"We're still dealing with kids," Officer Beltran says, but says that things like fights "are significantly lower than in the past."

He calls "Facebook issues" the "biggest catalyst for on-campus disruptions." Someone says something on Facebook and someone else responds; before you know it, he says, everyone involved gets upset over the incident and the anger

spills over into the hallways of the classroom. If he or fellow officer Jason Motte know about the trouble before it turns into a brawl, they can step in and diffuse the situation.

"We do a lot of counseling and mediation," Officer Beltran says. "A lot of the things we do don't make into the computer."

He says that while incidences increased over the past year, things have improved even more over a few years ago.

"Three, four years ago, it was hectic," he recalls. Officer Beltran

has worked as the SRO at Boca Ciega High School for five years. When he started, he says, "It was bad. This year Mr. Vigue was able to tighten all the screws down."

What would make next year even better? Officer Beltran says more parents can go a long way towards making the School even better.

The school needs "more parent involvement with kids and with the school," he says. Parents, he adds, "[need to] assume responsibility for their children."

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Trees and Bushes Will Sprout on Beach

ST. PETE BEACH – Those new medians, covered in grass and not much else, will soon have shrubs and trees. The commission voted to approve paying Morelli Landscaping \$312,970 for landscaping and irrigation with reclaimed water, which Morelli said they would have done or stop for the Republican National Convention.

Pinellas County should reimburse \$70,000 of the \$313,000 contract through Penny for Pinellas funds, although that is not yet definite.

The City of Gulfport Celebrates Flag Day

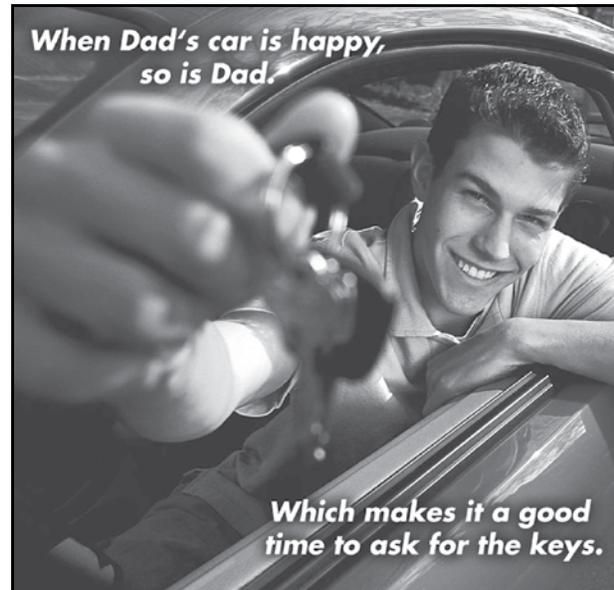
Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. To the original members of the Continental Congress, red stood for hardiness and courage, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance and justice for the American flag.

This special and moving event is held Thursday, June 14th at 10 a.m. at Veterans Park on the corner of 54th St. S. and Shore Blvd. S. in Gulfport and is open to the public. The City of Gulfport and the American Legion Post 125 will host a very moving Flag Day ceremony as they retire old American flags by proper ceremonial burn. Special guest vocalist and former Broadway singer and author Victor Helou will perform. For more information, contact 727-893-1118.

RNC Information Meeting Tonight

Do you have questions about the Republican National Convention? Are you wondering what to expect? Matt Becker, Chief Operating Officer for the Tampa Bay Host Committee, will be speaking to local businesses on Thursday, June 14th at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr., St. Pete Beach, to answer questions you may have. All reservations must be made at info@TampaBayBeaches.com.

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Father's Day on Corey Avenue

Join the merchants and local vendors this Father's Day, June 17th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. during the Corey Fresh Market. Special appearance by Justin Matthews Wildlife: pet a python, stare down a barn owl! Bring Dad out for some of the best BBQ in town: Mr I Got 'em BBQ, and Rum Cakes by "How Sweet It Is", the newest and freshest vendor at the market. Music and fun for all. Market will run through June and then be back in October for a new season.

Corey Avenue is located just off Gulf Blvd. in downtown St Pete Beach. Free parking. Call 727-498-8778.

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Town Shores Red Hatters

Just a reminder that anyone interested in attending any of the upcoming activities for June and July must call to be included. Please RSVP to Julie at 343-6587 or Carol at 345-2303 as soon as possible for

the lunch at the Dutch Heritage on June 19th. Deadline for this activity is June 15th. Car pooling will be available by meeting in the club house parking lot at 11:15 a.m. Please wear your purple and red.

Anyone interested in joining the Travel is Fun trip to Hard Rock Casino on July 17th must RSVP to Carol at 345-2303 by July 6th or sooner. The fee is \$20.

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Swigwam, from front page

"I have to tell you," he said, "this is totally blindsiding me. I came here to talk about the car show. And Lorraine, you bring this up out of the blue? You said before you got elected, 'I'm sure we can work this out' and then out of the blue you do this? That's a little unfair, isn't it?" he asked her.

"Not really," she told him from the dais.

The Swigwam, formerly a bar on the beach and in its latest iteration owned by Williams, is a smoke-free bar. Smokers go outside to light up and the city granted the Swigwam permission to use some of the

sidewalk for chairs. Neighboring Slimers, a clothing shop, uses the space in front of their storefront for multiple clothing racks.

Commissioner Huhn did not mention those racks as a public safety issue, but did tell Williams she thought she could find a solution that would work for everyone.

Williams said he hadn't received any communication – letter, e-mail, or in person – and didn't know what prompted this suggestion.

"We haven't had a lot of police calls... we don't have vagrants...I think we're one of the better-run bars on the beach," he said. "It's going to hurt business. It's going to hurt business a lot."

"I don't think so, Rob," Commissioner Huhn told him. "You have a loyal clientele. You could tell them to go up on the roof and they'd go up to the roof."

"I'd love to do that," he replied.

He suggested allowing people outside after 7 p.m. only, but reminded the commissioners that people would still have to go outside to smoke.

Mayor McFarlin reminded the commission they'd discussed this issue in November of last year, and added that he felt kids didn't need to be exposed to a "bar atmosphere." He said he favored revoking the permission.

Commissioner Jim Parent and Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan said they, too, felt blindsided (Commissioner Bev Garnett did not attend the meeting.) Vice Mayor Shavlan pointed out that Simply Perfect planned to move from across the street from the Swigwam to a storefront closer to and on the same side of Corey as the bar.

"To me, that asks the question, if things are so terrible [why are they moving there]?" he said.

The commission did not make a decision but will decide the fate of the outdoor seating at the Swigwam at the June 26 meeting. They did not indicate they would discuss the Swigwam, Madeleina Cottage, or any of the other businesses on Corey that make use of the sidewalk as part of their business activities.

The meeting, which will start at 6 p.m. on June 26, will allow public comment.

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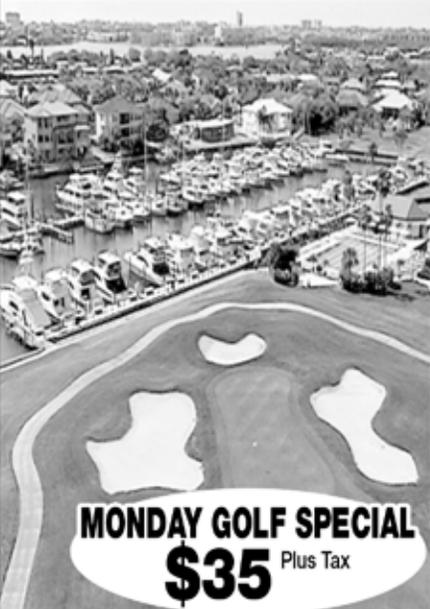
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This year the Players had Habana Café do the catering and the food was just wonderful! After the dinner came the Awards Ceremony. There were 15 categories and the winners were:

- Best Lead Actress- Eve O'Donnell for "Breaking Legs"
- Best Lead Actor- Carlos Milan for "Breaking Legs"
- Best Director- Olga Kruse for "The Constant Wife"
- Best Production- Jim Tobin for "Breaking Legs"
- Best Actress in a Bit Part- Maureen Kilroy in "The Curious Savage"

- Best Actor in a Bit Part- Frank Hale in "Breaking Legs"
- Best Light Design- Frank Hale for "An Inspector Calls"
- Best Costume Design- Andrea Guzman for "The Constant Wife"
- Best Supporting Actress- Deborah Frethem in "The Constant Wife"
- Best Supporting Actor- Rudy Gonzalez in "Breaking Legs"
- Best Set Design- Robert Colwell for "An Inspector Calls"
- Best Actress in a Short Play- Elisabeth Bell in "The Trouble with Day Care"

- Best Actor in a Short Play- Pete Shepherd in "The Grim Reaper"
- Best Production in a Short Play- Vic Carr for "The Grim Reaper"
- Best Original Writing in a Short Play- Dean Bevan for "The Grim Reaper"

They do hope your favorites won this year. By the way, the rehearsals for the Players' 12th Annual Summer One Act Festival have just started. This Festival will take place at the Hickman Theater from July 12th through 22nd. Watch for tickets to be on sale soon!

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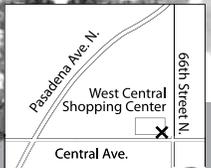
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Care for the Caregiver

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The movie will be shown under the stars on a giant outdoor screen. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the show. Snack vendors and

children's activities will be available for before and during the movie.

The event is free to the public. For additional information, please contact the Treasure Island Recreation Department at 727-547-4575, ext. 237 or visit the City's website at www.mytreasureisland.org.

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School Board Candidates Forum

The League of Women Voters will moderate a School Board Candidates Forum sponsored by the South St. Petersburg Democratic Club and the Gulfport Democratic Club and supported by the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club. The forum takes place on Saturday, June 16 from

11a.m. to 1 p.m. at The James B. Sanderlin Family Center, 2334 22nd Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. The public is invited. Supervisor of Elections will demonstrate voting machines at 10:30 a.m.

The candidates are:

- District 1 (At Large): Janet Clark, Jim Jackson, Elliott Stern, Shelly Ladd-Gilbert.
- District 4: Robin L. Wikle
- District 5: Carol J. Cook
- District 7: Keisha Bell, Rene Flowers, Glenton "Glen" Gilzean, Corey Givens Jr., Cassandra Jackson

Complimentary refreshments will be served.

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Lithuanian-American Lunch this Thursday

The Lithuanian-American Club at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg is serving lunch on Thursdays at 1 p.m. The cost is \$7. Today's lunch is cepelinai (potato meat dumplings) with dessert and coffee. Also available to buy are Lithuanian beer and fresh baked Lithuanian bread. Call Vida at 866-7936 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

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Dear Editor: Thank you to Beth from the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary. Beth rescued an injured heron this week from Wood Ibis Park in Gulfport. Everyone should take a moment to appreciate the hard work and countless hours they put in to protect our wildlife.

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Are you Prepared for Hurricane Season?

Where will you go? What should you pack? Is your home secure? Are you really prepared? Join Pinellas County Extension and other county partners for a free hurricane preparedness workshop for local residents at Weedon Island Preserve on Saturday, June 16, at 9 a.m.

Tom Iovino, Pinellas County Emergency Management spokesman, will deliver the keynote address. Tom will present the history of hurricanes in Tampa Bay and discuss the potential threat from a storm this season. Experts from the University of Florida and Pinellas County Animal Services will deliver sound advice on preparing your home, family, finances, pets and property in the event of a storm.

Each participant will receive a reusable insulated tote bag full of informative resources including a manual LED Flashlight. Door prizes include a complete set of tires donated by TiresPlus and an energy efficiency kit provided by the Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project, all valued at more than \$500. Refreshments will be provided.

Registration is required and space is limited. Visit hurricanepreparedness.eventbrite.com to register. The Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center is located at 1800 Weedon Drive NE in St. Petersburg. For questions, call 727-453-6522.

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Hot Shop is Blazing at the IAC

After nearly a month of down time due to multiple equipment failures, the Industrial Arts Center hot shop will be up and running this weekend.

Ladies Night is on for Friday night, June 15, 6-10 p.m. so bring all your bffs and have a blow your own glass masterpiece experience. Choose from eight different items on the IAC's glass blowing menu.

The IAC Hot Shop will be open again from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, June 16, during the Gulfport Art Walk. There's still time to make a beautiful glass masterpiece for your Dad.

The Industrial Arts Center is located at 2902A Beach Boulevard South in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard. Visit www.industrialartscenter.org or for more information, call 727-289-9365.

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Dive-In Movies are Back

ST. PETE BEACH- It's that time again! The St. Pete Beach Community Center and Aquatic Complex will be hosting the ever-popular "Dive-In" movie series again this summer, providing awesome family fun out under the stars! Bring your noodles, floats and chairs and enjoy a classic family movie on their huge inflatable screen while relaxing in the pool or on the pool deck. Admission is just \$4 per person; doors open at 8 p.m. and space is limited. Drinks, snacks, and glow jewelry will be sold at the pool - no outside coolers or containers please.

The Dive-In Movies are held at the St. Pete Beach Pool, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, on June 15th, 22nd, July 6th, 13th, 20th, and August 3rd and 10th. A special Tween Night Dive-In for ages 10 and up will be held on June 29th with a showing of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows". An adult-only showing of "Jaws" will be held on July 27th for ages 18 and up. These specialty Dive-Ins cost \$5 per person. For more information contact the St. Pete Beach Pool at 727-363-9264.

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Happy 50th Anniversary!



Ray and Wendy Trevett of 5425 Shore Boulevard S. in Gulfport and Dorset Dorchester England celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 12, 2012. Their son Kevin of New Zealand and daughter Kim Rose of England were here to help them celebrate. Kevin's daughter Stephanie, Krystian Toms, Colin Rose, Ben and Sam Rose and Greta Garnyte and Katherine Smith were her from New Zealand and England. A dinner was held at Pasadena Steak House in St. Petersburg and then they all went back to their condo for cake and drinks. Along with family, friends Fred and Norma Lanigan, Ann Wheelock, Sue Abbe, Scott and Judy Price, Ron and Peggy Ann White and John and Cindy Holst also helped them to celebrate.

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In an effort to continue giving back to the community, dozens of Fifth Third employees and their families volunteered, sorting food items at Metropolitan Ministries, as well as serving meals to families in need at a local food distribution site.

Marine Summer Camp

Marine Summer Camp Week is June 18 - June 22. The new Aquatic Summer Camp at North Shore Pool, 901 North Shore Drive NE, is an adventure for children age eight to 12 to experience marine life, explore our waterways and learn safety in, on, and around the water. Activities include kayak, sail, fish, and a trip to see Winter the dolphin at the Clearwater Marina. Camp is daily Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at North Shore Aquatic Complex, 901 North Shore Drive NE. Cost is \$200. They still have a limited number of spaces, sign up now. ADVANTAGE Membership (\$15 or \$12.50 depends on residency) and ability to swim required. For more information, contact Stuart Burns at 727-893-9689.

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Learn How to Use Marine Radios

The United States Power Squadrons Seminar Series “Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio” will be presented by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron on Wednesday, June 20th from 7-9 p.m.

VHF radio is the mainstay of coastal communication and essential for emergency communications. Digital Selective Calling (DSC) is rapidly becoming a reality as more Coast Guard Rescue 21 System operations go live. This seminar explains basic VHF operation. A CD is included with a DSC Simulator that allows you to practice on your computer at home. The handy, waterproof, McGraw-Hill Captain’s Quick Guide “Using VHF” is included with essential information that you should have aboard.

The course is offered at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing (take 1st Ave. East and cross small bridge to Demens Landing) in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$30 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at www.boating-stpete.org.

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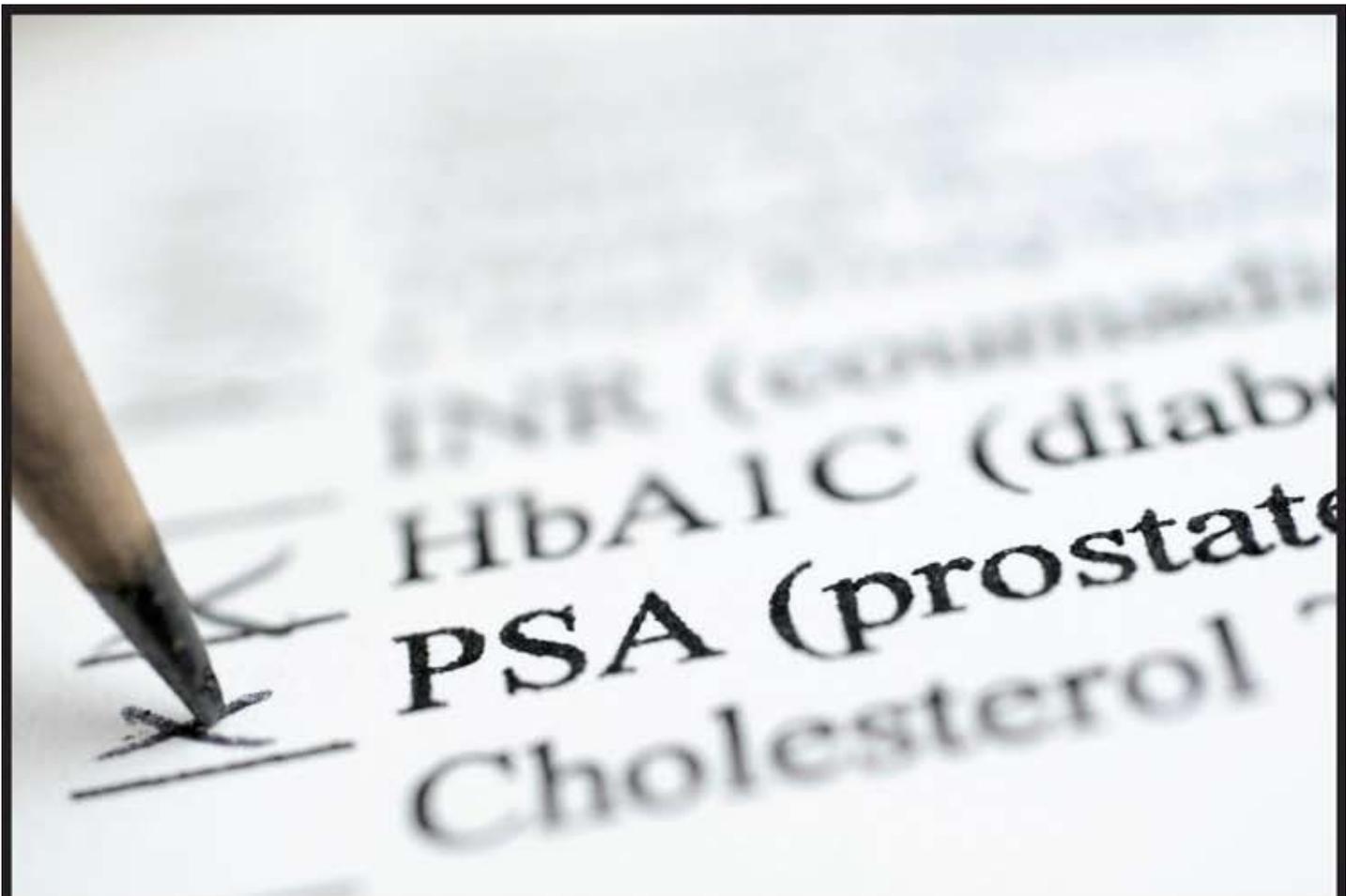


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Let the Decluttering Begin

I know it's time. It's been time for at least five years, possibly longer. I need to clean my kitchen. Now, before you send the Health Department to my address, let me explain. What I mean by "clean" is that I need to clean out and organize my kitchen pantry, cupboards and drawers.

If you walked into my kitchen, you'd see a tidy and sanitary place. But don't walk into the pantry or open a cupboard too hastily. Something might hit you on the head. At this moment, a bottle of Advil has been tossed on top of cereal boxes, which are resting on pudding boxes that have long ago expired.

Cynthia Ewer, editor of www.OrganizedHome.com says the first thing I need to do is harden my heart. An efficient, convenient kitchen, she says, must be pared to the bone. I must dare to dump anything and everything that is not absolutely necessary and useful.

Clear the decks. Ewer instructs me to prepare four boxes with these labels: Put Away (Kitchen), Put Away (Elsewhere), Give Away (or Sell) and Storage. Now I am to tackle one shelf, drawer and cupboard at a time, putting each item into its proper box.

Kitchen keepers. Once everything has found its box, send three of the boxes out of the kitchen. Now comes decision time. Ewer is ruthless in suggesting I need to just get rid of the electric french-fry fryer, that strange gelatin mold in the shape of Mount Rushmore and the odd collection of sports bottles from all those walk-a-thons. Ditto for pans I don't use, dishes I don't like and specialty cooking tools that I never use because they're too much trouble to clean.

No more stalling. I'm going to follow the Organized Home kitchen decluttering plan starting at the top -- the top shelves, which Ewer says resemble an unknown landscape at the back of the moon. (I keep wondering when she's been sneaking into my kitchen because she seems to know this place quite well.)

Here's the rule: If I've used it in the last month, it's a candidate to stay. If I used it yesterday, that will be the backbone of my newly organized kitchen.

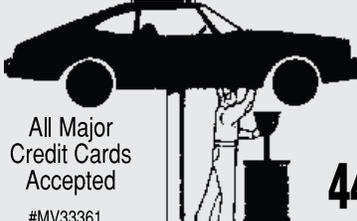
I am committed; I am determined. I will box and banish. I will not stop until every shelf, every cupboard, every nook and cranny of my kitchen is cleared, cleaned and organized.

I don't think I'm alone in this need for kitchen organization, so I'm extending an invitation for you to join me. All who dare are invited to join me in this marathon event. Actually, I could use the company. Somehow knowing others are participating in the same drudgery will keep me on track and moving forward.

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Aqua Zumba - Join the Party

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Community Center and Aquatic Complex is excited to announce the return of the fitness craze Aqua Zumba. Beginning June 15th, Aqua Zumba classes will be offered every Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. This is not your grandmother's water workout, this is a party! Get all the fun and benefits of Zumba with no impact and all the resistance of the water. It's perfect for all ages and fitness levels, whether you're just beginning or looking to spice up your workout regimen. Burn calories, tone your whole body, and have a blast! Classes are \$5 for St. Pete Beach Residents and \$6 for Non-Residents, no pre-registration necessary. For more information call 363-9245.

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Apply for Arts and Culture Grants

ST. PETERSBURG- The city of St. Petersburg is offering grants to eligible nonprofit arts and cultural organizations for the next budget year. Applications and guidelines to receive funds are now available online at www.stpete.org/budget/grantsc.asp; grants are due on or before Friday, June 15.

It is anticipated that for next year, St. Petersburg City Council will allocate approximately \$175,000 to eligible arts and cultural organizations to assist them in underwriting their operating expenses. The city's Arts Advisory Committee will evaluate the applications and make recommendations to City Council in October. To be eligible, a nonprofit cultural organization must serve the residents of St. Petersburg. The amount provided to each organization depends on the merit of the application and the operating budget of the organization.

This current budget year, the city funded local organizations including American Stage, the Morean Arts Center, St. Petersburg Opera Company and more.

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We stopped by the Gulfport Senior Center and asked some seasoned fathers – and one father figure – what the most important piece of advice they could offer a new father.



John Greer, father of three: “He should realize that the most important person is his wife, not his children. The wife and the husband are the glue that holds the family together.”

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Bush Best, father of four: “Be what you were created as – a man.”

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Marvin Ruso, father of two: “Never hit your children.”

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Paul Fornatar, retired teacher: “The obvious thing is to love your child, but that opens up a whole can of beans. I think listening is the most important. Just because they’re young doesn’t mean they don’t know how they feel.”

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St. Petersburg Aglow Lighthouse invites you to its Testimonial Meeting on Saturday, June 16th at Piccadilly Restaurant, 1900 34th Street N. in St. Petersburg at 11:30 a.m. They will "Declare the Goodness of God" through praise, prayer and testimonies. Everyone is invited. In order to use the restaurant facility a food purchase is required. Call 727-327-9070.

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This one of a kind event is a festival within a festival. It is free and fun for the whole family. Kids can enjoy the waterslide, rockwall climb, bounce house and other beach related activities. Adults can enjoy an ice cold beer on the waterfront point with a

birds eye view of the beach contests while shopping among vendors and enjoying live performances.

Featured performers are "Urban Gypsies", sponsored by the Gulfport Merchants Association and "Joel and Dakota" sponsored by 007 Computers.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 10-12: Live Music and Water Balloon Toss
- 12-2: "Joel and Dakota", Kayak Race and Bartender Beach Race
- 2-4: Live music, Paddle Board Race and Corn Hole Tournament
- 4-6: Live music: Recycle Regatta
- 6-8: "Urban Gypsies"

All day long the Dunk Tank will feature local 'celebrities'.

Thank you to the many businesses who are providing great prizes for winners in these contests, the list is impressive! Special thanks to the *Tampa Bay Times* for being a sponsor. This is a not to miss event for all ages. Come on down to Gulfport Beach and the Point behind the Recreation Center and join in on this free fun event.

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4th Annual Pets & People Food Drive

Pasadena Pet Motel kicks off the 4th Annual Pets & People Food Drive now up until July 4th. Proceeds will benefit the Gulfport Senior Center and Pet Pal Animal Shelter. Bring non-perishable food items and pet food to the Motel at 6735 Gulfport Blvd. Call 345-2852 for more information.

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Attend a Public Hearing Regarding The Pier

ST. PETERSBURG- City officials announced four public meetings over the next 30 days to further refine the Lens Pier Project. City Council voted on May 17 to enter into an agreement with Michael Maltzan Architecture, Inc. for design and construction of the new St. Petersburg Pier. These meetings are for gathering public input on refining and perfecting the Lens in preparation for final design.

The meetings are: Thursday, June 14th at 6 p.m. at J.W. Cate Recreation Center, 5801 22nd Ave. N.; Tuesday, June 19th at 6 p.m. at Lake Vista Recreation Center, 1401 62nd Ave. S.

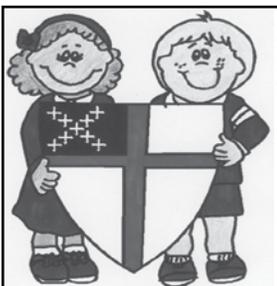
The city encourages the public's participation in these information sessions as they work toward a final design.

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Gulfport Tai Chi

Taoist tai chi classes for beginners starts on July 5th. Class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Gulfport Scout Hall, 5313 28th Avenue S. Emphasis is on the health benefits of tai chi and include the foundation exercises and instruction of the full 108-move set. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per class. Call Marge at 727-345-6708.

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Solution on Page 18

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- 4 Totaled
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- 13 Cereal grass
- 14 Small flycatcher
- 15 Gave encouragement
- 17 Mat men
- 19 Plait
- 20 Just a little guts?
- 21 Hemingway's ___ in the Stream
- 23 Fill with joy
- 25 Word with medicine or tool
- 26 Man, e.g.
- 29 With feathers
- 34 Cuts to the quick
- 37 Heracles' archery prize
- 38 Southwestern Indian
- 39 Mine output
- 40 110 per cent
- 42 I get it!
- 43 Bud's partner
- 44 Former newspaper section, for short
- 45 Rustic
- 47 Seemed
- 49 Fleming, and name-sakes

- 50 Adjective suffix
- 51 Support for Degas?
- 55 Musical tempo
- 59 Series of quick steps
- 63 Slapsie ___ Rosenbloom
- 64 Accuses
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- 71 NYC radio station

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- 1 Theater section
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- 4 Dismay
- 5 Festival for Apollo
- 6 Lived
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- 8 Lucy's hubby
- 9 Majestically
- 10 Text mistakes
- 11 Eddie Popeye ___
- 12 Actor Tim ___ of TV's *Frank's Place*
- 16 Library classification initials
- 18 Primp

- 22 Popular Halloween decoration
- 24 Incident
- 26 Roma's ___ Tiberina
- 27 Barber's implement
- 28 Dock
- 30 Mauna ___
- 31 Tropical yellow fruit
- 32 First name in furniture
- 33 College bigwigs
- 35 Madison Square Garden cheer?
- 36 Barracks bane
- 41 Summer, in Lyon
- 46 Pale purple
- 48 Refrains, in an old song
- 52 Dutch painter Karel ___
- 53 Tuscany town
- 54 French states
- 55 Sound enhancer
- 56 Escapade
- 57 Retirement age for Cicero?
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PROGRAMS

2012 SUMMER PROGRAM - Ongoing registration continues for the 2012 Summer Recreation Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Registrations for Gulfport residents and non-residents (30 children max.) are currently being accepted. Proof of residency is required for registration. Hours of registration for Monday-Friday are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. You can pick up your packet at the Rec. Center or log on to www.mygulfport.us and follow the links to City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center. For more information call 893-1068.

2011-2012 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM - The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 18 (if still in high school). It provides recre-

ation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$6 non-res.

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CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

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- Cheerleading - Call Alison at 410-2227.
- Conversational Spanish- Mon., 6:30-7:30. Call 482-2125 for more info
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Hip Hop Dance- Tues., 7-8 p.m. Call Natalie at 330-4135
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Pre Ballet- Tues., 6-6:45 p.m. Call Natalie at 330-4135
- Tai Chi –MOVES to Scout Hall June 5th, 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
- Yoga in the A. M. – MOVES to Neighborhood Center June 6th, Wed., 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Yoga- Wed., 6:30–7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba- Thur., 7:45 p.m. Call Rachel at 727-748-6612

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

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 which is located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Availability to register: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. Stickers valid from October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2012.

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Citizenship Classes: Mondays, 5-7

p.m. FMI, contact Adriana Santos, 727-222-8883 or 727-442-6881, email asantos@umcm.info.

Teen Bookclub Kickoff: Friday, June 15, 4:00 pm. Zombies vs. Unicorns theme with facepainting & zombie makeup. FMI, contact Sheri, 893-1074.

FLYP Summer Reading Program: Wednesdays, starting June 20, 2:00 pm. FMI, call 893-1074 and ask for Diann.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, June 21, 10:00 am. Discussion of Catch-22, by Joseph Heller, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy of the book. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

Meditation Classes: Saturdays, starting July 14, 10:00 am. Taught by Ted Leitho, using The Power of Now by E. Tolle; and Your Head in the Tiger's Mouth by R. Balsekar. Preregister at the Reference Desk. FMI, call 893-1073.

Voter Registration training for volunteers: Saturday, June 16 & Tuesday, June 19, 1:00 pm. Class consists of one

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

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

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Community Law Program: Attorneys from the Community Law Program will provide assistance for low income seniors on Fri. June 15 at 9:30am. Includes: wills, living wills, health care surrogate forms, etc.

Senior Trips: Looking for day trips? Capone's Dinner & Show in Orlando on June 21, \$58; and Hard Rock Casino on June 30, (\$20); 2-day trip to Immokalee Gaming Getaway, \$99/\$134. Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for more details.

Senior Center's Rays Fan Club: Plan on joining us at the Senior Center for the next Ray's game on Thurs. June 14 at 1:10pm when the Rays play the Mets. Come early for lunch at the Snack Bar and stay to watch the game on our flat screen TV. Free snacks included during the game.

Father's Day Tribute: A very special concert in celebration of Father's Day will be held in the Hickman Theater on Fri. June 15 at 1pm with Paul Fornatar and accompanist Kay Mann. Admission \$3. Proceeds will benefit the Senior Center Foundation.

Phones for Hearing Impaired: Deaf and Hearing Connection will distribute phones for hearing impaired Floridians on Tues. June 19 at 9:30am. If you already have
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a phone provided by Deaf & Hearing Connection that is not working properly, this would be the time to exchange it. Please bring your paperwork.

Beach Party Bingo & Ice Cream Social: Mark your calendar now for Beach Party Bingo and Ice Cream Social on Wed. June 27 at 1:30pm. (Please note that the time has been changed from 1pm to 1:30pm). Games, refreshments, and more! Tickets: \$3.00. (No Bingo on Fri. June 29)

SPECIAL SERVICES

Snack Bar for June: Light Breakfast served every morning: 1 egg, 2 pieces of toast & tomato and coffee, only \$2.50. All lunches, \$3.00. Great food! Great company! If you are heading for the beach, stop at the Senior Center to pick up a boxed lunch. Call 893-2259 to place your order.

Transportation Service: GEMS Door-to-door transportation service for Gulfport seniors 55 and over is available Mon. thru Fri. 8:15am to 4pm. Annual registration fee is \$55 and each one way ride is \$1. Call GEMS at 893-2242 for more info.

AARP Driving Class: are offered on the first two Tuesdays of every month at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. Call 727-343-9044 for fee and registration info.

Support Groups

- Diabetic Support Group on Mondays at 9:30am.
- Grandparent Grandchild Connection, 4th Tues at 6:30pm
- Caregivers: Every Wed. at 2pm

More Activities: To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety, please log onto [HYPERLINK "http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org"](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org).

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7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson
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Every Thursday
Salsa Dance
7-8pm Beg. & Inter. Lessons
8-10pm Dance, \$7



Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

There are as many ways to solve the equation of fatherhood as there are fathers to solve it. The sun, the moon, Venus and Jupiter all traverse the versatile Gemini constellation this Father's Day, shining a light on the many things this role can be. On Tuesday, the moon will be new, offering a fresh start with projects and intellectual pursuits. It's the perfect opportunity to take on an area of study or crack open a new book.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Finances between friends can be tricky under normal circumstances, and this week's circumstances are more unusual than most. You are inclined to be gentle and lighthearted when communicating on the topic of money, which works brilliantly as long as you are also thorough and crystal clear.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Self-exploration will lead you to discover a fulfilling way to make money. Knowing your strengths will be the key to seeing the opportunity in front of you. How can you do what caters to your strengths unless you know what those strengths are? Consider taking a personality test to get clear on the matter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's easy to get excited about an idea when you're the originator. This week it's someone else's idea that has you giddy, though, and you'll enjoy the rare honor of being a true champion of this cause. Such support doesn't come along every day. Hopefully, the target of your enthusiasm realizes this and appreciates it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your relationships will be better because you put some thought into resolving your issues with another person. And the best part? That person doesn't even have to know about it! Having arguments with people in your head or on paper will keep you from having them in real life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There shouldn't be pressure to do things right the first time. It would be cruel

to demand that of yourself. Pick a goal that seems good and a way to go about accomplishing it. If it doesn't turn out the way you wanted it to, try again. Happiness does not depend on getting it right the first time -- or ever.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your love is a profound gift that you present in many different packages throughout the week. Some don't realize they are being given the gift of your love unless you do the equivalent of putting a big red bow on it and emphatically saying "you're welcome" regardless of whether or not you got a "thank you."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Who you are in the bigger view of society is not who you are actually, but it certainly will make a difference in the way you feel about yourself. It will be important for you to contribute to a larger group. The task that allows you to do this will be the engine that motivates you through your week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You accept responsibility for the way things unfold in your life, for better or worse. Even when it's difficult to see how you could have made something happen, you know your actions had some influence on the way things are. A new era begins this week, and you're determined to make it beautiful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a price for making your dreams come true. It usually has to do with sacrifice, work and commitment. You're willing to pay a certain price, and then it gets raised this week. Take your time in considering the new price and whether you think it's still worthwhile to you. There's no rush.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your efforts to spruce up your living quarters will have a positive effect on your attitude as well this week. Little things around the house add up. Whether or not you entertain company, your image of yourself improves with the upgrades to your environment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). While it's always nice to get paid for doing what you would have done for free, it's not necessary that your work involve the thing you love most. You'll do that thing anyway. So why not get paid for something else? This week your options open up. Thursday is ideal for making a choice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Regular contact with regular people is something that shouldn't be underestimated. You may think, "Bring on the extraordinary weirdos of the world because I need some entertainment," but your thinking won't change the fact that regular contact with regular people could save your life.

This Week's Birthdays: A new you will be presented to the world this year. Events that occur over the next three weeks make it easier for you to change in the ways you most want. July has a way of ironing out the rough patches of a relationship. August is your chance to excel at work or become an expert in an area of extreme interest. You'll like the attention that comes with this opportunity. November brings family closeness and shared travels. June offers the investment of a lifetime.

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Music at Gulfport Beach Pavilion #6

Monday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Karaoke by The Toonsters, "J" & Lolita

Tuesday, 2-4:00 p.m.

Uncle Petey's Karaoke

Wednesday, 1-3:30 p.m.

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Thursday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Karaoke by Cookie and Dave

Friday, 2-4:00 p.m.

Entertainment by "Geno"

Saturday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Open

Sunday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Entertainment for dancing by Woody & his accordion

Weather permitting

Golf Tournament to Benefit Drug Recovery

Tranquil Shores NPC announces that their Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held on Friday, June 22nd at the Pasadena Yacht & Country Club.

“Substance abuse is a major issue in this country with approximately 47% of all households having a substance abuser in the home. Tranquil Shores NPC has become a strong force for helping substance dependent individuals establish and maintain a recovery lifestyle. We have a wide variety of programs and specialized treatment options that allow us to tailor a program to meet treatment needs and support of life-long recovery.” said Chad Johnson, Tranquil Shores NPC, President.

The event will include 18-holes of golf with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. followed by lunch and awarding of prizes. There are closest to the pin, hole-in-one, longest drive for men and women and putting prizes. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. All proceeds go to the Tranquil Shores NPC charity.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$100. There are 4 levels of sponsorship ranging from \$100 to \$2,500. Cash or in-kind donations are most appreciated and tax deductible. Please contact Andy Blair or Heather Johnson at Tranquil Shores at 727-391-7001.

Proceeds from this year’s event will help fund life-saving projects designed to aid people struggling with substance abuse and their families. Donations sponsor education and substance abuse treatment for those seeking help as well as for those affected by drunk driving. The goal of this nonprofit is to benefit all through service; thereby offering hope for those impacted by substance abuse. For more information, visit www.tranquilshores.org.

Pre-Ballet Class

This class teaches rhythm, coordination and group participation through a variety of movements, games, and ballet exercises. Students will learn proper body alignment, posture and isometric muscle development. This class is on Tuesdays from 6-6:45 p.m. at the

Gulfport recreation center. The cost is either \$7 per class or \$25 monthly. For more info please contact Natalie at 727-330-4135.

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Apply for Social Services Grants

ST. PETERSBURG- Social service agencies may now apply for \$338,000 in grants from the city of St. Petersburg. Grant applications are due Monday, June 25 by 4 p.m. and are available online at www.stpete.org/socialservices

Priorities for funding will be limited

to social service programs that provide homeless prevention services and/or services to homeless families (highest priority), unaccompanied youth (second priority) and individuals (third priority).

Grant awards will not be offered to agencies requesting less than \$10,000 or more than \$40,000. An agency can request funding for more than one program, but the total request cannot exceed \$40,000. Agencies must submit only one application.

Last year, the city allocated social services grants to 18 organizations in the community.

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Metro Wellness & Community Center will host a free seminar entitled "Breast Cancer & Other Cancer Links - Is it in our Genes?" presented by Dr. Rebecca Sutphen and Dr. Sue Friedman, co-authors of "Confronting Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer" on Thursday, June 21st from 6-7:30 p.m. at 3251 Third Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Seminar will address:

- How to understand cancer, genetics and risk.
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- Does my DNA have to be my destiny?
- Living with BRCA - What risks? What answers?

Register by calling 727-321-3854, ext. 245 or email to LGBT@metrotampabay.org.

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Bike Safety Rodeo

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Police and Recreation

Departments are excited to offer the 1st Annual Bike Safety Rodeo on Saturday, June 23rd from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free event will take place rain or shine under the covered pavilion at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, and will feature games, prizes and giveaways. Bring the child's helmet and bike for proper helmet fitting and bicycle safety inspection. Children will have a blast and learn about bicycle safety and rules of the road. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This event is proudly sponsored by Chick-fil-A, Scoops Ice Cream Parlor, Saviano's Brick Oven, and Beach Cyclist Sports Center. For more information, contact Mollie at 727-363-9214.

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First United Methodist VBS

First United Methodist Church of Gulfport invites all children, K-5th grade, to get ready to dive into fun at "Operation Overboard: Dare to go Deep with God" Vacation Bible School. Explore and experience God's underwater universe at VBS! The fun begins June 25th and ends June 29th from 5:30-8 p.m. at 2728 53rd Street S. in Gulfport.

The adventure includes regular Deep Sea Voyages into the Bible, crafts, music and dinner. To be a part of all the excitement call the church office 321-3620 and sign-up. Pre-registration is a requirement so we know how many to expect for dinner.

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1st Annual Funky Fourth Car Show

The City of Gulfport presents the 1st Annual Funky Fourth Car Show on Wednesday, July 4th between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Shore Blvd. S. between 54th St. S. and Beach Blvd. S. All creatively decorated gas and electric cars are invited. 35 spots available, so sign up soon! All are encouraged to participate in the parade (Please check spot on application if interested). Have fun and celebrate July 4th with your best dressed vehicle. This is no ordinary car show, it's Gulfport style!

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eSeries: Prepare to Survive, a collection of 15-minute videos on hurricane preparedness topics, is now available online and on YouTube. Listen to experts talk about everything from insurance to shelters in short segments that are perfect to listen to while driving, walking or at your computer at lunchtime.

With the start of hurricane season, the second year of production began May 2 with a show that featured Dale Armstrong from Pinellas County Extension talking about preparing your landscape and trees for hurricanes.

Each eSeries premieres at noon on the first Wednesday of the month (the July 4 release will be June 27, due to the Independence Day holiday) when it is streamed live online and shown on PCC-TV. It is then posted online on the eSeries Web page and on YouTube.

Prepare to Survive can be seen online at www.pinellascounty.org/eseries or on PCC-TV (Bright House Channel 622, Knology Channel 18 or Verizon Channel 44). Upcoming eSeries: Prepare to Survive presentations are scheduled for June 27, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3 and Nov. 7.

Last year's eSeries: Prepare to Survive presentations, and videos on disaster preparedness can be viewed on YouTube at www.youtube.com/PCCTV1. For more information on hurricane preparedness, visit Emergency Management at www.pinellascounty.org/emergency, call 727-464-3800 or join Pinellas County Emergency Management on Twitter. Pinellas County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Gulfport's July 4th Celebration

GULFPORT- The City of Gulfport invites everyone to celebrate this 4th of July centennial celebration all day long with an amazing line-up of fun and exciting activities in the City's downtown waterfront district on Wednesday, July 4th!

To keep you informed ahead of time, street closures are on the following streets starting at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4th. Beach Blvd. will be closed from 31st Ave. (south) to Shore Blvd. Shore Blvd. will be

closed from 54th Street S. (west) to 56th Street S. 54th Street S., south of Essex Avenue will also be closed. Beach Blvd. south of 28th Ave. South to 31st Ave. S. will be temporarily closed for the City's 4th of July Community Parade from 5:45-7 p.m.

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

placed on the seawall at Veteran's Park (corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 54th St. S.). Other safety issues include "sparklers only" on Gulfport Beach.

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

From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., check out the 1st Annual Funky Fourth Car Show along Shore Blvd. S. between 54th St. S. and Beach Blvd. S. Thirty-five creatively decorated and fun gas powered and electric cars will line Shore Blvd. S. in true Gulfport style!

Starting the evening, local vendors offer a variety of arts, crafts, food delicacies and patriotic knick-knacks for your enjoyment, from 4-10 p.m. At 5 p.m., enjoy live music on the Casino outside main stage. Our community parade will begin promptly at 6 p.m. making its way (southbound) down Beach Blvd. to the Gulfport Casino, where it will head west on Shore Blvd. to 58th Street S. Make sure to grab a good viewing spot!

At 9 p.m. an always amazing fireworks display off of Gulfport Beach along Shore Blvd. S. will offer an exceptional closing of the day's festivities. The City welcomes all to celebrate the Fourth of July in the City of Gulfport! For more information regarding the day's events, please email gbrion@mygulfport.us or call 727-893-1118.

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Public Comment & Council Quotes

“We’re fortunate to have Orion building a bridge in our town.” – City Manager Mike Bonfield, about the city having the use of a barge for this year’s fireworks celebration. The Friends of St. Pete Beach raised \$1,000 for the use of the barge.

“Congratulations on winning the election...I’m concerned that you’re going to bankrupt our city. Bonfield is not managing our city properly. In fact, one year just because the actuary said he didn’t have to give any money, he didn’t... I strictly blame Bonfield. This is his game.” – Deborah Edney, congratulating Commissioner Lorraine Huhn on her victory over incumbent Al Halpern and Ms. Edney herself, and then criticizing the city manager. The city manager did say that the only time the city didn’t contribute to the pension plan was before he started work at the city in the 1990s.

“I don’t see the down side of getting information from somebody.” – Commissioner Jim Parent, about meeting with the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office to ask questions about outsourcing the department.

About outsourcing the St. Pete Beach Police Department...

“I had an outstanding experience with the Sheriff last week. It was truly unique.” – Bruno Falkenstein, Hurricane Restaurant, who said the Sheriff came into the restaurant and arrested a server without telling management they were on the premises. The server was waiting on a 12-member wedding party from out of state. “It ruined that bride and groom’s night... They told me to get used to this, this is the way the Sheriff operates. We don’t have to inform you we are the Sheriff...If you have a problem with the sheriff, you can’t fire the sheriff.” Falkenstein also said that when the wedding party left without paying, the Sheriff told him to call the local police to handle the walkout.

“This is an election year for the Sheriff. What’s going to happen after the election?” – Bruce (last name unclear)

“Seminole did it 12 years ago. They regret it to this day. Everything changed in the town.” – Chuck (last name unclear)

“It would take, literally, a piece out of our city’s heart.” – Willard Gamble

“Policing is the people business. They’re the finest group of law enforcement officers I’ve ever worked with in 41 years... If you’re going to be in an information-gathering mode with the Sheriff, please make sure you get both sides of the story. Let me be there. What you know about your police department is probably quite a bit, but you don’t know it all. Let me give you the rest of the story.” – Chief David Romine, who approached the podium to applause

“These people are like family. These people care.” – Danielle Micklitsch

“It’s incredible. The presence that was made out there, a presence that if the Sheriff was here we wouldn’t have that presence. They are too busy. They have too much going on. I commend you for investigating it; the question has been raised and I think it now needs to be put to bed.” – Rob Stanwell

“I have to tell you, I’m really moved by the people here and the way they’re speaking about the police department tonight. But at the same time you have a responsibility. In the face of this – it’s compelling and convincing in many ways – I’d have to say you have a lot of courage to look at these things.” – Michael Lehman

“July 1, I’ll be moving to Vina del Mar because of this.” – Michael Jones, owner MJ’s Sports Bar and the treatment he’s received from the police since opening the bar.

“It’s surprising and disappointing to me that we have people now saying, ‘don’t give us any information; we know enough’.” – Commissioner Lorraine Huhn, about complaints she heard that people didn’t have enough information about the comprehensive plan but now didn’t want information about the police department.

“It’s just the right thing to do.” – Commissioner Jim Parent, about exploring the costs and services of the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office

“It appears we can save a tremendous amount of money... I talked to every mayor of the 11 cities that have the Sheriff. I didn’t talk to the Mayor of Seminole; I talked to the city manager. It appears to me that we need to go the extra mile. I think we need to be fiscally responsible.” – Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan

Local Obituaries

ADKINS, MICHAEL D., 58, of Gulfport, died June 8, 2012. Survivors include: 2 sons; stepfather; 5 siblings; 2 grandchildren. Abbey Affordable Cremation & Funeral Services, 727-517-2340.

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PAINTER, SUSAN C., RN, 67, of South Pasadena, passed away on Wednesday, May 23, 2012. She was a registered nurse and most recently worked at Palms of Pasadena Hospital for 25 years. She was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church. She enjoyed completing

crossword puzzles, collecting nutcrackers, and spending time with her family. Susan is survived by her husband of 39 years, Donald Painter Sr.; son, Donald Painter Jr.; brother, Ed Foster Jr.; and sisters, Veronica Beery and Kathy Foster. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday June 9, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Metropolitan Ministries. For an online tribute please go to beachmemorial.com.

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RABINOVICH, GRIGORIY, 86, of South Pasadena, passed away peacefully June 6, 2012, at his home surrounded by his family. As head of the cast iron industry in Ukraine, Grigoriy held numerous patents and was awarded several medals by the Ukraine government for his service. He is survived by his daughters, Yegeniya (Bill) Fagerquist, Irina (Vlad) Kalininas; brother, Alexander Rabinovich; sister, Assia Korsunsky; grandchildren, Maxim (Alena) Segal, Svetlana Sokol; great-grandson, David Segal. A visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday, June 8th from 11 a.m.-12 noon with the service at 12 noon and the committal service at Woodlawn Memory Gardens. Memorial Park Funeral Home, 727-527-1196, memorialparkfuneralhome.com.

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SEYLER, CATHERINE M., 77, of St. Pete Beach, passed away June 4, 2012. For a complete obituary and online memorial tribute go to: www.beachmemorial.com.

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TAYLOR, DAVID, 29, passed on to be at peace with the Lord June 4, 2012. He had a fun, loving spirit and many friends and family who love and miss him. ALifeTribute FuneralCare - Gulfport.

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TESTA, LINDA J., 59, of Gulfport, died June 7, 2012. Survived by her husband; a sister; 2 brothers; and her mother. Abbey Affordable Cremation.

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There will be a Memorial Service held in David's honor at the Elks Lodge on 66th St. N. in St. Pete (pool side) on June 16th from 2-7 p.m. Any questions please call 727-320-3211. My heart is broken, you left me too soon. You were just on the verge of greatness. The world was yours. I'm glad for every moment we had together even though it was cut so short. I'm broken without you. Baby, Baby, Baby R.I.P. Love always and forever.

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My Grandpa was like a second dad and a big part of my life. Grandpa wanted his grandchildren to grow up with a pool, so when I was born he and grandma moved down to St. Petersburg and did just that. He got a sailboat and introduced me and everyone else to sailing. If it wasn't for Grandpa I can say I might not have ever been sailing in my whole life. He loved to take the family and his grandchildren especially out into the bay. We enjoyed the boat tilting and the sail swinging back and forth, sometimes wondering if he really knew what he was doing, but he always did. Before they started building there were places to anchor and go on land and explore trails on a certain beach when we were very young. I especially remember Grandpa and I sailing, he taught me a lot. One time we were out for hours sailing from Gulfport Marina all the way to Johns Pass and back, venturing out into the Gulf of Mexico along the beaches. I remember Grandpa setting up our pool volleyball net and filling the stand with water and strings to the house and trees for it to stay up. I remember him grilling hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill at our family gatherings where we ate after the intense volleyball matches. Grandpa came to almost all of my baseball games. He and grandma even made a trip up to Savannah Georgia to see me play college baseball. Grandpa was a very hard worker and the type when he put his mind to it he did it. He taught himself how to sail and even built a sailboat himself pretty much. I'll remember Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner where he would say the blessing with his deep voice. I'll always remember Grandpa's fudge and how he loved Lipton iced tea. He was the best

and last Grandpa I will ever have. He was always very involved in our lives and I know he had a big place in his heart for all of us. I Love you Grandpa.

Love, Casey

My Grandpa was not just a Grandpa. He was a loving husband and father, a friend, a sailor, a coach, a teacher, a leader and most of all the best Grandfather a Granddaughter could have ever asked for. I love my Grandpa more than words can say. He knew how to make you smile, that's for sure. He had a rare personality that was extremely contagious. He was very comical and serious all at once, which made him who he was. He was independent and went for what he wanted. He had nicknames for everyone that crossed his path. Mine was Mugsy. I will never forget his voice at my softball games, "LETS GO MUGSY". The image of him in his trusty chair, his fisherman hat and either sunflower seeds or peanuts in his hands at my little league games, my high school games and even my college games will never blur from my mind. He was committed to his FAMILY. He loved my Grandmother, who he had been with since they were both 13 years old. He loved his children. He adored his Grandchildren more than words can say. He loved taking us sailing with him. Taking us sailing was the highlight of his day. We were/are his life. He strongly committed the last 26 years to his Grandchildren. I had a strong bond with my Grandpa that no one will ever be able to take away from me. The wonderful memories I have of him are what's going to keep a smile on my face through this hard time. He was an extraordinary man that touched a lot of people's lives. I miss him terribly and through this rough time, I will remember who my Grandpa truly was: a loving husband and father, a friend, a sailor, a coach, a teacher, a leader and most of all the best Grandfather a Granddaughter could have ever asked for. I LOVE YOU, Grandpa more than words can say and miss you terribly, but memories will never fade! I.B.SAILIN', GRANDPA!

Love, your Mugsy

My grandpa knew how to push your buttons. He came to every softball game I played as long as the drive wasn't too far. He'd always be sitting in his chair cheering me on saying "let's go mally!" I miss

him. I really do. I use to go sailing with him, one time we got stuck in a storm, the boat started spinning but we made it back. He'd always tell me to stop texting; I ended up hiding it from him haha. When I was little I remember telling him how prickly his mustache was, and I remember him calling for Shane his big dog to jump into the pool so that he could hold him. I'd always bring my friends over there to go swimming and to play pool, and to fish and to go canoeing. I don't think I'll ever understand why this happened, but all I know is my grandpa was an amazing grandpa. I'll miss him at my softball games in college but every game will be for him. He left us wondering. We'll always wonder, but I know he loved us more than anything in this world. All I know is everything has to happen for a reason. I'm not sure what this reason will be but it happened and there was a reason for it. It makes us all stronger and tighter as a family. We all come together to help each other and to talk. I write, it helps me. He was a healthy, strong willed, stubborn man who loved his grandchildren. We won't ever forget you grandpa. You mean more than anything to me. You taught me never to take no for an answer. I love you and will miss you forever.

Love, Mally

My grandpa was the best grandpa any grandchild could ever have. He was so much fun to hang out with which is why I went over to his house so often, and to play him in pool. I always loved to play him in pool. We use to have mini pool tournaments, like best out of five or best out of seven. I remember that we played up to eight games one time, don't remember who won but he probably won like he did most of the time. But on some rare days I would win more than him. He had this pool stick called the Viper, and occasionally he would bring it out, and when he would say, "I'm bringing out the Viper" I would know I was about to lose. For some reason he would always beat me with that stick! It was weird. Grandpa LOVED to go sailing too. I remember when I was younger; I didn't really like to go sailing that much because I was always scared that the boat would tip over. But about a year ago he took me on a sailing trip, just me and him. That day he taught me all about sailing, he taught me what all the parts of

the boat were called, how to set up the boat to sail, and he even let me steer the boat! That was the best part. That day I learned that sailing was not so bad, and that it was quite relaxing if you knew what you were doing. I will always remember that day that me and grandpa went sailing. I will never be scared to go sailing again. My grandpa loved to go to our softball and baseball games. He practically went to every single game, and I don't know how he did. Because between me and my sisters travel ball tournaments and high school games there was like a game every day of the week, sometimes even two or even more. But I think his love to watch us play ball is what let him wake up very early in the morning almost every weekend and stay very late at night to watch us play all. I will always remember him sitting behind the fence, a little to the side of home plate, cheering us on while eating his sunflower seeds. Grandpa, you are the best grandfather anybody could ever have. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH. I miss you so much but I will always remember you as the best grandpa EVER!

Love, Tully

Dear Grandpa, I love you so much and miss you more and more as each day goes by, but I can say how lucky I am to have had such an amazing grandfather in my life. You were what every grandchild could ask for; a loving and caring man and would do anything to see us smile. Every time I see a sailboat I think of you and how much joy it brought to you being out in the water. Now you're in heaven sailing on your big boat. I have so many great memories with you, you were always there supporting me and giving great advice. I will never forget the things you taught me about life. I am so thankful you were here to meet your first great granddaughter Amiah. I know how much you love her and thought she was absolutely precious. I love you always and forever Grandpa.

Love, Courtney and Amiah

My grandpa was a good man. We always had fun together and he had the best humor. I got along with him very nicely and will and do miss him very much.

Missing you, Colin

We will Love You and Miss You Always Dad,

Love John and Kelley



Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Divisive Politics

I don't know about you - usually meaning "I'm sure you'll agree with me" - but I'm sick of politicians referring to American citizens as members of some sub-group with presumed allegiances primarily to their native heritage, or in some cases, their particular interests or gender orientation interest of the moment.

So we have voters referred to as African-American, Latino or hispanic (they haven't figured how to label precisely that group), Jewish, gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transsexual, labor, government workers (SEIU), business and industry, inner city, suburbanites, soccer moms, women, working women, seniors, college, non-college, evangelical, Catholic, atheist, liberal, conservative, right wing, left wing, abortion, anti-abortion and many more I have probably missed. In fact, it might be financially profitable to form your own sub-group to suck up those campaign dollars and political

favoritism either through patronage or special legislation.

In all, it's pretty disgusting. However, note that there's rarely a mention of the white vote, or male conservative vote, or housewife, or white, non-politically active white women, though there has been some sarcastic reference to those who cling to their guns and bibles. Nothing, either about Germans although that's the largest ethnic group in America. Notably absent from the naming are the Irish who used to be a main stay of Boston politics. Nor do I hear much about my Pittsburgh heritage groups such as the Italians, Slovaks, Poles, Russians, Ukrainians, Lithuanians, Czechs, or Slavs. Nor is there much mention of the Caribbean groups. And, certainly, there's no mention of Anglos, Welsh, or Scots. And what about the real abused: native Americans. They were here first.

Don't get me wrong, if your so-called "group" isn't being mentioned, that's not bad. Not being mentioned is, in my

opinion, a badge of honor. It means being considered as an American first and foremost. Hey, you want to be something else, go live there. In America you have the freedom to do it. Lots of other countries it's hard to get out of. Also, some countries, like Mexico, are hard to get in. America, on the other hand, is extra ordinarily tough on those we should want, but easy on those who slip in (a euphemism for illegals).

OK. That rant should get me labeled as something (racist, anti-immigrant), particularly when I add something like "if you rate America below your native country, then by all means, go back there. Fish or cut bait as we say here." So, let me set the record straight. Except for the small minority, we're all immigrants. I've also witnessed through travels in the formally communist countries of Eastern Europe where ethnic groups were recognized in name only. Efforts to observe or celebrate old world (or, in their cases, their own country's customs) were prohibited and punished.

What I'm saying is: celebrate the old country's customs (St. Patrick's Day come to mind) to your hearts' content. Worship as you want with whatever customs you want. Or, don't worship at all. Keep contacts back home. Be concerned about conditions in your old country. Preserve your roots, help people back there wherever "there" is. Be active in your "group" as much as you want.

However, I'm also saying quit trying to divide this country into specifically discriminating sub-groups that disdain others who don't share their particular interests. You don't promote non-discrimination by discrimination. You don't promote inclusion by legislation that singles out specific groups or interests for particular privileges, protections, recognition, or rewards. Do what you want personally, be as divided as you want personally, but quit trying to get the government to be your advocate or to finance your interests or to protect them exclusively for you. The government's role is to be equally protective of all citizens.

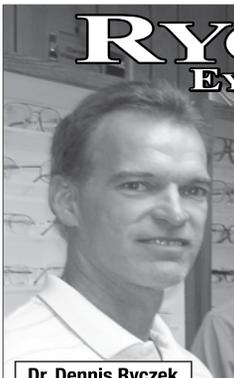
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Thursday 5/31

- Juvenile Trouble-** 5200 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 5200 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Panhandler/Solicitor-** 1400 Blk 62nd St. S.
- Person Down-** 49th St. & 12th Ave. S.

Animal Call- 1600 Blk Gray St. S.

Friday 6/1

- Animal Call-** 15th Ave. & Freemont St. S.
- Burglary Business-** 700 Blk 51st St. S.
- Alarm Holdup-** 900 Blk 54th St. S.
- Vandalism-** 2700 Blk 52nd St. S.

- Injured Person-** 5300 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5200 Blk 25th Ave. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 700 Blk 58th St. S.
- Armed Person-** 28th Ave. & Beach Blvd. S.

Saturday 6/2

- Person Under Influence-** 49th St. & 21st Ave. S.
- Disturbance-** Beach Blvd. & 30th Ave. S.
- Ambulance Call-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 2200 Blk 56th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Ambulance Call-** 54th St. & Essex Ave. S.
- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 5000 Blk 27th Ave. S.

Sunday 6/3

- Person Under Influence-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- DUI-** Dupont St. & Shore Blvd. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 5300 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 2500 Blk 51st St. S.
- Harassing Phone Calls-** Location Withheld.

- Juvenile Trouble-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Monday 6/4

- Animal Call-** 18th Ave. & 58th St. S.
- Domestic-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Animal Call-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Trespass-** 2300 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Theft-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 1800 Blk 58th St. S.
- Harassing Phone Call-** Location Withheld.

Assault/Battery- 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Animal Call- 700 Blk 59th St. S.

Tuesday 6/5

- Person Under Influence-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Trash Dump-** 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.
- Vehicle Abandoned-** 6200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Disturbance-** 1000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 52nd St. & Tangerine Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** Clinton St. & 29th Ave. S.

Wednesday 6/6

- Person Under Influence-** 800 Blk Freemont St. S.
- Open Door/Window-** 6100 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 1400 Blk 58th St. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 5800 Blk Skimmer Pt. Blvd. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 27th Ave. & 54th St. S.
- Ordinance Violation-** 5300 Blk 29th Ave. S.

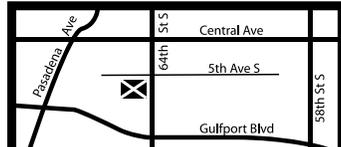
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Summer league begins the week of July 9. League fees vary with the sport. All participants must purchase an ADVANTAGE membership, \$15 for City of St. Petersburg residents and \$38/season pass for non-residents. Visa, Mastercard, cash and checks payable to the City of St. Petersburg are accepted. Call Athletics at 727-892-5223 for info or go to <http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/adult-leagues.html>.

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Certificates may be used by the purchaser or gifted to someone else. The certificates are good for classes scheduled through November 30, 2012. A limited number of discount certificates will be sold so there will be plenty of seats available for summer and fall classes.

The IAC is offering two \$200 Scholarships for Reality Glass Blowing Boot Camp - one for July and one for August. Kids must write 75 word essay by hand on why they would like to learn glass blowing this summer. The entry may be scanned and emailed to info@industrialartscenter.org or mailed to the Industrial Arts Center at 2902A Beach Blvd S, Gulfport, FL 33707. Winning essays will be announced at the Gulfport Art Walk prior to the camp.

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ST. PETE BEACH- The City of St. Pete Beach will host their annual fireworks display on Wednesday, July 4th beginning at dark. The display will be launched from a barge in the Gulf directly west of the County Park located at 47th Street (across from the Dolphin Village Plaza). All normal beach and parking ordinances will be in effect. The St. Pete Beach 4th of July firework celebration is made possible in part by the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of St. Pete Beach. For more information, contact the City of St. Pete Beach at 727-367-2735.

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Volunteer to Plant Sea Oats

ST. PETE BEACH- The City of St. Pete Beach has partnered with Pinellas County Environmental Management, the Sirata Beach Resort, and The Florida Aquarium to bring a large-scale sea oat planting project to St. Pete Beach and volunteers ages 12 and older are needed. The effort will take place on Saturday, June 30th starting at 9 a.m. behind the Sirata Beach Resort, 5300 Gulf Blvd. in St. Pete Beach. This is a great project for friends, family, neighbors, church groups, community associations, students needing volunteer hours and other community organizations.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, small hand shovels, sun block, hats, beach shoes, watering cans or milk jugs, and knee pads if desired. Parking passes and bottled water will be provided.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: *Police Pension Plans*

Q: The local police say that they have presented alternate pension plans (that will help reign in the pension problems) to the beach staff. Why has the commission rejected these plans?

A: Because it isn't as simple as presenting the deal to the commission; Florida collective bargaining laws require the union representing the police to bargain with city management, according to city manager Mike Bonfield. Once those two groups agree, the city sends the proposal to the commissioners.

So far, the union and city management haven't agreed on any proposal. However, Bonfield said, "the union did propose going to the Florida Retirement System, which is another defined benefit program over which the city has no control. The costs to the city is approximately double of the defined contribution plan currently being offered.

"The city management team does not feel such a change would meet our objectives in the negotiations," he added.

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ST. PETERSBURG- The City of St. Pete Parks and Recreation Department and TASCO (Teen, Arts, Sports, and Cultural Opportunities) are once again partnering with Tampa Bay Club Sport to bring back the wildly popular Extreme Mud Wars (EMW) to Spa Beach Park July 14-15. Last year, more than 600 people competed against each other in series of events that are just as enjoyable to watch as they are to participate in. EMW, hosted at Spa

Beach park at the base of the Pier in downtown St. Pete, boasts eight mud covered events that teams rotate through to determine who the best of the best is.

This is the prime opportunity for teams of friends or co-workers to participate in the all day mud event. Teams of 6-8 are suggested with a minimum of at least 2 females. All participants must be at least 18 or older. Food and drink vendors will be on site with a "beer garden" that will benefit the St. Pete Aquarium.

Team cost before July 1st is \$350 and after it is \$400. Proceeds from event

registration to benefit TASCO. All teams must register ahead of time and can do so at www.tampabayclubsport.com. EMW will start promptly at 11 a.m. and run through 5 p.m. Curious? Check out the results, photos, and videos from 2011 by visiting www.ExtremeMudWars.com.

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Learn to Spin Yarn at Gulfport Fresh Market

GULFPORT- The time-honored art of spinning yarn from fiber will be the subject of hands-on classes to be held during the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market this summer. Billie Rodriguez and her daughter Brennan will teach students during 4-hour courses, each consisting of two-hour classes conducted on two consecutive Tuesdays. Registration for classes will start immediately. The first two-hour class is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10th, followed by a second two-hour class on Tuesday, July 17th. To ensure individual attention, classes will be limited to four persons each. Waiting lists for additional classes to be held during summer will be maintained for others interested in learning. The cost for classes will be \$15 per hour, or \$60 for the entire four-hour course.

Spinning wheels and fiber, including angora and other types, will be provided. The first class will cover an introduction to spinning, fiber characteristics, drafting, hand/eye/feet coordination exercises, and beginning spinning. During class on the second week, students will learn beginning techniques, adding on wool, plying and skill refinement.

To sign up for classes, visit Billie and Brennan at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. The open-air market is located on Beach Blvd. S. below 29th Ave. S. For more information, contact Billie Rodriguez at 813-428-2484 or email boogie595@yahoo.com. The Fresh Market is a year-round event.

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Garden Club of St. Petersburg

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg welcomes all adults to their crafts programs which are offered the first Monday of the month from September through June and the following dates in the summer. It is \$3.50 per member and \$4.50 for guests. They meet from 10-12 in their building at the corner of 5th Ave. S. and Park

Street. A sense of enthusiasm and a wish to meet new people is all that is necessary, though your own scissors and a pencil are always good.

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Meaghan Hicks helps Rob Meade access his e-mail during a weekly computer class. The class, held at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, costs nothing for center members.

VBS at Tradewinds Church

A summer kids' event called Sky will be hosted at Tradewinds Church in South Pasadena each evening from July 9th-13th. At Sky, faith and imagination soar as kids discover that everything is possible with God! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience electrifying Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust God, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Sky is for kids from Kindergarten to 6th Grade and will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each day. The cost is \$25/child, with discounts available for families with multiple children. Call 727-344-1501 or visit www.tradewindschurch.org.

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Scotsman Fitness is in Gulfport!

The Scotsman Fitness team is proud to offer classes at the Gulfport Recreation Center, located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. A husband and wife duo, Ally Morrell and his wife Rachel will be starting a “Braveheart Bootcamp” and Zumba class. “Braveheart Bootcamp” is Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and “Zumba”® is Thursdays at 7:45 p.m. Bootcamp is \$10 per class, with the first class free and Zumba is \$6 per class, so please book early to ensure your place in class. Scotsman Fitness is located at www.scotsmanfitness.com or via Facebook or call 727-748-6612.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter members are enjoying the summer and will be working a few projects. The ways and means project will be the painting of the annual Christmas mouse ornament. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27 at 7 p.m. at the home of Lucy Brushaber.

They will be meeting every two weeks or so to work on these ornaments. Members take orders for these ornaments each year. They are \$3 each and can be personalized for \$3.50.

The members will also be busy working on the annual Council’s

Sister-to-Sister event. The chapter is chairing this committee this year and will be planning the event for possibly early fall.

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Fort Desoto Bat House Seeks Public Support



My name is Mason Valentine and I am 17 years old, a Junior at Osceola Fundamental High School and a Life Scout with Troop 263 in St. Petersburg. In order to achieve Eagle Scout, I must complete a service project that benefits the community.

I have elected to take on a project that has been turned down by numerous scouts. Mr. Wilson, the Ranger at Ft. Desoto told me that this approved project has never been built before at Ft. DeSoto.

My Eagle Scout project is to build a 8'x8x4' bat house that will be about 10' off the ground at Ft. DeSoto Park (Maintenance Area). It is estimated to hold around 30,000 bats. The benefits of the bat house will greatly reduce the mosquito and pest population, thus reducing the risk for diseases spread by these insects.

I have also been told that students from surrounding colleges in the area will also study these bats.

I plan to fund raise and build the bat house before school starts in August. I am estimating the cost to be around \$2,500.

Any donations are greatly appreciated. The account for this project is: Cornerstone Bank, St. Petersburg Florida. Routing#: 063114564 Account #: 01223627.

I would like to thank the community for their support on this much needed project.

Mason Valentine

Summer Camps in St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH- The St. Pete Beach Recreation Division is offering awesome summer camp programs, inviting residents and non-residents alike to fill their "Passport to Summer Fun" with us. The W.A.V.E. Camp is for those who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grades; the T.W.E.E.N.S. camp is for older kids who have completed 6th through 8th grades; and brand-new this summer is our Junior Counselor program for those finishing 9th or 10th grades. Junior Counselors assist with camp operations and can get valuable work experience and volunteer hours.

All summer long campers will collect stamps on their keep-sake passport as they participate in activities such as games, crafts, swimming, weekly field trips, and signature special events such as All Camps Day, Beach Olympics, Kid's Triathlon, Fishing Derby and much more. The full 8-week camp program runs from June 18th to August 10th. Pre- and Post-camps are also available the weeks before and after for an additional charge.

All camp information and paperwork can be found online at www.spbrec.com. Registration begins April 2nd in the Recreation Office, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive.

Several specialty camps and programs will also be available this summer and can be taken alone or in conjunction with our regular camp program. "Archery for Kidz" will be offered the weeks of June 11th and July 9th, contact Coach Dan McKaeg at 727-536-6207. Summer Painting Classes will be offered every Thursday, contact Caroline Duvoe at 727-647-8294. Swim Lessons for kids of all ages are offered all summer long at the Aquatic Center; registered campers in the W.A.V.E. or T.W.E.E.N.S. programs receive a discounted rate. Information on all specialty camps and lessons can be found online at www.spbrec.com or call for more information at 727-363-9245.

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The Azalea Community Fresh Market is offering weekly or monthly booths rates, 30 spots air conditioned inside and outside booth spaces with electric also available. To find out more information and become a vendor or volunteer please call Joe and Kathy Irizarry at 727-492-4789.

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Florida Library Youth Program

ST. PETERSBURG— It's hot outside but there are cool things happening at the St. Petersburg Public Library as the summer Florida Library Youth program (FLYP) begins. This year's theme, Dream Big Read! Discover Dewey will challenge young minds to read, dream and discover the treasure trove of stories, information and fun awaiting them at the library.

This summer's FLYP program has a full schedule of events through August 4th that includes story times, puppet shows, films, crafts and special presentations. Young readers who successfully complete a reading game will receive a prize and an invitation to the end of summer party. Beth Lindsay, Youth Services Coordinator, says "The library's summer reading program is a great way to keep children reading while school is out. The story times and special programs entice children to make reading an 'I-want-to' experience."

Special programs include "Razzmatazz" featuring Lowell Tausik, ventriloquist, juggler and magician and "Drumming Circle" with Steve Turner, from Giving Tree Music, leading the whole audience in creating and "catching the beat"! All programs are free and open to the public but arrive early as space is limited.

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There are about a hundred wineries operating in this region, all but a handful can be described as small or medium. Less than a quarter are growing varieties.

It was first established in the 1850's by Swiss immigrants encouraged by Charles La Trobe the Governor of Victoria, and his Swiss born wife. There followed a golden era dominated by Hubert de Castella who won prizes for his wine at the great exhibitions in Australia and Europe during the 1880s. A period of decline then occurred so then eventually, by the end of the 1920s no wine was produced in the region then known as Lilydale. The decline was caused by economic factors, rather than the Phyloxerra pest. There was virtually no market for fine wine in Australia. The former vineyards were given over to dairying and other agricultural enterprises, exploiting the mild climate, rich soils and proximity to the growing city of Melbourne.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

How is your Legal Health? (Part 1)

As with your physical well-being, you can avoid major legal problems by periodically checking the status of your legal health. Some of the areas in which you may wish to consider getting a legal "check-up" are estate planning, wills, trusts, insurance coverage, financial investments and retirement planning. A review of

your legal affairs on an annual basis to ensure that all relevant legal documents meet your current needs is recommended.

Many times, a yearly legal check-up will uncover legal problems that can be corrected before they cause a major problem. For example, with a birth or death of a loved one, you may wish to reevaluate your will, trust or estate plan. Like a physician or dentist, a lawyer is trained to diagnose legal problems or maladies and recommend cures. During your legal checkup, a review of your family affairs, real estate holdings, finances, investments, business interests and employment should be accomplished. If a "fix" is required to your legal health, a lawyer should be able to anticipate what remedial action is

necessary before a minor problem becomes a costly disaster. In upcoming segments of this publication, we will together explore some of the common legal problems uncovered by a legal checkup. As with a medical problem, it is important to see a lawyer as early as possible, that is, before a legal problem occurs, or if there is already a legal problem, before it becomes more aggravated and costly.

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The Freedom to Live: Men's Liberty™ Revolutionizes Men's Urinary Incontinence

By Cathy Salustri



With the invention of Men's Liberty, men can get back their dignity, freedom, mobility, confidence and masculine vitality.

It's an awkward subject, and until now, it had only awkward solutions: men's urinary incontinence (UI). Men who suffer urinary incontinence don't feel like they have the freedom they once had. They faced uncomfortable and risky choices – choices difficult to live with for both men and their caregivers. With the invention of Men's Liberty, men can get back their dignity, freedom, mobility, confidence and masculine vitality.

Just what is Men's Liberty and how does it work? Men's Liberty is a patented and proprietary, life-changing solution. Over one million units have been sold with not a single reported incidence of UTI or skin breakdown. Men's Liberty ends dependency on adult diapers, pads and condom catheters, making an embarrassing problem become insignificant and dramatically reducing, if not eliminating, the chance of infection.

Men's Liberty is a completely external device for dealing with urinary incontinence. It keeps men dry 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Unlike catheters, it's completely non-invasive there's no risk of infection. Unlike diapers, the device is small and discreet. It's skin friendly, hypo-allergenic, and latex free.

"Men who use Men's Liberty tell us it's the most discreet and comfortable solution to urinary incontinence that they've found," says Chief Strategy Officer Wendy LaTorre.

Men's Liberty works for all levels of activity, from the hard-core athlete to the bedridden. One of their largest groups of customers comes from adaptive athletes and Wounded Heroes (visit MensLiberty.com to learn more about the phenomenal men who stay active with help

from Men's Liberty). However, the device works for everyone, even if the most exercise you get is watching the sunset.

If you're a caregiver for someone who suffers from urinary incontinence, Men's Liberty is going to change your life.

"We have heard from many caregivers that incontinence care is one of the toughest aspects of caregiving," Wendy says, citing countless loads of laundry, interrupted sleep, multiple linen and clothing changes, and heavy lifting.

"Men's Liberty," she continues "does not require any heavy lifting, and because it will keep your loved one clean and dry around the clock, excess laundry, clothing and linen changes are eliminated as well! You can finally get an entire night's sleep!"

As a caregiver, you won't need a healthcare professional to apply, empty, or change Mens Liberty. If you're using Men's Liberty on yourself, you'll find it easy to use as well. It's a simple process that has a very small learning curve, so in a matter of days you're lifestyle is vastly improved.

If you have Medicare, TriCare, Medicaid, or private insurance, things just got a whole lot less expensive for you as well, because insurances that won't cover the cost of diapers will cover Men's Liberty. You don't need a prescription – only a letter of medical necessity which they will provide, then it is shipped directly to you.

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Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

When to Take Your Social Security -- A New Fact Sheet

Well, dear readers: do you want the good news ... or the bad news? Let me get the bad news out of the way first. I've been working on a new fact sheet for my readers (that's actually the good news - but more about that in a minute); and as part of my research, I've discovered that I haven't been completely clear in some past columns when explaining the coordination between taking reduced benefits on your own Social Security record and any possible benefits you might be due on your spouse's Social Security record.

A question I'm frequently asked goes something like this: "Can I take reduced benefits on my husband's record at age 62 and then at 66, switch to full benefits on my own account?"

The answer to that question is "no." But sometimes I've overstated that negative response by following up with a comment similar to this: "If you take reduced benefits on one Social Security record, you cannot later switch to full benefits on another record." As a politician who's caught bending the truth might say: "That statement is no longer operational."

Before I can clarify that, I have to explain a technical part of Social Security rules called the "unrestricted application policy." That means that an application for any kind of reduced Social Security benefit is automatically an application for all other Social Security benefits a person might be due. Because most people are usually due benefits from only two accounts -- their own and a spouse's -- in practical day-to-day use, the policy is saying that if you apply for your own Social Security benefit before age 66, you are automatically applying for spousal benefits at the same time. Or the reverse is also true: if you are applying for reduced benefits on a spouse's Social Security record,

you are simultaneously applying for your own Social Security.

But here is something I didn't make clear in my prior columns. If your spouse is not yet getting Social Security when you apply for benefits, then you can claim spousal benefits later when your husband or wife signs up for Social Security. And you will get whatever spousal rate you are due based on your age at the time (e.g., 50 percent at age 66; about 40 percent at age 64, etc.). But the reduction you took on your own Social Security record will still impact your overall benefits.

Here is a simple example of how that works. Becky files for her own retirement benefits at 62. Her full (age 66) rate is \$1,000, but she is getting \$750 per month in reduced retirement benefits. Her husband, Tom, is also 62, but he does not plan to file for Social Security until age 66. When he turns 66, he starts getting \$2,400 in full retirement payments. At that point, Becky can file for wife's benefits. To figure her rate, the Social Security Administration will take her full age 66 benefit, or \$1,000, and subtract that from one-half of Tom's full benefit, or \$1,200. So, \$1,200 minus \$1,000 leaves \$200. That \$200 would be added to Becky's reduced retirement benefit of \$750, giving her total benefits of \$950 per month.

And please note: the "unrestricted application rule" does NOT apply to widows and widowers. For example, a woman can take reduced widow's benefits as early as age 60, and then at age 66, switch to full retirement benefits on her own Social Security account. Or, she can wait until age 70 and get full benefits plus a 32 percent "delayed retirement bonus."

Also, the "unrestricted application rule" does not apply if you wait until 66 or later to file for Social Security. For example, if you are 66, you could apply for spousal benefits on your husband or wife's account, and then at age 70, file for your own retirement benefits and get your full rate plus that 32 percent bonus mentioned

above.

So now: back to my new fact sheet. There is no question I am asked more often than this one: "When should I start my Social Security?" Another version of that question goes like this: "Should I take my Social Security at 62 ... or wait until age 66 or even age 70?" As I've pointed out so many times in this column, that is almost an impossible question to answer because there are so many potential variables. And the biggest variable of all is your life expectancy. I could give you a very good answer to that question if you could give me an answer to this question: "Exactly when are you going to die?" And because no one really knows the answer to that question, no one really knows when it would be the best time to start one's Social Security benefits.

And some of the many other variables include your anticipated earnings (if you are under age 66, an earnings penalty can reduce your Social Security benefit payments) and, as discussed in the first half of this column, your potential eligibility for benefits on a spouse's Social Security record.

To help readers decide when to take their Social Security benefits, I've written this new fact sheet. It discusses all the variables. It explains the earnings penalty rules; it clarifies benefits you might be due as a spouse; and it offers several strategies for "maximizing" your Social Security benefits.

As always, I make these fact sheets available free of charge to my readers. If you want a copy, simply send an email to me at thomas.margenau@comcast.net. Because I've written so many fact sheets, please specify that you want the new one titled, "When to take your Social Security benefits."

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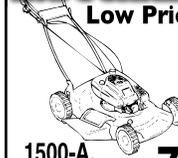
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