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Across the country America celebrated its freedom last week. Gulfport was no exception. Pictured is a proud american watching the parade during Gulfport's July 4th festivities.

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Beach Police Up For Vote

In less than four months – November 6 – St. Pete Beach voters will decide whether they want to keep their city-run police force or whether they want to go with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

After hearing from residents concerned about what they called confusing ballot language, the commission voted unanimously to ask residents to decide in November. They did not change the ballot language.

St. Pete Beach has a clause in its charter that mandates the city maintain a city-run police department. To go with the Sheriff's Office, voters will have to repeal that part of the charter in November.

Rick Falkenstein, who owns the Hurricane Restaurant in Pass-a-Grille, called the ballot language "tricky."

"If you vote yes, you are for changing and going with another department, if you vote no it maintains the charter it is today," Falkenstein said. "What I'm trying to get at is we're deciding whether residents maintain control [...]"

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Beach Budget Almost One Million Dollars Short

ST. PETE BEACH – Facing almost a million dollar shortfall, commissioners set the tentative tax rate at 3.5628. This means that for every \$100,000 of their home's taxable value, property owners will pay \$356.28 in city taxes. This does not include a separate city tax for paying off certain debt, Southwest Florida Water Management District, school board, or other taxes.

The commission stressed the rate was a tentative tax rate and for discussion purposes only. Once the commission sets its tentative tax rate, it may set a lower final rate but it may not, by law, set a higher rate. City Manager Mike Bonfield presented the commission with seven different scenarios, from no change to over a full mil increase. The commission chose the fifth alternative, which will help the city put money in its reserve fund (the city has a goal of keeping 25% of its annual budget in reserves for emergencies) and fund the police

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Pursuit of Stolen Vehicle Ends in Crash

Submitted by the Gulfport Police Department

The traffic stop was Initiated at Gulfport Blvd. and 51st Street, and the vehicle fled north from there. The vehicle left Gulfport at 11th Avenue South and 49th Street. Following several turns, the vehicle ended up on 1st Avenue South and headed east to 28th Street, where it turned north.. The pursuit went as far north as 38th Avenue North before turning back south again. The vehicle entered I-375 from 5th Avenue North, then merged onto I-275 before taking the 28th Street South exit. After leaving the interstate, the vehicle turned toward the Jordan Park neighborhood, and it ended up crashing into

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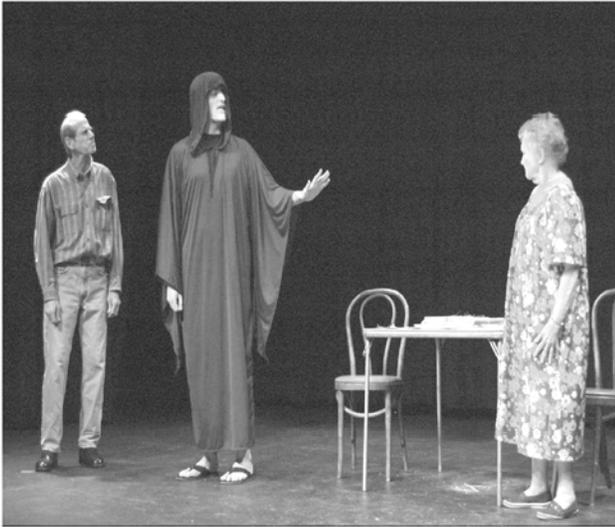
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Bayway Bridge Update for the week of July 9

This week the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to close the eastbound lanes of the Bayway Bridge from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. this Friday, July 13). The FDOT may change this schedule depending on the weather.

FDOT workers will make sure emergency vehicles can get through the work zone as needed. Workers will not necessarily have eastbound lanes closed all day, however drivers should anticipate closures and pay attention to the flashing signs situated around St. Pete Beach and the bridge for more information.

As always, the Gabber will post any changes under the "Top Stories" section of our web site (www.theGabber.com) as we learn of them.

Changes for Old Gulf Way Inn

PASS-A-GRILLE—Where a developer once envisioned a hotel, he now sees a single family home. In 2009, city

commissioners allowed Howard Jacobs to change the zoning of 1307 Gulf Way to "Residential High" with allowances for a resort.

Tuesday night the city commission voted to change the land use back to "residential low medium," or a single family home or townhomes.

"This was not a quick decision. This is the only use that's possible for this property," David Bacon, attorney for Jacobs, told the commission in April. "He [Jacobs] looked at all the criteria of the THD [Traditional Hotel District], taking that criteria, applying it to this parcel of land... It's like a mathematic formula, and they determined the box is too small. The economics would not make it viable."

Ashtanga Yoga Classes in Gulfport

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Beach Police,

from front page

so if you say yes to this change, you're saying yes to another department possibly coming. If you say no, you're instructing government to keep the current department.

"It's the way it was written when it was drafted," City Attorney Susan Churuti told him.

"Make it simple. Use regular language," resident Deborah Schechner said. "If you think about it, most people are not going to think if you vote no, you keep the police department."

Attorney Churuti explained why the city planned to use certain ballot language.

"Susan, I have no idea what you just said, and I'm a teacher of 31 years," Fran Travison said.

"If I want the police to stay, do I vote yes for this?" she asked.

"No. You vote no," Attorney Churuti said.

One resident asked the commission if they would vote to go with the

Sheriff if they had to vote today. Commissioner Bev Garnett said she would take a vote to repeal the charter amendment as a signal from the residents that they wanted the city to move towards the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

The Gabber will cover the November vote more in-depth in the coming months.

The ballot language for November appears below. A "no" vote means the city keeps its own police department, as set forth in the charter. A "yes" vote means the charter will no longer mandate the city maintain its own police department and the commission could, if it desired, outsource police services with the

Pinellas County Sheriff Office.

Repeal of Charter Requirement for Establishment of Police Department as Charter Department

Ballot Summary

Charter Section 4.06 entitled "Police Department" requires the St. Pete Beach Police

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Shall Charter Section 4.06 be repealed.

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Stolen Car,

from front page
the bus just before entering the housing complex.

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Gulfport--At 5:50 PM, Officer Jesse Kellington observed a stolen Toyota Venza near the intersection of Newton Avenue and 51st Street South. After confirming the vehicle was stolen, he attempted a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle fled, so Officer Kellington initiated a pursuit

in accordance with police department policy.

The pursuit led to Interstate 275, where the vehicle fled at speeds up to 90 miles per hour before exiting at the 28th Street South exit. Once off the interstate, speeds remained near 40 miles per hour, but the vehicle still did not stop. As additional officers and a helicopter were enroute to assist, the stolen vehicle crashed into a PSTA bus at the intersection of 11th Avenue South and 25th Street. The bus was southbound, and

the stolen vehicle ran the stop sign, crashing into the side of the bus. The bus then left the roadway and struck the side of an apartment building near the intersection. Nobody in the apartment was injured, and it is unclear whether or not the building was occupied at the time.

Derrick D. Mims, black male DOB 12/8/1990 was apprehended as the driver of the stolen vehicle. He sustained minor injuries and will be charged with grand theft auto and aggravated fleeing & eluding police, both of which are felonies.

The front seat passenger in the Toyota is being treated for serious injuries.

A third passenger in the vehicle fled from the scene. He was described as a black male, 20-25 years old, wearing a baseball cap, red t-shirt, and blue jean shorts.

There was also a 2-year-old boy in the car, apparently the son of the driver. The child did not appear to be injured, but he was taken to the hospital as a precaution. The pursuing officer was unaware that the child was in the vehicle until he approached it after the crash.

One of the six passengers on the bus was transported to the hospital from the scene, although injuries were not immediately apparent.

The St. Petersburg Police Department will investigate the traffic crash. The Gulfport Police Department will conduct a pursuit review as standard procedure to ensure that the policy was followed appropriately. Gulfport officers are authorized to pursue when they have reason to believe the driver of a vehicle has committed a forcible felony.. Burglary is a forcible felony that is a lesser-included offense associated with grand theft auto.

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There are a total of 26 actors in these 10 plays. If you've been to some of their past productions, you'll most likely recognize some familiar faces and you'll also see some brand new faces too!

Tickets are just \$15 each and are available at the door, at Eileen's Resale Boutique, the Gulfport Casino, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, the Beach Bazaar, or by calling them at 727-322-0316 for advance sales. Curtain times are 8 p.m. for Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. for Sunday. The Festival will run through July 22nd, so you'll have plenty of time to get your tickets.

See you at the Hickman!

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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 July 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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Beach Budget,

from front page

department for the coming year.

"All we know is we have a huge shortfall and we have a lot of work cut out for us," Commissioner Bev Garnett said. City Manager Mike Bonfield told her that the higher the commission set the city's tentative millage rate, the more attention they would get from voters.

Commissioner Garnett said she wanted to get the voter purposes.

"Why not go to [alternative] seven [3.9663], if it's only for discussion purposes?" Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan said.

"I think you're doing the right thing. I've been through all the commissions who were afraid to raise taxes," Hurricane owner Rick Falkenstein said. "Don't be scared. If you don't get reelected, the people later on will say, 'That was a smart commission'."

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Learn about the Sharks of Tampa Bay

Learn about the many sharks that inhabit Tampa Bay on Thursday, July 12 at 7 p.m. at the Tradewinds Resort, 5500 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach. Brent Winner, from the Fish & Wildlife Research Institute of FWC, will let tell us what sharks we can expect to find here, who uses Tampa Bay as a nursery, shark behaviors and characteristics, conservation, and some shark "etiquette". Everyone is welcome and admission is free. Presented by Friends of the Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges. For more information call 727-512-4914.

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Cool Calm in the Heat of Summer

Ted Leitho is returning this summer to teach another free series of eight classes on meditation. The classes will be in the Purdy Friends Room from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on the following Saturdays: July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, August 11, August 18, September 1 and September 8.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: PILOT

Q: What is "PILOT"?

A: PILOT, or "payments in lieu of taxes", refers to money that enterprise funds pay to the city instead of taxes. For example, an enterprise fund such as the Gulfport Municipal Marina, instead of paying property taxes, would make a payment based on its revenue. This year the marina is making PILOT of \$300,000.

So what's an enterprise fund? The simplest way to explain it would be to call it a government-run business, but that's not entirely accurate. An enterprise fund is a government department, such as the marina, that supports itself entirely on the money it makes from the service it provides. Enterprise funds take no money from the city's general fund, or property taxes. Gulfport has three enterprise funds: the marina, utilities and sanitation.



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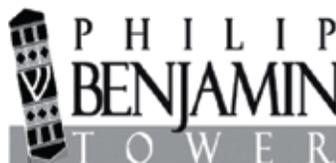
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Letters

It Takes a Village

Dear Editor: Many ingredients make a perfect recipe. Sometimes the recipe needs more salt, sugar or a little fiber to make things regular. What I am trying to say is that I do love Gulfport as many of you do and always want the best for the people who call this home as well as the folks who wonder how do they do it?

Well, let me tell you...

We do it with so many people with just as much heart and soul that I could never compare to. I am your civil servant and it is my job to do the best for you because I work for you. We have a team of amazing people that work for this city. They work in Parks, Police, Fire, Customer Service, Sanitation, Human resources, Recreation Division, the Library, the Senior Center along with GEMS, The Marina, Administrative Services, the Clerk's Office and of course the City Manager's office. They work for you. We have lost people through attrition, layoffs and so on, but the City keeps going for you. If you see that Parks person out there picking up palm fronds or mowing the lawn, you may not know that they worked day and night to clean up after a large event or major storm, but they are here for you.

We all know it's been a tough economy with less people doing more

and to continue to hold the services for this city to the same quality that people expect. All employees who work for the city have that same heart and pride when it comes to what they do. We couldn't do one without the other.

Beyond the employees in this "Village" are also the most awesome organizations that work on pure volunteers, sponsors, lots of creativity and hard work. They work closely with each other and the City to make some of these great events and "bring people to Gulfport." The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, The Gulfport Merchants Association, SO49 and even the Gulfport Neighbors work for you. I am proud to work with such people that get the heart of Gulfport.

Thank you, Cathy, for the kind words ("Invest in Gulfport", July 5th edition) and I know that we all could use a little more marketing and I think it is a great idea for us to pool our resources. I can remember not too long ago that we were complaining that we did not have enough cars parked along Beach Blvd. Now we are complaining that there is no room to park. So I think it's coming along at just the way we can expect to grow and we will continue to do so. We just need to be ready when it happens. I just know it takes many hard working cooks that complete this wonderful recipe called Gulfport.

Gail Biron

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2011 Boating Statistics Now Available

Sixty-seven people lost their lives in Florida last year in boating accidents, and there have already been 28 deaths so far this year, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), which has released its 2011 Boating Accident Statistical Report.

The FWC is responsible for reviewing, analyzing and compiling boating accident data for the state. Its statistical report details boating accidents and their causes.

"The frequency of boating accidents in Florida and their causes would probably shock most people," said Investigator Andy Bickel, of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement.

"We want to reduce the number of accidents, injuries and deaths on Florida waters," Bickel said.

Drowning is the leading cause of death in boating accidents, statistics show.

"There's an easy fix. Wear a life jacket," Bickel said. "There are several styles of life jackets available to boaters that won't interfere with your boating experience and may save your life."

Today's boaters can choose from several models of light and comfortable, inflatable belt-pack and over-the-shoulder life jackets that can be worn while fishing or enjoying the sun, and they do not interfere with boating activities.

Accidents can occur without warning, and if for some reason someone ends up in the water, quite often it's too late to put on a life jacket.

"The leading type of accident continues to be boaters colliding with other boats or objects," Bickel said. "With the number of boaters in our beautiful state, it's important to pay close attention to everything that's going on around your boat."

Statistics repeatedly show that boaters who have taken a basic boating safety class are less likely to be involved in a serious boating accident.

The 2011 Boating Accident Statistical Report is now available online at MyFWC.com/Boating, click on "Boating Accidents."

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2012-2013 Tot-Time Program

Ongoing pre-registrations are currently being accepted for the 2012-2013 Tot Time Program. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. Classes begin September 4, 2011. Call 893-1068.

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Eriabis Jennison mixes up a fresh lemonade at the Tuesday market in Gulfport. The market runs all summer. With a high of 97° Tuesday, Jennison kept his squeezing arm busy. The market also has local goat cheese, free range chicken eggs, and yarn spinning classes.

Learn Sail Trim & Rig Tuning

The United States Power Squadron's Seminar Series "Sail Trim & Rig Tuning" will be presented by the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron on Wednesday, July 18 from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 2nd Ave SE, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. This seminar shows in clear and simple terms how to use and adjust sails for optimum performance under a wide range of conditions. The seminar comes with a waterproof USPS Captain's Quick Guide written by North Sails and Student Notes. Instruction is free, materials cost \$25 per family; maximum of 20 students; pre-registration required. Contact www.boating-stpete.org.

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Lithuanian-American Lunch this Thursday

The Lithuanian-American Club at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. The cost is \$7.

This month of July they are changing their menu. They will be offering a melting pot of American food. Today they will serve Italian spaghetti, three meatballs with tomato sauce, garlic bread, salad, sherbert and coffee. On July 19 the food of Germany will be featured with noodles with braised beef and pork, sauteed red cabbage, German potato salad, strudel and coffee. On July 26 they will serve Hawaiian with boneless pork chop braised and baked with grated carrots, diced onions and pineapple chunks, rice, green beans, fruit plate and coffee.

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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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Friday Flicks in the Park

The City of Treasure Island will present its Friday Flicks in the Park on the second and fourth Friday in July in the Treasure Island Community Center Park located at 106th Avenue and Gulf Boulevard. The event begins at 7 p.m. with food vendors and activities for the

children, with the movies beginning at 9 p.m. The schedule is as follows: Friday, July 13th, "Big Miracle" and Friday, July 27th, "Sherlock Holmes, A Game of Shadows".

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 www.mytreasureisland.org.

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Democratic Club Meets Tonight

On Thursday, July 12, members and guests of the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will host retiring State Legislator Rick Kriseman and Florida Democratic Party Vice Chair Alison Moreno. The meeting to be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. in Pinellas Park starts with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a lovely buffet dinner (\$15) at 6:30 p.m. and concludes with the speakers' presentations and questions and discussion. Call Betty Morganstein at 727-360-3971 for dinner reservations.

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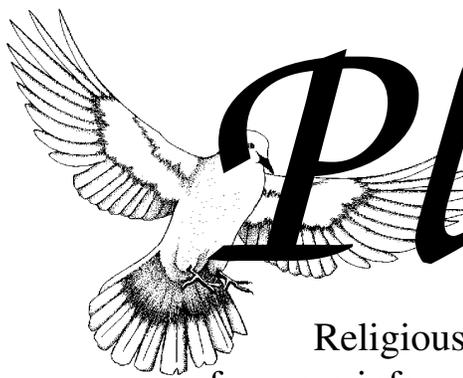


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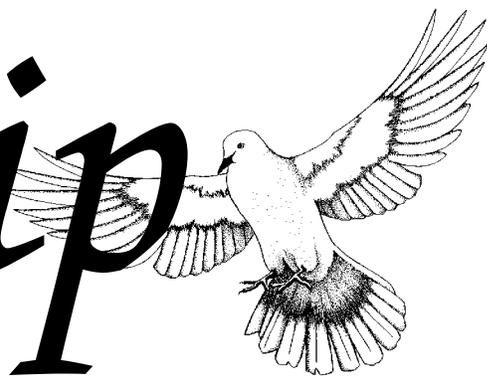
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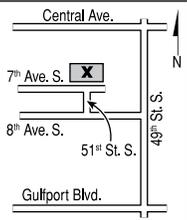
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The Recreation Division of the City of Gulfport will be offering VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) during the 2012-2013 School Year. VPK is free for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Parents must apply at Coordinated Child Care and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. This program is being offered in addition to Tot Time, which is for children who are between the ages of 3-5 and potty trained. Registration fees for Tot Time are \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Both of these programs will start on Tuesday, September 4th and is limited to 10 children each. Sign up now with either your voucher from Coordinated Child Care or your registration fee. Please call 727-893-1068 for more details.

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Denise Wachalec, Bo-Tiki manager: "Mostly, it's groups. They (women) come together for outings and girls days out."

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Jeff Moore, Kozy Kasual Wear: "I have out of staters. I have Canadians. I have 60s-related people."

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Cindi Stephens, Country Harvest Craft Studio: "I have a lot of locals support who are trying to support locals, but I have a lot of people from out of town who shop here while they're vacationing and call and order from me when they're back home."

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Extreme Mud Wars

ST. PETERSBURG- The City of St. Pete Parks and Recreation Department and TASC0 (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 is \$400. Proceeds from event registration to benefit TASC0. 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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By Holiday Mathis

Mercury's retrograde influence on Leo endures -- and is exacerbated by the sun-square-Saturn challenge through the early week. Since Leo rules the heart, this is an excellent time to review the heart's story. This is not to be confused with the true story or the facts of your personal history, as the heart follows its own peculiar version of reality. But feelings are just as important, if not more so, in the life scheme.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your plan will be extremely important, and it doesn't even have to be a good plan to make a difference. That it exists at all will be the main reason for your success. You'll carry yourself with purpose and intention. Friday brings an encounter with someone in charge. Your winning way makes a difference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a low tolerance for people who bring you down, which is why you now have an entirely different set of friends. You'll find that you can do so much more than you thought when you stick near supportive people who want to contribute to your intellectual, emotional and spiritual development.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Building a loving home is important to you. It's the foundation from which all other ventures will succeed. Even if you live alone, you make sure that your home reflects your loving relationships. You'll put effort into making your domestic life beautiful and your closest relationships harmonious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can't change the number of hours in a day, but you use them well. And if you have a plan, you'll probably use them even better. Record your upcoming activities on a calendar. Getting a proper overview of what's ahead will guide your choices this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). All it takes is a thought to set in motion a powerful process. Receiving that thought will happen in a place of

spacious beauty. Your creativity will be as strong as your environment is organized. The planets align to help you pare down. The more you can get rid of the better you'll understand what really inspires you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your sign mate the great comic Steven Wright said, "I have an inferiority complex. But it's not a very good one." Avoid comparing yourself to anyone else this week. You're working on something that is so wonderfully beyond compare that trying to pit it against the work of others would be a big mistake.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll make an excellent match this week. More than likely, it's a person and an activity that attract you into a new realm. There's nothing more compelling to you than the prospect of growing your mind and spirit through the pursuit and discovery of new interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't worry too much about getting things done. Rushing to finish would be a mistake. Completion will happen later. If you spend the entire week experimenting and planning, you've done well. Gather the materials you need to manifest your vision. Play around with different arrangements.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll observe something similar to what you want out in the world. Then you'll imagine your own version in your mind's eye. By Wednesday, you already will be nailing down some of the finer definitions. Friday shows you solving problems. Whatever your obstacles, a sense of happiness comes with this process.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's only smart to shy away from jobs that seem like they are going to be an absolute grind. Despite your high intelligence, or perhaps because of it, you'll find yourself inspired to ignore logic in favor of a stronger calling. The most profound experience will come as a result of taking on an exceptionally difficult job.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There have been times in your life when you've considered your persistence to be a curse. This week you'll see your tenacity for the great gift that it is. You'll keep pushing ahead with a project even when you think you might fail -- and that takes heart! Your actions will inspire a whole team of people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Certain relationships tend to bring up feelings of envy this week. You wish you had had certain opportunities that were not afforded to you, opportunities that others seem to take for granted. But don't let this fact color the vast array of one-of-a-kind experiences you have had that helped mold you into who you are.

This Week's Birthdays: You've paid tribute to "them," and this year it's about you. The creative, original and surprising work you do over the next six weeks will catapult you to a new level of life and business. Keep developing your style thereafter. September starts a satisfying cycle in your personal life. You'll feel that you've been seen and understood for who you are. Seek pleasure and joy through October. Ask excellent questions in November. Get clear about where you want to go next.

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Fun on the Fourth

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Above: In addition to emceeing the kids fishing derby, Joe Guenther donated and cooked hot dogs and hamburgers on behalf of his wife Maddy's restaurant (O'Maddy's).

Left: Tony Kronz, half of T2 Concepts shows off his completely electric '71 Volkswagen bus. Kronz and his brother (the other half of T2 Concepts) made good use of the unneeded gas tank.

Lower Left: Lucas Pitzen – the youngest of three generations at the sandcastle contest – doesn't let a little thing like high tide deter him from his project. The high tide, coupled with a little help from a tropical storm two weeks ago, meant that the sandcastle contestants had to work quickly and in ankle deep water.

Below: Local artist Tom Pitzen, creator of the "Historic Waterfront" sign in Clymer Park, shows his mad sand sculpting skills with his dad and two sons.





Left: Megan Kidgell, 8, checks out the sand sculptures at the sand castle contests. She told the Gabber this monument, not an official entry, was her favorite.

Lower left: Vice Mayor Sam Henderson and his wife Laura introduce the parade procession. Vice Mayor Henderson emceed the parade; Mrs. Henderson sang the National Anthem.

Below: Rachel Tipsword, 10, poses with a pinfish. Rachel won the 9 – 10 year old category of the kids fishing derby not with this pinfish but a 12 ¾” flounder she caught. This year’s fishing derby boasted all girl winners – girls all outfished the boys.

“All the girls slayed them,” Harbormaster Denis Frain said.



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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: Markets

Q: How much do the two Sunday markets pay the city for use of public property? Do the markets pay for extra police?

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By Mary Hunt

Debit Overdraft Fees Are Back and Bigger Than Ever

Remember the way banks used to slap debit-card users with outrageous bounce fees if you happened to operate too close to the edge? It was so crazy, a six-dollar burger could end up costing \$45 or more if all you had in your account was \$5.99.

What irked me, as well as millions of people across the country, was

the way banks allowed those debit overdrafts in the first place. Most people said they would rather have the transaction denied than have the purchase covered with the bank's money as a short-term loan, and then get clobbered with exorbitant overdraft fees and penalties.

In 2010, a new federal law required banks to get customers' written permission before covering debit-transaction overdrafts and the high penalties and fees that go with them. Without it, banks would

have no choice but to deny that burger purchase or whatever else a customer tried to buy with a debit card if the amount exceeded the available balance in the account.

With the stroke of a pen, banks were out more than \$24 million each year in overdraft fees. As you can imagine, this did not sit well with them. I warned you that they would be exceedingly creative in finding new loopholes, new ways to recover all that lost revenue. And guess what? They have.

Banks got very sneaky about how they manipulated customers into "opting in" for overdraft protection. They created consumer confusion.

In a recent survey by the Pew Charitable Trust, over one-third of those surveyed were unaware that their bank even offered overdraft coverage until they incurred a penalty for having used the service!

And there's a weird loophole in the law, too. It only requires that banks get written opt-in approval for transactions where a customer takes money from an ATM machine and day-to-day debit-card transactions. If you write a check and overdraft your account, that is not covered by the law requiring written opt-in permission. I'm confused just writing about it.

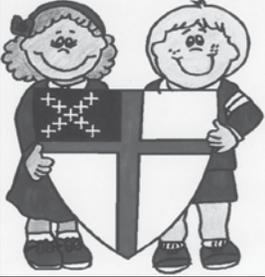
All kinds of people in the survey believed if they didn't do anything when presented with the opt-in form, their bank would charge them huge fees if they were to unknowingly commit a debit-overdraft. They signed the forms so the bank could not charge them.

Bottom line, and this is what most people do not understand: The law does not forbid banks from charging unlimited overdraft fees on debit-card transactions. It simply requires the issuing bank to get the customer's permission to do it. And it appears that banks stop at nothing to get customers to agree, even if that requires them to confuse, manipulate and deceive.

Longtime readers of this column know my feelings on debit cards. I wouldn't own one myself. However, if you insist on keeping your card, please call right now to find out if you opted in for overdraft protection. If you did, please cancel it.

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An ABS Class will be offered on Saturday, July 14th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the USCG Auxiliary Building at 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport (use the side entrance). Try to arrive at 7:45 a.m. to fill out paperwork. Cost is \$40 per person, all materials will be furnished. Upon completion the student will receive a USCG Auxiliary Certificate, a wallet card and the State of Florida "bobber" card issued by the FWC. For questions and reservations, call 727-399-7986.

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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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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. 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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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members are looking forward to attending the July 22 Rays baseball game against the Seattle Mariners. This will be their summer social hosted by Pam

Puskas and Joyce Keller. This should be a wonderful afternoon of fun and cheering on the home team.

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter members are busy working on our ways and means project. The ways and means project will be the painting of the annual Christmas mouse ornament. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barbara Bofferding. Their meetings are scheduled 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.

For more information, please call Sharon Ingram at 321-2

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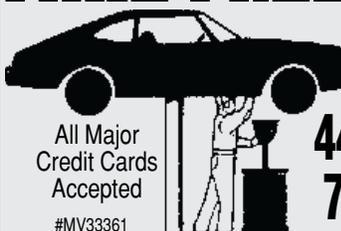
Help is Here for Grandparents

Are you a grandparent who has been denied access to or has visitation issues with your grandchild(ren)? Advocates For Grandparent Grandchild Connection, a national nonprofit organization that addresses grandparent visitation issues, meets at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Gulfport Senior Center located at 5501 27th Ave. S. This group is designed specifically for and limited to grandparents with visitation issues. For more information, visit <http://www.grandparentchildconnect.org> or email lostaccessstampabay@gmail.com.

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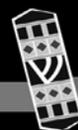


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ACTIVITIES

Open Gym – Tues. 6.-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$4 non-res.

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 recreation 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/\$4 non-res.

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- Braveheart Bootcamp- Tues., 6:30 p.m. Call Ally at 727-748-6612
- Beginners Spanish- Mon., 7:45-8:45. Call 482-2125 for more info
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Tai Chi –at Scout Hall , 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. – at the Neighborhood Center, 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.

Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



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StoryTime: Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 am, Diann shares picture books and activities selected for preschoolers. Youth Services area around the rocking chair by the Easy books.

Citizenship Classes: Mondays, 5-7 p.m. FMI, contact Adriana Santos, 727-222-8883 or 727-442-6881, email asantos@umcm.info.

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

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.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, July 19, 10:00 am. Discussion of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, by Ken Kesey, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

Voter Registration training for volunteers: Saturday, July 21 & Tuesday, July 24, 1:00 pm. Class consists of one session. FMI, call 727-488-4197.

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

Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step) Meeting: Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. FMI: Call 727-360-9069.

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

Business Debtors Anonymous Meeting: Thursdays, 4:30 - 6 pm, FMI, call 727-238-1688.

Anime Afternoons: Fridays, 2:00 pm. For ages 12 and up. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. FMI, contact Sheri, 727-893-1074.

Open Mon.-Fri.: 10am-7pm & Sat: 10 am-4 pm

PROGRAMS & DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For more information, call: 893-1074, email gpublib@yahoo.com, or visit www.mygulfport.us/gpl

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Senior Center

5501 27th Ave. S. 893-2237

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday Bridge Club: Bridge will start at 1:30pm on Thursdays during the summer months.

Beginners Line Dance Class: A beginners Line Dance Class is offered 10:30am every Tuesday at Scout Hall (5315 28th Ave. S). Must be a registered member of the Senior Center. Registration and the class are free.

Senior Trips: Looking for day trips? Empress Tea Room of Carrollwood on July 20 (\$51); "The Producers" at the Straz Center in Tampa at 2pm on July 21(\$86). Call Carolyn at 347-0806 for info on other fun trips.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Phones for Hearing Impaired: Hearing impaired Floridians may receive a free amplified phone at the Senior Center on Tuesday, July 17, 9:30am-11:30am courtesy of the Deaf and Hearing Connection. If you dread answering the phone because the voice at the other end sounds muffled, try one of our phones. It just may make your phone conversations more enjoyable?

Community Law Program: Need a will? Need a family member or friend to make financial decisions for you if/when you can't? Need medical decisions made for you if/when you can't? Want advice about getting your personal and financial affairs in order? If you need help with these or other elder law issues, you can meet with a volunteer attorney with the Community Law Program for free at the Senior Center on Fri. July 20 at 9:30am. You must be 60 years of age or older and meet the income criteria. Call 582-7480 for more information.

Food Pantry Low: The Senior Center Food Pantry has an ongoing need for non-perishable food items. Please consider donating food to help our low-income seniors.

Snack Bar: 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. All rides to the Senior Center are free. 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>".

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8-10:30pm Dance

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6-7pm Bonus Lesson
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8-11pm Swing Dance, \$7

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Open the Borders?

President Obama's executive order creating his own immigration Dream Act seems popular. He was doing right, he declared, in deciding to no longer deport children of illegal immigrants who have been here and are under 30 and have no criminal records, etc., etc. Of course, the key word is "illegal". Does that mean that the children of legal immigrants, here with proper work permits, for instance, will be allowed to stay should they choose?

I have British friends who worked here for years, who want to be U.S. citizens, who have financial and intellectual assets, and who have children who also want to be citizens, are having a devil of a time getting in permanently. Had they been here illegally, for a long enough time, their children could have automatically been citizens. The trick is to get here, whether legally or illegally, and stay long enough and you're here.

There is no question that the "already here illegally" children who have integrated, graduated high school, joined the armed forces, gone to college and so forth is a problem that has to be addressed. And it is partly an issue of fairness

(but to whom?). Eleven million illegal residents, established in jobs, and so forth, create an issue to be discussed and dealt with. Neither political party wants to deal with it. President George W. Bush tried, but got little support from either party. President Obama didn't try when he had a majority of Democrats in both Houses. He did part of the job by edict, by end running Congress and setting a precedent that could be quite confounding in the long run. His political timing is impeccable if he can only get all those illegal children registered to vote by November.

Forgetting about the issue of jobs for legals and illegals, consider what other "good and right" things could be done by executive order. First might just be opening the border, period. Millions of good people want to come here and there are people who don't believe we should bother controlling the border. Give people around the world equal access to the natural riches that God has bestowed upon this country. Just don't enforce the law.

Or, consider ignoring unpopular aspects of No Child Left Behind. Just declare the law outdated and ineffective and ignore it. Or, what about federal drug laws? Just

ignore them for a term of office and the next in-coming president can re-instate enforcement if he or she wants to. The War on Drugs has been a failure. The Transportation Security Administration is certainly unpopular so disband it or modify it.

Or, what about the EPA? Are environmental laws standing in the way of jobs? Re-write, by edict, the rules or ignore them. Free industry and job-seekers. Wouldn't that be "right and good" to do now? Abortion restrictions and restrictions on euthanasia could be lifted even if states objected. And, certainly, there will be a way around any health care laws. We can also get around any and all federal "support" and interference with states, institutions, or individuals, just by choosing to ignore the laws.

Regardless of what your view point on any of the issues are, end running Congress creates a temptation for any president. What goes around, comes around, as they say.

What's on your mind?

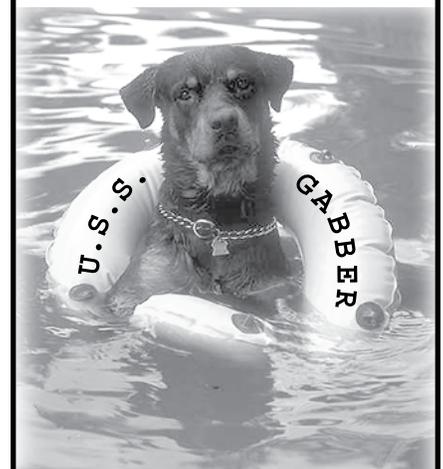
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Bar Bingo 7 pm Food served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm Geno 6:30-9:30pm	Installation of Officers 12pm Lunch and music to follow	Steak-O 1pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm Barry Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	ALA Exe. Mtg. 5:45pm Reg. ALA Mtg.-6pm Pizza available all day	Exe. Com. Meeting 6pm Burger or Sandwich special

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What is Probate?

Probate is a Court-supervised process which is normally required to wind up the personal and business affairs of someone who passes on. Probate involves the identification of and gathering of a deceased person's assets, the payment of taxes, creditor claims and expenses and, finally, the distribution of the deceased's assets to beneficiaries.

Probate documents are generally filed in the county where the deceased person lived. A filing fee is required to be paid to the Clerk of the Circuit Court to start the probate administration process. After a probate proceeding is initiated, a Circuit Court Judge is assigned to oversee the process. A Judge will, upon her/his approval, issue letters of administration which appoints a personal representative of the deceased's estate. The Judge also resolves questions raised during the

probate administration by reviewing all filed documents and holding Court hearings as necessary.

Who has Preference to Serves as Personal Representative?

If a deceased person had a valid last will and testament, the person who is designated in the will to serve as personal representative will have preference to be appointed by the Court to serve. In the event the deceased did not have a valid last will and testament, a surviving spouse will generally serve. In the alternative, a majority of the heirs may select someone to serve as personal representative for approval by the Court. In our next article, we will together explore what the responsibilities of a personal representative are in the probate proceeding.

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

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Gulfport Rec Summer Program

Ongoing registrations continue for the 2012 Summer Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9a.m.-5p.m. Annual registration fees are \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. The 8-week program (June 18 - August 10) cost is \$275 for residents and \$550 for non-residents, which does not include field trips. Pre Camp (June 11-15) and Post camp (August 13-17) cost is \$77 for each week, which includes field trips. Pre and Post camps are limited to 60 Gulfport residents only. Summer camp hours are from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Detailed pricing is currently available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or on-line (www.mygulfport.us and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center). Packets now available. Call 893-1068 for any questions.

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PARC announces the 5th Annual “Art in the PARC” sponsored by Sun Country Cleaners will be held Friday, July 27 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Synovus Bank located at 333 Third Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. This free indoor event features over 1,000 pieces of artwork and jewelry created by PARC artists with developmental disabilities and includes food, refreshments and music. All artwork and jewelry sold that evening directly benefits PARC’s Fine Art Studio & Gallery program as well as the artists.

Included at the event is a special visit from Snapper, an American Labrador, and featured character for Hold My Paw, a children’s story from local author PK Lichtenberger. This delightful story tells of Snapper’s real life struggles of overcoming a life threatening illness to become an award winning agility competitor and certified therapy dog. Illustrations in the children’s book were created by PARC artists and 100% of all books sales benefit PARC.

Since 1953, PARC has been supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities by offering a variety of services. Call 727-410-6302 or visit www.parc-fl.org.

Black Cat Friday at SPCA

It’s Black Cat Friday at SPCA Tampa Bay! Any adult cat (1 year and older) with any black markings goes home for just \$25, includes a pre-owned carrier. Adopt from 1-7 p.m., Fridays at 9099 130th Avenue N. in Largo. Visit www.SPCATampaBay.org

Senior Matches- for dogs and cats five years and up and people 55 years and up runs through June.

Whisker Wisdom comes in all colors and sizes during June’s adopt-a-shelter-cat month! SPCA Tampa Bay has dozens of senior felines waiting for your attention. People 55+ pay just \$20.55 for any cat 5+ years of age, includes a pre-owned carrier. If you prefer barks over meows, adopt a senior dog of 5+ years and up for only \$50.55. Fee includes an SPCA collar and leash.

Local Obituaries

AVCHEN, ALAN M., 93 of St. Pete Beach passed away June 29, 2012. Survived by wife, Helen; sons, Daniel and Thomas and daughter, Lisa Brooks (Dana). Services later. Donations appreciated to Suncoast Hospice. Guestbook at www.davidcgross.com David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

BITTNER, VIRGINIA RUTH, 96, of South Pasadena, passed away July 4, 2012. A private cremation has been planned. www.davidcgross.com David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

CHRISTMAN, JAN MICHAEL "JACK", age 74, of Minneapolis and St. Pete Beach, died Tuesday, July 3, 2012. Survived by first wife, Lois; sons, Jeff (Annie), Mark, Phil, Jack (Janene); and 7 grandchildren. Memorial service 2 p.m., Saturday, July 28th, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1200 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis. No visitation will be held prior. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Westminster Cooper

Sutton Fund to assist people in need. Cremation Society of MN, 612-825-2435.

RYCZEK, HENRY F. "HANK", 78, of St. Petersburg Beach, died June 24, 2012. Born in Utica, NY, he lived and worked in Syracuse, NY before retiring to Florida. He is preceded in death by his brother, Alfred and is survived by his brother, Ted (Carol) and many nieces and nephews and other family members. Henry was a Navy Veteran who served in the Far East during the Korean War. Burial will be at Bay Pines National Cemetery on Wednesday, July 11 at 12:45 p.m. with military honors.

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Not Your Father's Car Show

By Cathy Salustri



The new and improved Funky Car Show was the brainchild of city employees Bob Williams and Gail Biron.

"I applaud their efforts to improve the 4th of July celebration at less expense to the city," City Manager Jim O'Reilly said. "It was different."

themselves. The show, they decided, should have Gulfport's unique stamp.

They created two categories: Creatively Decorated Gas Cars and Creatively Decorated Electric Cars. The show had no "vintage" category.

"This is not a certified car show," Williams added. "It's a funky car show. We wanted to keep it along the lines of fun, funky and community-oriented."

All but two of the 20 cars came from within Pinellas County. Contestants included an electric 1971 Volkswagen Bus that dispensed Bud Light from its gas tank, a pink Suzuki Samurai with a straw hula skirt, and a three wheeled car that looked like it was half minivan, half scooter.

Judges rated the cars based on originality and the vehicle's interior and exterior condition.

"This is not your father's car show," Biron laughed.

This year, Gulfport's 4th of July car show had something different: funkiness. Instead of a classic car show, two city employees decided to take the show in a different direction.

"Bob said he wanted to do a car show, and I said, 'Let's make it funky!,'" Technical Events Specialist Gail Biron said of Parks and Recreation Superintendent Bob Williams.

Every year Gulfport has a car show, complete with classic mustangs, old Fords, and the gamut of muscle and sports cars. The city paid the organizers \$500 to bring the car show to Gulfport. This year, Williams and Biron wanted to save the city a few dollars and organize the car show

Most Holy Name Oktoberfest 2012

This will be the 35th Annual Oktoberfest Fall Festival and they are gearing up for a fun and exciting time. They are featuring the Arts and Craft Fair during the festival, and they invite you to join in the fun and sell your wares. They are also inviting food vendors to participate in the festival. If you are interested, please send your info to abulmans@tampabay.rr.com with "Oktoberfest 2012" in the subject field and detailed information about the festival, fees and regulations will be sent to you. They will have live music and entertainment, carnival rides, raffles, games, food and fun for all ages. Come join them at Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, 5800 15th Avenue S. in Gulfport from October 11th through October 14th.

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One month shy of his 15th birthday, Moose crossed the rainbow bridge. Born in Tampa, he moved to St. Petersburg at 10 weeks of age. He studied at the dog training club of St. Pete where he took courses in basic, advanced basic and novice obedience training where he majored in off lead heeling also acquiring his CGC title. He moved to Gulfport in 2000 where he enjoyed the camaraderie of the local patrons of O'Maddy's and Gulfport on the Rocks where he learned the fine art of bellying up to the bar for a hot dog or some potato chips. He was an avid swimmer and rescued numerous dog toys floating out to sea. His paw prints will forever be etched in my heart. He was truly the best dog a boy ever had. Love you buddy! A heartfelt thanks to Brooke and Janet at Gulfport Vet for their kindness.



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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



Cost of Good Food

Most Americans don't realize just how good we really have it in the land of plenty. In other countries where people make much less money, they spend a much higher percentage of their income on food.

In their delicious book, "Hungry Planet: What the World Eats," photographer Peter Menzel and writer Faith D'Aluisio document the weekly food budgets of twenty-four international families in full-color photos. A family of eight in Guatemala spends 573 Quetzales (equivalent of \$75.70) in groceries each week. The average yearly income is around \$4,000, making groceries the highest expense for most families.

Meanwhile, back in the states, a family of five can spend a whopping \$242.48 per week on groceries out of an average income of \$35K per person. Americans eat the cheapest food in the world, and plenty of it.

Marion Nestle, author of "Food Politics: How the Food Industry Influences Nutrition and Health," writes, "Here we have the great irony of modern nutrition: at a time when hundreds of millions of people do not have enough to eat, hundreds of millions more are eating too much and are overweight or obese. Today... more people are overweight than underweight."

In the U.S., 72 percent of men and 70 percent of women are overweight. Cheaper food does not translate into healthier food. In fact, our current agricultural policy is to subsidize corn to the point where it is ridiculously cheap and ubiquitous in our food system. So cheap that we even burn it as fuel for our automobiles, a crime against humanity when you consider all starving people that could be fed.

Looking back at our Guatemalan family cited above, their weekly diet consisted mainly of potatoes, rice and beans and vegetables from their garden. Meat was added to a meal less than once a week, while the American family ate mostly processed foods like canned soups, frozen meals, packaged cookies, cakes, crackers and lots of meat. Another major difference is

cooking. The Guatemalans eat every meal at home, and one person spends most of her time cooking, preparing and purchasing ingredients for meals. Americans eat one out of three meals at home.

How can we curb our national eating disorder?

--Eat local! When we eat what is grown in our own region, we eat

healthier, and at the peak of freshness. This is better for our health and the environment, and it boosts the local economy.

--Grow your own food! Victory gardens helped our grandparents survive the wars and Great Depression. Save money at the grocery store by skipping the imported produce and processed food.

--Eat lower on the food chain! Meat is a threat to our health and the environment. Treat it as a condiment and purchase locally-raised meats from farms you trust. www.EatWild.org or www.localharvest.org.

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- Civil Matter-** 5100 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Burglary Vehicle-** 1800 Blk 49th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5000 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 26th Ave. & Upton St. S.
- Saturday 6/30**
- Noise-** 5400 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 5200 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5900 Blk Pelican Bay Plz.
- Domestic-** 1100 Blk 56th St. S.
- Noise-** 5000 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Accident with Injuries-** 2800 Blk Seabreeze Dr. S.
- Prowler-** 4700 Blk Baywood Pt. Dr. S.
- Burglary-** 4700 Blk Baywood Pt. Dr. S.
- Burglary Business-** 700 Blk 51st St. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Vehicle-** 14th Ave. & 56th St. S.

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- Noise-** 1000 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Burglary Vehicle-** 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Noise-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Theft-** Gulfport Blvd. & 54th St. S.
- Sunday 7/1**
- Domestic-** 5600 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Animal Cruelty-** 5000 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- DUI-** Gulfport Blvd. & 54th St. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 4700 Blk Baywood Pt. Dr. S.
- Open Door/Window-** 700 Blk 51st St. S.
- Person Under Influence-** Freemont St. & 9th Ave. S.
- Monday 7/2**
- Burglary Business-** 700 Blk 51st St. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 5500 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 2900 Blk 59th St. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 4900 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 2900 Blk 54th St. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 5000 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Tuesday 7/3**
- Disturbance-** 900 Blk 49th St. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 2700 Blk 49th St. S.
- Fraud/Forgery-** 2800 Blk 51st St. S.
- Animal Call-** 54th St. & 17th Ave. S.
- Wednesday 7/4**
- Neighbor Problem-** 5300 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Harassing Phone Calls-** Location Withheld.

- Noise-** 2th Ave. & Dupont St. S.
- Animal Call-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Animal Call-** 5400 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Disturbance-** 1800 Blk 50th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 5400 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 5900 Blk Pelican Bay Plz.
- Noise-** 2600 Blk 48th St. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- DUI-** 28th Ave. & Clinton St. S.
- Noise-** 5200 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Injured Person-** 1800 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Vandalism-** 5100 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Noise-** 2500 Blk York St. S.
- Animal Call-** 1400 Blk 60th St. S.
- Thursday 7/5**
- DUI-** 5900 Blk Bayview Cir. S.
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Crime Awareness Meetings

At this point in time, meetings of the City Wide Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention group will be suspended for the next three months. For those who have attended on a regular basis, you are aware that attendance at the Crime Awareness Meetings has declined for the past 6 months (or longer).

I will continue to pass on important information to those on the email list - as the occasion arises.

I would like to thank Rob McLaughlin and the Gulfport Police Department for their assistance in keeping us informed and attending meetings.

I hope everyone will continue to be aware of their surroundings and know their neighbors. If you see something that doesn't look right, pick up the phone and call 893-1030.

Zone 1 continues to have a very active group and I hope that catches on to other groups

In the meantime, if anyone has a concern or information to share, please feel free to contact me and I will follow up or share the information - as deemed necessary.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

The Uninsured Breast

I have little tolerance for people who don't accept responsibility for their problems. Your choices bring you to your problems and no one else. I admit that my decision to eke out a living writing and not as, say, a public relations person for Halliburton have brought on mine. You see, I'm self-employed, and I pay my own health insurance. Because writing, not something fancy like owning my own chain of moderately successful steakhouses, constitutes my self employment, I opted for a type of health insurance called "major medical." That means if I need a heart transplant, I'm mostly covered (after I meet a deductible, as long as it isn't a pre-existing condition, and as long as I haven't maxed out my lifetime limits. Also, I think the moon has to be waxing gibbous and I need a south-facing hospital room, but I'm not sure, because I never read the fine print on the policy), but things like blood tests and annual exams are not. Essentially, anything that could keep me out of a hospital isn't covered, but once I get there, I'm all set.

Except for my annual mammogram, which Florida law says my policy must cover. My aunt died of breast cancer; another aunt died of lung cancer. I know two people undergoing cancer treatment today – literally, right now – and cancer freaks me out. So I go, religiously, for my annual mammogram.

Here's where it gets complicated: the radiologist found something he wanted to look at more closely, so he ordered a more involved mammogram. Because the doctors don't consider this preventative, my insurance didn't cover it and I needed a doctor's referral. I, of course, don't have a doctor, except for Planned Parenthood and the walk-in clinic. This presents a bigger problem for St. Pete General than the possibility I have a cancerous tumor growing in my breast, because until I give them that referral, they won't give

me the mammogram. I call Planned Parenthood and they assure me they will fax over the referral.

Problem solved, right? Not so fast. Let me share with you how my appointment went when I showed up for the mammogram Monday morning.

St. Pete General: Oh, I'm sorry – you need an MD to sign your prescription, and Planned Parenthood had a Nurse Practitioner sign it.

Me: Your registration department told me that last week, but said they'd asked Planned Parenthood to send over a revised prescription and they would call me if they didn't get it. I never got that call. Is it possible you're looking at the first one and there's a second one in there?

St. Pete General: I'm sorry, I don't see it. We need an MD's signature.

This continues for a few minutes, interspersed with St. Pete General trying to call Planned Parenthood, until I get very, very quiet and the lady trying to admit me goes in the back. I hear her whispering and a tidy little man comes out and tells me he's very sorry, he knows how frustrating it is (because we all know hospital administrators have the same issues getting medical care as the underinsured lower middle class) but I didn't get an MD to sign the prescription. The PA or ARNP or whoever signed it would have been acceptable if they'd been a St. Pete General employee, but since I didn't go to one of their doctors I'm, politely put, screwed.

Me: "Isn't the radiologist- YOUR radiologist- who ordered the test an MD?"

St. Pete General: Er, yes... But your doctor ordered this.

Me: No. No, I found you off a list. YOU told me I needed a referral. Planned Parenthood agreed to provide one. YOUR radiologist asked for the follow up. Why can't he sign the order?"

St. Pete General: He won't do that.

After 75 minutes, they received a fax from Planned Parenthood and I had the pleasure of a mammogram.

Here's the kicker: three hours after my scheduled appointment, "Central Scheduling" called me. They book for St. Pete General and a handful of other hospitals, and it seems they had a signed prescription from a Planned Parenthood MD. The nice lady on the phone wanted to schedule my January mammogram at Health South. I pointed out that I don't go to Health South and that I didn't know that I needed a mammogram in January. She mumbled something and said she'd need to call me back.

My point? This would not happen if I had a regular doctor. I don't because I haven't needed one – I get the care I need, and the luxury of a general practitioner is an added expense (think over \$100 a year to have someone look in your nose and ears and fax over referrals for mammograms). So when people get worked up over Obamacare, I only respond with, Obamacare doesn't go far enough. I'm all for socialized medicine. You know, like veterans, the elderly, and the super-poor get.

Certainly the government can do this better. I'm pretty sure they can't do it worse.

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TENANT	UNIT NO.	CONTENTS
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