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**The Ace of
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On a recent visit to St. Pete Beach, Marine Captain Phillip Ash (center) presented Terri and Mike Finnerty, President and Vice President of SPB Support Our Troops, with a plaque and a flag flown over Afghanistan during a mission called "Ace of Spades". Captain Ash served three tours of duty in Afghanistan and received care packages from St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops during all three of his deployments.



**St. Pete Beach Votes
to Lower Taxes**

By Cathy Salustri

Businesses and residents on St. Pete Beach will pay lower property taxes next year. At the July 23 commission meeting, the commission voted to lower the tentative millage (tax rate) to 2.8569 mils. Currently, beach property owners pay 3.2819 mils.

A tentative millage rate may go down further as the commission discusses the budget but it cannot increase without meeting several legal obligations and garnering substantial public input.

Commissioner Marvin Shavlan, who spoke vocally against a tax increase last year, says that this decrease, coupled with "a debt service millage of .0878 on the police station" that the city no longer pays, means a 15% drop in city taxes. The debt service refers to money owed on the police station; the city made its last payment on the building in July 2013.

What does that mean for property owners on St. Pete Beach? On their last tax bill, they paid \$3.28 for every \$100,000 of assessed property value, after any deductions. This coming year they will pay no more than \$2.86 per the same \$100,000.

For properties like the Don CeSar - assessed at \$38.1 million - this
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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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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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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.

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Taxes, from front page

means that instead of paying \$121,834.02, it will pay \$108,847.89 in city taxes. For a 5,000 square foot waterfront residence with an assessed value of \$480,000 after factoring in a homestead exemption, instead of \$1616.10, homeowners will pay \$1374.17.

Of course, residents still may face tax increases from the county, the state and local school boards, the Southwest Water Management District, EMS, the health department, the Pinellas Planning Council, and the Juvenile Welfare Board. These other taxing authorities account for roughly 80% of your tax bill.

Commissioners voted 3-2 to lower the city tax rate, with District One Commissioner Lorraine Huhn and District Four Commissioner Melinda Pletcher casting the two dissenting votes.

The city will hold two more public meetings about the budget, at which the public may speak.

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Tampa Bay Watch is recruiting volunteer boats to participate in the Great Bay Scallop Search on Saturday, August 24th. The event is a resource monitoring program where community volunteers snorkel to search for scallops in select areas within Boca Ciega and Lower Tampa Bays. The event has been conducted annually since 1993 with the goal to monitor and document the health and status of the bay scallop population. Tampa Bay Watch will coordinate 45 volunteer boaters with more than 180 participants to search selected sites for the elusive bay scallops. Volunteers with shallow draft boats

are still needed for the event. Go to tampabaywatch.org for more information.

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Red Hot Bingo

The Red Hot Beach Nuts of Gulfport had a grand time with their Summer Bingo event. Twenty ladies on July 25th used pennies and peanuts to mark their cards and won both gifts and cash prizes for a bingo. Janis Crew who joined the Red Hot Beach Nuts in 2010 has a new title in the royal court as Princess. Congratulations! A special thanks to Doris Peck for the use of her club house for this event. Next outing is the Yuengling Brewery Tour on August 14th.

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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.

Come Sing with Sunsation Show Chorus

Now beginning its 10th Season, the versatile chorus continues to offer first rate entertainment singing tight harmonies of Broadway melodies, pop standards and fun classics. You can be part of it. Previous choral experience is helpful. Starting August 20, the group meets every Tuesday, 6:45 p.m. at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Avenue in Pinellas Park.

Three 2-hour shows are performed each November to April season.

In addition, a number of shows are performed at various senior homes and clubhouses throughout Pinellas County. To schedule an appointment or for more information call Ron, 321-8093 or visit www.sunsationshowchorus.com.

Get your GeckoFest Ball Tickets Now

In case you're new in town or have been sound asleep for the past several weeks you need to know that Gulfport's fabulous, mostly costume, Geckofest Ball is on for August 24 with the main event, Geckofest a few days later on the 31st. Tickets to the Ball are \$30 apiece.

What you probably don't know is that there are only 250 seats available at the Casino and tickets are selling fast due to the great work of the committee. Make sure you get your tickets now while there are still some available.

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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.

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Letters

Heads up, Gulfport

Dear Editor: Janet Folsom's portraits in the Hickman Theater lobby are an absolute joy! From the "Future Movie Director" to the grandfather no one likes, these paintings reach out and *tweak*, period. I know these folks from the library, the grocery store, my childhood, my crazy neighborhood now. So do you. But I urge you to visit them. Get reacquainted. Pay your respects. You'll be glad you did.

April Brown

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Not for the spray trucks

Dear Editor: In response to last week's letter calling for a return of spray trucks, may I say to that writer, and also what she should tell her guests is: "This is Florida. We have mosquitos and other bugs. Get used to it."

I spend a lot of time outdoors, have not noticed a worsening problem,

and do not care to be subject to truck spraying. Poisons kill not only mosquitos, but beneficial bugs as well, which in turn affects our birds and wildlife. The stated idea that "we need the once a week spraying to control or completely rid the city of the mosquitos and fly problem" is absurd. The writer also stated "I don't know why no one has a mosquito problem but me." Perhaps checking and eliminating anything around her home holding water which breeds them, would help solve her problem. How about building a bat house?

Otherwise, I suggest handing each summer visitor a can of insect repellent, and encourage them to visit during more mosquito-free winter months. Or, instead, perhaps visiting her out-of-state guests in the summer would provide a mosquito comparison opportunity. I hear other states have them, and bigger ones too!

Jude Bagatti

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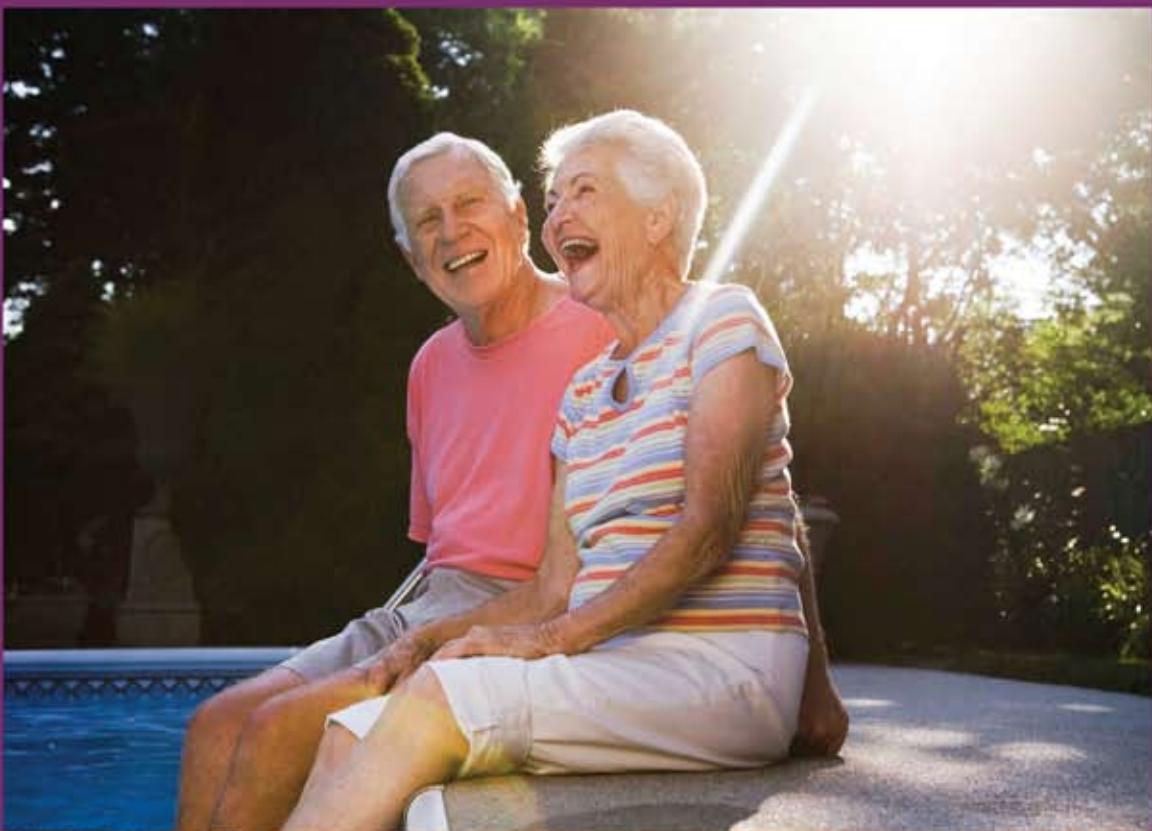


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As part of the celebration, \$5 rabies vaccinations with the purchase of a required license will be available for pets each Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m.

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.

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

As always, the Gabber will post any changes under the "Top Stories" section of our web site (www.theGabber.com) as we learn of them. You can also get e-mail updates about the Bayway construction project. E-mail roadwork@dot.state.fl.us and ask to receive Bayway detour information.

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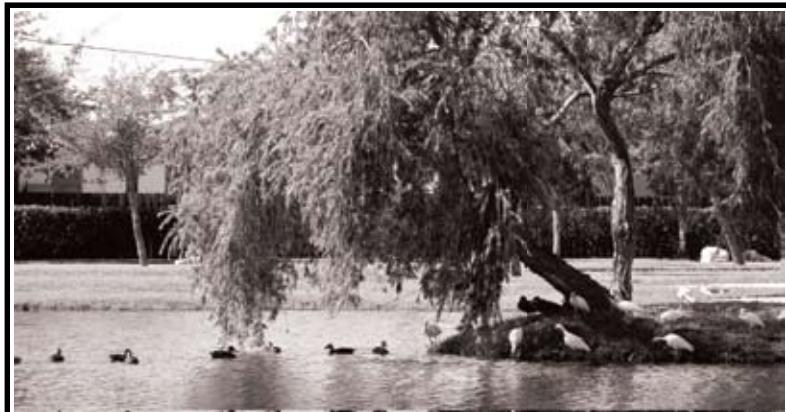
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The Library is reducing its collection to make room for new books, CDs and DVDs, and will have great books available in several genres. Included will be fiction/mystery, non-fiction/biography, large print and children's books. Prices for the "withdrawn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

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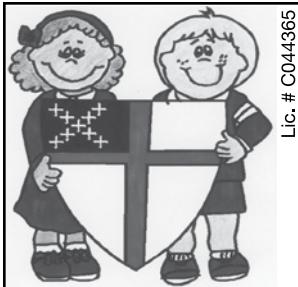
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Benefit Yard Sale

On Friday, August 2 from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, August 3 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Pilgrim Child Development Center of Pilgrim Congregational Church is holding a yard sale to pay for the canopy over their playground climber. Their goal is to reach \$500. Pilgrim Child Development Center is a non-profit preschool serving children 2-VPK age since 1969. The address is 6315 Central Avenue with the preschool actually located at First Ave. N. and 63rd St. in St. Petersburg. Park in the church parking lot and you will see directions to the sale.

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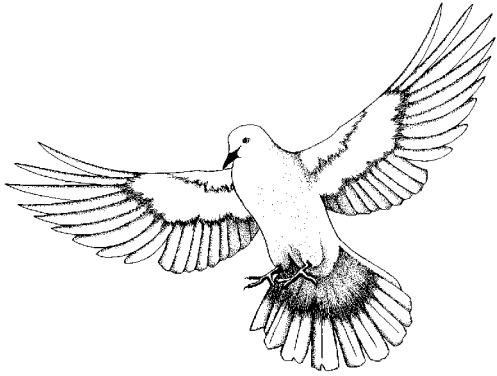
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Gateway Christian Clothing Give-away

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.

If you have clothings, shoes, etc. that is clean and in good condition that you would like to donate please call 727-327-0771 to make arrangements or bring them with you to one of their

services at 10 a.m. to Sundays or 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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Shop the Thrift Mall

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

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The next Mixer of the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, August 15th at 5:30 p.m. at J's, 3128 Beach Blvd. S. in Gulfport. Combine J's Early Bird Specials starting at 4 p.m., (dinners at \$10.99), with the Mixer at 5:30 p.m. and the "Gulfport Social," featuring Michael McCue behind the bar and DJ Daniel Hodge for the rest of the night. Bring your business

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Join Operation A Gift for Learning Now

The vision is to deliver a truckload of school supplies to the Gulfport Elementary School on or before back-to-school day this year. Your Chamber and the local outlet for America's

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They are asking every Member to donate whatever you can afford so that they can take advantage of mega supplier America's Office Source's willingness to sell all the types of school supplies the kids need at cost or even below cost due to some vendors making matching gifts. It's a chance to get a big bang for your charitable buck. Every dollar collected goes to the teachers and kids.

Most of these kids come from families whose incomes are well below the poverty level and have been at least partially supplied by their teachers out of the teacher's own pockets.

You can help these kids by writing a check, dropping off cash or using a credit card at the Chamber Office. All checks are to be made out to The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce and may be delivered or mailed to the Chamber at 4926 Gulfport Boulevard, Gulfport, FL 33707 or at America's Business Source/The Cell Phone Solution at 5014 Gulfport Boulevard, Gulfport, FL 33707. Please do it now. The first day of school is right around the corner.

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CTK Seeks Volunteers

Clothes To Kids (CTK) is actively seeking adult and youth volunteers at their St. Pete location, 3251 Third Avenue N., Suite 145. Adults can work with clients (shoppers), provide data entry, receptionist, or stockroom assistance. They are looking to fill the following volunteer positions: a receptionist each Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings; 2 – 3 positions for Friday morning to help clients shop and backroom sorters Monday – Friday each week.

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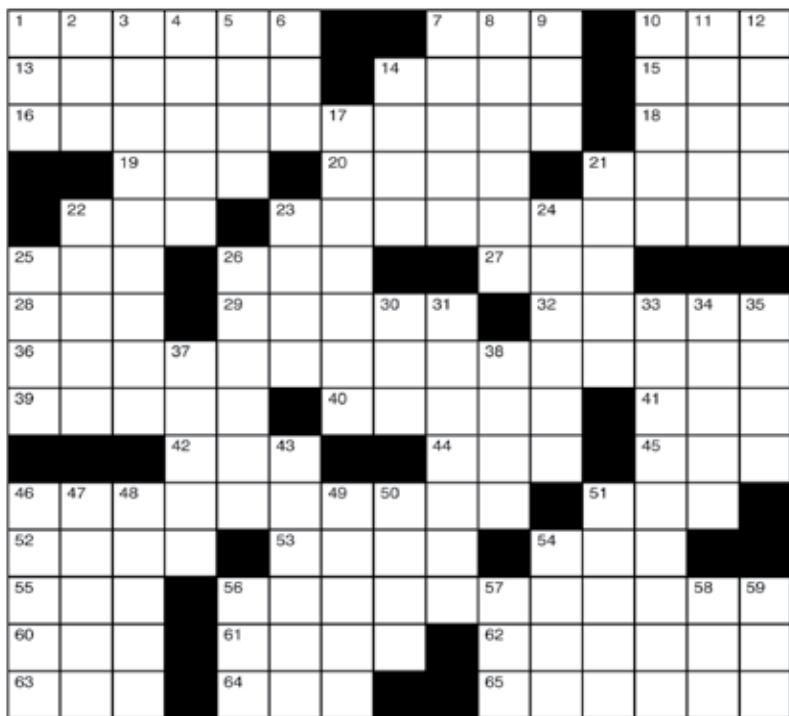
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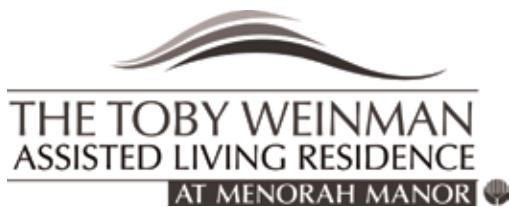
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- 10 Holiday purchase
- 13 On the beach
- 14 Pate de ___ gras
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- 16 Bonnie's partner in crime
- 18 Take a little bite
- 19 Jr.'s jr.
- 20 Skater Babilonia, and others
- 21 Hull foundation
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- 25 Place
- 26 1960 chess champion
- 27 Crafty
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- 29 Domains
- 32 "This is only ___."
- 36 Jane Eyre author
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- 44 NFL scores
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- 7 Kind of acid
- 8 Mall stalls
- 9 Use a needle, maybe
- 10 More exquisite
- 11 Less hospitable
- 12 Comeback
- 14 Mannheim Mrs.
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- 21 Follett's The ___ Rebecca
- 22 Oriental delicacy
- 23 Dear, to Donizetti
- 24 Leans on the horn
- 25 Accord
- 26 Natural ability
- 30 Home of the Braves: abbr.
- 31 Six-stanza poem
- 33 Magical
- 34 Follower of Zeno
- 35 Scores for Retton
- 37 River to the North Sea
- 38 Wait
- 43 White poplars
- 46 Defeat soundly, in slang
- 47 An ___ of prevention
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48 Milk source
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**Check out Local Artist's
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Jim DeFeo, their landlord, is being recognized for the extensive facade improvement program now in progress. By beautifying an entire business block at the east end of Gulfport Boulevard he is creating an attractive and welcoming entrance to the city.

Jim has also worked closely with their Mentor group in opening up his space to start-up companies such as The Gulfport Grind, The Gulfport Dive Center and The Cell Phone Solution. He also contracted with a local contractor, Tisdale Construction to do both the facade improvement work and the renovation of the former Gulfport Hardware Store.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: Bicycle Laws

Q: I would like to know what the bike laws are here in Gulfport. Are bikes allowed on the sidewalks? Because I have yet to see a sign that says they are not! – Mike Chapman

A: Gulfport follows state law when it comes to bicycles, which allows for riding a bike on sidewalks (Chapter 316.2065). Gulfport Police Chief Robert Vincent interprets the law to mean that bicyclists can ride on sidewalks, but when they do, "they are considered pedestrians. However, bicyclists must yield to foot-based pedestrians when using a sidewalk."

In addition, the chief says, "they have the right of way when crossing lawfully at a designated crosswalk, as vehicle traffic must yield to them, [but] they may not obstruct the flow of traffic; they must cross roadways in the most direct route possible; they may not step suddenly into traffic, even at a crosswalk, without giving vehicles time to stop; they may not cross against a red traffic signal; [and] they may not cross mid-block between two adjacent, signaled intersections (such as exist in downtown St. Pete)."

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The energy of the cosmic lion is honored and celebrated through the week, especially during the new moon on Tuesday. This is an intense fire-sign push of playfulness, creativity and childlike optimism that is best channeled into endeavors that are open to interpretation. Those who employ right-brained functions of intuition and subjectivity will find that they connect with success in unexpected ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Is the sun refining its brilliance? Or does it sparkle because it's continually burning off the old and reaching for new depths within? Your guiding planet will inspire you to burn off some stale energy while simultaneously searching the depths of your soul for new sources of fuel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are different kinds of compromises. The kind you make because it's easier to agree and to not make the other person work too hard will in time be a bother. Don't be afraid to ask others to put in more effort. Otherwise, you'll be in a position of obligation and possibly feeling resentment later down the road.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your sign mate Carrie Fisher suggested that it's hard to find real closeness in Hollywood because everyone does fake closeness so well. Similarly, you'll be among polished people, and you'll wonder: Are they acting? Maybe so, but there is genuine feeling underneath the act, so don't be too cynical.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). They'll sing your praises, assuming you want this. They don't know you very well. You like praise, but only in certain settings. If overdone, the pressure of expectation becomes too great; plus, others see you as competition. Friday's stroke of luck will make up for any discomfort you felt earlier in the week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The financial sector of your life is spinning like a wheel of fortune. You see various possibilities come and go. Where will the wheel land this time?

You are not in Vegas, so the rules are different, and you shouldn't leave too much to chance. Take hold of this wheel and steer it where you need it to go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It may seem counterintuitive, but people don't become self-actualized by strictly serving their own purposes. Greatness comes from selflessness. The bigger and more helpful your cause the more it can favorably shape your destiny. Note that large causes are often executed in small kindnesses.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What does the sun look like in Tulsa? Is it different from the sunshine in Tokyo or Sydney? There's somewhere not as distant that you'd do well to visit. The experience will cause your perception to shift. The feeling that comes from this place will cause you to see things in a different light from the light you get at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't rest soundly until you know your work is done, your relationships are in good standing and your efforts have been delivered in good faith. For these reasons, the sleep you get on Wednesday and Thursday nights will be particularly good. The weekend brings fresh responsibility, and you're up for it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Vocabulary matters, even beyond grade school. Don't worry. It's not as hard as it seems to add this level of sophistication to your interactions, and yet the result is that you'll command interest when you speak. A mere 50 words can make the difference between a respected vocabulary and a boring one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone knows that white reflects the sun's rays, while black traps them and absorbs more heat. And yet you dress for style, not temperature. You'll do other things to celebrate your style this week that may make you physically uncomfortable even though you're spiritually and creatively vibrant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Like a thriller in which the bad guy you

thought was gone keeps popping up with fresh intent, a bothersome project or issue seems reluctant to leave your scene this week. In the movies, the hero has to win. Since you're the star of this show, be persistent and do what it takes to bring this to a satisfying conclusion.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes it feels like you're singing the world's most beautiful song to people who lack a tasteful ear. It doesn't matter. Keep singing. The way to raise the taste bar is to expose people several times to something different, something progressive. This week, what feels like a futile effort is actually divine work.

This Week's Birthdays: You'll masterfully mesh your needs with the needs of your loved ones. You'll inspire others to switch to more effective and mutually beneficial and cooperative methods, as well. You'll bump into friendly, interesting people everywhere you go this month and pick up tips you can apply to making money. In September, use your psychic sense to invest. As far as love goes, the logical choice is not the winning one. In November, asserting your independence only makes someone want to get closer to you. You'll excel as you apply your talents to January's professional challenge.

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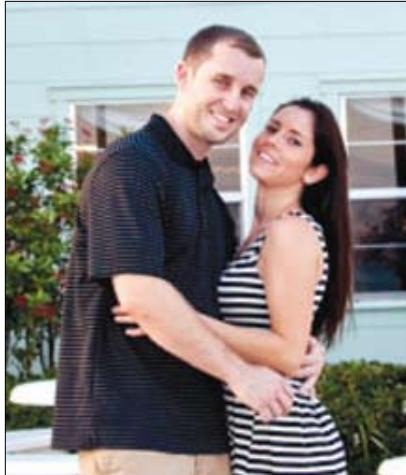
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Cecelia Castaneda and Cole Bowles-Jenner are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding on November 23, 2013.

Cecelia is the daughter of Louis and Mary Beth Castaneda. She is a graduate of The University of South Florida, with a degree in Special Education and Elementary Education. She currently attends Barry University where she is pursuing a graduate degree in Occupational Therapy.

Cole is the son of Colin and Lynn Bowles-Jenner. He is a graduate of the University of South Florida with a bachelors degree in marketing. He is currently a carpenter at E2-Walls.

The couple love the beach and their wedding would not be complete without a Gulfport venue. After being married at Fort DeSoto, Cecelia and Cole will celebrate with a reception at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom.

Following a honeymoon cruise, the couple plan to reside in the area.

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 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.

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Contact David Mather, Library Administrator at 893-1075 for more information and an order form.

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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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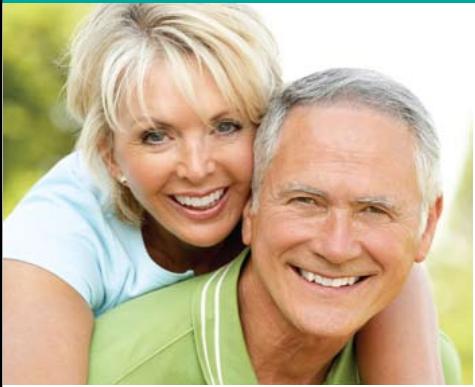
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Gecko Pub Crawl Heralds “Gecko Season” in Gulfport

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.

The Gecko Pub Crawl, the Gecko Ball and Gecko Fest are all sponsored by the Gulfport Merchants Association. A portion of proceeds from all events will benefit the creation and installation of additional public art in the Gulfport Waterfront District, as well as the donation of equipment to Gulfport Little League and supplies for the Gulfport Senior Center Pantry.

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The Back-To-School Care Fair is an event that provides free medical exams including physicals, immunizations, vision screenings and dental exams to any Kindergarten through 12th grade student registered to attend Pinellas County Schools for the upcoming school year. Each participating child will be given backpacks stuffed with school supplies.

The first 500 children registered will receive free medical exams provided by All Children's Hospital. Immunizations will be provided by the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County. Vision exams as well as diabetes screenings will be provided by The St. Pete Lion's Club. The Pinellas County Dental Hygiene Association will be performing dental exams. The Black Nurses Association will be offering free cholesterol screenings to both children and adults. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and closes at 11 a.m. for families wishing to partake in this portion of the event.

Over thirty agencies that serve the people of Pinellas County will also be on hand to provide information on local services available to residents. Other activities taking place during the Back-To-School Care Fair include on-site school registration provided by Pinellas County Schools, as well as bicycle safety training between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Children who participate in the bicycle safety training will receive a free helmet while supplies last. Also, join the Junior League of St. Petersburg's Kids Create Committee for arts and crafts, and receive a free book from Give-a-Book. Additional activities will be provided by the Tampa Bay Ray's Street Team, Great Explorations Children's Museum, Radio Disney and the Wild 94.1 Street Team.

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2013-2014 TOT TIME PROGRAM - Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 Tot Time Program are currently being accepted. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. 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. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Classes begin September 3rd 2013 and is limited to 10 children. Call 893-1068 for more information.

2013-2014 VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) PROGRAM

Pre-registration for the 2013-2014 VPK Program are currently being accepted. 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 County, Inc. and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. VPK will start on Tuesday, September 3rd and is limited to 10 children. Contact the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. at 400-4411 for questions or call the Recreation Center at 893-1068 for more details.

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

- Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness Starts Tues. Aug. 20th. 6:15 to 7:15. Please call Donnie Ali-McClendon @ 727-550-7185
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CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

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• Tai Chi - Tues. & Thurs., MOVED TO THE CASINO 9:15-10:30 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.

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All skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson Lake Skate Park. Stickers MUST be visibly placed on the helmet. Annual fee for stickers is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Also, all skaters/bicyclists 17 years of age or younger MUST have a signed parental consent form filed at the Gulfport Recreation Center which is located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Availability to register: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Stickers valid from October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013. Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



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One-on-One Computer Instruction: Mondays ONLY starting August 5, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. First come, first served.

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Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers: Wednesdays at 10:00 am. (previously known as Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers).

Women's AA Club: Fridays, 5:45 – 6:45 pm. FMI, call 893-1073.

Community Involvement Consulting: Tuesday, August 6, 9:00 – 11:00 am. A staff member from Congressman C.W. Bill Young's office is available to provide information and to listen to your questions, concerns, and suggestions on the first Tuesday of each month. First come, first served.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thurs., August 15, 11:00 am. **Note new time. Discussion of My Antonia by Willa Cather, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the

Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

SCORE Counseling: Tues., August 27. FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS

Summer Storytime & Summer Storytime Garden Jamboree: Join us every Thursday for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Don't miss our special SS Garden Jamboree on the last Thursday of every month this summer. Sing songs, play instruments & have a great time in the new Circle of Friends Garden! Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am.

Dig into Reading Summer Reading Program for Grades K-5:

End of Summer Reading Program Party: Thurs., August 8, 7:00 pm. See the one and only Jiggleman perform gravity-defying tricks as he has demonstrated around the country and on the Late Show with David Letterman. Fun for everyone!

For more details call Cailey, Youth Services Librarian, 727-893-1073.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Beneath the Surface Teen Summer Reading Program:

End of Summer Program Teen Gaming Nite & Party: Wed., August 7, 7:00 pm. Come have a blast as we celebrate with video games & tasty treats!

Teen Financial Literacy & Job Skills Program - Your Career, Your Finances & You:

Part 1: Wed., Aug. 7, 1:00 – 3:30 pm.

Part 2: Fri., Aug. 9, 1:00 – 3:30 pm.

You've got a great future ahead of you, right? Learn the skills you'll need to help ensure that it is. You'll learn about resumes, interviews, and team building. All this and prizes, too! Sponsored by Junior Achievement and Bank of America. Pre-register at the Reference Desk or call 727-893-1073.

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Senior Center

City Sponsored Activities in the Community

5501 27th Ave. S. 893-2237

Enjoy the benefits of all the classes and events below at the Gulfport Senior Center. It's easy to join. Come in and sign up today! Ask for Gail or Rachel to give you a tour! This is your Center! Pick up your August schedule or go online at <http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org>

The Summer hours for the Center is as follows: Monday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday evening classes are still available at the Senior Center. Wii Bowling on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Italian Class for Beginners on Tuesday at 6 p.m., Italian Dance Practice on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and Card Games on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Movie Day at the Snack Bar- Tuesday, August 13, 11 a.m. Watch a FREE movie and get a great deal on lunch for \$2.50!

Stetson Elder Law presents Elder Consumer Fraud Awareness- Wednesday, August 7 at 1 p.m. Learn about consumer fraud and scams aimed at the elderly, ways to help protect yourself, and what to do if you become a victim. Free

The Puzzle Pages- Friday, August 9 at 11 a.m. Free Fun For Everyone! Come out and play word seek, crosswords, Sudoku and many other puzzles with all your friends at the Senior Center. Free

What will Your Legacy Be?- Monday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m. Entrepreneur Pat Dunham speaks about things that you can do today to leave a footprint and make a difference for tomorrow. Free

Movie Day at the Snack Bar- Tuesday, August 13 at 11:30 a.m. Watch a FREE movie and get a great deal

on lunch for \$3.00!

The Law of Attraction- Wednesday, August 14 at 1:30 p.m. Join Life Coach, Kathy Lane, as she teaches you how to visualize what you want. Free

Happy Birthday to YOU- Tuesday, August 20 at 12:00 p.m. A Birthday Party with cake and ice cream for everyone. Whether you are celebrating an August Birthday or not, this party is for you!

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 \$3.00.

Songs for the Pantry!- Victor R. Helou sings acapella with a taste of comedy on Wednesday, August 28 at 1:30 p.m. Victor Helou has performed in various Broadway productions, movies, as well as commercials, print ads and voiceovers. The price of a ticket is non-perishable food item/s or a small grocery gift card.

TRAVEL! Call Carolyn at 727-347-0806.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Center offers Shine the 1st and 3rd Tuesday by appointment only. SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and your local Area Agency on Aging. Specially trained volunteers

can assist you with your Medicare, Medicaid, and health insurance questions by providing one-on-one counseling and information. SHINE services are free, unbiased, and confidential. To schedule an appointment, please call 893-2237 or 893-1231.

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Service: Affordable transportation for Gulfport residents 55 and over as well as disabled under 55. \$65 annual membership. \$2 per ride and your ride to the Senior Center is FREE!. Go to the mall, grocery store, doctor's appointments and more. Call 727-893-2242.

Monthly Trips to: Downtown St. Pete Medical-32 trips; Pasadena Medical-96 trips; Grocery up to 50 trips; Walmart-34 trips

Fitness Center Schedule:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm, Friday: 8:00 am -3:30 p.m. Annual sign up for the Fitness Center is an affordable \$25 a year or \$40 a couple.

Snack Bar: Bring a friend to the Senior Center and enjoy a light breakfast for only \$2.50 or lunch for only \$3.00. In a hurry? Order a boxed lunch-to-go by calling 893-2259.

FREE Legal Help for people over 60 and meet the required income criteria: Community Law Program visits the Senior Center every 3rd Friday of the month at 10 a.m. Call 727-582-7480 to see if you qualify.

AARP Driving Classes are offered August 6 & 13 at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. \$12 for AARP member and \$14 for non-member. Call 893-1231 or 893-2237 to register.

Support Groups

Diabetic Support Group on Mondays at 9:30am

Caregivers: Every Wed. at 2pm

MoreActivities: www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org.

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Overeaters Anonymous: Sun. 6:15-8:15pm



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Every Tuesday
Ballroom Lessons**

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1-2 Beginner Lessons

2-3 Dancing

Argentine Tango

7-11pm, \$7

7-8pm Lesson,

8-11pm Dance

**Every Wednesday
Swing Dance**

6-7pm Bonus Lesson

7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson

8-11pm Swing Dance, \$7

**Thursday, Aug. 8 & 15
Salsa Dance**

6:30-8pm Beg. & Inter. Lessons

8-10pm Dance, \$7

Local Obituaries

RICOTTILLI, BRENDA J., 62, of Gulfport, passed away July 24. Her magical spirit has found a home in heaven. Guestbook at davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911. See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sptimes/obituary-browse.aspx?page=5&recentdate=0&entriesperpage=10#sthash.sgd716lv.dpuf>.



STIERWALT, DORISA, (Kravarik/Good/McCready), age 74, of Gulfport, FL passed July 26, 2013 at Woodside Hospice in Pinellas Park, FL. Born Aug. 13, 1938 in Norwalk Ct. Doris is survived by her loving husband, John Stierwalt, who is currently at Bay Pines VA Hospice. She also has two children, Louise Good Haines of Gulfport and George E. Good and his wife Carol of Spokane, WA; grandmother to Kenneth Stump III and AnnMarie Stump of St. Pete, FL, Chelsea Good, Andrew Good, Mark Gray and Marie Gray of Spokane, WA. There are also four great-grandchildren: Anthony, Avery, Austin and Elise. Her parents were John Kravarik and Alice Anderson Kravarik. Doris, the youngest of seven children, is "little sister" to Jack Kravarik and wife

Phillis (deceased) of Brookfield, CT, James Robert Kravarik and wife Pat of Lantana, FL, George Kravarik and wife Dottie of Stoddard, NH, Larry Kravarik and wife Margie (deceased) of Harwington, CT, Frank Kravarik and wife Sylvia of NC and Wallace Kravarik (deceased) and wife Dorine of Bethel, CT her favorite niece TerryAnn Kravarik of Brewster, NY and Doris will also be missed by many cousins, nieces and nephews. A forever beautiful lady with a beautiful voice and heart, she shared her many talents with us. Singing, dancing (she was accepted to be a NYC Rockette at one time), drawing, playing harmonica, and designing crafts. Doris was also active for many years with the American Legion Andy Anderson Post 125 Ladies Auxilliary as a board member, PR person, Historian and all around support person. She wrote American Legion related articles for the Gulfport Gabber and the Sunset Gazette. Doris was also well-known around Gulfport for her many years of working at the Gulfport Tru-Value Store in the WinnDixie shopping center. A memorial service date is yet to be announced, but will be held at the American Legion Post 125. Please watch for a detailed announcement in the Gabber soon.

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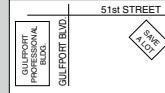


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"Mind/Body Connection" at Center

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.

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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 cklsson@mygulfport.us or 893-1074.

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

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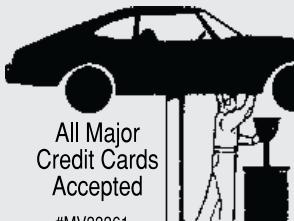
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have begun for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport Montessori and Douglas Jamerson Elementary's. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents

and \$22 for non-residents. Monthly fees are \$146 for residents and \$292 for non-residents. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Packets are available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. and on-line. Please call 893-1068 for more information.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Crisis!

My computer crashed. What to do? How to do it? What to do with my time? It's like the power went out. No tv, no radio, no lights, no stove - well, not that bad, but is amazing how dependent on electronics we've become. Kind of like those early car owners who moved out of the city and their car wouldn't start. Had to learn to fix

it themselves. Not going to happen here. It's off to the Apple store.

Now I know what kids feel when their tv, radio, iPod, cell phone, iPad privileges are taken away. Does anyone really do that anymore? Speaking of cell phones, it's the saviour. A mini-computer. But such a tiny screen and keyboard. Absurd. So, I'm grounded.

No more access to five or six newspaper sites or news aggregators;

no more detours to obscure, but seemingly interesting links; no more crawling through extraneous facts; no more wasting my time. The smart phone works, but geez, it's not the same.

It's back to reading books and every magazine and catalogue in the house. Time to do put-off-to-now tasks. Still no considerations of "why don't you do that project you've been talking about?" Still big gaps in time after finding out the trouble: logic board. Might have lost all files including 3,000 photos. I'll know in 3 to 5 days.

Meantime, big problem. How to write this column. Not the smart phone. My thumbs won't last that long. Maybe my wife's iPad. If you're reading this, it worked. Of course, there's always pen and pencil and someone to re-type into the computer. But that's too retro. Besides my cursiveness deteriorated so badly that no one else can read it. My printing's not much better. No wonder the schools are having so much trouble with teaching writing (do they anymore?).

So, how to adjust to this new found time? Just caught the tail end of a story about the aftermath of the storm "Sandy" which clobbered the northern East coast this spring. Lots of babies being born. Maybe that's the answer to this country's declining birth rates. Take away the electronics. No lights, no radio, no TV, no electronics. No virtual anything.

Then, I thought, maybe that's the answer for me. Then, I thought, "REALLY?". I'll just spend the time typing on an IPad.

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Lunch Served 11am-3pm Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Kitchen Open 11-2pm Dinner 4:30-6:30pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Southern Knights Band 7-11pm Dinner 4:30-6:30pm	Breakfast Buffet 8:30-11am S.A.L. hamburgers and hot dogs 12-3pm Steakums 1-3pm	No Lunch Served	Lunch 11-3 Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Euchre 1pm Bingo 6pm Kitchen Open for Bingo

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

Auxiliary meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Please join us and share your ideas.

Legionnaire meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Sons of American Legion meetings are the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. All members are welcome.

Service Officer, Bob Cannon is at the Post on Thursday's from 9 a.m. till noon to offer assistance.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7pm Food Served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm Geno 6:30-9:30pm	Steak Dinner 6-8pm Lee Jay Nelson 6:30-9:30pm	Sports & Pizza 12-6pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	House Comm. Mtg.- 6pm Pizza available All Day	Wednesday Dinner Special 6-8pm Trivia

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Domestic- 5600 Blk 31st Ave. S.

Animal Call- 5400 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Juvenile Trouble- 51st St & 18th Ave. S.

Domestic- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Disorderly Conduct- 2100 Blk 54th St. S.

Hit & Run- 5400 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Saturday 7/20

Juvenile Trouble- 5700 Blk Newton Ave. S.

Shots Fired (Heard)- 2800 Blk Newton Ave. S.

Burglary- 1300 Blk 52nd St. S.

Theft- 5700 Blk 16th Ave. S.

Burglary Residence- 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.

Civil Matter- 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

Domestic- 5300 Blk 10th Ave. S.

Sunday 7/21

Domestic- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Stolen Vehicle- 1000 Blk 49th St. S.

Burglary Residence- 5900 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Domestic- 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.

Theft- 5400 Blk 29th Ave. S.

DUI- 15th Ave. & York St. S.

Shots Fired (Heard)- 5400 Blk 18th Ave. S.

Shots Fired (Heard)- 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Monday 7/22

Armed Person- 58th St. & 15th Ave. S.

Fire Structure- 2200 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Civil Matter- 5600 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Juvenile Trouble- 1800 Blk 55th St. S.

Panhandling- 5000 Blk 24th Ave. S.

Tuesday 7/23

Disorderly Conduct- 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Noise- 2500 Blk York St. S.

Juvenile Trouble- 5200 Blk 8th Ave. S.

Domestic- 6300 Blk 7th Ave. S.

Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls- Location Withheld.

Fraud/Forgery- 5500 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Civil Matter- 700 Blk 60th St. S.

Wednesday 7/24

Disorderly Conduct- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Burglary Residence- 6100 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Domestic- 5000 Blk 18th Ave. S.

Keep the Peace- 5000 Blk 18th Ave. S.

Animal Call- 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Animal Call- 5300 Blk 21st Ave. S.

Civil Matter- 1300 Blk 56th St. S.

Domestic- 5300 Blk 17th Ave. S.

Domestic- 3000 Blk 49th St. S.

Burglary Residential- 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Thursday 7/25

Domestic- 5600 Blk 31st St. S.

Burglary Residential- 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: Bicycle Laws

Q: Where is it legal to ride a bike on St. Pete Beach? Are sidewalks OK?

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Check out Gulfport Women's Center

Gulfport Women's Center will meet on Sunday, August 11th at 5 p.m. at 2810 Upton Street S. Get in one the ground floor. Call 727-327-9119.

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Vegan Potluck

Reaching out to vegans and vegetarians who are truly concerned with the welfare of animals and the planet, Brigitte is hosting a vegan potluck gathering at her home in Gulfport on Saturday August 17th at 7 p.m. They are hoping to make this a monthly event, where like minded caring humans enjoy meeting friends and sharing delicious ethical kind food in the comfort of a home. Must RSVP at 727-793-7055 and plan on bringing only 100% vegan dishes.

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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 koldunai (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.

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Democratic Club to Meet

The August 8th meeting of the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will feature Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools and Brad Miller, Chief executive of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority. Do not miss this meeting. Time permitting, the speakers will take questions, encourage discussion.

The meeting, which will be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park, will start with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a delicious buffet dinner at 6:30 (\$15, make reservations please at 727-360-3971) and guests' presentations.

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Public Safety Boating Class

An ABS (All about Boating Safety) Class will be offered on Saturday, August 10th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the USCG Auxiliary Building at 3120 Miriam Street S.

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in Gulfport (use the side entrance). Cost is \$40 per person, books and materials will be furnished. Upon completion the student will receive a wallet card, 8x10 certificate and the State of Florida "bobber" card. For information and registration call 727-399-7986.

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How to Become a Therapy Dog, Part Two



After two months of training and much fretting, Calypso earned her "therapy dog" bandana last Saturday. Pasadena Pet Motel's trainer, Stefan Herceg, played a tremendous role in getting this middle-aged dachshund up to snuff for the evaluation.

For a therapy dog, Calypso doesn't really know when to stop crying for attention. But don't let her bad behavior from getting your dog tested as a therapy dog; she only cries, in this instance, because she wants me to let her misbehave, and I'm making her wait until I finish interviewing her trainer before I focus on her.

About two months ago, I wrote "How to Become a Therapy Dog" and chronicled Calypso's progress – and failure – as she tried to earn a red bandana, the hallmark of a Therapy Dogs International therapy dog. Although she really didn't fail, as Kristen Triplett, the owner of Pasadena Pet Motel, explained to me. I did.

Calypso never learned to sit or lie down or do anything but be cute. As my best friend, that didn't matter. But if I wanted her to go into nursing homes, hospitals, or even the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, she'd need to come up to speed on basic commands.

Enter Stefan Herceg, a 20-year-old dog trainer at Pasadena Pet Motel, and he's trained cadaver sniffing dogs and police dogs and even a diabetes sniffing dog, but Calypso's the first therapy dog he trained (other trainers at Pasadena Pet Motel have trained therapy dogs).

We worked out a deal: he would train her and I would write about it, whether or not she passed her test. Two or three days a week, I dropped off my faithful companion at Pasadena Pet Motel, where Stefan made her understand that she was not the boss.

You see, Calypso is something of a diva. She's always enjoyed free run of our world. If she were a human child she would be the one running through the toy store, ripping open new toys and breaking them and then walking away and I'd be there, laughing nervously. As far as 13-pound dogs go, not a big deal, but TDI was clear: my dog needed training to pass.

Stefan's main task? To outlast her stubbornness, no easy feat when facing a breed bred to get a badger out of a tunnel no matter what. The first day she sat on command, he sent me a text message: "Whooopieee!" After that, it seemed as though every day Stefan had a new triumph to report, and more and more I saw Calypso making eyes at him when she saw him.

I had to wait to work with her – they wanted it really ingrained in her to

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sit and down and stay before they let me start giving her commands. Seeing as how I'd failed at training her at all, I really couldn't blame them. I had about a week or two of working with her before her re-test.

By last Saturday, she was ready. I was a nervous wreck, but Calypso pranced into the ring like a queen. Stefan's training worked like a charm. She sat. She downed. She stayed. She actually, dare I brag on my dog and Stefan a little bit, outperformed most of the other dogs there. Kristen came to watch and gave me a big thumbs up when Calypso finished. I sent Stefan a text message, thanking him. "You're awesome" I said, although I doubt my level of adoration compared to Calypso's.

After she passed, I brought her back to Pasadena Pet Motel one last time so I could talk to Stefan about how he tamed my rebel dog.

"One of the hardest things was to get through to her," he said. "It was a battle." He admits that I could have avoided it all had I given her actual basic training as a puppy.

"At her age, at 6? She thought she could get away with anything," he

said, and reminded me that part of the challenge for trainers comes from the way they must train therapy dogs. Other dogs receive "compulsion training", which means dogs get their reward from not receiving corrections. Therapy dog training "is so much more happy-happy joy-joy" type of training," he said, because the training has no compulsion component but instead ignores any negative behavior.

What's next for Calypso? She's waiting for her red bandana any day now, then she's going to see if the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center

could use a visit from a therapy dog and perhaps set up visitations with nursing homes or hospitals. She likes being around people, and this gives her more of the attention she so craves.

Of course, she won't have Stefan anymore. He'll be onto a new dog if he isn't already, teaching a German Shepherd to find drugs or hunt down the bad guys. But if someone comes along with another dog who could maybe work as a therapy dog?

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The Players' 2013-2014 Season opens on November 7th at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport. They have five productions lined up for their season and, for the most part, these haven't been seen on any stage around this area before. As is usual with the Players, they are all pretty much suited for the entire family.

Give the Players' Hotline a call at 727-322-0316 and leave a message, along with your phone number, saying that you're interested in season tickets. Their ticket lady, Cathy Culler, will get back to you in short order. When she contacts you, she'll ask for an address where she can send you a Season Ticket Form for you to select the dates you want to attend the shows. She will also include another page showing you their complete play line up, a little information about each play, and their run dates. You simply check off the dates you want to attend, send them a check for \$60 for each Season Ticket(s) you want, and the Players will mail your ticket(s) right to you. It's that simple!

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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 for more information.

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Community Law Program

If you are over 60 and meet the required criteria, you can get legal assistance from the Community Law Program at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Avenue S. the third Friday of the month. You must call 727-582-7480 to qualify and make the appointment.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

Common Misconceptions about Wills and Trusts

The following are a few common misconceptions that Akerson Law Offices has clarified for clients of the firm:

1. Does a valid last will and testament avoid probate? No, a will does not help you avoid probate. In fact, the last will and testament is the primary tool of the probate system. A will serves as the instructions from you to the Probate Court as to how you want your property distributed. The Probate Court then ensures that all probatable assets are collected and valued. Then, after all bills and taxes are paid, the property can be distributed to your heirs in accordance with your wishes.

2. If I have a will, can my property be distributed to my heirs in a few weeks? Unfortunately, this does not happen in the vast majority of probate proceedings. Occasionally,

family administration or summary administration procedures may be available which will significantly reduce the time period for a probate proceeding which requires formal administration. A typical formal probate administration in the State of Florida will take six (6) months to one (1) year to properly close the estate.

3. If I have a last will and testament, will my will prevent a quarrel over my assets by the beneficiaries? No, even a properly drafted and authenticated will does not prevent any interested party from contesting a probate matter (including the amount of assets a beneficiary may receive).

4. Can my living trust be changed? Yes, a living trust may be changed or even eliminated so long as the trust is declared to be revocable. Some trusts are declared to be irrevocable and accordingly cannot be changed.

5. Are living trusts only beneficial to people with large estates? No, living trusts are beneficial for all people who desire to avoid the probate process which currently can be more time-consuming and costly than the administration of a living trust when someone passes on. Of course, those people with larger estates will realize larger benefits and potentially greater estate tax savings.

6. If I have a living trust, do I need

to file a separate tax return for the Internal Revenue Service? Generally, the grantor and the trustee of a revocable living trust will not need to file a separate federal tax return for the trust. Generally, a personal 1040 tax return will be sufficient.

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

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Cruising into Gulfport

Although our town sometimes forgets it is, indeed, a charming waterfront town, Boca Ciega Bay remains our biggest asset. It also remains our least appreciated one. We no longer have many fishing boats, we have given up on making the beach a destination, and, well, quite honestly, even I won't swim in Boca Ciega Bay until we find some way to deal with the derelict boats off our coast and the fact that every time it rains heavily, St. Pete Beach's sanitary sewer leaks into their storm sewer and sends human fecal matter pretty much directly into Boca Ciega Bay.

But still, it's the best thing we have going for us. It's what's saved us from becoming – forgive me – South Pasadena with its drive-through

state of mind, or Belleair with its "Nothing to see here, tourists!" attitude or Dunedin with its "Look at our downtown! Pay not attention to the crime rate and poverty behind the curtain!" ruse. We are a waterfront town, and as much as I would like to see fishing boats lining the beach and a boardwalk connecting the marina to a ferris wheel and merry-go-round on a pine-and-palm lined beach (check out old photos of Gulfport beach if you want to know what either of these would look like, or go visit Rockaway in the 1970s), I know that our best chance, right now, of capitalizing on our waterfront is an upgraded marina, including, first and foremost, a mooring field for cruising sailors.

As Gulfport nears this long awaited (or long dreaded, depending on who you ask) mooring field, I will make one last plea for those of you – including our vice mayor, who remains anti-mooring field (which he must realize some will read as "anti-sailor") – to keep an open mind and stop running down this project.

I have covered two topics in this town so long – Clam Bayou and our mooring field – I joke that I will retire on the money I make covering the issues swirling around them. It's a joke because the *Gabber* retirement plan for writers apparently involves a winning lotto ticket and a sugar daddy, of which I have neither. Nevertheless, I've covered both of these issues since day one, and yes, I have strong feelings about both of them. Today I'm focusing on the mooring field, which I could not endorse more heartily if Harbormaster Denis Frain breaded it, deep-fried it, and smothered it in cheese and rolled it in bacon. We – Gulfport – needs this mooring field, despite what non-sailors will tell you.

We will have a handful of slips – the state permit will allow 25 – geared towards attracting cruisers. Cruisers, for you non-sailing-savvy folk, are the types of boaters we want, unlike the ones currently anchored and potentially ruining the sea grasses

as they drag anchor over the bottom and allow blackwater (raw sewage) to flow onto our beaches. The mooring field, off the coast of Gulfport, will make it harder (although not impossible) for these derelict boaters to live off Gulfport rent-free while they contaminate our water with toxins, because we'll now have the authority to chase them away from the mooring field. In addition, the pumpout boat that we'll get with the mooring field will pump out any boat – not just ones in the field – so these boaters will have a free option for pumping out their waste. And if they don't? The cruisers themselves will also help police this, another reason why we want them. Need another? OK, keep reading.

Cruisers are, specifically, people traveling for more than a few nights. Usually they have a home but, for whatever reason, can afford to leave it for months at a time in a sailboat that costs no small amount to buy, outfit, and maintain. They travel with the purpose of seeing hamlets like ours. They are typically older, at least upper middle class, and have grown children (if any). They may be retired. They choose to be "on the hook" because it lets them feel like they're anchored somewhere rather than tethered to land. They will gladly pump out and they will motor their own dinghy to the Casino dock or marina dock, where they will unfold their \$250-plus Dahon bikes and ride into town for dinner, to stretch their legs, and take in the sights.

Yes, with all their disposable income, I can see where the vice mayor and others don't want them. After all, we'd rather have what we have now – derelict boaters who use our beach showers to bathe, let their waste flow unchecked onto our beach, and don't pay us a dime.

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August 6, 2013

Council Meeting

7:00 pm

August 7, 2013

Planning & Zoning Board/LPA

NO MEETING

August 8, 2013

City Council Workshop

4:00 pm

August 14, 2013

Teen Council

4:45 pm

Board of Adjustment

6:30 pm

August 20, 2013

Council Meeting

7:00 pm

August 21, 2013

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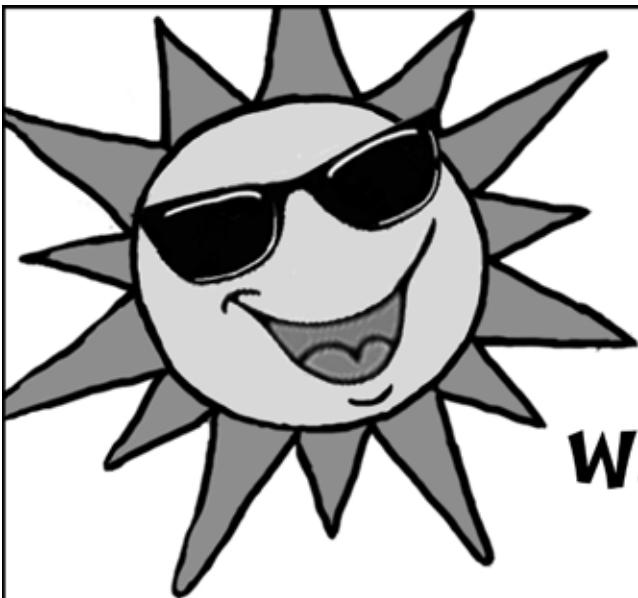
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