

Dash to the Finish

By Elizabeth Brown-Worthington



Ten-year-old Will Stone was first to finish in his age group at the first annual Splash and Dash Biathlon at St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, Saturday, July 12. Around 30 kids competed in the event which was open to all USA Triathlon youth members.

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Water, Trash, Recycling Going Up in Gulfport

Gulfport City Council voted July 15 to increase garbage and recycling rates 12% in the coming fiscal year. The year begins October 1. This increase should generate an additional \$214,000 in revenue for the city.

Council also voted to increase its potable, or drinking, water and sewage rates by the same 12%; this increase is driven by law rather than avarice. Because St. Petersburg sells Gulfport water, Gulfport must, by law, charge its customers at least as much as St. Petersburg charges its customers. In past years, the city subsidized the water and sewage rates to keep its costs lower. St. Petersburg increased its rates by 25%, and Gulfport had no choice but to follow suit. Council divided the increase over two years.

"We're still at the very lowest compared to most cities," Vice Mayor Christine Brown said.

Mayor Sam Henderson pointed out that for homes that use less than 5,000 gallons, the increase would be less than one dollar per bill.

"When you hear 12%, I know it sounds frightening," he said.

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Police Tackle Tomlinson Park Issues

By Cathy Salustri

For Jeanne LaGreca-Ochoa, Tomlinson Park offers her Jack Russell, Valentine, great sniffing ground.

But for Kathryn Reynolds, the same park has her on edge and searching for another place where her toddler can play. One of the most discussed parts of the park, the skate park, appears at the heart of the controversy.

Tomlinson Park, located between 18th and 19th Avenues and 54th and 55th Streets, includes two ball fields, batting cages, a pond, playground and a fenced skate park.

To use the skate park, skaters must follow a few rules: They must sign a consent form and pay a registration fee, and they must wear a helmet. They may bring bikes in on Sundays only. At one time, the city of Gulfport had a paid attendant overseeing the skate park, but currently no one supervises the park.

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Teen Council School Supply Drive

By Elizabeth Brown-Worthington

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We have four drop-off locations including the Gulfport Recreation Center (5730 Shore Blvd. S.), Gulfport City Hall (2401 53rd St. S.), the Gulfport Library (5501 28th Ave. S) and the Gabber office (1419 49th St. S.), donations will be collected until

August 14. Any and all donations will be gratefully accepted and given to a child in need. We greatly appreciate your support!

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South Pasadena Launches New Website

With a fresh new look, new content, and user-friendly navigation, the new site will make it even easier for residents, businesses, and visitors to be informed and involved in the city of South Pasadena. You can even get this newsletter online or sign up for e-news and they will email you about what's happening in the city.

Please visit mysouthpasadena.com and stay current on city news, events, and photos.

For more information about the new website, please contact the City Clerk's office at 727-347-4171.

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Happy Birthday to You

Whether you are celebrating your birthday this month or not, this party is for you. You are invited to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. on Friday, July 25 at 3 p.m. for birthday cake, games, and fun for everyone. Provided by Dolphin's View.

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Lighting Up Gulfport

Thanks to Public Works Director Don Sopak, Gulfport's street lights will soon have LED bulbs. These bulbs, which will line every public roadway, replace high-pressure sodium vapor bulbs.

Sopak worked with Duke Energy to get Gulfport's lights replaced for free. The installation will take a year, but at the end of that year Gulfport will have less light pollution, use less fossil fuels and decrease its power costs.

"It's really a step in the right direction. ... There's no other city in Pinellas County that will have LED lighting on their entire roadways but us," Sopak said.

LED lights will save Gulfport an estimated \$2500 per year. They also start quickly and with less energy, according to Sopak. The bulbs last twice as long as the high pressure sodium vapor lights currently illuminating Gulfport.

"They don't have that yellow sodium light look to it that we're all very familiar with," Sopak said, adding that the cleaner LED light

also made it easier to make out details under the light.

The upgrades do not include Tangerine Greenway, several other parks or Town Shores. At Ward One Councilman Dan Liedtke's request, the city will contact Town Shores about replacing its lights as well.

Gulfport Sets Tentative Millage Rate

Gulfport set its tentative millage rate at 4.039 mills, which translates into roughly \$4.04 in taxes for every \$1,000 in taxable value.

This will not necessarily be the tax rate for property owners in Gulfport; this tentative rate represents the highest tax rate the council could set.

Gulfport City Council will hold two public hearings about the budget, on September 4 and September 16. City Manager Jim O'Reilly said staff would have the proposed budget online by Thursday, July 16. Read this article online at theGabber.com and look for the link to the budget.

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Dash, from front page

While everyone else was in bed or just getting their morning started, some 30 kids were making their way to the start line of the first annual Splash and Dash Biathlon on St. Pete Beach.

Saturday's event took place at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center and the first race began at 8 a.m. sharp. The first age group to compete, made up of 6- to 10-year-olds, had to run point-three miles, swim 100 meters in the pool and then run another point-three miles before crossing the finish line.

The first place finisher was 10-year-old Will Stone; the first female to cross was 9-year-old Anna Cubito. The rest of the top five boys were Mateo Luna, Ethan Hurd, Michael Skarupa and Isaac Cullum; the top five girls included Annaliese Rexroad, Mallory Matthews, Avery Lazzara and Alex Pope. Around 8:25 a.m. the 11- to 15-year-olds took their mark. These dedicated young people were to run point-six miles, swim 200 meters and run another point-six miles. Finishing first was 15-year-old Aaron Kuykendall for the boys, and for the girls, 12-year-old Taylor Stone crossed first. Following them were boys Greg Glasscock, David Kuykendall, Sam Workman and Christien Tuazon and girls Shannon Ross, Millie Tarrant, Madison Bowman and Marley Bellack.

Many of Saturday's runners were members of the Seminole Landsharks, a youth developmental triathlon team based in Seminole.

The Landsharks coaches work to nurture growth and development both in the sport of triathlon and in life. The event was not just for seasoned triathlon participants, however; any participant with either a USA Triathlon one-day or annual youth membership was welcome.

This biathlon wasn't just about winning a prize, though; it was about making friends. After crossing the finish line, many of the participants went back to the course to cheer the others and even ran with those who were struggling. At the end of

the day – well, nine a.m. – all of the participants were invited to a pool party at the St. Pete Beach pool. No one seemed to care who had won – all they cared about was making memories and having a good time.

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The event features new artists every week and includes several different sculpture and paint mediums, jewelry, photography, fish rubbings, upcycled items, handmade/ designed clothing and accessories, body products and more. Art Walk's Collective Soulz component brings to Gulfport new and emerging artists, whose talents range from photography

to pottery and from drawing to music, giving them the opportunity to see if they can succeed as a working artist at street fairs. You'll find the collective Soulz Artists set up in front of the historic Peninsula Inn and Spa. The Industrial Art Center of Gulfport offers step-by-step classes and instruction in specialized areas such as glass casting, glass fusing, sculptural welding and forged steel for students age 5 to 85.

Live musicians appear at several venues throughout the waterfront district, including the "Double M Band," Henry Ashwood, Jay Pritchard, and Paul Anthony, to name a few.

While browsing the art and craft booths, don't miss Gulfport's unique

shops, boutiques and galleries and enjoy dinner at one of over a dozen fine restaurants within the area. This week's "Meet the Artist" reception, at Domain Home Accessories will feature the newly arrived work of ceramic artist Peggy Wollins. Peggy Wollins creates whimsical fish, or more specifically, fish heads. From her Maymeep Studio in Centreville, Virginia, she depicts imaginary, one-of-a-kind marine life from clay. According to Wollins, "As a lifelong art junkie, doodler and animal lover my subject matter makes sense. I worked in the art gallery industry for ten years, stopping when I had kids. I started taking a pottery wheel class, and was quickly smitten." Her pieces are wheel-thrown, then altered and augmented using found objects. She uses a variety of ceramic firing methods and also some post fired finishes, including hand applied gold, silver and copper leaf. Old typewriters, sewing machines, stereo components and other simple machinery yield a treasure trove of small components for the final quirky twist in each art work.

There is no admission fee for visitors and complimentary parking is available nearby with courtesy trolley rides available from off-site parking areas. Gulfport events are pet and family friendly. Experience a dining, shopping and cultural experience unlike any other. The event is located near the surrounding area of 3129 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport.

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A \$10 dollar donation will provide patrons with the following: BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw dinner roll and soda or bottled water. A raffle will also take place thanks to Gulfport area businesses and restaurants providing gift certificates.

Smokin' J's is located at 5145 Gulfport Blvd. S. in Gulfport. For any inquiries, please contact Community Resource Officer Zack Mills at 727-893-1693 or at zmills@mygulfport.us.

Sock Hop with the Impacs

The legendary Impacs are hosting another fantastic Sock Hop Dance Party at the historic Gulfport Casino at 5500 Shore Blvd. S. on July 18 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. This time, The Impacs will welcome special guests Bo Santos, master of doo-wop and Aaron Angello, national recording artist from the Rockin' Blues. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and available now at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom and Beach

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This event is for chefs, caterers, food services, individuals, families and businesses who want to have fun and create. This is a great way to promote good nutrition and summer fun.

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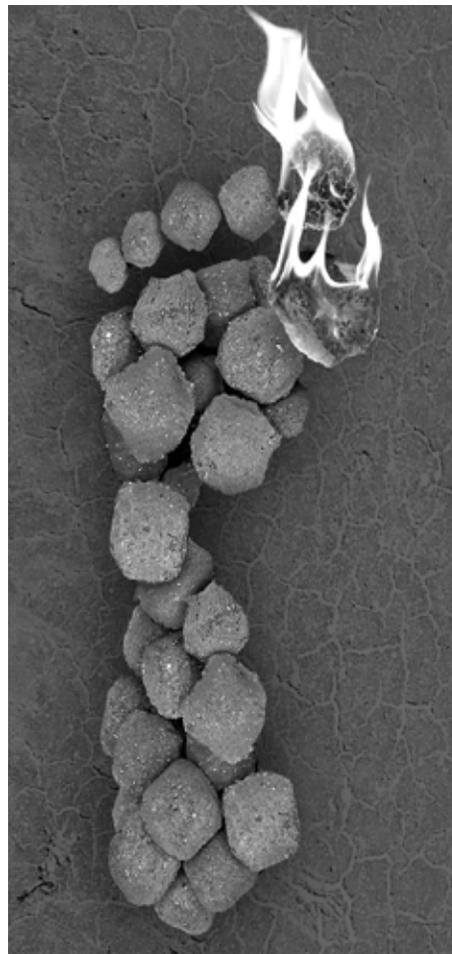
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Last Chance to Catch One-Act Festival

The Gulfport Community Players will end their "14th Annual Summer One Act Festival" on Sunday, July 20. There are a variety of comedies, dramas and even one musical in their 13-play line-up this year. These are all very short plays, from 5 to 15 minutes each, and are sure to entertain their audiences. These are all original plays, never before seen by any audience anywhere.

The festival will be at the Catherine

A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport. This theater is located on Beach Blvd. at 26th Ave. S. in Gulfport. Curtain times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., and 2 p.m. on Sunday. There is a map showing just how to get to the theater on the Players' web site at gulfportcommunityplayers.org.

Tickets are on sale now at many locations in and around Gulfport for just \$15 each. You'll find them available at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar, the Gulfport Casino, the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, and also at Funkytown Resale Boutique.

You can also get them at the Hickman before the curtain, or use their will-call number 727-322-0316, and have them waiting for you at the ticket booth before the curtain. Be sure to pay for and pick the latter at least a half hour before curtain time. If not, the tickets may be sold to others waiting in line.

There is plenty of free parking at the theater and in surrounding areas of Gulfport. There is also a concession stand in the lobby of the theater for your convenience.

For your dining enjoyment there are many fine restaurants located in the Arts District of Gulfport, just south of the Hickman Theater. Be advised though that, especially on Friday and Saturday nights, they can and do get crowded. It's advisable to show up at least two hours before curtain time if you plan on eating in the Gulfport Arts District on those nights and then attending their performance later.

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Skyway Market to Resume in the Fall

The Skyway Community Market will be taking a break for the rest of the summer and will resume in the fall. For further information please contact the market coordinator, Christy Martin at 727-867-7961, or email lakewooducc@gmail.com. The Skyway Community Market is located at 2601 54th Ave. S. in St. Petersburg.

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Beware Slippery Boat Ramp

Dear Editor: Recently three local guys took advantage of a beautiful weekend morning to take their boat out fishing, leaving at 7 a.m. and returning close to noon. On arriving at the boat ramp (at the end of St. Pete Beach, close to the Don CeSar) we got ready to load the boat back onto the trailer. They backed the truck up to the ramp and began to hook the boat up. As they tried to pull up the ramp, the wheels began to spin and would not move. Trying this several times, they put the truck in park, employed the emergency brake, and left the vehicle to find something to brace the wheels. Within seconds, the truck slid back and was totally submerged in the water.

Police arrived and one of the first things the officer said was that this happens often here. Five hours of waiting for professional police divers and a tow truck, the truck was eventually lifted out of the water. The tow truck driver also said that this happens a lot here. He, in fact, had pulled four vehicles out of the water in the same location in the last two months.

If this is the case, shouldn't the city make it safer for all boaters?

Insurance is not going to be able to replace my vehicle's value or its contents, all destroyed. This is my only transportation. I have to pay for a rental car and take time off work to sort out this mess.

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Vote 'Yes' to Greenlight

Dear Editor: The lengthy letter against the PSTA's Greenlight Plan ["Vote 'No' to Greenlight," July 10, 2014 edition] to improve public transit has so many misstatements, it's difficult know where to start. Let's start with the writer's argument that driverless cars are an answer for our future. Whether a car has a driver in it or not, it still takes up the same space as part of our automobile congestion and traffic jams we endure daily. Also, the writer focuses on the distance from a rider's house to where one can board a train, citing a study. His "respected" source for his

data is the Cato Institute, which was founded by one of the Koch brothers and wants expansion of oil and coal use to increase the Koch brothers profits. The writer completely omits, either because of lack of knowledge or intentionally, that the Greenlight Plan includes circulator buses which will take residents from a bus stop within a block or two from their home to a train, main bus line or a rapid transit bus. In addition, the writer omits that the Greenlight Plan includes a DART bus service for doorstep pick up for our disabled residents whether senior or not. Since most of us will live seven to 10 years beyond our ability to drive a car, the writer, by opposing the Greenlight Plan, is condemning these seniors to a life as shut-ins. And, since two-thirds of our residents live in homes that they own, these homeowners will get a substantial property tax cut if Greenlight passes. The one penny tax not only spreads the cost to everyone, but a full one-third of those who pay sales tax in Pinellas are visitors, not residents of our County. And let's not forget that the young and low income workers who can't afford a car will have vastly improved public transit access to get to and from work, school, job training, and even a movie or a Rays game at a very low travel cost. The PSTA's Greenlight Plan is a good deal and a good deal more for our residents.

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Art in the PARC

PARC announces the 7th Annual Art in the PARC will be held Friday, July 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Duke Energy, 299 1st Ave. N. in St. Petersburg. This free indoor event features over 1,000 pieces of artwork and jewelry created by PARC artists with developmental disabilities and

includes food, refreshments and music.

All artwork and jewelry sold that evening directly benefits PARC art programs as well as the artists. Guests will be able to stroll through the Duke Energy lobby which will be filled with custom paintings, jewelry, pottery, fabric sculptures, and art prints which were all created by PARC artists with assistance from trained instructors and community volunteers. PARC artists will be on hand to meet guests and discuss

their work. PARC's art programs promote each artist's inclusion at local venues and their contributions to the cultural and economic heart of the community. Artists receive half the proceeds on their work.

Since 1953, PARC has been supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities by offering a variety of services focused on their unique needs and goals. For more information about Art in the PARC, call 727-341-6903 or visit parc-fl.org/news/events.

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Call Lyn Dean at 530-680-4152 for questions or more information.

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Hop on the Gulfport Rays Trolley!

Promotional tickets for the September 4 Rays home game are available at the Gulfport Casino. A \$25 promotional ticket purchased at

the Gulfport Casino Ballroom will get you a ride to Tropicana Field, a lower box seat and a complimentary Ray's baseball hat, redeemable at the redemption desk inside Tropicana Field.

If you already have a Ray's ticket for the September 4 game, show your ticket to the trolley driver, and you will receive a complimentary ride on the Gulfport-Rays Trolley. Departure times are 5 p.m. for batting practice, 6 p.m. for pre-game and 7 p.m. for game time. The Gulfport Trolley will be leaving from the Gulfport Casino Ballroom, 5500 Shore Blvd. S., Gulfport.

Rays promotional tickets are on sale now at the Gulfport Casino box office at 5500 Shore Blvd. S. For ticket information, contact 727-893-1070.

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Seniors' Chat Room

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Paint with a Twist for the Animals

Painting with A Twist St. Petersburg has created custom designs for a fundraising evening for the animals. Join them on Friday, July 18 from 7 to 10 p.m. at 2527 Central Ave. in St. Petersburg. Never picked up a brush before? No worries! PWAT makes it easy and so much fun. Fee of \$45 includes painting supplies, wine and treats to make this Picasso-esque experience even sweeter.

Take home a completed painting on canvas and ready for hanging. Choose either the dog or cat. Proceeds benefit the animals at SPCA Tampa Bay. Reserve your seat today. Register at SPCATampaBay.org.

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American Legion Post 125 News

Don't miss the many events being held this summer. The Annual Back to School Supply Drive is underway. There is a list of supplies that are needed. Please drop off your donations at the lounge. The Annual Auxiliary Penny Auction will be held in October and will be here before you know it. It's time to donate those gently used items hanging around your home and give them a new home, (no clothes please). Call and your donations can be picked up now. Steak-ums is a great way to pass Sunday afternoons and get out of the heat of the day.

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On the Waterfront



Lilliam Yerke, 11, masters the art of windsurfing at one of Eckerd College's Waterfront camps. The Waterfront has several camps for kids, including sailing, marine discovery, water sports and kayaking. The programs range from ages 6 to 15; to learn more, visit the program's website at eckerd.edu/waterfront/watersportscamp/index.php.

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Free Family Movie Day at Gulfport Library

Come beat the heat and take in two free movies at Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., on Saturday, July 19. PG movie starts at 10:30 a.m., PG-13 movie starts at 1:30 p.m. New titles selected. Call 727-893-1074 to find out. As always, free popcorn!

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Beach Youth Council Takes Second Place

The Florida League of Cities announced the following youth councils as winners of its third

annual municipal youth council video competition: First Place – Tampa’s Mayors Youth Corps, Second Place – St. Pete Beach’s Youth Council, and Third Place – Belle Glade’s Youth Empowerment Center. Links to all videos are available online at floridaleagueofcities.com/Publications.aspx?CNID=178.

This year’s youth council video competition required councils to look at their own city and ask, “What is the most critical youth issue my city should consider in the upcoming year?” Additionally, nominees were required to submit an action plan that included the following

elements: 1) ways that young people or youth organizations can be part of the solution, 2) how their local government, businesses, civic and religious organizations, the chamber of commerce, community groups and other citizens can work together to resolve the issue and 3) a narrative action plan for resolution of the issue that provides a timetable and budget, if one is necessary.

Winners will receive a trophy and monetary award; recognition at the League’s Annual Conference; be featured in the League’s statewide publication, Quality Cities (QC) magazine; and have their videos presented on the League’s website, as well as its Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Youth councils are organizations composed of students, typically from high schools within a city, who may also serve as an advisory board to a city commission/council. Many times these students are selected to serve based on their leadership potential or for their desire to learn more about their community and give back through volunteer service.

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Meet the Artist

St. Pete ArtWorks, 635 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg is hosting an artist reception entitled “Photo Expressionism–Images by Richard Stewart from Far and Wide” on Saturday, July 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Exhibit continues through August 2. Call 727-710-7716.

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Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member. Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. For more information, call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

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Instrument Petting Zoo at Gulfport Library

The Florida Orchestra Instrument Petting Zoo will be at Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., on Monday, July 21 at 3 p.m. as part of the K-5th grade summer reading program. Your little maestro will get a fun, hands-on experience trying out different instruments and joining in on the cacophony of a make believe orchestra. For more information call Cailey at 727-893-1133 or email cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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Don't Miss This 26th Annual Cool Art Show

Dance your way around the art at the Coliseum Ballroom and forget about the heat or possible mid-summer storms. Come into the cool – the Cool Art Show that is. Always on the third weekend of July, this year's show will be held on July 19 and 20, and will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Hosted by the Professional Association of Visual Artists (PAVA), this premier indoor show takes place inside St. Petersburg's historic Coliseum Ballroom located at 535 4th Ave. N. Admission and parking are free, and the food and beverage concessions, including beer and wine, provide ample refreshments.

Attendance has always been high at this premier juried fine art and craft event which offers high caliber work from 80 local and statewide artists, including several award winners from this year's Mainsail Art

Show: John Mascoll, Ernie Simmons, John Kellum, Ana Varela, and Dave Bruner. A contemporary and classic collection of hand-crafted visual and functional works are available for sale in paint, wood, ceramics, photography, metal, glass, mixed media and jewelry.

PAVA has been in existence for 27 years, and is now organized formally as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) art organization. Since its inception, artist members from Florida and the eastern United States organize several annual high caliber art shows

and educational programs, including the Annual 2Cool Art at the Gulfport Casino in February.

Cool Art has grown in 26 years from its beginnings as a small outlet for artists in the slow summer, to an outstanding, highly respected "not to be missed" summer art event.

This year's Cool Art show promises to continue a trajectory of innovation, multimedia creativity and vibrant presentation of quality fine art and contemporary craft.

Images of artists' work are available on request. Visit pava-artists.org.

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VetSports Helping Heroes of a Different Sort

By Cathy Salustri

When Heather Kaminsky gave birth to Destiny 11 years ago, the amniotic band had wrapped around Destiny's right leg. Heather also had gestational diabetes, the result of which was Destiny's left leg had only one short bone in it. At six months, Destiny became a double amputee. As a toddler, she received prosthetics legs.

Destiny looks just like everyone else. She doesn't like it when she feels different. Like most pre-teen girls heading for sixth grade, fitting in with her peers matters to her.

"She has a conflict about people seeing her as different, so she tends to shy away," her mom says. That wasn't a problem when she was cheering for the Carrollwood Hurricanes, but when Destiny wanted to play soccer, the local teams told her, "Sorry, no."

"It was hard to find an outlet for her," Heather says. "She wanted to do soccer, but they were worried about the legs falling off. She wasn't able to keep up, running-wise, so



Destiny Kaminsky found role models in the VetSports team, who took the double amputee pre-teen under their wing at a recent practice in Gulfport. Destiny describes playing ball in with Wounded Warriors in Louisville and with the VetSports league in Gulfport as "a life experience that you'll never get to know."

she did get discouraged because she wasn't fast enough."

Last month, things changed for Destiny. She spent a week in Louisville with the Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team.

"It was pretty cool," Destiny says while practicing at Gulfport's Hoyt Field. "The coaches help you learn. The ones in school they teach you but not so much. They help you, just not a lot."

"It was absolutely amazing," her mom says, smiling. "It opened the door for her to see she can do these type of things."

Heather and Destiny live in Tampa, but Heather works at Tropicana Field. One of her coworkers told her about VetSports and Taylor Urruela, a combat-wounded amputee who has become the face of

combat wounded athletes. Urruela, along with the other players on the VetSports teams, practices in Gulfport on the weekends. He invited Destiny to come out for a practice.

The last Sunday in June, Destiny did just that. Her new teammates gave her tips on her swing and worked with her.

"I think I was keeping up. It was pretty fun," Destiny said after practice, her lips blue from an icy treat.

"You can just see the confidence in her building," Heather says from the stands.

Heather was 17 when she gave birth to Destiny. Doctors, fearing Destiny might be too much for a teenage mom to handle, asked Heather right away if she wanted to give her baby up for adoption. Today, Heather watches her daughter run and play catch on the field. She smiles.

"She says I'm her hero, but truthfully?" says Heather, "She's mine."



Summer Luau at Woman's Club

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Blvd. N.E. will be having a summer luau on Friday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. Open to members and guests. Cost is \$25 per person which includes a catered tropical dinner with pineapple upside down cake, live entertainment (hula dance group) and Hawaiian music. BYOB, virgin mai tais and margaritas available. Reserve by August 3 by calling Joan Jaicks at 727-896-5097 or email Laura Brock at mayflowersharpe@tampabay.rr.com. Proceeds will benefit the Historic Building Restoration Fund.

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Gulfport Night Out

Residents are invited to learn more about crime prevention and to meet the Gulfport Police Department and other city departments at the Gulfport's Night Out event Thursday, August 7, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S. at the surrounding parking lot located on 26th Ave. S.

Attendees will get to meet and learn about the GPD and crime prevention, but also the Gulfport

Fire Department, and other city staff will showcase information on other departments within the city. View Gulfport's prime patrol vehicles as well as the marine unit. Pinellas County Sheriff's Department will display the forensic mobile unit for participants to learn more about the process. Enjoy free kid friendly activities with popcorn, sand art necklaces, a high striker for kids, mini hoop shot basketball and a few more additional games with prizes.

A representative from the newly formed monthly crime watch meetings will be there to answer questions on how citizens can get involved. The

monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S.

Sergeant Thomas Woodman states, "Gulfport police will be in attendance to show our support with our community partnerships and businesses as well as our citizens. We hope to see a large appearance from our community. Please stop by and meet your local law enforcement."

The Gulfport Night Out event is organized by the Gulfport Police Department and the city of Gulfport. For more information on this event, contact 727-893-1111.

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Gulf Beaches Historical Museum



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Gulf Beaches Historical Museum's newest exhibit opened officially with the thank you luncheon for St. Pete Beach Fire Firefighters on July 9.

On exhibit are authentic objects, photographs, uniform pieces and equipment. This exhibit tells the story of the department as it has evolved from its volunteer foundation in the early days of settlement. Fires took quite a toll on many early Victorian era properties, and the beach resorts were no exception. See pictures of the first firehouse and the volunteers who bravely fought those devastating fires, saving lives and property. Following island consolidation in 1957 when a full time department took shape, today's squad has two stations, commanded by Chief Dan Graves, that keep our community safe and provide emergency care for our worldwide visitors as well as year-round residents.

The museum collection highlights life as it was in the early development of the south Pinellas beach communities with its ongoing exhibits. Photos, articles and other memorabilia for this special exhibit come from firefighters and their family's personal collections, as well as the museum's own archive. Gulf Beaches Historical Museum is located at 115 10th Ave., St. Pete Beach. Open summer hours Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Call 727-552-1610 or visit gulfbeachmuseum.com. Always free admission.

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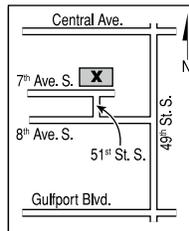
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Jude's photography is held in private collections and has been shown at numerous venues on both Florida coasts, including Tampa's Florida Museum of Photographic Arts. Both her photographs and published writings have won coveted awards. She still totes her old AE1 Canon film camera around the world, dreading the day when film is no longer available.

If you would like to get in touch with Jude Bagatti, please email heyjudebagatti@gmail.com.

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Build a Hanging Vertical Planter

The Gulfport Library Garden Workshop series will be hosting Sandra Bennett from Home Depot for a fun and educational reservations-only workshop on Saturday, July 26 at 2 p.m. in the meeting room.

Pre-registration is required. Participation will be limited to 30 adults with one participant per household due to the need to prepare supplies and the use of hand tools during the workshop. Participants will build a vertical hanging planter and then take home their new creation.

The Home Depot on Tyrone Blvd. has been a major supporter of the Library's planned seed library and will also be sponsoring this free event, as well as August's Earth Box workshop.

Many thanks to The Home Depot Assistant Manager Lindsey Tornello and workshop leader Sandra Bennett for their ongoing support and in making this event possible.

They expect this event will fill to capacity quickly so don't delay in making your reservation.

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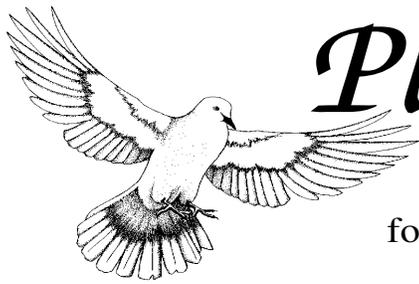
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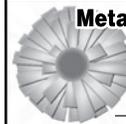
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canceled in inclement weather. For the full schedule of Dive-In movies visit spbrec.com. Call 727-363-9264.

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Bereavement Support Group

Good Mourning Group will meet on Mondays beginning July 21 at 9 a.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S.

This is an educational support group series for those who have

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Current auditions are ongoing and additional tryouts will be held at the Pilgrim United Church, 6325 Central Ave. in St. Petersburg.

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- 13 Oriental sash
- 14 Sovereigns
- 16 ___ la France!
- 17 Avoid a shootout
- 19 Used-car sale sign
- 20 Italian wine city
- 21 Mexican cacti
- 23 Medium's sessions
- 27 Rearranged game
- 28 *The Three Musketeers* author
- 30 Harvested
- 33 ___ bodkins
- 36 Carpenter's tools
- 38 Rend
- 39 Sneak off
- 43 List entry
- 44 Dressler of films
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- 46 Evergreens
- 49 Sculptor's work, often
- 51 Keenly perceptive
- 53 Most profound
- 57 Type of number
- 59 Sea eagle

- 60 Musical ending
- 61 Escape
- 66 Put a stop to
- 67 *The ___ Queene*
- 68 Scheduled to arrive
- 69 Snick-er-___
- 70 Eat
- 71 Printemps follower

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- 1 Fountain offerings
- 2 Maltreatment
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- 6 Antediluvian
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- 9 Empty
- 10 Make a quick exit
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- 42 ___ majesty
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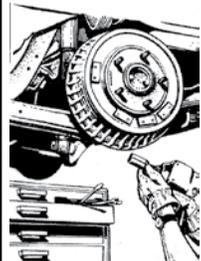
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Featured Artist at the Theater

Meet the Artist, Gary Mellenbruch, at his reception on Friday, August 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater Lobby at 5501 27th Ave. S., Gulfport.

Mellenbruch attended Kansas University studying Industrial Design and apprenticed with Worthington and Associates between his junior and senior year in Kansas City, Kansas, working as an architectural illustrator. He opened Mellenbruch Studio at the age of 24. Mullenbruch remarked, "I have been a freelance illustrator, graphic designer and at one time had my own art gallery in Kansas City." He has

three children who are all artists in different parts of the country. He moved to Tierra Verde in 1998 where he works and plays.

The artist, Gary Mellenbruch will be available during the reception to meet, greet and discuss. For more information, contact 727-893-1118.

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Enter the Geography Bee

Hey kids! Brush up on your Geography this summer and have some fun at the library at the same time. Students entering grades one through six are invited to compete for prizes in the Fourth Annual Geography Bee, to be held at the St. Petersburg James Weldon

Johnson Community Library, 1059 18th Ave. S., on Wednesday, July 30 at 6:15 p.m.

The free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Johnson Community Library. The top three finishers in three grade-level groups will be awarded gift cards. Participants may pre-register and obtain study sheets at the library or online at splibraries.org. Registration is also held on-site the evening of the Geography Bee. For more information, contact the Johnson Community Library Coordinator, 727-893-7113.

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Learn to Be Suddenly in Command

What do you do if you are suddenly in charge of a boat? What do you do in an emergency? Learn how to be "Suddenly in Command" at Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. on Saturday, August 2 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Instruction is free but class size is limited. Call 419-260-3592 for reservations. Presented by USCG Auxiliary Gulfport Flotilla 7-16.

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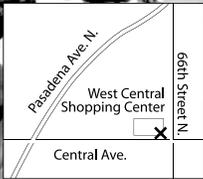
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Get Ready for Taste of the Beaches

The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce will host its 6th Annual Taste of the Beaches event Saturday, July 19 at Horan Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach. Festivities include auctions, raffles, tastes from 30 local restaurants and live music by "The Hamiltones" and the "Hunks of Funk." The event is from 4 to 10 p.m. The cost to attend is \$10 with food and drink tickets to be sold separately. Tickets may be purchased online at tampabaybeaches.com/events/eventdetail.aspx?EventID=2367.

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Flick & Float Movie at Childs Park Pool

Bring the family and friends to movie night at Childs Park Pool, 1227 43rd Street S. on Monday, July 21, 8 p.m. St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation presents a family friendly movie, where Flint Lockwood now works at The Live Corp Company for

his idol Chester V. But he's forced to leave his post when he learns that his most infamous machine is still operational and is churning out menacing food-animal hybrids. Cost \$3.50/ages 3-12, \$4/age 13 and up. Floats provided. Flume slide, and diving boards open, lawn chairs welcome. For more information call 727-893-7730.

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Chamber of Commerce Networking Mixer

By Lynda Shehan

As your Gulfport Area Chamber grows, many of our new members are signing on to sponsor a networking mixer to showcase their business. We are happy to announce that our next

networking mixer on July 17 will be hosted by Egret Cove Center. This lovely facility is located at 550 62nd St. S. Mixers are held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with drawings held throughout the evening as we give away donated prizes and the 50/50 at the end of the evening.

If your business would like to join our growing chamber or sponsor a networking mixer, please call our office at 727-344-3711. Feel free to visit our website at Gulfportareachamberofcommerce.org and join online.

The chamber also wishes to thank the *Gabber* for their support in printing these press releases to keep our members informed.

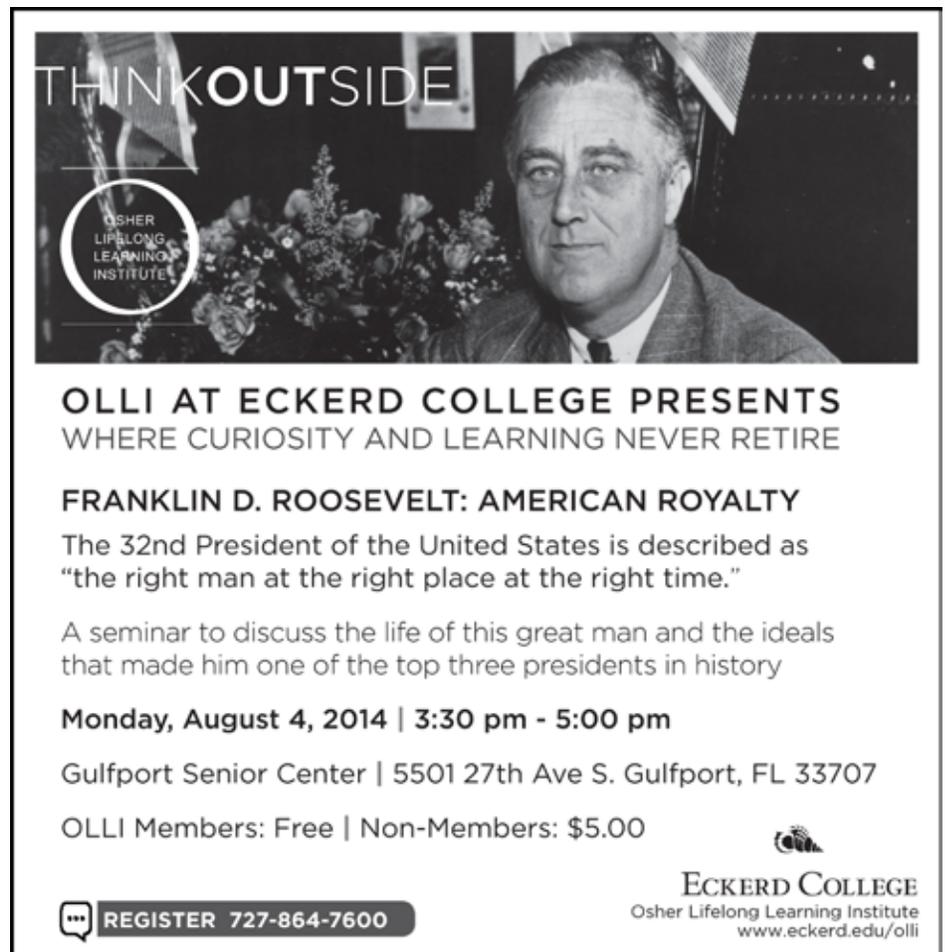
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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

Diversions, accidents, ill preparedness -- they're all reasons to drift terribly off track from long-term goals during Saturn's four-month retrograde. And yet, now that Saturn has decided to turn around, you may find that all of those extraneous activities and detours only added spice and experience to your overall picture. You're stronger for the living. Anyway, it's over now that Saturn will be flying straight!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you feel hurt, afraid or embarrassed, it means you took a chance and it didn't work out. But these are far better states of being than the apathy and boredom that come of a risk-free life. You are one of the strong ones, willing to stay engaged, win or lose, and that is something to celebrate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You wish to enhance your thoughts by speaking them out loud. Just be aware that not everyone will be so nobly intentioned this week. You'll run into those seeking to disguise their thoughts with their words. Rely on your intuition, though, and these types easily will be spotted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Empathy is often learned from parents. A lack of empathy is, unfortunately, also a trait that is easily handed down. Consider that whatever a person's empathy score, it likely comes from a long line. This may help you to be more empathic and compassionate in your dealings this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be careful not to organize yourself around pleasing and performing for others. That structure will bring only momentary and shallow benefits. You will come away feeling that the one receiving the praise and applause was someone else, and you'll be right. Strive instead for authenticity, even if it means displeasing someone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are different one-on-one from how you are in a group. Furthermore, you are different with different people and different groups. This week it will feel as though it's really difficult

to predict who you'll be socially, and you won't know until you make the effort to mix, mingle and show up in a variety of situations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People who work with their bodies are as competent and relevant as those who work with their minds -- even though society has, through the ages, tended to favor one or the other based on the reasons or the seasons. Try to acknowledge and honor different reasons and seasons.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Let the simple things be simple. Of course, if you looked into them, you might think they were complicated, and you might be right about that. Nonetheless, keep it simple. That's the way you'll sail through this week with a smile on your face. It's the kind of week during which you should smile, smile, smile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be given notes on a performance or product. Some of the notes won't apply at all. Some of them will be downright wrong. However, it will behoove you to follow the rules for accepting a critique, which include: no arguments, no explanations, no excuses. Listen and say thank you, and fortune follows.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll feel that you need to clean up your life -- not in the scrub-and-polish sense, but in the way that you'd like to include only what needs to be there and nothing else. You'll seek sharp and defined purposes. You'll want things to be clearly punctuated and neatly in place. Your efforts will achieve it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). While your desire is intense (Monday through Wednesday), it'll be easy to do what you need to do to get where you want to go. When your desire wanes, it will take creativity and experimentation to achieve the results you seek. That's what makes self-discipline an art and you a fine artist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Worrying is an attempt at control, if only in your mind. It is only helpful to the point that it can spur you to

act on the aspects of your life that are in your control. If you find yourself futilely obsessing, the best way to stop is to categorize life into "can control" and "can't control," and then focus on the former.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not in the mood for profundities this week, and so here's the straight story, Gemini: You'll pay, and you'll get paid. When you want to know where you are in the game, do the math, and it will tell the complete story. The gray areas will be too trifling to make a difference, so keep your eye on the bottom line.

This Week's Birthdays: This year is the perfect combination of hard and soft. There are days that push you to sweat and toil, and then there are stretches of idyllic fun, picturesque experience, the folding of hands and hearts. You'll enjoy a full range of emotions. In September, an investment of effort pays off, and you will earn a validation you don't need but will be nice to have. Your family is growing, and in November, you'll all connect to celebrate. Be careful, though, not to entwine business and family.

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Music at Gulfport Beach Pavilion #6

Monday, 1-3:30 p.m.

Karaoke by Harmony Hal & His Gal

Tuesday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Entertainment by Cillawette

Wednesday, 1-3:30 p.m.

Karaoke Mike Furman

Thursday, 1-3:30 p.m.

Dancing & Karaoke with Dave & Cookie

1st & 3rd Friday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Entertainment Dorothy & Jim

Saturday, 1-3 p.m.

Ray & Ann, Entertainment

Sunday, 1-3:00 p.m.

Woody & his accordion, Music for listening & dancing

Weather permitting

Join a Young at Heart Luncheon

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1901 62nd Ave. S., St. Petersburg welcomes you to their Young at Heart luncheons. They meet for a prepared lunch on the last Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following the meal they have a program and/or speaker on a variety of topics.

Come meet them and share in fun and fellowship and an opportunity to enhance your knowledge, interests and faith. Call 727-864-3103.

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Be a Gecko Pub Crawl Ambassador

The Gulfport Merchant's Association is looking for volunteers to be ambassadors for the Gecko Pub Crawl which is taking place Saturday, August 9.

An ambassador is the person who is stationed at each pub who greets

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the folks and handles the pub crawl business for the 200 participants of the crawl.

It is a great, fun way to participate in the crawl without having to crawl yourself. You will be provided all supplies and if you want to dress up to get folks in the spirit of the Roaring Geckos, feel free!

Responsibilities include: Be at your assigned location from 4:45 to 9 p.m. Greet crawlers, stamp their crawl ticket, and supply the free drink token. Deal each person a poker card and record the card on their ticket. Sell raffle tickets for prizes.

Each location is going to have

three ambassadors. They already have some lined up but they need at least 11 more folks to volunteer.

All ambassadors are invited to the after-party at Salty's at 9 p.m. for the poker and raffle awards and live music, dancing and fun.

They will be holding a "Crawl Academy" a few days before the event to make sure that you all know what to do and work out any kinks, last year this was a huge success.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Angela Lagan at gulfportbeachbazaar@gmail.com or 727-348-6490.

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Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on July 30 at 10 a.m. and learn about soil testing. Bring pen and paper to take notes. Barbara Gilberg Habitat is located at 1600 Pasadena Avenue next to the electronic billboard on Shore Drive. Meet Natalie in the pavilion.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members will meet on July 23 at 7 p.m. at the

home of Barb Bofferding for a ways and means meeting.

Sunshine City Council held their annual organizational meeting on Monday, July 14 at Dixie Hollins High School. Plans for the new year were presented and members are looking forward to another great year.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural organization for women. Most chapters meet from September to May twice a month. Each chapter has a variety of socials. There are career chapters which meet once a month and have an abbreviated format. Many chapters have service

projects but their focus is on social and cultural programs.

For more information, please contact Sharon Ingram at 727-321-2849.

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Find the Music in You

Have you always wanted to make music? Donna Dobbs, an experienced music educator, composer and musician, has developed a way for you to find the music in you, get it out and play it. The idea is to mix musicians and non-musicians, a room full of instruments and a great facilitator to play the songs America loves. Find the Music in You provides a way to discover a part of yourself that may have been hidden for a lifetime, have fun, learn more about your special abilities and create something that will give you lasting pleasure. No experience or talent required. The \$10 workshop will be held at City of Imagination, 3009 54th St. S. on Thursday, August 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Call 727-480-0865 or register online at FindTheMusicInYou.com.

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<p>Friday, July 18, 4:30-6:30pm White Fish Baked w/ Wine Sauce or Battered, French Fries, Slaw, Roll/Butter, Dessert ~ \$7.75 ~ or ~ Country Pork Ribs, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Veggies, Roll/Butter, Dessert ~ \$8.50</p>	<p>Saturday, July 19, 4:30-6:30pm Legion Dinner Baked Chicken Leg & Thigh, Mac & Cheese, Veggies, Roll/Butter, Dessert ~ \$7.00</p>	<p>SUNDAY BREAKFAST 8:30am-11:00am BREAKFAST BUFFET Complimentary Bloody Mary or Mimosa \$5.00</p>	
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Police Academy Puts Citizens in Driver's Seat



Gulfport Chief of Police Rob Vincent demonstrates his driving skills for the Citizens Police Academy in June. Later in the class, students had the chance to get behind the wheel of a police car and chase the chief. The Academy, which costs attendees nothing and gives Gulfportians priority, spans several months and includes shooting, DUI procedures, and driving police cars on a closed course.

Check Out These Events at the Library

On Saturday, July 19, at 2 p.m. meet Anya Kassoff, author of "The Vibrant Table: Recipes from My Always Vegetarian, Mostly Vegan, and Sometimes Raw Kitchen" at the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 9th Ave. N. Anya will discuss and sign copies of her book. Call 727-893-7724.

On Saturday, July 26, at 11 a.m. the Pinellas County Extension Services will present Container Gardening at the Mirror Lake Community Library, 280 5th St. N. in St. Petersburg. Learn how to grow gardens in small spaces. Call 727-893-7268.

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German-American Society News

On Saturday July 19, the place to be for good food, good music, and good company is the German-American Society located at 8098 66th St., N. in Pinellas Park. The music for your dancing and listening pleasure will be furnished by "The Brothers." Doors open at 6 p.m. and the music begins at 7 p.m. The kitchen is open until 8 p.m. and their full service bar is open until 11 p.m. Their dress code is Florida semi-formal (no shorts, other than lederhosen). The entrance fee is their summer time rate of \$5. For further information contact Bob at 727-238-8201.

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Lithuanian American Club Lunch

The Lithuanian American Club at 4880 46th Ave. N. in St. Petersburg is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. The summer schedule of luncheons is one week koldunai and the other week cepelinai.

The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. This Thursday's menu is koldunai (meat dumplings) served with bacon and/or sour cream, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked bread to buy every Thursday.

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Dog Tag Heroes Needs Your Help

Dog Tag Heroes, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit organization that raises funds to help working veterans with costs such as car repairs, child day care costs, etc. To donate your household items that are in good condition or volunteer, call Kathy at 727-577-5455.

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Garden Club of St. Petersburg Events

Creative Crafts of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg will present the following activities at 10 a.m. at the Garden Center, 500 Sunset Dr. S., St. Petersburg. The cost of materials for member is \$3.50 and non-members \$4 and you take home what you craft. The public is invited. Call 727-381-8920 or visit gardenclubstpetersburg.org.

Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26: "Indoor Yard Sale." Browse the collectibles, gadgets, household items and other treasures in air-conditioned comfort and support the Garden Club's programs and projects. Hot dogs available. Free admission. Friday, July 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, August 12: "What is an Ariod?" Discover the occasionally beautiful and often bizarre combination. Presented by the Night Bloomers Circle of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 6:30 p.m.

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Caregiver's Support Group

Are you feeling overwhelmed with the responsibilities and challenges of being a caregiver? You are not alone! On-going support for you is essential.

The Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., offers a support group for caregivers every Wednesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This peer-led group has met weekly over the years sharing tips, offering encouragement, and discussing the trials, demands, and overwhelming experience of being a caregiver for their loved one.

Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member. Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. Call 727-893-1231.

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Overheard at the July 15, 2014

Gulfport City Council Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

"We just want to send our regards to Lesley. There's been a medical situation in Lesley's family." – City Manager Jim O'Reilly in reference to the absence of City Clerk Lesley DeMuth

"I see kids every day at school who have nothing. We thought it would be a good idea to ask for donations and to donate things ourselves." – Elizabeth Brown-Worthington, about Gulfport Teen Council's school supply drive. Brown-Worthington said Teen Council geared the drive towards middle and high school students.

"Thank you for including Hamilton Disston." – Mayor Sam Henderson, about Teen Council's inclusion of the Hamilton Disston school in its school supply drive.

"For the last four years I've flown my flags ... Can we change or amend the ordinance? They're not promoting my business." – John Rieseback, who flies American flags as well as POW, 9/11, and other patriotic flags over his business on Gulfport Boulevard. He showed council a petition with 250 signatures asking that his flags be allowed to remain. Gulfport ordinances allow three flags per parcel; Rieseback flies six.

"The only thing they have is flags ... to draw attention to their businesses." – Stan Kreuter, about advertising flags on Gulfport Boulevard

"I do like Smokin' J's flags. I just figured we wanted due consideration." – Steve Miller, on behalf of Udderly Affordable, who received a notice of violation about advertising signs on her property.

"What was really upsetting is he didn't even come in to my business."

He sent a letter to my landlord. It's a constant, 'You can't have blinking flag, you can only have one open flag,' but your open flag can only be six square feet." – Mary Miller, owner of Udderly Affordable, who wanted permission to have a larger than legally allowed advertising flag. Businesses may have permanent signs within certain parameters, but city code limits open flags and other types of advertising.

"The only way out of it is to really use less water." – Ward One Councilmember Dan Liedtke, about the upcoming utilities increase.

"Sea otters are clogging up the sewer system." – Ward Four Councilmember Michael Fridovich, joking about the slow storm sewers

"So ten of us want to ask for more money." – Mayor Sam Henderson, joking after a technical glitch required council to vote a second time on reapplying for grant money from the county.

"We would like to request that the city council declare October 'Gulfport History Month.' We have several things going on that month, not just on the birthday." – Vice Mayor Christine Brown

"Do 'like' Gulfport Historical Society on Facebook to see what we have going on." – Vice Mayor Christine Brown, who also serves as Treasurer of the Gulfport Historical Society

"I just want to give a huge round of thanks to city staff, the folks who give a lot of weekends, a lot of late hours." – Mayor Sam Henderson, thanking city staff for the recent Fourth of July celebration as well as the other city events requiring staff presence.

Correction: The July 10 edition of the *Gabber* incorrectly identified Gulfport's Ward Three Councilwoman Yolanda Roman as Yolanda Fernandez, the Public Information Officer for the St. Petersburg Police. The *Gabber* regrets the error.



Gulfport Recreation

Recreation Center 5730 Shore Blvd. So 893-1068

REC WEBSITE: www.mygulfport.us and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec. Center.

ACTIVITIES

Open Gym/Gameroom - Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and Tues. & Thurs., 7:30-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$2 non-res.

PROGRAMS

2014 SUMMER PROGRAM- Resident Registration begins Thursday, May 1st from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. for the 2014 Summer Recreation Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Proof of residency is required for registration. Hours of registration for Monday-Friday are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Non Resident registration starts Monday, May 19th from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. You can pick up your packet at the Rec. Center or log on to www.mygulfport.us and follow the links to City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center. For more information call 893-1068.

2014 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM - Ongoing registrations for the 2013-2014 Teen Night Program continue for teens in middle school to age 17. The program is a great place to hang out and meet new friends. 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/\$2 non-res.

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- Beginner's Spanish - Call Ivone at 727-482-2125 for more info and prices.
- Teen Spanish- Wed., 5-7p.m. Call Ivone at 727-482-2125 for more info and prices.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Ian Forester at 823-0922.
- German- Tues. 5:45-7:15 p.m. Call 727-755-3459 or Pegasus.scholar@gmail.com
- Gymnastics - Returns in the fall. Call Barbara at 804-9400.
- Hatha Flow Yoga AM - Returns in the fall. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Ashtanga Yoga - Wed., 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Italian for Travelers- Tues. 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call Roberto 727-866-6892.
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call John at 893-1079.
- Live in Color Meditation-Thurs., 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call Rasheedah at 850-339-4668.
- Tai Chi - Moved to the Casino. Tues. &

Thurs., 9:00-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.

- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. for 10 & under, 6 p.m. for Adults and Fri., 5 p.m. for Juniors. Call Jack at 280-4276.
- Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness - Tues., 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 727-550-7185.
- Women's Self-Defense - Thur., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 727-550-7185.
- Yoga in the A M - Returns in the fall. Call Valerie at 557-4258.
- Zumba - Call Rachel at 419-905-5562 for more info.

TOMLINSON LAKE SKATE PARK

As of October 1st, ALL skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a new City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson 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, 2013 - September 30, 2014. Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



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Technology Programs

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

Beginning iPad Class: Thursday, August 7, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Learn how to both enjoy and benefit from your new technology. Pre-registration required. Sign up at the Reference Desk or call 727-893-1073.

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.

Meditation Classes: Fridays, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Ted Leitho leads the group in a series of six relaxing sessions on Fridays ending August 15. Bring a notebook & a pillow to sit on the floor if you wish, and explore the wisdom of Katha Upanisad, translated by Swami Lokeswarananda. Includes 7 Keys to Healing. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, July 17, 11:00 am. Discussion of: Hallucina-

tions, by Oliver Sacks, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

SCORE Counseling: Tues., July 22, Free & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

Home Gardening Class: Sat., July 26, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Just launched in May, meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month to provide expert guidance & support. This month's topic: Building a Hanging Garden Planter. Create some space for additional growth! Pre-registration required. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

Acoustic Jam Session with Alex: Mon., July 28, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Join in and get in touch with your musical self. FMI, call 893-1073 & ask for Alex.

Suddenly in Command! Sat., August 2, 12:30 - 3:30 pm. Circumstances while boating can suddenly change, thus promoting a passenger to captain. How should you react if placed in this situation? Reps from the USCG Auxiliary will lead the discussion of how best to deal with emergencies when the captain is "out of commission." Call (419) 260-3592 FMI.

Children/Family Programs

Summer Reading Program: Mondays, 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Lots of fun activities for grades K-5. This year's theme, Fizz, Boom, Read! is focused on the fun & cool stuff you can do with science! Earn prizes for reading throughout our seasonal celebration!

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, 10:30-11am.

Free Family Movie Day: Sat., July 19, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 p.m. Join us as for this popular monthly program. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by our Circle of Friends. For movie titles, call 727-893-1074.

Teen Programs

Teen Summer Reading Program: Wednesdays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Lots of cool activities for teens. Make awesome Darth Vader stuff at our July 23rd program -- Star Wars Day! Don't miss our last weekly program before our End of Summer Teen Bash on July 30th at 7:00 pm. Earn prizes for reading throughout our seasonal celebration!

Teen Anime Club: Friday, August 8, 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Get together once a month to screen fun flicks and to network with other fans. FMI, call 893-1133 FMI.

Department

City Sponsored Activities in the Community

Senior Center 5501 27th Ave. S. 893-2237

The Gulfport Multipurpose Center hours are Mon-Th 8am to 7pm and Friday from 8am to 4pm.

The Gulfport Senior Center Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursday from 1-3 pm. You must be over 50 and a Gulfport resident. Pre-qualification is also needed before use of the pantry. Please bring your Gulfport Picture I.D., a utility bill and proof of income. Call 893-1231.

Do you know someone who lives alone and could use a friendly check in call? Volunteers for the Reassurance Telephone Program call Gulfport seniors every Mon-Sat between 7:30-8:30am. To sign up for this program, please visit the Gulfport Senior Center and bring valid I.D.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Good Mourning Bereavement Support Group: Monday, 7/21 @ 9am. An educational support group series for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

Day of Pampering – Tuesday, 7/22 @ 11am – 1pm. Heatherlee with Mary Kay will take the first 10 people who sign up and give them a complete makeover.

Happy Birthday Party – Friday, 7/25 (4th Friday of Every Month) @ 3pm. A Birthday Party with cake, games, & more for everyone. Whether you are celebrating a Birthday or not, this party is for you! Provided by Dolphin's View.

Worried About The High Cost Of Long Term Care? Afraid You Can't Get Medicaid – Monday, 7/28 @ 2:30pm. Don't miss out! Come hear April Hill, Elder Law Attorney, explain how to prepare for the high cost of Long Term Care with insurance, private funds, or Medicaid.

Monthly Mini Health Clinic: Thursday, 7/31 (Last Thursday of Every Month) @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Blood Pressure Checks provided by Pinellas Point Nursing & Rehab Center & Vein Screenings by Premier Vein Institute.

HBO's "The Alzheimer's Project" Documentary Series: Fri., 8/1 @ 10am. Take a look at the faces behind the disease and the forces leading us to a cure.

Franklin D. Roosevelt: American Royalty: Mon., 8/4 @ 3:30 pm. Eckerd College will present the life of Franklin D. Roosevelt & the ideals that made him one of the top three presidents.

Coffee Club: Tues., 8/5 (1st Tues. of Every Month) @ 10am. Coffee and Doughnuts are provided by Scott O'Berry as you discuss current events, the economy and investing.

Tips for Caregivers – Weds., 8/6 @ 1:30. Join Linda Burhans as she encourages self-care & joyful response to your role as a family caregiver.

SPECIAL SERVICES

FREE Phones for persons with mild to severe hearing loss are available through FTRI at the Gulfport Senior Center every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am. You MUST call 727-399-9983 to qualify.

Community Law Program: Legal assistance is available from the Community Law Program every 3rd Friday of the month. You must be 60 years of age or older and qualify with the program. Call 727-582-7480 to qualify and to make the appointment.

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 for more information.

FITNESS CENTER: Annual sign up for the Fitness Center is an affordable \$25 a year or \$40 a couple.

Snack Bar: Bring a friend to the Senior Center and enjoy a light breakfast for only \$2.50 or lunch for only \$3.50.

Support Groups

Diabetic on Mondays at 9:30am

Caregivers: Every Wednesday at 12:30pm

Hearing Loss 1st & 3rd Mondays at 2pm

Visual 2nd & 4th Mondays at 2 pm

More Activities visit

gulfportseniorfoundation.org.

Gulfport Getaways – Thurs. 8/7 Museum of History special exhibit "The American Soldier". Call 727-893-2242 to reserve your seat by 8/1. GEMS Members \$14/Non-GEMS \$16. (YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A GEMS MEMBER TO ENJOY GULFPORT GETAWAYS.)



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Art Reception with Gary Mellenbruch,
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Raffle to Benefit CASA

Friends of Doug Strutz with Project Free Gallery is raffling a colorful and emotional sculpture to benefit CASA. Tickets are on sale at the Strutz Show Opening, Project Free Gallery, 2825 Beach Blvd. S. in Gulfport, through Friday, August 1 when the winner will be announced. For more information please stop by the gallery during regular business hours Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. till 6 p.m.

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CareFest Seeks Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for various home repair projects, painting,

mowing, weeding, yard work and cleanups throughout St. Petersburg neighborhoods on Saturday, September 27, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Somebody Cares Tampa Bay under the umbrella of CareFest USA, the annual week of compassion-related activities culminates with a day of service that gives back to the community, benefiting individual homeowners, schools and non-profit organizations.

Neighborhood and community-based groups, houses of worship, corporate teams, school clubs, businesses and individuals are invited to participate in a variety of one-day projects. On September 27, CareFest St. Pete 2014 starts and ends at Lake Vista Park, 1401 62nd Ave. S. in

St. Petersburg with check-in and light morning refreshments at 7:30 a.m., followed by projects conducted from 8 a.m. to noon. Once finished at their project site, participants are invited back to Lake Vista Park for volunteer recognition, lunch and entertainment between noon and 1:30 p.m. The event wraps up with CareFest organizers and the mayor presenting certificates to all volunteer groups.

To learn more, visit carefestusa.com and click on "Get Involved," "Search for a Project," then "St. Petersburg."

For volunteer information, contact Aubri Shauger-Haley, Community Services, 727-892-5141, or Chris Cahall, CareFest St. Pete Co-Chair, 727-743-5695. Volunteers and groups can also receive information via e-mail to ICAN@stpete.org.

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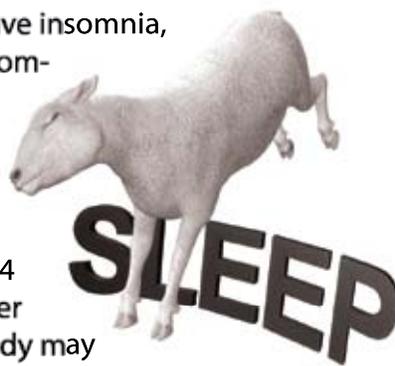
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Chicken Labeling: Prepare to be Surprised

If you've ever stood in the supermarket wondering if paying more for chicken that is free-range, antibiotic-free, no hormones added, farm-raised, natural and organic makes you a better person, you are not alone.

Recently, as I was doubting myself on my chicken choices, I decided to get to the bottom of what all of this really means. It's not at all what I thought.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is a cabinet-level agency that oversees the regulation of food-grade chicken and is responsible for the claims on packaging and labels. And despite all of the hype and fluff, there is only one label ("organic") that guarantees specific standards and for which you might consider paying more.

Briefly here is what all of it means -- or doesn't mean -- according to the USDA.

Free-range. There is no specific definition for free-range. For sure, it does not mean, "running free to forage for grubs and grain on acres of rolling green pastureland." The USDA generally allows this term if chickens have access to the outdoors for "at least part of the day," which could mean a matter of a few minutes, whether that chicken chooses to go outdoors or not. A single open door at one end of a huge chicken warehouse meets this definition of free-range. Even so, fewer than 1 percent of chickens nationwide are raised as "free range."

Cage-free. This means not housed in cages. It does not mean roaming happily in large open areas. "Cage-

free" can mean crammed together in an indoor henhouse and given very little room to breathe or be their chicken selves.

Natural. Under USDA regulations, a "natural" product has no artificial ingredients or chemical preservatives. Most ready-to-cook chicken can be labeled "natural," if processors choose to do so.

No hormones added. This label is meaningless because federal regulations prohibit use of hormones in chicken. Period. Any cut or brand of chicken can be labeled "raised without hormones." However, if the processor chooses to say that on the label, it must also clearly state that no hormones are used in the production of any poultry allowed for consumption in the U.S.

Antibiotic-free or raised without antibiotics. This means that the flock was raised without the use of products classified as antibiotics for animal health maintenance, disease

prevention or treatment of disease. But why mentioned this on the label? All processed chickens in the U.S. must be "antibiotic-free" in the sense that no antibiotic residues are allowed to be present in the meat.

Made in the USA. Nearly all chickens and chicken products sold in the U.S. come from chickens hatched, raised and processed in the U.S. The only exception is a small amount imported from Canada, which has food safety and quality standards equal to our own.

Organic. The USDA has a very specific rule to define "organic" production and prohibits the use of the term "organic" on packaging of any food product not produced in accordance with its rule. Organic chicken means that 100 percent of the chicken's feed was grown without chemical fertilizers, herbicides and other genetically modified organisms for at least three years. According to USDA, the organic label does not indicate that the product has safety, quality or nutritional attributes that are any higher than conventionally raised chicken.

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Looking at the Good Old Days

Ever think of those "good old" days when everything was cheaper and, of course, simpler? Well, were they or weren't they? For a recent birthday someone gave me one of those cards that tells what was going on the year of my birth (1934) complete with cost of living figures. I compared those prices with prices now relative to income and came up with some surprising results. For instance, some things weren't all that cheap and others were compared to the prices today.

Start with income. In 1934, the average annual income was \$1,601. Today it is \$44,321. That's 27.6 times the 1934 figure. However, a new house (not everyone buys or wants a new house) costs \$311,400 which is

52 times the 1934 price. A new car today at \$31,252 is 51 times the 1934 price of \$625, but you get a lot more (air conditioning, heater, radios, turn signals and a dozen other things).

However, the average rent at \$1,073 is 53 times the \$20 a month figure in old times and going to Harvard at \$41,616 is 101 times the 1934 rate of \$410. Not sure whether you get 101 times the benefit. On the other hand, a movie ticket at \$7.96 a pop today is just 31 times the 25 cent fee paid back then. Probably a bargain based on what you get now. Gasoline? It was 10 cents. Today it is \$3.66. That's 36 times the earlier price, but it's probably a better fuel. But what appears to be a bargain is the 49 cent stamp. That's only 16 times the 3 cents in the old days.

Remember, the base is the income comparison relative to the income

and prices then and now. There are some bargains now, mostly in the food category. A gallon of milk cost 45 cents in 1934. It's \$3.73 now which is only 8.2 times the old rate. Coffee is only 14.7 times as much and bacon 18 times and eggs 10 times. Freshly baked bread, formerly 8 cents a loaf, is now \$1.41 which is 17 times what it was.

Relatively higher in cost is hamburger at 32 times what it was. There's no real lesson or object here except to point out that the abundance and relatively inexpensive food we eat today explains why so many of us are overweight. There's a problem with that, however. We add to our costs by eating out or taking in prepared food. Back then people actually prepared and cooked all their food at home. Grocery stores didn't have pre-prepared food. Things were done from scratch.

Lifestyles changed in other ways, too. We're automated from cleaning clothes to communications. That means labor saving devices cost money to purchase and maintain. Less time in labor means more time in recreation. That generally translates to cost. The theory was that with more available free time we would rest. It hasn't worked out that way. The more time we have to ourselves the more time we fill it with activities, often stressful activities.

All in all, it looks like income hasn't kept up with inflation although 1934 was the depths of The Depression. Our modern life is not only more complicated, but we expect more from it materially. Also, not everyone is average and for the below average there are safety nets and subsidies. Besides that we (individually and the government) carry more debt which means more income, but that also has a cost. Push up one side and the other goes up too.

As I said, there are no real conclusions except to point out that the "good ole" days weren't so different than now.

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Legion Riders meet first Monday 7 pm
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Ladies Auxiliary meet 1st Sunday each month at 11:30am
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ADVANTAGE Membership required or register with a valid driver license or photo ID of parent or legal guardian and complete Hold Harmless Agreement. Register Thursday, July 17 and Thursday, July 31 during normal operating hours. Reduced rates are also available for residents with Medicaid, food stamp cards or free school lunch and reduced lunch status forms. Register at pool locations: Walter Fuller, 7883 26th Ave. N., 727-893-7636; Northwest, 2331 60th St. N., 727-893-7723;

Childs Park, 1227 43rd St. S., 727-893-7730; E.H. McLin, 602 14th St. S., 727-893-7635; Fossil Park, 6739 M.L. King Jr. St. N., 727-893-7440; Jennie Hall, 1025 26th St. S., 727-893-7725; Lake Vista, 1450 60th Ave. S., 727-893-7745; Shore Acres, 4142 Shore Acres Blvd. NE, 727-893-7752; North Shore Aquatic Complex, 901 North Shore Dr. NE (no registration July 31), 727-893-7727. Programs vary at every pool site. For more on pool lessons and pool information, see stpeteparksrec.org.

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Join Treasure Islettes' Weekly Bingo

Please join the Treasure Islettes' at the Treasure Island Community Center, located behind Walgreens, for their year-round Thursday evening bingo games. Early bird games begin at 6:45 p.m. and regular games at 7:45 p.m. These games are run by the Treasure Islettes' and your participation benefits local scholarships. They have a great snack bar, free coffee and cash prizes. No one under 18 is allowed and no alcohol please, as per state regulations.

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Voluntary Prekindergarten Program

The City of Gulfport Recreation Center is currently accepting VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) vouchers for the 2014-2015 school year. VPK is free for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1. 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. to 12:30 p.m. Hours for pre-registration are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The program begins on Tuesday, September 2. This program is being offered in addition to the Tot Time Program, which is for children who are between the ages of 3 to 5 and potty trained. Please call 893-1068 for more information.

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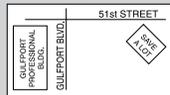
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Joining in the fun of the runs and walks, My Hope Chest, the locally based, 501c3 breast cancer charity is adding spice to the mix! The 1st Annual Butterfly Glow Walk, 5K Fun Run and After Party will take flight on Pass-A-Grille Beach, 1501 Gulf Way Blvd., St. Pete Beach Saturday, September 20 at 7 p.m.

The fundraising begins with supporters signing up their "Butterfly Teams" this summer to rally their support for My Hope Chest's breast reconstruction program, which helps breast cancer survivors transform into butterflies. The charity event begins at dusk for an evening of exercise and fun along the Gulf of Mexico. The party begins at the finish line with awards, music, food, competition games and libations at Hurley Park.

"My Hope Chest's unique mission is a call to action honoring breast cancer survivors focused on breast restoration, a little known aspect of the disease in need of much support," said My Hope Chest founder, Alisa Savoretti. "We are hoping Tampa Bay businesses, groups and individuals that have supported breast cancer walks in the past will join our crusade this year to help 'finish' for women what breast cancer had started. We designed the 'Butterfly gloWalk & 5K Fun Run!' outside the box of traditional walks and can't wait to see 'glowing' participants having fun for charity, at night, on the beach wearing 'wings'! We are looking forward to a great turnout at our first annual event and party, raising funds and supporting our mission of happy and new beginnings for survivors!"

My Hope Chest will share a portion of proceeds to support local bill pay organizations that help patients in treatment with non-medical expenses.

For more information on My Hope Chest, call 727-452-7705 or visit their website at myhopechest.org. Visit active.com/st-pete-beach-fl/running/races/butterfly-glow-walk-5k-fun-run-and-party-2014 to register your team today!

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Local Obituaries



BEDNAREK, LUCY, 99, died July 12, 2014. She is preceded in death by her husband, Stanley. She is survived by her son Ron Bednarek. Lucy will be missed by all who knew her.

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BELKIN, MADELINE JANE, 89, of Gulfport, passed away July 7, 2014. Madeline was born in South Bend, IN on Nov. 22, 1924 to Samuel and Celia Belkin. She worked for many years as a high school teacher in Detroit and Oak Park, MI before moving to Gulfport in 1977. Madeline was a life member of both Hadassah and B'nai B'rith in addition to volunteering at Menorah Manor. She was a beloved daughter, sister, and aunt who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Graveside services were held on Thursday, July 10 at Chapel Hill Memorial Park, 12905 Wild Acres Road, Largo. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Madeline's memory to Temple Beth El (Attn. Music Program). Guestbook at davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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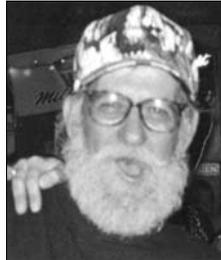


EDER, ALEXANDER, "ALEX", 85, of Gulfport, FL, passed away peacefully July 10, 2014 in Gulfport. Alex was born to the late Anton

and Karola Eder, March 12, 1929 in Homolitz, Serbia. He married the late Nada (Siskovic) Eder. They lived in Chicago, IL, before relocating to Gulfport. Alex is survived by son Stephan Eder, daughter Dobrilla Stephens, of Gulfport, Mira Carson, grandson Kai Nash (wife Tanya and daughter Kaeda) of Treasure Island, cousin Katharina Bobrowitsch and family in Chicago, Dragan Savkovic and family in St. Petersburg, Jelisaveta Siskovic and family in Chicago, and family and friends in Europe and in Gulfport. Services will

be held Monday, July 21, 9 a.m. at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 5800 15th Ave. S., Gulfport. Graveside services at Royal Palm Cemetery, 1st Ave. S. and 58th St. A Life Tribute, Gulfport, alifetribute.com/obituaries/Alexander-Eder/.

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GOODE, WALTER R. "BAHAMA", born Feb. 2, 1950, passed June 29, 2014. He is survived by his sister Meddie and two nieces.

He was a standing member of the First Baptist Church of St. Pete. He retired from the city of Gulfport and the Pasadena Yacht & Country Club. He was a Union Re-enactor of the 97th Infantry. His passions were music and photography. He enjoyed the game of pool and liquid socializing with other. He will be missed by all. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Gulfport Lions Club, date to be announced.

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HANSULT, JOYCE VIERA, 79, of South Pasadena died July 5, 2014. Survived by children, Rita and Ramon; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. NCS-Clearwater.

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LEWIS, PATRICIA "PATTI" STEVENSON, April 20, 1958 to June 28, 2014. After a short battle with cancer, our loss is heaven's gain.

Patti is survived by her 3 daughters, Angie (Stevenson) Pettit, Crystal Stevenson and Stephanie Stevenson, 5 grandchildren, husband Dan Lewis, siblings, Cathy Padgett, Tom Gilbert, Butchy Gilbert and Lorri Nelbach; and many friends she considered family. Join friends and family in celebrating a life well lived. Memorial service will be Sunday, July 20 at First Baptist Indian Rocks Church (in the chapel), 12685 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Reception following service at Constitution Park, 18214 Gulf Blvd. in Redington Shores. You are

welcome to bring food and beverage. Dress is casual, just come as you are. Donations are being accepted in lieu of flowers at Wells Fargo Patti Lewis Fund.

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MAIER, PASQUALINA (LENA) LUCY DELBUONO, 94 of Gulfport, FL, died July 13, 2014. She was preceded in death by her

loving husband, William C. Maier (2003). Lena was a first generation American whose parents, Felice and Giovanni (Bruni) DelBuono emigrated from Italy. Lena was born in Norristown, PA, the youngest of two brothers; Joseph, Virgil and four sisters; Angeline, Carmella (Millie), Anna, Concetta, who all preceded her in death. Lena married her one true love, Bill, in 1969 and they made their home in Philadelphia, PA before relocating to Gulfport, FL in 1977. Lena was active and enjoyed baseball, square dancing, baking, crocheting, Wii bowling, and most activities offered by the Gulfport Senior Center. Up until 2010 Lena would climb her backyard grapefruit tree for the "fruit at the top." Lena was known for her friendly nature and genuine concern for those around her. Lena had a long and full life and was loved by many. Lena is survived by grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. Visitation will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 22 at Most Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic Church, Gulfport. A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memory Gardens, St. Petersburg, FL. Visit beachmemorial.com.

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SMITH, MARGUERITE L., 104, of South Pasadena passed away Wednesday, June 25, 2014. She was preceded by her husband, Irvin Smith. Surviving include her niece, Sandra (Robert) McCracken, great-nephews, Shawn (Staci) McCracken, Ryan (Rachael) McCracken, Troy (Monika) McCracken and Andrew (Tina) Clendenning. Donations may be made to the Salvation Army. A gathering was held Friday, July 11 at Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Pete

Obituaries (contd.)

Beach, followed by graveside services at Woodlawn Memory Gardens, St. Petersburg.

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STEPHENS, EDGAR JUDSON, died June 30, 2014 at home in St. Pete Beach. He was born Nov. 21, 1928, the son of William Lewis Stephens and Alma B. Robar Stephens in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 39 years, Muriel "Muche" Desloovere; his sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Maurice Moore; and nephew, Glen Moore, all of North Bay, Ontario, Canada; niece, Joanne C. Moore of Callender, Ontario; and cousins, Gerrie and her husband, Philip Taylor, of Mission Viejo, CA, David Jarvis and his wife Brenda, of Barrie, Ontario, Vicki Bailie of Courtenay, British Columbia; and their children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Edgar was known for his keen intellect and remarkable memory. At the age of two he knew that to scale a chain link fence he had to do so at the post in order to get to the shortcut to his grandmother's house. The local newspaper in Kapuskasing, Ontario, where the Stephens family lived for a time, published an article of his under the heading "11-year-old Sums up European Situation." In Sept. 1955, he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Canadian Army and wished that he had seen combat while in Her Majesty's Service. One of his life-long passions was the study of military history, evidenced by an entire wall of books devoted to the subject. He graduated in 1958, from The Ryerson Institute

of Technology with a degree in Practical Journalism. He was one of the best photo editors the Canadian Press in Toronto, and subsequently the Associated Press in New York City, ever had. He ensured that some of the most iconic photos in recent memory were disseminated around the world; for example, the naked South Vietnamese girl fleeing from a napalm bombing. The Associated Press was where he met his wife, also a photo editor, the day President Nixon resigned. They married one year and a day later. He had a love of classical music and opera that he shared with Muche. They were long-time subscribers to, and strong supporters of, the Metropolitan Opera and the New York Philharmonic, as well as The Florida Orchestra. After Edgar retired from the Associated Press and he and his wife moved to St. Pete Beach, he could most often be found in his oversized La-Z-Boy chair placed so he could look out to the Gulf when his nose wasn't buried in a book. His other favorite pastime was cooking and he was an excellent chef, almost never using a cookbook or printed recipe. When he did, he would tweak the list of ingredients and the directions to make the dish his own. Edgar also loved traveling within the United States, especially in the Southwest, and visiting foreign places, among them the Sahara Desert. Shortly before his death, he was eagerly planning return visits to Paris and Rome this fall. There will be no service. His ashes will be spread at a later date. Donations in Edgar's memory may be made to The Florida Orchestra or the Friends of the St. Pete Beach Library. For an online tribute visit beachmemorial.com.

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In Loving Memory of Nile L. "Dutch" Van Leuvan, 71, who passed away at his home in Gulfport, FL on July 2, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 41 years Patricia Van Leuvan (nee Bradley); two daughters, Nora of Denver, CO and Barbara Kasulaitis and son-in-law Christopher of Fairport, NY and two sisters, Lois Buttino of Rochester, NY and Claire Higgins of Pompton Lakes, NJ as well as many nieces and nephews. Born in Jersey City on June 17, 1943, Dutch graduated from Wayne HS and worked for NCR for 10 years before moving to Oregon where he spent 8 years. He moved to Florida in 1984 where he owned and operated a cash register and typewriter sales, service and supplies business until he retired in 1998. He loved the outdoors and spent all his free time sailing, boating, camping, hiking and traveling with his wife and family. "All I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;" Family and friends will share in a Celebration of Life for Dutch on Sunday, August 3 aboard a dolphin cruise leaving from Gulfport Municipal Marina, 4630 29th Ave. S. in Gulfport at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, his family asks that donations be made to Gulfport Youth Sailing, Inc., 4600 Tipton Dr. S., Gulfport, FL 33707.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport

Q: Now that the much-appreciated repaving of 49th Street is done, the Law of Unintended Con-sequences may have resulted in a safety issue at the intersection of 49th and Gulfport Blvd.

Before the paving job, the three lanes heading south on 49th at that intersection were clearly marked with painted surface arrows indicating either, left, straight or right. All of these were "only" lanes.

Since the paving about a month ago, I've been waiting for the surface arrows in these lanes to be added. Hasn't happened. What has happened is that the former metal street sign on the right side of 49th going south that read, "Right Turn Only," has been removed.

The current traffic pattern leaves the Left Turn Only lane, marked by a metal sign, but the other two lanes are wide open. Which means cars in either lane are free to continue straight on 49th, across Gulfport Boulevard. On the south side of this intersection, 49th Street is a single lane. There is no signage for motorists making this crossing that 49th Street is only one lane and that they need to merge.

While the "locals" are still following the traditional "right turn only" for the right lane, without any signage, this could become an issue when more visitors show up this fall/winter.

Can your paper ask whoever re-worked this intersection whether this was their intent, and if so, to please add a sign about merging/one lane traffic on the south side of 49th Street? – Ruth Donnalley

A: "Please thank your reader for being so observant," Gulfport City Manager Jim O'Reilly wrote us in an email. "Subsequent to your inquiry, all appropriate striping (directional arrows) have been applied to the intersection. Directional arrows for left and right hand turns are placed per FDOT – Uniform Traffic Standards."

Note: South Pasadena reader Tom Vath sent this letter after reading a recent City Whys about irrigation concerns in Gulfport:

"I live in South Pasadena and several years ago the city of St. Pete – where we get our water and pay a 25% surcharge for both water and sewage – sent a little flyer in their monthly bill offering a free water saver for every customer. I called and they installed a two-inch-high sensor that would cut off the reclaimed water sprinklers if it had or was raining. Please pass this on to someone in Gulfport who can check with the St. Petersburg Water Department and obtain these sensors."

Open Studio for Portraits at Suntan

Treasure Island Art Guild has moved its Open Portrait Studio to its summer home. The group meets Friday mornings through August at the Suntan Art Center, 3300 Gulf Blvd. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome to join the group for a morning of artful fellowship. A live model is provided. For more information call 727-367-3818.

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Pre-Register for Tot Time Program

The city of Gulfport Recreation Center is currently accepting pre-registrations for the 2014-2015 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. to 12:30 p.m. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The program begins September 2. Call 893-1068 for more information.

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Get Your Gecko Ball Tickets

Break out your best Charleston dance moves! Roaring Geckos will be the theme of Gulfport's Sixth Annual Gecko Ball. The Roaring Geckos theme will evoke the Roaring Twenties, including its music, dancing, hair styles, clothing and costumes, fads, movies and other popular culture. Expect to experience costumes, music and décor celebrating flappers, hair bobs, Charlie Chaplin, "The Great Gatsby," "Guys and Dolls," the jazz age, Louis Armstrong, Rudolph Valentino, swing music and big bands, art deco and many other touchstones of the 1920s era.

The Gecko Ball will be held at the historic waterfront Gulfport Casino Ballroom (5500 Shore Blvd. S.) from 6 until 11 p.m. on Saturday, August 23. The event gets larger and more popular each year, including over the top décor, cocktail specials, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, a dinner buffet, commemorative photo booth, dozens of silent auction items, and the popular live auction of geckos created by local artists. Once again, a new Gecko Queen will be crowned at the ball as the queen and court are presented to assembled ball-goers.

Dress a la 1920s or dress as a gecko, or combine the two! A costume contest will determine some of the best outfits in the house. Costumes are encouraged but are not mandatory. Appearing live at this year's ball, the "Z Street Speakeasy Band" will offer dance floor-ready tunes from the 20s through today. There will be many other surprises in store, creating what has become known as Gulfport's party of the year!

Tickets for Gecko Ball are \$35 per person and are on sale at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar's Box Office, 3115 Beach Blvd. S. Tickets will continue to be available at the Beach Bazaar during regular store hours, as well as online with a credit or debit card at

GulfportMA.com until the event sells out. The Gecko Ball sells out every year, so would-be ball-goers are encouraged to purchase tickets as far in advance as possible. While they last, tables of 10 are available for group reservations only if all tickets for the table are purchased in person at the Beach Bazaar at one time.

The Gecko Ball occurs one week prior to the annual GeckoFest street festival (August 30), and each year the ball's theme also lends itself to costumes that GeckoFest participants are encouraged to wear and flaunt during the Fest's walking parade.

The annual Gecko Pub Crawl will be held August 9 this year, and a portion of proceeds from all three Gecko events will once again benefit a local non-profit group, as well as the commission of a public art installation.

For more information and updates on the Gecko Ball, go to Facebook.com/Geckoball. GeckoFest, Gecko Ball and Gecko Pub Crawl are all sponsored by the non-profit Gulfport Merchants Association. Contact Richard Radovic (rradovicjr@gmail.com or 727-204-8101) for details.

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Participants meet at Salty's in Gulfport, 5413 Shore Blvd. S. at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, follow the out and back 5k course at their desired pace, and return to Salty's for drinks and good company (food can be brought in from any local restaurant). Children and dogs welcome!

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Enter the Great St. Pete Cupcake Contest

The Morean Arts Center invites you to compete in a city-wide search for St. Petersburg's best cupcake. The contest will be hosted at the Morean Arts Center Galleries on Central Avenue, Saturday August 16 from 12 to 3 p.m. A \$15 entry fee allows each participant to enter one submission. A minimum of 12 delicious cupcakes are required for entry so that the judges can taste each submission.

Registration is officially open, and contestants may complete entry forms and liability waivers via the Morean Arts Center's website: MoreanArtsCenter.org. Deadline for entering the contest is Thursday, August 14, although the cap for entries has been reached early every year, so early registration is encouraged.

Last year's contest was divided into Novice and Professional categories, with first and second place awards given in both. The People's Choice award, chosen by the public, was created by Erin Moyse of St. Petersburg. Her American Cupcake in Paradise wowed the crowd and allowed her to take home the coveted glass cupcake trophy.

Registration will be capped this year as a result of the massive response over the past three years, so be sure and send in your forms as soon as possible. Multiple submissions are allowed, but each flavor entered needs to be accompanied by a separate registration form and entry fee. For information or questions on how to enter the contest, please call the Morean Arts Center at 727-822-7872.

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By Juju Stevens

Companion Planting

Companion plants are those that are beneficial to nearby plants; they're also called 'soil mates.' At their most base level, they are plants that do not compete for nutrients, draw insects harmful to the adjacent plant or impede their neighbors in any other way. These buddies of the plant world help each other in numerous ways, from pest control to pollination, from soil enhancement to creating a habitat for helpful critters, like ladybugs and pollinators. They can even "protect" certain plants from interlopers and weeds. In some cases, a combination of plants even increases productivity and enhances flavor!

One of the ways you can identify them is common sense: Many companion plants are traditionally cooked together. The recipe method is overly simplistic, but works most of the time in identifying which plants you should grow near each other. Carrots and onions, tomatoes and basil, beans and potatoes, lettuce and radishes all grow very well together.

Tomatoes are a prime example of vegetables that thrive when planted near friends. What's best with a tomato? Basil! Not only does basil repel flies and mosquitoes from human beings, it also enhances the flavor of tomatoes and that plant's productivity. I tend to plant my tomatoes and basil near my composter. That gives me compost near the tomatoes, which need lots of feeding, and a natural fly repellent near the composter. The result is a much tastier tomato plant.

Tomatoes love a number of other plants, but don't do well near cabbage, potatoes or fennel. (Very few plants do well near fennel). Growing stinging nettles near tomatoes increases their shelf life. Chives, onions, and carrots are also beneficial to tomatoes; planting garlic nearby can eliminate red spider mites.

Hand in hand with these companions are the curative benefits of various plants on other ones. For example, next time you trim back your tomato, throw some of the leaves in the blender. Add about a teaspoon of cornstarch and a little water. Strain the mixture through some cheesecloth and add to a half-gallon of water. The resulting solution is an amazing spray insecticide for roses! (You'll need to refrigerate any leftovers). Solanine, a natural alkaloid found in tomato leaves, was once a very common agricultural insecticide.

Have too many chives? Make a tea using some cuttings and spray it on cucumber plants to help prevent powdery mildew. Marigolds can help prevent nematodes; their best work is done by composting them directly into the soil where you have a nematode issue. It takes some time for them to work efficiently against the dreaded nematode. As a caveat: If you are severely allergic to ragweed, you may find that you're also allergic to marigolds. Try borage, petunias or catnip instead.

As you can see, not only do plants have beneficial effects on each

other's health, they can also be used "medicinally." In some cases, the smell of one plant's blossom repels harmful critters; in some, it draws beneficial critters or masks the smell of its friend so that the critters can't find it. Some plants are beneficial when planted as a part of "crop rotation." No matter how small your garden, planting the same thing over and over in the same spot is not always a good idea. Plants that demand heavy fertilization, like tomatoes, do well in a "forever" home unless you have issues with a particular plant disease. Other plants need to be moved around your garden to support your soil and help build it back. The general rule is to rotate by family: The tomato family includes eggplant, peppers and potatoes. All of these require enriched soil and are susceptible to the same diseases. As long as you supplement your soil and the plants are not diseased, you can leave them where they are.

The bean family includes green beans, peas, jicama, peanuts, and clover. They are awesome to have in your crop rotation because they add nitrogen to your soil naturally. The cabbage family thrives on nitrogen rich soil, so your rotation should include growing cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, collards and other greens in the bed vacated by the bean family. The squash family are heavy eaters; they require enriched soil and include gourds, cucumbers, pumpkins and melons.

In preparation for your fall garden, it's time to start seeds already. Tomatoes and peppers can be started with a view toward planting at the end of August. Early August, you can start beans, cucumbers, squash and corn!

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Juju does not claim to be a master gardener, though she says she "was a member of the Junior Garden Club before I hit puberty." Juju's columns are based on consultations with Florida certified master gardeners, various gardening books, Internet research and, primarily, her own experiences in her own and her grandmother's gardens. Says Juju, "The first thing I learned about gardening in Florida was to forget everything I learned about gardening anywhere else."

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What You Need to Know About Florida's Power of Attorney Act (Part II)

The most fundamental change in Florida's Power of Attorney (POA) Act is the classification and requirements of certain powers now designated as "Superpowers." The "Superpowers" established by Florida Statute 709.2202 are:

1. Creating an inter vivos trust;
2. Amending, modifying, revoking or terminating a trust created by or

on behalf of the principal, only if the trust instrument explicitly provides for such action by the settlor's agent;

3. Making a gift;
4. Creating or changing rights of survivorship;
5. Creating or changing a beneficiary designation;
6. Waiving the principal's right to be a beneficiary of a joint and survivor annuity, including a survivor benefit under a retirement plan; and
7. Disclaiming property and powers of appointment.

The authority to exercise these "Superpowers" must not only be specifically outlined in the POA, but the principal must sign or initial their name next to each specific "Superpower." In addition, the agent may only exercise these "Superpowers" consistent with the duty to preserve the principal's estate plan and the exercising of the

"Superpowers" must not be prohibited by any governing document affected. Furthermore, if the agent is not related to the principal, the agent may not use these "Superpowers" to benefit themselves or anyone for whom the agent has an obligation to support.

Florida's POA Act also mandates that a third person accept or reject a POA within a reasonable time. For example, four days is deemed a reasonable time for a financial institution to accept or reject a POA. A third person who rejects a POA must explain in writing why the POA was rejected. Also, third persons are protected from liability if their reliance on the POA was done in a good faith belief that the POA was properly executed.

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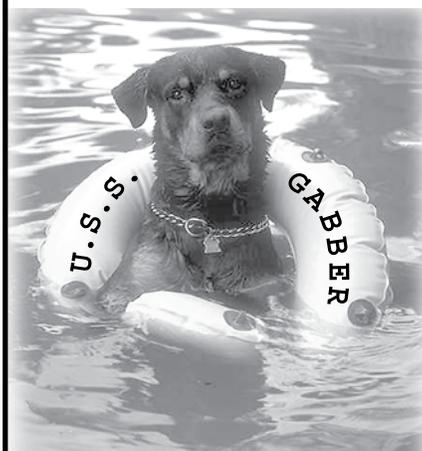
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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

It's Tradition

Every Christmas Eve my dad's mom used to make fish. It's an Italian tradition; some people call it Seven Fishes, but my family just called it "the antipasti," as in "I'm going to make the antipasti for Christmas Eve." I won't delve into the glorious stench of a house filled with sardines, scungilli and salami (I know it's not a fish, but Grandma put in the antipasti), but I wager you can work it out.

This year at the fireworks, our city manager, as usual, had his daughter with him. She comes every year; that's their tradition. The idea of not going to Gulfport for the 4th, he says, doesn't enter her head.

Gulfport, like an Italian-American family, has a bevy of traditions. Some are mainstream; others are not. We have the annual Little League parade, the mullet toss at the Historical Society's birthday bash, GeckoFest, and a host of other things we do every year. I love them all. To varying degrees, but I love them all.

No one who's a part of a tradition is ever elated at the thought of it going away. I wrote an article a few months ago that bore the headline "Little League in Peril." Next year, Gulfport Little League will likely include kids from outside the city and have a different name. GeckoFest? Well, that's already changed. Organizers now have a full Gecko Season that includes the Gecko Pub Crawl and the Gecko Ball. The Historical Society's birthday bash will be different this year, too: I'm on the board, and I'm thrilled to see us finding new ways to show Gulfport how all of our traditions matter.

It seems to me, though, the idea of tradition is somewhat elastic. It isn't as set in stone as we tell ourselves. I wonder what Gulfport's first traditions were – I'm pretty sure they weren't remotely related to fireworks or geckos. I wonder, too, after years of fishing, how fishermen

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felt to watch their traditions give way to new ones until all that was left of them was an annual mullet toss. I know pretty well how the gallery owners of 25 years ago feel about how their traditions changed, too.

Every year on Christmas Eve, I think about my grandmother and what it used to be like when we'd gather around her table. I like to remember the best parts, of course, but it never felt the same after we moved down to Florida, not even after my grandparents moved in with us years later. The final time my grandmother ever made the antipasti, my grandfather could barely make it through dinner – cancer had taken over his body. My grandmother placed the dishes on the table in between bouts of tears. We had the dinner because it was tradition, which, if it's the only reason you do something, isn't the best reason to do it.

In reality, we often improve on traditions as we go, although we don't always realize it. I have heard that Gulfport Little League maybe wasn't always as welcoming to kids from Childs Park as it could have been. When the Gulfport Merchants Association first held the Gecko Ball,

it was, shall we say, an intimate affair. This year the city manager's daughter had a friend of the male persuasion with her. All these things are good types of change, even if the city manager might not see the last one quite that way.

Change is how we get from one place to another, and I know there are more than a few of you reading this who wish Gulfport could stay just as it was. I understand, even if I don't agree. Who cares if it's called Gulfport Little League as long as our kids can play ball? So we don't have fish houses lining the water anymore; we will never forget how fishermen helped build Gulfport. Our traditions aren't a specific set of things. They're simply the way we honor our past, and the significance lies with the fact that we do honor it, not how we do it.

In my family, we don't often do Seven Fishes on Christmas Eve anymore, but in honor of my grandparents, there is always fish. (Although we usually have to lie to my mom and tell her whatever fish we're serving is flounder, because she won't eat any other fish; that's another quirky Salustri tradition.)

But tradition isn't necessarily about doing exactly the same thing, year after year. Tradition, at least as I see it, is preserving what matters.

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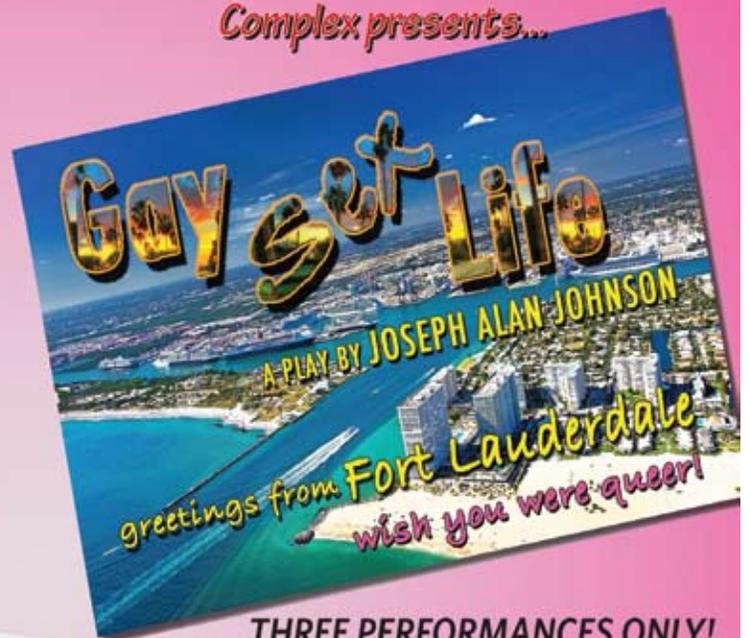
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