

Hands Off My Gecko

At Friday night's ArtWalk, Beach Bazaar's Angela Lagan (blonde) and Leslie Gilchrist (dark hair) donned their best 70s garb to impress the gecko and to tempt people into buying tickets to this Saturday's Gecko Pub Crawl and the August 24 Gecko Ball. The gecko (dark hair, center) remained undecided as to his preference – blonde or brunette – at press time, although sources close to the gecko say he expects to make his decision by the end of the Gecko Ball.



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Gulfport Water, Sewer, Stormwater Rate Increases

Gulfport residents and business owners could soon see a 12% increase in water, sewer and stormwater rates in their October bills.

Councilwoman Salmon asked why the proposal exceeded what the city currently needed to charge to stay legally in line with what the wholesaler, St. Petersburg, charged. As a reseller, Gulfport cannot charge less for water than the wholesaler charges its other customers. City Manager Jim O'Reilly explained that the increase was intended to avoid a future increase of 37%, as when the city's contract with St. Petersburg expires in 2017, St. Petersburg can add a 25% surcharge to the bill, which it has done in recent years with St. Pete Beach and

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Recycling Report: Recycle Your Beer and Soda Cans

You may recycle because, as some say, "it's the right thing to do", but many people don't realize recycling can mean money for Gulfport. Unlike trash, which the city must pay the county to accept at its waste-to-energy (WTE) facility, materials recovery facilities, or MRFs (pronounced to rhyme with "turf"), pay cities for their recyclables.

Every week, the city's recycling truck collects plastics, cans, and old paper from blue and green curbside bins and bring them to the MRF by the WTE.

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Journalism Summer Camp Offers Gabber "Competition"

Operation Plunge! Nick Biddle, Nolan Fitzpatrick, Seth Neilson, Daniel Savkovic, Donny O'Neal and Jesse Bickford jump for joy during pool time last Wednesday during St. Pete Beach summer camp, Hook, Line and Summer. An unnamed swimmer rests by the wall; Meida Monkelyte waits in the water. Camp runs through August 19.

Photo by: Xander Kohler.

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Due to the club's wonderful growth, Gulfport Toastmasters has moved their meeting location from the Gulfport Meeting Center to the Gulfport Library at 5501 28th Ave S. in Gulfport effective August 14th. Meetings are every Wednesday night from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Gulfport Toastmasters chartered last July and in their first year are a President's Distinguished Club, the highest honor awarded by Toastmaster's International. Guests and new members are always welcome. Contact them at info@gulfporttoastmasters.com or call Rene Enfield at 727-251-0874 or 727-537-9098.

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South Pasadena Civic Association

The South Pasadena Civic Association is cancelling Bingo for the month of August. Play will resume Thursday, September 5th.

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.

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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.

The facility will have fans running and windows open. No AC. Dress comfortably please.

Come to the Chamber Mixer

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., (dinner 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 cards and brochures for a fun way to interact with a broad cross section of the business community. Mark your calendar, this is not an event to be missed.

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Rate Increase,

from front page

Treasure Island.
 Between 2005 and 2010 the city spent almost \$2.6M replacing water mains, service lines, water meters and upgrading fire hydrants.
 "The whole city needs to be redone," he told council, estimating the cost of repairing the entire sewer system at \$25 million.

Councilwoman Salmon pointed out that she heard from residents who had reviewed old water bills and realized their bill hadn't increased significantly over the past few decades.

Garbage and recycling rates will not change.

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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. 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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Republican Club to Meet

Pinellas County School Board member Peggy O'Shea will address the members and Friends of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday, August 14th at 7 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Mrs. O'Shea will discuss the Common Core Curriculum. Following her presentation, Mrs. O'Shea will answer questions from the audience. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Question and Answer session. There is no charge to attend this event.

For more information on this event and other club activities, please call Gus Pries at 727-864-0312.

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Bayway Bridge Closure

On Thursday, August 8, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to close the eastbound lanes of the Bayway Bridge from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. for concrete placement. The FDOT may change this schedule depending on the weather. This will be the only closure this week.

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.

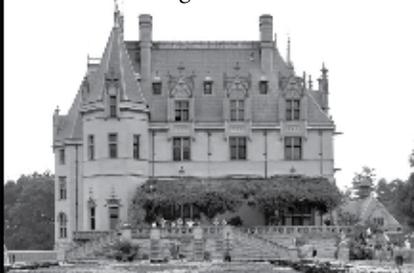
As always, the Gabber will post any changes under the "Top Stories" section of our web site (www.theGabber.com) as we learn of them. You can also get e-mail updates about the Bayway construction project. E-mail roadwork@dot.state.fl.us and ask to receive Bayway detour information.

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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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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 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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Letters

Of mosquitos and exceptional service

Dear Editor: This is in response to the letter printed in the July 25th Gabber from Helen Roney. Why doesn't the city spray for mosquitos? It appears the city has money for a multitude of different festivals, which I enjoy, the Tuesday downtown market, which I also enjoy, and I also like to sit outside and enjoy my neighborhood. The mosquitos make it impossible to be outside after dusk. I have many autoimmune diseases and mosquito bites aggravate my health condition. I don't know how much money the city would need for spraying once a week but I can guarantee that the citizens of Gulfport would greatly appreciate Gulfport spending some money on something that would benefit all of Gulfport.

On another matter, I recently had to call the police 911 number to report something outside my house. The dispatcher stayed on the phone with me until the police arrived. From the time I called the police until the time they showed up was 15 minutes or less. Three cars showed up and did a sweep of my house. They found a cat perhaps tripping my motion detector lights outside which caused my dog to go nuts barking. I would like to thank the officers that came so quickly, the dispatcher who stayed on the phone with me, and the officer reporting to me what they found. This happened about 3 a.m. Thank you all so very much for the prompt service. I'm sure anyone that had to call the officers at any time, for any reason, appreciate their service.

Sandi Gilner

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Journalism Summer Camp Offers Gabber "Competition"

from front page

For the first time, another genuine newspaper came off the presses on St. Pete Beach this week. In one of St. Pete Beach's 11 specialty camps – Journalism and Digital Photography – campers produced a newspaper. The result of this camp, the Yearly Shout Out, resulted from a week of interviewing, taking photos, writing stories, creating puzzles, and deciding how to lay out the newspaper.

Journalism and Digital Photography campers decided what should go into the newspaper, which pictures would accompany the articles, and what types of things would appeal to campers of all ages. They also took photos, wrote articles and photo cutlines, and created the puzzles on the back page.

Campers learned how to produce a newspaper and how to take better digital photographs. They had to attend budget meetings, where they budgeted the space available for articles, photos, and puzzles and decided how to "spend" their space. They even celebrated "putting the paper to bed" with a lunch and ice cream party.

Ten-year-old Xander Kohler took the front page photo and returning camper Greg Glasscock earned the honor of photo editor and learned that he had to assign photos fairly and figure out what type of photos would match with each article. He had ultimate responsibility for every photo.

Kai Schulte and Xander Kohler, new campers, interviewed people and collaborated on their individual projects.

The Gabber printed the paper, and PJ's sponsored the time-honored tradition of "putting the paper to bed" party. To see the paper in its entirety, please read this article online and look for the link at the end of the article.

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Letters to the Editor

Please keep letters to the editor as brief and to the point as possible. Letters must be typed in upper and lower case on plain white paper or emailed to publisher@thegabber.com.

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Gulfport Free Clothing Swap

Gulfport's next free clothing swap will take place at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market on Tuesday, August 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The popular event is regularly scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month in conjunction with the Fresh Market and takes place in the courtyard adjacent to the historic Peninsula Inn at 2937 Beach Blvd. S. Participants are invited to bring up to five lightly used garments to exchange for vouchers that may be used to select clothing brought in by other participants. Items may be for women, men or children. Gently used shoes and wardrobe accessories are also accepted. Please provide hangers for all garments to be used in the swap. Vouchers may also be purchased for \$3 each.

Donations of clothing above the 5-garment limit are welcomed and should be bagged or boxed. All cash proceeds, donated clothing, and garments remaining at the end of the swap will be donated to Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA) in St. Petersburg. CASA is a local, non-profit organization providing services to survivors of abuse or violence. For more information on the clothing swap, contact the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market Coordinator, Laura Garrison at 727-278-4285 or via email: gulfportmarket@gmail.com.

Over 200 large bags of clothing and hundreds of dollars have been donated to CASA since the

clothing swap was started in the summer of 2010. The clothing swap is co-sponsored by the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market, the Gulfport Merchants Association and the Peninsula Inn & Spa.

For more details about the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market, contact Market Coordinator Laura Garrison at 727-278-4285 or email gulfportmarket@gmail.com. Visit the Gulfport Merchants Association website at www.GulfportMA.com.

End of Summer Reading Program Party

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that pops up under it: <http://gulfportwritersworkshop.weebly.com>
Email is gulfportwritersworkshop@gmail.com.

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Learn about Nesting Sea Turtles

Enjoy an insightful presentation about Florida sea turtles by marine educator Joe Malo with the Clearwater Marine Aquarium on Wednesday, August 14 from 6-8 p.m. at the Sandpearl Resort (Conference Center Hunter C), 500 Mandalay Avenue, Clearwater Beach. Learn about their life histories, habitats and conservation. Afterwards, walk outside and visit nesting beach

habitat and realize how remarkable Florida sea turtles really are. Find out how you can help these fascinating creatures. This free event is family friendly. (Parking on your own. Resort parking may have fee.) Program sponsored by the Friends of Pinellas Master Naturalists, a 501c3 non-profit.

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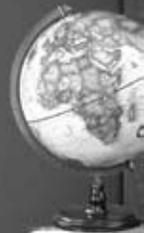
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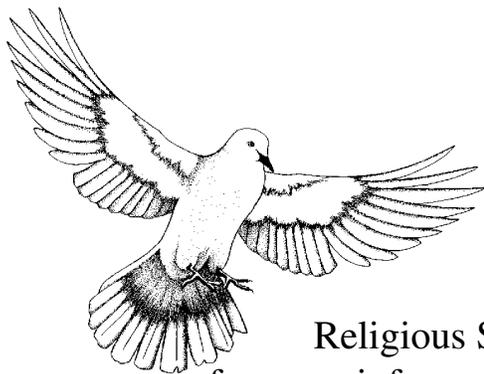
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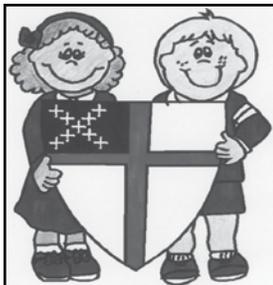
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DivorceCare Class and Support Group

Pasadena Community Church, LEC (Life Enrichment Center) Building will offer a DivorceCare Class and Support Group on Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m. from August 21-November 20. Don't go through it alone, find help and healing for the hurt of divorce or separation. Registration fee is \$15 (scholarships available). Child Care provided by PrimeTime for Kids Program for K-5th grade. Arrangements can be made for younger children for a fee. Contact Lisa Baker at 727-437-6222.

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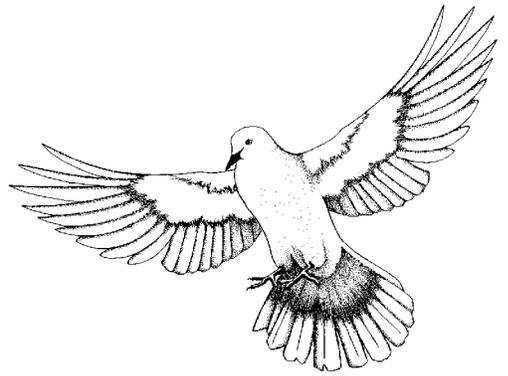
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Gateway Christian Clothing Give-away

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.

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Both groups are open to the public and provide a confidential setting for those attending to share with others who are in like situations their experiences, joys and concerns of "care giving". The person may be a relative or just a good friend. It is not necessary that the individual reside in the same house with you or even the same state.

Call Pam Lanning at 347-2809 or Barbara Posey at 381-2499, ext. 214.

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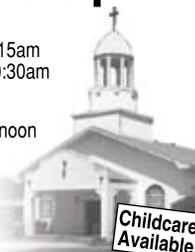
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In this upcoming presentation, Kathy will explain the role our thoughts and beliefs have on our health and how we can rid ourselves of old programming. They will explore how our emotions can become trapped in our bodies, the effect these trapped

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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Registration is now open for Gulfport Pirates Football for kids ages 4-14. Call 727-266-2406 or visit www.GulfportPirates.com. Practices are as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 6-7:45 p.m. at Hoyt Field, 2306 56th Street S. in Gulfport; and Wednesday and Friday from 6-7:45 p.m. at Bear Creek Park, 100 58th Street N. in St. Petersburg.

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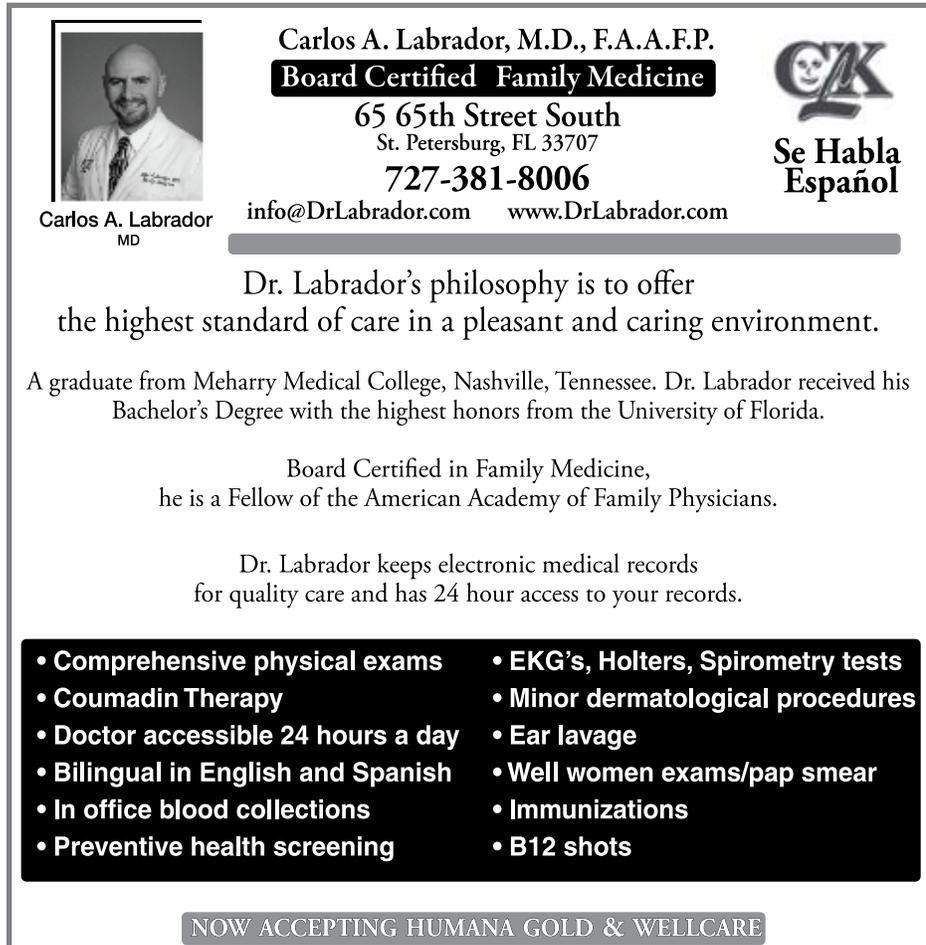
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Solution on Page 18

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- 9 ___ Romeo
- 13 Baseball great
- 14 Pay add-on
- 15 Lions' environs
- 17 Baseball highlight
- 19 Play part
- 20 Bank or joint: abbr.
- 21 Girl's name
- 23 Lena or Ken
- 24 Pitching feat
- 26 Warded, with off
- 28 Prying
- 29 Dolphins' Erickson
- 30 Actor Michael
- 33 Even up
- 36 Red suit
- 37 Blue Jay stadium
- 40 ___ Lingus
- 41 Leagues' best
- 43 Insure, in a way
- 45 Sports team scouts?
- 46 Silk or yarn
- 48 Imogene Coca TV role
- 50 Archery feat
- 54 Nevada city
- 55 Kind of goat

- 57 Athena epithet
- 58 Golf clubs
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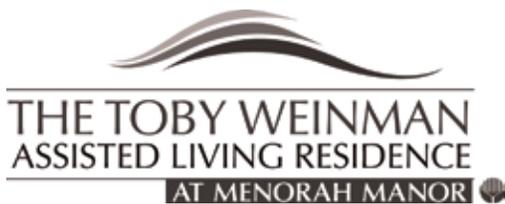
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- 4 Annuity scheme
- 5 Kind of zone
- 6 Kind of ball
- 7 ___ *de Lune*
- 8 NFL team
- 9 Kaline and Simmons
- 10 Terse
- 11 Football highlight
- 12 Golfing name
- 16 Televiser
- 18 Tennis periods
- 22 Composer Zimbalist
- 25 Honored
- 27 Comfortable
- 29 AFL- ___
- 30 Onetime boxer Lee

- 31 Pitcher Maglie
- 32 Golfing highlight
- 33 Football stats
- 34 Fam. member
- 35 Trick ending
- 38 Hoopster Malone, et al.
- 39 Decade pts.
- 42 Win, for victory, e.g.
- 44 Thirsting for more
- 46 Excellent
- 47 Supplication
- 48 Stamina
- 49 Played it back
- 50 Wilkes ___
- 51 Nicholas Gage book
- 52 Baking need
- 53 Singer Emma
- 56 AB followers
- 59 ___ Paulo, Brazil
- 61 Kingston Trio hit

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If you can and want to contribute to the program to showcase your talent, please send an email to cgospelsing@yahoo.com. or call 727-565-5244. ASAP, please.

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Labor Day Fish Fry at Gulfport Lions Den

Are you ready for Labor Day? The annual Gulfport Lions Labor Day Fish Fry is being set up for you on Monday, September 2nd served by the Lions of Gulfport at their den at 4630 Tifton Drive S., in Gulfport, right behind the Marina (directions: south on 49th St. to the end, turn left), from 4-8 p.m. and it is open to the public. And yes, we changed our hours last year. But it is BYOB and rain or shine.

The menu features a great supply of freshly fried pollack, homemade hushpuppies and cole slaw, baked beans, tarter and cocktail sauce, coffee and iced tea. And at a cost of just \$9 per person, for all you can eat, you can bring the entire family. Children under 10 are half price. Tickets will be sold at the door or contact your local Lion friends.

This is one of their Activities' Projects, with all of the proceeds generated to be allocated to their community outreach programs, especially Sight First activities, as are all of their fundraising projects (Spaghetti Suppers-2, Pancake Breakfasts-5, and Shrimp Boil).

Please make sure you are a part of this popular annual event, and don't forget they will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on October 6th. If you need further directions on the day of the event, call 515-7509.

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After several years of riding a Regions bike purchased by the tellers at the Gulfport branch, Regions higher-ups visiting the branch met Jimmy and decided it was time to buy Jimmy a new bike. After riding his bike every day for years, Jimmy's friend Rob Burkhart says it was time for a new one.

Regions paid for the bicycle, but Gulfport Police Department's Charley Squad collected money to pay for the accessories and assembly. Monday afternoon, a small crowd gathered to present the bike to Jimmy "Mr. Gulfport" Oswain.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

Venus is taking care of personal business in Virgo through Thursday, and then Friday she heads to her vacation home in Libra. (The two signs Venus rules are Taurus and Libra.) In Libra, Venus pumps up the intensely romantic ideas and helps us connect in ways that seem artfully designed enough to have popped off a movie screen. The sun's and moon's positions at the end of the week ignite the spirit of adventure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are many questions that employers ask during job interviews that are, in fact, illegal, but that doesn't prevent them from asking. You'll be asked inappropriate questions this week. Whether during an interview or in your everyday life, use tact while refusing firmly and politely to answer them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Shakespeare might think a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but you're increasingly irritated with someone who calls you everything but your proper name. Don't be afraid to demand that you be recognized for who you are. What you put out into the world this week warrants credit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). At the end of a long day, as sleep is coming on, you sometimes fall prey to regrets. Regret is simply a part of the beauty of having a choice and making decisions. Don't give it more power than it deserves in the scheme of your life. Like the Sinatra song, allow yourself a few -- but too few to mention.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You like to do your thing and allow others to do the same. This week, however, it may feel as though a loved one's hobby is approaching a state of obsession. Blaming the hobby won't help, but make clear that there are other diversions, including shared ones, and communicate your enthusiasm for them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be doling out compliments. These should be about one experience and/or person, so avoid inadvertently using contrasts to do the job.

Comparative statements only weaken the focus and cheapen the message. These kinds of conversational nuances will make a difference in your interactions this week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The word "comfort" combines two Latin words -- "com," which means "together," and "fortis," which means "strengthen." By joining someone, you strengthen that person. You provide comfort by simply being there. If you worry about what to say or do, you may do the wrong thing and say too much. Just be there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you are so strong, the tender, shy, sensitive and fragile will be drawn to you. Giving others your psychological presence will be of utmost importance. Don't worry too much about the exact dialogue or other minutia of your interactions. If your heart and mind are with the other person, that's what's felt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Accept yourself. Not because it's the best thing you can do for your personal life, your career, your finances, your spirituality, your image, your popularity, your style, your intellect, your health or another part of your life that matters. Accept yourself because you're acceptable. You're doing your best. And through self-acceptance, you'll do even better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be in an exciting new social environment. Be careful about how you proceed. Take too low a position and you run the risk that they'll mistake you for a doormat. Take too high a posture and they could mistake you for a target to take shots at. The middle ground is best until you get the social lay of the land.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Advice may be given, but it's usually not really a gift. It's a desire that the speaker is having -- a desire to guide or to appear smart or to see things go in a different direction. Let the full spirit of context inform you as you filter all of the advice you get this week, including this piece.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Diversity is necessary for success. Luckily,

you'll be surrounded by people very different from you. This ensures that you can all move forward in interesting and effective directions. If you surrounded yourself with clones, you would have too much of the same strength and be blighted by your collective weakness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're thinking differently than you were thinking 10 years ago -- or even last year, for that matter. And those who are thinking along different lines than you are will develop, too. So don't spend too much time or attention worrying about where everyone is right now. By just sharing, you'll make a difference.

This Week's Birthdays: Your friends will challenge, cheer and lift you up this year, so make plans and time to be with them. You'll meet strangers this month, and because you do the rare thing -- being yourself instead of pretending you're someone you're not -- you'll connect and be instant friends. November brings a prime investment opportunity. January is your chance to switch modes and experiment. You could brave a new job, relationship change or move. March and June bring financial bonuses.

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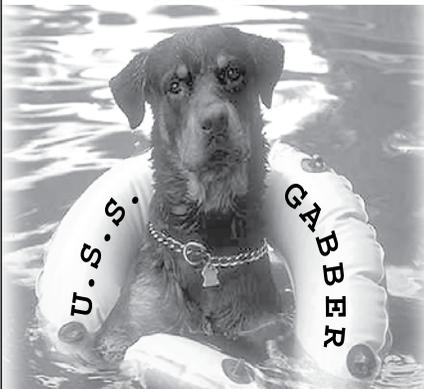
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Applicants will need to submit a brief overview of what they intend to vend, pictures of their products and an outline of where they are, or have been, vending. Vendors must be properly licensed (as applicable) and food vendors must provide product details along with their application.

The Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market runs year round and October marks the beginning of the high season. During season, the Market is home to approximately 80 vendors and is visited by more than 3000 people each Tuesday. Market hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during season.

Flamingo Home Tour Set for November 16

The date's been set, the City of Gulfport is on board and plans for the Flamingo Home Tour are well under way.

This year, Gulfport's luxury homes will predominate, including a couple of mind bending condominiums. At this point they are seeking artists who might want to show their work at one of the homes. They are seeking

a large, naming sponsor and sponsors for some of the individual homes. They are also seeking members in fields allied with housing such as construction, finance, insurance, real estate brokerage, alternative energy, engineering, etc. who want to show their wares in booths at the registration area.

In addition, they need volunteers to help man the homes in shifts between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on November 16. Once all the homes have been established, ad sales for the program will begin. People with sales experience such as realtors

are needed to staff this important activity. All volunteers and sponsors will be duly recognized in the program and advertising.

The registration and exhibit area will be at the Michael Yakes Recreation Center with parking available at that location and along the beach. The Gulfport Trolley and GEMS bus will be on shuttle duty all day.

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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.

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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.

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Gulfport City Council Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

“We got a chance to do it a couple of days ago. It is a really great experience.” – Mark Spence, about Island Ferry

“Take over the waterfront with volleyball? I don’t know if that’s really what we want to do.” – Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about another volleyball court

“So that’s it? Standing up here and talking ain’t going to mean a whole lot.” – Stan Kreuter, about the proposed water, sewer and stormwater 12% increase.

“The treatment of sewage is more expensive than purchasing water.” – City Manager Jim O’Reilly

“I do have concerns with some... of the contract. I’m disappointed with the process. As an officer of both the chamber and the merchants... I would hope in the future we have a little better process.” – Lori Rosso, President of the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and Secretary of the Gulfport Merchant’s Association, about the upcoming AVP volleyball qualifier

“I totally love the fact that we have these courts... the problem I have is the terms of this agreement. Now all of a sudden we get this event and it’s sponsored by So49... I think it’s a little unfair to assign it to the So49 group... we’re not opposed to the event, we’re approved to the way it’s coming about... I’m not political, I just calls ‘em like I sees ‘em... I think if we took our political hat off, we’d all be a lot more happy.” – Owen Pach, Vice President of the Gulfport Merchant’s Association

“So49 is not part of the sponsorship... we were asked if we wanted to be a part of it and do a booth, and we jumped at it.” – Jeri Reed

“I’m sorry the process didn’t go better, but based on what we had to work with... I think we’ll do better in subsequent years.” – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke

“All you other wards, you have public buildings and you have other things going on. This is all we have. Right now do we have a budget crunch... do we need to save \$107,000 for something else?” – Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about Ward Four Councilman Michael Fridovich’s assertion that he never saw anyone at R. W. Caldwell Park and that he did not believe the city should spend money to upgrade the equipment.

“If you’re not going to replace it I would advise you to remove it.” – City Manager Jim O’Reilly, about the necessity of improvements to R. W. Caldwell Park.

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“Are you kidding?” – Ward Two Councilman Christine Brown, when no other councilmembers had council reports

“Not well attended when I was there, but I was there early.” – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown, about Tuesday’s annual National Night Out event at the 49th Street Neighborhood Center

“I wish we had more of these details up front so you could have read comments beforehand.” – Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon

“The mayor and I have spoken to the Pinellas County School Board. There is no intention to change the name [of Hamilton Disston School].” – City Manager Jim O’Reilly, about another publication’s assertion that Hamilton Disston School will get a new name.

“I think we’re the most educated council we’ve ever had up here.” – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown, who graduates with her master’s degree Saturday. Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon has a Ph.D., and Mayor Sam Henderson is in the home stretch of his master’s degree.

“When it comes to the cameras and lighting on the street, obviously it would work a lot better if... there was some coordination [between the public and private sector].” – Bob Newcomb, Executive Director of the Gulfport Area of the Chamber of Commerce, who said he could not speak on behalf of the Chamber but said the chamber board would discuss coordinating such an effort.

“Are there other ways to utilize the volleyball courts so they don’t stay dormant most of the time?” – Ward Four Councilman Michael Fridovich

“[Instead of subsidizing events] I’d like to take a portion of that money and talk about how we want to spend money to market Gulfport and specifically who we want to market it to. I think it’s time we start re-allocating some of that money to do a really smart, well-thought-out, marketing campaign for Gulfport.” – Mayor Sam Henderson, who said he was sorry that the Chamber of Commerce and Gulfport Merchant Association representatives left the meeting once their agenda item passed.

Local Obituaries

D'AMBROSIO, JERRY, 81, of Gulfport, died July 23, 2013. He a veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his loving wife, Annette D'Ambrosio; two beloved daughters, Linda (Michael) Noto and Victoria (Michael) Hurguy; and three grandchildren, Michael III, Matthew and Jason Noto, who were his pride and joy. ALifeTribute.com, 727-347-5521. See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sptimes/obituary-browse.aspx?page=3&recentdate=0&entriesperpage=10#sthash.ErIM6XTQ.dpuf>.

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JOHNSON, IRENE C., 79, of Gulfport, passed away on Aug. 1, 2013, at her home. Born in Saskatchewan, Ontario, she came here in 1960 from Niagara Falls, Canada. She was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Clyde Johnson. She is survived by her son, Kurt M. Johnson and his wife, Liana, and a step-daughter, Beverly; a sister, Elena; and her nephews Grant, Grayling, and Glenn. At the request of the family, services will be private. Please, rather than sending flowers; consider a donation in Irene's name to Florida Cancer Specialists or the Suncoast Hospice Foundation. ALifeTribute - Gulfport. See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sptimes/obituary-browse.aspx?page=4&recentdate=2&entriesperpage=10#sthash.amgYBVzf.dpuf>.

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STIERWALT, DORISA., (Kravarik/Good/McCready), age 74, of Gulfport, FL passed July 25, 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.

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STIERWALT, JOHN M., born Jan. 14, 1940 in Harrisburg, PA, passed away on Friday, August 2, 2013 while at Bay Pines VA Hospice. He was husband to (recently deceased) Doris and they resided in Gulfport, FL. John is survived by his sister, Jackie Angelucci of Collegeville PA, children Tammy Minton and family of Marblehead, OH, Lisa Zeigler and family of Tiffin, OH, Deanna Randall and Jay Stierwalt both of St. Pete, FL, as well as Louise Good Haines of Gulfport, FL and George Good of Spokane, WA, Ron Kaiser of Gulfport, Cara Martens and Kevin Kaiser of St. Pete, FL and Kelly Kaiser of Minneapolis, MN. John is survived by many grandchildren. John will also be missed by his life-long friend, Frank Peterman of Seminole, FL. John had

served in the US Air Force and spent many years as an American Legion Post 125 member. He was also a member of the Color Guard. He was best known for his love of carpentry and cabinet-making. He had learned to build houses while working with his father. He then developed his own skills to become a master woodworker. He became quite the model train aficionado. At one time he had driven a milk truck, co-owned an auto body shop and was a police officer in Tiffin, OH. John was an avid fisherman. He caught a beautiful sailfish in 1969 in the Gulf of Mexico, which he placed in his home. This fish has been donated in his name to be displayed at the Neptune Grill in Gulfport, FL. Memorial service to be held at the Andy Anderson American Legion Post 125, 6440 Fifth Avenue S., Gulfport, FL 33707 on Saturday, August 10th, 2013 at 1 p.m. (Door opens at Noon).

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URBSAITIS, S T A S E IRTMONAITE, age 97, died peacefully on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at the home of her son, Algirdas Urbsaitis at 68 Seminole Dr., Lakewood, NJ. A long time resident of the Windsor at Town Shores of Gulfport, FL, she was predeceased by her husband, Kazimieras Urbsaitis in 1998, also of Gulfport, FL. Born in Raseiniai, Lithuania on October 6, 1915, she taught grammar school while living there. In 1944 when the turmoil of World War II reached her homeland, never having driven a horse and wagon, she nevertheless escaped danger with her mother, her cousin and their two 4 year old children to begin a new life in Germany. She immigrated to the United States in 1949 where she achieved the American dream through her hard work and talented hands. An accomplished seamstress, she kept bee hives, beautiful gardens and even poured cement for their new home in Middlebury, CT. She was fluent in three languages: Lithuanian, German and English. Active in the Lithuanian Club of St. Petersburg, FL, she was a member of Saint Kazimier Catholic Mission in St. Pete Beach, FL. Mrs. Urbsaitis is survived by her son, Algirdas

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Obituaries (con't.)

Antanas Urbsaitis, her daughter-in-law Janice Slavis Urbsaitis, two grandchildren: Jill Kathleen Duncan on Bowling Green, KY and Bryan Mark Urbsaitis of New York, NY, and two great-grandchildren: Dakota Connor Duncan and Lindsey Michelle Duncan of Bowling Green, KY as well as relatives still living in Lithuania. Interment will be in Waterbury, CT at the Lithuanian Association Cemetery, 102 Plank Rd., Waterbury, CT. Services are private.

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STIERWALT MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a dual-Memorial service for Doris and John Stierwalt on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 1 p.m. (doors open at noon) at the Andy Anderson American Legion - Post 125, 6440 Fifth Avenue S. in Gulfport. All are welcome to attend. goodysmusic@yahoo.com.

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Finding Out What Is In It

Are you ready for ObamaCare? If you don't have health insurance, or your policy does not meet the minimum guidelines for coverage, or your employer's coverage is not up to the new standards, you will be required to obtain coverage under ObamaCare by January 1. The health exchanges from which you must select your care, whether through the state or through the federal government (Florida's choice), are supposed to be ready by October 1, only a couple months away. If you are of a certain income (as high as \$94,000 for a family of four), you are eligible for a subsidy to help you pay for the plan. If you fail to comply, you will be fined, or taxed, depending how you look at it.

That's the way it is supposed to work. It's a bit more complicated than that which the federal government has acknowledged by delaying, for one year, the employer mandate that requires employers of 50 or more workers who work at least 30 or more hours, to provide insurance for their employees. Not only did employers complain about the Jan.1 deadline, but the government isn't ready for the rules and regulations needed to define the process.

The complications don't stop there. The mandate that all individuals have health care originally required that you had to have proof of income to get your subsidy. Unfortunately, the Internal Revenue Service, which is the enforcing agency, isn't ready. So, there will be an honor system approach. That's a potential for fraud. However, there's another side. If, in the following year and the system is up and running, you'll have to pay back any money that you weren't entitled to. Once the system is running properly, and your estimated earnings, based upon the past year's income, is above the limits, the same rule will apply. You have to pay back whatever coverage you had.

In the meanwhile, the squeakily wheels are already getting the grease. From the very beginning, the administration issued over a thousand exemptions, mostly to political allies. Now, major unions including the teamsters who represent IRS employees, say they want out, that the changes brought about by the legislation will negatively effect their benefits. Many unions have so-called "Cadillac" plans with benefits well above the norm. Also, congressional employees were originally required to purchase health plans through the exchanges. The latest news is that the administration and congress have come up with a plan that wipes out that requirement.

Prior to this latest round of preferred exemptions, individual exemptions or delays have been offered. It wasn't free, of course. It required hiring lawyers to argue with the Health and Human Services agencies. With the delay of the corporate mandate, those individual exemptions were redundant, although not entirely. I know of one instance where the delay was extended to two years. Part of the pressure to give exemptions stemmed from the fact that employers were threatening to layoff employees because they had to find money to pay for the insurance.

State governments haven't responded too well, either. The original bill called for mandatory expansion of Medicaid (state run) to cover an additional 30 million people. The U.S. Supreme Court made this discretionary. Twenty or more states have not agreed to the expansion even though the feds will pay the entire cost for at least three years. Nor have doctors been overwhelmingly supportive. Some have threatened to retire early (I doubt this will occur); others have said the reimbursement for Medicare and Medicaid is too low and won't take new patients. Medicare reimbursement is scheduled for certain cuts. Also, with new patients expected to flow into the regular medical flow, a doctor shortage is predicted.

In addition, surveys have shown that not many are aware of the upcoming deadlines. Some think that ObamaCare was repealed or thrown out by the Supreme Court; others have no familiarization with the issues at all. For young people under 26, many are just staying on their parents' policies, one of the few very popular aspects of the health plan. Then there is the issue of price. Not all policies have been priced and some of those already marketed, the costs are higher (some are also lower).

Overlaying these issues are the political factors. Republicans, none of whom voted for ObamaCare in the first place, are arguing that because the employer mandate has been delayed the individual mandate should be also. Democrats argue that the Republicans don't really care because they want to kill the program. That's not totally untrue. A strong faction within the conservative wing of the Republican party are trying to defund ObamaCare. That would take away the funds to implement the program. They are trying to tie it into the upcoming budget resolution needed to keep the government going (already hit the debt limit). President Obama won't sign any bill that doesn't include funding; some Republicans won't support a resolution that includes it. Republicans argue that this isn't a political ploy, but a political principle. Once implemented the plan is not likely to be ripped out, cost or effect notwithstanding.

Whether you support ObamaCare or not, none of this creates a clear path to broader health care. What it does point to is that the present 2,700 page legislation with 13,000 additional pages (so far) of regulations just may not be workable - at least in its present form. It is almost certain to exceed projected costs. Certainly, if not enough young, healthy people agree to buy the individual plans, there will not be enough money to support it. If too many people rush the system at once, there may be major delays in getting care. At the time of passage, House Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi said, "you have to pass it to see what's in it." That's what's being found out. The picture isn't very pretty.

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American Legion Activities

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 - Panhandler-** 47th St. & 26th Ave. S.
 - Burglary-** 1100 Blk 59th St. S.
 - Domestic-** 1800 Blk 50th St. S.
 - Person Under Influence-** 49th St & 23rd Ave. S.
 - Animal Call-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
 - Stolen Vehicle-** 1300 Blk 58th St. S.
- Saturday 7/27**
- Disorderly Conduct-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Trespass-** 1200 Blk 56th St. S.
 - Disorderly Conduct-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
 - Burglary-** 4900 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
 - Animal Call-** 2800 Blk Skimmer Pt. Dr. S.
 - Burglary-** 1800 Blk 49th St. S.
 - Burglary-** 1700 Blk Freemont St. S.
 - Theft-** 4600 Blk 29th Ave. S.
 - Animal Call-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.

- Accident with Injuries-** 49th St. & 15th Ave. S.
- Sunday 7/28**
- DUI-** 28th Ave. & Beach Blvd. S.
 - Assault/Battery-** 5700 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Domestic-** 1000 Blk 58th St. S.
 - Noise-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
 - Noise-** 2700 Blk 54th St. S.
 - Domestic-** 5600 Blk 18th Ave. S.

Monday 7/29

- Burglary-** 5500 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Burglary-** 1900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Theft-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Panhandler-** 5900 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 2900 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Hit & Run-** 55th St. & 11th Ave. S.
- Panhandler-** 2400 Blk 52nd St. S.

Tuesday 7/30

- Neighbor Problem-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Vandalism-** 5400 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5600 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 5600 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 2700 Blk 45th St. S.
- Domestic-** 6000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Burglary-** 5600 Blk 30th Ave. S.

Wednesday 7/31

- Domestic-** 5600 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Drug Call-** 5500 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 18th Ave. & 57th St. S.

Thursday 8/1

- Person Under Influence-** 54th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Prowler-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 29th Ave. & Miriam St. S.
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New Computer Classes at Senior Center

The Gulfport Senior Center Foundation announces the purchase and upcoming arrival of 10 new Toshiba laptop computers. They will come equipped with Windows 7 and the MS Office Suite. The new computers will be network ready providing access for email and web browsing, and will be used exclusively for both the Basic and Intermediate Computer Training Courses. The courses are both curriculum based and offer the student a "real world", Windows-based learning experience. Windows 8 instruction is not offered at this time. Classes will be held at the Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. in Gulfport.

They are pleased to have computer instructor, Anne Marie Pemberton, formerly of NASA for 25 years as the Chief Computer Systems Engineer for NASA Headquarters. Beginners classes will be on Tuesdays with the first class starting on September 3rd at 2 p.m. Intermediate classes will be on Wednesdays with the first class starting on September 4th. There will be four classes per month.

These classes will be fee based. Anyone aged 50+ may participate in the classes. Residents of Gulfport will pay \$40 for a series of four weekly classes. The non-resident fee will be \$50. Pre-registration for classes is at the Senior Center at least seven days before the first classes begin. Proof of age and residency such as a driver's license and a City water bill is required at enrollment time. Cash or credit card payment will be accepted.

Please call 727-893-2237 to enroll for class, or for further information.

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Heard About Town

Business News and Rumors on Boca Ciega Bay

Locally renowned Chef Jackie Smit, formerly of St. Pete Beach's Chill and then Riviera Supper Club, has opened Jackie's on Corey at 338 Corey. She has a full menu and a bottomless mimosa Sunday brunch...Smiley's Snack Shack at 3700 Gulf Boulevard applied for a permit to add over 1000 square feet to their restaurant, including two bathrooms... Isabelle's at The Peninsula Inn, Gulfport, food and beverage end remains closed, and the city says that rumors of a rehab facility opening have no basis in fact – or, at least, no basis in anything filed with the city. To operate a rehab facility would require a city-approved zoning change, and no one's made application for that as of press time... Mangia Gourmet is set to open at 2930 Beach Boulevard with gluten free, vegan, and vegetarian specialties. The menu prices hover at roughly \$10 per person...Healthcare giant HCA purchased Palms of Pasadena... Gigi's in South Pasadena remains closed, but sources close to local business leaders say the landlord has told tenants Walmart will be taking over the space formerly occupied by the longtime Italian-style restaurant.

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The Gulfport Lions club will be holding their inaugural "Mulligan Open" golf tournament on Saturday, September 14th at the prestigious Pasadena Yacht and Country Club. The club is located at 6300 Pasadena Point Boulevard S., Gulfport. Come and play where the likes of Walter Hagen, Babe Ruth, Arnold Palmer and many more have graced the fairways.

All proceeds from this event will fund their 2013 Christmas Toy Shop and Food Certificate program. This program has become such a large part of their community outreach efforts during the holiday season, that they as a club see the need to try to expand this wonderful holiday event. This program assists local families during the holiday season with the essentials to put a holiday meal on the dinning room table, and a little holiday cheer under the tree.

They are currently accepting golfer registrations as well as community sponsorships of all types. A \$25,000 Hole In One contest will highlight the event, with in round competitions including longest drive, closest to the pin and a putting contest to name a few. There is also three auxiliary hole in one contests on the remaining par

3s, so there is plenty of opportunity to strut your stuff.

There will be a southern style BBQ after the round at their local Lions clubhouse, where they will hold silent auctions, product raffles, 50/50 drawing, etc. The clubhouse is located at 4630 Tifton Drive S., Gulfport, just a few minutes drive from the course.

For more golfer registration information, or to see the wonderful sponsorship opportunities they have, please contact Smokey Clark, Gulfport Lions V.P., at 727-323-0116 or fclark89@tampabay.rr.com.

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Gulfport Rec's School Year Child Care Program

Registrations for the 2013-2014 School Year Child Care Program 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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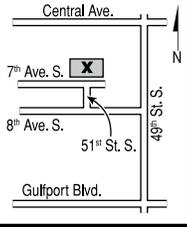
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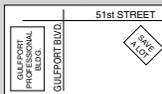
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Community Law Program

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.

If you qualify, the legal assistance is free. The Community Law Program is provided by St. Petersburg Attorneys and exists to empower the most vulnerable in our community through pro bono legal representations and assistance and outreach.

2013-2014 Tot- Time Program

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

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Artist for a Day: Jon Stine Shows Local Wood Hobbyist New Tricks



By Cathy Salustri

Jon showed Dan glue the wood, held together by joined “biscuits”, and clamp it. “I learned that to perfectly join two pieces of wood you need to have perfect 90 degree angles on the adjoining edges. This makes for seamless joints that become invisible after staining,” Dan said.

Tucked in a corner of Anderson Lumber, beyond the sawdust-covered planer and table saws, Jon Stine works his woodcraft magic. Hanging over his head, a wood bicycle – all wood, down to the chain – lets visitors know that they’ve walked into a special kind of wood shop. Across the shop, a plywood bar – don’t wrinkle your nose until you see the cross-section bar that will grace the new Cycle Brewing Company – waits for more attention.

Today, though, Jon’s taking a break from his clients to participate in the Gabber’s “Artist for a Day”, where we pair local people with local artists. Because of the nature of Jon’s work – lots of things that can slice off a fingertip – we chose Dan Liedtke, who has experience with woodworking and wanted to take his woodwork to the next level with a woodworking project in his home office.

Jon’s not your ordinary artist, at least not by some people’s definition, although he did get his BFA from Ball State University. He also has an MFA in printmaking and sculpture. He started his higher education with intentions of working in architecture and engineering, but quickly realized his passion lay with art and that he’d be happier as a studio artist.

“I knew I wouldn’t have a job,” he laughs. But, at 38, he does: he’s become locally and nationally in demand for woodworking projects. He works mostly with custom furniture, but goes beyond traditional carpentry. If you want cabinet boxes, call someone else. If you want a piece of furniture that draws focus for its beauty, he’s your guy. In an era of furniture to go and laminate-coated headboards for \$300, people respect his skill as an artistic craftsman.

“People will save up because they want heirloom quality [pieces] to pass to their children,” he says.

Jon and Dan got to work with Dan’s office piece, moving in tandem from planer to jointer to table saw to bar clamps and then the biscuit joiner. Every step of the way, Jon explained the necessity behind it. Some Dan understood; others helped him learn more of the craft.

“I learned that to perfectly join two pieces of wood you need to have perfect 90 degree angles on the adjoining edges. This makes for seamless joints that become invisible after staining,” Dan said, adding that he discovered Jon and that he could “make a lot of cool things in his shop.

“It was a pleasure and a lot of fun working with Jon. I gained a new friend and I am happy to have learned more about Anderson Lumber on Gulfport’s North 49th street border,” he finished.

Take a look at some of the photos and the finished product from our latest Artist for a Day (Jon’s the one with the beard). If you want to see some of Jon’s work here in Gulfport, check out the bar at Peg’s.

Interested in participating in Artist For a Day? Tell us at News@theGabber.com and we’ll put you in line for an upcoming feature.

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 Office Source are co-sponsoring a 30 day campaign among the business community called “Operation A Gift for Learning,” to raise the money necessary to achieve their vision.

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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Forget-Me-Not

Loss can be devastating and often individuals are unsure as to how they should process their grief. What can a grief support group offer you? A focus group is being created for opportunity to share your experiences with others who are struggling with similar grief. Discuss feelings and learn appropriate ways to express your bereavement while learning techniques for coping with the feelings associated with the loss and gain a sense of empowerment.

If interested, please call the Gulfport Senior Center at 893-2237 or 893-1231 to get on the list. Call Meagan Flores at 727-272-7771.

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Songs for the Pantry!

Victor R. Helou sings acapella with a taste of comedy on Wednesday, August 28 at 1:30 p.m. at The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center. 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. Thank you in advance for helping those less fortunate in your community.

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USCG Safe Boating Program

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August program includes: "Boating Safety" August 13, "Piloting Your Boat - Part A" August 20, and "Piloting Your Boat - Part B" August 27.

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Recycle, from front page

"We were sending our recyclables to SP Recycling in Largo until they were purchased by Recycling Services of Florida last month," Public Works Director Don Sopak explains. "They closed the facility in Largo and now we haul to Recycling Services' yard by the landfill on 126th Avenue North. All the recycling material hauled goes through their MRF to be sold."

How much does the city make from these recyclables? It depends on the market and supply and demand. The more people buy things made with recycled materials, the more money MRFs will pay cities like Gulfport for their old cans and cardboard.

Right now, Gulfport receives \$450 for every ton of used cans it sends to the MRF, but nothing for cardboard or glass. That can change based on what re-manufacturers (companies who buy recyclables from the MRF to make products) need to purchase to meet market demands.

Every month the city receives a price sheet that lists what Recycling Services will pay for recyclables. Mr. Sopak says the city wants to find "other facilities in the area that may be able to give us a better price."

Here's what Recycling Services paid the city in July for your recyclables:

Beverage cans: \$450/ton Newspaper: \$60/ton Mixed paper: \$50/ton
Mixed plastic: \$10/ton Commingled paper, paperboard & cardboard: \$5/ton

The city received no money for any glass or cardboard, and instead gets charged for sending glass to a Sarasota facility. Corrugated cardboard goes to Georgia, where it gets made into paper bag and other brown paper products.

Please remember that the city only accepts glass or cardboard too large for the curbside bin at the 49th Street drop-off facility behind the Neighborhood Center. In addition, it is a crime to steal from someone's recycling bins.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

This week, let's take a look at how legal transfers of control and decision-making work.

GUARDIANSHIP

This is a legal process in which the court places an individual or agency in control of someone else's affairs. Since establishing a guardianship requires action by the Court system, it can be expensive and cumbersome. In addition, guardianship reduces an individual's legal rights to those of a minor.

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You should be sure to specify exactly what functions are to be covered by the durable power of attorney. For example, medical decisions, investment choices and property care can be named specifically.

Of course, a durable power of attorney should be given only to someone you trust implicitly to act in your best interest. You should consult an attorney for the specific requirement of a durable power of attorney.

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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Save the Beer

So, I don't recycle. Well, more accurately, I didn't recycle. I recently started, for a few reasons. One, my friend Andy is big on garbage. Seriously, he wrote a master's thesis on Florida garbage and used to work for the county's solid waste – which is the politically correct word for “trash” – department. Two, for two people, we were producing a lot of garbage and I grew tired of the city's loan shark bulk pickup rates. No offense to Gulfport's fine solid waste guys, but \$17 every time the Claw of Trash swoops down is enough to make anyone start thinking, “Gee, how can I make less trash so I can cut up the remodeling trash and fit it in my can?” Three, the recycling game has changed.

Used to be, if you threw something in the bin that ended up not getting recycled, after a few months the MRF (Materials Remanufacturing Facility – it rhymes with “Smurf”) would truck it back to the local landfill or waste-to-energy (think environmentally responsible incinerator that creates power from trash, a la “Back to the Future”). This used twice the oil, fuel, wear and tear on the trucks, and manpower it would have if I'd just tossed the damn glass bottle in the trash at the get-go. So I stopped recycling, except for cans and newspaper, because those always seem to get made into new stuff. I insisted I didn't recycle because I counted it a net loss for the environment.

That's right, I didn't recycle because I cared about the planet.

Between my buddy Andy's pained expressions that suggested that I was singlehandedly decimating the planet and Gulfport's Public Works Director Don Sopak making me feel completely ignorant about the state of recycling, I figured the time had come. Also, Andy's getting married in October, and I figured him for just enough of a hippie that I could tell him I'd started recycling as my gift to him. So, I started tossing stuff into my bins, but I wanted to recycle smart. As I learned last week when I prepared our Recycling Market Report, some things still don't make sense to recycle. Chiefly, glass, because instead of getting paid for the glass it collects, as it does with things like cans, Gulfport pays someone to take the glass. I made the decision not to recycle glass.

This posed a problem for me, because I apparently am undergoing some sort of Earth Mother phase where I compost, make my own dog treats and sour mix, and want to use less stuff in general (which always made more sense than recycling evidence of conspicuous consumption, anyway: just use less stuff).

This means when I cracked open a Corona Light, I hated to throw the bottle in the trash. Mostly because now that we're composting and recycling almost everything we use, the damn bottles are pretty much the only thing in the trash, and I was starting to worry the trash guys were judging me.

So right now I'm trying something new: canned beer. It's not pretty, folks. Some people swear that canned beer actually tastes better because it doesn't let the light damage the taste of the beer. If that's the case, the only thing saving Corona Light is the light, because in the can it tastes like something served to prisoners.

I committed to trying the “no glass bottles” thing for a few weeks, and right now at the end of the first week, I've determined a few things: One, I am not one of those people who can laugh and say, “hey, any beer is better than no beer.” Two, I would make

a lousy alcoholic, because turns out that while Corona Light may not be the best beer, not much else replaces it. Three, I really wish someone would go ahead and find a viable use for used glass so the city can start making money from recycling it, because it's possible I just don't care about the planet quite that much.

I did bring my dilemma to Mr. Sopak, who had a hearty chuckle at my expense and, being a full-service city type of guy, suggested I pour the canned beer in a cold glass. Look, don't misunderstand, this is a true first world type of problem, and I don't blame you for laughing at me. But after a beautiful day on the boat or sitting through the unique ring of Dante's hell that is a city council meeting, my reward is a cold Corona Light. Anything fancier doesn't cut it. There's a reason fishermen love Budweiser: the lack of pretension goes down easier after a long day. Admittedly, I don't mind a touch more pretension in my beer, although it's Corona Light and not a microbrew I can neither afford nor pronounce, so not much more, but still.

Because I care about the city's bottom line and, to some degree, the impact my reward for sitting through city council will have on the planet, I will see this experiment through the end of the month. Oh, and here's something to amuse you: apparently beer and soda cans bring in so much money right now, we apparently have a rash of recycling thefts in Gulfport. We know this because Mr. Sopak gets phone calls that his trash guys dumped the recycling on the lawn, and he has to explain no, that wasn't city staff, that was a can thief. That's right, people go through your recycling at night and steal the cans. That doesn't mean you shouldn't recycle them – please do, they're bringing in about \$450 per ton, which the city uses to subsidize a lower property tax rate. Just hide your can bin under your newspaper bin, because stealing beer cans is apparently the newest crime in town.

So go ahead, drink more beer. It's for the good of Gulfport. Just recycle those cans.

Even the Budweisers.

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G.F.

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