

Gulfport Police, Senior Center Reunite Husband and Wife



When Gulfport Officer Samantha Obrabt's radar gun showed a car going 20 miles over the speed limit on 49th Street Tuesday morning, she and her partner David Cavanah turned on the lights and pulled the driver to the side of the road.

That's when Richard Meyers, a Spring Hill resident, told them he was trying to find his doctor. When he told the officers his doctor's name, Officer Cavanah Googled the doctor. When he read that the doctor had offices in Spring Hill, Officer Obrabt called Mr. Meyers' wife, Barbara. She told him her husband was

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Pinellas County Sheriff Update

ST. PETE BEACH— Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies have kept busy since replacing the city police. At Tuesday night's commission meeting, Deputy Joseph Gerretz gave a report to the commission. Deputies have made 270 arrests, 169 of those at night. They also issued 93 traffic tickets and 100 warnings.

Detectives have closed 12 grand theft cases, four burglaries and two cases of credit card fraud. Currently, the city has 10 inactive grand theft investigations; two investigations remain open. The city has 19 inactive burglary investigations.

Calls of note included a traffic stop that resulted in deputies seizing 243 grams of marijuana.

13 former St. Pete Beach police officers work the patrol division for the Pinellas County Sheriff Office (PCSO); eight work in the court security system as law enforcement officers; and seven support staff work throughout the PCSO organization.

How to Become a Therapy Dog

Cathy Salustri takes her dog Calypso for a therapy dog test

By Cathy Salustri

Kristen Triplett attempts to coax Calypso into a "sit" position, proving that you can teach older dogs new tricks.

Lori Fricker, an evaluator for Therapy Dogs International, suggested Calypso work on her "sit", "stay", "down", and "leave it" commands before re-testing in June.

She was one of several dogs waiting for judgment: a fuzzy black Portugese water dog, a distinguished doberman, a calico-spotted corgi, and the most beautiful black and white dust mop I've ever seen. It was the other dachshund who put us to shame, though. Five years her junior and bred for showing, he made Calypso look like the scrappy tomboy (er, that's tom-dog) that she is.

We're waiting for an evaluator to decide if Calypso would make a good therapy dog.

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Gulfport City Council Workshop

Highlights from the Gulfport City Council Workshop

- Council opted not to borrow money to move the police station.
- City Manager Jim O'Reilly, at Ward Four Councilman Michael Fridovich's request, presented council with a five-year general fund outlook.
- Gulfport received a \$400,000 Brownfields grant (two separate \$200,000) for the 49th Street corridor. The money has not been devoted to a project yet.

Marina Master Plan

Gulfport Harbormaster Denis Frain unveiled a plan for a new marina building that could accommodate liveaboard mariners, add a day room for sailors, and allow for boat lifts. It also included a slightly larger ship store. Plans for the marina upgrade also include a small park for liveaboard and transient boaters.

The marina building will include

enhanced facilities for liveaboards and other boaters.

At last Thursday's workshop, Harbormaster Frain proposed adding ten (10) 20,000 pound lifts that would stay in the same footprint as existing slips.

"Build it and see if we've filled it," Harbormaster Frain suggested.

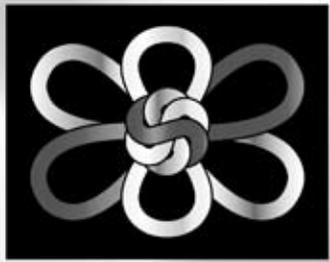
Council will discuss this at a charette-type meeting at 4 p.m. on May 21.

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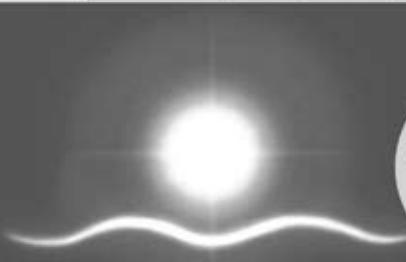
Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown changed her Planning and Zoning suggested appointee from Larry Burke to Wesley Whittaker, the alternate. Council as a whole will have to appoint the alternate; City Clerk DeMuth says she received an application this week.

Gulfport also has had three pension board vacancies, some for almost nine months.

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While waiting for Mrs. Meyers and their neighbors to come take Mr. Meyers home, Gulfport Officer Pete Horning gave Mr. Meyers a tour of the police and fire stations. Paramedics checked Mr. Meyers for acute physical issues, and then Lieutenant Mary Farrand called Gail Biron at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center and asked if Mr.

Meyers could wait for his family at the Senior Center.

"We figured he'd have more fun here," Officer Obrabt said.

Ms. Biron, the head of the city-and-foundation funded center, told Lieutenant Farrand to bring Mr. Meyers to the Center. They fed him lunch, and other seniors visited with him until his wife arrived.

Before leaving, Mrs. Meyers swept Officer Obrabt up into a hug.

Mr. Meyers bent down and pulled Ms. Biron into an embrace.

Ms. Biron watched the police walk the Meyers and their neighbors to their car.

"He stayed here until his people came," she said. "That's what we do."

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BCHS Spring Concert

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Free Fishing Derby For Kids

The St. Pete Beach Recreation Department is hosting a Free Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 18th from 8-11 a.m. at The Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Bait will be provided and prizes awarded to biggest and smallest fish caught. No pre-registration required. Light refreshments will be for sale by the St. Pete Beach Fire Department. For more information call 727-363-9245 or visit www.spbrec.com.

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available in the afternoon and evening to fit every schedule. A two-week session is only \$40 for residents of St. Pete Beach and \$45 for non-residents. Registration starts on Thursday, May 23 at 9 a.m. For more information visit www.spbrec.com or call 727-363-9264.

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Splash and Dash Biathlon Sunday

The St. Pete Beach Recreation Department is very excited to bring back the popular "Splash & Dash" Children's Biathlon on Sunday, June

2nd at 9 a.m. at the St. Pete Beach Aquatics Complex, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. This is a non-sanctioned children's biathlon event featuring a pool swim and fun run in the park, open to children ages 5 to 12 with races done in three different age groups. Registration fees are just \$5 per child and include an event medal and admission into the pool after the event. For more information visit www.spbrec.com or call 727-363-9264.

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Alumni Singers Spring Concert

The Alumni Singers of St. Petersburg will present its annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 19th at 4 p.m. at Lakewood United Methodist Church, 5995 MLK Street S. in St. Petersburg.

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Letters

Cat Rescue

Dear Editor: Gulfport does have a stray cat problem and it has been handled like an elephant in the room. Somehow we have not collectively arrived at a solution beyond calling animal control which we all know what happens next.

Gulfport seems to love animals unless its a stray cat of course. Perhaps if we ignore them they just might move across 49th Street to south side of St. Pete and then they can worry about them.

A sprinkling of citizens may trap them to have them neutered which does help keep the population down but this practice is still illegal in the archaic Pinellas County rule books.

Now steps up a citizen according to your May 9, 2013 edition who sees this citywide problem and wants to assist in a big way with her own money no less, and the city won't even follow through with their decision to workshop her idea.

Has this city forgotten for whom they work? Is this unnamed city employee secretly running a monarchy in Gulfport? Are our elected officials working for him? I am honored to live in a city with so many wonderfully good hearted people, including Ms. Aja Samoan. I am terribly disappointed in the city employee and other involved officials who are not willing to brain storm the great idea of an adoption center or some other solution. I for one would love to proudly volunteer in a Gulfport shelter or adoption center and hope

that the city can work this out and allow this to happen.

Karl Swartz

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Dear Editor: How sad it was to read about a lady trying to help with the stray cats in Gulfport with what looks like a solid plan that would generate positive energy and results in our community, only to be brushed off by the city. A lot of good people are doing what they can to help the stray and feral population but when they are left to reproduce it is like putting a band-aid on a large wound. We do need a center where those of us who would like to help can meet up and structure our efforts in order to reach a higher success. For some one to offer to organize and pay for such a facility is a blessing.

Those involved are hired and elected to reach common ground with citizens, not shut them out. They should be ashamed of the disservice they have done in regards to this issue. Calling animal control to lead these animals to their deaths is not an acceptable solution.

All the organizations as well as the individuals in our community that use their time, energy and money toward this and the many related issues need to be thanked. The city of Gulfport needs to reconsider their stance and work with citizens that step forward with ideas to benefit our community instead of blocking them out.

Pat Movay

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Obamacare

Dear Editor: I read your letters to the editor in your May 9, 2013 issue and I will like to respond to the letter of Miss Patty Bowers:

Although she's correct on some of the issues of health care concerning Germany, she forgot to mention the most important part.

In 1947 under the Marshall Plan also known as the European Recovery Program, Germany received \$13 billion dollars, which \$1.45 billion came from U.S.A. for the reconstruction of the new Germany. She's correct by saying that when she had the accident the health care program in Germany payed for it; she also mentioned that she was WORKING at the time. That is also correct. In Germany as is on many European countries, if you WORK at least 8 months of the year, you and your family are eligible for health care, socialized medicine, hospitalization and doctor visits; also you're eligible for retirement pension. If you DO NOT WORK tough luck, there's no help.

As a business owner I will have no problem supporting a health care program that will provide insurance for all the WORKING class.

Taso Papargiriou

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Armed Forces Day

Dear Editor: On August 31, 1949 the Secretary of Defense announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department - The Department of Defense. The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open house receptions and air shows in D.C.

The New York Times published on May 17, 1952 "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the armed forces - to all individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in the line of duty and some of them may give their lives in duty."

Tony Fiore

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GCP Auditions for Summer One Act Festival

The Gulfport Community Players will be holding open auditions for their 13th Annual Summer One Act Festival on May 20th and 21st (Monday and Tuesday) at their Back Door Theater. This theater is located at 1619- 49th Street S., in Gulfport. Auditions will begin at 7 p.m., but you should show up a little earlier to fill out the short audition forms. There is a map on the Players' website at: <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org> showing the theater's location.

This Festival will have both comedies and dramas, ranging from 5 to 20 minutes in length. Because of the

limited lengths, it is a great way to get your feet wet in community theater! The Players need both males and females, ranging in age from 18 to 80. There will be various playwrights and directors used for these short plays.

The 13th Annual Summer One Act Festival will run from July 11th through July 21st at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport. All interested people are invited to try out for a part. Auditions will mostly be cold script reading. The plays in the Festival are not plays that you've ever seen before. Keep in mind too that this Festival takes place right in the middle of summer, so make sure that you have the time to devote to rehearsals and the actual performance dates. Good luck!

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gift baskets and more. Tickets go on sale May 1 at the Friends office on the 2nd floor at the Sunshine Center for \$10 or pay \$15 on the day of the event. For more information call 727-821-2323.

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Peg Stella's Problem Solving Workshop

Problems or obstacles occur all the time, and it is important that you can provide quick and effective solutions to them. What's Your Problem Workshop with Peg Stella will be on Thursday, May 16 at 1 p.m. Peg will discuss difficult issues like memory, money, health amongst other situations.

Solutions to the problems: One Hour with Peg Stella at the Gulfport Senior Center will help solve many of the problems facing Seniors today or at least help you attack them in a logical, imaginative way. Free for Senior Center members. Not a member? If you are 50 or over, you can sign up for free! Stop by the Center at 5501 27th Ave. S.

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Literary Afternoon at The Blueberry Patch

Second in an occasional series, their topic will be "Jack Kerouac: The Foundation of The Beat Generation". There will be various presentations, readings and biographical history, followed by an open discussion. Join them on Sunday, May 19th from 3-5 p.m. Refreshments provided, suggested donation of \$5. The Blueberry Patch is located at 4923 20th Avenue S. in Gulfport. RSVP's welcome to Inktank7777@yahoo.com or 345-6427.

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

"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone

through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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

"I like what I do because I feel like I can help people get a fresh start," said Sanders.

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Sanders has held a number of seminars and written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

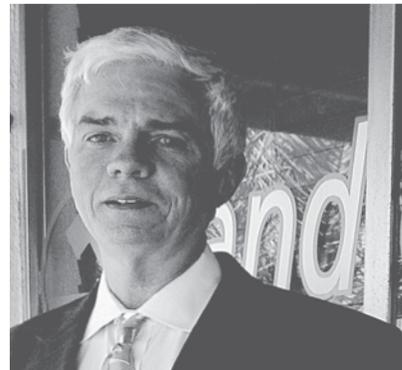
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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: *Traffic Lights*

Q: With the new revelation about shortening yellow lights at stop lights with traffic cameras, has any of Gulfport's lights been adjusted to obtain more revenue? Does the PD or anyone in our City have the ability to alter the way that the lights function?

A: No, according to Gulfport city manager Jim O'Reilly. Neither the police nor the public works staff can alter traffic lights.

"The city of Gulfport contracts with Pinellas County to maintain the traffic lights within the city," Mr. O'Reilly told us. "The city cannot alter the way the lights function."

Vegan Potluck

Reaching out to vegans and vegetarians who are truly concerned with the welfare of animals and the planet, Brigitte and Ian Wallace are hosting a vegan potluck gathering at their home in Gulfport, on Saturday May 25th at 6.30 p.m. They are hoping to make this a monthly event, where like minded caring humans enjoy meeting friends and sharing delicious ethical kind food in the comfort of a home. Must RSVP at 727-793-7055 and plan on bringing only 100% vegan dishes.

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Pam Bondi speaks at Stetson Law Commencement

Florida's first female attorney general, Pam Bondi, will present the Stetson University College of Law commencement speech on Saturday, May 18. Commencement begins at 9 a.m. The ceremony is scheduled to take place in the outdoor courtyard on Stetson's Gulfport campus, 1401 61st St. S.

Bondi received her law degree

from Stetson University in 1990 and a bachelor's in criminal justice from the University of Florida in 1987. A Tampa native and fourth generation Floridian, Bondi worked as a prosecutor in the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office for 18 years before being elected in November 2010 to serve as Florida's 37th attorney general. Download a high-resolution image here.

A total of 353 students are scheduled to walk at Stetson Law's commencement, including 51 part-time JD students, 11 LL.M. in

elder law students, 17 LL.M. in international law students, 25 JD/MBA students and one JD/MPH student.

For more information about graduation events at Stetson Law, visit <http://www.law.stetson.edu/graduation/>.

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GCP Holds Annual Meeting and Elections

The Gulfport Community Players will hold their Annual Meeting and Elections on Friday, May 17th at the Back Door Theater, located at 1619 49th Street S., in Gulfport. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. All current members are urged to attend, but you must have been a member for at least a year in order to vote in the election.

Annual membership dues of \$10 are also due at this meeting. You can also purchase your tickets for their 16th Annual Cathy Awards Dinner and Ceremony for just \$15. This event will be held at the Back Door Theater on Sunday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. No tickets for this event will be sold at the door.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows: Annual Audit Report will be presented; Building Improvements Report; Play announcements for the upcoming 2013-2014 season; Plays chosen for the "13th Annual Summer One Act Festival".

Nominating Committee's Slate of Candidates: President, Eileen Navarro; Secretary, Preston Brock; Board Member At Large, Miki Vaughan; Board Member At Large, Claire Robinson. The Players will also take any nominations from the floor.

The Players will distribute ballots only to those eligible to vote. The votes will be counted and results will then be announced. The Players will open up the meeting for any new business from the floor. After this, they will adjourn.

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Domain Home Accessories & Gallery will host its next "Meet the Artists" event with a showing of work by three generations of artists from one local family. Pine-needle basket weaver Dorothy Harper is the matriarch of the trio; sculptor Nick Harper is Dorothy's son; and sculptor Devin Pate is the grandson of Nick. The event will take place at "& Gallery" (3129 Beach Blvd. S. in Gulfport) on Saturday, May 18th, 6-10 p.m. The artists will be on hand to discuss their work and interact with visitors. Complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be offered.

The Harper family has produced several artists and artisans from across the generations, including the three artists to be featured during the event. 90-year-old Dorothy Harper's intricately-crafted baskets are woven with pine needles from long-leaf pine trees native to Central Florida. Raffia is also used in the weaving. Her baskets include both decorative and functional pieces. The craft of pine needle basket weaving dates from Native American cultures. Nick Harper's mixed media sculptures largely incorporate metal and wood. His art has been inspired by his father, who Nick watched sculpting his signature hand-hammered copper birds. Nick's award-winning sculptural pieces range from traditional to whimsical, often depicting fish and other animals. 14-year-old Devin Pate's art work is inspired by the generations of artists in his family before him, including his father who is a painter. His brass and copper sculptures also depict Florida wildlife, especially aquatic creatures.

"& Gallery" opened in Fall 2012 in the space adjacent to Domain Home Accessories, one of Gulfport's most popular retailers for more than 12 years, specializing in "functional art for the home." "& Gallery" showcases the work of over 40 local and regional artists. "Meet the Artists" events at "& Gallery" occur on the third Saturday of each month during Gulfport's popular Art Walk. Artists and artisans line the sidewalks of scenic Beach Blvd. on Art Walk evenings. Independent shops and boutiques, live glassblowing demonstrations and classes at the Industrial Arts Center,

live music venues, and Gulfport's many popular restaurants are all part of the lively Art Walk scene. Parking in the Waterfront village is free and convenient. For more information, contact Daniel Hodge, 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org.

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By Natalie Leggette

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This year's freshwater license-free fishing day is Saturday, June 8.

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What's Happening at the City of Imagination?

Following up on their successes in producing entertainment for the Spring Faerie Fest at Clymer Park, and their inaugural art show "Radca

& Glueck: shamanic pathways...", the City of Imagination is launching some exciting new programs for the spring/summer season.

In late May, Gulfport artist and dancer Shawna Sumayah is offering an introduction to world dance. Classes will be held on Wednesdays starting May 22nd for four successive weeks, from 7-8.30 p.m. The program will include dances of India, Polynesia, North Africa, and folk/gypsy; no prior experience is necessary.

In June the City of Imagination is hosting a curated show of work from the artists at the Industrial Arts Center of Gulfport. Whilst glass can be expected to dominate the collection—featuring items by Owen Pach, Tony Vouis, Elise Paultre,

and others—steel, stone and pottery pieces will round out the exhibit.

Launching their first annual kids' summer camp, TM&AF producer Ciara Carinci and SMS2 owner Jonathan Schork will be offering "Acting & Stagecraft Camp". The weeklong program, from July 8-12, is for children from 8-13 years old, and will explore hands-on every aspect of theatre from plot and script through props, costumes and sets, to casting, rehearsals and performance, with a special show on the 12th at 7 p.m. for friends and family of students and the City of Imagination.

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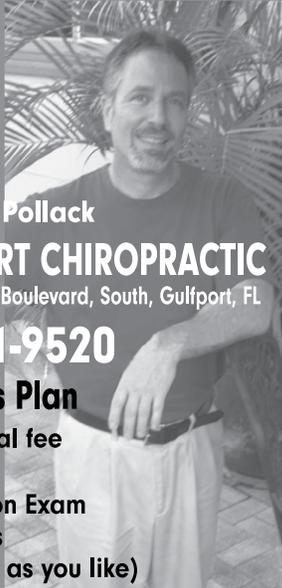
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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members will be attending the Florida State Convention at the St. Petersburg Hilton Bayfront on Friday, May 17 through Sunday, May 19. Members from around the state and country will be in attendance. The theme is "Suncoast Fiesta" and Sharon Ingram and her committee have been busy planning for this for the past three years. Over 400 members will be there and Mayor Bill Foster will be presenting a proclamation on Saturday morning.

Laureate Epsilon Theta's last regular meeting for the year will be on Wednesday, May 22 at the home of Barbara Brooks and Barbara will present the program. Members will be revealing their "Beta Buddies" for the year.

Sunshine City Council will meet on Monday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Dixie Hollins High in the ROTC room. This will be the final meeting until September.

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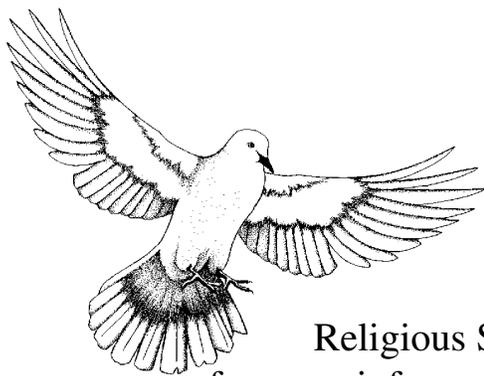
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Patriotic Program at Pasadena Community

Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th Street S. in St. Petersburg, will present a Patriotic Celebration on Friday, May 24th. Dinner will be a cookout of hot dogs, hamburgers and all the yummy sides (\$6 adults and youth, \$3 children) at Jerger Hall at 6 p.m. A spectacular concert will be performed by the Sacred Arts and Modern Worship Ministries. Put on your red, white and blue and join them for this special event!

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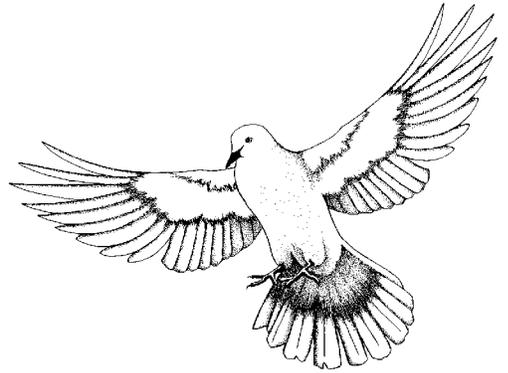
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Craft Fair at Wesley United

Wesley United Methodist Church, 301 37th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg, will hold a craft fair on Saturday, May 18th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Find artistic jewelry, pottery, glassware and more!

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PAG Beach Church Hosts VBS

An epic adventure awaits the youngsters who participate in this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Pass-a-Grille Beach Community Church. Sue Prather, Director of Christian Education, said, "The number of youngsters who participate in VBS has grown over the past few years as more families become aware of its recreational and educational opportunities. This is going to be an exciting year as the professionally developed curriculum, "Kingdom Rock", blends a variety of fun-filled activities with Bible learning experiences in a relaxed atmosphere. Youngsters will enjoy healthy snacks during the course of the day".

The week-long VBS will be held from Monday, June 10th through Friday, June 14th from 9 a.m. to

12 noon. The church is located at 107 16th Ave. St. Pete Beach. The cost for the entire session is \$40 per child or \$60 per family. Registrations will be accepted starting Sunday, May 5th. The dedicated staff welcomes all youngsters in the community from age 3 (toilet trained) through the 5th grade to participate. For more information, please call the church office at 727-360-5508.

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Scholarship Winner Receives \$1,500

The Treasure Island Art Guild had the opportunity to congratulate Rebecca J. Kessel as the 2013 Scholarship winner. This was at a special luncheon held in Treasure Island City Hall on May 11th. She was joined by her

mother Susan Kessel, (her father Douglas was unfortunately working). Also in attendance was the City of Treasure Island mayor Bob Minning and members of the Art Guild.

Rebecca Kessel is currently attends Northeast High School in Academy of Information. Here are a few of Rebecca's accomplishments:

- This year Rebecca was voted by her peers at school as the Most Artistic Female.
- 2012 Rebecca's Breast Cancer Awareness T-shirt Design was chosen, and sold at her school.
- 2011 Rebecca won first Place in the Regional Coastal America Ocean Art Contest.
- Rebecca volunteered at the Morean Arts Center and was an art teacher's assistant for over 300 hours.

In August Rebecca is going on to study Computer Science and minoring in Visual Art as a freshman at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg.

For many years the Treasure Island Art Guild has donated funds to encourage young people to study art. Their Scholarship started as a \$200 award each year and has grown to a \$1,500 award over the years. This is a way they have of giving back to the community. The Art Guild received a donation in memory of Mrs. Barbara Hale an artist. Her daughter Laurie Heffern attended the luncheon. The Art Guild also received a very generous donation of Art Material in memory of Grace Porter who was a member. This material was sold in their Art Flea markets and helped build the Scholarship fund. They also raised funds through their art classes and workshops.

The Art Guild would like to congratulate Rebecca J. Kessel on winning the 2013 Scholarship Award and wish her well on her new academic adventure.

For more information about the Art Guild go to: www.TreasureIslandArtGuild.org.

The Empowerment of Healing

Join Barbara Newborn at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Avenue S. on Wednesday, May 29th at 1:30 p.m. Her lecture will discuss methods and new insights into the amazing power of healing disability and illness can teach us about ourselves. As Barbara says "We can learn from these experiences and gain perspective on what is truly important in our lives. Our experiences can also enlighten us toward new directions. We can personally transform from the external world of appearances, into our internal world of balance and self-worth."

Barbara Newborn is the author of *Return to Ithaca: A woman's triumph over the disabilities of a severe stroke*. She was the Chief of staff of The National Stroke and Quality of Life Medical Education Institute in New York City. Barbara also has two master's degrees in Rehabilitation and teaches Yoga Therapy in Gulfport and volunteers for the Gulfport Senior Center.

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Tai Chi for Health Class

Tai Chi for Health classes with certified Tai Chi Instructor Rhoda Levine will start on Thursday, May 23rd from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The classes will be held at King of Peace MCC, 5th Ave.N. and 32nd St.N. in the social hall. Parking is available in the rear of the church building, enter through the parking lot rear door.

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2013 Gulfport Hurricane Seminar

Join Tom Iovino, Public Information Specialist Pinellas County Communications, hurricane related vendors and the City of Gulfport for the 2013 Hurricane Seminar on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater (5501 27th Avenue S., Gulfport). The seminar, "Does it take a Category 5?" will focus on hurricane intensity and why that shouldn't be the only factor you use when deciding to prepare for a storm.

The Senior Center Foundation snack bar, adjacent to the Theater, will open at 5 p.m. They are running a special: 2 slices of pizza and a

drink for \$3 so you can come early to view the vendors before the seminar begins. Vendors open at 6 p.m. and the Seminar starts at 7 p.m.

Admission to this event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Justin Shea, Technical Events Specialist for the City of Gulfport, at 727-893-1118.

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The tour will showcase many artists well-known in Gulfport as well as some new-found artists. More than 15 tour locations will display artists' work. Among artists participating are Janet Corrigan, Ricca Fischer, Byron Howes, Derrick Johnson, Mary Joyner, Cynthia Linden, Owen Pach, Jonathon Schork, Melissa Schultz, Keith Stillwagon, Monika Watson, Catherine Weaver, and Mia Williams.

Among other demonstrations, "Art Car" Artist Jennifer Kosharek (even-odd.blogspot.com) will show off her spray-paint art as she paints a vehicle on Sunday at the Gulfport Arts Center (GAC), 2726 54th Street S.) Working artists at the Industrial Arts Center of Gulfport will also have ongoing demonstrations of hot glass work during the two-day event. A silent auction and closing reception will take place at the Gulfport Arts Center on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m.

A \$10 tour guide will serve as a pass into the studios, galleries, and receptions around town. Guides may be purchased in advance beginning May 18th during the Third Saturday Gulfport Art Walk at Domain Home Accessories & Gallery (3129 Beach

Blvd. S.), Beach Bazaar (3115 Beach Blvd. S.), the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce (4926 Gulfport Blvd. S.), and T and Me Tea Company (2908½ Beach Blvd. S. in the Art Village Courtyard). During the two-day event, guides will also be available for purchase from the Gulfport Arts Center and the Longhouse (2309 49th St. S.).

SoStudio Tour 2013 is sponsored by The 49th Street South Business Association and the Gulfport Merchants Association. Contact Barbara Nicolazzo at 727-347-4786 or email bien50@gmail.com.

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Summer Reading Kick-off Party

Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Avenue S., Gulfport is celebrating summer with a chance to read some great books! Bring the family to sign up for their Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 8th from 12-3 p.m. Event includes a fun carnival, moonwalk, games, face painting and more.

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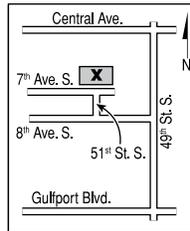
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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

There's a giddy excitement in the air as the sun moves into Gemini. The social swirl picks up velocity and is soon spinning like a Tilt-A-Whirl. As it is with these kinds of rides, some people never seem to get dizzy or sick, but for most of us, there is such a thing as too much fun. Take breaks between the action to recover. The dramatic tension builds toward the full moon and lunar eclipse on Saturday.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This week the path to obtaining your heart's desire may be cluttered with broken branches blown down by the storms of life. There is nothing too heavy in your way, though. One by one, pick up each piece and clear the way, both for you and for those who will surely follow in your footsteps.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The reddish-orange pigment derived from a cinnabar is called "vermillion" -- a favorite word of many of your sign. Mercury-driven, such vibrant words and colors activate you, and you should surround yourself with these activators now. Your energy is high, and everyone wants to be around you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Given the current challenges, the past might seem like a vacation destination for your weary mind. Don't let yourself get caught up in fantasies of simpler times. Memory is a funhouse mirror: Count on distortions. You're better off now and more than capable of rising to the occasion. You're strong, and you will prevail.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You react to problems without hesitation. That's what tells others around you that you're a pro. The results won't matter half as much as your quick response. This reaction time says that you're confident, that this has happened before, and that you either know what to do or know you'll figure it out along the way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are not usually prone to infatuation, but you may make an exception for this week's fascinating interest. You'll be

quickly drawn in by the mystery and eager to figure it out. Take your time. The fun is in solving the puzzle, not in the solution itself. Thursday and Friday are the most exciting days.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll see things through to the end, not because you are obligated to do so, but because of your noble character. There may not be any immediate benefit in this course of action, but that doesn't matter to you. Nobility is as nobility does. Prizes, position and recognition have no bearing on the matter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This week's main endeavors will mandate a level of attention similar to that required to make a cup of tea. The steps involved in the ritual cannot be rushed. The water has to heat completely, the bag must steep a certain amount of time, and if any of it is rushed, things will not turn out at all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone who's extremely focused on staying relevant in a highly competitive environment may overlook your talents and contributions to the team. You may feel underappreciated, but your efforts are crucial to the outcome. Reconnect with your purpose. Do things for yourself instead of for rewards or praise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be engaged in teamwork. Your efforts in this regard will be so fluid that even after the job is done the team will be inclined to stick together. It will be a bit like wringing out a soaking wet towel in outer space: The water doesn't want to disperse. It organizes itself to cling to the surface, refusing to fall.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll feel compelled to claim a territory or create a space. You'll be drawn to do what is pleasing to the senses and comforting to the people around you. You'll be successful, too, though not overnight. Special, magical places take time to cultivate. Each contribution, big and small, will be like another brick in the castle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Beware of the outsider's opinion. The recluses of the world are the ones who see through the vain ambitions and hypocrisies of society, but who is to say what they would do if they were the ones in the mix of it? It is always easier to give instruction from atop a high mountain, but it's the valley people who know the reality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Being very clever can cause you frustration as you realize the thoughtless, silly, lazy and plain dumb moves of others. The good news is that the stars offer you deeper wells of patience. Compassion can still live alongside super-intelligence, but you must work harder to achieve this state of grace.

This Week's Birthdays: New environments show different sides of you in this year of self-discovery. Do not try to burst onto the scene and dazzle with brilliance. Go for the slow, steady, helpful approach, and you'll soon be trusted, promoted and acknowledged as an integral part of the group. June brings playful, carefree relationships. You'll branch out of your current living arrangement in July and spend a good deal of time sorting logistics. By August, you're in a groove and making more money, too.

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The new Board of Directors at the Industrial Arts Center of Gulfport are excited to announce their first annual "2200° Membership Fund Drive". The brainchild of board president Owen Pach, this is a multi-platform event designed simultaneously to put some much-needed cash into the bank at the IACG, and to encourage "buy-in" from their friends and neighbors at large as "member-investors" in one of Gulfport's iconic community assets.

Inspired by the working temperature of hot glass—2200°—the IACG team have created a number of different membership packages, each of which comes with a graduated set

of benefits: discounts, freebies, and just general coolness. The packages start at the \$75 "150°—Hot Enough To Handle" level and go all the way to the "2200°—Molten Glass" level for \$1100, with affordable levels in between.

The event, scheduled to coincide with the third annual SoStudio Tour on Memorial Day weekend, will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25th, with a private glass-blowing demo and a brunch catered by T&Me, hosted by Owen Pach.

During the following two days, Pach has scheduled the 1st annual Glass Olympics, in which contestants will compete in a variety of hot-glass-handling activities. There will also be live music (including Barney &

Leta of the Urban Gypsies) and other entertainment, a silent auction, raffles and giveaways. The signature piece of the event will be the celebrity cup series, in which prominent Gulfportians—Jim O'Reilly, Sam Henderson, and others—will produce glass cups with the IACG hotshop floor team. The event will close at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 26th, with a live auction featuring work by some of the Bay Area's premier glass blowers, including Susan Gott and Duncan McLellan.

To follow this event, "like" the Industrial Arts Center on facebook, or come by and visit the hot shop at the Artists' Village Courtyard, 2902 Beach Blvd.

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Gulfport Area "Chamber Chatter"

By Lynda Shehan

These are exciting times for your Chamber as we move into our new "One Giant Step Campaign". Through this campaign, our Chamber is seeking all businesses, whether your business is in Gulfport or not, who desire to invest in the work of the Chamber. We have welcomed 30 new members during our first month of the campaign. If you are interested in learning more about how your business would benefit from joining please contact the Chamber office at 727-344-3711 or visit the office located at 4926 Gulfport Blvd. S.

Our next "networking mixer" will be held Thursday, May 16 at Regions Bank, Gulfport Office, 5728 Gulfport Blvd. S, 5:30-7 p.m. You need not

to be a member to attend. This is simply an opportunity to meet fellow business owners, introduce your business services and learn more about what the Chamber can do for you. We also welcome those with an interest in volunteering.

Our Chamber is growing, come be a part of this fabulous opportunity.

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Environmental Film Series at Boyd Hill

The whole family is invited to come join them in watching the true story of Luna the orca whale at their Environmental Film Series. Join them on May 23 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Boyd Hill Education Center, 1101 Country Club Way S. The movie tells the story of Luna's separation from his family and his integration into a new community of people in Nootka

Sound. This film celebrates the life of a smart, friendly, orca whale who appeared among us, proving that the greatest secrets in life are still to be discovered. Space is limited. Cost is \$3 adults/\$1.50 children 16 and under and free for age 2 and under. Sponsored by City of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation. For more information about this event or one of the many others held at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, call 893-7326 or visit <http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/boyd-hill.html>.

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Register for Women's Softball League

The City of Gulfport Recreation Division will have open registration for teams to participate in the 2013 Women's Summer Softball League on May 13th-May 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Gulfport Rec. Center The 10-game season will be played on Friday nights beginning June 7th with a 6-team minimum/maximum. It is on a first come sign up basis. League fees are \$385 or \$485 for teams with 3 or more non-residents, due at registration. For more information please call John at 727-893-1079.

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Sunday Market at Suntan Art Center

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GEMS Summer Schedule

GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mini Bus Service) new summer schedule is out. Check out the new pick up times and new trips. You can get your schedule at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, from your driver (if you are a current GEMS member) or online at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org. Once on the web site, go to the right and click members, then go to GEMS section and click the link "current schedule - spring and summer hours."

GEMS members, check out our new Terrific Tuesday Trip on the second and fourth Tuesday. It leaves from the Senior Center on the hour from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. to the Tuesday Market and stops at the Gulfport Beach at the round pavilion #6. This trip will run in one hour loops and you will receive your lime green schedule card when you arrive on the bus. You must have this card to give back to your driver for your return trip.

If you are a Gulfport resident 55 or older or have a disability, you can take advantage of GEMS door to door service for a yearly membership of \$65.00 plus \$2.00 per ride. Trips to the Center are free! Got Questions? Call the GEMS office at 727-893-2242 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Session 3: August 5 - August 16 (2 Weeks)

Contact Janet Clement Rodriguez (727.321.6100 ext 3 or at JRodriguez@jccsuncoast.org), Children's Center Director, for information on the following programs:

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Tour of Duty Conference

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center will host the Tour of Duty Conference on Wednesday, May 22 at 2 p.m. Speakers Michael B. Osadchey from Lasting Legacy & Attorney Spiro Verras will discuss veteran's benefits you may not know about. Wartime era veterans and spouses come learn about a little known financial benefit that can be used to

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A special dedication of an American flag that has been flown over the Whitehouse will be donated to the Center. This event is sponsored by Lasting Legacy and is free to the public. The Center is at 5501 27th Ave. S. in Gulfport. For more

information, contact Gail at 727-893-2237.

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Get your Tickets to Cathy Awards Dinner

The Gulfport Community Players will be having their 16th Annual Cathy Awards Dinner and Ceremony on Sunday, June 16th, at the Players' Back Door Theater. The Players must know just how many people will be attending the Cathy Awards, so tickets must be purchased before June 10th! No tickets will be sold at the door! Tickets are just \$15 per person. All interested people are urged to attend, but in order to attend, you must send the Players a check to cover the number of people you're bringing to: Gulfport Community Players, 1619- 49th Street S., Gulfport, FL 33707.

Once again, no tickets will be sold at the door on June 16th so get those checks in the mail! Your ticket(s) will be waiting for you at the door on the night of June 16th.

The Cathy Awards is the Players' own tribute to all the hard working actors, directors, back stage people, etc. who have all made their past season so successful. It will be a real celebration and can be compared (a little) to the Tony Awards. Tension will be in the air and fingers will be crossed by many hoping to win one of the awards that night. And, once again this year, the Habana Cafe' will be dishing out some great food! Your ticket includes the dinner, ice tea or coffee, and the Awards Ceremony. There will be no take outs available. Beer and wine will be available at an additional cost.

The Players' Back Door Theater, located at 1619 49th Street S. in Gulfport, will open its doors at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The Cathy Award Ceremony will follow the dinner. There will be plenty of free parking at the theater. Join the Players and your friends for a fine night of great food and celebration!

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“We’re supposed to be able to talk about things like integrity.” – Faun Weaver

“There’s so many potential solutions on 49th Street... I wish we could kind of see them side by side.” – Ward Three Councilmember Jennifer Salmon

“You’re always going to be five years out from bankruptcy, basically.” – City Manager Jim O’Reilly, who explained why the five-year outlook paints a grim financial picture for the city

“At some point you will have to replace the Williams Pier. It’s 30 years old and it has only a 15 or 20 year life span. It’s a concrete pier in saltwater. I wanted to identify that as something that is important to put money in the budget. This is something we have to talk about.” – City Manager Jim O’Reilly

“Once you get to the three hour workshop, it ceases to be... functional.” – Mayor Sam Henderson

“If there’s projects council would like to see included, tell me.” – City Manager Jim O’Reilly

“It’s such an important program to have... Tourists will be more likely to stay here if there family can [go to somewhere like the aquatic center]” – Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about her desire to add building an aquatic center into the budget

“We have, what, 16 hotel rooms in Gulfport?” – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke

“Well, we need more.” – Councilwoman Salmon

“I think Councilwoman Brown put her finger on it, you just don’t want to forget something.” – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about Councilwoman Christine Brown’s clarifying explanation of what Councilwoman Salmon meant about including an aquatic center in the budget.

“I’d much rather put the money into sidewalks for all the citizens.” – Ward Four Councilman Michael Fridovich, who suggested the city use the \$27,000 for volleyball court lighting to improve sidewalks.

“I tried to take your priorities – the five of y’all’s priorities – and find methods to fund [as many of those] as possible.” – City Manager Jim O’Reilly

“I talked to one of the commissioners [who was on board] and he said one of the other commissioners was behind it.” – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke, about a meeting

with county commissioners and Gulfport’s request that the county put Gulfport Boulevard improvements back in the county budget.

“Not everybody reads the ads. Not everybody gets the Gabber delivered to their front door.” – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke, who said he wanted to wait on choosing board representatives until some people he courted for board appointments submitted their applications.

“I think we’re being set up. It sounds like you have somebody.” – Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon

“I wouldn’t necessarily say ‘set up.’” – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke

“Somebody said to me, looks like it’s the girls against the boys for the next two years, and then somebody else says, you’re going to have a hard time getting through this board now. That really is upsetting to me. After the discussion about Mr. Burke, people said to me, ‘you need to pick your battles and let them win this one so you can win one in the future.’ That is so wrong. Even if it’s not wrong, this is what the people think about us. We have got to change this... I am here to work for the citizens of Gulfport and I am not going to draw lines and play, ‘you’re on this side, I’m on this side.’ ... [It] does not play with me.” – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown

“I don’t go into the teachers lounge at school. You know why? Because there’s negative people there. I can’t put that around me. I don’t read this sites, either, because it’s all negative. I am not going to read those Facebooks and Watchdogs and stuff like that because I’ve got to focus. My job is to help the citizens of Gulfport. If I focus over here, that makes me a negative nelly and I’m not going to do that.” – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown

“I have a quick question... have you brought any of this up to O’Reilly?” – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke, to Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about questions she asked city staff in council workshops as she read quotes from the daily paper

“I don’t... see the city attorney.” – Councilmember Salmon

“All of us have access to the city attorney any time we want.” – Vice Mayor Liedtke

“You have a problem with me reading from the newspaper?” – Councilmember Salmon

Taxman Tales

By Cathy Salustri

How much does Gulfport have saved for a rainy day? How should the city charge for special events? Should the city borrow money to make repairs and changed?

As Gulfport looks towards the coming fiscal year, the Gabber compared how Gulfport stacks up against two similar Pinellas cities: Treasure Island and Safety Harbor. All three cities have some commonalities: they all have marinas, they all have public waterfront spaces and they all have populations of less than 17,000. Here's what we learned about each city.

Gulfport

Tax Rate: 4.039

Population: 12,041

Size: 3.75 square miles

Budget: \$10.5 million

Amount in Reserves:

Right now, Gulfport has 43%, or \$4,561,876, of last year's budget in reserves. The charter mandates the city keep 25% of its yearly budget in reserves, which translates to \$2,526,340.

Debt: None

Special Events:

Gulfport budgeted almost \$30,000 for special events in fiscal year 2012-13. The city will spend \$20,000 of that on fireworks. Starting in October of last year, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, the Gulfport Merchants Association and So49 all pay a \$500 per-event fee. The city absorbs any expenses over that amount.

Treasure Island

Tax rate: 3.1368

Population: 6,681

Size: 3.4 square miles

Notes: The marina is not an enterprise fund; it depends on tax dollars for funding.

Budget: \$16.6 million

Amount in Reserves: The city has general fund reserves of \$4.2 million (25.3% of its annual budget)

Debt:

In November 2011, Treasure Island borrowed money for two bridges (\$4,024,000 at 2.98%) and the beach trail (\$1.5 million at 2.3%), according to Christ Trovato, the city's finance director. These are bank loans, not bonds. During the last fiscal year (2011-12) the city also borrowed \$553,000 at 1.31% from a state revolving loan fund to cover the non-funded portions of rebuilding the master sewer lift station.

Special Events:

Anyone who wishes to have a special event on city property must pay a \$50 fee for staff research to create a report to the commission. Event organizers must appear before the commission as it decides what to charge for city services for the event.

"Nine times out of ten, the city does not donate any type of funds," Recreation Director Cathy Hayduke says, "but the city may donate city staff and time."

Event organizers must reimburse Treasure Island for reimbursement for any costs, including labor, "so there's no cost for the taxpayers for a private group or nonprofit to come out and use our services," Hayduke explains. Types of services for which the city seeks reimbursement include trash, public safety, or street

closures.

The fees vary by event. For example, Treasure Island partners with the Gulf Beaches Rotary Club for its annual carnival. In return, the city receives 25% of the net profit. During the annual Chillounge, the city waives the parking fees for attendees but charges the Treasure Island Chamber of Commerce for trash and public safety and for the use of the Community Center restrooms.

"We're working on a policy; eventually there will probably be fees," Hayduke says "There is more and more demand for events out here. We can't let our residents subsidize private groups that are coming out."

Safety Harbor

Tax rate: 3.3808

Population: 16,884

Size: 5 square miles

Notes: Safety Harbor contracts with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for police services.

Budget: \$12.8 million

Amount in Reserves: Safety Harbor has 60.97% of its budget in reserves, or \$7,813,800. In the fiscal year 2005-06, it had 80% but had to use some of that money for projects and to balance the budget, City Manager Matt Spoor says.

Debt:

Safety Harbor has debt totalling \$11.4 million, in the form of bonds. The city pays between 2.34% and 3.3% interest on those bonds; the annual payments total \$1.585 million.

Special Events:

The city charges a rental fee of between \$500 and \$1000 per day for city property. Organizers also pay direct costs, such as trash removal, event-specific trash containers, and any extra officers used for the event. Organizers pay overtime for any city staff working events.

"We're looking at every cost because we have to," Spoor says. The city does absorb the cost of non-overtime staff hours and setting up tables, chairs and barricades.

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Hospice and Caregiving

Want to know more about what Hospice does and do you need questions answered? Join Janet Pattison from Suncoast Hospice on Thursday, May 23 at 1 p.m. for free information at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S.

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Volunteer at the Center!

With their seasonal volunteers traveling back up north, The Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center has multiple volunteer positions available. If you want to make a difference and help your community, come join the volunteer program at the Senior Center. It's a great way to meet new friends and to get acquainted to over 50 programs, classes and workshops offered right here in Gulfport.

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If you have any interest in volunteering for the Center and are 18 years or older, please call Rachel at 893-1231 or stop by the Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. in Gulfport.

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Excerpts heard at the May 14, 2013

St. Pete Beach City Commission Meeting Public Comment & Council Quotes

"I don't want to say something nice about Deputy Mancusi and cause him to get promoted, so... he's doing 'just OK'." – Mayor Steve McFarlin, joking about the performance of a deputy he likes.

"I think I could make a very strong case that public works is the oldest profession." – Public Works Director Steve Hallock

"I would like the board to start considering a section of the beach from Upham... to where those big erosion tubes are... to make it dog friendly. One of the biggest things for the beach communities, any tourist community right now, is pet-friendly. That is the niche that is not really being pounced on." – John Michael

"Commissioner Parent found room in his dance card for our mayor." – District Four Commissioner Melinda Pletcher, about Beach Goes Pops

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Therapy, from front page

It first occurred to me that Calypso might make an excellent therapy dog about five years ago, when I took her to Boca Ciega Center to write a Christmas story about life in a nursing home. Calypso, at little more than a year old, let everyone pet her. She reveled in the attention. A few years later I brought her along to an interview at Egret Cove Center, where she let a man with no hands hold her. He couldn't pet her, not really, but he seemed to take comfort in having her long warm body snuggled against his.

I know that feeling well, and it's one of the best things in the world.

Dogs, I believe, want to have a job. They seem to enjoy doing things, and, unlike me, they're social creatures who crave interaction. By pet dog standards, Calypso has an interesting life – she goes on a lot of Gabber-related interviews – but I'd like to be able to do more with her. That's where the idea of her working as a therapy dog comes into play.

Unlike service dogs, who only attend to one specific person, therapy dogs work with many different types of people. A therapy dog might visit a Hospice patient, offering some warmth and happy memories for those about to die. At funerals, therapy dogs can offer the grieving a furry paw to hold.

When a child has been abused or molested and needs to stand trial, he or she has the option – if there's a dog available – of having a dog in their lap to comfort them. People who can no longer live on their own and must whittle their belongings down to half a room in a "skilled care facility" can have a few moments of happiness with a therapy dog in their lap. Kids who struggle with reading may be shy about reading out loud to their classmates, who may ridicule them, but will gladly read a book to a dog, who never mocks.

Therapy Dogs International (TDI) has almost 25,000 volunteer dogs registered – and insured – in the US and Canada, and they need more. They were the first paws on the ground in Newtown Connecticut this past December, and they brought dogs to the World Trade Center on 9-11-01. They visit CASA; they go into All Childrens Hospital. They go wherever someone needs a dog to

comfort them.

It isn't as easy as registering a dog with TDI, I learn from Kristen Triplett at Pasadena Pet Motel. She handles several therapy dogs, and she gives me contact information for Lori Fricker, a TDI evaluator. I fill out a short form and pay ten dollars; Lori tells me to come to the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg on May 11.

When I sign up, I tell Lori I'm not certain Calypso can pass all the tests but I'd like to see what she can and can't do; Lori encourages me to bring her in and try.

I show up having read over the different "tests" Calypso must pass to earn her red therapy dog bandana, and even though I'm fairly certain this is just a practice run for us, I'm nervous. I want her to pass.

Calypso and I walk to a simulated check-in table, like one you would see at a school or nursing home, then we mingle with other people and dogs. I hand her leash to a stranger and leave the room; she doesn't miss a beat and walks with them without problem. Apparently I'm the only one of us who suffers separation anxiety. Calypso visits with people in wheelchairs, on crutches, and a woman who runs up to her yelling. She passes these parts of test with flying colors.

She does not pass the rest of the test.

There are three things I never taught Calypso: sit, down, and not eating someone's hand when they offer her a treat. When she was a puppy, all I wanted her to do was to come back to me when I called her. As a result, my black-and-tan best friend can hear a cheese wrapper a mile away, breaks into a dead run when you say "treat!", and looks at you like you're speaking human when you tell her to sit.

Not knowing how to sit or stay never seemed important – after all, she's 13 pounds – but today, it's her downfall. The handlers (that's the humans) and dogs stand in a row and Lori tells us to put our dogs in the "down" position. I look down at Calypso, say "down", and she looks up at me with her tail wagging and he little eyebrows raised, simultaneously charming and clueless.

Next, we have to put our dogs in the sit position and tell them to stay while we walk 20 feet away, then call them. I feel every eye on me as

I try to physically assist Calypso into a sitting position – Lori lets me try three times – before I settle for letting her stand and commanding her to stay. After three tries, Calypso stays while I walk away. I call her, and she looks at me as if to say, "Are you kidding me?" and, with great suspicion, pads over to me.

She also has difficulty ignoring a sausage biscuit on the ground, another part of the test. She has to leave it alone on my command, and while she technically does, she did walk away from it with her entire head turned towards it. In all fairness, even I would have trouble leaving a sausage biscuit, but a dog visiting nursing home could be offered anything from a piece of bacon to an antipsychotic drug, and it's crucial, Lori explains, that she not take either.

Lori's really nice about Calypso not earning her red bandana – the corgi and the pretty little dust mop don't pass, either – but I feel horrible. It's not Calypso's fault she didn't pass, of course; it's mine, for not teaching her basic commands.

Teddy the fluffy Portugese water dog, the distinguished doberman, and Calypso's sexy little doppelganger, Tahl, all earn their bandanas. They will pay \$45 to register with TDI and \$30 a year to stay members. That will include insurance, just in case of any unfortunate incidents, and registry in the therapy dog database. Calypso can join, too, as soon as she passes the re-test.

"She's going to be a great therapy dog," Lori tells me as she explains how the retesting works. "She is a sweet girl and with just a bit more training for the sit/down/stay portions of the test and the 'leave it' exercise, she will do just fine!"

When I call Pasadena Pet Motel to set up the training, Kristen reassures me: "She's a great dog."

Yes, she is.

Calypso will re-test on June 22. If you want to see if your dog has what it takes to be a therapy dog, contact Lori Fricker at (727) 544-1116 or lfricker5550@aol.com to register for a therapy dog evaluation. For more information on therapy dogs, please visit TDI-dog.org.

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Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

Credit-card Holder Knows Her Rights

Dear Mary: My credit card company raised my minimum payment from 2 to 5 percent of my outstanding balance each month and added a \$10 monthly administration fee on top of interest. I complained. They offered to let me keep my lower minimum payment, but they would raise my interest rate from 5.5 percent APR to 7.99. I used the calculators at your website at DebtProofLiving.com to see what interest I would pay with each scenario. I kept my current terms after I learned I would pay less in interest, even taking into consideration the \$10 monthly fee. Then, I filed complaints with anyone who would listen.

Thank you for your recommendation to report complaints to the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC.gov). When I threatened to contact the comptroller, they refunded three months of finance charges to my account. Thanks to your information and calculators, I feel better informed. Thank you. -- Theresa, email

Dear Theresa: Good for you! Please let us know when you reach \$0 so we can celebrate, too.

Dear Mary: I have an engagement ring with an appraised value of \$11,500. I would like to sell it to pay off some debt. I tried selling it on Craigslist and almost ended up falling for a scam. What is the safest way to sell this ring? Now I'm apprehensive. -- Linda, Pennsylvania

Dear Linda: It would be hard in normal times to sell your ring for anywhere close to its appraised value, but it's even more difficult in this current economy. Here's the problem: Diamonds are an artificially constructed commodity whose values are kept inflated by the diamond industry itself, which buys up diamonds quickly and hoards them.

Your diamond is only worth what another person will pay for it, and no one pays the appraised value for a previously owned gem unless it is extraordinarily collectible. Even thieves have trouble selling diamonds these days.

I have a feeling your appraisal came from a diamond retailer who was happy to give you that \$11,500 value for insurance purposes but was not interested in purchasing the ring from you for that price. The website, Diamonds2Cash.com, which might have been a source for you to get at least something for that ring,

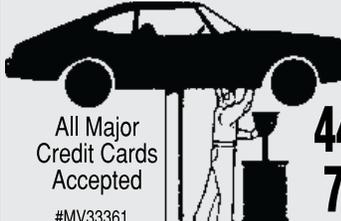
is now buying only perfect or "ideal cut" diamonds at discounted prices because the demand for diamonds has plummeted.

I suggest that you go to eBay and study completed transactions for diamond rings, as well as the items for sale by individuals. You will learn the true worth of your ring. Selling valuables on eBay is safer than Craigslist. Unlike eBay, Craigslist does not get involved in transactions and does not handle payments, guarantee transactions or provide escrow services. Further, on eBay you will not be announcing your location and contact information to would-be thieves and scam artists. I wish you well and hope you can find a legitimate buyer soon.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Benghazi Disgrace

Contrary to what former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said in her recent testimony before a House committee, how the administration reacted to the attack on the Benghazi consulate in Libya does matter. It matters that four Americans, including our ambassador, died; it matters that warnings on a possible attack were either ignored or shoved aside by the state department; it matters that no attempts were made to send in military help over a five hour period; and it matters how the administration reported the attack to the public. Separately and wholly they make one cloth that represents a portion of our foreign policy, our preparedness, our sense of responsibility to our people stationed abroad, and whether we can trust the essence of dispatches from our government.

Addressing the last reference first, it has been conceded that the story about a spontaneous demonstration protesting an amateur "film" about Mohammed turned murderous was concocted. Concocted. Untrue. A lie. A blatant lie that the administration, including President Obama, repeated for days. Recent revelations by ABC news (after Fox news did most of the leg work) are that the administration deliberately misrepresented the CIA's initial report because it would make the State Department look bad. And, it can be reasonably inferred

from that that the administration was also worried how all this would look at election time. Despite Press Secretary Jay Carney's grossly insensitive assertion that Benghazi "was a long time ago". It was in September. And, everything is just about politics.

Indeed, the rap about politics is an issue: for the administration. It can also be reasonably inferred that the essence of the Benghazi debacle was politics and that the lack of protection, lack of military response as well as the story afterward were more about political image than protection of American lives. Unfortunately, there is more than politics involved whichever political view one has.

There is a legitimate concern about how well the State Department protects its interests. A retired CIA acquaintance sent me a July internal memo (not classified), signed off by the then still living ambassador in which the need for additional security in Benghazi was requested. This was, apparently, not new nor the first request. But, it was ignored. The public needs to know why.

Whether there could have been a rescue will never be known, but the rationale behind not doing something should be further examined. What should be known, too, is why survivors of the attack weren't all interviewed, or made available and why some were threatened with discipline if they spoke out. Just why was there a coverup and a hushup?

Was it that the Benghazi operation was something it wasn't? Certainly, the heavy staffing by the CIA indicates clandestine operations, although nothing seemed to be so secret. The locals knew the CIA were operating there. One story that has circulated from the beginning is that the operation there involved unauthorized, or at least, undeclared gun-running to the Syrian rebels. If so, the public needs to know this too. However, if so, it is inexplicable that the operation was stripped of the ability to defend itself or be defended.

Spin it however you like but the conduct of the administration from start to finish was disgraceful.

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- Drug Call-** 5700 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 1500 Blk 54th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 700 Blk 58th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 51st St. & 16th Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Person Under Influence- 2600 Blk Upton St. S.

Stolen Vehicle- 49th St. & 31st Ave. S.

Saturday 5/4

Assault/Battery- 6300 Blk 8th Ave. S.

Juvenile Trouble- 2800 Blk 46th St. S.

Theft- 5000 Blk 18th Ave. S.

Theft- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Animal Call- 2600 Blk 44th St. S.

Sunday 5/5

Disturbance- Freemont St. & 13th Ave. S.

Disorderly Conduct- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Fraud/Forgery- 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Noise- 3000 Blk 50th St. S.

Monday 5/6

Drug Call- Gray St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.

Trespass- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Animal Call- 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.

Noise- 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.

Tuesday 5/7

Assault/Battery- 900 Blk 58th St. S.

Fraud/Forgery- 4900 Blk 13th Ave. S.

Trespass- 2000 Blk 52nd St. S.

Trespass- 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Theft- 52nd St. & 7th Ave. S.

Domestic- 1200 Blk 58th St. S.

Animal Call- 29th Ave. & Miriam St. S.

Wednesday 5/8

Domestic- 3200 Blk 58th St. S.

Animal Call- 5700 Blk 20th Ave. S.

Theft- 1400 Blk 49th St. S.

Juvenile Trouble- 54th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.

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Thursday 5/9

Noise- 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

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USCG Safe Boating Program

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May's program includes: "Piloting Your Boat - Part A" May 21, and "Piloting Your Boat - Part B" May 28.

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German-American Society Dinner/Dance

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Local Obituaries

GIANNONE, LAURA L., (nee Cooper) age 63 of Wayne at rest in Wayne on May 10, 2013. Beloved wife of Jacob "Jack" Giannone of Wayne. Loving mother of Richard Smith of Wayne and Russell Smith of Riverdale. Step-mother of Joseph Giannone and his wife Pat of Wayne, Jack Giannone of Little Falls, and Thomas Giannone and his wife Crystal of Wayne. Grandmother of Trent, Bobby, Kane, Gillian, Kristen, and Daniel. Sister of Vernon Cooper of Wayne. Born in Paterson, she lived most of her life in Wayne. She was an employee for Safilo Eyewear, Fairfield before retiring. She enjoyed going to Atlantic City and vacationing on cruises. She also enjoyed spending time with her family. Laura and her husband spent their summers in New Jersey and their winters in Florida. She was secretary of the building she resided in, which had 120 units. She was also the treasurer of the 18 buildings of Town Shores Master Association Board, where she donated much of her time. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at the Festa Memorial Funeral Home, 111 Union Blvd, Totowa, on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at Laurel Grove Memorial Park, Totowa. Friends may visit Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. For more information, go to www.festamemorial.com.



GOULDIN, PAUL M., of Town Shores, Gulfport passed peacefully in his sleep at the Woodside Hospice on Mary 6, 2013. Born in Brooklyn, NY on April 19, 1946, Paul studied classical music. He played the piano and the violin. Paul earned his living as a supervisor for NYC Human Resources Administration. He was well liked by his co-workers, especially the people he supervised; they awarded him a certificate of appreciation upon his retirement. Always fair, Paul was a decent, principled man who treated everyone with respect. He had a philosophical bent and enjoyed, while living in New York, his weekly philosophy class lead by our friend and mentor, the late Dr. Fred Newman. Paul is

survived by his wife Maggie, his sister Esther, his niece Rachel and nephew Caleb, his grand nieces and nephew Sierra, Sophie and Marcus, and his stepdaughter, Rose. Paul had a large and loving extended family and many friends. He was a good neighbor and wonderful husband. Rest in peace Paul, you will live forever in our hearts. A memorial will be held in Brooklyn on June 22, 2013.

JOHNS, LLOYD E., 86, of Millcreek Township, PA and Gulfport, passed away on May 8, 2013 in Erie, PA. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maggie Johns. Dusckas-Martin FH & Crematory.

MCCLUNG, HAZEL MAE, 83, of South Pasadena, passed away May 9, 2013. Survived by her loving family. Guestbook at www.davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Home, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.



ROCK, GEORGE., 84, former Pittsburgh resident and Gulfport, Florida died suddenly on Saturday May 4, 2013. He was loved and will be missed by many. He is survived by daughters Linda and Diane, sons George, James, Paul and Joseph, 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. George was retired from Carpenters Union #211. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, American Legion Post #125, Most Holy Name Church and Gulfport Senior Center.

TOMASSO, MARIO M., 88, of South Pasadena, died peacefully on Friday, May 3, 2013, at Bay Pines VA Medical Center. Mario was a Marine Corps veteran of WWII and served in Iwo Jima where he earned the Purple Heart Medal. Following a career as a manager with New England Telephone/Verizon he moved to South Pasadena, FL, where he is remembered for his principled, dedicated service to his country, his family and community, and his many years as President of Shore Towers Condominium Association. Mario is survived by his wife, Cecile (Robert) and his loving family; his son, Thomas (Jeanne) Tomasso of RI; his daughter,

Denise Tomasso (Philip Hippert) of RI; stepchildren, Michael (Carol) Treglia of MD, Robert (Kathy) Treglia of CT, Mary (John) McElhone of NV, and Louise (Joseph) Reulbach of WA; brother, Raymond Tomasso, Esq. of RI; sisters-in-law Alice (Robert) Quattromani (husband Anthony) of VA, Irene (Robert) Theriault (husband Alfred) of VA, Rita (Robert) Gilbert (husband Eugene) of VA, Mary Jo Robert of MD, brother-in-law Rene Robert (wife Kathy) of RI. He is also survived by granddaughter, Alison Tomasso; and step grandchildren, Vincent and Alison Treglia, Steven and Anne Treglia, Christopher and Erin McElhone, Alisha and Hannah Reubach. A graveside service will be at 1:45 p.m., on Wednesday, May 22nd, at Bay Pines National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Bay Pines Health Care System and mailed to Bay Pines H.C.S., Hospice 5-C, P.O. Box 5005, Bay Pines, FL 33744. www.veteransfuneralcare.com.

In Memoriam VICTOR YESKE May 22, 2007-2013

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Love, Fran

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Residents are invited to help city leaders determine funding priorities for the FY14 budget during the final public budget summit on June 12 at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S. The forum begins at 6 p.m. City administrators will provide a short summary of the proposed budget before allowing public comment on proposed reductions. Leaders are hoping to maintain the same level of quality service provided to residents over previous budget cycles without additional reductions. City Council will consider the final budget and tax rate for approval in September.

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Gulfport Rec Summer Camp

Get ready to splash into summer as registrations for the 2013 Summer Program begins Wednesday, May 1st for Gulfport residents. Registration is for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registrations for non-residents not enrolled in the School Year Child Care Program will begin Monday, May 20th for 30 children max. Annual registration fees are \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. The 8-week program (June 17 - August 9) cost is \$275 for residents and \$550 for non-residents, which does not include field trips. Pre Camp (June 10-14) and Post camp (August 12-16) 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. to 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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Bailey Reisch, pitcher for the Caldwell Crushers, pitched against the Pinellas Park team Saturday morning in Tomlinson Park. Behind her, a runner stole third base.

"It's a game of pitching and stealing bases," a coach for the Crushers explained from the dugout.

Little League teams, from t-ball to the older teams like the Crushers, play at Lum Atkinson field at Tomlinson Park on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.



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Flotilla 72 of the USCG Auxiliary will present a one day safe boating program "America's Boating Course" (ABC) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 8th in the Flotilla building located at the USCG South Moorings, 1300 Beach Dr. SE, St. Petersburg. Topics will include Getting to Know Your Boat, Necessary and Practical Considerations Before you Get Started, Operating/Handling, Navigating the Waterways (Aids to Navigation & Rules), Boating Emergencies, and much more!

The program is open to adults and children at least 14 years of age. Program cost is \$24 per book. Seating is limited to the first 35 to sign up! A drawing will be held during the class for a gift certificate to the famous Boating Skills and Seamanship (9 week) Program.

Registration must be emailed or called in no later than June 1.

Successful completion of the program will qualify one to receive a Florida Boaters ID card. Additional information and sign up may be obtained by emailing foglejcgau@tampabay.rr.com.

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Save Our Strays to Host Volunteer Social

Save Our Strays, a nonprofit no-kill organization dedicated to rehoming stray cats and kittens, will host a social for its volunteers and for interested new volunteers on Sunday, May 19 from 3 to 5 p.m. The event will be held at Panera Bread, 2285 Ulmerton Road (near I-275), Clearwater.

Come and socialize with fellow cat lovers and learn how SOS is able to find homes for several hundred stray cats each year by using volunteers, particularly volunteers willing to foster these stray cats for periods of time. The organization is also active in promoting spay/neuter programs. Guests are invited to attend and learn about volunteer opportunities that include: administrative jobs, adoption counselors, fostering kittens/cats. For further information about Save Our Strays and volunteering to help felines in need, call 727-871-0888.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

You're Not the Don, and It's Not Personal

Daisy is a 20-pound mutt, female, somewhere between 2 and 4 years old. We also have 6-year-old Labradoodle. We rescued Daisy from a reservoir near our house in December of 2011. She was on her last leg and has recovered nicely except for one thing: She's overprotective when anyone or any dog enters the house or yard. If she knows the person or dog, she's fine once she recognizes them. Otherwise, we can't settle her down.

I was watching our neighbor's dog today, and Daisy was lying next to me. She started growling, and as the neighbor's dog came closer, Daisy's growl escalated. I told her to relax, but she started to attack the other dog. I grabbed her -- making sure she knew it was me -- and she turned on me and bit me.

I responded in anger and approached her with that mindset, which made her even more aggressive toward me. I grabbed Daisy and my pistol and headed toward the woods, but I was just venting. I could never hurt an animal. But I am concerned that Daisy's aggression will get worse as she gets older. I don't know whether it's hereditary or abuse, but I need to help her if possible.

For a minute there, I thought we were heading for an "Old Yeller" ending -- minus the fateful rabies outbreak as justification.

I called this guy to make sure he had talked himself down from the ledge.

I asked him, "Have you killed her?"

He told me no, she's fine. "I was just so angry."

Some people reading this will be ready to meet at the town square, tar and feathers in hand. But the truth is, a lot of people get irrationally angry with their dogs when things don't go their way.

Why are we getting so angry? Why is it the dog's fault that we don't understand their behavior?

Were it not for this man and his

family, Daisy would not be alive. She was seriously injured, unable to walk and in grave danger of starving to death alone in a ditch. He rescued her, got her vital medical attention and nursed her back to health. And don't think that's not part of the problem.

He did so much for her. Why won't she just behave for him?

As with children, so it is with dogs. It just doesn't work that way.

Daisy didn't bite him because she's ungrateful. She bit him because he inserted himself into an ongoing act of aggression, prompting her redirection onto him. She didn't willfully ignore his earlier request that she "relax." She has no idea what "relax" means because he hasn't trained her.

In his 1969 book "The Godfather," Mario Puzo wrote of the now legendary Don Corleone: "If a bolt of

lightning hit a friend of his, the old man would take it personal."

For the Don, that philosophy fueled a strategy, one that allowed for no accidents, no misunderstandings, no unintentional slights -- which took all the stress out of deciding whether retaliation was appropriate. It was. Always.

For those of us not in the mafia, living this way makes no sense. And it's wildly out of place in dealing with our dogs.

On that day, before the other dog and the pistol and after the other dog and the pistol, the story of Daisy and her knight was ongoing. He rescued her, he nursed her, he invited her to stay. Still to come: He deepened his insight into her behavior, he got her trained, and they lived happily ever after.

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Summer Camps For Kids

ST. PETE BEACH- Get ready for Hook, Line and Summer 2013 at The St. Pete Beach Community Center. Summer camps are available for ages 3 years old and up. The full-day 8 week camp program runs from June 17th to August 9th. Pre and post camps are also available the weeks before and after for an additional charge. All summer long campers will participate in activities such as games, crafts, swimming, weekly field trips, and special events. Over 10 half-day specialty camps such as Archery, American Doll and Fishing are also available. All camp information and paperwork can be found online at www.spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245. Registration begins March 23rd at The Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive.

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Hurricanes and Natural Disasters Expo

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

Meet the Officers

By Barb Purtee



Pictured (L-R): Josie Freeman, Joyce Mobley, Barb Purtee, Beverly Gray and Barbara Dye

Our end-of-the-year luncheon was enjoyed on May 9th by 21 people at Neptune Grill. Many grateful thanks to all who helped this past year!

Our officers for the 2013-2014 year were installed. They are: Joyce McMahon Mobley - President; Beverly Gray - Executive VP/Programs; Josie Freeman - VP Research/Administrative support; Barbara Dye - Membership/Treasurer and Barbara Purtee - Publicity/Recording Secretary.

Do you enjoy nature in all its forms and wish you knew more about it? Then join the Gulfport Garden & Bird Club, make new friends, and learn so many interesting things about Florida. In order to become a member and receive this directory and itinerary, send a check for \$5, made out to Gulfport Garden and Bird Club, to Barbara Dye, 2613 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport, FL 33707. Be sure to include your name, address, phone, and e-mail, as well as month and day of your birthday (the year is a secret!) In the fall members will be receiving a directory of GG&BC members and activities planned for the next year. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month when possible (this is a change from year's past). They suggest you mark your calendar in advance.

Now it's time to wish each of our nature loving friends a wonderful summer and safe travels during all of the summer months! See you in the fall.

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Scout Hall Debate Ends Until Someone Files Grievance

By Cathy Salustri

"No discrimination has taken place."

That was in a letter Lion's Club secretary Art Padula handed city council shortly before the Thursday afternoon workshop. Padula referred to Cub Scout Pack 300, a group sponsored by the Lion's Club.

"I know just as recently as a few weeks ago a member of the community was not being accepted... to volunteer. I was given correspondence between her and Mr. Padula... and it wasn't true just a few weeks ago," Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon said. "I don't see this letter as stopping the discussion."

"What's the discussion?" Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown asked.

"The discussion is, in my reading of the memo, is that you have to treat every group that's within a class the same way and if you treat them differently that's when you get in trouble... Mr. Padula has given you a statement but the truth is that the Boy Scouts locally have to follow the rules of the national organization, that decision hasn't come down yet, and there – this person hasn't come forward yet to say she has a grievance, but it doesn't seem like what he's saying is exactly, necessarily, completely accurate unless he's saying from that point forward."

"Who responded to her and what did they say?" Councilwoman Brown asked.

Councilwoman Salmon told council the person in question was Denise Lowe and referred them to e-mail correspondence between Ms. Lowe and herself.

"At this point, unless somebody takes formal action, I don't feel like this is an issue," Mayor Henderson said. Ward Four Councilman Michael Fridovich agreed with him.

"I guess I will forward the correspondence that I have to Lesley and ask her to forward it to you guys so you can judge for yourselves the accuracy of that letter," Councilwoman Salmon said.

"At this point we've been talking about it since October. I'm willing

to take Mr. Padula's word," Mayor Henderson said.

Mr. Padula, who had left the meeting earlier, returned to address Councilwoman Salmon's comments.

"The lady you refer to, Ms. Lowe, who's been here aggravating the Cub Scout master a number of times, wrote to me by e-mail because I don't use a phone asked me about an application. She said she had the application and what to do with it. I said, get the scouting program to sign off on it first and then it has to come to the sponsor to sign off on it. To date, she has not tried either one," Mr. Padula said. "We were talking about this yesterday. I haven't heard from her since I e-mailed her back telling her to bring it to me after she has all the paperwork done. She has no legitimate complaint here, we have done everything we can to cooperate with her. I put the ball in her court. Bring me the paperwork, I will bring it to the board to sign off on it. No answer back."

"Well, she understood, and I looked at the correspondence, it seemed to me what you were asking her to do is have the cubmaster sign, and he would not meet with her, return her calls, or anything., so how is she supposed to get him to sign it if that can't happen?" Councilwoman Salmon asked.

"What you said is not what you just said on television. You said you got the correspondence from her and read it," Mr. Padula said.

The mayor suggested Councilwoman Salmon and Mr. Padula speak after the meeting.

"I would like it on the record because she put her comment on record. You saw the e-mail I wrote her; it was very specific: get him to sign off, which is what has to happen first, and bring it to me. Do not make a public statement that the Lions did not cooperate," Mr. Padula said.

"No, I didn't say the Lions didn't cooperate. I said that what you described about the Boy Scout troop, that they had not discriminated, was not accurate unless you were talking about from this point forward, that's what I said," she responded.

"The boy scout troop has not discriminated against this woman yet. We have not received the paperwork," he told her

"how can she give it to him if he

won't meet with her?" Councilwoman Salmon asked.

"She can mail it to him, I don't know," he said.

"Part of the reason we're still talking about this is the way this started out and the digging in the heels from both sides, so I'd really like to keep party one and party two out of our continuing conversation," Mayor Henderson said.

"If it's a personal thing between Frank and Ms. Lowe, I don't have any control, but the Lions Club has not discriminated against that lady," he said.

"I'm sorry if you heard it that way, maybe it's because I didn't have my mouth on the microphone," she said, referencing Mr. Padula's earlier comment that council needed to speak into the microphone for the at-home audience.

"It's exactly what came over the TV," he told her.

Council moved on to discuss how people would go about filing a grievance for a group within the city that may have violated the city's human rights ordinance (HRO).

"The reality is, if the person has not applied, then everything is moot until they actually submit their application, and then if they get rejected, they will have to be told why they got rejected," Councilman Fridovich said "Obviously, if it's in violation of our human rights, then we have another situation. But until that happen, there's no discussion here in a sense. You've got to submit something to get rejected."

"He may just be upset with her and not doing it, I don't know. My suggestion if, you contact Ms. Lowe, ask her to get back in touch with me, send me the paperwork, and I will talk to Frank about it," Mr. Padula said "It's not discriminatory by human rights ordinance. It might be discriminatory because they don't get along at all."

As Mr. Padula returned to his seat, Mayor Henderson said, "To be pre-emptive with the human rights ordinance is what my issue is, and that is what I feel like has happened so far, that we're being preemptive with the human rights ordinance before someone's filed a formal complaint or had a grievance, and that's the reason that I guess I want council to decide right now, do we

want to have this discussion now, or do we want to see at the point where there either becomes a grievance or a complaint and there becomes something to discuss, that we deal with that then?"

"We're not running The Minority Report here," Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke said.

"It's not on today's agenda," Councilwoman Salmon said.

"You're asking for consensus to put it on the agenda," Mayor Henderson said.

"There's been no grievance, there's no cause for action," Vice Mayor Liedtke said.

"I don't want anybody to be discriminated against... but how can we do something about something that we don't know about?" Councilwoman Brown asked.

Council did not give consensus to put the Scout Hall issue on its agenda.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: Sheriff Academy

Q: The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) has a 12-week academy for residents who want to learn more about how the sheriff's office functions. Several commissioners and beach residents have attended the academy; does the city pay PCSO for the residents who attend?

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

How Should My Business be Set Up? (Part I)

Our office has had the pleasure of advising and counseling numerous clients concerning how to legally set up a new business venture. As a result, five (5) different choices of the types of business entities that may be utilized will be presented in this article and our next article. The five (5) basic choices which an entrepreneur or new business owner may wish to consider are:

- A. Sole Proprietorship;
- B. General Partnership;
- C. Limited Partnership;
- D. Corporation; and
- E. "S" Corporation.

In this article, we will examine the general legal requirements of a sole proprietorship and a general partnership.

A. Sole Proprietorship

1. A sole proprietorship is an unincorporated business owned by a single individual. A sole proprietorship is not a legal entity separate from its owner.

2. The owner of a sole proprietorship has unlimited liability for the debts and obligations of the business. The owner, therefore, must rely on personal assets or insurance for protection against creditors.

3. For income tax purposes, income and loss of the sole proprietorship passes directly to the sole proprietor and is reported on his individual income tax return.

4. No special organizational documents are necessary to begin business as a sole proprietorship.

5. The advantage of a sole proprietorship is that it is a simple means of beginning a business.

6. In Florida, an individual who engages in business has a sole proprietorship under a fictitious name must register the fictitious name with the Florida Secretary of State's office in Tallahassee, Florida.

B. General Partnership

1. A partnership is an unincorporated association of two or more individuals, corporations, or other entities engaging in business for a profit.

2. Like a sole proprietorship, a general partnership is not a separate legal entity. Each partner in a general partnership is personally liable for the partnership liabilities.

3. A general partnership must file a separate income tax return for federal income tax purposes. However, this is merely an information return. Generally, all income passes to the general partners and is reported on their individual income tax returns. Losses are also passed through, subject to limitations, which will be made stricter if proposed changes in the tax laws are implemented.

4. Although no written documentation is necessary to form a general partnership, normally the rights and obligations of the various partners (including their shares of income, losses, and cash distributed by the partnership) are specified in a written partnership agreement.

The partnership agreement may also specify the manner in which the business is to be operated, and may designate a managing general partner who serves the function of a chief executive officer. Generally, in the absence of contrary provisions in the partnership agreement, the business affairs of the partnership are governed by a majority vote of the partners.

5. Generally, the transfer of a partnership interest is more difficult than a transfer of corporate stock. Restrictions on the transferability of a partnership interest may be specified in the partnership agreement, and transfers normally require the consent of the other partners.

6. In Florida, a general partnership is required to file a fictitious name registration.

7. Generally, the death, insanity, or withdrawal of a general partner from the partnership "dissolves" the partnership, although the remaining partners may elect to continue the partnership business in a new partnership.

8. Generally, each general partner is an agent of the partnership and has the power to bind the partnership.

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The Air Force Bake Sale

Aaah, budget season. My least favorite of Gulfport's seasons (you may recall the others: Gecko, Election, and Festival) is upon us. I had the dubious pleasure of sitting through the first of several council budget workshops last week. I don't envy city staff, and I don't envy council. Whereas our neighbors to the west have little public input (despite ample opportunities) and, consequently, little public conflict, in Gulfport it seems we behave like a pack of stray dogs trying to share one bloody bone.

I suspect it's because we don't have enough bones to go around whereas over on the sandbar, they do. They get what they want, including thousands of dollars in city support for private events, a sparkling pool and well-used community center, and a bevy of other amenities that fall just outside Gulfport's grasp. We just don't have wildly valuable commercial property or enough opulent homes to fill the city's coffers.

That, of course, doesn't mean people don't have needs. Ask different folks in the city and they will all tell you how they feel Gulfport should spend its money. I take no issue with that. Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, for example, wants an aquatic center, and while she and I disagree on what would best serve the residents in that center, I can see where that would help draw families to Gulfport. I see a lot of Gulfportians at the St. Pete Beach pool. It's more money than the city has right now, but I still like the idea – and not just because I swim, but because I think it would make life better for its residents.

Some people, though, take the city's generosity too far.

There's a great quote, "It will be a great day when our schools get all the money they need and the air force has to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber." I'd like to point out that in Gulfport, we're at the point where the libraries are holding bake sales and the businesses could, to some people, appear to be getting all the bombers they want.

While I could not support local business more – we're funneling our income into several Gulfport businesses at an alarming rate right now – I'm concerned at the city's propensity to subsidize special events. In the grand scheme of things, the \$17,000 that Gulfport will spend this year on parties (not counting fireworks) isn't a lot of money. I also understand that business organizations like the Chamber feel as though its members have paid the fee to the city in the form of taxes and deserve to use it. Before the Chamber members start stitching together my VooDoo doll, please hear me out.

First, go to the library and then go to the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center. We don't have enough money in the budget to make a youth librarian full time, despite our new librarian's so-far successful plans to drag our too-small library into the 21st century and get outside funds to enhance it. Across the street at the Senior Center, Gail Biron and Rachel Cataldo do not, to my knowledge, stop working long enough to pee or sit down and eat a proper lunch. Look at the parks department; if they don't get more staff soon they're going to have to teach the squirrels and ducks how to run a lawnmower. The city staff is stretched to the breaking point, and don't say, "well, they're paid a salary/they get overtime." All the money in the world won't give these public servants more time with their babies or a full night's sleep.

Volunteers staff both buildings, and private groups – the Friends of the Library and the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center – fund things like the reading garden and the plethora of activities at the

Center. These two buildings and the quality of life they promote best typify the spirit of Gulfport. Yet they're chronically underfunded.

Next, consider Springfest. The Chamber of Commerce president stopped me at dinner the other night and let me know in no uncertain terms what she thought of my printing the vendor fees in the paper. While I think the Chamber has made great strides towards helping businesses of late, I do not apologize for printing the chamber charges. Here's why:

The city subsidized Springfest to the tune of \$600. Not a lot of money, right? Well, that depends. If you take the property taxes paid by the mayor, the ward three councilmember, and the ward two councilmember, it still doesn't pay for the city's contribution to that event. The president tried to tell me the monies were TIF (Tax Increment Financing) monies; I would like to point out that that TIF money still comes from tax dollars, and it could just as easily gone for paving and milling roads or hiring staff for the library or senior center, which are both inside the redevelopment area supported by the TIF.

I love Geckfest as much as anyone, and it's cool that there's always something happening here. But I love our library, too, and while government should never be hostile to businesses, I'm not sure that it's appropriate that fundamental city services – think roads and sewers – get neglected for business needs.

So if you're paying attention to the budget talks, please, ask your council why it subsidizes these parties while places like the library and senior center don't get what they need unless private citizens contribute the money, which means, effectively, they're being taxed twice. If we all agree the \$600 isn't significant, perhaps the chamber could raise those vendor fees to cover it. What would that be, \$10 extra a table for the 70-odd vendors?

I'd rather see my tax dollars spent on fixing our roads, hiring more staff for helping our kids read, and taking care of our seniors.

Is that so awful?

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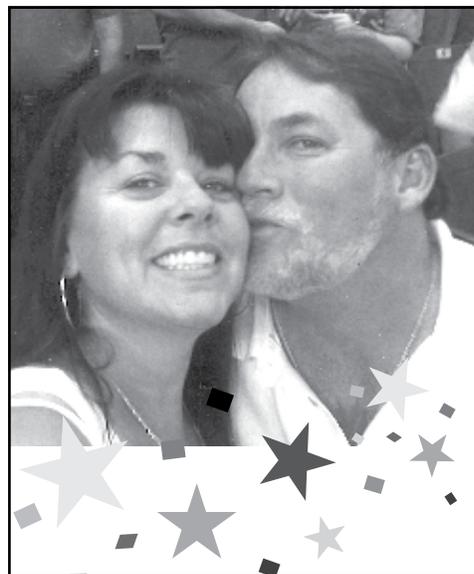
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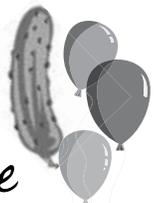
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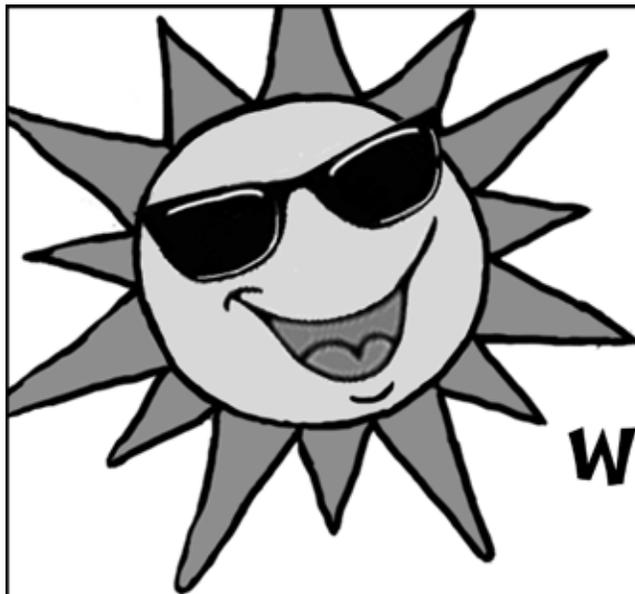
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