

Literary Outpost at the Edge of the Arts District



By Cathy Salustri

"The Little Free Library has been such a great way to meet neighbors and visitors in the area who stop by to pick up books and end up chatting," Zora Gorman, the steward for this Little Free Library at 25th Avenue and 58th Street South in Gulfport, says. "We've had many moments that brought smiles and one that frankly brought tears when I opened the front door and found a bouquet of roses and a lovely note thanking us for building the library – a note I treasure."

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Painting the Town

By Shelly Wilson

Call it part of the local renaissance, the revitalization of St. Petersburg that's been ramping up for the last decade, but art has never been more central to the downtown identity. It spills, it seems, from the once sedate and musty galleries of St. Pete's past, into younger, more urban



spaces, into hybrid gallery/shops and ultimately, with artists like Sebastian Coolidge, out onto the streets.

You may not know Sebastian, the 24-year-old

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Gulfport Officer Plays Santa Claus to Beaten Teen

By Cathy Salustri

Last week, a Lealman middle school student who lives in Gulfport reported three fellow students for attempting to sell him marijuana; as a result, those students beat him on the bus ride home.

A Gulfport police officer familiar with the family visited them to "thank him for trying to do the right thing," according to the officer (who asked that we not publish his name). He brought the family breakfast and, over breakfast he learned that the student needed clothes.

According to Lieutenant Mary Farrand, the Gulfport officer used his own money and, while off-duty, purchased clothes and brought them to the family.

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A Slow PACE in Gulfport

Despite a slow start, Eco City remains optimistic

By Cathy Salustri

When Gulfport city council debated whether or not to allow PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) to come to town, they heard from people who said Gulfport needed the program and people who said having such a program in Gulfport would hurt homebuyers.

Council didn't consider one possibility: no one would take advantage of the program.

According to Amy Elliott, the director of sales for the PACE program administrator, Eco City Partners, since the

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The workshop starts at 6 p.m. and costs \$10. Participants do not need anything except their camera. Please bring extra batteries or your battery charger; make sure you charge any rechargeable batteries the day of the class.

Please call 363-9245 to register for this workshop. Space is limited.

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The owner's of The Riviera Supper Club on St. Pete Beach received a

happy surprise with Trip Advisor's latest ratings; they were rated #1! Some of the comments from diner's included "Amazing food & service", "3 F's Fabulous, Fantastic & Fun", "Love this place", and "5 Star evening". Overall there were 40 comments on the eatery that opened last October. Owner and chef, Kevin O'Malley was delighted, "It's so good to know our customers are happy with our food and the atmosphere. Everything on our internationally inspired menu is fresh and homemade; from the stock we use in our soups and entrees, our large selection of appetizers, to our many one of a kind desserts. Live

music was a great addition too! We couldn't be more pleased."

The Riviera Supper Club is located at 250 75th Avenue on St. Pete Beach. For information call 727-367-2582 or log on to www.RivieraSC.com.

Toddler Storytime

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Post 125 Bowling Tournament

On Saturday, July 27th, American Legion S.A.L. Squadron 125 will hold their annual bowling tournament at Ten Pin Lanes, 1453 Pasadena Avenue S. Call 727-381-1010.

The charity event will start at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person, five person teams (if you are one or two short, they generally can team you up with others). Format is 8-pin no-tap (8 pins count as a strike). Prize payout is \$125 for first place, \$100 team for second place and \$75 team for third place. Entry fee includes bowling, shoes and dinner at the American Legion Post 125, 6440 Fifth Avenue S. after the tournament. There are prizes and 50-50's

All proceeds are distributed to Wounded Warriors and Hospice. Sign up sheets are available at Ten Pin Lanes and Post 125. Come out, have fun, drink beer (or whatever) - it's all for a good cause.

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Flick and Float Movie Night

Bring the family and friends to a movie night at the pool. St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation

with All Children's Hospital's Florida Safe Pools and Safe Kids Coalition present a fun filled family night with the movie Brave, Friday night, July 26, 8 p.m. at Fossil Park Pool, 6739 M.L. King Jr. St. \$3.50 age 3-12, \$4 age 13 and up. Floats provided. Flume slide, and diving boards open, lawn chairs welcome. For more information call 893-7440.

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Gulfport Democrats to Meet

St. Pete City Council District 8 Candidate Amy Foster will speak at the meeting of The Gulfport Democratic Club on Monday, August 5 at 7 p.m. at the Back Door Theatre (1619 49th Street S. in Gulfport). Amy will talk about her campaign, and afterward the club will talk about the importance of getting involved with races and causes in the area as well as issues specific to our city.

To help Gulfport thrive, it is important that we work together with St. Petersburg, and this is a great opportunity to continue building that relationship. This event is free and open to the public. For more information on this event, please e-mail info.gulfportdems@gmail.com.

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Santa, from front page

"They were grateful, and I thanked [the student] for doing the right thing," the officer said.

Tuesday morning, Shirley DiBucci, who works for the Gulfport Police and with the Sons of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary Andy Anderson Post 125 also delivered clothes to the teenage boy.

"We're there to help people," Ms. DiBucci said Tuesday morning. "That's all he needs, we can step up."

The officer stressed that the Legion helped of its own accord and not at his urging.

Gulfport Police Lieutenant Mary Farrand praised the officer.

"[The officer] did this because he cares about the community and the folks who live here," Lieutenant Farrand said.

The boy lives with extended family in Ward Four.

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Literary Afternoon at The Blueberry Patch

Fourth in an occasional series, the topic will be Henry David Thoreau: Author, Activist and Naturalist. There will be various presentations, readings and biographical history, followed by an open discussion. Join them Sunday August 4th from 3-5 p.m. Refreshments provided. Suggested donation \$5. The Blueberry Patch is located at 4923 20th Avenue S. in Gulfport. RSVP welcome at Inktank7777@yahoo.com or 345-6427.

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Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Normal hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the adoption center closing at 5:30 p.m. Saturday hours

are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and services include adoptions. Rabies vaccinations are administered on Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The facility is closed all Pinellas County holidays.

For information on how to adopt, donate or volunteer, join Pinellas County Animal Services on Facebook. To learn more about the shelter, visit www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices, or call 727-582-2600. The lost or found pets hotline is 727-582-2604.

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If you would like to sponsor them this year go to www.gulfportpirates.com to download the sponsorship forms. Please complete the forms and return them no later than Monday August 12th. Please make the check payable to: MFFCC c/o Gulfport Pirates. They would also like to invite you and your colleagues to their first home game on Saturday, August 24th at Boca Ciega High School at 9 a.m. If you decide to come please let them know the names of the people who will be attending and they can provide complimentary tickets before the game date. Please wear your blue and gold to show your Pirate

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New Food Co-op Offers Free Membership

Top Tomato is now offering customers free membership in the new Food Co-op. "It's a great way to reduce food costs", said assistant manager Nancy Hurt. Buying in bulk has been a successful way to save money for years, and now consumers don't have to pay any membership fees

to join! Top Tomato has great deals on not only fruits and vegetables, but also meat, poultry and lunch meats. This farmer's market style vegetable stand has been open about three months and has added a line of grocery items as well as fresh meats, poultry, dairy and lunchmeat. "Our customers talked. We listened. We have most of the things people said they wanted" said Hurt. Call 727-323-0051 or stop by the store at 501 49th Street S. Start saving today!

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The workshop is offered in two parts: August 7th (Part 1) from 1-3:30 and August 9 (Part 2) from 1-3:30 at the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Avenue S. Gain important career and financial skills that will help you land the job you want! For more information contact Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us or 727-893-1074.

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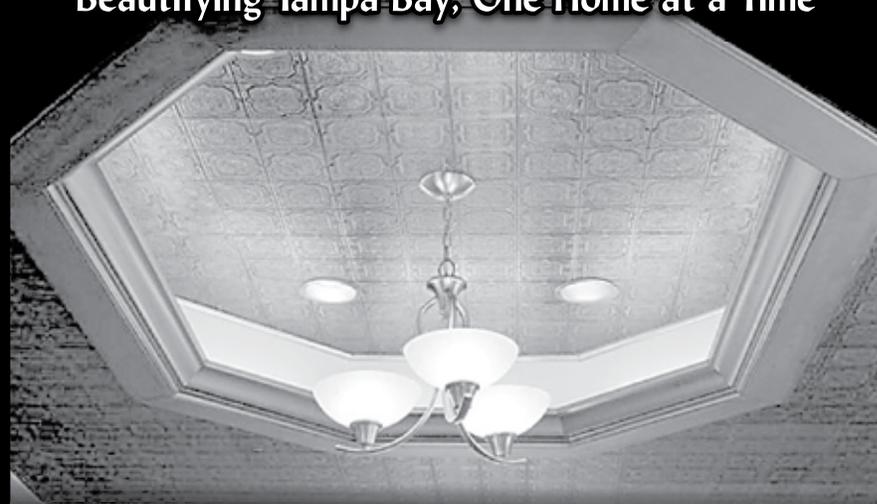
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Outpost, from front page

At the corner of 58th Street and 25th Avenue South, careful observers will notice a box nestled among the lavender plumbago and white crape jasmine blossoms. Inside this box – which looks almost like a birdhouse on steroids, a bird mansion, if you will – are books.

Welcome to Gulfport's first Little Free Library, one of thousands popping up at the edges of private property – and on some public properties – across the globe.

Little Free Libraries work like this: the steward of the library places books in a weatherproof box. People can borrow the books at will and return them (if they wish) when they

finish with them. They can also leave books for the library.

Bill and Zora Gorman, who divide their time between Lutz and Gulfport, built the Little Free Library.

"When I read about the Little Free Library project," Zora says, "I knew our corner was the perfect spot. Every day I watch runners, walkers, bikers, people on their way to work and children on their way to school passing by and I couldn't help but think, 'I wonder if all these people are too busy to make it to the library but would like a book to read?'"

Little Free Libraries started as a 2009 project for the non-profit, tax-exempt Wisconsin Partners for SustainAbility. Since then the project has spread from Wisconsin

throughout America and around the world. Every continent except for Antarctica now has Little Free Libraries.

"I'm so excited that the news and enthusiasm is spreading," Zora says "Dave Mather [the Library Administrator] at the library is a big supporter and is working on more Little Free Libraries for Gulfport."

As Zora explains, these small book outposts don't compete with public libraries.

"In my mind they complement and help promote them along with spreading accessible reading opportunities," she says.

The Gormans maintain the library, adding books as needed and making sure the small box stays in good repair. Every Little Free Library – even the ones in public places – have such a steward. Google Maps has a listing of every Little Free Library in the world.

Other Gulfportians talk about adding such literary outposts. Last week the Gabber ran a City Whys from local Juju Stevens who wants to add a Little Free Library to her right of way.

"I'm hearing about plans for more Little Free Libraries to sprout up in Gulfport. Rumors [of] at the marina, at the beach," Zora says. "I'm delighted."

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To learn more about starting a Little Free Library, read this story at TheGabber.com and look for the link to LittleFreeLibrary.org.

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Gateway Christian Clothing Give-away

Gateway Christian Center at 4355 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg invites to come to their parking lot on Saturday, August 17th between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. for their annual clothing give-away. There will be clothing for men, women, boys and girls and infants. Everything is free but they ask that you bring your own bags.

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Clothes To Kids is a not-for-profit organization which provides free clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge. For more information, please call 441-5050 or visit our website at www.ClothesToKids.org. In 2012, CTK was awarded a 4 star rating by Charity Navigator.

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Back to School Health Fair

The Elim Seventh-day Adventist Church, Academy, Day Care Center located at 4824 Second Avenue S. in St. Petersburg and a diverse group of community partners are offering free services to everyone attending the Back to School Health Fair, "Planting

Seeds Toward Better Health" on Sunday, August 4th from 1-5 p.m. Local physicians will be providing free school physicals to students - be sure to bring immunization records, vision and hearing testing, blood pressure checks and blood sugar tests. A podiatrist will be on hand for free foot care. Operation PAR will be providing the latest in drug prevention education and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will be on hand with information about domestic violence. The St. Petersburg Fire Department will be giving away free smoke alarms. There will be a live puppet show for the kids, and so much more! Other partners include Florida Hospital, The Alzheimer's Assoc., and Affordable Health Insurance.

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Letters

This one's a gem

Dear Editor: Re: Hard Candy (July 11, 2013 issue). To Ms. Salustri: I seldom write fan letters, and do not follow anyone on any social network whatsoever, but I thought your article was great. I've emailed it, with attributions, to friends in different parts of the US -- and one in Australia. Your comments were funny, touching and true to the spirit of Gulfport. Thank you.

Patricia Higgins

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Bring the spray trucks back

Dear Editor: In 2007, I wrote the following letter to the Mayor: I don't know why no one has a mosquito problem but me.

We have been in the same house for 37 years in Gulfport. The early years we had the mosquito truck spray each week and we never had mosquitos or

flies until about 10 years ago. They slowly began to come back when the city cut back and then stopped spraying.

This summer has been unbearable to sit out at any given time. We had out of state guests and we spent a lot of time outdoors in the Gulfport area. They all left with good memories of Gulfport, but badly bitten up by mosquitos.

We need the once a week spraying to control or completely rid the city of the mosquito and fly problem. I would love to be able to enjoy the outdoors as I did when we were mosquito-free.

Here it is 2013 and we still have a problem; every year it gets worse. To solve the problem we all know the trucks spraying once a week will take care of the problem. Why are we not spraying full force to make outdoor living bearable?!

Helen Roney

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Letters to the Editor

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The “Mind/Body Connection” will be presented Wednesday, August 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center by Kathy Lane, Master Life Coach. Kathy will discuss the connection between our thoughts, beliefs and emotions and our health.

In this upcoming presentation, Kathy will explain the role our thoughts and beliefs have on our health and how we can rid ourselves of old programming. They will explore how our emotions can become trapped in our bodies, the effect these trapped emotions can have on our health and what can be done to bring the body back in balance.

Besides being a master life coach, Kathy is a certified Holistic Health Practitioner and Corporate Life Coach. Previously, she gave presentations at the Gulfport Senior Center on the “Law of Attraction,” “Attracting Relationships” and “Attracting Prosperity”.

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Friends of Strays Hosts Birthday Pawty

On Sunday, July 28, from 1-4 p.m. Friends of Strays, the Pinellas County organization dedicated to the care and adoption of homeless pets, will host a Big Birthday Pawty, celebrating 35 years of service to the community. The event will also honor the 90th birthday of Friends of Strays cofounder Jean Bomonti.

To honor the service and vision of Ms. Bomonti, a special fund dedicated to providing spay and neuter services will be established in her name.

Said Friends of Strays Executive Director Beverly Passe: "Contributors to this fund are not just honoring Jean Bomonti, our cofounder, they are helping us carry out her incredible vision to stop the overpopulation of homeless cats and dogs who are abandoned and left to roam."

The event will take place at the Friends of Strays Thrift Shoppe, 3660 Gandy Blvd. (US 19 N. & Gandy).

"The proceeds from our Thrift Shoppe provide services to our pets who need it most," said Passe. "We hope everyone will join us for our Pawty on Sunday and learn more about us, and about the wonderful animals we care for."

Friends of Strays is a no-kill animal organization dedicated to caring for those who cannot speak for themselves our voiceless friends the animals. The event will feature live music, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, and Thrift Shoppe specials. Cats and kittens will be available for adoption.

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and be prepared to dance and do cold readings from the script. First you will sing Acapella, if you are asked to sing again, you will sing the same song with a CD accompaniment that you provide. Please bring an 8x10 headshot and your resume. Performances of "Annie" will take place in December at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater in Gulfport. To schedule an audition time please call, 727-481-7359. Walk-ins are welcome, however, scheduled appointments will be taken first.

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Tiki Time Luau

Hula on over to the Gulfport Senior Center for some tropical fun on Wednesday, August 21 from 1-3 p.m. Hawaiian music, "Pupus"

(appetizers) and hula lessons with a fantastic Hula dance demonstration. Raffles, games and more. Tickets are \$3. Event to support the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

Give Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party!

The Gulfport Police department will be participating in the 30th Annual National Night Out from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6th at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S. in Gulfport. National Night Out 2012 involved 37.5 million people in 15,704 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

National Night Out 2013, the 30th anniversary, is expected to be the largest ever.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) has announced that the 30th Annual National Night Out (NNO) program will culminate on Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

Give crime and drugs a going away party this year at the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S. in Gulfport, on Tuesday August 6th starting at 6 p.m.

Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on July 26th at 10 a.m. and learn about how to identify and control non-native invasive plants. Meet Natalie in the pavilion. Barbara Gilberg Habitat is located at 1600 Pasadena Avenue next to the electronic billboard on Shore Drive.

Fraud Awareness

Stetson Elder Law presents Elder Consumer Fraud Awareness on Wednesday, August 7 at 1 p.m. at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. Learn about consumer fraud and scams aimed at older adults, ways to help protect yourself, and what to do if you become a victim. You must be a Center member to attend. Sign up today at the Center.

Fun for your Brain

Join in the fun at the Puzzle Party on Friday, August 9 at 11 a.m. at the Gulfport Multi-purpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. Learn how to play Sudoku, Binairo and so much more! Prizes provided. From the Puzzle Pages. You must be a Center member to attend.

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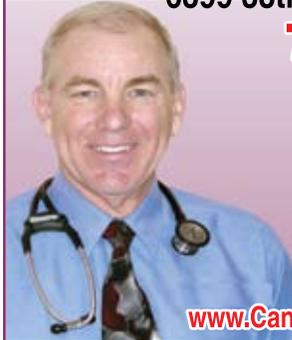
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Registration is required for new voters by this deadline in order to participate in the election. Anyone who is already registered to vote does not need to re-register.

You can register to vote or update your voter information at any Supervisor of Elections office, public library, Tax Collector office or government office handling social services. Some public libraries have evening and weekend hours.

Address changes from another Florida county made at the polls will require the voter to vote a provisional ballot, except for active military voters and their families. Address changes may be made by using the Supervisor's online address change form, by calling 464-VOTE, or by emailing election@votepinellas.com; include date of birth. Any updates may be made by completing and signing a voter registration application, available at www.votepinellas.com, and returning it to the Supervisor of Elections.

To request a ballot by mail or for more information, call 727-464-VOTE (8683) or visit www.votepinellas.com. For an updated voter registration event list, visit www.votepinellas.com and select News and Events/Voter Education & Registration Events on the home page menu.

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Artists Create Geckos for Charity Auction

Seven larger-than-life steel geckos will be the centerpiece of a live auction to benefit local charities as well as a public art installation in Gulfport's Waterfront District. Each of the large steel geckos has been reimagined, manipulated and decorated in a variety of media by local artists. The geckos are now on display in locations throughout the Gulfport Waterfront District until Friday, August 23rd and will be up for auction during the fifth annual Gecko Ball on Saturday, August 24th at the historic waterfront Gulfport Casino Ballroom (5500 Shore Blvd. S.). Doors for the event open at 6 p.m. and the party continues until 11 p.m. Each gecko will be a prized collector's art piece and will be accompanied by a certificate of authenticity signed by the artist. Initiated with much success four years ago by local artist Owen Pach, the auction is now a part of the tradition of annual Gulfport Gecko-related activities in August and September and has raised several hundred dollars for local art and charities.

Artists from Gulfport or with ties to Gulfport have volunteered their time and talent to create a gecko. This year's artists are Peter Bourgoine, Doug D'Souza, Jeff Greene, Owen Pach, Jonathan Schork, Victoria Anne Wenners and Linda Worsham. The seven finished geckos are on display at the following Gulfport locations in the weeks leading up to the Gecko Ball: Beach Bazaar (3115 Beach Blvd.), Domain Home Accessories & Gallery (3129 Beach Blvd.), J's (3128 Beach Blvd.), Neptune Grill (5501 Shore Blvd.), Pia's Trattoria (3054 Beach Blvd.), Salty's (5413 Shore Blvd.), and T & Me Tea Co. (2908 ½ Beach Blvd.). Advance bids will also be accepted for geckos at their preview locations.

The annual Gecko Ball has become known as Gulfport's Party of the Year! This year's theme is "Gecko Night Fever!" evoking the 1970s disco era, including the music, dance moves, outfits, hair and fads of the 70s. Colorful and fun décor with a disco and gecko twist will take over the Gulfport Casino Ballroom.

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Admission includes cocktail hour hors d'oeuvre, a 70s-inspired dinner buffet, full cash bar, drink specials including the infamous "Geckotini," a live disco DJ and dancing, posed commemorative and candid photos for sale, silent auctions and other surprises. Costumes are encouraged but are not mandatory. A costume contest will determine some of the best outfits in the house. New this year: a Gecko Queen and her Court will be presented to the assembled Ball-goers.

Tickets are \$30 each and are available in advance with check or cash at Gulfport Beach Bazaar (3115 Beach Blvd.), Domain Home Accessories & Gallery (3129 Beach Blvd.) and Couture'd (5401 Gulfport

Blvd.) in Gulfport. Tickets may also be purchased online with a credit or debit card at GulfportMA.com. While they last, tables of eight may be reserved by purchasing as a group in advance. For more information on the Gecko Ball or Artist's Gecko Auction, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org.

The Gecko Ball takes place one week prior to GeckoFest, Gulfport's largest street festival of the year, on August 31st, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Gecko Fest is free and open to all. The Gecko Pub Crawl is another component of Gulfport's Gecko-centric activities, this year taking place on Saturday, August 10th. More information is available at GeckoFest.com.

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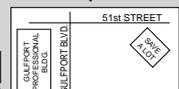
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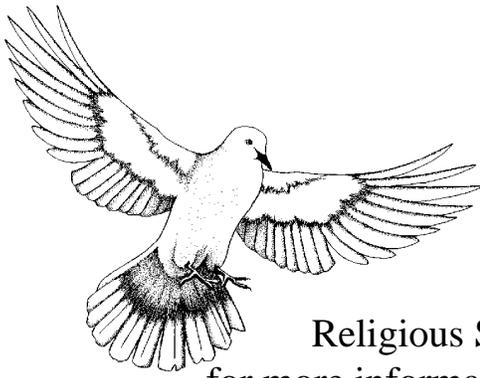
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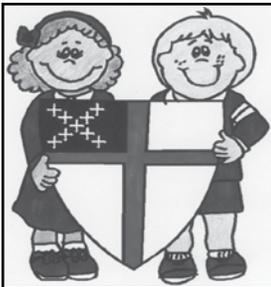
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First United Methodist Church - Gulfport Thrift Shop has weekly sales. They love their return customers. They return because of all the clean, useful, thrifty items they share with you. If you haven't stepped inside yet, this is a great month to check 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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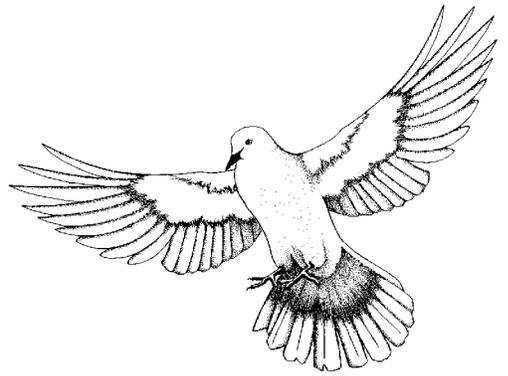
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St. Alban's adds Come As You Are Service

St. Alban's Episcopal Church will be adding a monthly evening service, CAYA, or Come As Your Are, at 6 p.m. on the last Sunday of the month. Come on in, after the beach, the pool, shopping, working, or whatever! This is an informal service (feel free to come dressed casually) of music, prayers, and thanksgiving (Eucharist / communion) in the style of the Iona Community in Scotland. The Iona Community is a dispersed Christian ecumenical community working for peace and social justice, rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship. A dish to share for a potluck

supper will be appreciated. They'll gather in the Parish Hall which was the original worship space for St. Alban's.

The summer schedule of Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. remains. St. Alban's is located at 330 85th Avenue, St. Pete Beach. The Parish Hall is at the corner of 85th Avenue and Boca Ciega Dr. Call 360-8406 or email stalbans@tampabay.rr.com for more information.

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Everyday Cheap\$Kate

By Mary Hunt

Cosign a Loan? Never, Ever

Dear Mary: About 10 years ago, my daughter cosigned on an automobile loan for a friend. The “friend” skipped out on payments and left town, so they came after my daughter for payment. All these years later, she still has not paid anything on the loan. Is there a time limit for how long they can keep after her to pay? Is there anything that she can do to get out from under this problem? Thanks. -- Jeanie H., North Carolina

Dear Jeanie: I am not an attorney, so I cannot offer any kind of legal advice.

That being said, my understanding is that in North Carolina a debt that is secured by a promissory note (like a car loan) does not have a statute of limitations (SOL), per se. Once the lender files suit and receives a judgment against the borrower (your daughter) for nonpayment, the lender has 10 years from that date to try and collect. Even at the end of 10 years, the debt can continue to be reported to the credit bureaus as “written off” for another seven years, which is just a few notches above “bankruptcy” on the list of bad things on a credit report.

Your daughter should go to AnnualCreditReport.com to order all three of her credit reports, one each from Experian, EquiFAX and TransUnion. She is entitled to one free report from each bureau, every 12 months. If a judgment has been filed against her, the reports will show those details, including a date the judgment was filed.

This is a terrible tragedy, and I am so sorry that she has gone through this ordeal.

Now, even though you didn't ask, I'm going to give you, your daughter and everyone reading this my standard lecture on cosigning for a loan. Do not do it. Never, ever, and I mean under any circumstance.

If anyone (child, parent, cousin, uncle, employer, employee, friend or foe) cannot secure a loan on his or her own, that means the bank sees this person as too risky. So why on earth would you, a nonprofessional person with limited resources, step up and agree to take on a level of risk that even a big bank would not? You shouldn't. Never, ever, which I believe I just said, but I need to keep saying it.

If you really want to help, wonderful. Do it. But instead of cosigning on a loan, give him or her the money. You heard me. Just hand it over now, and save yourself all that hassle with the lender later. What? You can't afford to do that? Then you cannot afford to cosign, either.

Whenever you cosign on a loan, you are entering a legal contract promising the lender that if the borrower defaults, you will gladly pay the loan on his or her behalf no matter how much it is or how long it takes.

So, are we clear on this? Never, ever cosign for a loan. Hear?

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Workshopping History and Gulfport's Birthday at Your Museum

If you missed the June porch party at the Gulfport History Museum, don't worry – they have plenty of other chances for everyone to get together. Coming up next is a workshop on Friday, July 26. The workshop, which will start at 6:30, will take some of the fabulous ideas from the porch party and start to make them real. This is your chance to become a working part of Gulfport's history.

Thanks in no small part to the suggestions made at the porch party, the Gulfport Historical Society board decided to overhaul the annual birthday bash with a day and a nighttime event. The daytime event will include the traditional birthday celebration – with new events – while the nighttime celebration will offer a different type of party for the city.

At the workshop, the board will look for people to help with both events. Even if you can only give an hour of your time to the birthday bash, please make plans to join the Gulfport Historical Society for the workshop. As President Miki Vaughan reminded everyone at the porch party, the museum belongs to the people of Gulfport and the Society wants to know what the people want to see at their museum, so please give the Society your input on their new Facebook page or via e-mail.

Please “like” the Gulfport Historical Society's new Facebook page at Facebook.com/GulfportHistoricalSociety to learn of upcoming events and opportunities.

The Museum docents do not keep regular hours in the summer; however, come September the museum will open with new hours that will make history more accessible to people who work during the day. Hours will include ArtWalk, the Tuesday market, and expanded Saturday hours.

As always, the Society welcomes all members. Please contact the Society on Facebook or at admin@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org for more information.

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- 46 Paint the town red

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- 26 Heads up
- 27 Like PCB
- 29 Jerk
- 30 ___ man: unanimously
- 31 Palindromic principle
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- 35 Towel inscription
- 37 Zip-A-Dee-Do ___
- 39 Valuable violin
- 40 Hide-hair link
- 41 Lived
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- 48 Closed, as an envelope
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- 54 Yuletide
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City Whys? Have you got a question for your city government?

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: Septic & Sewer in Gulfport

Q: Ok, so a couple years ago at a city council meeting, they were talking about sewer repairs and the fact (?) that there are homes which are not hooked into the system. Does anyone have a clue? – Juju Stevens

A: “I am unaware of any homes within the City of Gulfport that are not connected to the City’s sanitary sewer system,” City Manager Jim O’Reilly says.

Adult Coed Volleyball League Begins

New adult coed volleyball league play begins Wednesday, August 21 at Willis S. Johns Recreation Center, 6635 M.L. King Jr. Street North. Gather with your friends and family for a fun and social experience.

Register for the new adult volleyball leagues from Monday, July 29 through Wednesday, August 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Athletics Office, 1400 19th Street N., Building A. Registration is by team only and on a first come first served basis. Teams of six players, minimum of two females and a minimum of three males per team. \$200 league team fees apply. For mail in registration, include manager’s contact information, team name, and sport.

In addition, an ADVANTAGE Member card is needed; city residents pay \$15 annually, all others pay either \$38/season or \$125/annual. Visa, Mastercard, cash, checks and money orders payable to the City of St. Petersburg.

For information contact Tracy Roy at 727-892-5223 or visit www.stpeteparksrec.org/adult-leagues.html.

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Calling All Craft Vendors

The St. Petersburg Woman’s Club located at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard N.E. is announcing to craft vendors the opportunity of participating at their Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 2nd. For more information please call Carolyn DeFreitas at 727-674-3484 or email candj81388@yahoo.com.

The St. Petersburg Woman’s Club which is celebrating 100 years of community activity, is affiliated with the General Federation Of Woman’s Clubs. A not-for profit volunteer organization committed to serving the community through hands-on projects and fund raising as well as leadership development. To find out more information about our club-membership, monthly meetings, Saturday Group, weekly sewing group, card games or information on booking our Historical Clubhouse. Call 727-822-4982 or visit www.StPetersburgWomensClub.org.

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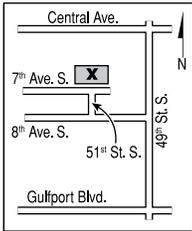
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Operation A Gift for Learning Kicks Off!

By Bob Newcomb

Headed up by local office supplier, America's Office Source and the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce is a campaign to provide much needed back-to-school supplies for the kids at Gulfport Elementary School. The area-wide effort is called "Operation A Gift for Learning," and will run from now until opening day of the school season, (and after if people keep sending contributions).

Businesses, professionals and individual citizens are being asked to contribute whatever they can to provide school supplies to children at Gulfport Elementary School, many of whom fall into a below the poverty level category. Coordination is provided by school officials so that America's Office Source can purchase the most needed supplies using their tremendous buying power. In fact, several of America's Office Source suppliers are providing matching contributions. In most years the teaching staff has had to buy many of these supplies out of their own pockets.

According to Tony Spinney who with Christine Gallagher is an owner of America's Office Source local outlet, "It's amazing what \$5 will buy when you're buying at lowest possible cost and suppliers are kicking in all kinds of extras to the cause. When we were involved in a similar campaign in Orlando, teachers couldn't believe how much we delivered to the kids for the money we collected."

Any contribution will gladly be accepted at The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce office at 4926 Gulfport Boulevard, Gulfport, FL 33707 or at the new The Cell Phone Solution/America's Office Source outlet at 5014 Gulfport Boulevard, Gulfport, FL 33707. Checks should be made payable to the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce for accounting purposes. Any contributor who requests it will receive a full accounting of the use of all funds collected.

This is an opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of the students and staff of our elementary school. Dollars received will go a long way through the buying power of the local branch of a huge volume supplier

of school and office supplies like America's Office Source. According to Bob Newcomb at the Chamber, "There's no way to get a bigger bang for a buck than in giving to 'Operation A Gift for Learning.'"

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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.

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

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

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

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

"Since the initial consultation is free, you really don't have anything to lose to meet with me and we can assess your situation and see how it might be best for you to proceed. **Bankruptcy can be one solution to getting back on your feet financially, but it may not be the best or only solution for you.**

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

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

A six-pointed star is lining up in the heavens, a planet at each of its points. Bonds of peace will be formed, especially between those who consider this: When members of different communities carry out an interaction, each abiding by their own rules, the result is a clash in expectations. In order to cooperate, people must remember that the other person might be operating from completely different guidelines. Adjust accordingly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To err is human. You easily forgive others, but when they're your own mistakes, you have a hard time shrugging them off. You know you should forgive yourself, and yet somehow that doesn't stave off cringe-inducing, late-night memory recall. Stop being cruel to yourself. Find the grace within you. This week is for moving on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are ready to respond to the need of the moment. All the work you've done has brought you to where you are now, but you don't have to craft a showcase for yourself or plan how you're going to play your cards. Your valor, wit, ability, strength, talent and humor will be triggered by the situation at hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Whether or not you are married, being around married people could be stressful for you this week. Marital closeness sometimes leads to bickering that can be awkward for outsiders. You will have the best time with people you don't know well, but who happen to share one of your most prevalent interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Long ago you learned that ignoring your internal warning system never leads to anything good. That's why once a red flag goes off in your head, the person who triggered it will not be able to win your trust no matter how hard he or she tries. Your red-flag-triggering person will try hard this week, so keep standing firm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Elevated dopamine levels can do the darnedest thing to brain chemistry,

which is why love -- or more precisely, that particular kind of affection known as infatuation -- tends to induce an irrational frame of mind. You may have to forgive odd behavior (in yourself or others) and chalk it up to the lunacy of love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Avoid explanations, especially about why something is funny, good, tasteful, fascinating, worthy of respect or desirous. Having to explain why something is any of those things is proof that they are indeed none of those things. Shun hype of all kinds. Take your lead from the honest responses of people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you were about 8, you learned why it doesn't help your social life to talk nonstop and only about yourself. Unfortunately, you'll have to deal with adults who haven't learned the lesson yet, but the way you handle the situation will make a hero of you in someone's eyes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). At times, you've been hurt by the disapproval of others. But it only takes one person to heal that old hurt. The one you like to be around is an enabler of your many selves -- someone who accepts you and makes you feel free to experiment, grow and become new again and again. This is the way to love and be loved.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The old rule dictates that if you must know someone's health, wealth or creed, the worst way to find out is to ask them directly. There are some things best researched in a roundabout manner. You'll show impressive social grace this week when you follow this and other guidelines of savvy connecting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Expect to be amused, and your optimism will attract amusements. The week provides many opportunities to relax, forget about the image you're projecting and just be yourself with your friends and loved ones. Lots of laughter happens as a result -- the kind that bonds, heals and sets relationships on a good course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can't sculpt a sunbeam or bottle a

rainbow. Or can you? You'll manage to do a few impossible things this week, which will get you wondering what else could be accomplished if you were to strike the word "impossible" from your vocabulary. Fortune favors and delights you on Monday and Saturday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This week your role is class clown, and the classroom you'll be working is the world at large. If something is hard to talk about, you'll find a way that not only brings it to light, but also brings levity and even laughter to the scene. Tragedy plus time equals comedy. Of course, don't forget the "time" part of the equation.

This Week's Birthdays: Because you take the time for friends, they will take the time for you. But this is not a quid pro quo situation. It's more because you are able to give a rich quality of attention and true feeling to others in the time you dedicate to them. August is your chance to get in on the bottom level of what will become a successful endeavor. A person who needed your support will in turn support you in October. The growth of your family is good for all in December. Professional advancement comes in January.

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Summer still sizzles at the Gulfport Senior Center with new additions of fun and interactive events for Senior Center members coming up in August.

Laugh, Smile & Re-Energize will be on Mondays at 12:45 p.m. with the 1st class on Monday, August 5th. The Coffee Club is the second Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. with the next meeting on Thursday, August 8th. They will start celebrating everyone's birthday in August with "Birthday Party at the Senior Center" on the third Tuesday of every starting August 20th sponsored by Wellcare. Challenge your mind and have fun during The Puzzle Pages Party on the second Friday of every other month at 11 a.m. beginning August 9th!

Check out all their monthly classes, programs and events at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org website.

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2013-2014 VPK Program

The City of Gulfport Recreation Center is currently accepting VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) Vouchers for the 2013-2014 School Year. VPK is free for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Parents must apply at the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas, Inc. and receive a Certificate of Eligibility. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Hours for pre-registration are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. The program begins on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. This program is 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.

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Yacht Club offers Hurricane Presentation

Boca Ciega Yacht Club will present "Hurricanes: Decision Making Factors for Home and Boat Owners" on Thursday, August 8th, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. This event is open to the public, free of charge, and soft drinks will be provided. Boca Ciega Yacht Club is located at 4600 Tifton Drive S., Gulfport (drive south on 49th Street, turn left on Del Rio Way just before reaching the bay, then drive east four blocks).

Hurricanes are complex and erratic, making personal decisions difficult for property owners. Their ferocity makes informed choices a requirement for residents of the Tampa Bay area.

The Power Point presentation includes an overview in basic terms of hurricane winds and storm surge, how to regard forecast information, a thorough history of storms that have affected Tampa Bay and how that knowledge helps us prepare for the next storm, and how to interpret the threat of a storm for our localities.

This program aims to help participants make two key decisions: What do I need to do for a specific hurricane? When do I need to get them done? Included is a short pre-show of fascinating hurricane satellite images.

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A Way to Enjoy the Dog Days

Animal Services offers cool discounts during the Dog Days of August. Pinellas County Animal Services celebrates the month of August by offering a reduced adoption fee of \$25 on shelter dogs and cats. The low cost adoption fee includes medical check-up, spaying/neutering, vaccinations, internal and external parasite control, heartworm testing and feline leukemia testing and microchipping.

As part of the celebration, \$5 rabies vaccinations with the purchase of a required license will be available for pets each Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Normal hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the adoption center closing at 5:30 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and services include adoptions. Rabies vaccinations are administered on Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The facility is closed all Pinellas County holidays.

For information on how to adopt, donate or volunteer, join Pinellas County Animal Services on Facebook. To learn more about the shelter, visit www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices, or call 727-582-2600. The lost or found pets hotline is 727-582-2604.

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Education Workshops Free to Homebuyers

For those thinking about buying a home but unsure of where to start, a series of free homebuyer education workshops is a good place to begin. The workshops are being offered on August 10 and September 14 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County, 600 Cleveland Street, Suite

800, Clearwater.

Attendees will learn the basics of the home buying process, including helpful resource information on down payment assistance and homes for sale. The workshop is especially helpful for those who are working with a lender and need a homebuyer education class certificate or have owned a home before and are considering a new purchase.

Course materials from NeighborWorks America will be available for purchase by check or cash. The books feature comprehensive materials, helpful in navigating the home buying process. The cost is \$17. Those who complete the class will also have the opportunity to win door prizes.

The class size is limited so those interested should call 727-464-8210 or email housingfinanceauthority@

pinellascounty.org to register. The workshop is sponsored by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County and the Pinellas Community Housing Foundation.

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End of Summer Reading Program Party

Come celebrate the end of the summer reading program with a performance from the one and only Jiggleman on Thursday, August 8th at 7 p.m.! He's performed around the country and on the Late Show with David Letterman and he's sure to put on great show for us at Gulfport Public Library! For more information contact Cailey, youth services librarian, at eklasson@mygulfport.us or 893-1074.

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CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA FLOOD FACTS

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policies issued or renewed in the City of South Pasadena receives a 10% premium discount. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), this discount is the result of the City's qualifying as a Class 8 in the NFIP Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System. The City has achieved this rating through activities such as maintenance of drainage facilities, regulation of stormwater discharge and distribution of this information as part of the Community Outreach Program.

Assistance is Available

Publications pertaining to property protection, flood safety, etc. can be obtained at South Pasadena City Hall at 7047 Sunset Drive South, South Pasadena, FL 33707, and the Gulf Beaches Library at 200 Municipal Drive, or information links on the City of South Pasadena website: <http://ci.south-pasadena.fl.us/> Questions pertaining to flood zone, protection methods, flood elevation certificates, grant assistance, etc; please contact South Pasadena Community Improvement Department at (727) 343-4192.

Flood Insurance Rate Maps

The most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map for South Pasadena went into effect in 2003. Since all of South Pasadena is in a Special Flood Hazard Area, it is important to know the base flood elevation of the property and the flood insurance purchase requirements. The City of South Pasadena has copies of the elevation certificates for many structures in the community.

Are you insured?

The 2005 Hurricane Season was one of the worst on record and saw Florida impacted by four major hurricanes. Property losses due to flooding are not covered under most standard homeowner insurance policies. You can protect your home and its contents with flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The NFIP is a federal program that enables property owners to buy flood insurance at reasonable rates in participating communities. In return, participating communities carry out flood management measures designed to protect life and property from future flooding. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through its Federal Insurance Administration administers the NFIP.

As a Special Flood Hazard Area, flood insurance is required for all properties in the City of South Pasadena with a federally backed mortgage. To find out more about flood insurance for your property and its contents, contact your insurance agent. There is usually a waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect, so do not wait until a storm threatens before you secure the flood insurance you need.

Flood Threat

Flooding in South Pasadena can be caused by heavy rainfall that occurs in short periods of time, as is common during summer thunderstorms, and by tidal surges that accompany coastal storms, tropical storms and hurricanes. Hurricane tidal surges are the City's greatest threat and can cause flooding up to 24 hours before the "eye" of the storm reaches the coast. Because the City has low land elevations and abuts the Boca Ciega Bay, the flood threat is significant. FEMA has identified the entire City as a Special Flood Hazard Area on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. These maps establish base flood elevations for development within these areas with the lowest permitted habitable flood levels ranging from 10 to 15 feet above sea level.

Flood Warning Systems

The Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) works with the National Weather Service, the National Hurricane Center, and the cities to monitor flood and storm threats and advise the communities accordingly. Flood alerts are issued by: TV 8; TV13; TV 10; and Bay News 9. For evacuation centers or other information on flooding, write to: Pinellas County Emergency Management 400 S. Fort Harrison Avenue Room #111 Clearwater, FL. 33756 OR visit the County website: www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/shelters.htm

Storm Warnings

- Tropical storm watch: Tropical storm conditions are possible within 48 hours.
- Tropical storm warning: Tropical storm conditions are expected within 36 hours.
- Hurricane watch: Hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours.
- Hurricane warning: Hurricane conditions expected within 36 hours. All preparations should be complete.

Flood Safety Measures

South Pasadena residents can protect themselves from flood hazards by taking measures to ensure the safety of life and property before, during, and after a flood occurs. These safety measures include:

Prepare before the storm

- Know your evacuation plan. Evacuation time for South Pasadena could take hours because the City's evacuation routes are prone to flooding early in a storm. Pinellas County has posted all primary evacuation routes with blue and white signs.
- Review your family disaster plan.
- Get your survival kit (double check your kit and make necessary purchases of food, water, and medicines to avoid lines and traffic), important insurance papers, and identification ready.
- Prepare your home and yard (shop early, be sure you have all materials and tools necessary to shutter windows)
- If you have special needs, be sure your caregiver begins to implement your plan and, if needed, you are registered for a special needs shelter.
- Gather special supplies for infants, children, seniors and pets.

Pinellas County EMS, the South Pasadena Fire Department and PSTA work together to provide evacuation assistance to those persons requiring special assistance enrolled in the County's special assistance program. If you are physically impaired or require special assistance to evacuate, write to: Pinellas Co. Emergency Management 400 S. Fort Harrison Ave. Room #111 Clearwater, FL 33756 Or call (727) 464-3800 to register. Do not wait for a storm to strike! Write or call as soon as possible for an application requesting placement into the program.

Preparation for evacuation

Keep a battery-powered radio tuned to local stations, and if an evacuation order is given, comply with it. Even if the evacuation order turns out to be unnecessary, leaving the area is better than potentially risking the loss of life by staying.

When preparing your home prior to evacuation, it is advisable to:

- Turn off all the electricity, with the possible exception of the power to your refrigerator;
- Fill your tubs, sinks, and any available containers with water, in case fresh water is not available after the storm (Sanitize tubs and sinks with bleach, rinse and then fill);
- Shut off your water line to prevent any contaminated water from backing up into your house;
- Move as many valuables as possible to upper floor;

- ▣ Elevate furniture, if possible;
- ▣ Create floodway openings in non-habitable areas such as garage doors;
- ▣ Seal off sewer lines to the dwelling to prevent the backflow of sewer waters.

After the storm

The City will be working as quickly as possible to ensure a speedy and safe return to your homes.

- ▣ Keep a battery-powered radio with you so you can listen for emergency updates and news reports.
- ▣ Use a battery-powered flash light to inspect a damaged home (The flashlight should be turned on outside before entering – the battery may produce a spark that could ignite leaking gas, if present).
- ▣ Stay off the streets. If you must go out, watch for fallen objects; downed electrical wires; and weakened walls, bridges, roads, and sidewalks.
- ▣ Do not drive through a flooded area.
- ▣ Keep children away from the floodwaters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.
- ▣ Clean everything that has been wet.
- ▣ Use the phone only to report life-threatening emergencies.
- ▣ Watch out for animals, especially poisonous snakes.

More people are injured after a storm due to unsafe buildings, downed power lines, contaminated water, and other unsafe conditions than are injured in the storm itself. Carefully check for structural damage prior to entering a building. Use caution when re-entering the structure. Turn on electricity one breaker at a time and watch for smoke or sparks.

Property Protection

While recent construction practices and regulations have made new homes less prone to flooding, many existing structures remain susceptible. Retrofitting non-compliant buildings is a recommended approach to reduce flooding because the property itself remains subject to flooding while the building is modified to prevent or minimize flooding of habitable space. Several approaches to retrofitting are:

- ▣ Elevation of the structure above flood protection levels
 - ▣ Construction of barriers (floodwalls, berms)
- ▣ Dry flood proofing (water tight floor and wall systems).
- ▣ Wet flood proofing (construction that allows the entry and passage of flood water and also removing or relocating items of value to higher elevation levels).

Floodplain Management

The City's Stormwater Management Regulations require new construction and substantial remodeling to meet stringent standards in order to increase the survivability of structures, reduce the cost of repair and reconstruction after a storm event, and ensure that reasonably priced flood insurance is available.

Drainage System Maintenance

The City continues to improve and maintain its stormwater management system. This has reduced the amount and duration of road and yard flooding during the rainy season. The City routinely inspects and performs maintenance on drainage ditches, catch basins, and culverts that comprise the City's stormwater drainage system. If you see any areas that may need additional maintenance or if you experience any localized drainage problems, please call South Pasadena (727) 343-4192.

Permit Requirements

The City administers flood management regulations that are designed to minimize the potential of flood losses in the City. Any development requires a permit from the City of South Pasadena Community Improvement Department, which ensures that all development meets the flood regulations. Such regulations include minimum elevations of living floor areas, flood proofing of certain construction, limitations on placement of fill, and limitations

on substantial improvements, additions, and reconstruction. Following NFIP standards, the City mandates that if the cost of any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the building's depreciated value, then such work is considered a substantial improvement. The existing building is then required to meet the same standards as a new building.

The NFIP standards relating to substantial improvement are enforced through the development and building permitting process. Applicants for remodeling or repair of "nonconforming" structures (i.e. buildings which are not elevated to or above the base flood elevation) are required to submit a cost estimate of the improvement and, if necessary, an appraised value of the existing structure, to determine if the work constitutes a substantial improvement.

The building permit review is a necessary component of its participation in the NFIP, making flood insurance available to those who want to protect their property from flood damage. Development that occurs without permits threatens the City's continued participation in the NFIP and the ability to obtain flood insurance. If you see development occurring without permits, protect your rights and immediately contact the City. Two funding programs are available to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program.

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4	130-156 MPH
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EVACUATION ZONES	A	4-8 FEET
	B	8-14 FEET
	C	14-19 FEET
	D	19-26 FEET
	E	26-29 FEET

Flood Mitigation Assistance

Qualified mitigation activities include elevation of the existing home or commercial structure, acquisition of the property, or relocation of insured structure out of the floodplain. The structure must be insured under the NFIP and have suffered 2 or more flood losses; each with a claim of at least \$1,000 within any ten-year period since 1978.

Severe Repetitive Loss Program

A Severe Repetitive Loss property is defined as a residential property that is insured under the National Flood Insurance Program and has at least 4 Flood Insurance claim payments (building and contents) over \$5,000 each, and the cumulative amount of such claims payments exceeds \$20,000 within any ten-year period; Or has at least 2 separate Flood Insurance claims payments (building payments only) have been made with the cumulative amount of the building portion of such claims exceeding the market value of the building within any ten-year period.

For more information go to:

- FEMA/NFIP at www.fema.gov/
- Pinellas County Emergency Management at www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/default.htm
- Florida Department of Emergency Management at www.floridadisaster.org
- The Official Hurricane Guide for Pinellas County www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/hurricaneguide.htm

Local Obituaries



BAILEY, JACK KENT "JK", 90, of Gulfport, FL died Sunday, June 30, 2013 on his 90th birthday at Bay Pines VA Health

Care System. Born in Indianapolis, IN, he moved to Florida from Noblesville, IN in 1993 where he retired as a partner with Warner Truck Body Co. He also worked for Indiana Bell Phone Co. for many years prior. JK was an Army veteran of WWII. He enjoyed tennis and was a member of So. Pasadena Yacht & Country Club. Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Estella; son, Drake Kent Bailey of Marlinton, WVA; daughter, Lee Bailey Sides of Roswell, NM; and two sisters, Bernice "Boots" Shake of Ogden, IN, and Mildred "Mickey" Rowe of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his brother, Conrad Earl Bailey and sister, Ruth Louise Toole. Interment will be held at Bay Pines National Cemetery, Bay Pines, FL.

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CARPENTER, GERALDINE, 89, of South Pasadena, died Thursday, May 9, 2013, at home surrounded by her family and friends. She retired here from Chicago, IL. She will be missed by her loving family. A Life Tribute.

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COLE, MARY W., of The Allegro/College Harbor, died Monday, July 1, 2013. Born in Murfreesboro, TN, daughter of Lottie Burt and Richard Bate Womack. Her husband of 25 years, Thomas R. Cole died in 2003. She is survived by her loving son, Cullen E. Baker III; and loving daughter, Bette B. Madison; and three precious grandchildren; and four great-grand children. Mary Cole spent her early years on her family's farm in Murfreesboro, TN, property that now is occupied by the Women's dormitories at Middle Tennessee State University. She graduated from Ward Belmont College Nashville, TN, and attended the University of Georgia where she was selected as one of the first cheerleaders for the Georgia Bulldogs. She was a member of Tri-Delta sorority. Mary was an experienced horsewoman as a young lady and showed Tennessee Walking

Horses, winning best in show on many occasions. After moving from Rancho Viejo, TX, she enjoyed a happy life in Vina del Mar, on St. Pete Beach for many years. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 330 85th Avenue, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706. The family also wishes to thank all the friends who gave comfort and care to her, especially Hospice Suncoast. Memorial services are to be conducted by Revered Gigi Conner at St. Alban's Episcopal on Saturday, August 3, at 1 pm. Please join us for a reception to follow. Beach Memorial Chapel.

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EIDEL, MARYK., of South Pasadena, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 14, 2013. She was 88 years old. Mary raised her son, Kenneth and had a long career as the assistant to the President of Bank Leumi in New York City. She was devoted to her family, provided for her son, and nurtured her granddaughter, whom she adored. Mary also had a strong belief in justice, equality, and fair play that was evident in everything she did throughout her entire life. She traveled extensively over the years, visiting Israel, England, Italy, Mexico, and many other places. Mary thoroughly enjoyed her retirement years swimming, going to the theater, and taking trips with her family and friends. She is survived by her son; her granddaughter, Hallie Eidel; sister, Isabelle Mayo; brother, Joseph Giovinazzo; and many nieces, nephews and friends. The family will receive friends at the Anderson McQueen Funeral Home, at 2201 Dr. M.L.King St. North, St. Petersburg on Sunday, July 21st, from noon to 2 p.m. Services to follow at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, (http://www.alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp). Online condolences may be expressed to the family at: www.andersonmcqueen.com.

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MCKENNA, GREG A., 48, of Gulfport, died July 16, 2013. He is survived by his loving family and friends. Hollowayfuneralhomefl.com, Oldsmar, FL, 813-855-2439.

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USCG Safe Boating Program

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous Safe Boating program every Tuesday, 7 p.m., Warren Webster Community Center, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (1 mile south of Don CeSar) Start at your convenience. First day, come at 6:30 p.m. to register. Begin any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to two years to finish.

August program includes: "Rules of the Nautical Road" August 6, "Boating Safety" August 13, "Piloting Your Boat - Part A" August 20, and "Piloting Your Boat - Part B" August 27.

Cost is \$40 for 13 weeks and includes new 400-pages of materials. Call Jim at 360-4846.

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Huge Used Book Sale

The St. Pete Beach Library will have a super-sized big Used Book Sale, Saturday, August 10, 8 to 11 a.m. in the Library parking lot at 353 73rd Avenue, hosted by the Friends of the Library. All proceeds will go toward the planned Library expansion and renovation.

The Library is reducing its collection to make room for new books, CDs and DVDs, and will have great books available in several genres. Included will be fiction/mystery, non-fiction/biography, large print and children's books. Prices for the "withdrawn library books" will be 25 cents each or 10 for \$2.

In addition, the Friends' Book Store will have a major sale of selected hardbacks at 50% off, paperbacks from 25 cents, vintage antique collectible books, National Geographic magazines, CDs and VHS tapes.

The Library's approximate \$2 million-plus major expansion and renovation project will see the current 8,200 square feet morph into about 11,500 square feet. With pro bono plans from architect and former Mayor Ward Friszolowski of Harvard Jolly, the project will include a 3,300-square-foot addition with a new entrance lobby and 75-capacity Community Room, expanded parking and a complete interior renovation.

Plan to come early for the best selection of titles at bargain prices!

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Laugh, Smile and Re-energize!

Turn that frown upside down with this new activity. The Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. is offering "Laugh, Smile & Re-energize" on Mondays at 12:45 p.m. Classes begin August 5th. Come out to catch the very contagious laughter bug and experience the awesome power of laughter. Now's your chance to find out why they say "Laughter is the best medicine"! You must be a registered Senior Center member to attend. For more information, call 727-893-1231.

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Gecko Pub Crawl Heralds "Gecko Season" in Gulfport

The Sixth Annual Gecko Pub Crawl will be the first of three events kicking off this year's "Gecko Season" in Gulfport. The Pub Crawl will be held Saturday, August 10th, 5 to 9 p.m. The Fifth Annual Gecko Ball on August 24th and the 13th Annual Gecko Fest street festival on August 31st round out the growing slate of Gecko fun for the season, celebrating Gulfport's favorite reptile!

This year, pub crawlers will be able to enjoy a beverage at six Gulfport locations for one \$20 ticket. Participating businesses this year are Cousin's Pizza, J's, Neptune Grill, O'Maddy's, Salty's and T & Me Tea Co, all located within easy walking distance in the Gulfport Waterfront Arts District. Drink offerings vary at each venue and no substitutions will be available. An After Party will be held at J's from 9 to 10 p.m. and will feature drawings for prizes donated by local restaurants, inns and other businesses.

New this year: a Poker Run featuring a game of five-card stud will add to the evening's festivities. Crawlers will be dealt a free card from a Crawl Ambassador at each participating location and each card will be recorded on the Crawl ticket. Up to three extra cards may also be purchased for \$5 each at J's when checking in with the ticket prior to the 9:15 deadline. The grand prize will be a two-night stay at the Sirata Beach Resort, awarded to the crawler with best Poker hand. In the event of

a tie, a high card draw will determine the grand prize winner. The Poker Run award and prize drawings will be held at 9:30 p.m. Participants must be present to win.

Tickets are available in advance at these Gulfport businesses: Beach Bazaar, Domain Home Accessories & Gallery, and Couture'd. Tickets will also be available during the hours of the Pub Crawl at each participating location. Only cash or checks will be accepted for ticket sales.

For more information, contact Biff Lagan at 305-923-1803 or biffcop@

gmail.com. For more information on each of Gulfport's Gecko-related festivities, go to www.geckofest.com or www.gulfportma.com.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Pigeon Holing Americans

Besides the overt, opportunistic, non-factual race baiting of Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and President Obama, few things are more absurd, even comical, than the underlying separatist movement to define everyone by his ancestral heritage. This classification of citizens has its roots in affirmative action legislation, which, while having some logical justification, led to development of financial perks for certain classification. Hey. Maybe I qualify for something.

The apex of the absurdity centered around Elizabeth Warren, now a U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, who, on the basis of family stories, declared that she was part Native American (Cherokee, I think) and garnered some favored treatment

or maybe even scholarship money on her rise in the academic world. While the latter was denied, the fact is she did declare herself part of the minority. Why? It must have some importance.

The importance must be in the necessity of grouping citizens instead of treating them as individuals. Much easier to politicize by dealing with "them vs. us" instead of singular individuals. So, we have the laughable aspect of everyone defined by a dual nationality as in Italian-American, African-American, Irish-American, German-American, Croatian-American, Serbian-American, Haitian-American, and so on ad absurdum. The vast majority haven't a clue about their ancestral home and wouldn't want to live there anyway.

Yes, we do celebrate St. Patrick's

party all night. We observe Columbus Day in a tribute to a discoverer, not necessarily his country. By the way, he was born in Italy, but explored for Spain and died there. Also, many groups retain "old country" traditions and heritages. We also, at least in the last 10 to 15 years, observe Cinco de Mayo - the 5th of May as a Mexican heritage day although it observes a definitive battle that defeated the French occupiers of Mexico and is more a party day for the general U.S. population. These are links, not identities.

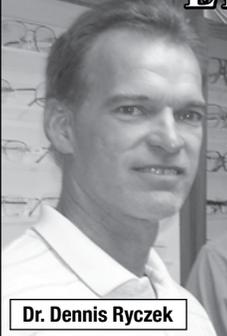
The fact is, if we go back far enough, we're all mixed breeds, or as animal lovers might say, "mongrels" (Not Mongols). It's fun to mess around in ancestry, but the commonality is America, not some other country. Only the politicians could have taken the issue and tried to ply some leverage out of our backgrounds. Instead of E Pluribus Unum (out of many, one), it's out of one, many. Easier to manipulate politically. When once integration was sought, it is now dis-integration. Us against them. Fortress us. Circle the wagons. Don't be a part of the system. Be part from the system. Create your own system within the system.

True, there are differences. Differences in skin color, hair color, eye color, mannerism, hand gestures, speech patterns and accents, and even differences in cultures within America and within those so-called cultures. However, don't real leaders emphasize the common ground and not the differences?

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- Domestic-** 2800 Blk Clinton St. S.
- Domestic-** 6300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Noise-** 4899 Blk Newton Ave. S.

Saturday 7/13

- Vandalism-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 5800 Blk 24th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 5800 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Person Under Influence- 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Sunday 7/14

- Burglary Residence-** 5000 Blk 28th Ave. S.
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Monday 7/15

- Burglary Residence-** 5100 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Vandalism-** 5500 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 57th St. & 27th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.

Tuesday 7/16

- Noise-** 1900 Blk 53rd St. S.
 - Drug Call-** 56th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Person Under Influence-** 5800 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: *Bed Tax*

Q: How much of the city's revenue comes from the "bed tax"?

A: State law mandates that the city cannot directly receive bed tax money (taxes on hotel rooms) directly, St. Pete Beach city manager Mike Bonfield says.

"A portion goes to fund the county match for beach nourishment so the city has no cost in those efforts. Otherwise, the main value to the city for the majority of the tax is the promotional budget for the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) to market our area to the world as a tourism destination," he says.

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PACE, from front page

city approved her company as an administrator, two property owners applied for funding. Eco City could not approve either application, she said, adding that she could not disclose the names of the applicants. Applicants must meet certain criteria, including current payment of property taxes for the past three years and equity in their property.

"We're not trying to put people more in debt," she said Tuesday afternoon. "We finance based on available equity."

PACE, available to commercial property owners in Gulfport, allows property owners to borrow money for environmentally intelligent improvements, such as solar water heating, insulated windows, or lower use appliances. The improvements must pay for themselves in cost savings over the term of the loan and the loan, unlike others, stays with the property if the owner sells or abandons the property and mortgage. The loan also takes precedence over mortgages, something that raised eyebrows not only with former Vice

Mayor Dave Hastings but Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac threatened to redline, or refuse to loan money, properties in towns that allowed the PACE program. Elliott said that an ECONWest study showed that PACE participants had a lower rate of mortgage default than other borrowers. In addition, Eco City maintains a loan loss reserve, a pool of money to cover losses should a borrower walk away from a property and the loan.

To allay these concerns, Eco City uses an "open market" model for PACE. This means that Eco City will work with any bank and will require the mortgage holder's consent before writing a PACE loan. The other two models, warehouse and bond models, have different requirements. The warehouse model draws funding from a pool of money that comes from various sources, while the bond models fund the loans with municipal or private bonds.

Despite careful measures, Eco City, now in its fourth year, has yet to write a PACE loan. Elliott told the Gabber she believed a lack of exposure has hurt the program locally. She

estimates, based on county records, that just over 50 Gulfport businesses would meet Eco City's criteria for PACE.

Elliott remains optimistic and says that with more exposure, businesses will take advantage of the program. She stressed that building a program would take time; Eco City remains undeterred. She also said that although only property owners could take advantage of the loan, long-term tenants could ask landlords to make improvements using PACE funding.

Eco City serves as the program administrator and bills itself as an energy consultant, directing property owners to the appropriate vendor. Eco City uses local vendors as well as others.

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation regulates the contractors Eco City uses. Vendors include Wind Water Energy, a St. Pete Beach-based business owned by Gene Overmeyer.

Eco City makes its money off the loans, charging 2 ½% of the loan up front and 2 ½% of the annual payments every year. A \$10,000 loan would gross Eco City \$250 at the loan's inception; if the property owner paid \$1,000 every year, Eco City would make \$25 a year on the loan.

Eco City's annual report lists Mitymo Designs, a St. Petersburg company (owned by Lance and Maureen Eppley), West Palm Beach-based Kapok Group (owned by Michael Wallander), and Elliott's company, Celadon Solutions LLC, as principals in Eco City, although state records show Celadon as inactive.

To learn more about PACE, visit EcoCityPartners.com.

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*Contact Cathy Salustri at
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Back to School Info

Online back to school guide offers information for families

An online back to school guide has been compiled and is posted on the district's website: www.pcsb.org. Created with families in mind, the guide includes information on transportation, immunizations, breakfast and lunch programs and more.

School supply drive to benefit Pinellas students

The Pinellas Education Foundation, the Pinellas County Council of PTAs and Franklin Templeton Investments will hold their annual "Stuff the Bus" Back to School Supply Drive from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2, at Largo Mall. A Pinellas County School Bus will be stationed in the parking lot of the mall at 10500 Ulmerton Rd., near the Target store, to collect the donated supplies. Requested donations include backpacks in gender-neutral designs; pens and pencils; spiral-bound notebooks and composition books; loose-leaf notebook paper; 1-inch binders; crayons and colored pencils; pocket folders; rulers; and erasers.

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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 summer schedule of luncheons is one week koldunai and the other week cepelinai. The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. This Thursday's menu is cepelinai (grated potato meat dumplings), served with bacon 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.

CareFest Seeks Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for various home repair projects, painting, mowing, weeding, yard work and cleanups throughout St. Petersburg neighborhoods on Saturday, September 28, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Somebody Cares Tampa Bay under the umbrella of CareFest USA, the annual week of compassion-related activities culminates with a day of service that gives back to the community, benefitting individual homeowners, schools and non-profit organizations.

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Murals, from front page enigmatic artist with the calm, dark eyes. But if you've wandered downtown in the last year, you've seen his mark.

On First Avenue North, a gawky figure in a newsboy cap reaches the length of a building to squeeze an orange. A few blocks east, on Central Avenue, animals ride bicycles: a cat, a pair of insects and, most improbably, a fish. Atop a downtown building, anonymous scarlet lips spread across the roof, visible only to birds and low-flying aircraft.

There is not a common aesthetic thread in Sebastian's designs; you cannot always place the artist, or pinpoint his style. It is fittingly organic for a self-taught artist. Often, however, his is thoughtful work, provocative, with a certain jocular mischief. Some of Sebastian's pieces vex conservative eyes: here and there a virtual window might reveal breasts or genitalia inside a classical portrait; at least one mural has been quickly covered.

It's hard to believe, given the emphatic nature of Sebastian's art, this was not originally his ambition. Growing up in Kansas City, Missouri, he drew from an early age, but like most of us, there was no clear occupational direction. Still, he will tell you: there was always inspiration, the call of something bigger.

"Since I was really little," he says in his soft, sometimes halting voice, "I would always think that there was something I was supposed to do that was going to be really big one day in my life. It wasn't until very recently that I realized that it was supposed to be through artistic means."

'Artistic means' is more than painting, to Sebastian. He also designs clothing, explaining that the murals started as a way to advertise his designs, a passion that started in high school. Sebastian was a bit of a renegade artist, not always invited to paint walls where he found them, or could convince the owner to take a chance.

"You'd probably just trust me to try a mural," he says with a shrug, "if you didn't have to pay for it. And I really started doing the bigger murals to advertise my clothing. It's an experience people see, and then they want."

This circular process has made Sebastian a sought-after mural artist in his own right. People respond to his work, to its diversity of style, from the Dali-esque surreality to more hauntingly deco compositions a la Tamara de Lempicka, both favorites of his. He likes commissions, of course, but there is sometimes tension between what someone wants him to paint and what he is moved to create.

When John Spiering wanted Sebastian to paint the inside of his NY Café on west Central Avenue, he admits he had something very different in mind for the mural. The result is a time-warped New York City streetscape, dominated by a larger-than-life sandwich fiend going to town on a NY Café sub.

"There's a very fine line between how far out of the box people will go from their original idea," Sebastian admits. "I just read that as hard as I can, and I get right on that line, and I just do the very minimum of their idea I can do, and still have them want me to do their picture."

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What may sound like artistic hubris is a balance that many artists who work commercially struggle to strike.

"In the end," he says, "why did you contact me for my art, if you don't want me to do my art?"

Spiering, with his lifelong connection to the arts, agrees. In Sebastian, he hired an artist, not a painter and, he says, "I'm not going to tell an artist what to do."

Still, that's not to say that creativity is not a collaborative thing for Sebastian. Being an artist – having a creative impetus – is, to him, communion with a much bigger story.

"All I really have is what I leave behind," he says, "when it comes down to it. It's all anyone has. As far back as you can think of, is all the knowledge I've been given for art, so I have all of that. And I have to be the next phase, me and everyone else making art. People a thousand years from now will have our stuff to look at, and to build off of. It's just one big thing. I'm not separate; I'm part of that. That's our history."

In many ways, a new chapter of St. Petersburg history emerges from the wave of young artists like Sebastian Coolidge.

"I think the creativity of St. Pete has gone up in general, along with the art. People are becoming more open-minded, slowly, and all of that," he says, "just works together."

See more of Sebastian Coolidge's work on display at The Bends, 919 First Avenue North, through August 2nd.

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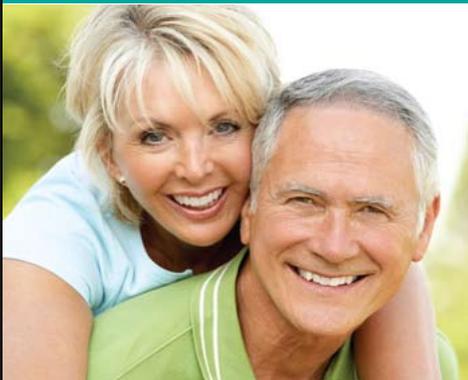
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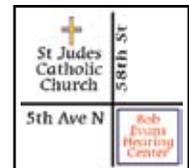
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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

How to Make Sure that Decisions will be Made in your Best Interest

In making decisions about potential sources of funding for health care, you should consider certain "protective services." These become important if you ever become unable to handle your own affairs, due to physical or mental incapacity. Unless proper legal action is taken in advance, your family may be unable to act on your behalf should the need arise.

PROBLEMS WITH JOINT OWNERSHIP

Joint ownership is often used to give legal authority to another person. For example, you might simply add your daughter's name to your account, thinking you've solved various estate

and financial planning problems, such as avoiding probate or ensuring you will be taken care of.

But joint ownership may not solve some problems, and could even create others. First, the joint owner may be able to withdraw 100% of the assets held in joint name. Second, both joint owners' signatures are usually required anyway to sell or liquidate assets. In addition, your assets may become subject to claims by your children's creditors.

REVOCABLE LIVING TRUSTS

One strategy you should consider is establishing a revocable living trust, which would hold title to your assets. Such a trust not only offers estate planning advantages, such as avoiding probate, but also ensures that a trustee would handle your financial affairs in the event of your incapacity.

But your financial situation is not the only thing to consider in the event of incapacity. You may need someone else to step in and make personal decisions regarding your health care or the maintenance of property you own. In addition, a trust may not

be appropriate, depending on the amount of assets you own.

Since joint ownership is obviously not the ideal solution and trust may not be for everyone, are there other ways to plan for the possibility of you incapacity? Generally, there are three other ways you can give legal authority to another person:

Guardianship

Conservatorship

Durable power of attorney

Of these three, the most effective is a durable power of attorney. In our next article, we will take a look at how these legal transfers of control and decision-making work and which method would be best for your situation.

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Spectacular Senior; Helen Lepore

"Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made."

— Robert Browning



Every month, the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center elects a senior citizen of the month. The Gabber finds out more about what makes these distinguished men and ladies so spectacular.

Helen Lepore, 84

Hometown: Plainville, Connecticut

Current Home: St. Petersburg, 43 years

Career: CNA

Family: She is widowed with three children and four grandchildren.

What do you consider your best moment?

"I have had many special moments, but mine was having our first grandchild, Sara. I am crying just thinking of this moment because of my husband and how proud he was of that time. The first grandchild is always special and we were able to help take care of her for the first couple of years while my daughter was working. She has been a joy then and ever since."

What advice would you give young people starting out on their own?

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Warm Weather Pests

Summer brings outdoor fun, and animals love nature and warm weather. But the season isn't without its headaches -- namely, pests that can affect your pet's health, both short term and long term.

A number of emails recently have inquired about dogs that still eat their normal fare but experience weight loss. That could be caused by a lot of things, but one thing's certain: Any pooch that eats what it normally eats and suddenly starts losing weight needs to see the veterinarian. This is a sure sign that something is wrong.

For example, unexplained weight loss is one of the symptoms of heartworm (*Dirofilaria immitis*), which is caused by a parasitic worm that infests the pulmonary arteries after the dog has been bitten by a mosquito that has previously bitten an infected dog. The disease is life threatening and must be treated promptly.

Other signs of an infected dog include coughing after physical exertion and labored breathing. You can protect your dog by avoiding exposure to mosquitoes, which is virtually impossible if your dog goes outside and mosquitoes are in season. So the best protection is preventive medication for heartworm, which can only be administered if your dog has not been infected.

Unfortunately, there is no protection against the West Nile virus, also carried by the pesky mosquito. It's best to keep your pet indoors at sunset and during the early evening hours, when those disease-laden pests are hunting for blood.

There are more kittens and puppies this time of year, and both species need to start their basic vaccinations at about 6 to 8 weeks of age. Follow-

ups continue every four to six weeks until the pet reaches about 4 months of age. Until that time, dogs and cats are not protected from some of the more prominent and serious diseases: cats from upper respiratory diseases and feline distemper, and dogs from distemper and parvovirus. The length of time required for shots that fully protect your pet is one of the reasons I object to taking little ones to dog parks and group classes when they are too young, not to mention their vulnerability to older dogs that may be aggressive toward other animals.

Internal and external parasites are problems for both dogs and cats, especially now. Beware of fleas, ticks, flies and lice, all of which carry disease and cause serious allergic reactions. Fleas also transmit internal parasites.

So what can you do about these pests?

First, inspect your pet regularly. Look beneath the fur to the skin for signs of fleas and ticks. Check your pet from head to toe. Fleas are sneaky little devils, and there is

more than one variety. Some prefer ears. Others lurk in armpits. And when you come searching for them, they scatter so rapidly that you may miss them if you are not persistent. If your pet is scratching frantically or digging into his skin ferociously with his teeth, you can be sure you have a problem that needs tending. There are a number of different types of flea protection. Ask your veterinarian about the best solution for your pets.

Embedded ticks must be removed immediately and disposed of, and this is no easy task. You may want your vet to handle this. Ticks cause blood loss and eventually anemia, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and other blood diseases. Among the most common today is Lyme disease.

Once any and all pests have been removed from your dog or cat, you must treat your home with a thorough cleaning and the use of an appropriate, nontoxic pesticide. Disinfect all areas, including your pet's bedding. If your home is infested, a professional exterminator may be the best choice.

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