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## Gulfport Weathers Storm



By Cathy Salustri

By Thursday evening, Tropical Storm Andrea had passed through Gulfport, downing some trees, cutting power to some residents, and putting Gulfport in the national spotlight.

Thursday morning a tornadic waterspout came ashore in Gulfport. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the waterspout made landfall at 10:03 and dissipated by 10:05. Once on land, it became a tornado,

See *Storm*, page 3

## Hefty Bill for Duck Theft

By Cathy Salustri



The Reyes couple told police the duck followed them.

"I saw them driving them around," he said, which piqued his curiosity. He followed them.

See *Duck*, page 5

## St. Pete Beach Comprehensive Plan

For the third time in five years, St. Pete Beach approved its comprehensive plan. Initially the city adopted the plan in 2008 but a judge later ruled that the city used misleading language in the referendum; the court also determined that since the city had made changes to the comprehensive plan after voters approved it in 2008, it would have to go back to the voters for approval. However, voters later repealed a state law requiring their approval on comprehensive plans, nullifying that decision.

The city re-adopted the plan again in 2011, and opponents of the plan continued with lawsuits and appeals.

According to city attorney Mike Davis, the third re-adopted would put the city in a better place legally. He suggested the city re-adopt

See *Comprehensive Plan*, page 31

## Learn about Jellyfish Blooms and Oceans

Join them on Thursday June 13th from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Gulfport Public Library for an exciting speaking engagement by Lisa-Ann Gershwin on her new book and fascinating work. As foremost jellyfish expert Lisa-Ann Gershwin describes in *Stung!*, the jellyfish population bloom is highly indicative of the tragic state of the world's ocean waters, while also revealing the incredible tenacity

of these remarkable creatures. The oceans are becoming increasingly inhospitable to life—growing toxicity and rising temperatures coupled with overfishing have led many marine species to the brink of collapse. Yet, there is one creature that is thriving in this seasick environment: the beautiful, dangerous, and now incredibly numerous jellyfish.

Lisa-Ann Gershwin is director of the Australian Marine Stinger Advisory Services. She was awarded a Fulbright in 1998 for her studies on

jellyfish blooms and evolution, and since that time has discovered over 150 new species—including at least sixteen types of jellyfish that are highly dangerous, as well as a new species of dolphin—and has written for numerous scientific and popular publications.

The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information, please call Dave Mather, Library Administrator, at 893-1075.

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## **Storm**, from front page

moving from Boca Ciega Bay to the intersection of Clinton Street and Shore Boulevard. It moved up Beach Boulevard, pushing the large cedar tree in front of Yummy's into the restaurant's roof. NOAA estimates peak winds at 60 MPH and lists the path as no more than 50 yards at its widest. NOAA classified the tornado as an EF-0, the least destructive class of tornado.

Clymer Park had downed limbs and branches, and the Minkoff property at the northwestern edge of Clymer Park lost a large oak tree. NOAA reports that 12 Gulfport homes had damage to "facia, shingles, awnings and fences."

As for Tropical Storm Andrea, which spurned the waterspout-turned-tornado, Gulfport escaped with minimal damage. Shore Boulevard did have some flooding, although the city has no reports of water inside any building. City officials did close parts of Shore Boulevard until flood waters receded.

"PSTA did have to reroute, but once we opened the street back up,

everything was back to normal," the city's Technical Events Specialist Justin Shea said.

Gulfport reported no injuries or deaths related to this storm.

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## **Stars and Stripes Cookout!**

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Bazaar, Lasting Legacy, Smokin' J's BBQ, and the Health Rehab Centre at Dolphins View. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

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## **Exotic Pet Amnesty Day**

Do you have an exotic pet that you just can't keep any longer? Don't release that pet. On Saturday, July 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Fish and Wildlife Commission will be at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve will accept exotic or illegal pets without penalty. Don't let this one time opportunity pass you by. No cost.

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## Pancake, Pedal and Paddle Benefit

Come out for the 1st Annual Pancake, Pedal and Paddle Benefit for the newly formed Gulfport Women's Center on June 15th at Pavilion #6 on Gulfport Beach. Pancakes served from 10 a.m. to noon. Plates and utensils provided. There will be some water and orange juice but feel free to bring your own coffee. Bring your favorite toppings to share. Bring your kayak and put in on Boca Ciega Bay and/or bring your bike for an after breakfast ride. Donations greatly accepted.

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## 2013-2014 Tot-Time Program

The City of Gulfport Recreation Center is currently accepting pre-registrations for the 2013-2014 Tot Time Program. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The program begins September 3, 2013. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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## Duck, from front page

"Basically, what he [Raul Reyes] was doing, he was carrying what looked like a duck," Mr. Spencer says. "I said, 'Excuse me, why are you stealing the duck?'; they told me that the other ducks didn't want it, that it was alone, and they wanted to help the duck."

That answer didn't fly with Mr. Spencer.

"I just told them, 'No, no, it's not OK to take the duck. It's a crime'."

That's when he took a picture of Mr. Reyes holding the lone Pekin duck.

"He was ready to fight me over taking the picture. He started coming at me and said 'Don't take my picture.' I said, 'No, no, stay here, I'm calling the police.' They said, 'No, we know the police'."

The Reyes then went to the police station, and the Sheriff's dispatch sent Gulfport officers Zachary Mills and Matthew Parks to the station.

Although the Reyes, who live two houses from the pond at 5314 Tangerine Avenue, told Mr. Spencer they wanted to help the duck, they told the Gulfport officers two different stories: according to police logs, they said the duck followed them. They then said the duck had injuries.

"It seemed to be fine. I returned it to Tomlinson Park," Officer Matthew Parks wrote in the log.

Later that evening, Mr. Spencer said he saw Mr. Reyes behaving oddly.

"He was out there with what looked like two duck carcasses, holding them by the neck. I think [he was putting them in something] like the

Gulfport recycling bins. I heard a lot of clunking around," he said. He told police, but Chief Robert Vincent said they found no duck carcasses in the trash. Without a sworn statement from someone saying they saw ducks on the property, the police say they cannot search the Reyes' home.

Chief Vincent says the Reyes will receive an \$80 fine for violating city ordinance 17-28, Subsection C of which says "no person shall molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, hunt, chase, capture, shoot, or throw any object at any wildlife within the boundaries of any park; nor shall any person remove the eggs, nest, or young of any wildlife within the boundaries of any park; nor shall any person collect, remove, possess, give away, sell or offer to sell, buy or offer to buy, or accept as a gift any specimen, dead or alive of any wildlife from within the boundaries of any park..."

Local reaction was more extreme.

"Steal any more damn ducks and you'll have a bunch of Gulfportians open a can of whoop-ass on y'all," local animal lover Connie Dritsos

said, adding, "You can quote me."

Saturday morning, a smaller Pekin duck appeared at the Tomlinson pond. The duck had trouble swimming and walking. By Saturday night it had disappeared. Tuesday night a fully-grown Pekin duck had appeared in the park. Gulfport police remind people that while it is legal to keep chickens, it is a violation of city code to own ducks.

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Contact Cathy Salustri at  
CathySalustri@theGabber.com.

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## Family Fun Days at Aquatic Center

Bring your family and friends out for Family Fun Day on Sunday, June 23rd from noon to 3 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Admission to the pool is just \$2 for youth and senior and \$3 for adults. Patrons will enjoy music, pool bingo, prizes and more. For more information visit [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com) or call 727-363-9264.

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport: Zoning for Kennels

**Q:** What has to happen to change the rules so people can run pet training facilities, rescues, and kennels in parts of the city?

**A:** The Gulfport city council will discuss this at a workshop after it approves the coming year's budget, according to City Manager Jim O'Reilly. After discussing the idea at a workshop, the council would need to tell city staff to write an ordinance allowing such businesses (or some of them) in a specific area. Council would then discuss the ordinance, make any changes, and vote on it.

## Lithuanian-American Club Lunch

The Lithuanian-American Club is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The spring schedule of luncheons are one week koldunai and the other week cepelinai. The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. Today's menu is cepelinai (grated potato meat dumplings) served with bacon and/or sour cream, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked Lithuanian bread to buy every Thursday. Call Vida at 866-7936. Everyone is welcome.

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Talented artists with a penchant for mullets should listen up: the Gulfport Historical Society (GHS) needs your talent! This year, the city's annual birthday bash has some new events in store, but at least one thing will remain the same: the annual mullet toss.

Along with a new and improved birthday bash, the Society wants to design a new shirt for the city's 103rd birthday. Artists should submit a design building on the theme "Toss Your Mullet in Gulfport!" no later than July 31. Mullets depicted in the

artwork must be physically accurate and the overall design should be clean, eye-catching, and, according to the Society, funky.

"We want something that's definitely 'Gulfport,'" GHS President Miki Vaughan says. Please e-mail print-quality (at least 300 dpi) designs to [admin@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:admin@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org) or mail them to the Gulfport Historical Society, care of the City of Gulfport 2401 53rd Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707.

The winning artist will receive gift cards for O'Maddy's, Pia's and PJ's Oyster Bar.

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## 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 June 15th 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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## Meet Artisan Jeweler Doug D'souza

Domain Home Accessories & Gallery will feature the work of Gulfport metalsmith and jewelry designer Doug D'souza during its next Meet the Artists event. The artist will be present to discuss his work and answer questions, as well as present a large body of new work for display and sale during the evening. Meet the Artists will take place at "& Gallery" (3129 Beach Blvd. S. in Gulfport)

on Saturday, June 15th, 6-10 p.m. Complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be offered.

Doug D'souza was born in India and came to the U.S. at the age of 18. He moved to Florida in 1994, then located to Gulfport permanently six years ago. He is a self-taught metalsmith, working primarily in artisan jewelry since 1998. D'souza describes his inspirations as industrial design and architecture, along with culture, spiritual symbolism and the "natural beauty of the organic." His previous

creations included small and large sculptures and room dividers, incorporating etched and carved glass. A back injury during an art installation forced him to change the type and size of his work, resulting in his focus on wearable art. Working from his home studio in Gulfport, he incorporates metals including silver, gold, copper and bronze as well as more "modern" materials such as metal clay, aluminum and Lucite. New work, including unique and intricate pendants, personalized and symbol jewelry, wedding bands, cuff links and earrings are among his creations that will be displayed and available for sale during the event. D'souza's jewelry has been featured and sold at Domain Home Accessories & Gallery for many years.

"& 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, street performers, and Gulfport's many popular restaurants are all part of the lively Art Walk scene. Parking in the waterCall 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org.

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This special and moving event is held Friday, June 14th at 10 a.m. at

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

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# Letters

## TS Andrea

**Dear Editor:** The tornado came aground across the street at the beach from us.

Everyone is OK. Many of the glass panels on our deck and my parents' deck were blown out. I had three 80 pound chairs lifted off my deck and tossed to the ground below. Pavilion 4 lost a few trees. The picnic bench was lifted out of the pavilion and tossed aside. Looks like it may have a little structural damage, but not sure at this point. Many trees are down in our neighborhood and many fences down, but all neighbors are accounted for and fine.

I have to give HUGE props to Don Sopak and his team, the CERT Team, the Fire Department and Duke Energy for getting out, securing power lines, securing damaged public property and for securing and protecting the neighbors and neighborhoods.

Gina Burke

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## Duck Thefts Ruffle

### Feathers

**Dear Editor:** With regard to the article "The Duck Snatcher" in the June 6, 2013 edition, please forward this to Cathy Salustri: Just wanted to thank you for your article on behalf of the ducks. I live in Gulfport near Wood Ibis Park and have stressed while watching the ducks cross 58th as cars speed at 45 in a 30 mph zone. I work at St. Petersburg College and

we have a team of staff who have rescued baby ducks from our storm drains many times. The ducks lay eggs in our flowerbeds and when the chicks are hatched, the mothers march them across the parking lot to the retention pond. Our parking lot has several large storm drains with large metal grates. We have spent many hours assisting the Fire Department as we stand in a hot parking lot on a 90 degree day until every chick has been rescued. A few weeks ago I called my husband while leaving work to let him know dinner would be late so I could help rescue 14 chicks. So I appreciate your caring about the way people treat our wildlife. You are a great example of my favorite people in the world... Gulfport residents.

Keep up the good work!

Angie Baker

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**Dear Editor:** I would love to help to get some serious conservation going about these ducks and ponds in our area. I read the article in the Gabber and was surprised that the baby duck and the daddy are gone. I can't tell my 5 year old, she would be devastated. I live a few blocks down on 54th towards 22nd and the ducks walk by the house and sometimes are in our yard. When the dog starts barking from inside, they turn their heads as if they are saying "what is your problem?". The white three were always together and now the

momma is all by herself. At the other park on 58th the babies have a little better chance of surviving because of the green fence they can get behind. But what to do about these by us that are not protected? I am perplexed on what to do. I went by the park today and it seems a lot of the ducks are gone? Hopefully this can be the start of saving these wonderful animals. I am all in!

Amanda Broussard

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**Dear Editor:** I just read your above referenced article in the Gabber. While I greatly enjoyed it and the positive message you put into your work in general, I felt compelled to correct the descriptions of some of the waterfowl you mentioned.

The Mallards, Muscovies, Pekins and other white, brown and marbled ducks you mentioned are what I would call feral ducks, (i.e., from domestic stock and are invasive species). We do have native wild ducks that live here year round, such as the Wood Duck, Ruddy Duck and the Florida Mallard (males have no green head), in addition to various migrating ducks, which we only see from about November to March. These invasive ducks tend to displace native and migrating waterfowl and can be a pain, a good example being the Muscovy and its aggressive nature and messy ways. Coots and Gallinules are similar to ducks but members of the rail family and have lobed vs. webbed feet... same as Grebes and all are often mistaken for ducks by untrained eyes. The Anhinga, also known as the snake bird or water turkey is primarily a fresh water bird while the Cormorant is more saltwater oriented. However, both can be found in estuary/brackish water environments.

Personally I wouldn't object if Pinellas County instituted a feral duck eradication plan to restore the native species. They could trap 'em, clean 'em and make tasty duck soup for the homeless kitchens! Sorry to bore you with this trivial stuff. I'm am certainly no bird watcher or expert on things avian... just a Florida boy since birth with a little knowledge on the local fauna and flora.

Keep up your great work and cheery outlook.

David Williams

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## **June 2013 From the Desk of Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent**

### **Red Light Camera Update – New Law Ushers Changes**

By Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent

The Florida Legislature passed changes to the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act, which is the law that pertains to the red light photo enforcement program. If the governor signs the bill, several changes will go into effect on July 1st. Here are some of the most notable:

1. Those who receive a Notice of Violation (NOV) will now have 60 days rather than 30 days to respond.

2. If the vehicle owner fills out an affidavit naming another person as the driver of the vehicle, that person will now be issued a NOV with a \$158 fine rather than a Uniform Traffic Citation (UTC) with a \$264 fine.

3. The “right on red” language has been clarified in the law. Gulfport Police Department (GPD) will amend enforcement to comply with the new language, which states that it is not a violation if a vehicle stops at any point after the stop bar but prior to completing the turn. We will also increase our trigger speed from 12 to 15 miles per hour, which means that any vehicle entering the intersection at this speed and then failing to stop at any point during the turn will be issued a NOV.

4. There is now an official grievance process for those who receive a NOV. Previously, anyone wishing to appeal would have to ignore the NOV, which would prompt the issuance of a UTC with a higher fine. Under the previous arrangement, only a UTC could be appealed.

5. Under the new law, appeals of NOVs will be heard by a local hearing officer. In Gulfport, we have made arrangements to use the code enforcement magistrate, Gulfport resident and attorney James Thaler.

6. If the magistrate finds the party guilty, then the original \$158 fine will be assessed, along with court costs. The law allows up to \$250 in court costs to be charged, but we will likely ask for no more than \$100. We want to encourage people to use this process, so we don't want the total fine to be higher than that for a UTC, which is \$264.

7. Guilty parties who do not pay the fines assessed by the magistrate (or file an appeal to the circuit court within a designated time) will have their vehicle registration suspended. This means that corporate owners can no longer get away scot free. Under the previous law, only drivers' licenses could be suspended, and since those are issued to individuals, businesses were often ignoring their NOVs.

These new procedures put Florida more in line with how other states operate similar programs. I believe this is a much more fair and balanced approach, allowing everyone their due process rights while ensuring that cities are not overburdened with costs.

I have previously reported to city council and in this forum that injury crashes significantly decreased in Gulfport following the implementation of this program. I have also provided financial data indicating that the program covers its own costs but does not generate significant revenue for the city (approximately \$25,000 net estimated in 2012).

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### **Microchip your Pet Day**

It's hurricane season, get your pet chipped. SPCA Tampa Bay, 9099 130th Avenue N. in Largo will offer \$25 microchip implant and registration for dogs and cats on Thursday, June 20 from 4-6 p.m. No appointment needed.

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being offered in addition to the Tot Time Program, which is for children who are between the ages of 3-5 and potty trained. Please call 893-1068 for more information.

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## Volunteer Needed!

If you want to make a difference and help your community, come join the volunteer program at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center. If you have one hour or more, they need you!

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## **Bayway Bridge Blasting**

On Thursday morning, Orion (the contractor working on the Bayway Bridge) will blow up the bascule piers of the old Bayway Bridge. Orion plans to close the eastbound lanes of the Bayway Bridge from 9 a.m. until at least 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 13.

"At the time of the blast all traffic including pedestrians will not be allowed on the new bridge until deemed safe by Orion personnel," the Florida Department of Transportation said in a press release.

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

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



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## Chamber Chatter

By Lynda Shehan

The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce's next networking mixer will be held Thursday, June 20 at Salty's 5411 Shore Blvd., 5:30-7 p.m. These mixers are a fabulous opportunity to showcase your business and meet those in need of your services. You need not to be a member to attend; simply a desire to learn more about what your Chamber can do for you. We also welcome those with an interest in volunteering.

The Chamber's Business of the Month is America's Office Source. To learn more about this business and the services of over 100 chamber members visit [info@gulfportchamberofcommerce.com](mailto:info@gulfportchamberofcommerce.com) to view the Business Directory. This valuable tool is only one of the benefits of being a member.

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

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## Play Cards to Benefit Alzheimer's Association

St. Petersburg Bridge Club is participating in a national program to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association on Friday, June 21. The program is called The Longest Day and calls for participants to run events from dawn to dusk. The club will run bridge games, including a form of social bridge, called "Chicago" all day ending with a game at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in taking part can come to the club any time during the day. Duplicate games will be run at 12:30 and 7:00 and the less formal bridge games will be available all day starting at 7 a.m.

For more information, call 727-544-5040 or email [cfcgill@verizon.net](mailto:cfcgill@verizon.net). St. Petersburg Bridge Club is located at 9103 US Highway 19 N. in the Mainlands Plaza and offers a full program of games, lessons, seminars and tournaments.

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## **Free Porch Party at Gulfport Museum**

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To that end, the Society will host an informal porch party on Friday, June 28. The party will start at 7 p.m.; the society will have light beverages on hand for free and wine available for a small donation.

"We want to see the museum become a cornerstone of our community," President Miki Vaughan says. "I picture a gathering place where anyone who loves Gulfport can help preserve and celebrate our history and heritage."

The Society hosts the city's annual birthday bash every October, and this year it hopes to inject new life into the celebration. At the porch party, everyone is welcome to share their ideas about the birthday bash. The Society also welcomes ideas about future speakers and events.

Everyone who has an interest should attend this event to exchange ideas on what's needed to make the Gulfport Museum and the Society a vibrant part of Gulfport's funky, historical community.

Kids and families are welcome, as are folks from outside the city who love Gulfport. If you'd like, bring a snack or dessert to share. BYOB, although the Society will have wine available for a small donation.

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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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From the moment you enter the water...start shuffling, slowly keeping the feet just under the surface sand. The vibration will send them scurrying away. Don't count on seeing them. Stingrays commonly are found lying half-buried in the sand

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X-rays are useful to rule out the presence of any foreign bodies, such as retained components of the barb mechanism, as well as to differentiate injuries caused by some other object (e.g., sharp object stepped on in the

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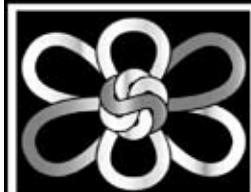
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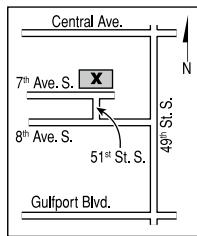
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Jim Parent, St. Pete Beach: "My pool."



George Kinney, St. Petersburg: "I drink lots of beer."



Bill Savage, Gulfport: "I like to drink smoothies, because I'm a dietitian and a nutritionist. I like a smoothie with coconut, strawberries, blueberries and raspberries. Lots of antioxidants, electrolytes and clean energy in there to keep you cool throughout the day."

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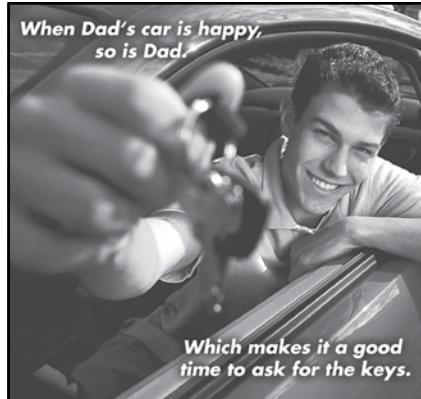
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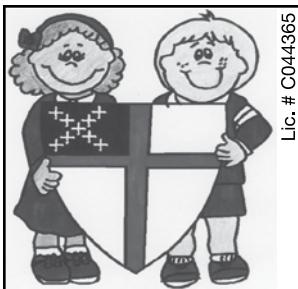
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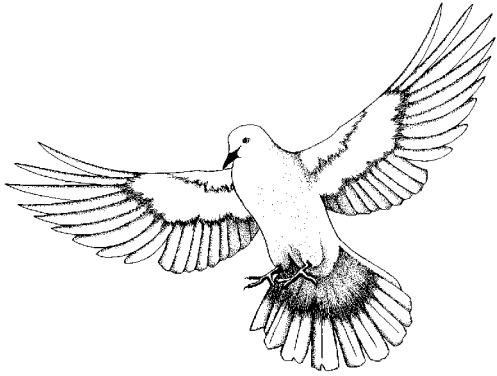
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Pasadena Community Church now has three stores at one location (Pasadena Ave. and Second Ave. S.). Hours are 9-1 Wednesday and Saturday. The mall features three rooms: one with clothes, shoes, accessories and jewelery; one with gifts, china, glasses, sporting goods, children's clothes, toys and games; and one with furniture, household items, electronics, books and tapes. Come and discover a treasure at a great price!

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## Thrift Shop Sale

First United Methodist Church - Gulfport Thrift Shop has weekly sales. They love their return customers. They return because of all the clean, useful, thrifty items they share with you. If you haven't stepped inside yet, this is a great month to check them out on Friday and Saturday from 9-12 noon. They are located on 53rd St. S. near 28th Ave. S. See you Friday or Saturday!

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each session. Classes are Monday through Thursday for two weeks. An ADVANTAGE Member card is required for registration. Cost per session: \$39. Reduced rates are also available for residents with Medicaid, food stamp cards or free school lunch and reduced lunch status forms. Morning and/or evening lessons session time varies depending on pool location. Locations: Walter Fuller, 7883 26th Ave. N., 727-893-7636; Northwest, 2331 60th St. N., 727-893-7723; Childs Park, 1227 43rd St. S., 727-893-7730; E.H. McLin, 602 14th St. S., 727-893-7635; Fossil Park, 6739 M.L. King Jr. St. N., 727-893-7440; Jennie Hall, 1025 26th St. S., 727-893-7725; Lake Vista, 1450 60th Ave. S., 727-893-7745; Shore

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## Summer Camps For Kids

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 Cheerleading, Fishing and Windsurfing are also available. All camp information and paperwork can be found online at [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com) or call 727-363-9245. Registration is going on now at The Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive.

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# Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

## ACROSS

- 1 Actress Sonja
- 6 Stinger
- 10 Hook, e.g.
- 14 Grenada good-bye
- 15 Mimic
- 16 Walker Evans partner
- 17 Outfits
- 18 Stead
- 19 Horse color
- 20 Abbreviated workday
- 23 Rio Grande valley
- 26 Rarefied
- 27 Off course
- 28 Quick drive
- 30 Mideast land: abbr.
- 31 Speedy meaty treat
- 33 Recipe unit
- 34 Swiss river
- 35 Battle song
- 39 Instant
- 43 Actress Gardner
- 46 Signalled an actor
- 47 Pretext
- 48 Lynx
- 50 Turkish hospices
- 51 Theme of this puzzle
- 54 Intense
- 55 E pluribus \_\_\_\_

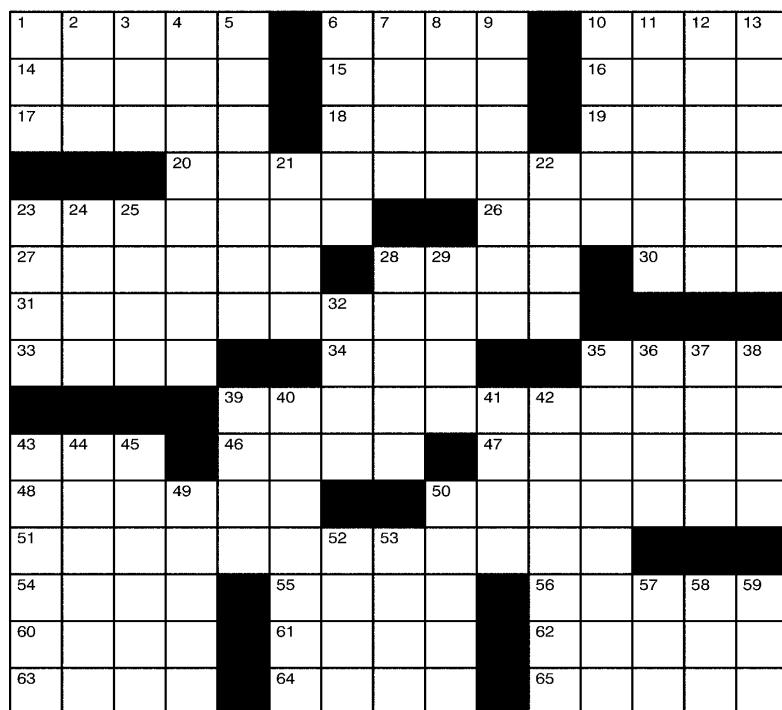
## 56 Etc. kin

- 60 Sea eagle
- 61 Frank's daughter
- 62 Vetoed
- 63 Kennedy takeoffs
- 64 Remain
- 65 James, et al.

## DOWN

- 1 Sack
- 2 Vitamin label letters
- 3 Bag or ball start
- 4 Devour
- 5 Blitz
- 6 Diamond passes
- 7 Cap- \_\_\_\_
- 8 Economist, rarely
- 9 Former German state
- 10 Locust bean
- 11 Rabbitlike rodent
- 12 Conservative strand
- 13 More rigid
- 21 Pheasant brood
- 22 Looker
- 23 Part of an anti-aircraft arsenal
- 24 Throw \_\_\_\_
- 25 Muse number
- 28 Serene
- 29 Flippant
- 32 Drummer's success
- 35 Give authorization
- 36 Rake
- 37 Part of MIT
- 38 Summer drinks
- 39 Picket line crosser
- 40 Items recorded by first basemen
- 41 Tractor trailer
- 42 Scrutinize
- 43 Stays
- 44 They're wooed in November
- 45 Missing
- 49 Mantuas
- 50 \_\_\_\_ Sound Silly
- 52 Squad
- 53 Charlie, for one
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- 58 Red or Black, e.g.
- 59 Spike preceders: abbr.

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## Corey Area Closer to Being a “Destination”

By Shelly Wilson

The city of St. Pete Beach is now in the final stages of gathering input on the development of the Corey Avenue area.

The June 3rd workshop was the second and final on the issue, and served largely to crystallize some of the key concepts and feedback from the initial workshop in March.

The district, which has been designated as a community reinvestment area, or CRA, is a top priority for city planners, and staff and commissioners have been looking at a host of early options.

So far, says St. Pete Beach Community Development Director George Kinney, the ideas have been “pretty creative,” with city officials, residents, merchants and owners looking for inspiration from Seattle to Singapore on vibrant waterfront development and people-friendly commercial spaces.

“People are seeing that there needs to be bodies here,” said Kinney. “It needs to be a destination and attractive for people in proximity.”

After months of collecting feedback and information, the recommendations will now go into a final draft to present to the commission and, if approved, will be given to the CRA.

These recommendations will focus on several major steps toward revitalization of the area: getting the East end of Corey Avenue “Development Ready,” and identifying and supporting opportunities for the West end properties; improvements such as streetscaping, landscaping, improved walkability, traffic calming and parking on Corey, including identifying public/private partnership opportunities for off-street parking; developing public properties like city hall, the library, community center, marina, and the former police station to maximize their benefit for the area and exploring opportunities to support the Beach Theatre as an integral part of the Corey experience.

“We’re seeing the light at the end of the tunnel,” says Kinney. “When you start to align governments and business communities and citizenry, I think that’s when things get done.”

## Summer Dive-In Movies are Back

Summer Dive-In Movies are back at The St. Pete Beach Community Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Bring your noodles, floats, and chairs to lounge by the pool while watching a movie on our big inflatable screen out under the stars! Their first Dive-In Movie will be on Friday, June 14th featuring “Shark Tale”. If you can’t make it on June 14th don’t worry. They have Dive-Ins scheduled every Friday night through August 9th. Snacks, drinks and glow jewelry will be sold. No outside coolers or food allowed. Doors open at 8 p.m. Admission is only \$4 per person. This event will be canceled in inclement weather. For the full schedule of Dive-In Movies visit [www.spbrec.com](http://www.spbrec.com). For more information call the Aquatic Center at 727-363-9264.

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## Disaster Relief at Suntan Sunday Market

America's Disaster Relief food truck will be serving up fresh tamales and South of the Border favorites at the Sunday Market at the Don Vista Sunday, June 16th. The Mobile Kitchen is part of a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) disaster response effort that travels to disaster inflicted areas, providing food and supplies, and helping the community get back on their feet. When they are not responding to devastating events like Hurricane Sandy, they are selling their tasty fare to help the next community that finds itself in harm's way. They are currently raising funds to provide much needed shelter in Moore, Oklahoma. For more info on the mission of America's Disaster Relief visit, [www.wcdisasterrelief.org](http://www.wcdisasterrelief.org). The market, featuring fresh produce, art, craft and gourmet foods, is held every Sunday at the Suntan Art Center, 3300 Pass-a-Grille Way, St Pete Beach from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## **See "Prelude to Pride: Blown by the Wind"**

Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project presents "Prelude to Pride: Blown by the Wind" on Monday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Monday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. at American Stage Theatre, 163 Third Street N. in downtown St. Petersburg. This is an original adaptation by T. Scott Wooten as a hilarious and naughty sendup of the fabled classic film "Gone With The Wind" and stars Matt McGee, as Scarlet; Sharon Scott as Mammy, Joey Panek as Ashley; Betty Jane Parks as Melanie; Chris Jackson as Rhett; Sara DelBeato as Belle; and Joe Parra as Mr. O'Hara.

T. Scott Wooten adapted the story and Michael Raabe will accompany the cast at the keyboard. All performers are donating their time and talents for this production. These two performances will benefit PWA (People with AIDS) programs at Metropolitan Charities of Pinellas.

Doors open at 7 p.m., curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Admission is Pay-What-You-Will at the door. Advance purchase tickets are available for \$15. Cash bar will be available. For further information contact American Stage at 727-823-PLAY or [www.americanstage.org](http://www.americanstage.org).

To learn more about The Suncoast AIDS Theatre Project contact Garry Allan Breul, Artistic Director at 941-758-6399 or [garallan@msn.com](mailto:garallan@msn.com).

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Excerpts heard at the June 11, 2013

# **St. Pete Beach City Commission Meeting Public Comment & Commission Quotes**

***"Many places have gotten away from providing sandbags because they really don't do a lot for people."*** – City Manager Mike Bonfield, about the city's decision to stop providing sandbags

***"Get your noodle and your float and come out."*** – City Manager Mike Bonfield, about the Friday night Dive-In movies at the pool.

***"I know that they have an enormous readership, but I thought I should read this letter."*** – District Three Commissioner Jim Parent, about a recent letter to the Gabber editor praising a city staffer

The commission heard a request from the still-forming Academy by the Sea free public charter school to discuss leasing the old police station

***"We can't say yes or no at this point."*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin, about Academy by the Sea's request to lease the old police department

***"We didn't expect at this meeting that you were going to say yes or no."*** – Luann Schecht, board member for Academy by the Sea

***"We've been without a public school for a number of years," Luann Schecht said.***

***"It's the first thing every single person asked me, 'Why don't they use Gulf Beaches?"*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin Ms. Schecht told the commission that the Pinellas County School Board told the Academy By the Sea board "they have no plans to lease" any of their vacant schools

***"I agree with you, it's a shame that you have this perfect facility that's not being used to educated students."*** – Luann Schecht

***"I'd certainly like to know what their plan is."*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin, about the school board's intentions for the old Gulf Beaches Elementary School

***"We've got people saying, 'but that's our rec center.' What if we got 100 from Gulfport?"*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin, about the Academy by the Sea, a potential lease at the old police station, and the students using the pool and community center

***"He said, 'We don't have a plan, and we don't have a plan to make a plan.'"*** – City Manager Mike Bonfield, about what a former Pinellas County School Board superintendent told him about Gulf Beaches Elementary School

***"We need to come up with a workshop for the police building period."*** – Mayor Steve McFarlin



# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The sun's conjunction with Jupiter on Wednesday is a trumpeter announcing an imminent royal passage so all will be ready to receive the king in the proper manner. There's a sense of getting ready for something exciting. On Thursday or Friday, depending on your time zone, the sun, on his highest path, stretches into Cancer marking the summer solstice. The day will be as long as days get, actually and emotionally, too. If you can beat the heat, it's a productive time.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You'll get out of bed on the same side that you always do, and yet it may feel wrong to you because you're not the same person you were. Slipping into your weekly routine won't feel right, either. All signs point to change. But what exactly should you change first? Observe yourself. Gather information. Next week you'll know.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). When you're in a social mood, voices are lovely as wind chimes. When you want to be alone, voices split the thoughtful silence like an axe. This week, it's easy to take responsibility for the way you receive people and to take control of your schedule, too. Your options will be many. Choose what pleases you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Things do not, as a rule, go back to the way they were, and you wouldn't really want them to anyway. You may not feel ready to move on from a situation that is, nonetheless, progressing in its own way, but resistance is futile. Stop to catch your breath. Your future will be bright. Believe it, and then embrace what you believe.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's something wonderful about getting into a made bed, and there's something terrible about getting into a bed that's not made. Your keystone habits will hold you in good stead this week. There will be so much that you have to react to quickly. With your basics covered, you'll come from a grounded place.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It doesn't take an expert to know something's

wrong, but an expert can tell you exactly what the problem is and how to fix it. You'll recognize it when things aren't working this week. Trust your gut reaction and act quickly. Don't hesitate to call in a professional.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Most people would like to have more time for home, more time for work and more time in general. You realize that there's nothing to be done in this department. We get what we get. You have better things to do than fight for mythical "balance." You'll make the brilliant choice to fight a battle you can really win.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This week you'll spend time with those who have done more than you in life, and this should in no way make you feel small. Rather, you'll feel stronger and better for the experience. Accomplished people will make you believe that you, too, can become accomplished.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The quick and perhaps desperate and very temporary solution will be as effective as climbing a tree to get away. It will work, but for how long? Eventually, you'll have to come down. Will the problem still be there when you do, or will it have passed? Congratulations! Your stars favor the latter scenario this week.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Mobs are stupid even when some of the individuals who comprise them are smart. Mobs tend to fall to the lowest common denominator. Your aversion to crowds will play in your favor, as you will be saved from a group mentality that is beneath you. Honor your originality, and give yourself plenty of space to be you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). How would the tree nearest to your home observe this life you're living? You have something to gain from seeing your scene from a more constant and stationary point of view. This could come from someone you know, or it could be born of your imagination.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll be taking things apart to see how they work. This is more than physical

tinkering. You'll do the same with concepts, stories and people -- asking the questions to really get to know what's going on in your world. Do be careful to remember where things were so you can put them back together.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You can speculate about a person's character, but it is best proved through action. You'll apply this principle to yourself, challenging yourself to do the thing that proves your strength and kindness. This act will go above and beyond what others would do, which is what makes it remarkable.

**This Week's Birthdays:** The next six weeks feature the project-oriented side of you. You are determined to reach an outcome, and you will not rest until the building is finished and you are living inside of this manifestation. What starts as curiosity and exploration turns into love in August. The circumstance that was limiting your professional growth will be lifted in October. The increased responsibility comes with benefits, but by February, you may be ready for a change of plan. March brings the recovery of what was lost or stolen.

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**Thursday, 1-3:30 p.m.**

Karaoke by Dave and Cookie

**Friday, 2-4:00 p.m.**

Entertainment by "Geno"

**Saturday, 1-3 p.m.**

Ann & Ray

**Sunday, 1-3:00 p.m.**

Entertainment for dancing by Woody & his accordion

Weather permitting

## **Community Wildlife Resource Relocates**

Gulfport lost a valuable community resource this month when the state licensed Howells Angels Wildlife Rehabilitation and Rescue Center relocated to Suwanee County. On June 1st a volunteer crew driving a convoy of trucks and trailers moved the neighborhood rescue center from Gulfport to a 60-acre farm surrounded by tree farms.

After a week of settling in, the new rescue site was struck without warning last Sunday afternoon by a tornado that demolished one barn, damaged some of the animal cages and downed a tree. There were no injuries and the caretaker residence was spared.

Since April 2012, the Florida Wildlife Commission licensed center has cared for hundreds of opossums and raccoons at a backyard facility in Gulfport. They have cared for baby opossums found still in the pouch after their mothers were hit by cars, opossums and raccoons that were poisoned and abused, and wild animals left partially paralyzed by cars.

They also have provided homes for exotic pets given up by their owners, including sugar gliders, potbellied pigs, prairie dogs, skunks and an endangered arctic fox.

Now that this community resource has relocated, calls for help with wildlife in distress will be taken by rehabbers further away. Howells corporate office is still located in Gulfport and will make referrals to other licensed rehabbers in the Tampa Bay area. Call 727-289-9365 for information or to donate cash or supplies.

When it became apparent that the rescue was outgrowing its Gulfport home, a friend who believes in their mission found a location that is within their budget. The new location provides a healthy environment for all the animals in distress that pass

through their doors.

After weeks of hard work packing and moving, Howells is up and running and ready to accept new animals in distress. The new location will allow them to provide better care for orphaned and injured native Florida wildlife and larger habitats for unreleasable animals that make the rescue facility their permanent home.

Howells Angels sends a big thank you to everyone in Gulfport and beyond who supported their first year of operation. Howells Angels

is a registered non-profit charitable organization in the State of Florida Reg. # CH38358. Donations to help them recover from the tornado damage and get established in their new location, can be made online: <http://howellswildliferescue.org/> please-donate. Cash and in kind donations may also be mailed or delivered to the corporate office. Please call to make arrangements at 727-289-9365. Donated food and supplies will be delivered to the center twice a month.

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# See the “Impacs” Bring back Memories

Florida's longest running rock and roll band, the Original "Impacs", will begin their new Rock & Roll Revival show and dance concert tour on Friday, June 28th at the famous Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd. S., Gulfport. Now celebrating their 53rd year, the "Impacs", who had their beginnings in the Bay Area in 1960,

continue to bring back the memories of good times for the baby boomers through their old time favorite rock and roll music. The group, lead by founders, Jay Lee Angello and Bobby Barnes along with new members, Don Wilson, Kent Graham and keyboard player "Terry's HOT88's" continue to take you on nostalgia trip performing such old time hits as "Johnny B. Goode", "Whole Lotta Shakin", "Rock Around the Clock",

“Chantilly Lace” and several of their original singles like “I’m Gonna Make You Cry”, “Tears in my Heart” and “Lost Love”.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. The show will kick off with an exciting performance by FiFi, one of St. Petersburg's leading vocalists paying tribute to girl singers of the 60's. FiFi has performed in Europe and Japan as well as the USA. She is a long time resident and performer in St. Petersburg. FiFi will be followed by the Impacs who will perform their non-stop show along with a costume and twist contest including prizes.

Tickets will go on sale prior to the event and can be purchased by calling 727-391-3333 or contacting a member of the "Impacts" directly. Ticket prices are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Seating and a full cash bar will be available.

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## Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on June 20th at 10 a.m. and learn about Florida friendly landscaping. You will receive the new Florida plant guide. Barbara Gilberg Habitat is located at 1600 Pasadena Avenue next to the electronic billboard on Shore Drive. Meet Natalie in the pavilion.

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## MOAA to Meet

The Military Officers Association meets for lunch on the third Friday of each month. The next luncheon will be on June 21 at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Social hour starts at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and a short program. The speaker will be MG Karl Horst from MacDill AFB. Military Officers that are retired, active duty or former officers and their spouses or widows are invited to attend. For reservations call CDR Bill Bolin at 584-1595.

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# City Whys?

Have you got a question for your city government?

Email your request to [News@theGabber.com](mailto:News@theGabber.com)

By Cathy Salustri

### City of St. Pete Beach: Dock Construction

**Q:** When will construction begin on the new docks by the community center?

**A:** According to St. Pete Beach City Manager Mike Bonfield, the city remains in the "somewhat early" permitting stages for what will be the lone transient dock (commissioners could, in the future, approve more docks). The city has construction in the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget.

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## Time for Caps and Tassles



SunFlower School, a private elementary school in Gulfport, graduated six students this year. Pictured front left to right Holden Metcalf, Tayge Belcher, Una Barnitz, Rory Goldych; second row teachers Candace Berner, Marie Breslin, and Ben Pridemore, Casey Zorzie. They enjoyed a special Graduate brunch at Stella's.

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## **Senior Center Summer Hours**

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center has new summer hours: Monday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday evening classes are still available at the Senior Center. Wii Bowling on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Italian Class for Beginners on Tuesday at 6 p.m., Italian Dance Practice on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and Card Games on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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## **Get School Records Up to Date**

- Parents of high school students who need to register for a school or change their address should take address verification and other required documents to their assigned high school no later than July 18 to assure that their child will be included in transportation planning. School office staff is on duty, but it is recommended that parents call before going to the schools.

- Parents of elementary and middle school students who need to register for a school or change their address should bring address verification and other required documents to their assigned school or to the district Student Assignment Office by July 18. Over the summer, many, but not all elementary schools, will be open through July 24 for summer programs. Most middle schools, except Carwise, Clearwater Fundamental, Tyrone and Tarpon Springs, will be open through July 25. Please call your child's school to make sure it is open and before going there to register or complete registration.

The first day of school for the 2013-2014 school year is Monday, August 19. Students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2013, to attend kindergarten. For more information about the registration process, call the Student Assignment Office, 727-588-6210, or visit the district website, [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org). Beginning June 10, Student Assignment summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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## **Comprehensive Plan,** from front page

the plan "to cure any potential issues should the appellate rule against you that the re-adoption in 2011 is not valid." Re-adoption would also "to a large extent, make moot any possible ruling against you in the appellate court. It would also remove uncertainty that continues to exist because of litigation," according to Davis.

Finally, it would "consolidate into one plan adoption a number of different ordinances [from 2010- 2012]" and remove some obsolete items (such as maps of things that no longer exist) from the current plan.

The city's planning commission recommended adoption, according to Community Development Director George Kinney, but local resident (and also a former plaintiff in city lawsuits) Bill Pyle objected.

As president of the Silver Sands association, Dr. Pyle objected to the comprehensive plan as it would, among other things, allow for a public boardwalk on the beach in front of Silver Sands. He indicated Silver Sands would be receptive to a five-star hotel "that would add to the prestige" of the Silver Sands community. He pointed out that the late George Steinbrenner once owned a unit in Silver Sands.

The commission voted unanimously to approve the plan.

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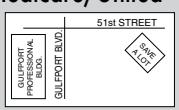
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## Gulfport Home Invasion Could Have Ties to Victims' Business

By Cathy Salustri

Early Tuesday morning, three men kicked in the door of a home on the 5100 block of 16th Avenue South. They fired gunshots into the home.

The residents, who also own a local Asian restaurant, remained unharmed in the back bedroom. The attackers attempted to get into the bedroom; when they could not, they fled the scene on foot.

Neighbors saw three black men running from the home. One neighbor described one of the suspects as "wearing a white tank top, baggy shorts, and appeared to have dreadlocks."

Police spent Tuesday questioning people about the home invasion.

Gulfport Detective Sergeant Tom Woodman says the family's business could have some relation to the crime.

"There is a theory that due to their occupation as owners of an Asian restaurant, due to a recent series of Asian restaurant owners being robbed in Hillsborough County, [and that] it's common practice for Asian restaurant owners to bring home cash," Detective Sergeant Woodman says, but cautions, "That's just a theory, to say that they're targeted because of that. That's a theory that is generalized."

Although he reminds residents and businesses to exercise common sense about locking doors and securing belongings, he indicated the home invasion is most likely not a random act of violence.

"Most crime of that heightened violence isn't random. For someone to pick a specific house and shoot some rounds off in the house, it would appear that there's some reason behind it, but there's nothing that confirms that."

He also added that it would not be the same men who committed a similar rash of such crimes in Hillsborough, as they remain in jail.

This is an ongoing active investigation. If anyone has information regarding this crime, please contact Detective Jimmy Embry at 893-1043.

## Learn how to keep Fido Healthy

Dog lovers around the county will have an opportunity to learn more about their best friends during a series of Health and Wellness lectures sponsored by Florida Poodle Rescue.

The once-a-quarter lecture series, which is free to the public, will feature animal experts discussing everything from health care, to behavior, to training and exercise. Along with valuable information on keeping their dogs healthy, visitors will get an opportunity to ask the experts questions on the lecture series presented that day.

The first seminar will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday June 22nd and will feature Dr. Javier Vicente, owner of Haines Road Animal Hospital in St. Petersburg, who will discuss "Keeping Your Dog Healthy and Happy."

Seminars will take place in the education center at Coundouriotis Surgical Center, 5600 22nd St. N., St. Petersburg. The center is conveniently located at 54th Ave. N. and Interstate 275, at exit 26 off Interstate 275. The use of the facility is being donated by Dr. Andrew Coundouriotis.

Seating is limited; visitors are asked to register for the free event by calling 727-209-7614. Please stay on that line until you hear the message asking for your information. You may also go to fprevents@gmail.com to register.

The series is offered by Florida Poodle Rescue, a non-profit, all volunteer organization founded in 1994. Since its beginning Florida Poodle Rescue has found forever homes for more than 8,000 dogs. Inspired by Maggie, a black standard poodle, Tricia Bonati and Martha Harrington, both of Pinellas County, worked diligently to help find permanent homes for unwanted and/or abused poodles. Originally focused on dogs living in Florida, the group has expanded to help animals throughout the Southeastern United States.

Visit [www.floridapoodlerescue.org](http://www.floridapoodlerescue.org) or contact FPR to make your reservation by calling 727-209-7614.

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## Summer Jazz on the Beach

The Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will sponsor Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps in two summer concerts: June 20th and August 15th. Concerts will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bilmar Beach Resort, Treasure Island. Admission is \$8, students and military free with I.D. Call 727-522-6877.

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## Players' 2013 - 2014 Season

The Gulfport Community Players are looking forward to another great season in their 33rd year of existence. They have, once again, tried to select plays that they hope the audiences in the Gulfport area will enjoy. Here's their new season:

- "The Cooley Girls", , a comedy/drama by Brad Stephens; Runs Nov. 7-17th, 2013
- "Inlaws, Outlaws, and Other People (That Should Be Shot)", by Steve Franco. A Farce, Mystery/Thriller. Runs Jan. 9th-26th, 2014
- "Visiting Mr. Green", Jewish family comedy/drama by Jeff Baron. Runs Feb. 20th-Mar. 9th, 2014
- "Stepping Out", by Richard Harris. Runs April 3rd-20th, 2014
- "14th Annual Summer One Act Festival". Comedies and dramas by various playwrights. Runs July 10th-20th, 2014.

Don't forget! The Players still have their current season to finish first. They have just finished auditions for their "13th Annual Summer One Act Festival", have selected their casts, and rehearsals start next week. This Festival, which has 11 original short plays, will run at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport from July 11th through 21st. Tickets will be just \$15 each and will go on sale soon. See you at the Hickman!

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## Gulfport Toastmasters Members Earn Awards

Gulfport Toastmasters proudly recognizes three members who have received a total of four awards from Toastmasters International.

Karin Wisniewski Schlesinger, CC, and Bob Schlesinger, CC, recently earned their Competent Communicator Awards from Toastmasters International. The Competent Communicator (CC) designation is awarded when a member completes the first 10 speeches in the Toastmasters program.



James R. Ellis, DTM earned two awards. Jim earned his Competent Leadership Award, which demonstrates his participation and leadership in club activities. Jim also earned his Advanced Communication Silver Award, which means he has delivered over 30 speeches at Toastmasters Clubs and functions.

Jim Ellis is already recognized as a Distinguished Toastmaster—the highest designation awarded by Toastmasters International. Jim is a member of multiple Toastmasters Clubs and serves as part of the District 48 leadership team."

Gulfport Toastmasters meets every Wednesday (except holidays) from 6:15-7:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Meeting Center at 5021 Tangerine Avenue S. in Gulfport. Guests and new members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Karin Wisniewski, Vice-President of Membership at 727-871-9816 or visit [www.GulfportToastmasters.com](http://www.GulfportToastmasters.com).

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## Local Obituaries

**BAUER, MARY LOU POK**, of Gulfport, passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at the age of 93. She was born in Chicago, IL. At an early age, they moved to Harbor Springs, MI, where she attended school. She was a Catholic, and a member of Holy Name Catholic Church. Mary was a federal government employee for 30 years as a purchasing agent at the Railroad Retirement Board in Chicago. She retired in 1974. She was a member of the AARP, NARF 1140, and the Women's Club of Gulfport. In 1955, she married Herbert Rasher, who passed away in 1964. In 1970, she married Harold Bauer, who also preceded her in death. Mary is survived by a niece, Linda Kowalski (Roman), of Michigan. She had one brother who preceded her in death. Local services will be a memorial Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church on Friday at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon at the Town Shores Club House. She will be laid to rest at the St. Boniface Cemetery, in Chicago, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to any animal shelter of your choice. A Life Tribute, Gulfport.

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**MYERS, VIRGINIA**, 59, of St. Pete Beach, passed away May 17, 2013. There are no known survivors. ALife Tribute FuneralCare Largo Chapel 727-559-7793.

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A plaque in her honor will be placed outside the Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Avenue S. A small dedication ceremony will be held there at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 17th which would have been her 93rd birthday.

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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 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.

For more details, and to follow the development of these and other projects, "like" the City of Imagination on Facebook and join the party!

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By Scott Lafee

## Go Ahead and Kiss the Frog

A new study by researchers at Leiden University Medical Center in the Netherlands says the best way to avoid warts is to, well, avoid family and friends. Not really, but the researchers did find that the top mode of transmission for warts wasn't things like dips in dubious swimming pools or traipsing barefoot in even more dubious communal showers. It was hanging out with family and friends who already have the unsightly lumps of skin cells gone wild.

The prospective study looked at 1,000 children ages 4 to 12 (who were asked to keep track of when they or people they knew got warts) and found they were most likely to get warts if somebody close to them had them, as well.

The actual cause, of course, is the human papillomavirus, a nasty family of microbes that's also linked to various cancers and an increased risk of cardiovascular disease.

The research said nothing about the more pressing issue of foolproof methods for getting rid of warts. Not that there's a lack of advice. A Google query "How do you get rid of warts?" turned up 1,080,000 hits.

These recommendations range from salicylic acid and cryotherapy (freezing) to cold-pressed castor cream and good old duct tape. A Cochrane Review in 2012 examined almost 90 studies of wart treatments and then declared that salicylic acid produced a modest therapeutic value, but cryotherapy wasn't much better than just waiting for the warts to go away on their own.

And duct tape? It does a lot of things well. Removing warts isn't one of them.

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## DOC TALK

Palp -- Refers to taking a blood pressure reading under emergency conditions when listening for the systolic and diastolic pressures through a stethoscope is impossible. Instead, the measurement is taken by feeling (palpation) the pulse.

## PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Chaetophobia -- fear of hair

## OBSERVATION

"If you ever have to support a flagging conversation, introduce the topic of eating." --Leigh Hunt

## LAST WORDS

"I don't mind if my life goes in the service of the nation. If I die today every drop of my blood will invigorate the nation." --Indira Gandhi (1917-1984), the night before she was assassinated by Sikh militants

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# Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

## Making Us Secure Locally

**L**et's use the national surveillance program, which touches an estimated 100 million U.S. (and other) citizens, for local criminal concerns. At the moment, our National Security Agency monitors and stores our phone calls, e-mails, internet and social media communications looking for patterns that might indicate terrorist activity. This is an international perspective. Couldn't we achieve a great deal if the program were also focused locally?

Consider the fact that central city gun deaths nation wide easily exceed annually the number who died on 9/11 plus those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan: Chicago, 500; Oakland, 100; Detroit, 400; NYC, 400 and so on. And, as in the military, most of

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these were young 18-24 year-olds. Most minorities. Most appear to be the victims of drug and gang wars. And, I won't go into the number of deaths and destroyed lives from drug use. Our local communities of St. Petersburg and Gulfport aren't immune from these problems either. Overlaying all of this, of course, is the problem with illegal guns not to mention illegal immigrants.

Using the information obtained by the NSA locally (that is, mining the data), we could see the patterns of calls, e-mails, face book entries, etc. That could lead to more extensive monitoring such as listening in, checking content, and even direct house to house searches, or random, from time to time, frisking of individuals. All this would be step-by-step, tread lightly surveillance

Each step requires some judicial oversight, but once a pattern is established, and specific information acquired on specific individuals probable cause for warrants or direct action should come fairly easily. That's bringing the power of the federal government to the local level - a sharing, if you will, of the proceeds of our taxes.

There might be collateral damage. Some could be swept up just by association, or indirect contact, or mistaken identity, or possibly some rogue actions by rogue security people or even by vindictive "friends" and neighbors. However, this should be minimal and would be adjudicated later in the courts, criminal and civil. Breaking eggs to make an omelet and all that. Beside, as many note if you haven't done anything wrong you don't have anything to worry about.

Of course, there is a chance there will be "chance" discoveries that could be embarrassing individually and a "chance" that officials would use these politically as in the IRS scandals. Or, a "chance" that inside sensitive information could leak out, as sold out, considering the wide range of accessibility to the data.

However, security and safety in the community would be primary. Think of the good effect of pulling illegal guns out of households and off the streets. Think of the good effect of ridding in the real drug kingpins as well as ridding the streets of the little dealers. Without the drugs petty crime would drop. Some have offered that drugs cause 90 per cent of the crime. You need money for a drug habit. And, there is a tie-in with national security since foreign drug lords - Mexican, Colombian and Jamaica are a large element in the drug trade, and, as I mentioned before, illegal immigration.

It's just a question of how secure you want to be and what you're willing to give up to get that security. And, quite possibly, to whom you want to entrust that security and the details of your life.

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The Legion Riders meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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**Friday 5/31**

**Neighbor Problem-** 1200 Blk Gray St. S.

**Person Under Influence-** 1800 Blk 50th St. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.

**Domestic-** 1600 Blk 56th St. S.

**Trespass-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

**Saturday 6/1**

**Disorderly Conduct-** 1200 Blk Gray St. S.

**Noise-** 1300 Blk 58th St. S.

**Neighbor Problem-** 2800 Blk Dupont St. S.

**Hit & Run-** Beach & Shore Blvd. S.

**Assault/Battery-** 4900 Blk 10th Ave. S.

**Sunday 6/2**

**Animal Call-** 5300 Blk 21st Ave. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 1800 Blk 54th St. S.

**Trespass-** 5000 Blk Newton Ave. S.

**Domestic-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.

**Monday 6/3**

**Juvenile Trouble-** 54th Ave. & Tangerine Ave. S.

**Drug call-** 2600 Blk Upton St. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 54th St. & 15th Ave. S.

**Neighbor Problem-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.

**Neighbor Problem-** 6100 Blk Pasadena Pt. Blvd

**Burglary-** 53rd St. & 16th Ave. S.

**Burglary-** 5700 Blk 15th Ave. S.

**Disturbance-** 60th St. & 7th Ave. S.

**Noise-** 6300 Blk Vista Verde Dr. E.

**Tuesday 6/4**

**Prowler-** 5800 Blk 26th Ave. S.

**Neighbor Problem-** 5600 Blk 12th Ave. S.

**Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.

**Animal Call-** 5300 Blk 21st Ave. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 54th St. & Tangerine Ave. S.

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**Wednesday 6/5**

**Vandalism-** 1400 Blk 58th St. S.

**Vandalism-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.

**Juvenile Trouble-** 5300 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

**Drug Call-** 2700 Blk 58th St. S.

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# Here's How

By Pat Logan

## Remove and Replace a Damaged Ceramic Tile from a Floor

**Dear Pat:** We have large ceramic tiles on the floor in our foyer. One of them has gotten badly scratched, and I need to replace it. What is the proper procedure to remove and replace one without damaging the other tiles? -- Ronda S.

**Dear Ronda:** Ceramic tiles in a foyer are a very attractive floor covering, and they generally are very durable. Even though the ceramic tile surface is reasonably hard, it can become discolored and damaged from outdoor grit carried in on the soles of shoes.

Once you replace the scratched tile, place a doormat outside the door and a small rug indoors near the door for people to wipe off their shoes. Also, wet mop the foyer, at least the area near the door, every several days. During winter, if your area uses salt to melt snow and ice, mop the ceramic tile daily.

The primary concern when removing a ceramic tile is not to damage the adjacent tiles. Ceramic tile is very strong when evenly supported from beneath, but it is brittle. Heavy impacts or uneven support can easily cause a tile to crack. Once a tile is cracked, it is difficult to repair the crack permanently. The crack will keep reappearing.

The first step is to separate the damaged tile from the adjacent tiles. By isolating this tile, there is less chance others will get damaged while you are working to remove it. Using a sharp utility knife (wear work gloves), score the grout around the edge of the tile. You will be surprised how easy the knife blade separates the tile. Vacuum up any grit this step created.

Next, lay several right-angle metal brackets around the tile and tape them in place with wide duct tape. You might even put an extra strip

## Repair & Fix

around the outside of the metal. Duct tape is thick and will absorb impact if you drop a tool. This is extra insurance to reduce the possibility of damaging an adjacent tile.

Rent an angle grinder at a tool rental shop. It should have a 4-inch diamond blade that will easily cut through most ceramic tile. Saw diagonal lines across the tile to create four triangular pieces.

It is easiest to start the cut in the center of the tile and work your way to the corners. In order to cut all the way through the corners, use a small hand grinder, such as a Dremel tool. Have someone hold a vacuum cleaner

hose near the saw to catch as much of the grit as possible.

Once you have cut completely through the tile, use a hammer and chisel to remove the four pieces of tile. Start chiseling from the outside edge to reduce the chance of damaging other tiles. The slot from the saw cut will allow room for the first piece to release and move. The next three pieces are easy to remove.

With the tile removed, chisel out all of the old thinset, and vacuum out any grit and dust. Remove the old grout around the adjacent tile edges. Spread some thinset on the floor, and seat the new tile in it. Use a long straightedge to make sure it is level with the other tiles. When the thinset is dry, apply new grout around the new tile, and you are done.

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# Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

## The Yard's the Thing

If our dogs could speak words to be understood by the likes of man, they might wake with the sun, stretch and, as padded paw hits grassy earth, reflect as Thoreau did in "Walden," "I have, as it were, my own sun and moon and stars, and a little world all to myself."

The yard. It is as cherished by the dog as bling by the rapper. And we are its custodians. That's right -- spring-cleaning applies as much to our yards as to our homes. With that in mind and summer just around the corner, here is a list of things to stay on top of:

--Mushrooms. If we're not paying attention, we'll venture outside one bright warm day to find more fungus

growing on our dog's turf than in a fraternity fridge.

There's an old saying: "There are old mushroom hunters, there are bold mushroom hunters, but there are no old, bold mushroom hunters." Most vets advise that all wild-growing mushrooms be regarded as toxic until proved otherwise. So unless you're a mycologist by trade, keep your yard free of 'shrooms.

--Blue-green algae or cyanobacteria. These toxic algae grow in both fresh and salt water in warm regions and are potentially fatal to pets and wildlife. So keep your ponds, fountains and pools clean. Also watch rivers and lakes when traveling, particularly stagnant water in warm climates.

--Compost piles. First of all, high-fives for composting. Second of all,

make sure you keep that compost beyond the reach of curious pets and wildlife. Decaying matter can contain tremorgenic mycotoxins that are potentially lethal to pets and wildlife. And of course, dairy and meat products don't belong in compost piles.

--Fertilizers, including organic fertilizers and mulch products. Most people grasp that chemical fertilizers and pets don't mix. But just because a fertilizer is organic doesn't mean it's good for your dog. Blood meal and bone meal, both great organic fertilizers, and iron, which is added to many fertilizers, all cause problems ranging from unpleasant to dangerous if ingested by animals. And cocoa bean mulch is attractive to dogs, particularly, because of its chocolate aroma, but it, too, can cause harmful effects.

--Heat stroke/exhaustion. This almost goes without saying -- almost. Dogs need access to shade outside if they don't have ins and outs to the house. If your yard doesn't offer natural shade by way of a large shade tree or two, you'll need to step up and create a manmade version -- covered deck or patio, a kennel or dog run with a canopy, thermal dog house.

But we can't stop with shade. Access to fresh drinking water is a must. Always leave several full water bowls outside, in case your dog spills or steps in one of them. Or consider combining your standard water bowl with a pet fountain, which filters and aerates continuously moving water, keeping your dog's water fresh all day.

And water has its uses beyond drinking. A child's wading pool works to keep water-loving dogs cool on hot days, and misters are great for pets -- and parties. Add tiki torches and fire up the grill, and let me know what to bring.

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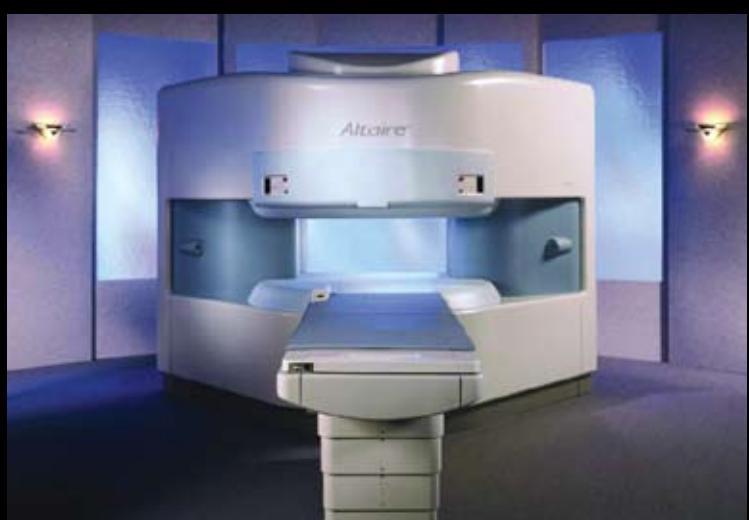
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Over 50 vendors and exhibitors participate each week at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market, one of the few year-round, open-air markets in the area, featuring fruits, vegetables and other foods, art and crafts, wellness products, live music and more. The blood mobile will be back at the market in July.



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## Summer Reading Program

Attention parents! It's not too late to sign up your child for the Gulfport Library's Summer Reading Program! They have a whole calendar of fun events for kids and teens that runs every Wednesday through July 31st. For more information contact Cailey Klasson, Youth Librarian, at 893-1074 or cklasson@mygulfport.us

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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](http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org). Once on the web site, go to the right and click members, the 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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# Energy Express

by Marilyn Preston

## Sit Happens: Take a Stand When It Comes to Moving More

Sitting still -- at your desk, in your car, in front of the TV screen -- turns out to be very bad for the body. Poor posture tends to crunch your organs, stagnate your blood and crumple your spine so the energy can't flow. Too much TV watching actually takes years off your life -- something like five minutes for every episode of "The Daily Show." Sometimes I think it's worth it.

Sitting still -- on a pillow or chair, in meditation, long enough to cool the brain and warm your heart -- is very good for your body. It calms and nourishes. It relaxes tense muscles. It allows you to disconnect from the seated one and become your higher self, counting your breaths, sending love out to others, allowing for joy to infuse the present moment.

The other kind of sitting still -- the killer kind -- is almost impossible to avoid in this age of small screens and big, boundless work demands. We are Americans. We sit whenever possible, hours at a time. It certainly appears to be more civilized than squatting, but the truth is the squatter nations don't suffer from low back pain the way we sedentary Americans do.

We are a nation of schlumpers -- yogi master Tias Little calls it schlump-asana -- and because so many of us walk around in weird alignments, we suffer the consequences: back pain, bulging bellies, poor health, bad experiences on eHarmony.

The meditative kind of sitting, I'm happy to report, is catching on all over the country, in many different venues. Schools report that students can think better, perform better, if they sit still and meditate for a few minutes before and after their school day.

Workers too benefit from whatever form of contemplative practice is made available by kind bosses and progressive insurance companies -- e.g. yoga, tai chi, quiet rooms with soothing music.

Men and women in prison are especially fond of meditation practice, once they get the hang of it,

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because it encourages them to let go of the past and stop worrying about the future. Doesn't that sound like a dreamy way to start your day?

And that's why meditation is going mainstream, just 5,000 years after yogis first folded it into their practice. It's unfolding in the West at its own pace, and you can join in. You can choose to cut down the amount of time you spend sitting at your desk or in front of the TV vs. time spent taking care of yourself, sitting still or working out in a mindful way.

And what can you do to avoid the consequences of the other kind of sitting still, the kind that takes its toll on your health and wellness? Here are some ideas:

-- MIND YOUR CHAIR. Eons ago, I switched to a kneeling chair because it forces me to sit more upright, more aligned. The newspaper I worked at didn't mind, as long as I paid for it, which I was happy to do. If you're not happy with the way you fit into the standard-issue chair at your company, invest in a better one. Consider a balance ball chair, for instance. It's inexpensive, and keeping balanced on a rubber ball can help tone your

abs and core muscles, up and down your spine.

-- CONSIDER A STAND-UP DESK. I tried my first stand-up desk with a built-in treadmill just a few weeks ago, for a minute or so, and it was an "Aha! I Want One!" experience. It's so cool! And so good for you! Imagine you're on a very slow moving treadmill -- I repeat, very slow moving -- in front of your desk, your hands free to read your email, make your calls, do your work. You burn calories, you juice the joints, you step up to a healthier way of doing your work. Check out trekdesk.com for all the reasons why 10,000 steps a day can save your life.

-- TAKE BREAKS. If you're spending lots of time hunched over your desk, set a timer or download the app that reminds you to stand up, walk around, do some stretches, get a drink of water. Shake out your arms, relax your shoulders, get the blood flowing to the brain with some gentle forward bends. For this, we do yoga.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## What is Probate?

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

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

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

### Who has Preference to Serve as Personal Representative?

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

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## Aquatic Summer Camp

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## Beta Sigma Phi

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Chapter members will be holding ways and means meetings during the summer to paint the annual Christmas mice ornaments to be sold again this year.

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## Free Meals for Kids and Teens

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If interested in participating, parade registration forms are available at the front desk inside Gulfport City Hall at 2401 53rd St. S., Gulfport, FL 33707. Or, online, under latest news on the City of Gulfport Website's homepage, [www.mygulfport.us](http://www.mygulfport.us).

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# Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

## We Don't Want Widows "Living in Sin!"

Q: I've been rereading some of your past articles online. You usually explain Social Security rules pretty well. But there is one situation I am having trouble with. A 62-year-old woman who is married to a slightly younger man wrote to ask if she could get benefits from her older ex-husband's Social Security record. You said no. You went on to explain that as long as she was married to husband number two, she can't get benefits from husband number one. But in another column, a 63-year-old woman who was getting widow's benefits asked if she could continue receiving those benefits if she marries another man. And you answered that as long as she remarried after the age of 60, she could continue to receive her deceased husband's benefits. Isn't this a contradiction of your first answer?

A: My answers to both women are correct. But you are right; one answer does contradict the other. And the contradiction grows out of this country's conservative moral values. We just don't want nice old ladies "living in sin!" I'll explain.

Social Security has always had a general rule that says if you are married to one man, you can only get his Social Security. You can't get a prior husband's benefits if you are married to another guy.

And if you think of it, the law makes sense. Remember, we are talking about spousal benefits -- benefits to a wife or widow, or to a divorced wife or widow. And for Social Security purposes, spousal benefits imply "dependency." In other words, you only qualify for a wife or widow's benefit if you were dependent on your husband or ex-husband. So if a woman marries another man, the law then assumes she is now dependent on that new husband. Because she is no longer dependent on her prior husband, why should she get dependent Social Security spousal

benefits on his account?

(Before I go on here, I must make it very clear that we are talking only about dependent spousal benefits a woman might be due from her husband or ex-husband. If a woman has worked and earned her own Social Security benefit, nothing regarding her marital status prevents her from collecting that benefit.)

But now back to the issue of spousal benefits. Again, the general rule, a rule that makes perfect sense, has always said that you can't get benefits from a prior husband as long as you are married to a different husband.

But back in the '70s, stories started to appear in the press about women forced to "live in sin" by their government! Those stories always involved elderly women getting Social Security widow's benefits that eventually found another man and wanted to start a new life with him. But if she married him, she would lose her monthly widow's payment from her first husband. So they would simply start living together. And conservative religious people in this country went nuts! My gosh -- little old ladies were "shacking up" with lonely old men, and we just couldn't have that!

They demanded change, and they eventually got it. Congress felt the political heat and rewrote the law. Ever since then, the rules have said that if a woman is getting widow's benefits from a prior husband, she can remarry after the age of 60 and continue to get Social Security benefits from her first husband. She is potentially due benefits from her second husband, too. But because a widow's rate -- up to 100 percent -- is much higher than the rate paid to a current wife -- only up to 50 percent -- a woman usually gets much higher benefits from her deceased husband's account than she would be due from her current husband.

Oh, and if husband number two dies, the twice-widowed woman can pick and choose. She would get benefits from whichever husband had the more generous Social Security

account.

Q: I am about to turn 66. I started getting widow's benefits at age 60. I was told at that time that my own Social Security retirement rate was much less than my deceased husband's benefit. But now that I am 66, I am wondering if my own benefit is higher. Will they automatically switch me over if it is? Or should I wait until age 70 when I understand I can get the maximum rate?

A: They will not automatically switch you from widow's benefits to retirement benefits. This is something you will have to initiate by contacting your local Social Security office or by calling them at 800-772-1213.

You can switch over to your own retirement rate only if it is higher than your widow's benefit. Now that you are 66, you should check with Social Security to find out what your own retirement benefit is. If it (your age 66 rate) is still less than your widow's payment, there is nothing to switch to -- for now. The only thing you can do is wait until age 70 to find out if by then your own Social Security benefit (which would come with a 32 percent bonus at that age) is finally higher than your widow's rate. If even at age 70, your own rate is still less than your widow's benefit, then you will simply continue to get widow's benefits for the rest of your life.

If you check with Social Security and find that your age 66 rate is already higher than your widow's benefit, then you have two choices. You can either switch to that higher benefit on your own record now. Or you can wait until age 70 and switch to an even higher benefit (with that 32 percent bonus).

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net).

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