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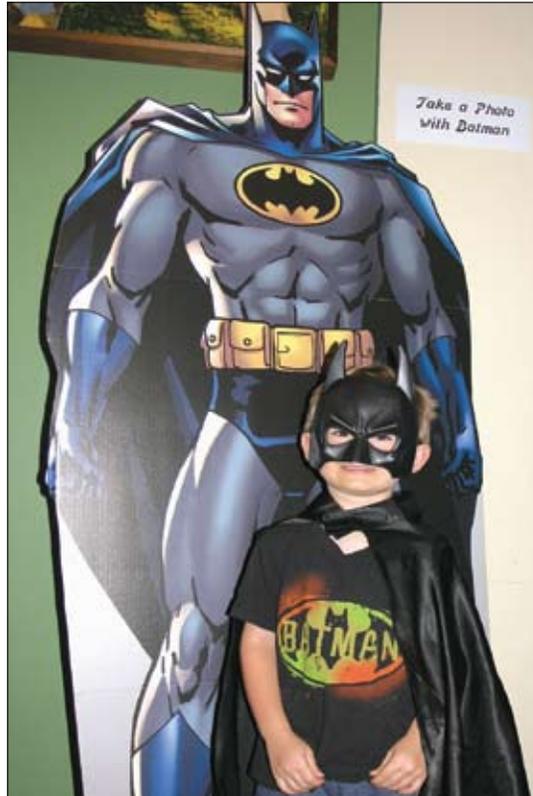
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Batman fans celebrated their hero's 75th anniversary Saturday, September 6, at the St. Petersburg Main Public Library. Said Tyler Hanna, "I think he's awesome!"

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**Back From the Abyss:
Gulfport's Finances**

By Cathy Salustri

For the first time Gulfport can see the light at the end of the budgetary tunnel. Thanks in part to rising property values and in part to a human resources manager who negotiated with the city's health insurance carrier, Gulfport's budget no longer depends on how many special trash pickups it performs or how many boats dock at the marina. The coming year's budget includes an almost \$1.5 million reprieve for the marina and utilities department.

It took six minutes, including the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, for the three Gulfport council members in attendance to approve the city's budget for the coming year.

Although publicly noticed, no one stood to speak about the \$23.2 million budget. The council itself had two members missing – Ward One Councilman Dan Liedtke and Ward Three Councilmember Yolanda Roman both had business meetings and could not attend the first of two meetings where council could discuss the city's budget.

Almost \$11 million of that money (\$10.8 million) will come from property owners.

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Mayor Proclaims October Gulfport History Month

On September 2, Gulfport Mayor Sam Henderson proclaimed October "Gulfport History Month."

"Gulfport's elected officials are strongly committed" to preserving Gulfport's heritage, Henderson said shortly before presenting the proclamation to the board of the Gulfport Historical Society.

October events will include a "Then and Now" retrospective at the Catherine Hickman Theatre, a 5k Mullet Run and One Mile Doggie Dash past the 2013

Mullet King's home, a daytime birthday celebration, the fundraising dinner "Gulfport Under the Stars," and the November 1 campfire and ghost stories.



Photo courtesy Don Sopak

Historical Society Looks at Lincoln Cemetery

In 1926, Reginald H. Sumner, Sr., the founder of Royal Palm Cemetery, established Lincoln Cemetery for African-Americans. By the 1960s, it had fallen into disrepair. Today, the city of Gulfport maintains the privately-owned cemetery, but at a substantial cost to taxpayers.

How did this happen? To understand the present situation, Gulfport Historical Society will start by exploring the cemetery's history.

On September 19 at 7 p.m., Marta Jones, a cemetery scholar, will speak about Lincoln Cemetery to the Gulfport Historical Society. She will discuss cemetery segregation and how graves were moved into Lincoln. She will also highlight a few of the more well-known people buried there. Her talk will end with a description of today's problems, including upkeep issues and recent cleanup efforts. After her talk the Society would like to hear from its members about the cemetery.

Marta Jones is a St. Petersburg

native who spent her formative years in Gulfport. She attended Bear Creek Elementary and went to the Gulfport Library. On her way to and from her childhood home, she passed Lincoln Cemetery.

"It was Lincoln Cemetery that first sparked my interest not only in cemeteries, but also in history and culture," Jones says. "During my undergraduate studies in anthropology, I focused on African American cemeteries. Although I changed directions in graduate school by getting a Master's in Library Science, I have never lost the conviction that historic landscapes like Lincoln are able to teach us about our past. Cemeteries, which were once visited regularly by families attending to their loved one's graves, are now largely forgotten places, ventured to only out of necessity."

Jones will be the featured speaker at the society's annual membership meeting, open to members. You may join the Gulfport Historical Society at the meeting. Annual memberships cost \$15. You may BYOB as well as a dish to share if you wish, although this is never required.

For more information, contact Miki Vaughan at 321-5705 or Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@icloud.com.

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Literary Afternoon at the Blueberry Patch

Thirteenth in an occasional series, the Blueberry Patch's featured author will be Pulitzer Prize winning novelist, playwright and screenwriter Cormac McCarthy.

McCarthy is renowned for his writings spanning Southwestern Gothic, Western, and post-apocalyptic genres. The Patch will take look at the man and his works.

"Usually, you don't know where a book comes from," says McCarthy. "It's just there, some kind of an itch that you can't quite scratch."

Come out and enjoy readings, biography and insights into the famed career of Cormac McCarthy, Sunday, September 14 at 3 p.m.

Suggested donation to the Blueberry Patch is \$5. The Blueberry Patch is located at 4923 20th Ave. S. in Gulfport. RSVPs and inquires welcome at Inktank7777@yahoo.com or 727-345-6427.

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Gulfport Neighbors Beach Cleanup

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If you are looking for an activity where you can make a difference and at the same time get outdoor exercise and meet interesting people while reducing the pollution in our waterways and the litter in our community, these events are for you! This is also a great way for students to earn service hours.

Please bring a picker/grabber and gloves and be sure to wear sun protection. Water will be provided.

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Get Your Green Thumb On

The St. Petersburg Library System, in partnership with the Childs Park YMCA and the St. Petersburg Garden Club, is launching a new seed library at the Childs Park Community Library. Beginning September 15, individual and community gardeners can freely access the seed library stock. A limit of one packet of each variety of seeds will be made available to gardeners.

In conjunction with the new seed library, the library system is also

offering a series of free educational workshops for novice and seasoned growers. The first in the series is "Preparing Soil for Gardening" presented by Ray Wunderlich on Saturday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m. The workshop will be held in Room 4 of the Childs Park YMCA.

The St. Petersburg Library System is committed to community building and presents this program as a part of the library system's 4E Sustainability Initiative, a method to enhance the delivery of resources, services and programs focused on the Economy, Ecology, Equity and Efficiency.

The Childs Park Community Library and Childs Park YMCA are located at 691 43rd St. S. The seed library and educational workshops are free. For more information, call the Childs Park Community Library 727 893-7714 or visit splibraries.org.

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Seniors' Chat Room

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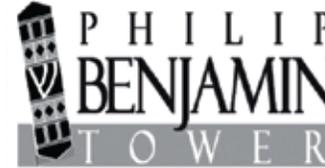
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Tangerine Blues Fest

SO49 and Tyrone Square Mazda present the Tangerine Blues Fest and Country Music Weekend on September 27 and 28. This year's two-day day lineup of bands (Blues on Saturday and Country on Sunday) is dynamic. Along with free music, great food will be served up by Pipo's Cuban Restaurant, Chick Doggie – the original Chicago Hot Dog, Wing House and their famous wings, Melt Company with a great grilled cheese sandwich, Mangia Gourmet, Mr. Bills with hamburgers and funnel cakes, Fresh Squeezed Lemonade, Fresh Made Ice Cream, Gulfport Elementary serving Ice Cold Coke and water and much more. Come out to meet Raymond of the Tampa Bay Rays, costumed characters from McDonald's and enjoy carnival rides provided by Spotlight Amusements. They will have a full scale NASCAR racing car and many more display booths.

Have you donated blood this year? The Florida Blood Service bus will be on site so you can take the time to donate. Admission is free both days

and there is something for everyone. Bring your chairs or blankets and stake out an area for the free concerts. No animals or coolers will be allowed in. Bikes and skateboards will need to be walked through the area. Check out the new web site at tangerinebluesfest.com or call 727-327-3509 for more information.

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.

Correction

Last week the *Gabber* incorrectly identified Gulfport Councilwoman Yolanda Roman in an article on the city's marriage equality resolution [September 4, 2014 edition, cover]. The *Gabber* regrets the error and apologizes for any confusion or difficulty it may have caused.



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New York Times best selling author of the Cedar Key Series, Terri DuLong, will be signing and reading from her books at FAB Fiber, 5440 29th Ave. S., Gulfport, on Thursday, September 11 at 2 p.m.

When DuLong's husband retired in 2004, the couple relocated to Cedar Key, an island off the west coast of Florida. They knew from many previous visits that the small town, surrounded as it is by Mother Nature, was the perfect place for them. And Terri's muse went into high gear with lots of quirky characters, people who actually waved to you and knew your name, a place that touched her soul. (Sounds like it could be Gulfport!)

DuLong's novels include "Spinning Forward" and "Casting About" with stories revolving around a homespun knitting community. FAB has a few copies of Terri's paperbacks for sale at FAB Fiber. Arrive early and have a leisurely lunch at one of Gulfport's great restaurants.

This program is sponsored by First Florida Frontiers, Inc., celebrating Florida through art, storytelling, and music since 1998. Contact Elizabeth Neily at Info@fabfiber.org or 727-744-7051.

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Jeff Klinkenburg at Main Branch

The Friends of the Main Library are kicking off their program season with an author talk featuring local Florida wildlife author, Jeff Klinkenburg. Klinkenburg, who also writes about life in Florida, will discuss his books and be available for a book signing at the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 9th Ave. N., on Saturday, September 20 at 2 p.m.

Jeff Klinkenburg's books reflect his passion about Florida wildlife. The latest of his works, "Alligators in B-Flat," published by University Press of Florida, is a collection of favorite Times columns. Other anthologies, "Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators," "Seasons of Real Florida" and "Dispatches from the Land of Flowers," have been bestsellers.

For more information, visit splibraries.org or call 727-893-7724.

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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!

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Gulfport Mayor's Corner: Fiscal Accountability

By Mayor Sam Henderson



One of the great things about Gulfport is how many of our residents have ideas about how to make the city better. That is also one of our challenges. Each year about this time we start finalizing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins on October 1. City staff and council start working on this budget in the spring, and by law we have to agree upon and

approve the budget by the end of September.

Throughout the year, we receive hundreds of suggestions on how that money should be spent and what projects should be undertaken. One of the difficulties in responding to this broad and often conflicting spectrum of inquiries and ideas is that our budget is finite. The budget currently before council proposes a general fund budget of 10.8 million dollars for 2014-15. That sounds like a lot of money (and it is) but it is by no means limitless.

As much as I enjoy hearing new ideas and potential solutions, there

is usually something missing from those conversations: the funding source. When proposing a plan, a suggestion of how to pay for that plan should be included. New buildings, facilities maintenance, sidewalks, streetlights, vehicles, drainage systems and employees require cash. With a limited supply, we have to prioritize how to spend our funds. This often requires tough choices, such as choosing between road resurfacing or waste water system replacement. Do we want to improve the recreation center or the senior center? Do we want sidewalks refurbished or beach pavilions replaced? The answer is that we want all of these things, and it is council's job to balance these needs and wants through how we direct the budget process.

Our diverse community has diverse desires, and we strive to be respectful and realistic in addressing them. When bringing an idea forward, please consider where the money should come from to pay for implementation, and even what your role as a citizen will be within that project.

Gulfport is, in a way, one big 12,800 person household that must live within its means. If you have an idea we want to hear it, but we also want to know your practical thoughts on how we should pay for it with consideration to the needs of all our residents.

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"The Good Folk Show Invitational 2014" opening reception is September 13, 5 to 9 p.m., during ArtWalk. The show also will be showcased during Folkfest St. Pete, October 25 and 26, and runs through November 5.

In addition to the September 13 opening, Creative Clay's September ArtWalk offerings will feature music by JazzPulse, a group of Tampa Bay-area musicians who share a love of the great American tradition of jazz. Their repertoire includes music from the jazz giants of the past 50 years, along with original compositions with a decidedly modern feel.

Creative Clay's mission is to provide expressive, educational and vocational opportunities in the arts for people with obstacles to arts access. They serve people with developmental, physical and emotional disabilities, as well as people in healthcare settings, children, veterans, and

provide outreach art experiences in the community. Creative Clay is located at 1124 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg.

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Yappy Days Are Here Again

Pinellas County Animal Services has reached a record high of 70 adoptable dogs. During the Yappy Days special, now through Monday, September 22, all adoptable dogs and cats four months and older will be free. The adoption fee for all puppies and kittens under the age of four months will be \$7.

This special includes medical checkup, spaying/neutering,

vaccinations, internal and external parasite control, heartworm tests, feline leukemia testing and microchipping.

Adoption counselors will be on hand to ensure that the right pet goes to the right family. Renters who are considering adoption are encouraged to bring a copy of their lease that states that pets are welcome.

Pinellas County Animal Services is located at 12450 Ulmerton Road in Largo.

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.

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Please join them in a community gathering on Sunday, September 21, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Scout Hall in Gulfport, 5315 28th Ave. S.

Light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. There will be a brief presentation by a board member at 5:30 p.m. and then they will open up for discussion. For more information, call 727-321-1909.

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Medicare Info at Main Branch Library

Medicare 101: An introduction to Medicare. Learn about Original Medicare, Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Drug Plans and financial assistance programs. Tuesday, September 30 at 11 a.m.

Medicare Advantage Plans: This session provides more specifics about Medicare Advantage Plans including HMOs and PPOs. You'll learn what they are, how they work, when you can join and your rights and protections. Tuesday, October 14, 11 a.m.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans: This is an overview of Medicare Part

D. You'll learn about eligibility and enrollment, how to compare and choose a drug plan, and financial assistance programs. Tuesday, October 28, at 11 a.m.

All three programs are presented by SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders), a program of the Florida Dept. of Elder Affairs in conjunction with the Area Agency on Aging. Programs will be presented in the auditorium of the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 9th Ave. N. Register by calling 727-893-7928.

In addition, one-on-one appointments with a SHINE Medicare Counselor will be available at the St. Petersburg Main Library, Wednesdays, October 8 to December 3, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The SHINE counselor can help answer your questions about Medicare, assist with enrollment in Medicare Savings Programs, and can help you determine which Medical and/or Medicare Prescription Drug Plan best fits your needs. Call 727-893-7928 to register for an appointment.

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Attention Gulfport Seniors

The Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee was formally established in 1992 to act as a liaison for Gulfport Seniors and to advise the Gulfport City Council on matters pertaining to senior issues, ways to enhance and enrich the health and quality of life of seniors in the community, and operation of the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center.

The Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee meets on the third Monday of the month from October through May at 8 a.m. at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue S.

Please bring any questions, concerns, or suggestions that you would like the committee to consider and recommend to the city council. You may call 727-893-1231 or email rcataldo@mygulfport.us.

If you have any interest in becoming a member of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee, please stop by the Senior Center to obtain an application.

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The Gulfport Public Library will host one of the Pinellas County Extension Services’ agent, Brian Niemann, for a fun and educational reservations only workshop on Saturday, September 27 at 2 p.m. in the meeting room.

Each attendee will receive instructions on how to build and install a rain barrel. You also have the option of purchasing a completed rain barrel in advance of the workshop.

Rain barrels are available only at the class and payment by check is required for the rain barrel on the day of the class. Rain barrel cost is \$35 and supplies are limited. To reserve your barrel in advance, call 727-453-6524.

Many thanks to the University of Florida/IFAS Extension Service and workshop leader Brian Niemann for their ongoing support and in making this event possible.

For more information and to pre-register contact 727-893-1073 or stop by the Reference Desk.

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Hurricane Season Halfway Point

Since June 1, three named tropical storms have formed. And all three storms have gained hurricane intensity before curving out into the Atlantic. Other than that, 2014 has proven to be a light hurricane season for the Tampa Bay area.

As the book closes on the first half of the season, it’s important to remember that the second, far busier, half is yet to come.

Statistically, the majority of the activity in a typical season happens in the second half. Since the hurricane record began in 1855, nearly 55 percent of all tropical storms and hurricanes formed during the months of September and October.

Strong and destructive storms such as 2012’s Hurricane Sandy, 2005’s Wilma and the 1921 Tampa Bay Hurricane all made landfall in October, serving as a reminder to stay prepared. More information about tropical climatology can be found at, the National Hurricane Center’s climatology website nhc.noaa.gov/climo.

To help residents prepare for the rest of this year’s hurricane season, Pinellas County is producing its eSeries: Prepare to Survive. These 15-minute programs offer an in-depth look into specific disaster preparedness topics, including insurance, preparing pets and building codes.

The September edition features a discussion with Emergency Management director Sally Bishop about the county’s new Public Safety Building. The show can be seen on PCC-TV, on YouTube at youtube.com/PCCTV1, and online at pinellascounty.org/eseries.

For more information about how to prepare for hurricanes, visit pinellascounty.org/emergency to find evacuation levels, learn about storm dangers and discover how to create a personal disaster plan.

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Acoustic Jam at Gulfport Library

Bring a guitar or acoustic instrument to the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., Monday, September 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. for an informal jam session. Meet other musicians and exchange musical know-how in a fun and relaxed setting. As always, it's free! Questions? Call Alex Hooks, librarian, at 727-893-1073.

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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.

Directed by David Middleton, "Dracula, The Vampire Strikes Back," is a fundraiser 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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Photographs Wanted

City of Imagination is planning to feature their local photographers with a black and white photography show, to open first Friday Artwalk in November, and hang through the month.

The theme of the show is "Gulfport: Its People and Places."

If you have a black and white print you would want to see included in this show, would like more information, or would like to volunteer for this event, please contact ciara at ciara.carinci@gmail.com, or visit City of Imagination on Facebook.

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St. Pete Glitter Queens Island Royal Ball

The St. Pete 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 St. Pete 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 St. Pete 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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"Most attorneys have never been in a situation where they have been worried about how to keep the lights on, but I have been there myself so I can really relate to what people are going through," said Sanders. "Plus, many people are very embarrassed when they come to me, but when I tell them how embarrassing it was for me to have to stand in front of judges and colleagues who knew me and go through the process myself, that usually helps to put people more at ease and understand that I have been there and done that MYSELF."

"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to

good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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

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

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Sanders has held a number of seminars and written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

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Mad Beach Bike Fest

Monthly Madness on Mad Beach and Full Throttle Magazine present the second annual Mad Beach Bike Fest. Madeira Beach revs up for the Bike Fest on Sunday, September 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. along Madeira Way. Motorcycle enthusiasts will be showing off their classic, antique, new and customized motorcycles from all eras. Food vendors and others offering bike-related gear will be on hand. Proceeds will benefit the City of Madeira Beach's 9/11 Memorial Fund.

Peruse the cool local restaurants, shops and boutiques of the Madeira Way district during the show. "Biker only" parking is conveniently located on site with visitor parking for larger vehicles nearby. The Mad Beach Bike Fest is a "Monthly Madness on Mad Beach" event produced by SIK Promotions. Vendor Space is still available. To become a vendor, please visit SIKPromotions.com or call 727-322-5217 for more information. There is no admission fee for the general public. 15004 Madeira Way, Madeira Beach.

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Batman and Friends Take Over Main Branch

By Anna Vodopiyanova

Batman fans celebrated their hero's 75th anniversary Saturday, September 6, at the St. Petersburg Main Public Library.

The library set up games, craft stations and Batman props for kids 3 and older under the screen projecting the Batman cartoon series. Children and parents made masks, colored in the lines of the characters, threw Batarangs at the villains, played Batman Bingo for prizes provided by Random House LLC, and checked out the library's comic books.

Tyler Hanna in a Batman costume came from Seminole with his dad to celebrate his favorite hero.

"I think he's awesome!" said Hanna. Hanna said he reads the Batman comics and thought the games the library set up were "cool."

"We thought it would be a lot of fun to focus on Batman," said librarian Elizabeth Deering. "You only get one 75th anniversary. They are here celebrating their favorite characters. Next anniversary they will bring their own kids."

Star Wars Reads, the next kids-centered event will take place at the library Saturday, October 11, at 11 a.m.



Batman fans practiced their Batarang skills at Saturday's anniversary party.

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Oktoberfest Returns to the Grand Central

St. Pete Oktoberfest returns to the Grand Central District as an all-day, family friendly event on Saturday, September 20 from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m. on the 2800 block of Central Avenue. As in previous years, the event will serve as a fundraiser for the Grand Central District Association (GCDA), a 501c3 non-profit organization.

The all-day event will include lineup of live entertainment featuring local favorites Have Gun Will Travel, (hgwt.bandcamp.com), a variety of food and arts/crafts vendors, a kids' area, an assortment of beers provided by Great Bay Distributors, and a series of Oktoberfest-themed games and contests. There will be no admission fee to attend the event, and free street parking is available throughout the Grand Central District and surrounding area. More details about the event can be found at stpeteoktoberfest.com or facebook.com/StPeteOktoberfest.

The Grand Central District in St. Petersburg has been a Florida Main Street community since 2001. A unique urban village, the District is home to many beloved local restaurants and bars, antique retailers, art galleries, unique shops, professional and personal services, health/wellness providers, and more. The Grand Central District is pedestrian and bicycle friendly, and can be easily reached via the Central Avenue Trolley.

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Bike Thieves Lose, Eventually

By Cathy Salustri

Since moving to his home on 55th Street in Gulfport eight months ago, Charles White has had his bicycle stolen three times. Unlike many bike thefts locally, however, White's story has a happy ending.

The first theft occurred in January; someone took a bike from his open garage in the middle of the

day, White says.

"That bike was never recovered. I had not recorded the serial number and the bike shop did not keep records. Neither had I registered the bike with the police. Lessons learned!" he says. He bought a new bike, this time making note of the serial number.

Once again, thieves stole the bike

out of his garage.

"Yes the garage door was open," White admits, "but my wife was in and out of the garage washing clothes."

White reported the theft, this time giving Gulfport Police the bike's serial number. Two days later, Gulfport Police Officer Scott Hutsko called him and told him he'd found White's bike abandoned in a church parking lot.

When White went to collect his bicycle, he registered it with the Gulfport Police Department. This helped him when he went to Atlanta in June and someone stole the bike from his fenced backyard.

When he discovered the bike missing, he again reported it to the Gulfport Police. In late August, Hutsko called to tell him the police had, once again, recovered his bike.

According to White, Hutsko was in the process of serving a warrant when he noted a bike that called to mind the description of White's bike. He checked the registered serial number, confirmed that it was White's stolen bike, and arrested the alleged bike thief. He also found drugs and charged the man with possession.

During this process, the suspect's cell phone rang. Hutsko answered it and heard the caller say he wanted to come get his bike. Hutsko identified himself as a police officer and told the caller to come collect the bike.

When the caller arrived, Hutsko recognized him as the same person for whom he had the warrant. He arrested the man.

"Bottom line? In addition to recovering my first bike," says White, "Officer Hutsko not only recovered it a second time after three months, but simultaneously he arrested a drug dealer and whoever he had a warrant for."

White contacted the *Gabber* to make sure Gulfportians knew about what he called "outstanding police work."

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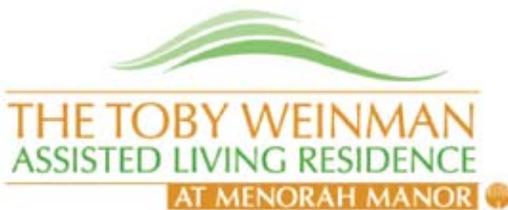
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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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A Cancer Vaccine

If there were a vaccine against a cancer, would you get it? Well, there is one, but why are few getting it? It could be that not many people know about it. It's not a household topic and publicity has been scarce (up until last week and even then the Tampa Bay Times didn't cover it). It also could be that it addresses sexually transmitted diseases and is recommended for 11- and 12-year-old boys and girls as well as 21 to 26-year-old adults.

Its primary target is cervical cancer, but the papilomavirus also can cause penile, vaginal, anal, mouth or throat cancer and/or warts. Mothers can even transfer the disease to babies at birth who end up with warts in the throat and lungs. That's why the vaccine is preferably given early before children are sexually active and

because the virus can be passed through all types of sexual activity, not just coitus. According to the Pinellas County Health department it can be passed through sharing a drink. Since we are all sexual beings (different subject than sexuality), getting the vaccine for that age group makes sense.

So what's the big deal now? Actually, it's not just now. The vaccine has been around for several years, but not widely promoted. The problem now is that Florida has the lowest vaccination rate in the nation and at 8.2 cases per 100,000 women, cervical cancer is higher than the 7.5 national rate. So, the Pinellas County Health Department has made it a priority as has US Rep. Kathy Castor. As Claude Dharamraj, director of the Pinellas Health Department put it, "The bad thing about it is that you don't get sick with it and you don't

know you have it."

Part of the problem, too, is a nation-wide resistance to vaccines which has resulted in a resurgence of measles, mumps and whopping cough (pertussis). While shots are required for school admission, many are opting for religious exemptions which are ill-defined. It means that not enough children are being vaccinated to create a so-called "herd immunity." Pinellas County Health Department addressed this last year by forming PITCH (Pinellas Immunization Team for Community Health) a coalition of doctors, hospitals, schools, drug companies, and social services to increase the rate of vaccinations among children as well as promoting the need for people to get the flu and meningitis vaccines.

I've been volunteering with this coalition because of my personal interest in vaccines. I wrote more than once or twice about my daughter's death from the swine flu in 2009 before the swine flu vaccine was widely available. It is now a part of yearly issued flu vaccine. Swine flu, by the way, caused 80 percent of the flu cases last year. I'm also motivated because two of my children are pediatricians. One deals only with critically ill children and notes that he deals with flu deaths as well as other vaccine preventable diseases every year. The other deals with broad pediatric health issues in the Bronx, New York City.

In the meantime, the anti-cancer vaccine goes under administered. I suspect that much of the problem is awareness although some have expressed concerns that giving a shot that prevents sexual diseases encourages promiscuity. It's not a free pass for anything. It just blocks the papilomavirus which causes a wide variety of diseases related to sexual activity. The virus has been connected, by the way, to those using birth control, smoking, having multiple partners, and multiple births. In all, it's designed to prevent 21,000 deaths and 360,000 cases of genital and oral warts.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

Because the sun's journey into Libra on September 22 brings an official end to the summer, this week is the last moment to revel in the season. The sky will be quiet. It's as though the planets have agreed to step back and clear the cosmic vibration. They'll pull down a blank screen so we can project the movie of our minds in peace. Whether you reminisce about recent history or imagine the future, there's beautiful clarity to the picture.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In many ways, the dreams of yesterday have been realized and the hopes of tomorrow are still vague. This is a transitional period. You'll keep challenging yourself, yes, but which challenges should you choose? This week may not bring answers, but pay attention. Gather information -- it will be important.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People who start their own businesses often fail, but they rarely say they regret the experience. Maybe it's not a business that some of you Taurus people are considering, but it's similarly risky and something you'd be creating on your own. This is an excellent week to give it a try! You won't be sorry you did.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People are rooting for you. They want you to win. They want an easy road for you. Of course, that wouldn't make for a very interesting story or a very strong person. The universe is rooting for you, too, but with a different agenda. It wants you to stretch, grow and become as interesting and strong as possible.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Often the highest quality option isn't the one that wins out. The familiar option will trump it nine times out of 10. Someone keeps showing up, and you're starting to get comfortable with this. But is it really the best option for you? Step away to gain perspective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As you try to make yourself useful in new ways, the doors that open to your future will be unlocked through the process of understanding and owning the past.

Look for keys in your history. Review your past, considering all of the odd jobs, hobbies, athletic pursuits and social fun that made you the skilled individual you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some people can't seem to listen to you without subsequently attempting to top your story or bring the focus back to them. Maybe they're just trying to relate, but you need to connect with those who have better communication and social skills than this. You deserve to be heard and acknowledged. Seek true friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What you spend your leisure time, energy and money on reveals what is truly important to you. Lately you haven't been entirely satisfied with the outcome of leisure time expenditures, and perhaps that's because your needs and interests have changed. This is the week to try new activities with different people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your keen social instincts kick in strong this week, and you'll sense whom you need to talk to. You'll meet someone with whom you share a passion or a problem. The common goal, concern or worry provides a natural starting point for what has the potential to be a long and dear relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even though you appreciate your current surroundings and circumstances, you also desire and are capable of much more. Build a case for the future you want. You'll get cosmic help in attracting new influences and inspiration that will help you move to where and who you want to be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll have to fight the tendency to reflect on the past too much. The paths you've taken in your life have led you to a deeper understanding of yourself and others and have broadened your capacity to love and be loved. So why not call it "good enough" and get back to the business of enjoying the present more fully?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If your skill level is greater than the difficulty of your work, you're going to be bored. The same applies

to your social life. If you've "been there, done that" and "had this exact conversation before," chances are this is not a candidate for your everlasting friendship. Be nice as you set your sights on challenge and adventure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have such a strong sense of where you're going that you'll hate being told what to do this week. You'll apply your rebel spirit to pursue what very few around you can relate to. Don't waste time trying to explain. They'll catch up soon enough (or they won't), and in the meantime, you'll make remarkable progress.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport

A: How much money has the city charged for special collections thus far in fiscal year 2013 - 2014? Are any of those charges outstanding?

Q: According the city records, in the current fiscal year, which ends on September 30 of this month, the city has billed \$76,069.72 for special trash collections. This includes any garbage collected by the claw truck outside the two regular days or yard waste days. Of that money, the city has \$23,287.69 outstanding.

Filmmaker Speaks on Political Corruption

John Wellington Ennis, a Los Angeles-based filmmaker whose films explore political corruption with a heavy dose of comedy and satire, is bringing his new film "PAY 2 PLAY" to Stetson University College of Law on September 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Ennis will discuss the impact of campaign finance reform at an event coordinated by Stetson Law professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy. The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

To RSVP, email events@law.stetson.edu.

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Kindness Riot in EDGE District

A Kindness Riot is a worldwide endeavor to perform random acts of kindness. To honor that sentiment, The Amsterdam, 1049 Central Ave., is opening up their patio wall on Thursday, September 11, and inviting you to "Paint Your Kindness." Paint will be provided for you to write a kind message on the wall.

Several artists will be present creating kindness messages of their own on the wall and on paper. They will be giving these small pieces of artwork away and ask that you pass it along to someone else and keep the kindness going.

Live music in the round starts at 9 p.m. Join the Riot and spread your message of kindness through art and acts.

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St. Pete Beach Community Yard Sale

Come shop over 50 vendors at the St. Pete Beach Community Center Yard Sale on Saturday, September 27. The vendors will be located inside and outside at our beautiful water front facility, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. from 8 a.m. to noon. Vendor spaces are still available. The cost for the 10' x 10' space is \$15 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$17.50 for non-residents. For more information or to reserve your space, contact the Community Center at 727-363-9245. Spaces will sell out fast, so call today.

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The St. Petersburg Woman's Club is a not-for-profit volunteer organization committed to serving the community through hands-on projects and fundraising as well as leadership development. The Club was organized in 1913 and is affiliated with the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, the largest and oldest non-denominational, non-partisan volunteer service organization of women in the world. For further information on a membership menu for all ages, club activities or booking information on our historic clubhouse, please call 727-822-4982 or check out our website at StPetersburgWomansClub.org.

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Gulfport Players Launch Online Gallery



Over the years, Julius Preston Brock has taken thousands of photographs to capture the magic of live theater here in Gulfport. Now some of those photos of Gulfport Community Players actors and actresses and stage productions are on view online at the Players' new Flickr account, flickr.com/photos/gulfportcommunityplayers.

So far, Preston has created five "Albums" of the most recent Players shows: 2014 Summer One-Acts (July, 2014); Stepping Out (May, 2014), Visiting Mr. Green (March, 2014); Inlaws, Outlaws and Other People (January, 2014); and The Cooley Girls (November, 2013).

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Lithuanian Club

The Lithuanian-American Club at 4880 46th Ave. N. in St. Petersburg is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. The cost of this lunch is \$7. These two coming weeks the menu has changed from the alternating bi-weekly menu. This Thursday, September 11, the club's theme is Honor American Heroes. The menu will have bacon burgers, with choice of condiments and potato chips. Apple cake and coffee, ginger ale, or root beer will also be served. The following Thursday, September 18, the menu will have potato pancakes, sauer kraut soup, fruit salad and coffee. After this the menu will go back to the alternating bi-weekly menu of Koldunai or Cepelinai. As usual, the club has Lithuanian beer and homemade Lithuanian bread to buy every Thursday. Call Vida at 727-866-7936 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

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Town Shores Red Hatters

September Activities for the Red Hatters are as follows: September 12, monthly bunko in the lounge at 1 p.m.; September 25, lunch at The Chattaway Restaurant on 22nd Ave. and 4th St. S. in St. Petersburg at noon. For more information or to RSVP please call Julie at 343-6587. Must have a count for the lunch.

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Preserving Precious Sight

Optometric Physician, Dr. Ryan Sacksteder of The Eye Institute of West Florida presents an overview on eye problems, eye diseases, and today's current treatment options at the Gulfport Senior Center, 2401 53rd St. S., on Thursday, September 18 at 3 p.m. Topics include Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma, Ocular Allergies, Flashes and Floaters, Droopy Eyelids, Dry Eyes, Cataracts, and Premium Implants.

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What You Need to Know About a Stroke

By Dr. William Handelman

A stroke is one of the most debilitating medical events that we can experience. Stated simply, it's a brain attack. Just as we think of having a heart attack with blocked arteries and death of heart muscle cells, the same thing can happen in the brain. So how should we approach this? Think of the 3 Rs of stroke: Reduce the risk for strokes, Recognize symptoms of strokes and Respond rapidly when stroke is suspected.

Call 911 if you see someone having a stroke. The facts are that over three quarters of a million Americans suffer strokes each year. It results in over 134,000 deaths each year. The good news is that the rate of stroke deaths is falling. There are roughly 6-1/2 million stroke survivors in the United States.

What is a stroke and what happened? Like the heart and all other parts of our body, our blood vessels bring oxygen and food to our tissues so they can survive and function. When there is a clot or blockage of the artery that feeds the brain, the brain tissue can die. Sometimes blood clots will form in a blood vessel leading to the brain but then will be broken down by the body's normal mechanisms. If this occurs quickly enough then symptoms of stroke can be reversed and brain tissue saved. And if we reach an emergency room within the first three hours of certain types of stroke, clot busting medications can be given can unblock the artery and save brain tissue. So many people can have reversal of blockage before brain tissue is killed. Taking an aspirin at the first signs of a stroke may also be helpful.

Many famous people who've had strokes include Charles Dickens, Kirk Douglas, President Ford, Luther Vandross, Della Reese, Charles Schultz, Dick Clark and Ted Williams.

What can we do to prevent strokes? As always, stop smoking. See your doctor for routine checkups. Lose weight, drink in moderation, stay active and monitor blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol. After smoking cessation, the most bang for the buck is in blood pressure control. A heart rhythm

disturbance called atrial fibrillation is another source of strokes. In a fib, the top chambers of the heart (atria) do not contract normally; then blood can pool and form clots. These clots can then be ejected from the heart via the aorta and sail through the vasculature into the brain. Once the clot reaches a blood vessel that is smaller in diameter than the clot, the clot will lodge and block blood flow to that part of the brain. This causes a stroke.

When we have an abnormal heart rhythm and other risk factors for forming clots in our heart, medications such as Coumadin, Xarelto and Pradaxa may be prescribed. Less potent blood thinners like aspirin, Plavix or Aggrenox are also considered, depending on heart function, other medical problems and potential for falling. The most feared problem with strong blood thinners like Coumadin and Xarelto is head injuries causing massive bleeds inside the brain. That's why we select people for these potent blood thinners very carefully.

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debilitating medical conditions that we treat. Oftentimes involvement of small blood vessels and minor strokes can improve dramatically. However, large vessels and large areas of the brain that are lost can cause paralysis of one side of the body, problems with speaking, understanding what we hear and see, dementia, inability to care for ourselves and other life-threatening complications. If you have questions about stroke or stroke prevention please talk to your physician, Google the American Stroke Association's website or see me, Dr. Bill Handelman, Dr. Bill Your Radio M.D. Catch me every Sunday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on 860 AM WGUL. Or Google 860WGUL.com and click listen live. My podcasts are also available from the website.

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EDGE District Building Momentum in St. Pete

By Anna Vodopiyanova

Food, drink and game lovers crawled through the EDGE District at St. Petersburg's first annual Poker Crawl Saturday, August 30, to benefit the revitalization of the area.

"Normally, they call it a 'poker run' because you're driving a motorcycle from place to place, or some type of vehicle, but we called ours a 'poker crawl,'" said Lea Ann Barlas, executive director of the EDGE District Business Association.

The EDGE District (Entertainment, Dining, Galleries, Etc.) is the area encompassing Central Avenue and 1st Avenues North and South between 9th and 16th Streets.

Jessica Arkwright from the association's board, said, "We have done a scavenger hunt in the past and one of the things we got from it is that people were in a hurry. So, we decided to make it a crawl, which is much more leisurely. Stop and relax, get to know the owners, enjoy the AC, look around. We seem to get a lot of great feedback and it seems like everyone is having fun."



The Amsterdam owner John Cullen says the district is growing and more diverse. He lauded the Poker Crawl for giving people a chance "to see different opportunities rather than seeing the same places they're used to."

Players walked through the 25 participating businesses, got a card from each, spent money on food, drink and crafts, and experienced the EDGE's unique atmosphere. At the end of the crawl, players gathered at the Green Bench Brewing Co. for the announcement of the three highest-hand winners.

The businesses contributed to the Poker Crawl prizes like gift certificates, wine, peanut-butter-and-jelly vodka and crafty glassware. Among the participants was The Amsterdam, the unique European-inspired bar on Central Avenue. Owner John Cullen said there are a lot of newly established businesses in the district, and the objective of the Poker Crawl was "to bring

people to see different opportunities rather than seeing the same places they're used to."

The Poker Crawl also raised funds for the EDGE District Business Association, Barlas said. The association conducts business workshops, assists in building remodeling and interconnects local businesses through events like this. It is also working towards getting a main street status to benefit from the Florida Main Street Program.

"Main Street has a historical preservation component, and we have a lot of buildings that were made in the 20s, 30s, 40s, so we are trying to keep those buildings from being torn down and being made into a parking lot," Barlas said. "A lot of the buildings were already torn down. Being a main street, it helps businesses."

Along with a Mardi Gras in the spring, the Poker Crawl is planned as one of the district's signature annual events to bring people to the area with an abundance of unique shops, bars and restaurants.

"We have lots of good places to eat. You can eat at five different restaurants every week and never be bored," Barlas said.

Arkwright's vision for the EDGE is to have "more events like this, to keep on collaborating," she said. "We want the EDGE District to be a destination where people can come early in the afternoon and spend all day."



Jessica Arkwright, EDGE District board member, at Green Bench Brewing Co. for the Poker Crawl. Said Arkwright, "We want the EDGE District to be a destination."

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Local Obituaries

HIGGINS, CHARLES AINSWORTH, 76, of Treasure Island, died on August 26, 2014. Charles was born in Middletown, CT. He was a veteran of the US Navy. He leaves his wife Gail, daughter Julie, son Charles Jr., sister Nancy, two grandchildren Trey and Megan. Interment will take place at Bay Pines National cemetery at a later date. The family request no flowers.

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NEIGER, GERTRUDE, 92, of South Pasadena, died September 3, 2014. "Gert" was born in Geisenheim, Germany, and served as a nurse during WWII. She married her husband Wally and came to the US in 1948 where she became a citizen. She was a member of German American Clubs in Akron, OH and Pinellas Park, FL. She was a founder of the October Festival at Holy Name Catholic Church in Gulfport. Gert will be missed by her sons, Robert "Bob" and Fritz Neiger; grandson Karl; granddaughters Lorie and Natalie and six great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Suncoast Foundation (thehospice.org). Online tribute page at ALifeTribute.com. A Life Tribute, Gulfport, FL.

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SMELTZER, EDWARD, 86 of Gulfport, passed away August 31, 2014. He is survived by his ex-wife Barbara Smeltzer, two daughters, Sheri Freeland (Crig, husband), and Karen Adler (Peter, husband) and two granddaughters, Rachael Adler and Broghan Freeland. All loved him and he will be greatly missed. Ed was a truck driver for the city of Gulfport for years and was retired from the St. Petersburg D.O.T. His two daughters and sons-in-law went to local schools and were raised in Gulfport.

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separately.

Reserve your 10' x 10' yard sale space for \$20. Goodwill donation pickup from 1 to 2 p.m. Proceeds benefit city of St. Petersburg TASC0 Teen Programs. For more information, call 727-893-7813.

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Honoring POW/MIAs

On Friday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 305 in St. Pete Beach will be honoring and remembering POW/MIAs. Local POW/MIA families please contact Dee Bell 727-360-1423 to be recognized during the ceremony. The public is invited to attend. American Legion Post 305 6999 Gulf Blvd.

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Public Boating Class

An All About Public Boating Class will be held Saturday, September 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at USCG Auxiliary Training Center, located at 3120 Miriam St. S. Gulfport, (rear entrance). There is a \$40 per student fee which includes all books and handout materials. Upon completion, student receives an 8x10 certificate, a wallet card and a "bobber card" from the state of Florida. For more information or reservations call 727-399-7986.

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Free Concert at Gulfport Library

Come out to the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., Thursday, September 18 at 7 p.m. for a free performance by Juniper, Florida's beautiful blend of Celtic and alternative music at your favorite library. Open to all ages. Gulfport Library free concerts are always a hit so be sure to reserve your spot by calling 727-893-1073.

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Rainwater Harvesting Workshop

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

Finished rain barrels can be purchased in advance for \$35; no purchase necessary to attend program. Registration and rain barrel pre-purchase at stpeterainbarrel.eventbrite.com. Call 727-893-7928 for more information.

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Treasure Island Art Guild resumes its monthly reception and art awards show on Saturday, September 13 at 1 p.m. TI City Hall Auditorium, 120 108th Ave, Treasure Island. The reception will be followed by a demonstration by Kathy Vanasse, local artist and art instructor. The reception and demonstration is free and open to interested persons.

The weekly workshops sponsored by the Guild have also resumed. The Wednesday workshop, "Anything Goes," is held at the Garden Room of the Treasure Island Community Center, 106th Ave and Park Place from 9:30 to noon. The Thursday workshop "Painting with Bruce Kotchey" is held at the TI City Hall Auditorium from 9:30 to noon. Friday's portrait workshop featuring a live model is also held at the TI City Hall Auditorium from 9:30 to noon.

The Art Guild is starting art classes Monday, October 6. Basic drawing will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and basic watercolor from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Cost for each is \$30 for six weeks or \$6 per class, weekly. They will be held in the Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium. To sign up for classes and for supplies needed call Fred at 727-360-8390.

For more information visit treasureislandartguild.org.



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- 9 Burdened
- 14 Enticement
- 15 A great lake
- 16 Wed
- 17 ___ homo
- 18 Zola novel
- 19 Alaska, e.g.
- 20 Play by Shakespeare
- 23 Doleful
- 24 Observe
- 25 Cunning
- 26 Hallucinogenic monogram
- 27 Haggard heroine
- 28 Some box contents
- 32 Dispute
- 35 Slip
- 36 Church part
- 37 Ballet by Stravinsky
- 40 Head in Lyons
- 41 Part of QED
- 42 Raves
- 43 *Monsteris loch*
- 44 ___ Abner
- 45 Bottom line
- 46 Slump

DOWN

- 47 Help!
- 48 Concorde, for short
- 51 Play by Tennessee Williams
- 56 One of the Dionnes
- 57 When I was ___
- 58 Club payment
- 59 Fight site
- 60 Pig's place?
- 61 Horus's mother
- 62 Treater
- 63 Note
- 64 Hollywood Turner

DOWN

- 1 Helps a wrongdoer
- 2 Russian villa
- 3 Cubed in the kitchen
- 4 Ragout
- 5 Wrote
- 6 Furious
- 7 Almost-perfect number
- 8 Transmission component
- 9 Spirited
- 10 Theater org.
- 11 Use the phone
- 12 Ending for kitchen
- 13 Jackie Onassis, ___ Bouvier

DOWN

- 21 Japanese immigrant
- 22 Musers' vehicles
- 26 Tempts
- 27 Popular toast
- 28 Corday's victim
- 29 Neat as ___
- 30 ___ *It Romantic?*
- 31 Cheesecake features
- 32 Envelope abbr.
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- 48 *Semper Fidelis* composer
- 49 Flying flock
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1st Day Rosh Hashanah

Friday, Sep. 6th @ 9:15am
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, Sep. 28th @ 10:00am
Cemetery Service at Chapel Hill Cemetery

Friday, Oct. 3rd @ 7:30pm
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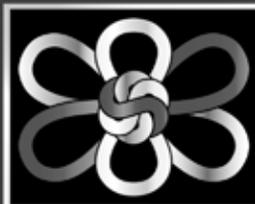
Saturday, Oct. 4th @ 9:15am
Yom Kippor Service
Afternoon Service @ 5:00pm
Ne-Lia Service @ 6:30pm

After services conclude on **Saturday, Oct. 4th at 7:45pm.**
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For more information, please call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

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By Cathy Salustri

The Cost of Being Gulfport

It's that time of the year where the air has a definite crisp feel in it. I mean, not here – it's still gloriously muggy here – but as I understand it, it's fall in many parts of the United States. However, the way I can tell the seasons will soon change has nothing to do with the temperature and everything to do with how much attention we pay to the budget.

As I've said before, we need to pay higher taxes, at least to the city of Gulfport. I don't care if we pay them in the form of property or sales, or if we build some of them into higher rates for users of services, but we need to pay more.

Look at things this way and maybe you'll understand: We do a lot with almost nothing. The city manager submitted a proposed budget of \$27.2 million for the coming year, which starts on October 1. This includes both property taxes and monies collected by our water, sewer, marina and sanitation funds, even though they don't use property tax monies to operate. According to the US Census, we have a population of 12,066. Let's do the math.

Evenly divided, that means each resident should pay, in theory, \$2,254 for the privilege of calling themselves a Gulfportian. Fair enough, but what does it really cost?

El Cap and I live in a decent-sized home on a double lot, but even so, our property taxes are laughably low: This year, we'll pay the city an estimated \$400. We pay more in other ways: Water, sewer and trash easily averages \$70 a month, adding \$840 to the total. We also store our boat in the city's dry storage lot, which costs us \$960 per year. So the two of us pay the city \$2,200 a year, or \$1,100 per Gulfportian, which means we put in only half what the city theoretically gives us. We're paying half of our fair share. We could afford more, but no one's asking for it.

Why am I so eager to give away my money? I'm not, actually, but I do want to make the point that if the city didn't exist, most of us couldn't get what they give us for anywhere near the same price.

Let's look at the costs of life without paying taxes or fees to Gulfport. We'll start with the little things, like the library. If someone borrows one book every other week, without the city they'd have to buy those books instead. At \$12 a book, that's \$312. And forget about the free technology classes; with no city, if I want to learn how to use my iPad, I register for a one-credit weekend class at St. Pete College. Cost? \$110.

Hey, at least GeckoFest won't change! Except when the annual GeckoBall rolls around, the Gulfport Merchants don't get the in-city nonprofit rate for the Casino. They pay the full rate, which they pass on to us, at an extra \$30 a couple.

As for trash, let's assume a conservative \$20 per month, or \$240 per year. We're still doing OK, financially, and I'm almost convinced we don't need a city at all.

But forget the little things. Our biggest expenses are public safety – the police and fire departments. The city budgets \$4.8 million, or \$397 per person, for these departments together, so let's assume that's what we would pay a private company for safety. Unless, of course, something happens and I need to increase security. We could save money by reverting to a volunteer fire

department, but unless all those volunteers are trained as firefighters, they can't do much but aim hoses at my house as it burns to really well-renovated kindling. This, not surprisingly, makes my homeowner's insurance increase.

Ah, but suppose I have a kid? See, Gulfport subsidizes its daycare, but without paying those pesky taxes, instead of \$100 per month, I'll pay \$150 per week. That's an extra \$6,600 a year.

Without taxes and the things they represent, this theoretical lifestyle would cost me \$9,489.

I haven't discussed street cleaning, playgrounds, a gym membership to offset the city trails I run along, parks, or any number of things I don't have space to itemize. I also didn't factor in boat storage, because I'll have to work a second job to pay for the cost of not having to pay taxes. I don't have any time to use the boat, so I decide instead to sell it.

This is why I tell anyone who will listen we should pay more. We – myself included – make demands on our council and harass the city management about why we did this or didn't do that. I don't think most of us think and appreciate what we get for what we pay.

I don't know about you, but I have bigger hopes for Gulfport, dreams that include more staff and services, more public facilities and a bigger and better recreation program. However, it's pretty clear we can't get any more blood from this stone. To move forward, we need more money. Start thinking about Gulfport in terms of dollars rather than demands, and you'll see we get far more than that for which we bargained.

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Budget, from front page

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The general fund budget decreased from \$11.5 million to \$10.9 million, the bulk of which City Manager Jim O'Reilly credits to Mercedes Perez, the city's human resources and risk management director. Perez, he said, negotiated a two-percent cost increase in the city's Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Florida health insurance premiums. Initially, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Florida proposed a 10% increase.

That \$600,000 savings will help the city reduce its dependence on its

enterprise funds. An enterprise fund is a government-owned business, such as the Gulfport Municipal Marina or the city's utilities departments. Enterprise funds make money based on customers and, in Gulfport, make more money than they spend. Gulfport has kept property taxes low by taking part of the money collected by these funds. Since enterprise funds cannot take money back from the general fund, these departments could not fund repairs or upgrades, such as a marina renovation or an overhaul of the city's sewer system.

"For the past six years, during the economic downturn, we had to depend on these funds to not reduce services our community has become accustomed to," O'Reilly says. "This year we're only taking \$135,000: \$55,000 from the marina and \$65,000 from utilities."

This represents a \$1.4 million

decrease from last year, when those funds contributed over \$1.5 million to the general fund.

The next and final budget meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16 as part of the city's regularly scheduled council meeting. Anyone who wishes to make a comment may do so at this meeting.

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Pamper St. Pete

Putting the community's well-being first is the way Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S., celebrates 33 years in St. Petersburg on Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program features free goodie bags, haircuts, nail polishing, face painting, clothes, light lunch, toiletries, blood pressure check/information, hearing screening, massage, fire truck demonstration, games and prizes. Sponsors are St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation, Beaming Hope Ministries, CASA & Federation of Families, Sam's Club, Healing Touch, Chick-fil-A, Amerigroup, Cutting Edge Barbershop, Precious Angels Preschool, Reliant Health Care, Caring Community Counseling, Cortiva Institute, Neighborhood Home Solutions, Massage with Healing Touch and St. Petersburg Fire Rescue.

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Registrations for the 2014-2015 School Year Child Care Program have begun for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport Montessori and Douglas Jamerson Elementary's. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Monthly fees are \$146 for residents and \$292 for non-residents. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Packets are available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. and online. Please call 727-893-1068 for more information.

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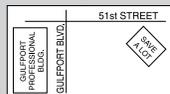
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Animal Services Volunteer Training

Pinellas County Animal Services is seeking volunteers to join its foster care team, as part of an effort to save pets that need time away from the shelter. The program requires a foster application and approval.

All foster care parents are required to complete the volunteer orientation class and foster training held on Tuesday, September 16 at the Pinellas County Animal Services shelter. The volunteer orientation class begins at 10:30 a.m. and foster training immediately follows at 11:30 a.m.

Some of the animals that will benefit from the program include: puppies and kittens too young for adoption, those recovering from surgery or illness, senior pets that need to be out of a shelter environment, dogs that have been on the adoption list for an extended period, and pets requiring socialization skills that can only be learned in a home environment.

Volunteers interested in becoming a foster parent will work directly with the adoption coordinator and the medical staff. The foster care training will provide potential foster parents with basic animal cleaning and feeding tips, information on feline upper respiratory infection and the shelter's emergency procedures.

To register, visit pinellascounty.org/animalservices/volunteer.htm, complete the volunteer application and select Animal Foster Care/Rescue under the Animal Care box.

For more information 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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Teen Anime Club is Back

Back by popular demand! Teen Anime Club will be screening anime movies at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., the second Friday of every month. Come in Friday, September 12 at 3 p.m. for a free anime flick and some snacks. This event is open to 12 to 18-year-olds. Call Cailey at 727-893-1133 for more info.

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SPCA Barnyard Bonanza



SPCA Tampa Bay invites you to mosey on down, to their farmside playground, for Barnyard Bonanza Festival and Yard Sale: Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can enjoy the dandiest food, crafts, games and barn animal encounters the shelter has to offer. Don't forget to say "howdy" to Twilight Sparkle, the pygmy goat, y'all! Proceeds benefit the animals. Free admission and parking. Family and pet-friendly. Dogs welcome. More information at speatampabay.org.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What is a Guardianship? Part II

Who may serve as guardian?

If someone is an adult resident of the State of Florida, that person is potentially qualified to serve as a guardian in Florida. Likewise, a close relative of a ward who is not a resident of the State of Florida

may also be qualified to serve as a guardian. However, if a proposed guardian is incapable of performing the duties of a guardian or has been convicted of a felony, that person cannot be appointed by the Probate Court as a guardian. Generally, the Probate Court will give careful consideration to the wishes and desires expressed by a ward as to the selection of a guardian.

What are the responsibilities of a guardian?

Guardians are required to be bonded and may be required to complete a Court-approved training program for guardians. Guardians are required by the Probate Court to be represented by a lawyer. All guardianship reports are presented to the Probate Court for review and

approval. In the event a guardian does not carry out his or her duties in a responsible manner, the guardian is subject to removal by the Probate Court.

Are there less severe alternatives to guardianship?

Guardianship is an expensive and time-consuming process. Use of less severe alternatives to guardianship is highly recommended. For example, the use of a durable power of attorney, a health care directive and/or a revocable living trust may eliminate the need for a guardianship thereby reducing the costs and time delay associated with guardianships.

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

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Teen Afternoons at the Library

Hey Teens! Come hang out with Sherri and Cailey, Wednesday afternoons at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Play Xbox, watch movies, get help with homework, listen to music, and just hang out and have fun.

For more info contact Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us or 727-893-1074.

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Auditions for "A Christmas Story"

St. Petersburg City Theatre will hold auditions for "A Christmas Story" on September 21 and 22. Written by Jean Shepherd and directed by Stephen Bell, the classic movie comes to life on City Theatre's stage.

Children's parts will audition at 5:30 p.m. and adults at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 21. Auditions will include cold readings from the script.

Callbacks will be held on Monday, September 22 at 7 p.m.

Please try to arrive early to fill out forms and have audition photos made. Resumes and head shots are not expected or required.

Cast Requirements:

Ralph (adult Ralphie) "Narrator (onstage)," age 35 and up

Four Boys: able to play age 9 to 11

One Boy: able to play age 7 to 9

"The Old Man (father)": able to play age 40 to 50

Mom: able to play age 35 to 45

Miss Shields: able to play age 25 and up

Two Girls (minor roles but visible): able to play age 9 to 11

Other Minor Walk-on Roles: All Adult, any age, any gender: The Cowboy, The Tree Lot Owner, The Delivery Man, The Voice of a Neighbor.

The possibilities exist to cast many other people in crowd scenes and as extras if interested.

The production dates for "A Christmas Story" are December 5 through 21. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.

Call the Box Office for tickets and information at 727-866-1973 or visit spcitytheatre.org.

The theatre is located just off I-275 at 4025 31st St. S.

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Starting a DIY Project?

Gulfport's Building Division staff tries to take special time to work with homeowners embarking on do-it-yourself projects. Whether it's deferred maintenance or new improvements, due to hard economic times many people elect to do these projects themselves. Before embarking on home improvement projects, call 727-893-1024 to discuss plans and see what inspections may be necessary, or for an explanation of code requirements.

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Blood Sugar Checks

It's important to know your numbers. Get your numbers checked at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on the second Thursday of every month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Blood sugar screenings are provided by The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay.

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Come out to the Gulfport Senior Center, 2401 53rd St. S., on the last Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a variety of health screenings. Blood Pressure, Vein, Vision, Hearing, Medicine Review, Balance, Memory, and HIV screenings will be available. (Screenings may differ month to month depending on availability.)

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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School Year Child Care Program

Registrations for the 2014-2015 School Year Child Care Program have begun for children who will be entering kindergarten through age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport Montessori and Douglas Jamerson Elementary schools. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra

charge. Annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Monthly fees are \$146 for residents and \$292 for non-residents. Hours of registration are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Packets will be available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. and online at mygulfport.us/recreation/rec/rec-programs/school-year-child-care/. Please call 727-893-1068 for more information.

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Flying Mullet 5k and Doggie Dash

Take a run through history on Friday, October 10, and catch a glimpse of coastal Florida the way it used to be – and in Gulfport, the way things still are. Gulfport, a town built by fishermen, offers runners a chance to run through vintage Florida neighborhoods. The Flying Mullet 5K will wind through downtown's Historic Waterfront District, running past the reigning Mullet King's home. Many fishermen once earned their living netting mullet, a vegetarian fish that's quite the oddity in the fish world.

Doggie Dashers will thrill at the proximity of the dog park as well as the town's dog-friendly bars and restaurants. All runners get a free post-race drink in the Art District after the run. Kick off your weekend with a run that lets you take in the quirky seaside charm of the town that time forgot!

Gulfport has ample free street parking; please take notice of any signs.

The Flying Mullet 5K will start at 5:30 p.m. with the One Mile Doggie Dash starting shortly thereafter. Both races start at the Gulfport History Museum, located at 5301 28th Ave. S. in Gulfport. The course will travel mostly over paved roads. Packet pickup as well as the race start will be on the grounds of the museum. Adjacent to the museum dogs can go off-leash at the small and large dog parks. Register at Active.com; call 727-656-5420 for more information.

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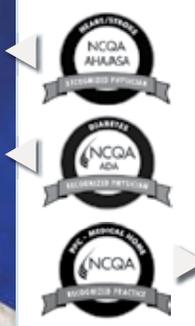
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Venice Beach: Ancient History, Florida –Style

By Cathy Salustri

We sit at the intertidal zone, waves washing sand into our swimsuits by the cupful. Even without the fancy screens some people use, it isn't long before the crushed bits of shell, brown wisps of seaweed and buff-colored sand wash away enough that a small obsidian triangle, by no means a perfect set of angles, reveals itself.

Forget Shark Week. Venice Beach has something even better: shark's teeth from sharks that went extinct millions of years ago.

WHAT: How so many fossilized shark's teeth came to be just off the coast of Venice Beach makes for a long story – think 50 million years or so – but the least you need to know is that due to rising and

falling sea levels, teeth from sharks who once hunted in these waters accumulated in massive numbers just offshore. The fossilized teeth wash up regularly, and anyone who can grab a handful of wet sand and sift through it has an excellent chance of finding a shark's tooth.

The teeth range in size from minuscule to (on occasion) more than an inch or two long. Sifters, little more than screens enclosed in a wood frame, make the job go quicker and up your odds of finding a few teeth, but armed with no tools whatsoever, you can still find a bounty. As for live sharks? Venice Beach has no more live sharks than anywhere else along the west coast.

WHY: There's something thrilling about finding a fossil, even if it's not a dino-

saur bone. Some of the shark's teeth you can find are from sharks that no longer exist today.

Among other types of shark's teeth, you'll find those from lemon, bull, dusty, sand and black-tipped sharks, but you'll also find teeth from the extinct mako and extinct tiger sharks.

WHO: The city of Venice runs a dog and traditional beach by the fishing pier.

WHEN: You can hunt shark's teeth any time of the year, although obviously it's more fun to go in the water in July than it is February.

WHERE: Your best bet is the Venice Beach Fishing Pier, at 1600 Harbor Drive South. You can SCUBA dive about a half-mile offshore; many local outfitters have trips to the Peace River Formation, where divers report finding much larger teeth.

BEST part: The fishing pier has a dog-friendly beach and a hose-off area for the dogs after your four-footed friend has spent the day rolling in the sand.

WORST part: It takes some practice to know when you're looking at a shark's tooth – the sand is littered with black bits of things, and if you're not careful, you'll miss some of the best ones.

MAGIC Question: Free.

Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@TheGabber.com.



Letters

Dear Editor: We Can and Will Make a Difference

Several weeks ago, here in Gulfport, we began a dialog on marriage equality. I introduced the conversation in August that led to the development of a draft resolution, followed by thoughtful dialog, culminating on passage by City Council. In the last month, I had a chance to discuss at length the many issues surrounding marriage equality, state-imposed same-sex marriage bans, judicial rulings over-turning these bans, and what's happening right here in Florida. The most important discussion, however, was with you, residents of Gulfport. The Gulfport resolution ensures that our voice and our position is heard and seen by those ultimately charged with making the decision on marriage equality for all. This will be historical. As Gulfport we continue to lead by example. As Gulfport, this matters to us. Thank you. Please take a moment and read the full resolution and memorandum: mygulfport.us/councilmeetings/, click on Agenda for September 2, 2014, scroll down to Resolution 2014-53 (Item #7).

Yolanda Roman,
Gulfport City Council, Ward III

Dear Editor: As I was riding my bike through downtown Gulfport, I decided to ride to Clymer Park to look at the new art. When at the "White Tree with Chimes," I noticed graffiti on it: "The Rusks were here & Lupe"; "Carrie + Jeter + Jensen" to name a few. In my day, we carved in a tree. Do we need flood lights in Clymer Park or patrols to protect current and future art? Art is to be viewed, appreciated, criticized and many other things but do not de-face art for art's sake.

A Mona Lisa Smile,
George Allen

The following letters are in response to Cathy Salustri's Hard Candy opinion column, "I Clearly Don't Understand Art," September 4, 2014 edition.

Letters to the Editor

Please keep letters as brief and to the point as possible.

Letters must be typed in upper and lower case on plain white paper or emailed to publisher@thegabber.com. Commentary posted to thegabber.com or on our Facebook pages may also appear on this page.

All letters are subject to editing for length and content at the discretion of the editors. ***The Gabber encourages and welcomes all letters.***

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Dear Editor: I was appalled after reading the article about public art and local artists written by Cathy Salustri.

The title of her article stating she doesn't understand art is an understatement. She didn't even bother to take the time to interview the artists in question to get both sides of the story. Her article is an excellent example of poor journalism, and it should be retracted with a full apology to both of these very talented and hard working artists.

Thank you,
Melinda Griffith

Dear Editor: The title says it all. This strangely angry writer clearly does not understand art. There are all sorts of reasons why art projects do not complete on time and few are due to lack of effort by a commissioned artist. No artist lucky enough to have been selected for a public art project that will enhance his or her career immeasurably and for all time would purposely fall short on responsibility or quality.

And to blame the artists and a forward thinking city which is striving to strengthen its image as art-oriented is ridiculous and bizarre. More importantly, it's also very hurtful to well meaning participants.

This writer demonstrates that she not only does not understand art, she also doesn't understand responsible journalism.

Patton Hunter

Dear Cathy Salustri: I just read your "article" calling out two local artists on the Gulfport *Gabber* website. I have a hard time even calling it an article. It's an opinion piece, well a tantrum really. I had to laugh at your comments on professionalism when you clearly did no research or made any effort to contact any of the parties involved. You have a responsibility as a journalist to at least have a well formed opinion, you know, based on facts and research.

I went on to read some more pieces

from your body of work. You seem to throw these toddler like tantrums often.

Frank Strunk is a brilliant artist, he has a work ethic beyond most people today. You trashed talked him in print without ever even trying to find out what was going on. After reading what you wrote, the only person that I think poorly of is you. Well, you and the editor that let such a piece of trash be published.

Shame on you Cathy

Kendra Beattie



*Additional commentary
from the Gabber's
Gulfport Ideas and
Opinions Facebook page:*

"As artists we clearly don't understand some artists either. We've worked for city, county, state and national clients and always made sure the terms of the contract are perfectly clear because we never wanted to it to come back to bite us in the butt. Art as a business should be conducted like any other business. Artists are contractors and should be treated like any other contractor. Artistic license does not mean you can do anything. But as I see it, the fault lies with the city for not setting up an oversight process. Once a contract is agreed upon, terms cannot be arbitrarily changed by either party.

Also how can a committee award their own members contracts? That just smacks of conflict of interest. Where was the city attorney when this was being set up? I find this totally incomprehensible." –Elizabeth-Neily Hermann-Trappman

"Instead of comparing the art world to the business world, perhaps we could compare it to the government world.

I suspect members of this community who are familiar with construction are very familiar with the Whys and Wherefores of time delays and cost over-runs. Constructing something is not the same as making a proposal or discussing it at a board meeting or writing about it before and after the fact.

True, there are those who are very precise with their timely execution of promises and contracts, but even they make mistakes that they have to offer up apologies for. And although a writer may deliver on time, the publisher may fail to edit or deliver, requiring yet again, an apology. Perhaps we could have been a little more patient and

Letters cont'd

waited for the apology in this matter."
 –Juan Hapicampa

"I think what keeps being forgotten is the story was never about the art. But about the deadlines not meant and changes in the site plans. But plain and simple when you have a contract and are paid. (whether you think it was enough or not) you need to deliver on that contract. To me that's what I took from Cathy Salustri's story." –Leigh Hanson

"I understand it's frustrating to have delays, and maybe next time contracts should include clauses allowing for bonuses for meeting certain deadlines, or penalties for missing them. It's like when you hire contractors or take on home projects, it seems like it all always takes longer than initially thought. I'm very deadline-conscious (20 years working at daily newspapers), and hate hate it when people miss deadlines. But in many cases, including this, the delays are nothing more than a slight inconvenience, not really hurting anyone. So let's just enjoy the pretty art as it comes" – Ester Venouziou

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Yummy's: Better Than Ever

By Cathy Salustri



Richard Reale, founder of Yummy's, is still serving up Gulfport's favorites under the new owners. He wants everyone to know Yummy's is better than ever. Bonus: soon, they'll deliver.

Rich Reale is plying me with poppy seed buns and sport peppers, and it's totally working. I tuck into a Chicago dog, and while my mouth is full, Rich tells me about the renovations.

"Everything's good. When that tornado hit, everybody thought we closed down," Rich, Yummy's manager, says.

He opened Yummy's in 2008, and while the business has changed hands twice, he has remained constant.

Longtime customer Debbie Scherer bought Yummy's in June with the condition that he stay on and maintain quality.

The inside of Yummy's, renovated after the tornado tore down the cedar tree in 2013, looks amazing. The former outside courtyard is now redone as a deck and the inside has a separate sunny seating area.

Rich is making sure people get the quality they grew accustomed to when he and his wife Bonnie owned Yummy's. Those of you who may have stopped by and noticed some changes will be thrilled to know Rich and Bonnie and Debbie are all working hard to bring back the fun, family-friendly atmosphere and wonderful Chicago-style food everyone expects.

Here's how a Chicago dog should look and taste: Inside a steamed poppy seed bun you'll find a 100% beef hot dog that would snap if you tried to bend it. You can't, though, because

it's covered in bright yellow mustard, sparkling green relish, juicy ruby-red tomato wedges, freshly chopped white onions, sport peppers, and a pickle slice. Celery salt sprinkled over the whole thing completes the ensemble, and when you take your first bite you know this isn't your ordinary hot dog: It's a gastronomic delight.

At Yummy's, they serve the hot dogs with chips, their secret recipe cole slaw or made-from-scratch potato salad. Finish off that meal with a frosty beer from their full beer cooler, which is now located in the kitchen, and they also serve a variety of wine. Not five o'clock yet? If that sort of thing matters to you, try their Hershey's milkshake.

"We use just milk and ice cream, just like a milk shake should be," Rich brags. "You can choose from 18 flavors." They also serve malted milk shakes and root beer floats made with A&W root beer.

Don't forget, Yummy's knows you can't survive on hot dogs alone. They have award-winning chili, made with Bonnie's mother's recipe. While those Chicago hot dogs are amazing, Rich says they sell more authentic Italian beef sandwiches than anything else.

They start with a toasted Gonnella French roll, shipped from Chicago, pile it high with sliced lean Italian-seasoned roast beef (also shipped straight from Chicago) dipped in its own natural gravy. You can get it with or without sweet peppers, and it comes with a side of Giardiniera pepper mix, which is heat and flavor rolled into one.

What I didn't realize – and I've sucked down Yummy's Chicago dogs for years – is that Yummy's makes so much more than hot dogs and Italian beef sandwiches. Their full menu includes Italian Wedding soup, veggie pita wraps, Reubens on grilled rye, a cornucopia of salads – chicken, tuna, and an exclusive salad called the Yummy.

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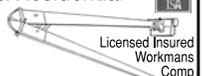
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