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A New Beginning

Photo by Shelly Wilson

While the heat will be with us for a while yet, it's already fall on academic calendars. Monday marked the start of a new year for students in Pinellas County's public schools. With equal measures excitement and dread, kids left their summer vacations behind, grabbed new backpacks and lunch boxes, and marched off to their first day of school. At Gulfport Elementary, parents swarmed in the controlled chaos of the afternoon to pick up their kids and get a full report. According to 4th grader Chloe Clark, the day was "Awesome!" But it was another story for kindergartener Taylor Hemmings (pictured left, with Jerome Jefferson) who expressed some concerns.

"The girls didn't share swings on the playground," she said. Don't worry, Taylor. The first day is always the hardest.

**Council Talks
Ducks, Docks and
Dispatch**

By Shelly Wilson

Local wildlife has been a hot topic this summer. Tuesday evening's Gulfport city council meeting opened with a response to the news of birds dying in and around Tomlinson Park last week, including seven ducks. The cause of the deaths is still unknown, but according to City Manager Jim O'Reilly, the city is doing everything it can to find out.

"The city, the city employees, the Gulfport Police Department, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Florida Department of Environmental protection – all of those organizations are looking into why the seven ducks and the one small heron died this past week in Tomlinson Park's retention pond," O'Reilly reported. "I just want everyone to know, the city is taking this very seriously."

A necropsy is being performed

See **Council**, page 35

Ducks Dying at Tomlinson Pond

Two state agencies test water, soil, and ducks for clues

By Cathy Salustri

Last Wednesday night, one of the Tomlinson Park ducks died in Gulfport Police Officer Jennifer Crowson's arms. Another duck had already died when the Gulfport Police arrived at the pond, and a third died en route to the emergency veterinarian.

According to Sergeant Rob Burkhart, Officer Crowson called the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Wednesday evening. Police Chief Rob Vincent told the Gabber that FWC asked the police to leave the dead birds as the police found them.

See **Dying Ducks**, page 46



By Monday morning, more ducks – see our reader submitted photo – arrived at the pond.



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Volunteers need only work one shift a month. Next month the museum will open with new hours that will make history more accessible to people who work during the day. Hours will include ArtWalk, the Tuesday market, and expanded Saturday hours.

Please call Miki Vaughan at 321-5705 or Cathy Salustri at 656-5420 for more information.

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Come Out for the Fish-a-Thon

City of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation and the Civitan Club of St. Petersburg celebrate the 65th annual Fish-A-Thon for youth, teens and adults. This annual end of summer event will be held at Lake

Jorgenson, behind the Main Library, 9th Ave. N. between 37th and 39th St. on Saturday, August 24. The event begins with registration at 9 a.m. and honors Dennis Crenshaw, a former high school teacher and advocate for youth outdoor recreation activities. Official fishing begins at 9:30 a.m. with nine to 15 minute fishing intervals.

Prizes are awarded throughout the event at each fishing period. Everything is provided for the contest including cane fishing poles and bait. Appropriate foot attire and sunscreen is advised. Personal fishing equipment is not allowed. Closed-toe

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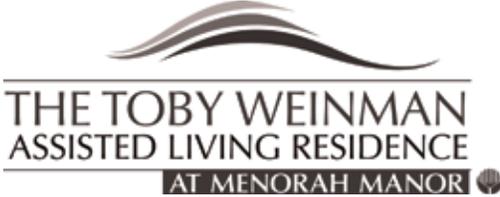
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Register for Little League

Gulfport Little League is now taking registrations for the Fall Ball Season. Sign up on-line at www.gulfportlittleleague.net or in person at the field, 1820 55 Street S. on Thursdays between 6-7 p.m. upstairs. Call Bruce Ward at 727-327-7383 to schedule an appointment.

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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.

Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on August 23rd at 10 a.m. and learn unique ways to use recycled products in your garden. Please bring something to write with and paper to take down notes. The park is located next to the electronic billboard on Shore Drive (1600 Pasadena Avenue). Meet Natalie in the pavilion.

Seniors' Chat Room

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Dog Swim Day

The end of swim season for humans marks a day of fun for our canine friends. Bring your dog for a day of leash-free swim and play in the pool on Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25 at Fossil Park Pool, 6739 Martin Luther King Jr. St. N. Choose from three swim sessions: from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Register at start time with proof of dog(s) current vaccination. Donations of clean towels, Nylabones, bleach, dish soap, blankets, trash bags, and newspapers will be accepted on behalf of the S.P.C.A. Admission: \$5 per dog, per session (humans free). Sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation. For further information call 893-7732. No humans permitted in pool. Fossil Park Pool will be closed for the season and maintenance following Dog Swim Day. For more information call 893-7732.

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Even Cafe Managers Get a Break

Most Gulfport Montessori students know Tony Agostine from the lunchroom, where he manages the cafe. Turns out grownups enjoy summer break just as much as the kids: Mr. Agostine spent at least one of his days up on Clearwater Beach. Here he is on the Sea Screamer, a dolphin watch boat, and it looks like the lunch line is the furthest thing from his mind.

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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 dining 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 Women's Softball League

The City of Gulfport Recreation Division will have priority registration for teams currently in their summer league to participate in the 2013 Women's Fall Softball League September 3-6 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Open registration will be on September 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. if spots are available. The 10-game season will be played on Friday nights beginning September 20th with a 6-team maximum. League fees are \$385.00 or \$485 for teams with three or more non-residents of Gulfport. Payments must be cash or check and are due at registration. For more information please call John at 727-893-1079.

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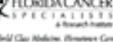
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“You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a

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

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

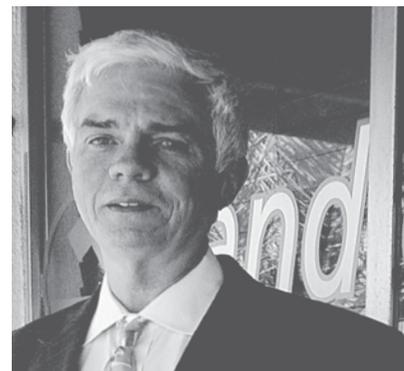
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Letters

Kudos to the garbage collectors

Dear Editor: not too often do you hear of compliments to your twice a week collectors, but I must say that mine are the best. Thank you to Donovan, the collector and Julio, the driver. They are just super. They do a great job and are always friendly and accommodating. I look forward to Julio's waving to me and my dog Bob looks forward to seeing his friend Donovan.

I just want to say thank you for the great job that they do, no matter what the weather or how much they have to pick up be it from me or my neighbors. You're the best! Thank you so much.

Jan Netherland
and Bob the dog

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In favor of mooring field

Dear Editor: Hi Cathy, as a cruising sailor, Maine to the Bahamas and many other areas, and a winter resident of Gulfport, I completely agree with your well-written article calling for a mooring field and pump-out boat for Gulfport's waterfront "Cruising into Gulfport" in the Aug. 1, 2013 edition. Excellent, I hope the powers in charge will have read your article and will finally do something about the problems you so thoughtfully state. Keep up what pressure you can.

P. S. I installed a composting head on my 38' sailboat and love not ever pumping out!

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St. Pete Beach Youth T-Ball

The City of St. Pete Beach is offering Youth T-Ball and Soccer leagues this fall. Registration is August 19th-31st at St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Youth T-Ball will be offered for ages 4- 7 years old and Youth Soccer for ages 4- 9 years old. Cost for each league is \$90. For more information call 727-363-9245 or visit www.spbrec.com.

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Singing Group Needs Instructor

Singing Group practice which was held at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. is cancelled at this time. Once a new volunteer music instructor has been found, we will restart the class. We are also looking for a volunteer accompanist pianist. If you have questions or you are interested, please call Gail at 727-893-2237.

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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.

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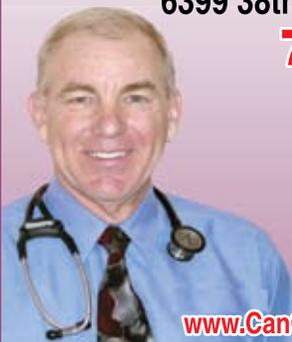
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Arts and Crafts Book Sale

Have you visited the Circle of Friends Bookshop of the Gulfport Library at 5501 28th Avenue S.? This week there is a special sale on arts and crafts and how-to books. Also check out the 25 cent cart and choose among a large variety of books on every imaginable topic at very affordable prices. All proceeds go to support programs at the Gulfport Library.

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Market Accepting Vendor Applications

Applications are now being accepted for select vendors for the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market fall season. This season begins October 1, 2013, and runs through June, 2014. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply to the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market Coordinator, Laura Garrison via email at gulfportmarket@gmail.com. Specialty vendors, including those

selling seafood, cheese, and gourmet food products are highly encouraged to apply.

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.

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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 soup, cepelinai (grated potato meat dumplings), served with bacon or sour cream, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked Lithuanian bread to buy every Thursday. Call Vida at 866-7936. Everyone is welcome.

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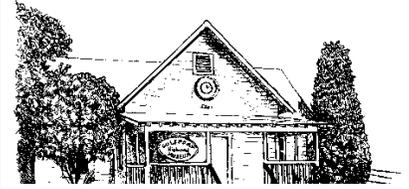
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News from the Gulfport Historical Society



Planning a City's Birthday

Come plan the city's birthday with the Gulfport Historical Society on August 28. Volunteers will meet with organizers and plan the ins and outs of the birthday bash in a relaxed atmosphere.

Bring a dish to share – or not – and help orchestrate the two birthday events – the traditional daytime event as well as the new "Gulfport Under the Stars" birthday celebration and fundraising dinner.

The Society still needs help planning the pet parade, finding donations for the silent auction, coordinating ticket sales and fundraising efforts, and organizing volunteers for the day and evening events.

If you want to get involved with the Society but aren't quite sure you can commit to a regular schedule of volunteering, the birthday bash is the perfect opportunity to test the waters without committing a mountain of your time.

Please come to the Gulfport Historical Society at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28. You'll find the Society at 5301 28th Avenue South in Gulfport.

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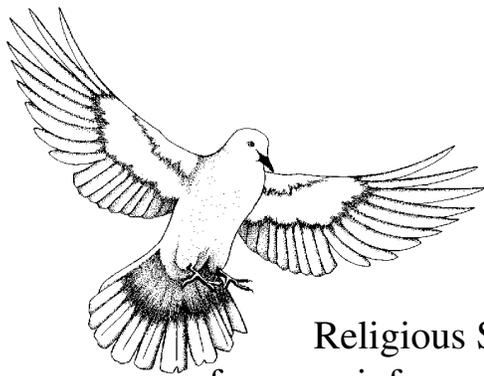
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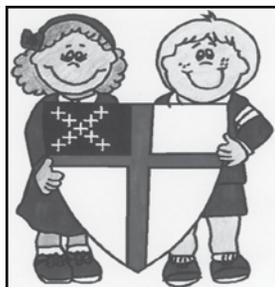
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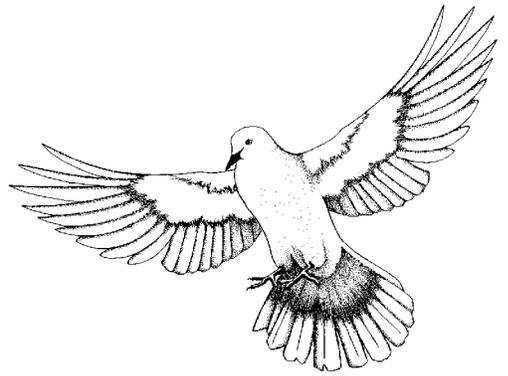
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YNOT Ministries Seeks Volunteers

YNOT Ministries is looking for new Core members to help us run our expanding ministry. They are looking for fun, enthusiastic, and motivated people between the ages of 20 and 30. You must be able to pass a Level Two Background Check. YNOT Ministries is a non-denominational Christian based youth outreach for high school students. Responsibilities of Core members may include: being involved in skits, planning youth nights, running small groups, and

participating in fundraisers and community events. They are located at the Trinity Church of the Nazarene at 1000 55th Street South in Gulfport. If interested in becoming a member of their team please contact Nick Harper for an interview by emailing him at Ynot4Jesus@gmail.com.

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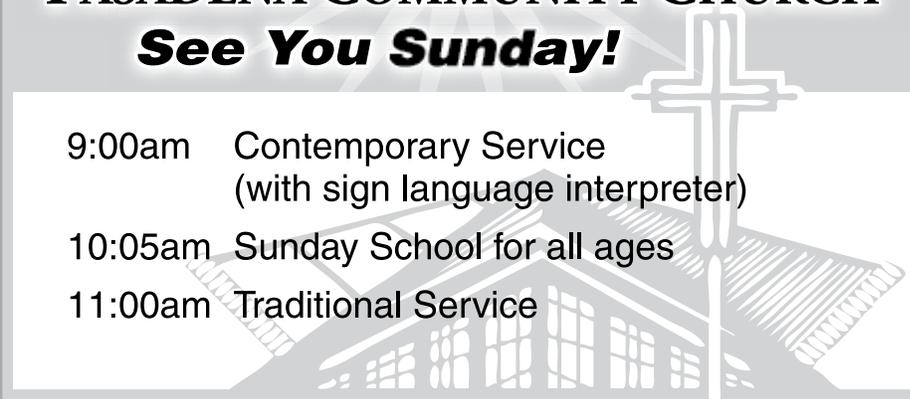
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Hey teens! Are you looking to fill community service hours for school or for a scholarship? The Gulfport Public Library is a great place to volunteer! It's a fun way to meet other teens and improve the library while fulfilling your community service requirement. Contact Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us or 727-893-1074.

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Volunteers at Senior Center to Meet

There will be a meeting of all interested Senior Center and Senior Center Foundation volunteers on

Friday, August 30th at 9 a.m. at the Senior Center. This is a planning meeting for their biggest fundraiser of the year, "The Duffers Ball" on October 18th. There are various "fantastic" tasks available to choose from! If you are not currently a volunteer but have a few spare hours to meet some great people and have some fun, please come!

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Bootcamp Fitness Challenge

Take the Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness challenge continues on Tuesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Cost is \$10 per class. Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness

incorporates a high-intensity interval training program that focuses on high-intensity anaerobic exercise, coupled with lower-intensity rest periods. These short yet intense workouts provide improved athletic capacity and condition, increased strength and muscularity, improved glucose metabolism, and extreme fat burning. In addition to strength and fitness, Urban Survivor Bootcamp incorporates a fun and light group atmosphere for all who participate regardless of physical fitness level or experience. Take on the challenge on Tuesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 at Gulfport Recreation Center. Cost is \$10 per class. Starting Tuesday, August 20, it will be the most intense and most rewarding workout you have ever experienced. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 727-550-7185 for more information.

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Tim Dorsey Returns to Gulfport Public Library

Tim Dorsey, the popular Florida author, returns Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. inside the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. Call 727-893-1073 to reserve your seat for this event.

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Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

Overview

ACROSS

- 1 Enthusiasm
- 4 Mythical raptors
- 8 Open courts
- 13 Indignation
- 14 Part of QED
- 15 This gets the shaft
- 16 Diva Merriman
- 17 Start of quote by Astronaut David Wolf, from Mir
- 19 Correspond
- 21 Mouths: L.
- 22 Legal claim
- 23 Ram's reversal
- 24 Scout master?
- 26 Chaise
- 29 More of quote
- 34 Above, to a bard
- 35 Pay attention
- 36 Finnish bread?
- 37 Forces acceptance
- 39 Used car source
- 41 Hornet hue?
- 42 Accomplishes
- 43 Western U.S. original
- 44 More of quote
- 47 Pantomimes
- 48 Saw
- 49 Type of can

DOWN

- 51 Meadowlands
- 54 Sargasso or Salton
- 55 Unparalleled
- 59 End of quote
- 62 Coffee server
- 63 Skittle Players painter
- 64 Withered
- 65 In the past
- 66 A Roosevelt
- 67 ___ bien
- 68 Plains leader

DOWN

- 1 Wine source
- 2 Basra's milieu
- 3 Bill of fare
- 4 Returned to prior owner
- 5 Mispickel or galena
- 6 Important artery
- 7 *Sophie's Choice* author
- 8 Emden exclamation
- 9 Like most clover
- 10 Rajah's mate
- 11 *Picnic* playwright
- 12 Related
- 17 Letter from Patras
- 18 Type of top
- 20 Actress Irving

DOWN

- 25 Spanish appetizer
- 26 Syrup source
- 27 *Chita* writer
- 28 Medieval helmet
- 30 The males of the species
- 31 Outdo
- 32 Tie the knot
- 33 Fork parts
- 35 Sharpened
- 38 Echoed
- 39 Palindromic potion portion
- 40 Moves to a different location
- 42 "They call me a ___ ..."
- 45 Bridge position
- 46 Octogenarian antagonist
- 47 The King
- 50 Opp. of outside
- 51 Catalog
- 52 Italian noble family
- 53 Bedazzled
- 56 University feature
- 57 Impel
- 58 Seth's son
- 60 Random choice
- 61 Anger

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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: Community Center

Q: Of the Community Center users, what percentage consists of St. Pete Beach residents?

A: About half, according to director Jennifer McMahon. While non-residents comprise roughly 85% of the facility rentals, 60% of the people who use the fitness center and the aquatic center live in St. Pete Beach. About half the class attendees live on the beach, and 55% of the campers come from St. Pete Beach, she reports.

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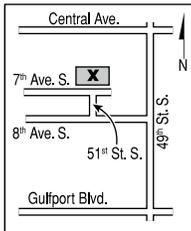
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2013-2014 Teen Night Program

Registrations for the 2013-2014 Teen Night Program have begun at the Gulfport Recreation Center. The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 17. It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, service projects and overnight lock-ins. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Annual registration is \$2 residents/\$22 non-residents. New school year started Monday, August 19, 2013. Any teen registering now will be able to attend the remaining of the 2012-2013 Teen Night Program. For more information please call John at 893-1079.

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Gulfport Rec's 2013-14 School Year Child Care Program

On-going registrations for the 2013-2014 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who are entering Kindergarten through age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport and Douglas Jamerson Elementary schools. 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. The Recreation Center announces the sponsorship of the "Afterschool Nutrition Program", a subcomponent of the Child Care Food Program. The program is designed primarily to provide nutritious snacks to children in afterschool programs. Snacks are available at no separate charge to the children. In accordance with the Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Hours for registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Packets are available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. and on-line. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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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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Got an iPad, Now what?

Older active adults are invited to sign-up to attend the first quarterly workshop titled "Got an iPad! Now what?". The workshop will be held on Thursday September 12th from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center located at 5501 27th Avenue S., Gulfport. Jaclyn Moore, Gold Award Girl Scout Project Leader, will conduct the workshop.

The workshop will cover basic functions of the Apple iPad. There is limited space available and no fee to attend the workshop. Please bring your very own Apple iPad and Apple passwords! Please contact the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 727-893-1231 in order to reserve your spot or for more information.

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Healthy Aging Tips: Top Ten List

Come learn the top ten most important tips for healthy aging on Wednesday, September 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. Heidi Crocket from Aging Care Advocates will outline an integrated approach to healthy living, including how discoveries in neuroscience unlock the mystery to why we are able (or not able) to make healthier food and lifestyle choices. Free seminar for Center members. Not a member and 50 or over? Sign up for free today!

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Senior Solos Calendar

Back in action after a two-month summer break, the Senior Solos

will continue the fun with lunch at the Red Lobster on Hwy. 19 (34th St.) at 62nd Ave. in St. Petersburg on September 4th. Then mark your calendar for the first regular meeting of the season on September 9th at 1:30 in the Recreation Center, 7625 59th Street N. in Pinellas Park. Bring a dish to share and \$2 or come without a dish and pay \$5. These pot-luck lunches always provide an

interesting array of yummy foods. At this meeting you will also hear about the upcoming changes in procedures for the Senior Solos group. After the eats and the business, they will play a rousing game of card bingo with mystery prizes for the winners. All singles 55+ are welcome! Call Pat at 727-520-8797.

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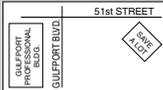
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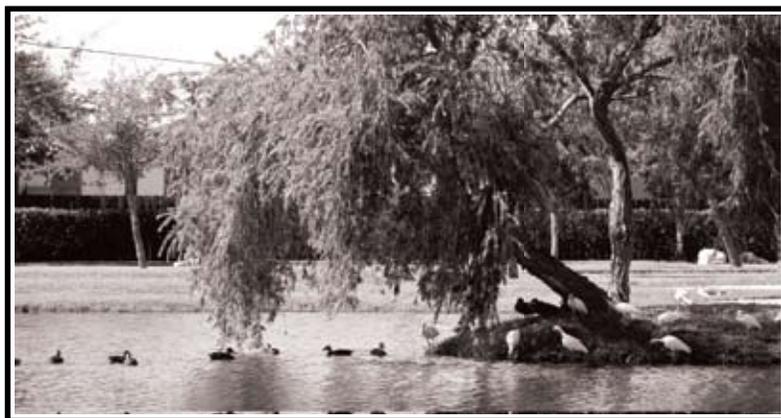
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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

Venus, Jupiter, Pluto and Uranus, all in cardinal signs, line up to suggest that this is the time to make a move toward the future you want. Cardinal signs are indicators of initiative. Take it or miss out. Don't stand at the subway platform of life watching doors open and close. This is a time when the difference between one reality and another is one step. Step inside and let the train speed you into a new reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes you could open your arms and love the whole entire world. But right now, what you need most is to pull your arms tightly around yourself in a kind of soul-hug. Getting the proper amount of time alone this week will be crucial to offering yourself some self-appreciation and protection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are many moving pieces that propel your life forward this week, and you realize that in the future you will need other pieces to move instead of or in addition to the current set. You'll objectively understand what has to come together in order to set your life in order. By Wednesday, you'll be ready to make a bold decision.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Most people will retreat from unfamiliar circumstances and react with varying degrees of trepidation to people, objects and situations they do not understand. You'll react differently, letting curiosity and spontaneity lead the way as you happily head right for the very things others run away from.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Be patient as you get to know people this week. They will show themselves to you slowly instead of letting you know right away what they are all about. This reserved style will give you both a chance to ease into a course of action you'll both be comfortable with. There's no reason to rush.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some people need to be No. 1 because

they are so confident that they think it's their given spot. Others need to be No. 1 because they are insecure. This week you'll need to be No. 1 because you have the best idea, and many will be helped if people do it your way. So stay on task.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you try to treat everyone identically, there will be problems. Trying to meet each person's individual needs won't work, either. You'll only wind up running around, doing too much and having little impact. Instead, do what you most like to do and give your best -- then you'll attract a good fit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You want freedom and security at the same time -- opposites that are difficult to balance. You're bold enough to push the boundaries, but your wisdom and maturity may win out. Just because you can do something doesn't mean it's a good idea. Winning in the short term could mean losing in the long term.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes you feel like a fish out of water who's forgotten all about the other world that lies beneath the surface of the lake. You like to hear stories about what exists in that world, because those tales resonate with something deep inside you. The only way to get back from whence you came is to dive in.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be open to an idea that you wouldn't even have considered until this week. Strange environments will be a part of your experience. On Friday, you'll wind up in a place you couldn't have predicted you would be -- but you can be sure your actions are what led you there. Whether you stay or go is also up to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are those who'd like to help you but are not in a position to do so. Then there are those who, as well intentioned as they may be, will give precisely the kind of "help" you don't need. This week will show you someone who can do precisely what you most need. So don't miss the

opportunity. Ask outright for help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Think about the best things people have told you in your life. Chances are, when you first heard the wisdom, you didn't think much of it. That's the way wisdom is: It sticks around and waits for you to be mature enough to understand its meaning. You'll give and receive such wisdom this week.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To others, it may seem like you are doing several things at once. But what you're really doing is only one thing at a time. Like a juggler, you catch one ball and release it, catch another and release it. Your attention to each step adds up to an optical illusion in which you are handling everything at once.

This Week's Birthdays: You'll be like the master sculptor, expertly shaping your personal life into a marvelous work of art. September brings new reasons for and ways of changing your lifestyle to reflect your values. A partner helps you with numerous kinds of support in October, and you'll gladly return the favor in November by using your talent to promote your partner's interests. Romance isn't easy, but it's thrilling through October and November. A new income source opens up after February's training.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members will be attending the Annual Beginning Day Luncheon on Saturday, August 24 at Banquet Masters. The annual luncheon is hosted by Laureate Epsilon Nu. Each year is a different theme and this year's theme is "Take a Chance on Friendship." This is always a wonderful event and a great way to begin the new sorority year.

LET will be meeting on Wednesday, August 28 for a ways and means meeting at the home of Kay Brown at 7 p.m. The members have been working over the summer to get many of this year's Christmas Mice ornaments painted. Members are taking orders for the 2013 edition which is a mouse in a jack in the box.

Sorority meetings will begin in September for many of their chapters. The theme for the year is "Light Up Your Life." They are hoping to find some new members during this year. If anyone is interested in learning more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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2013-2014 Tot-Time Program

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

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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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Recreation Center 5730 Shore Blvd. So 893-1068

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PROGRAMS

2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Ongoing registrations for the 2013-2014 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who are entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

2013-2014 TOT TIME PROGRAM

Pre-registration continues for the 2013-2014 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 3, 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.

2013-2014 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM

The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 17. It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, game room and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

NEW CLASSES

- Interested in teaching a class? Call John at 893-1079 for info
- BeVolley Academy Clinics – Sept. 10th & 18th, Jr. Class 5:30-7p.m. Adult class 7-8:30p.m. Call 495-6696 for more information or visit the website www.bevolleyacademy.com
- Chair Yoga - Returns in the fall. Call Joyce at 727-345-0679
- Beginners Conversational Spanish – Starts Mon., Sept. 9th, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Call 727-482-2125 for more info.
- Fencing - Wed., NEW TIME 5:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- German For Beginners - Tues., 6 to

7pm. Call 727-755-3459 or email Pegasus.scholar@gmail.com

• Gymnastics – Returns Thur., Sept. 5th, 5:30-6:15p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

• Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.

• Tai Chi – Tues. & Thurs., Returns to Rec Center Aug. 27th, 9:15-10:30 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.

• Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Call Jack at 280-4276

• Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness – Tues., 6:15-7:15 p.m. Please call Donnie Ali-McClendon @ 727-550-7185.

• Yoga in the A. M. – MOVED TO SCOUT HALL, Wed., 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

• Yoga in the P.M. – RETURNS WED., SEPT. 4th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

• Zumba - RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER. Call Rachel at 419-905-5562 for more info.

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

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.



Gulfport Library 5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074 or fax 344-6386

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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

iPad for Beginners Class: Thurs., Sept. 12, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Learn how to use & enjoy your new technology. Session limited to 15 participants. Call 727-893-1073 to reserve your seat for this popular class.

ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step) Meeting: Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. FMI: Call 727-360-9069.

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

Gulfport Toastmasters: Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. FMI, call 727-827-7875.

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

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.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thurs., Sept. 19, 11:00 am. **Note new time. Discussion of "Breakfast at Tiffany's" by Truman Capote, 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.

Tim Dorsey: Thursday, Sept. 19, 7:00 pm. The popular Florida author returns! Please call 727-893-1073 to reserve your seat for this lively event.

CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS

Storytime: Join Cailey every Thursday morning for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Sing songs, play instruments and meet other caregivers in the community. Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am.

In Our Own Words, Youth Book Writing Contest: Saturdays, Sept. 14 – Nov. 16, 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Students in Grades

1-12 will have a chance to create a book and participate in workshops. The winning book to be published by Trace Taylor Books! Parents welcome. FMI call 893-1073.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, Sept. 21, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 p.m. It's been a long summer, so join us as we resume our monthly program. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by our Circle of Friends. For movie titles, call 727-893-1074.

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

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Services *City Sponsored Activities* in the Community

Senior Center

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

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

G.E.M.S. Gulfport Extended Mobility 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.

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

Fitness Center Schedule: Monday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 p.m., Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:00 am - 7 p.m. Annual sign up for the Fitness Center is an affordable \$25 a year or \$40 a couple. Stop by the Senior Center and take a tour of our state of the art fitness facility.

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 September 3 and 10 at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. \$12 for AARP member and \$14 for non-member. Call 893-1231 to register.

Support Groups

Diabetic Support Group on Mondays at 9:30am

Caregivers: Every Wed. at 2pm

LABOR DAY – The Gulfport Senior Center will be CLOSED Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

“Healthy Aging Tips: Top Ten List” - Wednesday, September 4 at 1:30 p.m. Come learn the top ten MOST IMPORTANT tips for healthy aging. Heidi Crocket from Aging Care Advocates will outline an integrated approach to healthy living, including how discoveries in neuroscience unlock the mystery to why we are able (or not able) to make healthier food and lifestyle choices. FREE

1st Friday Flea Market – Friday, September 6, 9 a.m. – Noon. It's back and you won't want to miss all the cool stuff you can buy for

bargain prices!

Movie Day at the Snack Bar – Tuesday, September 10 at 11:30 a.m. Watch a FREE movie and get a great deal on lunch for \$3.00!

Coffee Club – Thursday, September 12 at 10 a.m. Scott O'Berry has an open discussion on current events, the economy and investing, in a relaxed informal setting. Free coffee and doughnuts. Sponsored by Edward Jones. FREE

iPad Workshop – Thursday, September 12 at 4 p.m. Jaclyn Moore, Gold Award Girl Scout Project Leader, will conduct the workshop. Jaclyn will cover basic functions of the Apple iPad. There is limited space available and there is no fee to attend the workshop. Please bring your very own Apple iPad and Apple passwords! You must pre-register with Rachel (727) 893-1231 in order to reserve your spot or for more information. No walk ins.

Happy Birthday to YOU – Tuesday, September 17 at 12:00 p.m. A Birthday Party with cake and ice cream for everyone. Whether you are celebrating a September Birthday or not, this party is for you! Provided by Wellcare.

Harmonica Music Celebration! – Wednesday, September 18 at 2 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater. Mingle at 1:30 p.m. with appetizers in the Theater Lobby. Celebrate the Harmonica clubs many years of making beautiful music. Learn about their story and lifelong friendships! Free McDonalds coupon for every ticket purchased. Tickets:

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Faith Cathedral International Church: 9:30am, Sun.; 4th Sun. Bible Study
Overeaters Anonymous: Sun. 6:15-8:15pm

\$3.00.

Prostate Cancer Screening (blood test only) – Friday, September 20 from 1 – 3 p.m. Please call 893-1231 to schedule an appointment. Offered by the J. West Prostate Cancer Foundation.

How important is your quality of life? – Wednesday, September 25 at 1:30 p.m. Workshop provided by Access Community Services.

A Night in Italy – Friday, September 27 – Dinner at 6 p.m. and Dance Performance at 7 p.m. by the Italian Folk Dancers. Tickets: \$10

More Activities: www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org



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Tuesday, Sept. 3
Ballroom Lessons
12-1pm Intermediate Lesson
1-2 Beginner Lessons
2-3 Dancing
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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**

**Every Thursday
Salsa Dance
6:30-8pm Beg. & Inter. Lessons
8-10pm Dance, \$7**

Local Obituaries

CAMPBELL, JEANNE V., 92, of South Pasadena, passed away Aug. 16, 2013. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Thomas A. Campbell; her daughter, Mary (Raymond) Campbell Soltis; 2 brothers, Joseph and Anthony Viola; and her granddaughter, Mary Regina. Friends will be received at the Brett Funeral Home, 4810 Central Ave., Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013 from 6-8 p.m. with a Wake service at 7 p.m. Viewing will also take place on Thursday, Aug. 22nd at St. John Vianney Catholic Church from 10 a.m. to Mass time at 11 a.m. Entombment to follow at Calvary Cemetery. There will also be a Memorial Latin Mass said on Friday, Aug. 23, 2013 at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, Our Lady's Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in LaCrosse, Wisconsin or to have masses said for Jeanne. On line memorial and guestbook at www.brettfuneralhome.net.

HOFFMANN, ROBERT MARTIN "BOB", age 81, entered eternal rest Aug. 15, 2013, at Suncoast Hospice Woodside, where he received compassionate care. Bob was a chef at The Pelican Diner on St. Pete beach for many years, and later the baker at the GE Plant. Bob leaves behind his loving wife of 60 years, Michaelina; his two sons, Bob and Tom; a daughter-in-law, Vicki; 5 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. Visitation Saturday, Aug. 24th, 11-1 p.m., service to follow at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Suncoast Hospice Foundation. For full obituary and additional info, visit www.MemorialParkFuneralHome.com.

ROWOHLT, THERESA, of Gulfport, passed away on Aug. 17,

2013, peacefully at the age of 103 years. She was born in New York City and came here from Queens, Long Island, NY. She was an executive secretary in New York City. Survived by her great-niece, Suzan Root and her husband, Walter; great-nephews, Robert Seyfried and his wife, Cindy, Erick Seyfried and his wife, Rosemary; and four great-great-nieces. A Life Tribute - Gulfport.

WALTERS, LEE, 100, of St. Pete Beach. Died August 15, 2013. Survived by family and friends. Guestbook www.davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Home, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

WARD, GEORGE THOMAS, 76, of Pass-A-Grille, passed away Aug. 16, 2013, at St. Anthony's Hospital. He is survived by a loving family. For obituary and information, visit www.andersonmcqueen.com.

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1st Friday Flea Back in September

The Center is kicking off the end of summer with the beginning of the monthly Flea Market starting in September! They have jewelry, art, household items, small furniture, knick knacks and more all at bargain prices. Come visit the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. on Friday, September 6 from 9 a.m. to noon to find your perfect item.

While you visit, please bring a canned good or two to the new "bucket of love" which will be located in the Senior Center lobby. This food goes into the Center pantry where local seniors who are less fortunate can get the assistance they need. For more information or to get involved call 893-2237 or 893-1231.

Wednesday Teen Afternoons at Library

Hey teens! Come hang out with Sherri and Cailey Wednesday afternoons at the Gulfport Library from 3-4:30. They play Xbox, watch movies, help with homework, listen to music, and just hang out and have fun. Contact Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us or 727-893-1074.

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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. 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.sunsatationshowchorus.com.

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Council, from front page

on one of the dead ducks to determine the cause of death. O'Reilly reported that the FWC and the FDEP are performing tests on the water, and they suspect that bacteria that has come up from the bottom of the pond, however some suspicion was cast on recent water and weed treatments in the park.

"I know there's been some discussion about the possibility of the utilization of chemicals related to the treatment to the water foliage, and also the treatment of the ballpark, the outfield, and the weed control at the ballpark and to prepare for replanting. That did take place the last time on August 7th. Our first reported issues were last Wednesday, so it was approximately a week in between. Regarding the treatment of the water lilies and hyacinths and such, that did take place earlier in the week."

Before thanking residents for their vigilance, O'Reilly stressed that he would wait for the full report before taking any further action.

"We're just waiting for that additional information," he said. "I will gladly publicize it when that comes out."

In other wildlife news, the FWC has also filed a report based on a python citing in Clam Bayou. Said O'Reilly, "It's documented and it's also provided us a link, and we'll put that on our website." To report a python sighting, residents can use the link on the city website.

Council passed a number of ordinances and resolutions Tuesday, largely what Mayor Sam Henderson called "housekeeping," involving renewals of various insurance coverage for city employees, minor changes to Teen Council, and the selling of the old police boat. One resolution renewed a short-term lease for the Gulfport Yacht Club,

including the 12 boat slips. Due to silt accumulation in the marina, however, the city manager reported that most or all of the slips are unusable at low tide. The short-term lease, he explained, was beneficial for both parties, however, as it alleviates some financial burden from the club as well as giving the city flexibility to proceed with the long-term plans for marina improvement, including silt removal.

Police Chief Bob Vincent was on hand at the mayor's request to give an overview of a resolution to renew Gulfport's service agreement with the Pinellas County Sheriff.

"Many of the services that are included in this agreement are services that we've been using for quite a long time," said Vincent. "Crime scene processing, evidence storage and fingerprint analysis, those services we've been using for about 12 years or so. The most recent additions are the dispatching and records and management, which we agreed to go into two years ago. Combined, we're looking at a cost of about \$106,000. To do it ourselves would require substantially more than that."

Moving dispatch had been a point of contention, locally, and there was some grumbling Tuesday about the issue. Notably, Councilman Fridovich dissented.

"While it's certainly not practical to bring back dispatch after it's been taken away from us," he noted, "I'm going to oppose this. I know it's not practical."

Chief Vincent agreed on the impracticality, adding, "We cannot operate an independent records system; it has to be connected to the dispatch system," he explained. "So whichever entity is operating our records for purposes of dispatch, it is the same one that has to operate our records."

Overall, said Vincent, the change has been positive, with most complications being internal.

"It's a little more difficult for us to find information and to put that information to use under this system, but it's not too much of a hindrance," said the police chief, adding that dispatch has "gotten a lot better. I heard, at the beginning, a lot more complaints than I'm hearing now."

Following the resolutions, council

had an informal discussion about budget items for the 2013/14 fiscal year, with the mooring field being called out once again. While most of council was eager to see the project move forward, Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke had reservations.

"I still want to pull that out of the budget and maybe talk about that again next year," he said. "With all the other marina stuff we've got going on, I want to stay focused on the improvements at the marina as well as the docks."

The current estimate for the completion of the proposed 25-ball mooring field is \$40,000. While Liedtke was skeptical about that budget, other council disagreed.

"Every dollar matters," said Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, "and we need to be good stewards, [...] but this is not a lot of money for a lot of good. I didn't like the first plan, which was going to have 100 moorings in it, but this is something that's very manageable, and it's sailboats. It's just the right time to do it."

Councilwoman Christine Brown agreed, saying "I'm not sure why anyone would not want to have those boats in the water a little more tidied up [...]. I'm definitely in favor of it."

Mayor Henderson applauded the vice mayor's intent to stay focused and save money, but said "the benefit that [the proposed mooring field] gives as far as the advantage of sea grass, reduced footprint – I'm in favor of going forward with this. This is going to be a good economic benefit and something that's good for Gulfport."

Still, he acknowledged that a mooring field would hardly be the solution to all of Gulfport's waterfront issues.

"I want people to understand," he said, "that this does not fix the derelict boat situation. This only moves those boats outside of that footprint. That's still the biggest misconception that I hear."

While the mooring field looks like it will stay in the proposed budget for now, the city manager stressed that this was only the first step in a series of many, including grant application, project bids and further council approval, and that at each of these steps, there would be room for council to pull back on the project.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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A Non-Race Issue

Gulfport made it to the Drudge Report a couple of weeks ago something that hasn't occurred since *the Gabber* ran a Pinellas county Democrat Club ad that called for putting former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld against a wall and shooting him. The public response to that literally shut down the phone lines and e-mail to *the Gabber* for a day or two.

This recent episode had nothing to do with *the Gabber*, but was inflammatory since it was an almost a Trayvon Martin/George Zimmerman case in reverse. Except that it didn't have anything to do with policing, profiling, self-defense, stand-your-ground issues. What it had was a black-on-white crime, teenagers (15 year-olds against a 13-year-old), drug dealing (the older boys) three-against-one, school bus beating, caught on camera, and a bus driver who called police but didn't intervene, and a victim with a broken arm and black eyes and undoubtedly

huge psychological trauma.

What it didn't have was exploitation as a race crime. Initial reports didn't mention race. No civil rights exploiters came forth. Jesse Jackson did weigh in when approached and condemned all such attacks regardless of race. In fact, while it got a brief national spotlight, interest waned and Florida wasn't called a state of teen-aged thugs, and there were no threats by white entertainers of boycotting Florida. And, the U.S. Justice Department didn't ride to the rescue of the white kid's civil rights. As for the justice side, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice did have to be prompted into recommending more than a three-month probation. Instead, they will get a juvenile record and intense nine-month probation. I haven't read anything about civil suits. Probably, no money; no suit.

The facts are that the beating didn't appear to have much to do with race. The 13-year-old refused to buy drugs from the 15-year-olds. He also told (as he should have) the principal of

the Lealman Intermediate school. The beating was retaliation for that which is bad enough. One boy's father said apologetically, "that's life". What saved the younger boy from more severe injuries was the school bus seat. The older kids pounded him with fists and kicked him mercilessly. The 64-year-old bus driver was too scared to intervene and probably would have been hurt had he.

In fact, the attack didn't have much to do with Gulfport. It occurred in Gulfport on a bus moving from Lealman Intermediate, a school dealing with kids at risk of dropping out of school. Not an easy task, black or white. We don't know the racial biases of any of the kids or anything about racial problems at the school. A big issue is and should be drugs. Marijuana was reported to be the drug offered but we don't know if more than that was offered. Does it matter? Look at the age of the kids. Trayvon Martin was on marijuana, too. Could it be that drugs are more an issue than race and an explanation why kids are at risk as school drop-outs?

Then there's the issue of violence or bullying on school buses as well as discipline within schools. Putting aside the special aspects of Lealman, isn't this an issue in almost all the schools? Earlier in the year, news stories raised the issue of declining enrollment in traditional public schools and the rise of enrollment in charter schools. Are the parental concerns about drugs, violence, general discipline, the driving force, over and above a better education? Aren't they linked anyway? One can't learn in chaos and fear.

And, don't these race issues boil down to behavior issues, black or white?

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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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- Burglary Residence-** 1800 Blk 50th St. S.
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- Disturbance-** 5400 Blk Dellett Ave. S.

- Disturbance-** 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.
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- Noise-** 1900 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Theft-** 5900 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Sunday 8/11**
- Animal Call-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 5100 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 1800 Blk 55th St. S.
- Monday 8/12**
- Trespass-** 4600 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Burglary in Progress-** 2900 Blk 50th St. S.
- Disturbance-** 3000 Blk 50th St. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5500 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5100 Blk 16th Ave. S.

- Juvenile Trouble-** 6200 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Tuesday 8/13**
- Burglary in Progress-** 5300 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Theft-** 4800 Blk 26th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 1800 Blk York St. S.
- Vandalism-** 5300 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Armed Person-** 58th St. & 15th Ave. S.
- Wednesday 8/14**
- Juvenile Trouble-** 1700 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Vehicle Abandoned-** 9th Ave. & 64th St.
- Animal Call-** 2200 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Animal Call-** 54th St. & 18th Ave. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 1800 Blk 51st St. S.
- Burglary Vehicle-** 6200 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Burglary Vehicle-** 6100 Blk 7th Ave. S.
- Thursday 8/15**
- Civil Matter-** 3000 Blk 50th St. S.
- Drug Call-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
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Geckofest Brings “Circus” to the Streets

Gulfport’s 13th Annual Geckofest will bring entertainment to the streets during a daylong spectacle on Saturday, August 31st. Amid the thousands of festival-goers, hundreds of vendors and dozens of live musicians on two stages, expect to come face to face with live mermaids, magicians, jugglers, acrobats, fire dancers and more, creating an “up close and personal” circus atmosphere throughout the village. All festivities take place on Beach Boulevard in Gulfport from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Each year, Gulfport celebrates the end of summer with its largest festival of the year, dedicated to the town’s unofficial mascot and favorite reptile. The festival has grown to become one of Tampa Bay’s most anticipated events of the year. Entertainment in the streets is one of the hallmarks of Geckofest, with many both strolling and stationary performers interacting with visitors. This year’s festival brings more action, fun and thrills to the streets than ever before.

Live mermaids will be visiting in a rare display. The curator of the exhibit will give details on the history of mermaids, their habits and habitats, before drawing the curtain to reveal one of the visiting mermaids. These “sea women” of lore can be viewed up close behind the glass of a giant water tank. Watch for the mermaid exhibit in the heart of the festival.

The Mcandless Aerial Troupe will be on hand to perform acts of anti-gravity grace, including aerial acrobatics, long distance drops, hanging “Spanish web” rope maneuvers and more. The Acromaniacs will show off an array of thrilling acrobatics including “extreme flipping” and body balancing stunts combined with comedy. Also watch for Dallas, a well-known Bay area performer combining comedy and juggling, as well as amazing feats of strength and balance.

Donning his trademark color orange, stunt comedian Wacky Chad combines clowning with such stunts as carrying passengers on a miniature bicycle to balancing shopping carts on his face! His extreme pogo stick stunts will amaze festival-goers and his comedy antics will keep visitors in stitches. Seasoned magician, mentalist and entertainer Anton James will display a variety of illusions, including

assorted magic tricks large and small, mind reading and “mind games,” and other entertainment in a high energy style.

Capping off the festivities, the Fireshow by Mayhem will showcase a troupe of performers who will dance with, play with, manipulate, swallow and have full body contact with fire. The finale includes a “rocket staff” spun by a performer like a baton with live fireworks attached to each end. Audience members gather in a circle surrounding the performance area and are able to view the pyrotechnics from close up. The fire show returns to Geckofest by popular demand and has thrilled audiences on every occasion.

Also watch for face painters, balloon artists, stilt walkers, drummers, a “living statue” and more street entertainers throughout the day.

Other costumed performers, including pirates, gypsies, faeries, and of course geckos will be strolling through the village during Geckofest, creating a quirky, vibrant and colorful scene enjoyable for visitors of all ages. Geckofest visitors are encouraged to come in costume. Many of the Geckofest performers will also march alongside costumed visitors in the annual Walking Parade, which will be led by Gulfport’s Mayor Emeritus, and include the “o-FISH-al” Gecko Goddess, as well as the new Gecko Queen and her Court. A costume contest with prizes will be held following the parade for children and adults. For more information, go to www.Geckofest.com. Follow the Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/Geckofest.

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City Whys? Have you got a question for your city government?

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: *Bike Crosswalks*

Q: How many bike crosswalks are planned for Gulfport Boulevard, and where will the city build them?

A: "At this time, Pinellas County has plans to install/construct two crosswalks on Gulfport Boulevard South: one at Beach/55th and Gulfport Boulevard and the second in the vicinity of the Golfview Apartments at 17th Avenue South on Gulfport Boulevard," City Manager Jim O'Reilly says. "The roadway is a Pinellas County road that is under the county's jurisdiction, therefore traffic improvements or the mitigation of safety issues is under their purview."

Gulfport will partner with Pinellas County and purchase the required signs and signals, the city manager says, while the county will perform all engineering and required crosswalk striping.

So far, the city has ordered the equipment for the Beach/Gulfport Boulevard crosswalk and awaits the "go ahead" from Pinellas County to order the second set of equipment.

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Gulfport Tai Chi

Gulfport Tai Chi classes will return to the Recreation Center, 58th St. S. and Shore Blvd. S., on Tuesday, August 27th. Beginners to tai chi classes will be able to join the Tuesday and Thursday classes starting September 3rd at 9 a.m. This gentle form of exercise is beneficial in maintaining body elasticity, heart health, bone strength, balance and more, while avoiding stress on knee and hip joints. To obtain maximum benefits it is recommended that you attend both classes. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per class. The classes are open to all. Call Marge at 727-345-6708.

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Education Workshop Free to Homebuyers

For those thinking about buying a home but unsure of where to start, a free homebuyer education workshop is a good place to begin. The workshop is being offered on September 14 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County, 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 800, Clearwater.

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

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

The class size is limited so those interested should call 727-464-8210 or email housingfinanceauthority@pinellascounty.org to register. The workshop is sponsored by the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County and the Pinellas Community Housing Foundation.

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By Scott Lafee

Happy Trails

Every summer, millions of Americans set off on paths less traveled. They're called hikers. Alas, not all of them come back. It is estimated that 3,000 to 4,000 hiking accidents occur each year. Of course, not all serious

calamities on the trail, such as sudden cardiac arrest, can be anticipated and avoided, but some can be provided hikers exercise common sense along with their legs.

A new study out of Brown University lists the 10 most essential items hikers should carry with them: a map, a compass, extra clothes, rain

gear, a fire starter, a flashlight, extra food and water, a knife, a first aid kit and a whistle.

Most people, the researchers found, sally forth unprepared, even for short trips. In a survey of 199 hikers preparing during the summer of 2011 to hike the trails of the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire, researchers found three out of five hikers brought seven or fewer of the recommended items -- the designated cut-off point for preparedness. Only 18 percent of hikers packed all 10 items.

The most common reasons for leaving out equipment were no perceived need or forgetfulness. The most commonly omitted items were whistles, compasses and fire starters. While lots of hikers disdained to bring a compass, 122 out of 199 surveyed did carry GPS technology, mostly in the form of a cell phone.

Unfortunately, the researchers noted that the White Mountains, like most wildernesses, enjoy minimal to no cell reception.

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LAST WORDS

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Blues Fest Volunteers Needed!

The So49 Business Association is seeking volunteers to assist with the 2013 Tangerine Blues Fest, to be held Saturday, September 28th. Volunteer shifts are generally two hours long, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and running till 10 p.m. Proceeds from the Blues Fest Benefit All Children's Hospital in St Petersburg. Please contact Don Stafford at don@rsri.net if interested in volunteering or for information.

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Keep Gulfport Weird Mini Triathlon

Plans are under way for the upcoming Keep Gulfport Weird Mini Triathlon scheduled for Saturday, September 28, same day as the Tangerine Blues Fest. Go to mygulfport.us, events, upcoming events, and Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon for event information and registration form.

If you would like to participate as a volunteer, your assistance is key for the success of this event. Business sponsors are also welcomed in donating gift certificates towards prize giveaways during this fun event. If you would like to volunteer, or if your business is interested in participating, please contact Justin Shea at 727-893-1118

The race is designed to be short enough to invite participation from most ages and fitness levels, whether individually or in teams, and is intended to be simply for fun. The competitive component is not the priority, but rather the gathering of community in the spirit of having fun and getting outdoors.

This year, everyone that registers gets a cool bright orange t-shirt with the Keep Gulfport Weird logo. Registration is \$10 per person. To get a registration, go online at www.mygulfport.us. Please go to the Events menu, then upcoming events, then Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon, "2013 Keep Gulfport Weird Mini-Triathlon registration" and print the registration form. All Registration forms must be turned in by 9/20/13 to complete shirt order. No t-shirts will be available if you register the day of the event. Get in on the fun, then more at Tangerine Blues Fest Saturday September 28, 2013!

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Seen About Town: Naturalists in the Shadows at O'Maddy's



Carrie Cagnet shares a sunset drink with a fellow Master Naturalist student at O'Maddy's in Gulfport. The Master Naturalist program, administered by the University of Florida's IFAS Extension Service in Largo, teaches laypersons about Florida's environment. Instructors use "science based information and interpretive techniques" so that students can share what they learn with others, according to program materials. The program focuses on "sustainability, connectivity, and biodiversity."

After a long day in class learning about Cuban tree frogs – as well as others – Gulfportian Carrie Cagnet brought a fellow classmate from South Florida to see the town.

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Dying Ducks, from front page

According to neighbors around the pond, in the days that followed the water lilies died, and the ducks either left or died. "The pond is dead," one local man said.

While locals speculate that the recent application of the pesticide Diquat caused the avian deaths, FWC spokesperson Gary Morse doubts that the herbicide killed the ducks.

"That stuff doesn't kill those ducks, for the most part, nor does it kill fish directly, provided that it's an approved herbicide and it's applied correctly," he said, adding that Diquat is toxic "in certain concentrations well above the recommended amount." The Material Safety Data Sheet, or MSDS, does list the herbicide as both an acute and chronic health hazard, noting that it can be toxic to fish at certain levels. However, the MSDS classifies Diquat as a level two health hazard, on a scale of one to four.

The FWC and the city both stress that only licensed individuals can apply the herbicide.

"They can't be applied willy nilly," Morse said Monday morning. "That's why people who apply this stuff are permitted."

Gulfport's Parks and Recreation Superintendent Bob Williams tells the Gabber the city has used the same company for two decades: Lake and Pond Maintenance.

They treated the pond at Tomlinson Park Monday; people began reporting dead birds Wednesday. The last reported death at press time came from police, who responded to another dead bird – a dead wood stork – at the corner of 54th Street South and the Tangerine Greenway Monday night. In total, seven ducks – three Pekins and four mallards – as well as one wood stork have died in the past week.

"What you've got with these particular ducks is... you've got an avian disease," Morse said Monday afternoon.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) sampled the water and the soil. As of Wednesday morning the city had no test results from FDEP. The necropsy (autopsy) of the duck, performed at the Department of Agriculture and

Consumer Services Bronson Lab in Kissimmee, revealed no physical signs, such as lesions, that helped identify a cause of death, FWC spokesperson Kevin Baxter told the Gabber. He said that further tests will look for avian botulism and duck virus enteritis (DVE), also called the duck plague. The battery of tests will also look for evidence of poisoning. Baxter said FWC expects the results back no earlier than the end of next week.

Avian botulism is a "paralytic disease caused by ingestion of a toxin produced by the bacterium, *Clostridium botulinum*," according to a city press release.

FWC based their decision to test for avian botulism because initially no other species seemed affected and the heavy rainfall.

According to the US Geological Survey (USGS), avian botulism type C affects waterfowl, shorebirds, colonial waterbirds, "and others."

"Healthy birds, affected birds, and dead birds in various stages of decay are commonly found in the same area," according to the USGS web site. "The toxin affects the nervous system by preventing impulse transmission to muscles. Birds are unable to use their wings and legs normally or control the third eyelid, neck muscles, and other muscles. Birds with paralyzed neck muscles cannot hold their heads up and often drown. Death can also result from water deprivation, electrolyte imbalance, respiratory failure, or predation."

Last Wednesday evening police reported that the two ducks who later died tried to flap their wings but did not appear able to move their legs.

"Prompt removal and proper disposal of carcasses by burial or burning (in accordance with applicable ordinances) is highly effective in removing toxin and maggot sources from the environment," the web site continues. "If possible avoid altering water depth by flooding or drawing down water levels during hot weather. This may increase invertebrate and fish die-offs, a protein source for the bacteria.

"Providing mildly affected birds with fresh water, shade and protection from predators may help them recover from the intoxication. Botulism antitoxin is available but requires

special handling and must be given early in the intoxication. Birds that survive a botulism outbreak are not immune to botulism toxin."

The USGS reports that people, dogs and cats "are generally resistant" to type C, although it notes some reports of incidences in dogs and people.

DVE, according to the Department of Natural Resources, does not infect humans but has a high mortality rate for ducks, geese, and swan.

Baxter said the FWC has no other reported waterfowl deaths in the area.

The FWC has a bird mortality reporting hotline, available online at MyFWC.com/bird.

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On Monday, September 9 Creative Crafts by the Garden Club of St. Petersburg presents a program of creating a Daisy Chain Seed Bracelet at 10 a.m., 500 Sunset Drive S., St. Petersburg. The cost of materials for members is \$3.50 and non-members \$4 and you take home what you craft. The public is welcomed.

On Tuesday, September 10 All Members Meeting presents a program on "Sustainable Gardening" by Julia Stack of the Florida Aquarium at 1 p.m., 500 Sunset Drive S., St. Petersburg. Visitors welcomed.

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Players to Hold Auditions

The Gulfport Community Players will be holding open auditions for Brad Stephen's, "The Cooley Girls", on Tuesday, September 3rd and Wednesday, September 4th at the Players' Back Door Theater located at 1619 49th Street S. in Gulfport. They will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Olga Kruse is the director and she will need:

- 1 black male, able to play age range of from 50 to 60.
- 1 female, able to play an age range of from 20 to 30.
- 4 females, able to play age ranges of from 40 to 60's.

All people that meet these requirements are urged to try out for a part. The Players welcome all to their auditions, regardless of their experience or in-experience in theater. They are a true community theater group.

"The Cooley Girls" is a dramatic comedy about three sisters, long separated since childhood. Forty-three years pass by before one of the sisters decides to find her lost sisters and reunite them. All of them have secrets to hide, of course, but curiosity has brought them together once again after many, many years. Time will tell if they can once again bond together.

For more information on the Gulfport Community Players, visit <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>.

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Playing Positive



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The Pirates youth football and cheerleading squad (pictured here) was out in force at a pep rally last Thursday night, getting ready for their first game of the short post-summer season at Boca Ciega High School on August 24th.

By incorporating mentoring and tutoring along with sports, the league has distinguished itself as an important positive force in the lives of kids, ages 4-15, many of whom come from low-income and single-parent homes. Says Pirates PR person Sophie Dutton, on one team alone last year, 32 of 35 kids made the honor role.

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The Pirates game at Bogie is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What are the Responsibilities of a Successor Trustee?

The use of a revocable living trust allows the beneficiaries of a trust to receive the assets of a deceased trust settlor without requiring formal Probate Court approval. A named successor trustee in a trust document has certain responsibilities which should be performed in the administration of the trust. Some of the ordinary and necessary steps which a successor trustee should take in lawful and proper trust administration are:

A. The trust document should be reviewed for legal sufficiency and interpretation as well as each trust amendment;

B. The implementation of the substitution of the successor trustee should be accomplished;

C. Interested persons concerning the administration of the trust should be served with the required notices in a proper and timely fashion;

D. A successor trustee has a legal duty to protect, insure and manage trust assets and may have liability for the improper accomplishment of these legal duties;

F. A successor trustee has an affirmative duty to invest trust assets in accordance with the prudent investor rule;

G. A successor trustee is responsible to make any contributions due to the personal representative of the deceased settlor's estate in order to pay for creditor claims, administrative expenses and/or estate taxes;

H. A successor trustee has an obligation to inform and account to beneficiaries of the trust in a manner that is lawfully documented;

I. A successor trustee has a responsibility to make payment or compromise any claims made by

creditors against trust assets;

J. A successor trustee is required to identify and file all tax returns in a timely and proper manner and is liable to ensure that all due taxes are paid;

K. A successor trustee is required to obtain a nontaxable certificate if the personal representative of the deceased settlor's estate has not obtained the nontaxable certificate from the State of Florida;

L. A successor trustee is required to distribute income and/or principal to beneficiaries of the deceased settlor's trust and is required to fund any further trusts provided for in the trust document; and

M. A successor trustee is obligated to perform all trust administration responsibilities as a fiduciary and should avoid self-dealing, prejudice or conflicts of interest. A successor trustee has a duty of impartiality in the performance of obligations to the trust beneficiaries.

The above is only a partial list of the duties of a successor trustee after a settlor of a trust passes on. Most of the successor trustee's duties should be accomplished with the guidance and assistance of competent legal counsel.

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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