

Off They Go



Gulfport firefighter/paramedic Matt Steindl took a break from reminding drivers to slow down in a school zone to make sure his son Casey got safely across Gulfport Boulevard on Monday, August 18. The fifth grader will be the Gulfport Elementary news director this year.

Every year on the first day of school, the Gulfport Fire Department stations a fire truck on Gulfport Boulevard to let drivers know that school has resumed; Steindl and his squad spent the morning reminding drivers to exercise caution.

Clean Up Video Wins Prize for St. Pete Beach Youths

By Elizabeth Brown-Worthington

Although the St. Pete Beach Youth Council is only a few months old, they've already received their first award. The small but active youth council entered a video into the Florida League of Cities Youth Council video competition highlighting what they think needs to be changed in their city in order for it to prosper in the future. These nine energetic teens all decided that they needed to clean up their beach.

The group produced a video of a beach cleanup where they talked to local beach-goers about the importance of a clean beach. In the essay submitted with the video, the teens asked local St. Pete Beach businesses to pick a weekend and clean up the beach, take pictures and write a short paragraph as to why they are the best volunteers.

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Gulfport Council Considers Equality Resolution

Spurred by Gulfport's Ward Three Councilwoman Yolanda Roman's request, at the August 19 Gulfport City Council meeting council voted 3-2 to discuss passing a resolution in support of marriage equality at a future meeting.

Mayor Sam Henderson – who, in his first year as mayor, championed writing personal letters instead of passing council-wide resolutions that involved lengthy public discussion and, often, discord – allowed Roman to speak and subsequent public comment before asking the council if it wished to break its self-imposed “no resolutions on things we can't control” rule.

“Mayor, you don't have to ask our permission,” Ward One Councilmember Dan Liedtke said. “We said no resolutions, so what's the procedure now if we go forward?”

Both the mayor and Liedtke opposed; each stressed it was the passing of any resolution, rather than the issue of marriage equality, to which they objected.

After the vote, Liedtke said if the council would add wording pressuring President Obama to quiz other national leaders to answer for any discriminatory human rights policies, he would feel better about the resolution.

Roman responded by suggesting Liedtke was “politicizing” support for marriage equality.

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Florida has closed primaries; only

voters registered with a political party may vote in that party's primary. All registered voters may vote on the county referendum and nonpartisan contests including judicial and school board races.

Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day. State law requires that a registered voter vote in the precinct in which he/she

resides. A voter who has moved is required to vote in his/her new home precinct.

Some polling place locations have changed. Voters are encouraged to confirm their polling places by visiting votepinellas.com or calling 727-464-VOTE (8683).

Voters should bring photo and signature identification to the polls if possible to avoid delays.

Early voting continues through 5 p.m. Sunday, August 24 in all three elections offices; hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Check early voting wait times online at votepinellas.com.

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GriefShare

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group at Cornerstone Community Church, 6745 38th Ave. N. Starting on August 29, the group will meet every Friday for 13 weeks, from 10 a.m. to noon. They use workbooks and watch a DVD from the GriefShare program. You can get more information at Griefshare.org or call 727-343-7747.

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Due to the Labor Day holiday, the citywide crime meeting normally held on the first Monday of the month will be held on September 8, at 7 p.m., 1617 49th St. S.

School is open. Please drive carefully!

Skyway Marina District Car Show

The Skyway Marina District Business Association, a not-for-profit organization, will host an inaugural event to showcase the area businesses to the public, via a Cruise-in & Car Show on August 23. The event is the first in a series of events being planned, which are designed to promote the lifestyle and business services available throughout the District.

The inaugural Skyway Marina Cruise-in and Car Show will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and be continually held on the last Saturday of every month thereafter. The event will take place at the Flamingo Resort and will feature antique, classic, hot rod, custom and exotic cars and trucks from yesteryear to today. The event will also be serving up some of the area's best food trucks, cold beverages, music, entertainment, charity raffles, special offers from District businesses and dash plaques for the cars.

The Cruise-in & Car Show is free to all. For more information, call Christopher Breton at 727-490-2000 ext. 7026.

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Gulfport Area Chamber Back To School Drive

School started on Monday, August 18, and the Gulfport Area Chamber is only half way to their goal to meet or beat last year's donation to Gulfport Elementary.

Whether you donate actual supplies or money to fund the purchase of supplies America's Office Source buys at wholesale is totally up to you.

Please help if you can! They need: backpacks, tissues, hand sanitizer, crayons, highlighters, composition

books, filler paper, safety scissors, glue sticks, colored pencils, pencils.

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A Healthier, Happier You

Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce a health and wellness panel for their August 28 Learn @ Lunch. The luncheon will be hosted by the Hilton Clearwater Beach and feature guest speakers from Orange Theory Fitness and Max Muscle Sports Nutrition.

The discussion "A Healthier

& Happier You" was inspired by luncheon sponsor Walgreens and will center on the benefits of cardiovascular training, weight lifting and nutrition. Whether you're a fitness buff or just beginning your journey to becoming a healthier you, you won't want to miss out on hearing from our experts.

Check-in and networking begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. The cost to attend is \$15 for TBBCoC members and \$25 for non-members. Those wishing to attend must pre-register. For more information or to register, please visit TampaBayBeaches.com or contact Jennifer McKenney at 727-360-6957.

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Gulfport Fights Cancer With Relay For Life

Community members will join together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to the disease, and fight back against cancer through the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Gulfport/Stetson University. The event will take place on Friday, November 7, at 6 p.m. at the Michael J. Yakes Recreation Complex.

The Relay For Life brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups – people from all walks of life – all aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society's mission

to save lives and help finish the fight against cancer.

They will be hosting a Relay For Life Kick-off Party on Tuesday, September 9 at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport. The Meet and Greet will begin at 6 p.m. with a short program afterward. Find out how you can get involved and meet others who want to make a difference in our community.

Funds raised through the Relay For Life of Gulfport/Stetson University help the American Cancer Society to impact the lives of those touched by cancer. For more information about the Relay For Life and to sign up your team, please visit relayforlife.org/gulfportfl.

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Correction

The August 7 issue of the *Gabber* stated that Gulfco Construction had the city contract to rebuild pavilion number seven on Gulfport beach. Tisdale Construction clarified that they, not Gulfco, have the contract. Gulfco subcontracted certain aspects of the work from Tisdale. The *Gabber* regrets the error.



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Gulfport Historical Society to Assume Calendar Costs

For the first time in several years the Gulfport Historical Society will sell ads to help defray the cost of its annual wall calendar. The Society used to do this, but when the city stepped in to help the board publish a calendar, they assumed the costs as well.

The board decided the city could better spend its money elsewhere and would like to once again assume the cost of printing the calendar, according to treasurer Christine

Brown.

“We are confident we can sell enough ads to cover the cost of the calendar,” Brown said. The 15-month 2015 calendar will focus on the locations featured in the group’s new walking tour.

The Gulfport Historical Society’s 2015 calendar has ad space available – businesses or individuals can buy a whole month for \$275 or split the month with another sponsor for \$150. Please contact Christine Brown (727-501-5857, cabw14@aol.com) or Cathy Salustri (727-656-5420 or cathysalustri@icloud.com) to secure your month and talk about the look of your ad and page.

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Gulfport City Council Housekeeping

At the August 19 Gulfport City Council meeting, council approved the following items:

- Reappointed every member of the teen council for another one-year term. The council has room for seven teens and three alternates but only has six members.
- Renewed employee health insurance with Florida Blue. Both employee premiums and the city’s portion of the costs will increase by two percent.
- Renewed employee life and accidental death insurance at no cost increase.
- Renewed long-term disability insurance policies with no cost increase.
- Renewed the city’s liability and workers’ compensation coverage at a three-percent (\$15,428) increase.
- Renewed the city’s contract with the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office.
- Approved special events throughout the year, including GeckoFest, SpringFest, the Flying Mullet 5K and One Mile Doggie Dash, Tangerine Blues Fest. The approval included expanding SpringFest and BluesFest to two-day events.
- Allowed VetSports to use Hoyt Field on Sunday afternoons free of charge.

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Gecko Volunteers Still Needed

Dozens of volunteer opportunities are still available for GeckoFest this year on Saturday, August 30. Gulfport's largest street festival of the year attracts over 30,000 people and event organizers rely on the help of hundreds of volunteers to sustain its success.

Volunteer shifts are typically two hours long and are available throughout the day from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Positions are available for all ages and abilities from teens to seniors, whether you like to organize or sell; are active and energetic, or need to sit down; are shy or a social butterfly; like a steady or a fast pace. Organizers will be happy to work with any interested individual to find a job to suit your interests and skills.

Interested volunteers may contact Chris Spencer at 772-902-2326 or email Chris@c-2-c.us. A brief volunteer organizational meeting will be held on Monday, August 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Neptune Grill (5501 Shore Blvd. S. in Gulfport). Volunteers are encouraged to attend if possible.

Volunteering for GeckoFest is a great way to give back to the community, have fun and make friends. As a thank you, all volunteers will be able to purchase this year's official GeckoFest t-shirt for 50% off. T-shirts will be available at the August 25 volunteer meeting.

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Before and After School Camp

Summer is almost gone but the fun is not. Register now for city of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation's Before and After School Camp for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Camp dates are August 18, 2014 through June 2, 2015, Monday through Friday at 11 locations.

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during days and weeks when Pinellas County schools are not in session. These breaks include spring, winter and fall. More information about camp pricing, scholarships, location, application and other great quality programs call 727-893-7441 or see stpeteparksrec.org.

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Vendors Wanted

Kenneth City Social Club seeks vendors for their annual flea market on Saturday, September 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inside is sold out, but outside

spaces are still available. Contact Dick Laneau at 727-345-4323 or dicklaneau05@gmail.com.

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Dinner and Tango

Join Kathleen and Steve Prucher on Friday, August 29 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the "Milonga La Playa with Dinner Buffet" at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom, 5500 Shore Blvd S. This in an Argentine Tango Dance & Exhibition with \$15 admission at the door. For more detailed information, contact 727-742-3368.

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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 727-893-1068 for more information.

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Help Organize Gulfport History Month

The Gulfport Historical Society needs volunteers to help organize October's Gulfport History Month. Please join them (with or without a dish or drinks to share) in a master planning meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 22. The Society needs everything from help staffing water stations at the Flying Mullet 5K to help finding the best caterer for Gulfport Under the Stars. Call 727-656-5420 or 727-321-5705 with any questions.

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Happy Workers Learning Center Event

Happy Workers Learning Center, Inc., a non-profit early childhood center which has served families for generations, will be celebrating its 85th birthday with a celebration Sunday, August 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The celebration will take place on the campus located at 920 19th St. S. The event will feature free games, a petting zoo, pony rides, vendor booths and much more. In addition, there will be food for sale as well as birthday cake. Adults \$5 and children under 12 are free. For further information or vending opportunities, contact Cherie Green, 727-894-5337.

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PAG Thrift Shop Celebrates 56 Years

The Thrift Shop of Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church will commence its 56th consecutive year of service to the community on Tuesday, September 2.

The shop stocks quality used and new items to include women's and men's clothing, jewelry, dishes, knick-knacks, and linens. All items are donated by church and community members and are "priced to sell."

Proceeds support community charities such as Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, AmiKids Pinellas and church missions. Beginning September 2, the shop will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The shop is located at 17th Ave. and Pass-A-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach, 727-329-8617.

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Public Comment & Council Quotes

About the fate of the Skate Park...

"I think it's vital to this community. I think it's a part of this community, of parks and recs ... I definitely think it needs to be supervised, though." – Denise Wimmer-Lowe

"I live literally 20 feet from it ... It's great for the community, it's great to be there. Make it safe, as in the people who use it and the people who go there. Make it safe for the people who use the park." – Tim Spencer

"They expect 35,000 people this year ... The more volunteers I have, the better face we can put out. Please come out and support the community." – Chris Spencer, Volunteer Coordinator for GeckoFest

"I understand you have as well, Mayor." – Margarete Tober, about getting tagged in the ALS ice water challenge and Jon Ziegler's challenge to him. The Ice Bucket Challenge, from the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease) website states: "The challenge involves people getting doused with buckets of ice water on video, posting that video to social media, then nominating others to do the same, all in an effort to raise ALS awareness. Those who refuse to take the challenge are asked to make a donation to the ALS charity of their choice."

"Oh, I don't know, I don't go on Facebook." – Mayor Sam Henderson

"You have been, let me assure you." – Margarete Tober

"I want to compliment Ms. Mercedes Perez." – City Manager Jim O'Reilly, about the city human resources director's negotiation with Florida Blue to stave off a higher health insurance rate increase. The
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city will see a two-percent increase in premiums.

"Mayor, we know you know what that decibel level is." – City Manager Jim O'Reilly, when Mayor Sam Henderson – who, along with his wife Laura, has a band called Hot Tub Club and plays local gigs – asked the police chief to clarify the legal decibel levels for a resident who asked.

About whether or not Gulfport should pass a resolution supporting marriage equality...

"I know this is symbolic ... but I'm proud of this city." – Ward Three Councilwoman Yolanda Roman, asking council to pass a resolution in support of marriage equality.

"We're still fighting for equal rights for all people. To me it really doesn't matter what your faith says; there's separation of church and state ... It's way beyond time that everyone is extended equal rights." – Margarete Tober

"I think this is too important of a subject not to take a step forward and pass a resolution." – Ward Four Councilman Mike Fridovich

"I had to lie at the hospital in order to see him ... We chose Gulfport. I think you all know the right thing to do." – Chris Spence, about his partner being in the hospital and him not being able to see him.

"I'd like to see some wording in the resolution where we also send this to President Obama where if he's going to be meeting with world leaders who also have deplorable human rights [records] that he [talk to them about their human rights records.]" – Ward One Councilman Dan Liedtke, who pointed out that President Obama had held dinners for African leaders who had, in the past year,

criminalized homosexuality.

"I still don't think it goes far enough." – Ward One Councilman Dan Liedtke, about the resolution, in which the council decided they would not ask the president to discuss the human rights records of leaders with whom he met.

"This has been the most peaceful 18 months on council." – Mayor Sam Henderson

"We're taking it out of their hands because they've helped us a lot." – Vice Mayor Christine Brown, who is also the treasurer of the Gulfport Historical Society, about that group's decision to assume the costs of their annual calendar. In recent years, the city of Gulfport had paid for the calendar.

"It was like, 'We had Gordon the Goat, you had Shark in the Park.'" – Vice Mayor Christine Brown, about the council members from Indian Harbour Beach and the bull shark that appeared in one of their ponds. Brown met them at the Florida League of Cities conference last weekend.

"They may have out-weirded us." – Barbara Banno, about the shark in the park.

"How horrendous it is to have a historical cemetery that looks like crap. I can't get ahold of the owner. The city manager can't get ahold of the owner. Shame on the owner who does not take care of it." – Ward Three Councilwoman Yolanda Roman, about Lincoln Cemetery

"If we don't think we could have a Ferguson near us ... you just don't know what's going to trigger an action ... We are an accepting community, let's open a dialogue ... If we have race relation issues, let's talk about them." – Ward Three Councilman Yolanda Roman

Featured Photographer at the Hickman

Meet the Photographer, Cathy Salustri, at her reception on Friday, September 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater Lobby at 5501 27th Ave. S., Gulfport. Cathy's theme is "Adventures in Small Town Paradise."

Gulfport-based Salustri's love of Florida reaches across the state. Her travels take her on foot, bike, boat or car to places the Interstate bypassed long ago, as well as those spots where natural beauty has survived the onslaught of overpopulation. She attended the University of Central Florida, and

earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Tampa before embarking on the adventure that is the Florida Studies Master's program at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Cathy has written travel pieces for USA Today, Visit Florida, regional magazines and local press.

Under the guidance of Florida scholar and writer Gary Mormino, Cathy wrote what she calls "possibly the least academic master's thesis ever," logging almost 5,000 miles retracing driving tours from the WPA Federal Writer's Project Guide to the Southernmost State in search of Florida's forgotten destinations. She is currently under contract

with the University Press of Florida to turn her travels into a travel narrative.

The photographer, Cathy Salustri will be available during the reception to meet, greet and discuss. For more information, contact 727-893-1118.

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Auditions for "The Cat and the Canary"

The Gulfport Community Players will be holding auditions for a creepy melodrama by John Willard entitled, "The Cat and the Canary." Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 8 and 9, at 7 p.m. Auditions will be held at the Players' Back Door Theater, located by 1619- 49th St. S., in Gulfport, FL.

"The Cat and the Canary" is a melodrama in three acts. It takes place in 1922 in an old mansion on the Hudson River in New York. The family of Ambrose West gather for the reading of his will, 20 years after his death. His will designates that Annabelle West is his sole heir, if there is no indication that she suffers from insanity. Should she be of unsound mind, a second will is to be opened naming a different heir. The family endeavors to unbalance Annabelle with tales of lunatics, murders, and death strikes. Everyone among the possible heirs is suspected, but not until the final curtain is the extraordinary mystery solved.

The director for the play will be Eileen Navarro and she'll need:

Six males (age 20s to 65), four females (age 20s to 65). Everyone is urged to try out for a part, as the Players are a true community theater.

Although auditions start promptly at 7p.m., plan on arriving around 6:30 p.m. to fill out an audition form. Headshots and a resume are not necessary in order to audition. Most auditions are cold readings from the script.

This play will run for eight performances over a two-week period, from November 6 through 16. The play will run Thursday through Sunday at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport.

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Keep Gulfport Weird Mini Triathlon

It's that time again to start registering for the fourth annual Keep Gulfport Weird Mini Triathlon scheduled for Saturday, September 27, same day as the beginning of the two-day festival for Tangerine Blues Fest.

Please go to mygulfport.us/Events/upcoming events, then Keep Gulfport Weird Triathlon to download the registration form. Please make sure you turn in your registration and registration fee of \$10, by Friday, September 19.

The race is designed to be short enough to invite participation from most ages and fitness levels, whether

individually or in teams, and is intended to be simply for fun. The competitive component is not the priority, but rather the gathering of community in the spirit of having fun and getting outdoors.

If you would like to participate as a volunteer, your assistance is key for the success of this event. Or, if your business is interested in participating, please contact Gail Biron at 727-893-1118. Family teams, individuals, community business teams, and organizations are encouraged to participate in this noncompetitive, fun focused event!

This year, everyone who registers gets a cool bright t-shirt with the Keep Gulfport Weird logo.

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A Fall Dinner Dance

The historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom and Tampa Bay's premier dance band, Maggio Total Sound is hosting a Fall Dinner Dance on Saturday, September 6 at 6 p.m. and all are invited!

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a one-hour dance lesson instructed by the wonderful and talented Theresa Moore. You will have a choice of two delicious entrees of authentic Tampa Cuban food Catered by Del Rio's Café: roast pork or baked chicken. Both include yellow rice, black beans, "Pepe" salad, Cuban bread and homemade desserts. Buffet opens at 6:30 p.m. for those not attending the lesson and 7 p.m. after your lesson. Buffet dinner tickets are \$15 a person and can only be purchased in advance. Dance tickets are \$13 or \$15 at the door. The Casino will have a cash bar available.

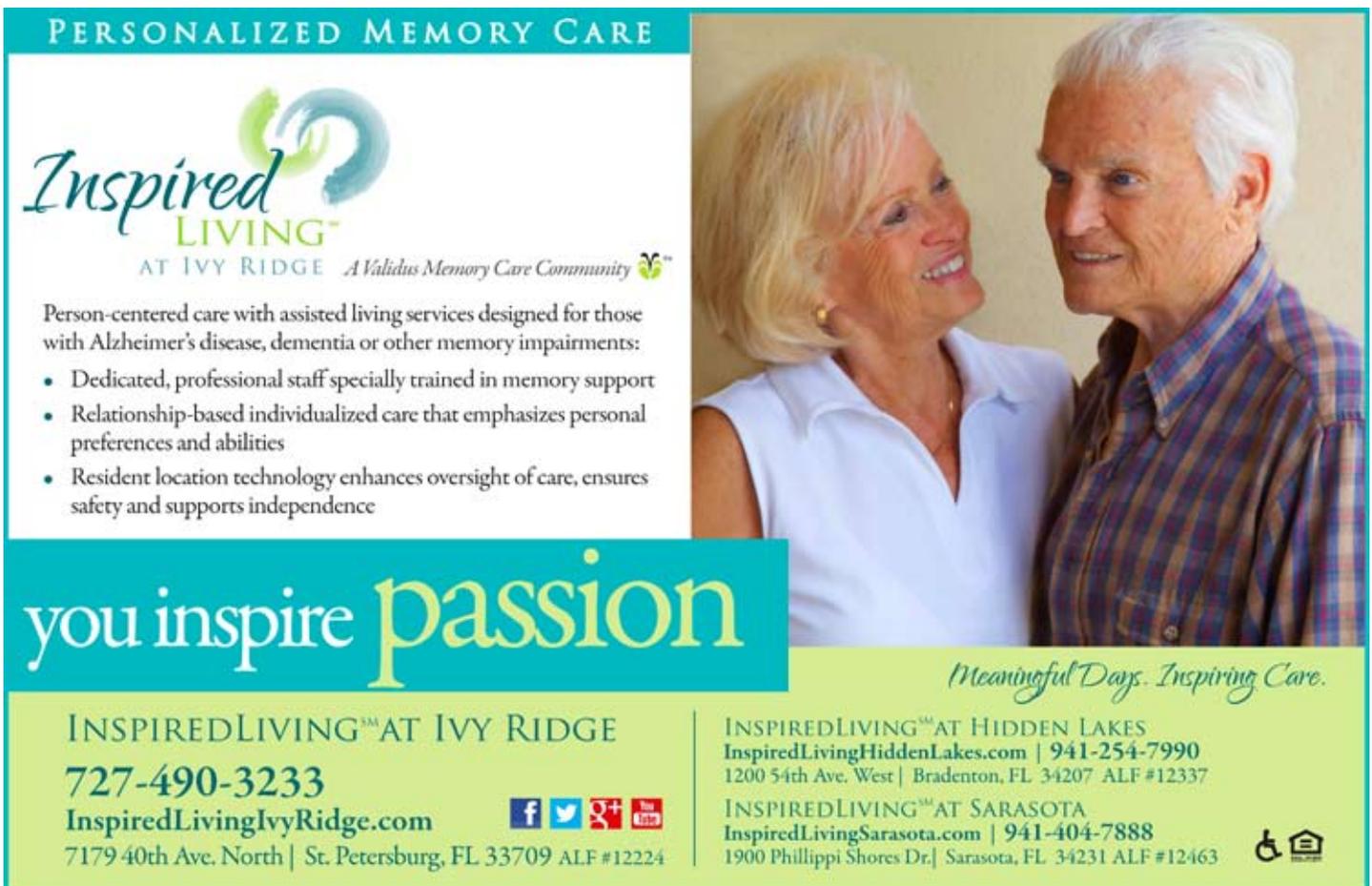
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Homeless Emergency Project

American Legion Auxiliary #125 is collecting housewarming items to fill baskets for the Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) Veterans Program. There is a list by the donation box in the lounge, but some of the items needed are toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, mouthwash, shampoo, body wash, soap, shaving cream, razors, lotions, Lysol wipes, bathroom cleaner, clothes soap, dryer sheets, dish soap, paper towels, laundry bags, toilet paper, bath towels, wash cloths, snacks and grocery bags. They can be donated to the Legion located at 6440 5th Ave. S.

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Casting "Dracula, The Vampire Strikes Back"

St. Petersburg City Theatre will hold auditions for the chorus/ensemble for "Dracula, The Vampire Strikes Back" on Sunday and Monday, September 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. on both nights. Auditions will be held at the theatre at 4025 31st St. S., St. Petersburg.

Directed by David Middleton, "Dracula, The Vampire Strikes Back," is a fund-raiser for City Theatre and styled after a traditional British form of entertainment called Panto.

Jessica Burchfield (Music Director) and Rodney Hamilton (Choreographer) will be looking for:

Four to six male and female singer/dancers, ages 16 to 25; at least two each mature male and female singers; and three young children, ages 7 and 11.

The chorus/ensemble will be asked to provide a basic black leotard, tights and/or dance wear for the production. For the audition, please wear clothing and shoes suitable for dance movement. Panto is known for its rowdy productions with elements of vaudeville and British music halls. The performances always feature stock characters, drag comedy, double-entendre, outrageous puns, corny jokes (groaners), musical numbers and noisy audience participation.

The production dates are October 24 through November 2. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Visit spcitytheatre.org

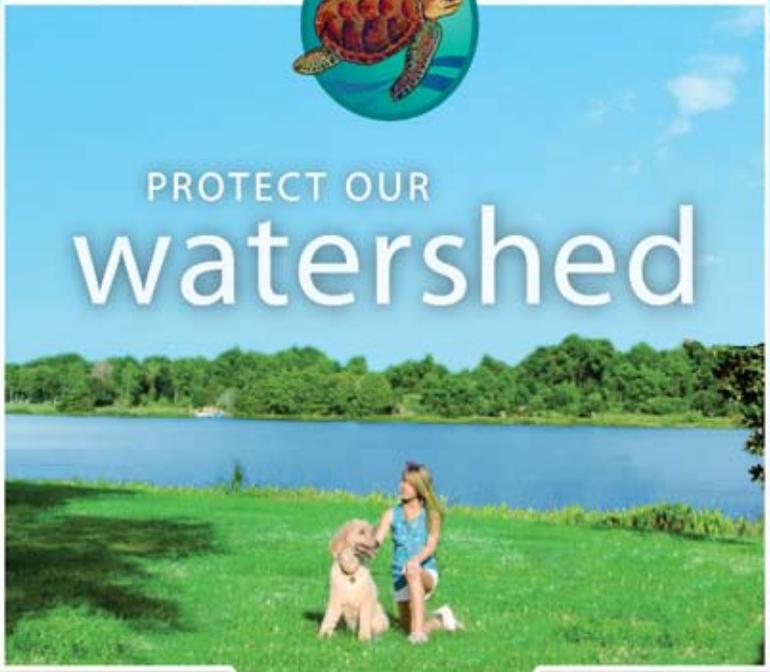
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Shoot 'Em Up Parks



During the Gulfport Citizen Police Academy August 14, Officer Matt Parks – who also serves as the city’s firearms instructor – demonstrates the proper and improper use of certain weapons at the Pinellas County Sheriff’s office shooting range. Students also had the chance to shoot. The Gulfport Citizen’s Police Academy meets every Thursday night for 10 weeks; this group of classmates has three more classes until graduation.

Part-time Info Session at Stetson

Stetson University College of Law will host an open house and information session on August 28 in Gulfport about the admissions process for part-time law school applicants. Students interested in the full-time program are also invited to attend the program at Stetson’s Gulfport campus, 1401 61st St. S.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the program starts at 6:30 p.m.

“The part-time program granted me the flexibility to continue to work full-time while attending classes at night,” says part-time Stetson University law student Kevin Lonzo. “This allowed me to gain valuable work experience and build a network of contacts in the Tampa Bay area, while earning my degree.”

Stetson enrolls new law students every fall.

To RSVP and for more information and directions to Stetson’s Gulfport campus, visit law.stetson.edu/parttime or email lawadmit@law.stetson.edu.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural organization for women. The sorority year is about to begin again with meetings and socials in September.

Laureate Epsilon Nu will be hosting their annual Beginning Day Luncheon on Saturday, August 23 at Banquet Masters on Park Blvd. This year’s theme is “Hike on Over.” There will be members attending from the local chapters as well as those in Bradenton, Sarasota, Clearwater and Tampa. This is always a fun way to begin the sorority year.

Laureate Epsilon Theta members will meet for a ways and means meeting on Wednesday, August 27 at the home of Val Rankin at 7 p.m. They are once again painting the annual Christmas mice ornaments. This is the 34th year we have done this and ornaments sell for \$3 each /personalized \$3.50. This year’s edition is a Santa mouse on a sled.

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Come and select a cat or dog at Fusion City Apartments' Pet Adopt-A-Thon planned for Saturday August 23 in St. Petersburg. The event will be held from 10:30 to 2:30 at the Fusion City Apartments Club Room located at 1560 Central Ave. near Tropicana Field.

Save Our Strays, Inc., Chihuahua Rescue and Skyway Dachshund Rescue have joined with the 300-plus apartment complex to offer pet lovers a chance to select a feline or canine companion in the comfort of Fusion's social area.

Super friendly cats and kittens that have been raised in foster homes will be on hand from Save Our Strays. A special summer adoption rate is offered for white and black cats over six months of age.

Added attractions include a silent auction with gift baskets and a 50/50 raffle. Two gift certificates for pet portraits by Pinot Palette will be awarded to the adopters of the first cat adoption and first dog adoption.

Adopt for unconditional love and bring home your new best friend. Save Ours Strays is an all-volunteer, nonprofit, no-kill animal welfare organization dedicated to rehoming cats and kittens.

Check out SOS' adoptable cats at saveourstraysinc.com. For further information, phone 727 545-1116.

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Dog Swim Day

The end of swim season for humans marks a day of fun just for canine friends. Bring your dog for a day of leash-free swim and play in the pool on Saturday, August 23, and Sunday, August 24 at Fossil Park Pool, 6739 Martin Luther King Jr. St. N. Choose from three swim sessions: 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., or 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

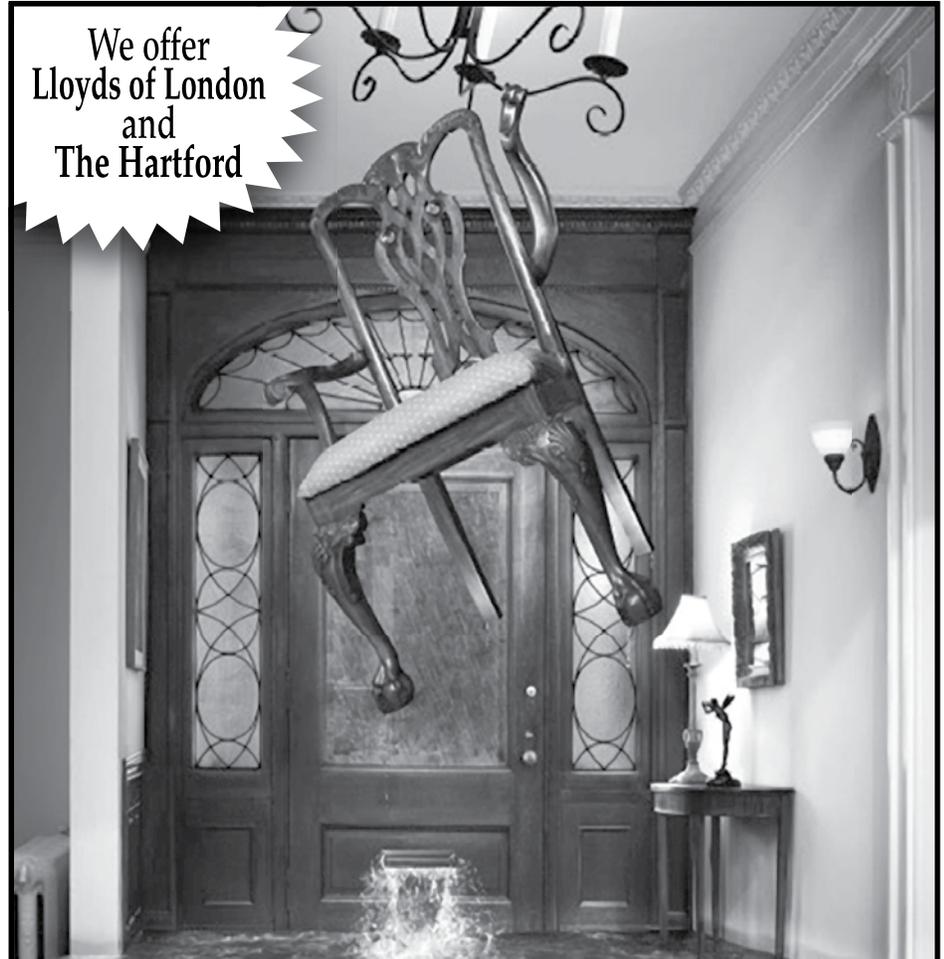
Register at start time with proof of

dog(s) current vaccination. Donations of clean towels, Nylabones, bleach, dish soap, blankets, trash bags and newspapers will be accepted on behalf of the S.P.C.A. Admission is \$5 per dog, per session (humans free). Sponsored by the city of St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation.

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Somethin' on my mind

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Educational Straight Talk

While rummaging through my "files" the other day – I'm kind of a pack rat with old news clippings and personal memorabilia – I found two articles and one personal letter addressing the crisis of the day, education. All were from 1988. One was an editorial from the Wall Street Journal touting school choice; another from "Curriculum Update," the publication for the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development titled "Transforming the 'Underachieving' Math Curriculum"; and the third a personal letter from me to the principal of my youngest son's school complaining that his 4th grade math class was several months behind other schools in the area.

That was 26 year ago and we're still talking about the inadequacy of a public school education. So much changes that nothing really changes. Kind of a big circle. Except that it's

more than 26 years that we, as a nation, have fussed about the quality of education.

"Why Johnny Can't Read," a treatise by an Australian, was written in 1953. He recommended a return to "phonics" from remember-by-sight methods then in vogue. Then there was the 1983 "A Nation At Risk" government sponsored examination of the system that recommended a seven-hour school day, a 200-220-day school year, and significant raises in pay (and training) for teachers.

Now we're dealing with Common Core whose common core is difficult to assess because it is both broad and detailed and philosophical and filled with educational bureaucrateze and is a top-down pushed into the system. In a quick look at the math program, it appeared daunting and complicated requiring students to draw pictures to illustrate the concepts of numbers. I'm quite certain my quick look isn't an adequate look, but learning numbers doesn't have to be that complicated.

My personal perspective does have

a broad view. My seven children, over a span of 20 years, all attended elementary public schools in four different school districts; five stayed in the public system, two went to private high schools, and my wife was a school teacher in another district. I also, as a reporter, covered school districts. Since then, the money spent per pupil for teaching, supervision, and building and equipment has soared with little evidence of educational progress.

A quick basic observation: Money helps, and certainly "good" teachers are important, as well as effective methods of teaching. However, the key is pupil and parental motivation tagged onto adequate teaching. That includes discipline and respect for authority – something public schools increasingly struggle with (parental fault and public will). We can talk about new ways to teach, but it's useless if students come into the system with the attitude: "I'm here. Teach me." Not going to happen. Don't want to learn, or waiting for someone to make you learn, you won't learn.

Besides, we're not talking about creating educational geniuses. We're talking about mass literacy in all subjects. In general, we're not even close to that when achievement rates are at a 70 percent level. And, being left out at less than literate level is a tragedy. I recall writing a story about the importance of remedial reading. The teacher pointed out that not being able to read adequately puts a child progressively behind at each grade, at each step. By the time 8th grade comes along, the student might as well be in a foreign country. He congregates with other outsiders and that's why there are troubles. That, by the way, was a nearly all-white school. So, we're not talking about race.

A quick personal experience. I was a grade school kid (1940s) complaining about home work when our local sometime handyman, Joe Charity – a black, barely literate, hard working man who was probably denied an education in the segregated South – jumped into the conversation. "Boy," he said, "You do your school work. You don't want to end up like me." Simple, but straight put down. I never forgot it.

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Daimara Morrill: "Number one, we were zoned for it, and also the fundamental program they have for it, and that it's an A school. Plus, they have a beautiful campus."

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Horoscope Guide

The upcoming Virgo new moon suggests we might need a different diet. She says our work systems aren't what they could be. She wonders whether we could do more to ingratiate our friends or train our pets. Why so critical, Virgo new moon? Well, it's not all her fault. She has a difficult alignment of Mars and Saturn to contend with, and she's as distracted as a mother of toddlers in the grocery store. Don't be too hard on yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sure, there are types of people. But each person is also an individual -- you see this clearly. You'll recognize the unique qualities, characteristics and talents of each person you meet and help each one know he or she is special. You can do this because you are very in touch with your own uniqueness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's no reason to be afraid. If you're feeling afraid, it's because you're telling yourself a scary story. Follow the thought pattern backward from the pangs of fear and articulate the story. Write it out. See whether you can't take the individual facts and concoct an entirely different story -- one that has a happy ending.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've crossed a line. You've become too popular for your own good. You may wish to be left alone this week, but the way to achieve this is actually to go in the opposite direction: Be more available and accessible; be an open book. Decreasing the mystique around you will turn down your personal magnetism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The week's cosmic gift will be an unexpected twist to an otherwise straightforward transaction. The plot turn will put you in a power position. From this place, you'll feel less concerned about what people think and more apt to follow your own instincts and appetites.

Inhibitions will drop to the wayside.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The reason your world is stuffed full of interesting things to do is that you're a curious person: one who interacts with the elements and engages others, one who puts down the cellphone in favor of real life. You're not doing it to set an example. It's really just a more enjoyable way to live.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In the movies, important decisions are often punctuated by sweeping gestures, mass movements and epic special effects. In real life, important decisions often come without fanfare. Destiny will speak to you in a whisper, accompanied only by the certainty of your heartbeat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Furious activity is one way to process the uncomfortable truths. Just know that a flurry of busyness will not bring you any closer to peace and understanding than running away, shutting down or other such coping mechanisms. The best way is to slowly, bravely deal with each small problem at a time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While others condemn the weirdoes of the world, you may just decide there's nothing really wrong with them. Weirdness can breed strength. It also gives the others a chance to stretch, be compassionate and perhaps even be inspired toward greater levels of creativity by those who heed a different call.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There will be plenty of reason not to judge others this week, the most obvious being that none of us is without faults and peculiarities. But the most relevant reason is that the act of judging takes a person out of his or her own life to deal in the business of others, which, in the end, just makes that person rather boring.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's not that the current situation is so bad, but you're all about growth and improvement. As long as things are changing, you feel compelled to steer them to the changes you desire. Of course, fighting circumstances will only keep you stuck in them. Keep your focus on what you dearly want and stay in motion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Move on to the next chapter. You can always come back and reread this last one later. But for now, you just have to build on it. Trust that you have assimilated all that has happened and will make an intelligent next move, even though you probably feel like your brain hasn't fully caught up to where you're standing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This week you will feel strongly that you can make someone happy, and you should definitely answer that intuition with action. Know that this is no small matter -- the best moments of life are born of following through on such a gentle inkling. In doing so, you will help to heal the brokenness in the world.

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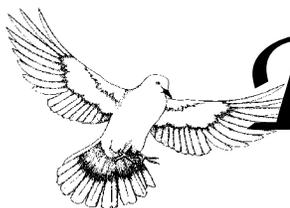
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TRUDELL, ORVILLE GIDEON, 72, passed away July 31, 2014 after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. Born January 12, 1942

in Gulfport to parents Orville and Mary Trudell, Orville was the proud owner of Trudell Pool Finishers and marcedited pools most of his life. His love for fishing he had since childhood. He also had a passion for growing things with the greenest thumb. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by father Orville and brother Robert. Orville has four brothers, Art (Marie), Larry (Patty), John (Sue), Robert (Diane) and four loving children, Bill Trudell, Jenny (Dirk) Ryerson and Mike Trudell, all of Gulfport, and Sheila (Will) Trudell of Randolph, VT and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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ANDY OLSEN

There will be a memorial service for Andy Olsen tonight, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Yacht Club, 4638 Del Rio Way So. Gulfport. (Next to the Lion's Club.) For more information call Carol Polk, 727-493-4720

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All proceeds benefit Save Our Strays. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling the restaurant at 727-400-6996. Hamburger Mary's is located at 28910 US 19 North.

Save Our Strays is an all-volunteer, nonprofit, no-kill animal welfare organization dedicated to rehoming cats and kittens. Check out SOS' adoptable cats at saveourstraysinc.com. For further information, phone 727-481-5262.

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Celebrate Yappy Hour

The number of animals coming into Pinellas County Animal Services has reached an all-time high. With more than 40 animals entering the shelter daily, there is an urgent need for pets to be adopted. Residents looking to add a special four-legged friend to their family should check out Pinellas County Animal Services first!

To encourage pet adoptions, the shelter is holding a special Yappy Hour adoption promotion. During the special hours of 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, August 22 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, all dogs and cats over the age of four months will be free to adopt. The adoption fee for all puppies and kittens under the age of four months will be \$25. All dogs and cats that are up for adoption have

been spayed or neutered, licensed, fully vaccinated and microchipped – a \$200 value.

Adoption counselors will be on hand to ensure the animals are being placed in good homes. Renters looking to adopt a new pet are encouraged to bring a copy of their lease that states that animals are welcome.

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

a.m. to 1 p.m. and services include adoptions. Rabies vaccinations are administered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 to 2:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The facility is closed all Pinellas County holidays.

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

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American Legion Post 125 News

It's not too late to get your Back to School items donated for this year's drive.

October 14, Penny Auction starting at 5 p.m. with chip sales auction starts at 7 p.m. Fun for all, door prizes, 50/50, and a whole lot more. Time is ticking by to get your items in so call now for a pick up or just bring them in to the Legion and we can store them. (No clothes please.)

Come play Steak-ums Sundays 1 to 3 p.m. Meet new people and play some games. The grill is always fired up for hot dogs and burgers.

September 20 beginning at 8:30 am the American Legion Riders starting at Post #125 will hold a Poker Run/fundraiser with all proceeds going to Cancer Awareness and COTA (Children's Organ Transplant).

Thank you to everyone who came out (nearly 200 people) for Fran Worthington's Memorial Service and Celebration of Life. Everyone did such a terrific job. We are sure the Worthington family was blessed and Fran was smiling down on all who attended. There were nearly 40 lighthouses displayed of all sizes, shapes and replicas of landmarks. Fran was known as Lady of the Lighthouse.

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The Suncoast Hospice's affiliate, ASAP, has agreed to provide a mobile testing unit and four certified HIV testing counselors to achieve the goal of making Gulfport citizens aware of their HIV status.

Gulfport has a substantial LGBT population. Unfortunately, that community is adversely affected by this epidemic. Providing free, confidential, rapid HIV testing is a community benefit and will set an example for the county, state, and nation.

An excerpt from a speech given at the 2014 International AIDS Conference states: "Despite brightened lifespan projections for people living with HIV, the outlook for older populations is fraught with difficulties including isolation, frailty, depression,

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Early detection is key to ensuring a positive health outcome with education replacing the fear and stigma of HIV. Know your status. Get tested August 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. For details call 727-893-5657.

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Senior Solos Upcoming Calendar

Back in action after a two-month summer break, the Senior Solos will start the fall activities by meeting for lunch at CiCi's, 4743 66th Street, Kenneth City, at 1 p.m. on September 3. Then mark your calendar for the first regular meeting of the season on September 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Pinellas Park Recreation Center, 7625 59th St. N in Pinellas Park. Bring a dish to share and \$2 or come without a dish and pay \$5. These pot-luck lunches always provide an interesting array of yummy foods.

Activity for this meeting includes Karaoke, sing-along, and dancing. All singles 55+ are welcome!

For additional information call Jeri at 727-541-6206

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Join the Fish-A-Thon

St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation and the Civitan Club of St. Petersburg will celebrate the 66th annual Fish-A-Thon for youth, teens, and adults. This annual end of summer event will be held at Lake Jorgenson, behind the Main Library, 9th Ave. N. between 37th and 39th St. on Saturday, August 23. The event begins with registration at 9 a.m. and honors Dennis Crenshaw, a former high school teacher and advocate for youth outdoor recreation activities. Official fishing begins at 9:30 a.m. with nine 15 minute fishing intervals.

Prizes are awarded throughout the event at each fishing period. Everything is provided for the contest including cane fishing poles and bait. Appropriate foot attire and sunscreen is advised. Personal fishing equipment is not allowed. Closed-toe shoes highly recommended. Open to the public. For more information call 727-893-7441 or Jim Belcher 727-823-8383.

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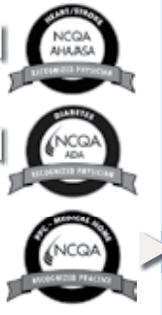
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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport

Q: Is anyone checking our beach water for vibrio?

A: No. According to the Center for Disease Control, Florida has had no documented cases of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*. The vibrio bacteria lives in saltwater; people can contract vibriosis by eating undercooked or raw shellfish containing the bacteria or by having an open wound in contaminated water. Vibriosis is not unlike cholera and can cause gastrointestinal distress.

Gulfport tests the beach for enterococcus and fecal coliform only.

"The Florida Healthy Beaches Program used to test more sites in the Tampa Bay area but when they stopped we began our own testing," Public Works Director Don Sopak said, adding he knew of no other agencies testing Boca Ciega Bay.

In Pinellas, the Florida Department of Health tests the water off barrier island beaches but not in any bays.

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Glitter Queens Island Royal Ball

The Glitter Queens are hosting their third annual Royal Ball and Auction, Calypso style, with a night of Caribbean music food and fun at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom, 5500 Shore Blvd. S. on Saturday, September 13 from 7 to 11 p.m. This year the dress is "Tommy Bahama" style tropical cocktail attire. Dinner, dancing, entertainment, silent auction and cash bar is provided.

This year The Glitter Queens charity is The Kind Mouse. They feed the chronically hungry kids in Pinellas County – those that receive breakfast and lunch free at school, but don't have meals at home. This group packs the weekend food backpacks.

The Glitter Queens were voted #8 of 10 in Best of the Biz by Tampa Bay Business Journal from their fundraiser event last year! Enjoy a tropical night out and help the kids in your community. Tickets are available now and can be purchased in advance only at stpeteglitterqueens.org. Tickets will not be available at the door.

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Youth Council,

from front page



From left to right, Gabriel Lowe, Grace Marchant, Saralynn Premer, Shandy Premer, members of the St. Pete Beach Youth Council whose video took second place in the Florida League of Cities Youth Council video competition.

At the end of the year, the local youth council will choose the top three volunteer groups and they will receive a prize.

Former Suncoast League of Cities president Bill Jonson presented the youth council with their prize at the August 12 St. Pete Beach City Commission meeting. The teens, who placed second, received a check for \$450 and a trophy.

The video can be viewed by searching SPB Youth Council on YouTube.

Women's Softball League

The Gulfport Recreation Division will have priority registration for teams currently in their summer league to participate in the 2014 Women's Fall Softball League on September 2 through 5, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Open registration will be on September 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. if spots are available. The 10-game season will be played on Friday nights beginning September 19 with a 6-team maximum. League fees are \$385. Payments are due at registration. For more information please call John at 727-893-1079.

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Home Gardening: Earth Boxes, Correction

The Gulfport Library Garden fourth Saturday Workshop series will be hosting Sandra Bennett from Home Depot for a fun and educational workshop on Saturday, August 23 at 2 p.m. in the meeting room.

Participants will be instructed on how to build an earth box planter. Learn how to install this user-friendly technique that has become wildly popular in the home gardening world.

This will be an instructional session only. Participants will learn about this container gardening system, which controls soil conditions, eliminates guesswork, and can more than double the yield of a conventional garden – with less fertilizer, less water, and much less effort.

Pre-registration is not required for this workshop.

The Home Depot on Tyrone Blvd. has been a major supporter of the Library's planned Seed Library. They will also be sponsoring this free event as they did in their very successful July workshop when Sandra taught participants how to build a sturdy hanging vertical planter using materials and tools supplied by the store.

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

For more information contact 727-893-1073 or stop by the Reference Desk.

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By Cathy Salustri

Summertime Blues

This is the first year I remember awaiting the end of summer. It's not the heat, and no, it's not the humidity. I can't put my finger on it, but all summer something's felt off. We've attended our share of pool parties, been out on the boat, and played in the sand, and on one level, I never want that to end. But on another, I know great things are coming: Trader Joe's Gingerbread Coffee, Shipyard Pumpkinhead Ale, GeckoFest, Gulfport Under the Stars, a writer's retreat at Lake Louisa, and an annual Peep-O-Ween celebration where my friends and I watch bad horror movies, make a horror movie Peeps® cake, and our friend Dan spends more on new and inventive Halloween decor than my parents spent for my first two years of college.

I'll admit, too, that I'm more than a little relieved to see kids going back to school. I wish like crazy we had year-round school, because the past 18 months living around the corner from Tomlinson Park has taught me why my mom gave the Greek politician Draco a run for his money when it came to policing my summertime and after-school whereabouts.

Now, what I'm about to say runs the risk of making me sound very "You kids get off my lawn!" but I make no apologies, because, honestly, it needs saying.

We need to do something about whatever is going on in Tomlinson Park, and most likely what we need to do is either close it completely – most of it's inaccessible to the majority of us anyway – or we need to find a way to supervise the little darlings who fritter away their time getting into what someone prone to understatement would call mischief.

Let me tell you what I mean by mischief, in no particular order: Kids harassing young mothers; kids dropping F-bombs like it's Pearl Harbor; teens hopefully not getting pregnant on the boardwalk; kids

jumping the fence between the ball fields to get on the roof of the clubhouse; and kids doing something that isn't skating in the skate park.

Isn't that just the wholesome small-town Mayberry feel we all say we have here? No? I couldn't agree more. Hey, I was not exactly a juvenile delinquent, but I was a teenager. I had hormones and a propensity to find trouble, and I haven't forgotten what I would have done as a teenager had my mom not had spies everywhere. At least, that's the only conceivable way I can comprehend how she knew what she knew about my activities.

Sadly, some of the kids in the park don't seem to have a mom like mine, and while I empathize with the pressures of parenting, especially if you can't stay at home or afford a babysitter, those parents still need to do a better job monitoring their kids.

I feel, however, we'll get more traction if we hold the city accountable, too. A few months ago, a big ol' padlocked fence appeared across either end of the sidewalk between the two ball fields. I noticed for two reasons: Calypso is a wimp about long walks once it's regularly above 90 degrees, so we only walk a half-loop for our noon walk. Two, one of my neighbors currently undergoing chemotherapy can't make a complete loop around the park but could use the sidewalk in the middle to still get exercise and fresh air, and she was saddened that she couldn't walk through the park anymore.

As it's clearly marked for walking, what with the sidewalk and all, I asked the city manager why we couldn't use it anymore. He told me that people were "doing things they shouldn't be doing in there." Of course, if you ask my neighbors who walk later in the evening, all the fence has done is keep out the law-abiding citizens and the less physically fit hooligans; the ones who want to get in can scale that fence, no problem. And they do. The bonus? It's even harder for them to get caught now.

What I want to know is, why are we putting fences around public property

when we went crazy to keep our police department a few years ago? Seems to me that our elite force of men-and-women-in-blue are well equipped to handle juvenile delinquents. So why is our solution to simply lock out law-abiding citizens and pretend the problem doesn't exist? Can we not do more than close off public access because a few people can't obey basic laws?

I, of course, have my own ideas about what would work. Here's how I see it: Get a Recreation Director who understands the value of that awesome park. Tell her to open a staffed satellite rec center at Tomlinson Park and offer some free or low-cost activities. Those kids aren't bad; they're bored. No, it's not fair that we have to help parent them, but in all honesty, we live by some pretty poor areas. Those parents have to choose, every day, between jobs that pay crap but help them feed their families, and constantly hounding their kids. It's all well and good to preach the rhetoric of our quaint small town, but sometimes we need to do more than preach. We need to realize we're all one community and act accordingly. Yes, I know some of those kids may live across 49th Street. I just don't believe a community ends because the city limits do.

So once we get a Rec Director who can make our programs fun – something that's sorely lacking right now, but that's a whole other column – we either upgrade the skate park so it's not such an embarrassment (my understanding is that grants exist specifically for skate parks) or we replace it with something kids will use. Then we use the staff from the satellite rec office to make sure the facilities at the park get used properly. We can open all the sidewalks, the kids can do something other than cause trouble, and, of course, we really will behave as that community we all say we value so much.

Closing off our access to these public areas fixes nothing; we may as well slap a Band-Aid on a severed artery. We are allowed to expect more from our government.

Hopefully by the time next summer rolls around.

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Contact Cathy Salustri at
CathySalustri@theGabber.com.

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Gulfport Recreation

Recreation Center 5730 Shore Blvd. S. 893-1068

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

ACTIVITIES

Open Gym/Gameroom: Mon.-Fri., 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and Tues. & Thurs., 7:30-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

PROGRAMS

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM: Registrations for the 2014-2015 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

2014-2015 TOT TIME PROGRAM: Pre-registration for the 2014-2015 Tot Time Program are currently being accepted. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Classes begin September 2, 2014 and is limited to 10 children. Call 893-1068 for more information.

2014-2015 VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) PROGRAM: Pre-registration for the 2014-2015 VPK Program are currently being accepted. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who

turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Parents must apply at the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. VPK will start on Tuesday, September 2nd is limited to 10 children. Contact the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. at 400-4411 for questions or call the Recreation Center at 893-1068 for more details.

2014-2015 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM: The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 17. It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

NEW CLASSES: Interested in teaching a class? Call John at 727-893-1079 for more info.

Kids Karate: Thur. 6-6:45 p.m. ages 5-8 years old. Call Andel 727-459-1319

German: Starts Tues. Sept. 16. 3-4:30 p.m. & 6-7:30 p.m. Call 727-755-3459 or Pegasus.scholar@gmail.com

Italian for Beginners: Starts Thur., Sept. 18, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call Roberto 727-866-6892.

CLASSES

Beginner's Spanish: Call Ivone at 727-482-2125 for more info and prices.

Fencing: Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Ian Forestier at 823-0922.

German: Starts Tues. Sept. 16. 3-4:30 p.m. & 6-7:30 p.m. Call 727-755-3459 or Pegasus.scholar@gmail.com

Gymnastics: Starts Sept. Sept. 4, 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

Hatha Flow Yoga AM: Returns in the fall. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

Hatha Flow Yoga PM: Wed., 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

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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 AM: Returns in the fall. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

Zumba: Returns in the fall. Call Rachel at 419-905-5562 for more info.

TOMLINSON LAKE SKATE PARK

As of October 1, 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. Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



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Adult/All Ages Programs

Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step) Meeting: Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. except Aug. 26, when Library will serve as a polling location for Primary Election. 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.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thurs., August 21, 11:00 am. Discussion of: The God Delusion, by Richard Dawkins, 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.

Home Gardening Class: Sat., August 23, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. This month: Creating & Growing Plants in an Earth Box. Learn how to construct and install this user-friendly technique that has become wildly popular in the home gardening world. Instructional session only. Pre-registration NOT required. FMI, call 727-893-1073 or come by the Reference Desk.

SCORE Counseling: Tues., August 26, FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

Tim Dorsey: Tues., Sept. 9, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. He returns to talk about his latest novel, Tiger Shrimp Tango. Please pre-register to reserve your seat to be entertained by this popular author by calling 893-1073 or come by the Reference Desk.

Children/Family Programs

Storytime: Join Cailey every Thursday morning for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Sing songs, play instruments and meet other caregivers in the community.

Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am.

Free Family Movie Day: Sat., Sept. 20, 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 Anime Club: Friday, Sept. 12, 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Get together once a month to screen fun flicks while enjoying crunchy munchies. Network with other fans. FMI, call 893-1133 FMI.

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

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The Gulfport Multipurpose Center hours are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. This month's calendar is out with valuable information. Stop by the Senior Center or download your copy at mygulfport.us and click the Senior Center link.

The Gulfport Senior Center Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 - 3 p.m. 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. For more information, please see Rachel at the Center or call 727-893-1231.

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 Monday through Saturday between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. To sign up for this program, please visit the Gulfport Senior Center and bring valid I.D.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Happy Birthday Party: Fri., 8/22 (4th Friday of Every Month) @ 3:00 pm. A Birthday Party with cake, games, & more for everyone. Provided by Dolphin's View.

Alzheimer's Disease: Know the 10 Signs - Weds., 8/27 @ 2:30 pm. Come learn from Karla Lindeen of Alzheimer's Association of the 10 early signs & symptoms of Alzheimer's.

Monthly Mini Health Clinic: Thurs., 8/28 (Last Thursday of Every Month) @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. FREE health screenings such as: Blood Pressure, Vein, Medication Review, HIV, Balance, & cholesterol.

Coffee Club: Tues., 9/2 (1st Tues. of Every Month) @ 10:00 am. Coffee and doughnuts are provided by Scott O'Berry as you discuss current events, the economy, and investing.

Catch Yourself Before You Fall: Weds., 9/3 @ 3:30 pm. Learn how to reduce the risks of falling in this lively, interactive, and educational discussion. Brought to you by These Joints are Jumping and First Light Home Care.

1st Friday Flea Market: Fri., 9/5 (1st Fri. of Every Month) @ 9:00 am - Noon. They're Back!! The fleas have returned from their summer trip and they have gathered all kinds of unique and unusual items. Don't miss out on these great deals!

Movie Day at the Snack Bar: Tues., 9/9 (2nd Tues. of Every Month) @ 11:00 am. Watch a free current movie and get a \$3.50 lunch deal.

Monthly Blood Sugar Screenings: Thurs., 9/11 (2nd Thurs of Every Month) @ 10:30-11:30 am. Blood Sugar checks are provided by The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay.

Healthy Heart Cooking Class: Thurs., 9/11 (2nd Thurs of Every Month) @ 2:30 pm. Dolphin's View will present a Healthy Heart Cooking Class.

SPECIAL SERVICES

This is your Center! - Sign up today to enjoy all the classes and events offered at the Gulfport Senior Center. Ask Rachel to give you a tour! Pick up a copy of this month's schedule at the Senior Center or online at gulfportsenior-foundation.org. The Senior Center currently offers 55 monthly classes for residents over 50 to choose from. Membership required. Senior Center registration is easy and free.

FREE Phones for persons with mild to severe hearing loss: Florida residents with certified hearing loss are eligible to receive a free amplified phone from the non-profit Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI). Cordless and corded phones 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. If you qualify, the legal assistance is free. The Community Law Program is provided by St. Petersburg Attorneys and exists to empower the most vulnerable in our community through pro bono legal representations and assistance and outreach.

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. New Schedule Available

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

Snack Bar: Bring a friend to the Senior Center and enjoy a light breakfast for only \$3.00 or lunch for only \$4.00. In a hurry? Order a boxed lunch-to-go by calling 893-2259. Great food! Great prices!

Support Groups

Diabetic Support Group: Mondays at 9:30am
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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

Why Buy-Sell Agreements Are Important

If you own a company and have a partner or partners, have you ever considered what would happen should one of you die?

Hopefully, you won't have to face this situation, but if you do, a buy-sell agreement can allow for the continuance of the company as well as providing financial security for you, your partner(s), and your family. A buy-sell agreement not only protects against the death of a partner but also provides financial protection if a partner retires, resigns or becomes disabled. Let's look at a situation where there was no buy-sell agreement in place.

Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales are equal partners of XYZ Services Company. They have determined that XYZ is worth \$2 million. They

each own \$1 million of ABC stock and they each draw an annual salary of \$150,000.

When Mr. Gonzales died, his stock worth \$1 million will pass to his estate. However, the stock will pay no dividends because all earnings are retained by XYZ. Therefore, Mr. Gonzales' family will be left with a non-income producing and illiquid asset. Mr. Gonzales' only return from XYZ was his salary which, of course, ceased upon his death.

The Gonzales family could appeal to Ms. Smith to pay dividends on the stock, but why would Ms. Smith want to pay dividends? Salaries are a tax-deductible business expense but dividends are not. Also, dividends would have to be paid on all outstanding shares, including those held by Ms. Smith.

Ms. Smith also has a potential problem. The Gonzales family holds half of XYZ's stock--what effect will this have on the long-term development plans of the business?

Another problem that the Gonzales family and Ms. Smith have is how to determine the value of XYZ stock. An interest in a closely held company is often an unmarketable asset and placing a value on the stock for estate tax purposes could be difficult. Many factors affect the

fair market value of a closely held business, including general business trends, the outlook for the specific industry, the financial condition of the company and its earnings power. While Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales may have felt they knew the value of XYZ's stock before Mr. Gonzales died, unless the value is in a formal agreement the taxation authorities are likely to get closely involved in the valuation of XYZ's stock and try to justify its highest value.

The valuation of the stock will create difficulty for the executor of Mr. Gonzales estate. The executor will likely want to place the lowest value on the stock in order to minimize estate tax liability. However, estate taxation is not the only concern when placing a value on a closely held business. The step-up in cost basis that is afforded to all capital assets at death can result in no income tax being imposed on the sale following death. This has to be scrutinized rather closely in light of the estate tax rate that would be paid if the value of the business was increased. If an agreement on the value of XYZ's stock cannot be reached, the matter may have to be resolved in court, wasting considerable time and money.

A properly designed buy-sell agreement can help prevent many of these problems. It can provide liquidity for the family of the deceased, ensure the continuance of the company, and establish the value of the company's stock.

In our next article, we will explore together how a buy-sell agreement between Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales would lessen some of the uncertainties in their business relationship as well as provide for an orderly transition of the business upon Mr. Gonzales' death.

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Are you ready for Labor Day? The annual Gulfport Lions Labor Day Fish Fry is being set up for you on Monday, September 1, served by the Lions of Gulfport, at their den at 4630 Tifton Drive South, in Gulfport, right behind the Marina (directions: south on 49th St. to the end, turn left), from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and it is open to the public as

are all of their food events. The event is BYOB, rain or shine.

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

local Lion friends.

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

Please make sure you are a part of this popular annual event, and don't forget they will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on October 11. If you need further directions on the day of the event, call 727-515-7509.

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Town Shores Red Hatters

Join them on Thursday, August 21 for movie at the Park Cinema on Park Blvd. and US 19 in Pinellas Park, followed or preceded by dinner at BJ's. The time is pending due to the choice of the movie. They will carpool from the clubhouse at Town Shores. Call Carol at 727-345-2303 to let her know you want to attend as Phyllis will be out of town.

Members met for Bunko on August 8. Bunko is always the second Friday of each month.

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Beginner's Italian

If you are interested in reconnecting with your Italian heritage or you have always wanted to learn to speak Italian then this is the class for you. The four-week class is held on Thursdays at Gulfport Recreation Center from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., beginning September 18. Registration is at the rec center and the deadline is September 15. For more information call John at 727-893-1079.

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Pinellas Park Art Society

In celebration of their 50th anniversary, the Pinellas Art Society is hosting an open house on Sunday, August 24, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Park Station, 5851 Park Blvd. There will be live demonstrations by talented local artists. Visitors can also tour two sunlit galleries where over 60 pieces of original art hang in a special exhibition entitled "50 Years of Art."

Admission and parking are free. Light refreshments will be served. All are is family-friendly.

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Rainwater Harvesting Workshop

Learn how to collect rainwater for use in your garden, Saturday, September 13, 2 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 9th Ave. N.

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Local Chef Gets Inspired in San Francisco

By Anna Vodopyanova

Every year, the Eat Drink San Francisco Festival celebrates unique tastes from that area's top restaurants and wineries. This year, August 1 through 3, Backfin Blue Cafe owner Harold Russell attended, venturing to the other city by the bay to "learn about a lot of different foods presented in one spot" and, most importantly, to bring back ideas for one of Gulfport's favorite restaurants.

The festival, says Harold, encouraged the use of recyclable materials – some foods were offered in bamboo sporks and Chinese take-out boxes. This concept is not common in Florida, Harold said, but is useful especially for catering events.

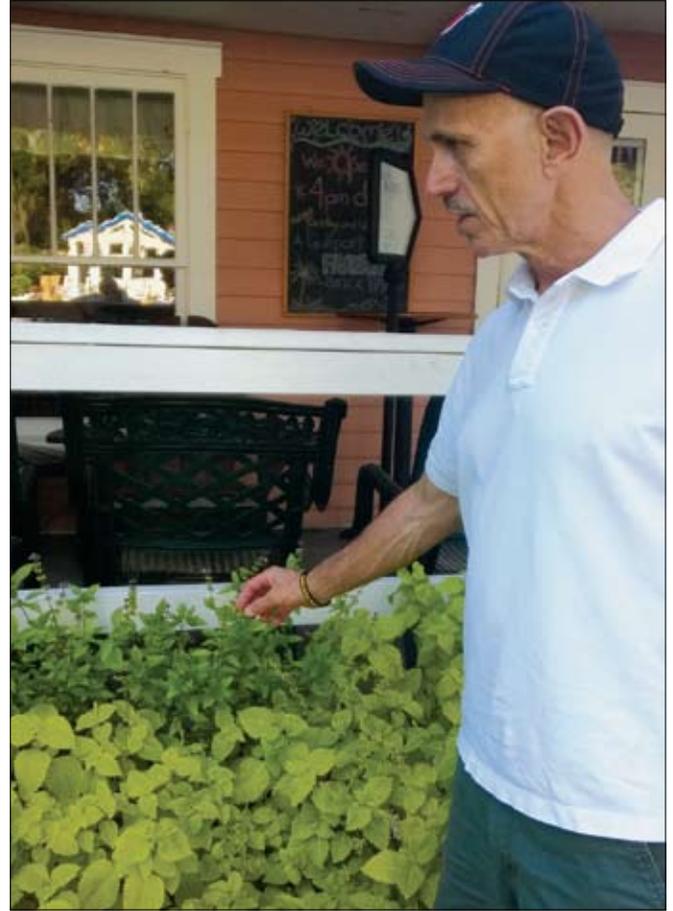
When it comes to exploring San Francisco's top eateries, Harold's tip is to rent a bicycle. That was how he found and enjoyed some of the city's hidden spots including State Bird Provisions and Chef Hung's. He also visited the Hess Collection Winery in Napa, as well as a San Francisco brewery, talked to chefs and tried unusual dishes including fried jellyfish and sea urchin.

One San Francisco recipe that left an impression was William Werner's "Rebel Within" at Craftsman and Wolves. Werner's creation is a muffin with sausage, Asiago cheese,

egg and any other desired ingredients baked inside. "Essentially," Harold said, it is "breakfast contained in one muffin."

Harold is already implementing some of the recipes and techniques he learned in San Francisco here at Backfin Blue – such as using xanthan gum, a key ingredient in the modern culinary movement as a thickener and stabilizer for sauces. Another San Francisco-inspired dish Harold plans to offer is Babà al Frutta della Passioné, an Italian pastry of cream and fruit topped with caramelized peaches.

On August 23, Backfin Blue Cafe will cater to 400 attendees of the Gecko Ball at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom. Harold says he intends to feature some of the San Francisco-inspired creations for lucky attendees.



Harold Russell, of the Backfin Blue Cafe in Gulfport, shows off some of his culinary herbs.



Harold says he's going to apply some of the recipes and techniques he learned at the recent Eat Drink San Francisco Festival here at his own restaurant.

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Registration is for all kids 4 to 18 years of age. You may register online at gulfportlittleleague.net, or at the field Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8p.m. and every third Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. If you have any question regarding registration contact Bruce Ward, 727-327-7383.

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Kids Karate

Chito Ryu Karate at Gulfport recreation center is starting a new kid's class in September. For students in kindergarten to 8 years of age, Thursdays from 6 to 6:45 p.m; ages 8 and up are Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. Contact Sensei Anadel at 727-459-1319.

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Reservations are required for the Great Bay Scallop Search. Registered scallop searchers will meet Saturday, August 23 at 9 a.m. on the eastern side of the Fort De Soto boat ramp in Tierra Verde to receive survey equipment and instructions for the monitoring event.

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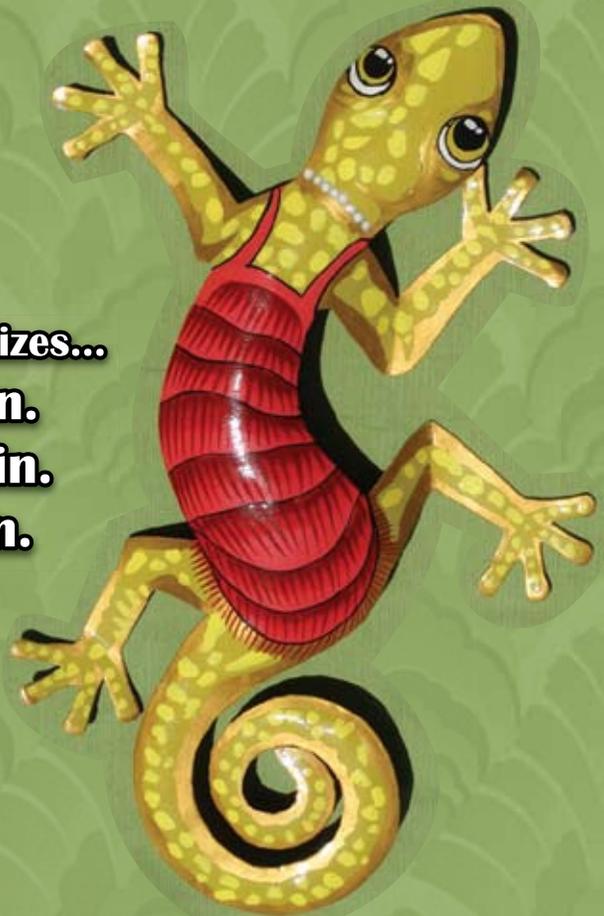


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