

Florida Dreams on Gulfport Beach



While on vacation from Connecticut, Jordan and Marie-Laure Dolger soak up the Florida sun on New Year's Eve. The Dolgers rented a house in Gulfport and say they want to buy a second home either in Gulfport or the Old Northeast section of St. Petersburg.

No Elections on St. Pete Beach

ST. PETE BEACH – Despite a false start from one opposing candidate, District Two Commissioner Jim Parent will keep his seat on city commission for the next two years. The two-term commissioner ran unopposed in 2009 and again in 2011; a challenger Joanne Lentino, filed paperwork successfully but withdrew her name from the 2013 race Wednesday afternoon.

Ms. Lentino's letter of withdrawal did not indicate why she chose to remove her name.

This means that St. Pete Beach will have no elections this year. The District Four seat left vacant by outgoing Commissioner Bev Garnett also had only one contender, Melinda Pletcher. The election would have cost the city slightly more than \$12,000. Ms. Lentino does not get a refund of fees paid.

Renaissance Man Turns 100

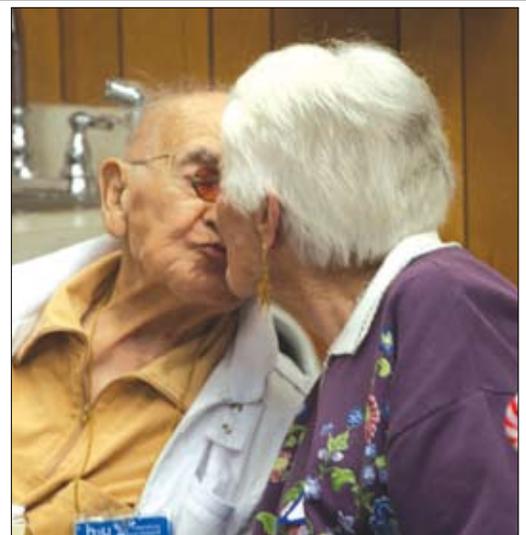
By Cathy Salustri

"This is a once in a lifetime," Carol Ehrenkranz, the Senior Chat Room host, said of Arda Unjian as the group prepared to celebrate his 100th birthday.

As Ms. Ehrenkranz continued to speak about Mr. Unjian, calling him a "Renaissance Man", the door opened and in walked his family – all the way from Texas. They came to the Senior Chat Room celebration as a surprise for Mr. Unjian. Although Mr. Unjian turned 100 on December 20, the chat room group celebrated on December 28.

"This is a total surprise," Ms. Ehrenkranz told the standing-room-only crowd last Friday.

Mr. Unjian smiled throughout the celebration, pausing only to to kiss his lady friend Arlene. Arlene and Arda met two years ago in the Senior Chat Room,



Arda Unjian takes a moment from his 100th birthday celebration to share a special moment with a special lady. He and Arlene met in the Senior Chat Room two years ago.

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Centurion, from front page which meets every Friday afternoon at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center. Their relationship started with conversations in the chat room but soon progressed to the next level.

“Besides chatting we do other things!” Mr. Unjian said to laughter as he leaned over to kiss Arlene, now 95.

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Fine Arts adds New Dimension to Art Walk

Gulfport’s long established First Friday Art Walk will evolve this season with the addition of a block of Beach Blvd. devoted specifically to working fine artists and artisans. Fine Arts Friday will create an exclusive enclave in the 2800 block of Beach Blvd. in which local artists will show their work and demonstrate their techniques while interacting with visitors. The next Fine Arts Friday will take place on Friday, January 4th from 6-10 p.m.

Art Walk is a cherished tradition in Gulfport occurring on the first Friday

and third Saturday of each month for many years. Local artists and crafters, including favorite regular vendors, will continue to appear throughout Beach Blvd. for Art Walk on each occasion. But organizers of Fine Arts Friday were interested in adding a roster of carefully selected artists and artisans intended to appeal to discerning art enthusiasts. All items on display in the block of “Fine Arts Friday” will consist exclusively of hand-created items by the artists themselves. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be available in a reception area at Salon M, 2820 Beach Boulevard S.

Artists scheduled to appear during “Fine Arts Friday” are: Jason Bourgholtzer (torch work/glass), Peter Bourgoine (wood turning), Nancy Cervenka (film sculpture), Marie Gagne (millinery), Derrick Johnson (metal and painting), Todd Jones (clay, pottery), Mary Joyner (precious metal clay, illustration and painting), Mel Lowe (photography), Owen Pach (metal forging), Billie and Brennan Rodriguez (mother and daughter, aka “Funny Face Farms”) (fiber spinning), Jonathan Schork

(mixed media/plaster sculpture forms), John Shevlin (painting), Victoria Weners (drawing/mosaics), Linda and Matt Worsham (mother and son, aka “Gypsy Cat Creations”) (mixed media sculpture).

Contact Owen Pach at 215-823-9736 or owenpachglass@gmail.com.

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Garden Club of St. Petersburg Events

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg is located at 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. Join them in expressing yourself by creating “Amazing Painted Glassware” on January 7th at 10 a.m. Cost is \$3.50 for members, \$4.50 for guests.

On January 8 they will have an all members meeting at 1 p.m., program: Cactus & Succulents by Wilda Meier of Sarasota Garden Club. Visitors are welcomed.

On January 10 they offer “Learning How to Grow Orchids by Michael Polen of Art Stone Orchids”. Coffee is ready at 9:30 and the program is at 10 a.m.

On January 31st they have a card and game party at 11:30 a.m. Bring your cards and/or game boards. New this year will be activities on the patio. Donation of \$12, checks payable to GCSP, reservations to Liz Coerver by Monday, January 20th, 2634 66 Terrace South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712 .

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Police Pension Changes Final

ST. PETE BEACH – Police officers who decide to stay with the St. Pete Beach pension plan will see changes to their pension. The commission voted Thursday preventing to change the police department pension plan from a defined benefit to a hybrid plan that combines defined contributions and defined benefits plan.

This will affect officers who elect to stay in the city's pension plan.

Health and Fitness Fair and 5K

Please visit them at the free open to the public J. West Prostate Cancer Foundation's 3rd Annual Health & Fitness Fair being held at the Gulfport Casino on Friday, January 4th from 12 noon to 6:30 p.m. Featured events include: Prostate Cancer Screening (PSA) Blood Test Only; Oral Cancer Screening, Dr. Silas E. Daniel, DDS; Dr. Douglas Moss, Orthopedist; Be The Match, National Marrow Donor Program; Spinal Correction Center; Bond Thomas, Chiropractic;

St. Anthony's Hospital; Alzheimer's Association; Happy Feet-Birkenstock; Great American Natural Products; Fit2Run; Organic Produce; Qivana, Natural Health Systems; Long House; GNLD Intl. Whole Food Nutritional Supplements; and others.

You may also register early for the J. West Prostate Cancer Foundation's 3rd Annual 5K Run & Walk to be held the following day, Saturday, January 5th starting at 8 a.m. at the Gulfport Casino.

DrumQuest is Tonight at Gulfport Library

DrumQuest founder and music educator Jimbo Talbot brings his fun, high energy drumming program to the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Avenue S., for an evening of rhythmic adventure and family fun on Friday January 4th at 7 p.m. Open to all ages. Join us for an exciting rhythmic evening of percussion fun! For more information contact Cailey, the Youth Services Librarian, at cklasson@mygulfport.us or 727-893-1134.

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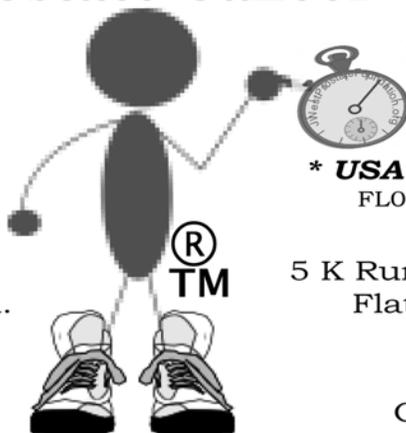
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Zeitgeist Productions and Sundays Off Productions are holding auditions for actors of all ages on January 9th and 10th from 7-9 p.m. at Small Adventures Book Shop, 3107 Beach Boulevard S. in Gulfport for their upcoming production, "10 x 2: A Festival of Short Plays" which will be performed on February 8th and 9th at Gulfport's City of Imagination. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the scripts chosen for the festival. For more information, please call Rob McCabe at 727-366-8909 or Tinamarie Hansen at 727-637-4331.

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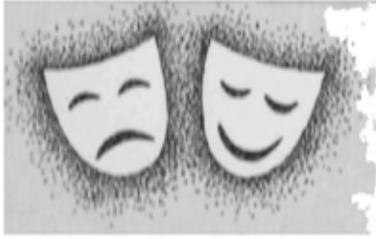
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Stretch and Tone will be back starting January 8th at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Come check out this fun class full of great people lead by Jean. Classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. The fee will be \$3 for each class. Bring

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Tis the Season

Donations of small items are always welcome for the next 1st Friday Flea Market scheduled for Friday, January 4th from 9 a.m. – noon. Ideas for items include watches, any kind of jewelry, including costume jewelry, wallets, change purses, tote bags, purses, knick knacks, Knitted

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With the new year upon us, please bring a canned good or two to the new "bucket of love" which will be located in the Senior Center lobby. This food goes into the Center pantry where local seniors who are less fortunate can get the assistance they need. For more information or to get involved call 727-893-2237.

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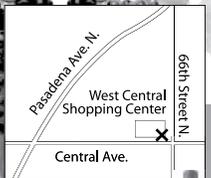
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There were two other contract stations in the area, one in an Eckerd's drug store (they no longer exist) and one on 49th St. Neither one knew how to handle foreign packages and I did so people with foreign packages to mail all came to Gulfport. We had air mail then (all mail goes air mail

now) and a lot of Gulfport residents who could not speak English waved their hands when they wanted an air mail stamp. Once I had a customer who was mailing a package to Russia and her tags were all wrong and I couldn't explain to her what she needed to do. I called my wife who could speak Russian and Polish and she was able to tell her what she needed. It was an experience and I met a lot of nice people.

When I figured out what I was getting paid it came to about \$3 per hour, Jack agreed to raise it to \$5 even though I still didn't want to do it, I did it for a few more years. I was 56 then and I'm now 92. That was 35 years ago and with all the changes in the post office, I know I wouldn't be able to do it now.

Tony Fiore

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GriefShare Support Group

The public is welcome to come to a 13-week grief support group at Cornerstone Community Church at 6745 38th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. It begins on Fridays January 4 through March 29th from 10 a.m. until noon. For more information, please call 727-343-7747.

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Beginner Tai Chi

Beginner tai chi classes in Gulfport start on January 8th at the Gulfport Recreation Center located at 58th St. S. and Shore Blvd. S. Classes meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please arrive a little early to register. This gentle form of exercise is beneficial in maintaining body elasticity, heart health, bone strength, balance and more while avoiding stress on knee and hip joints. To obtain maximum benefit it is recommended that you attend both classes. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per class. The classes are open to all. Call Marge at 345-6708.

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By Natalie Leggette

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USCG Safe Boating Program

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January's program includes: "Equipment for Your Boat" Jan. 8,

"Waterway Watch / Trailing Your Boat" Jan. 15, "Handling Your Boat" Jan. 22, and "Your Highway Signs" Jan. 29.

Cost is \$40 for 13 weeks and includes new 400-pages of materials. Call Jim at 360-4846.

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Walking Club Returns

The Gulfport Walking club meets on Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. and departs by 9 a.m. from January through

March. Their walking adventures take them to many of Pinellas County's beautiful parks. It is a walk at your own pace so feel free to do a mile or five miles. They return before 12:30 p.m. Registration and a brief meeting will be January 3rd at 8:45 a.m. with a local walk in Gulfport to follow. The first walking adventure will be January 10th. The bus fee for each trip is \$2. Please contact John at 893-1079 for further information.

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Bayway Bridge Closed Monday and Tuesday

This week the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to close the eastbound lanes of the Bayway Bridge from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday (January 7 and 8) for concrete delivery and placement. The FDOT may change this schedule depending on the weather.

FDOT workers will make sure emergency vehicles can get through the work zone as needed. Workers will not necessarily have eastbound lanes closed all day, however drivers should anticipate closures and pay attention to the flashing signs situated around St. Pete Beach and the bridge for more information.

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

Natural History Speaker Series

Friends of Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, Inc. and the City of St. Petersburg announce the fifth presentation in the 2012-2013 Natural History Speaker Series "Fish of the Gulf of Mexico" on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30 p.m. at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way South in St. Petersburg. Fish are among the most successful animals on our planet. What has enabled them to adapt and survive? Free.

The programs feature a diverse range of speakers on Florida natural and cultural history. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month, September through April. Call 893-7326 or visit www.stpeteparksrec.org.

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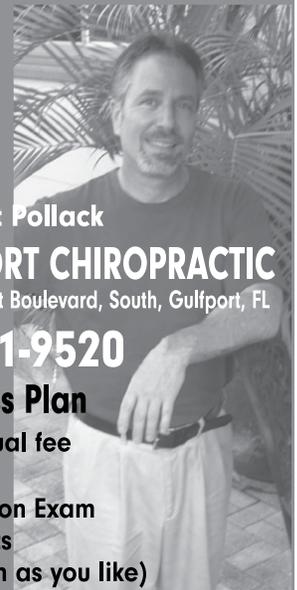
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SPCREA to Meet

The South Pinellas Retired Educators Association (SPCREA) meets at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of each month from October through May. Meetings are open to all who have worked in the field of education, including teachers, support personnel and administrators, whether here in Florida or elsewhere. The meeting is not used for business. They have an event from the hospitality committee, a song, a thought for the day and some important announcements such as information about future meetings, conferences, help needed or recognition of birthdays. After hearing from their speaker, various chairpersons share information. They often plan fun field trips. At each meeting they have the opportunity to help a local charity, carefully chosen by the project cheer committee. Their featured agency for January will be CASA, which needs clothing, linens, personal care and especially blankets and quilts for children. The meeting generally ends by 1 p.m. The January 10th meeting will take place at Harold Seltzer's Steakhouse, 3500 Tyrone Blvd. N., St. Petersburg. Jeff Hearn, famous culinary chef will present what and how to prepare foods to entice. His presentation is entitled: Eat Poor, Drink Rich. Jeff has been spotlighted in the Tampa Bay Times. Come join them! For more information contact Joyce Walters at 727-526-5065 or email her at jellen1943@yahoo.com.

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Smashing Into the New Year



Megan Higgins Omlor smashes a volleyball over the net at Gulfport Councilman Dan Liedtke.

Councilman Dan Liedtke and his wife Michelle prepped for the new year by playing volleyball with Club Sports league members on Gulfport Beach.

"It's always such a great time playing volleyball. Beach volleyball is one best parts about living in Florida," said Michelle Liedtke, who moved in Florida in 1999. She and her husband started playing beach volleyball five years ago. As one of his first actions on council, Councilman Liedtke began working to get more beach volleyball courts by the Gulfport Casino.

Ms. Liedtke praised city staff for their work.

"They did a great job building the courts. Everyone just loves coming out there to play. It's so beautiful. In the evening you have the bay on one side with the lights and on the other side you've got the Christmas decorations," she said. "It's so crazy that you can do that in December."

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Gulfport Free Clothing Swap

GULFPORT: Gulfport's next free clothing swap will take place at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market on Tuesday, January 8th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The popular event is now regularly scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month. The swap takes place in the courtyard adjacent to the historic Peninsula Inn at 2937 Beach Blvd. South. Participants are invited to bring up to five gently used garments to exchange for vouchers that may be used to select clothing brought in by other participants.

Items may be for women, men or children. Gently used shoes and wardrobe accessories are also accepted. Please provide hangers for all garments to be used in the swap. For anyone interested, vouchers may also be purchased for \$3 each.

Donations of clothing above the 5-garment limit are encouraged and accepted. All additional donations should be contained in bags or boxes. All cash proceeds, donated clothing, and non-selected garments at the end of the swap will be donated to Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA). CASA is a local non-profit organization providing services to

survivors of abuse or violence. For more information on the clothing swap, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org. In case of rain, the next clothing swap is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12th.

According to Stuart Berger, CASA Development Director, "This is a great, easy way for the community to come out and show support for some of our neighbors in their time of need as they flee from domestic violence and prepare to begin a new life. Simply go through your closets and pick out some gently used items. Then enjoy the swap, knowing that all remaining clothing will be donated to CASA to help others." Over 150 large bags of clothing and hundreds of dollars have been donated to CASA since the clothing swap was started in summer 2010. The clothing swap is co-sponsored by the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market, Gulfport Merchants Association and Peninsula Inn & Spa.

Gulfport's Tuesday Fresh Market is a year-round event, offering fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as fresh bread, cheese, seafood, Florida grass-fed beef, free range chicken, herbs, plants and flowers, desserts, nuts and granola, local honey, pet treats, hand-made soaps, local art, crafts, jewelry, bath and body products and much more. Over 50 vendors set up shop for the day each Tuesday. New vendors join the market place each week and live music is always featured. The Market takes place every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except on the first Tuesday of each month, when the Market lasts from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., accommodating after-work shoppers.

For more details about the Fresh Market, contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org. Visit the Gulfport Merchants Association website at www.GulfportMA.com or Fresh Market Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gulfportfreshmarket.

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Energy Express The latest trends for staying healthy

by Marilyn Preston

Set a Fitness Goal ... Make It Happen

The new year can be the start of a new, improved you ... if you're willing to double-down on determination. Most people simply don't know how to make lifestyle change happen.

Alex says he wants to eat healthier, but three weeks into it he's back at Burger King, chowing down a cheeseburger as big as his head.

Which isn't necessarily a bad thing. Failure is feedback. It's not a reason to give up.

Change isn't linear. It's often a process of ups and downs, forward steps and backward slides -- but each time, you revive, regroup and find the strength to continue moving forward.

Resiliency! That's the secret to your success in 2013. It's from that place of strength and determination that New Year's resolutions transform into new habits, so that one day you wake up, and instead of moaning and going back to sleep, you actually look forward to putting on some sweats and taking a brisk morning walk. It takes about three months for this to happen. Patience, dear reader.

Last week got the subject started: I asked you to please think of one change you would like to make in your life that moves you down the road to a healthier, happier lifestyle.

MAKE YOUR GOAL A SMART GOAL. Behavior-change experts know that the more detailed your fitness goal is, the more likely you'll hit a home run. Use this acronym to guide you: S for specific, M for measurable, A for action, R for realistic and T for time-related.

So let's say you're setting a weekly goal involving more activity. Don't just write down: I'll exercise more. Be specific! On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, I will take a brisk walk for 30 minutes around my neighborhood before I go to work in the morning. On Tuesday and Saturday at 6 p.m., I will do a one-hour yoga class.

Think it through. Who will watch the kids? Will you find a friend to join you? If it's a weight-loss goal, don't write down: I will lose 2 pounds next week. Instead, detail! I'll eat a healthy 350-400 calorie breakfast
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every day; salads with protein for lunch six days ... you get the picture.

EVALUATE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT. Pick a specific day and time to review your weekly goal. On a percentage scale of 0 to 100, award yourself a number that reflects how well you did. If it's a low number, notice it, accept it and tweak your goal for next week. No blame, no guilt. Keep it positive. What can you do differently to go from 40 percent success to 75 percent?

A good coach, personal trainer or Weight Watcher meeting would be helpful here. Another option is to go online to a site like stickk.com (created by Yale economists), where you set a specific goal, create penalties, engage an "enforcer" -- all

proven ways to help you make change happen.

SELF-MONITORING IS KEY. Stay focused on your goal by daily weigh-ins, or keeping a journal, or My Fitness Pal, a free calorie-counting app that is smarter than I am when it comes to monitoring food and calories.

Nike's Fuel Band and the Fitbit One are two popular tracking devices on the market. They get mixed reviews, but if you're a techie, it might be groovy. My favorite self-monitoring tool is the waistband on my jeans.

REWARDS WORK. For every day you don't smoke, put \$5 in the pot. For every week you get in your five workouts, toss in \$10. At the end of the month, get yourself something you really want. At the end of the year, rejoice in the new you!

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Delve into the life of the wealthy American industrialist Cornelius Vanderbilt, who founded Vanderbilt University and counted among his holdings the New York Central Railroad and Grand Central Station.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH & THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH | 9:30AM – 12:30PM

AARP Driver Safety Program

Increase your confidence behind the wheel and learn valuable safety tips in this two-day class for drivers age 55 or better. There are no tests and participants may qualify for insurance discounts. The cost for AARP members is \$12, nonmembers \$14.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH | 10:00AM

Should I put my money in the mattress?

2013 brings new questions about investments, taxes and health care. Our guest speakers have answers on how to protect your assets in these uncertain times. Join us for a complimentary continental breakfast with Bob Decker, RFC®, CSA®, CRFA™ and Mina Patterson Woltil, CPA, CSA, CDFATM.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH | 10:00AM

Shingles 101 – A Thrive! Healthy Living Lecture

Dr. David Long knows all about shingles, the dreaded cousin of chicken pox. Learn about symptoms, treatments, risk factors and why you should take prevention seriously. Continental breakfast will be served.

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Canadian Club to Meet

Canadian Club Gulf Coast Florida is a happy group of retired Canadian men who meet monthly over the snowbird season at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. N., Pinellas Park. They enjoy Canadian talk, good refreshments, a wonderful meal, and great speakers. Their next luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 9th (doors open at 11 a.m., lunch at 12:30). There is also a weekly golf group. Some of their other events (Christmas Party, Ladies Lunch) include their ladies. Membership is \$15. Lunch is \$13. Charity Draws \$2/\$5. All are welcome to join or contact Dann Oliver at dannoliver@verizon.net, or call 727-343-3843.

Learn to Speak Spanish

Conversational Spanish is returning to Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Boulevard S., after a brief hiatus. Classes are on Mondays

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St. Pete Republican Club to Meet

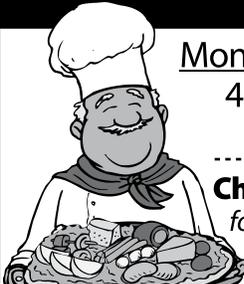
Pam Dubov, Pinellas County Property Appraiser, will address the members and friends of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday, January 9th at 7 p.m.

at the St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. She will discuss many issues that affect property owners in Pinellas County. Following her presentation Mrs. Dubov will answer questions from the audience.

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the Question and Answer Session. There is no charge to attend this event.

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

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The January 10th program will be a Bonsai workshop held at Sunken Gardens in downtown St. Petersburg. The demonstration will begin at 10 a.m. in the Garden's Amphitheater. Cost for seniors to enter the gardens is \$6.

Make arrangements to carpool or drive on your own. This is a wonderful opportunity to see Sunken Gardens as well as to learn about this Japanese art form. Call Ralph Shy at 954-0655 if you need additional information.

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Town Shores Red Hatters

They look forward to January activities which include Bunko, a play and their annual cruise. Bunko will be played in the clubhouse lounge on Friday, January 11th. They have tickets for the St. Petersburg City Theatre on Sunday, January 27th at 2 p.m. to see the musical "Nine to Five". Cost is \$19 and the money must be in by January 11th. Call Bev at 381-2122 or Judy at 344-7558.

Their cruise is January 19-23rd. They have a bus to pick up and return them to Town Shores. The cost round-trip is \$16 which includes tips. Money must be in by January 8th. See or call Judy at 344-7558.

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Jennifer Clinkard, Gulfport: "I'm going to drink rootbeer instead of red wine."

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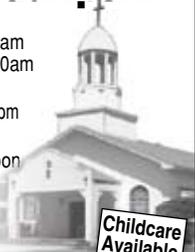


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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: Trash

Q: Is our trash collection going back to the old schedule and, if it is, when?

A: Yes. In the December 21 city newsletter, the city announced its success in getting WSI/Progressive to return to the old trash schedule.

On February 4, the north sections of the beach (from the Blind Pass bridge south to 55th Avenue, including Aloha, Leilani and Pali Way) will resume a Monday and Thursday trash collection. On February 11, WSI will begin collect recycling every Monday.

From 52nd Avenue to the south end of the island, WSI will collect trash on Tuesdays and Fridays. Those neighborhoods will have their recycling collected on Fridays.

In the newsletter, the city says it does not anticipate any changes in the trash schedule "for many years to come" and thanks people for their patience "as we work through this matter."

Treasure Island



Scholarship Award

The Treasure Island Art Guild is offering a \$1,500 Scholarship Award to a student going on to study art at a university this next summer. This is a way the Art Guild has of giving back to the community by encouraging all young art students to prepare for the challenging assignments of university life. Deadline for submitting art work is March 10th 2013. For more information please visit: www.TreasureIslandArtGuild.org.

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- 8 Area
- 13 Stepped off
- 15 Remove
- 16 Rustic retreat
- 17 *The Jetsons* pup
- 18 Antique
- 19 Mimicry
- 20 Honolulu sleuth
- 23 Certifiable
- 24 Plead
- 25 Venerable
- 26 Tom Hanks comedy
- 27 Boggs, of baseball
- 29 Agreement
- 32 Laura Holt's fictional sleuth
- 37 Grabby
- 38 Inventor Whitney
- 39 Mason matter
- 40 Cabot Cove sleuth
- 45 Garfunkel
- 46 Subdue
- 47 End preceder
- 48 Ancient mound
- 49 Extreme: comb. form
- 50 Vigoda, of *Barney Miller*

- 53 London sleuth
- 58 Classic mystery film
- 59 Finger food for 20 Across, perhaps
- 60 ___ out: eliminates
- 61 006 or 007
- 62 Fitting
- 63 *Lorenzo's Oil* star
- 64 Out-of-style
- 65 Meadow
- 66 Mr. Untouchable

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- 2 ___ la vista, muchacha!
- 3 Pretended
- 4 *Jeopardy* creator Griffin
- 5 Whisper
- 6 *Mystery* hostess
- 7 Inventor's need
- 8 *A Study in ___*
- 9 Like Batman or Robin
- 10 Short notice?
- 11 Dairy measure
- 12 Chang's twin
- 14 Knocks off
- 21 Swedish drinking cup

- 22 Roscoes
- 26 Auction actions
- 27 Stout's sleuth Nero
- 28 Dyestuff
- 29 Slangy agreement
- 30 Other
- 31 Tea leaves reader?
- 32 Hindu noble
- 33 Constantly
- 34 Driving hazard
- 35 Mr. and Mrs. North, e.g.
- 36 ___ homo
- 41 Say again
- 42 Shout
- 43 Design with acid
- 44 Flung
- 48 Sea swallows
- 49 Japanese canine
- 50 Enough
- 51 Borscht-maker's need
- 52 53 Across takes two
- 53 Long story
- 54 Puce, aubergine, etc.
- 55 Moonstone
- 56 Get by
- 57 Celebrity
- 58 Overtake once

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Gulfport Women's Club to hold Card Party

The Gulfport Women's Club will be holding their Annual Card Party this year in the Town Shores clubhouse auditorium. The event will take place on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 12 noon. This Card/Game Party is the Club's largest donation raising event with proceeds to be awarded to help their schools and Gulfport's senior residents.

Most tables are for games of four, six, or eight players. Typical games played are Bridge, Canasta or Tiles. However, if you have another game you like to play, by all means come and enjoy the afternoon with us. This party is open to anyone in the area.

Door prizes and auction prizes will be available for a \$17 donation that includes all prizes.

For more information or to buy your tickets please call Petie at 344-6450 or Judy at 344-7558.

Mark your calendars and hold the date, January 16th for an afternoon of fun, friendship, and a great lunch.

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Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor Class

Interested in becoming a lifeguard or water safety instructor? City of St. Petersburg Aquatics Division offers training classes for both.

Lifeguard training classes are open to anyone 15 years, by the time class concludes or older. Classes begin January 12 - 20 at North Shore Aquatic Center, 901 North Shore Dr. NE. and April 8 - 25. at Lake Vista Pool, 1450 60th Avenue S. Sign up now to learn and test to be a certified lifeguard.

Water safety instructor classes are offered to individuals 16 years or older. Sign up now to learn and test to be a certified instructor. Classes begin February 1 - February 16 at North Shore Aquatic Center, 901 North Shore Dr. NE. and April 23 - May 11 at Lake Vista Pool, 1450 60th Avenue S. For more information visit www.stpeteparksrec.org/lifeguard-training.html or call 893-7727.

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Bridge Club has Relocated

The St. Petersburg Bridge Club will move to a new location at Mainlands Plaza, 9103 U.S. 19 N., Pinellas Park, on Jan. 1. The new space will provide more than 6,000 square feet of playing rooms and classrooms with adjacent parking.

The facility will provide a new venue for the more than 500 members throughout the Tampa Bay area. The club offers more than 20 bridge games and classes each week plus a number of regional and state championship games throughout the year.

For information on games or lessons, call 727-363-1136.

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New Year Jazz

On Thursday, January 10th, Suncoast Dixieland Jazz will present Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps will play from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bilmar Beach Resort, Treasure Island. Admission is \$7, students and active military free with I.D. Phone 727-522-6877.

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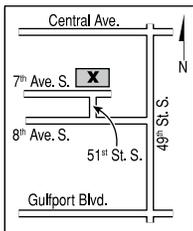
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2013

No Change in Schedule

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INDEPENDENCE DAY - THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2013

Thursday's Pickup will be on Wednesday, July 3, 2013

No Wednesday Yard Waste Pickup this week

LABOR DAY - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2013

No Change in Schedule

VETERAN'S DAY - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013

No Change in Schedule

THANKSGIVING DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2013

Thursday's Pickup will be on Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Friday's Pickup will remain on Schedule

No Wednesday Yard Waste Pickup this week

CHRISTMAS DAY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2013

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The cosmic board meeting takes place in Capricorn now, as the sun, Mercury and Pluto mingle in the sea goat's part of the sky. Venus and the moon join the meeting, inviting us to become the undercover bosses of our own lives. Return to the basics to understand the higher levels of our existence. Make plans, write lists, assemble teams and set up structures. The new moon in Capricorn on Friday is an ideal day to start.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The new moon in your sign on Friday will be the fresh start you've been wanting. Fast progress can happen over the next two weeks if you know specifically what you want. With five luminaries in your part of the sky, it's as though the heavens are cheering for you. Seize this time; it's your time!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Mars is an invigorating presence in your part of the sky, lending you a physical burst of strength and vitality that would be a shame to waste. Consider taking on a fitness or dietary goal. The early week is ideal for planning how to make this a reality. Friday's new moon in determined Capricorn is the perfect start date.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Mercury and Pluto connect to point out obstacles to personal growth. You may see them best as you are tripping over them, and that's good. "We stumble and fall constantly even when we are most enlightened. But when we are in true spiritual darkness, we do not even know that we have fallen." --Thomas Merton

ARIES (March 21-April 19). An old relationship will move in a fresh direction this week. This doesn't necessarily have to do with another person. It could be your relationship with money, work or your own body that takes a turn for the better. Friday brings clarity regarding the rules you want to live by from here on out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Whatever a loved one asks of you, you're up to the task. But are your requests being answered with equal

enthusiasm? Learn from your past mistakes, and assert yourself sooner in a relationship rather than later. Also of note, there's a mystery brewing, and Saturday will most certainly satisfy your curiosity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As Mercury, your ruling planet, connects with Pluto this week, get prepared to run into exactly the person, problem or entity you want nothing to do with. Life's not-so-funny little coincidences may seem inconvenient, but later you'll appreciate this chance to rise to the occasion. The weekend brings pleasant attention.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This week's Venus transit has a stabilizing effect on your personal and romantic life. You may suddenly feel more in control of your feelings and better able to separate emotions from facts. The practicalities of relationships may even seem to matter more than those passing feelings that you can't quantify or touch.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). All hands point to your career, and you'll get general focus and clarity regarding your next moves. This won't come in the form of an idea that strikes like lightning from the blue. Instead, it comes from getting your hands dirty with the work that must be done. The Capricorn new moon on Friday opens a fresh chapter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Seriousness is optional. It may be challenging to stay lighthearted in your daily life as your ruling planet, Mercury, connects with the deeply intense dwarf planet Pluto. At times, it may feel as though you have to decide the fate of the whole world. If that is the case, it's better to do it with a smile on your face.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're capable on your own, but that is no way to live. Poet John Donne wrote: "No man is an island, entire of itself. Each piece of the continent, a part of the main." This week reveals your best supporters. One strong cheerleader will make a huge difference in the outcome of your endeavors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As your guiding planet, Pluto, makes

a connection with communicative Mercury, you'll want to talk about the deeper issues of life -- the same ones that make others uncomfortable. If anyone can get people to open up, it's you. If there's something to get off your chest, just do it. You'll be healthier for the effort.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know people. This will help you in matters of finance this week. Many deals involve money, but usually there is so much more than that at stake. Your ability to get to the real things being negotiated and exchanged -- for instance, power, freedom, choices, ego gratification -- will give you a definite business advantage.

This Week's Birthdays: Many can fight when a fight is required. But a peaceful, harmonious existence takes much more work and sacrifice and a greater degree of heroism. This is how you live this year. You do what's necessary to get along, to have strong relationships and a smooth road from day to day. Romantic promises will be exchanged this month. You'll master a job and be paid handsomely in February. March brings music to your world. May and July show you new parts of the world.

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Reading Paws with Maya

Did you know that reading to an animal can improve your child's reading and communication skills? Join Miss Bobbie and Maya, the reading assistance dog, every Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Public Library, located at 5501 28th Avenue S. Maya would love to hear a great story from you!

Contact Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us or 727-893-1134.

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Pinellas Democratic Club to Meet

The January 10 meeting of the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will feature Rob Lorei, host of WEDU's weekly television show, *Florida This Week*. This popular show features a panel of local political experts who discuss diverse and timely events. And as WMNF Radio's News and Public Affairs Director, Mr. Lorei has a very popular (call-in) talk show, "Radio Activity" five mornings a week and an hour of "Last Call" on Monday

evenings. Time allowing, he will take questions, encourage discussion.

The meeting, which will be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park, will start with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 (\$15, reservations please) followed by Mr. Lorei's presentation. Call Betty Morganstein at 727-360-3971.

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Toddler Storytime

Toddler Storytime at the Gulfport Public Library is every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Come read stories, sing

songs and meet other caregivers in the community! For more information contact Cailey, the Youth Services Librarian, at 893-1134 or cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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Tech Classes Full

The Smart Phone, Ipad and Android Tablet classes are full for January at the Gulfport Senior Center. Please stay tuned for additional classes at a later date. To get on the next class list contact Gail at 727-893-2237. You must be a registered Senior Center member to join.

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By Mary Hunt

YouTube Demo Videos a Hit With Consumers

It's hard to remember a time when YouTube wasn't a part of our lives. It seems like every day I receive a link from a friend or family member sharing something fun, poignant or thrilling on YouTube. My friend Lou at NokOut.com is a YouTube star.

She has a series of videos that show her demonstrating the uses of her amazing product, Nok-Out. Looks like Lou is on to something.

YOUTUBE HOW-TOS. My sister introduced me to YouTube as the go-to place for repair how-tos. She was able to repair her clothes dryer using a YouTube video that demonstrated all the repair steps,

including pulling the tub to reach the part she needed to replace. I used it when my clothes washer sprang a leak. I was able to make a tentative diagnosis and then decided I was not physically able to make the repairs myself. I called a repairman and didn't have to worry that the repair was unnecessary. -- Roberta, EC Blog

HALF A TURKEY, PLEASE. During the turkey sales in November, I bought an extra frozen turkey and had the butcher cut it in half. I also bought a fresh turkey and had that split, too. At home, I cut the legs and thighs like I do a chicken. Then I packaged everything individually for cooking or freezing. -- Jane, EC Blog

SUPER GLUE FOR SUPER NAILS. I apply Super Glue with a brush to my fingernails just like nail polish. I work with my hands, fixing things and doing crafts, and have very weak nails. With a layer of Super Glue, my nails look shiny and healthy, and the protection really keeps them that way. -- Cathey, email

HANDY GROCERY IQ APP. My husband and I use the free Grocery IQ app on our smartphones. I can scan items at home as I use them up, or I can type in what I need. My husband can add to the grocery list, as well. When I go to the store, I have our complete list, which includes brands I like to buy. It is a really great tool. -- Bernice, SC

LIME AWAY THE ODORS. I had an odor problem with my fairly new dishwasher. The inside was stainless steel, and no matter what I did, I could not get rid of the odor. I tried everything in the manual, including vinegar, bleach and cleaner from the supermarket, with no success. A dishwasher repairman finally told me to try Lime-away. I had used this product for years for other purposes, but I never read the back label to see that it was also good for dishwashers and washers. He told me that a food "sludge" can line the walls of the hoses or pipes that takes the water out of the dishwasher, and it may be difficult to remove with regular products. I tried it, and thankfully it worked. Now I do it on a monthly basis to keep it from building up again. -- Arlene, VT



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Play Vintage Trivial Pursuit

The Bocce Club has offered to host Vintage Trivial Pursuit to be played on Friday, February 1st in the clubhouse auditorium at 7:15 p.m. Teams of 8-9 people will compete with other teams. No one will have to answer a question alone.

Teams can be made within a building or groups of friends can make up a team. They need to limit the number of teams to 10. However, one can always be in the audience to watch and enjoy the fun. All residents, owners and renters, are invited to participate.

This is a BYOB party. Along with setups for drinks, a dessert buffet and coffee will be served at some point in the evening. A nominal fee of \$5 will cover costs for the evening. Tickets will be sold at the office or from Bocce board members. A list of board names is posted at the bocce courts. Please contact the above names to get a table for your team. You will need 6 or more team members to reserve a team table. 1-4 individuals will be placed on a team.

If you wish a \$5 audience ticket(s) they also are available from board members and the office. For more information, call any Bocce Board member.

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Town Shores Red Hatters

Happy New Year and welcome back to all those just arriving in Gulfport.

Friday, January 11th Bunco will be played in the clubhouse lounge at 1 p.m. Please bring your \$2. They are cruising January 19th to

January 23rd. They have a bus to pick all up and deliver at your buildings. Price is \$16 round trip. Money for bus needs to be paid to Judy Zielinski by January 8th. For info call Judy at 344-7558.

On Sunday, January 27 their group will enjoy the play, "Nine to Five", at the St. Pete City Theater. Cost is \$19 and needs to be paid to Bev at 381-2122 or Judy at 344-7558. Call Bev for more info if needed. Deadline to pay is Jan. 11th.

If you are new to Town Shores, call Julie at 343-6587 or Judy for information.

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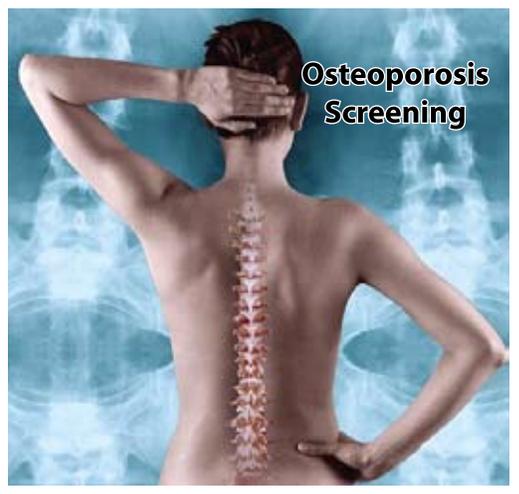
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Gallery. Vendors and artists may contact the Suntan Art Center for more information at 727-367-3818 or www.suntanart.org.
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Winter Black Cat Special

Save \$10 at the SPOT spay and neuter clinic on solid black cats in January. SPOT's mission is to help every pet have a home and reduce the number of unwanted pets ending

up in the shelter. By spaying and neutering your pets, this breaks the cycle of accidental litters and unwanted behaviors, the bonus is that fixed pets are healthier and can live up to six years longer.

Black cat special: male cat neuters \$25 and female cat spays \$35. The first 50 to sign up will receive a kitty blanket, reserve your appointment at 727-329-8657. For more information visit www.SPOTusa.org. SPOT is a non profit spay and neuter clinic serving the Tampa Bay area centrally located at 4403 62nd Avenue in Pinellas Park.
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Guild to hold Luncheon with Card Party

The Women's Guild of Our Savior Lutheran Church will hold its annual Mini-Luncheon with card party and other games on January 24 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. It will be held in the Wegner Hall of Our Savior, located at 301 58th Street S. in St. Petersburg. The cost is \$6 per ticket. For more information contact Ruth Summers at rtsummers@verizon.net.
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Those interested in attending should RSVP for one of the sessions:

- Friday, Jan. 25, at the Tampa Law Center
- Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Gulfport campus
- Tuesday, March 12, at the Gulfport campus

All programs will start at 6:30 p.m. Registration begins at 6 p.m. To RSVP and for more information and directions to Stetson's Tampa Law Center or Gulfport campus, visit <http://www.law.stetson.edu/parttime> or e-mail lawadmit@law.stetson.edu.

Historical Museum Annual Fundraiser

Please join them for an evening of exceptional entertainment as St. Pete City Theatre presents "9 - 5 the Musical". With music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, the show is about three working women living out their fantasy of getting even with, and their successful overthrow of, the company's autocratic, "sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot" boss. Enjoy their social hour with hors d'oeuvres and

beer/wine starting at 7 p.m. Get your tickets now for the special Thursday, January 24th command performance at the theatre.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Museum Gift Shop, 115 10th Avenue, Pass-a-Grille, St. Pete Beach. 727-552-1610. Hours are Thursday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Also available at Paradiso on 8th Ave in Pass-a-Grille and Nancy Markoe Gallery, 3112 Pass-a-Grille Way. Your ticket purchase directly benefits the Museum. The Museum is totally managed by local volunteers and is supported by the non-profit "Friends of the Museum", an organization whose financial help goes toward the acquisition, preservation and

exhibition of the historic collection. Funding is obtained through its membership, donations and proceeds from the Gift Shop. Visit www.gulfbeachmuseum.com.

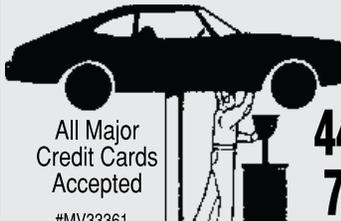
Community Mural Project

The Community Mural Project at The Gulfport Square Business Center on Gulfport Blvd. off 49th Street is moving forward. Artists are encouraged to stop by and see the three walls to be used in the project.

Applications for artists wishing to be involved in the competition are available. Please call 727-826-0821 for additional information.

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PROGRAMS

2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM:

Registrations for the 2012-2013 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

2012-2013 TOT TIME PROGRAM

PREREGISTRATION: Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 Tot Time Program are currently being accepted. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$110 for non-residents is required to secure a spot. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Classes begin September 4th, 2012 and is limited to 10 children. Call 893-1068 for more information.

2012-2013 VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) PROGRAM: Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 VPK Program are currently

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

2012-2013 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM

The Teen Night Program is a great hang out for teens in middle school to age 18 (if still in high school). It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$22 non-res.

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

CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- Braveheart Bootcamp- Call Ally at 727-748-6612 or allymorrell@scotsmanfitness.com
- Chair Yoga- Fri., 10-11 a.m. Call Joyce at 727-345-0679
- Cooking Classes- Call Heather for dates and times at 850-264-1715
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Jim Campoli at 813-855-3112.
- Hula- Call Kalina at 727-251-0424.
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.

• Scotsman Soccer- Email Ally at allymorrell@scotsmanfitness.com

• Spanish Class- Returns Mon., Jan. 7th. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 727-482-2125 for more info.

• Stretch-n-Tone- Returns. Tues. Jan. 8th. 9-10 a.m. Call Jean at 727-302-1016 for more info.

• Tai Chi – Tues. & Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708.

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

• Walking Club- Returns Thurs., Jan. 3rd 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call John at 727-893-1079.

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

• Yoga in the P.M. - Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

• Zumba- Thur., 7:45 p.m. Call Rachel at 727-748-6612

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

All skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson Lake Skate Park. Stickers MUST be visibly placed on the helmet. Annual fee for stickers is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Also, all skaters/bicyclists 17 years of age or younger MUST have a signed parental consent form filed at the Gulfport Recreation Center which is located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Availability to register: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Stickers valid from October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013. Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



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TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

One-on-One Computer Instruction: Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 am-1:00 pm. First come, first served.

eSalon: Tuesdays, 3 – 5 pm. Would you like to download ebooks from the Library? Learn how! Browse, place a hold, and check out ebooks from our digital catalog. Meet with others to learn the basics or to discover new ways of using your e-Reader; tablet; and/or mp3. Come by or call the Reference Desk, 893-1073.

ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step)

Meeting: Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. FMI: Call 727-360-9069.

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

Beginning Spanish Classes: Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 am. FREE & open to everyone.

Business Debtors Anonymous Meeting: Meetings at Library cancelled. FMI on new dates and location, please call 727-238-1688.

Conscious Awareness Group: Thursdays, Jan. 3 – Feb. 28, from 12:30 – 4 pm (some sessions will not last this long). Sessions will include a short meditation, an

audio recording of a chapter of Practicing the Power of Now, a discussion, and video recordings of Eckhart Tolle's teachings from Eckhart Tolle TV.

DrumQuest: Friday, Jan. 4, 7:00 pm. Join us for a highly interactive evening of fun for all ages – no drumming experience required! FMI, call Cailey 893-1134.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, Jan. 17, 10:30 am (NOTE TIME CHANGE). Discussion of Other Voices, Other Rooms, by Truman Capote, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, Jan. 19, 10:30 am is first feature, followed by second film at 1:30 pm. Enjoy them with free popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library! FMI, call 893-1073.

An Evening of Orchids & Scandal with Craig Pittman: Thurs., Jan. 24, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Don't miss this suspenseful evening with Tampa Bay Times staff writer and author of several books. Reserve your seat today – Call 727-893-1073.

SCORE Consulting: Tuesday, January 22. FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS

StoryTime: Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 am. Our staff reads picture books and leads activities selected for preschoolers. Youth Services area around the rocking chair by the Easy books.

DrumQuest: Friday, Jan. 4, 7:00 pm. Join us for a highly interactive evening of rhythmic adventure for all ages – no drumming experience required! FMI, call Cailey 893-1134.

Reading Assistance Dog Maya: Thursday, Jan. 10, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Share a story with a beautiful Golden Retriever. Call to schedule an appointment, 893-1073.

Crafts with Cailey: Saturday, Jan. 12, 11:00 am – noon. More seasonal fun! For more details call Cailey, 727-893-1134.

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TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Game Zone: Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 pm. Come challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hangout. Free Refreshments. FMI, call 893-1074 & ask for Sheri.

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Services

City Sponsored Activities in the Community

Senior Center

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Enjoy the benefits of all the classes and events below at the Gulfport Senior Center. It's easy to join. Come in and sign up today! Ask for Gail or Cynthia to give you a tour! This is your Center!

All Spanish Classes are on Holiday and will resume on Thursday, February 7, 2013.

Like us on Facebook at Gulfport Senior Center and Foundation! Help our page grow and get daily valuable information!

Singing group forming. If you like to sing and love music, please come in and sign up to be in a newly forming singing group. You must be a Senior Center member to participate. Stop by the Senior Center or call Gail at 727-893-2237 or Cynthia at 727-893-1231 to get on the list!

Mini-Flea Market: The 1st Friday of the month is the Friday Mini Flea Market. Come visit the Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center. Join us this Friday, January 4 from 9 a.m. - Noon. Find great items at affordable prices while supporting Senior Center special programs. If you think of it, drop off some canned goods into the new "Bucket of Love" for the Senior Center pantry. Your small donation helps the less fortunate with the extras to help them through the week.

Puzzle Party: Think you know all about word games like sudoku, crosswords, find the words, Try Quares etc... Challenge your mind at the Puzzle Party and learn more about these mind refreshing games on Tuesday, January 8 at 11:00 a.m.

Free Medical Alert Seminar. Cindy from Life Alert will be giving information on Wednesday, January 9 from 1:30 -2:30 p.m. in the Dining Hall.

The Smart Phone class

scheduled Monday, January 7th is now full. Check the Gabber for future class openings.

The Genealogy class on Friday January 11th class is now full. Check the Gabber for additional class openings.

The IPAD Class scheduled for Monday January 14th is full. Check the Gabber for future class openings.

Snack Bar Movie Day is Tuesday, January 15 at 11 a.m. The Snack Bar movie day was so successful, they have moved to a bigger room! Stephanie is cooking up something special for \$2.50, then stay and watch a movie with friends.

The Android Tablet Class scheduled for Monday January 28th is full. Check the Gabber for future class openings.

Free Blood Pressure check on Friday, Thursday, January 31st by Simone Healthcare in the Theater Lobby from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Free goodies while they last!

Senior Trips: Saturday, January 5 HARD ROCK CASINOTAMPA, includes \$5 food voucher & \$15 in free play. Bring valid ID ...\$20.00, Tuesday, January 15 HARD ROCK CASINOTAMPA, includes \$5 food voucher & \$15 in free play. Bring valid ID ...\$20.00, Friday, January 18 Hermanns' Royal LIPIZZAN STALLIONS - This unforgettable day also includes a delicious meal at Susie Q's of Myakka City...\$51.00.

New Hard Rock stop by Escot Tuesday, January 8. \$20 gets your \$30 in free play and a luxury ride. Bus leaving at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday and 3:30 p.m. stop on Sunday and Tuesday. Call ahead to reserve at Call for reservations 727-545-2088 or toll-free: 888-571-7778 or reserve ahead on line at www.escotbuslines.com

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FITNESS CENTER

SCHEDULE: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, Friday: 8:00 am - 3:30 p.m. Annual sign up for the Fitness Center is an affordable \$25 a year or \$40 a couple. Stop by the Senior Center and take a tour of our state of the art fitness facility.

Snack Bar: Bring a friend to the Senior Center and enjoy a light breakfast for only \$2.50 or lunch for only \$3.00. In a hurry? Order a boxed lunch-to-go by calling 893-2259. Great food! Great prices!

FREE Legal Help for people over 60 and meet the required income criteria: Community Law Program visits the Senior Center every 3rd Friday of the month at 10 a.m. Call 727-582-7480 to see if you qualify.

AARP Driving Classes: are offered January 8th and 15 at 12:45pm. Must attend both days. Call 893-1231 or 893-2237 to register.

Support Groups
Diabetic Support Group on Mondays at 9:30am
Caregivers: Every Wed. at 2pm

More Activities: To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety, please log onto HYPERLINK <http://www.gulfportseniorfoundation.com>.

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6:30-8pm Lesson,

8-10:30pm Dance

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7-8pm East Coast Swing Lesson

8-11pm Swing Dance, \$7

Every Thursday

Salsa Dance

6:30-8pm Beg. & Inter. Lessons

8-10pm Dance, \$7

Monday, Jan. 28 7-10:15PM

USA Ballroom Dance

\$5 Members, \$7 Non-members

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Beach Fire Department Pension Changes

The St. Pete Beach Firefighters could see some changes to their pension plans. Here's how things stack up financially.

By Cathy Salustri

After a two-year impasse over pension woes relating to the firefighters, St. Pete Beach staff proposes some changes that will still offer city firefighters a pension – albeit a different one – with less risk to the city and taxpayers.

“They had a great deal,” St. Pete Beach City Manager Mike Bonfield says of the St. Pete Beach firefighters’ pension plan. The down side? “It cost a lot of money.”

Here’s how the current and proposed plans work.

Right now, firefighters receive a “defined benefit” plan where they may retire after 20 years of service (although most wait for 25 years) and receive a predefined amount of money. Here’s how it works:

- Firefighters typically earn 85% of their three highest-earning years (or 3.4% for every year of service). Overtime hours factor into their annual earnings.
- After seven years of retirement, they receive an additional 3% increase every year
- They may still participate in something called a DROP (Deferred Retirement Option), where they continue to work and receive a paycheck for five years but the city starts paying out their pension into a fund with a 7.5% rate of return, which they receive at the end of five years.
- Firefighters contribute 10.3% of their salary.
- The city receives money from the state, called “F.S. 175” funds and so named for Florida Statute 175 which details the rules about these monies, to help pay for this plan. You pay this money as part of your property insurance bill. F.S. 175 pays the pension plan 10% of the city’s firefighter payroll.
- If the investments backing this pension plan – chosen by investment manager selected by the pension

board – don’t make enough money to pay the defined benefits for retired firefighters, the city must pay the difference.

• The current pension plan has a \$9.5-million deficit.

The proposed pension plan will offer a hybrid of this defined benefit plan and a defined contribution. Under this proposed plan (read this story online Friday for the outcome of Thursday’s commission vote on this plan), the plan would work as follows:

- Firefighters may retire after 30 years or age 60 before drawing a pension.
- Firefighters would earn 37.5% of their salary, and overtime would not factor into the equation when calculating the highest-earning three years. This is based on them receiving 1.25% (rather than the current 3.4%) for every year of service. They also would not receive the 3% cost of living raise after seven years – or at all. This is the defined benefit portion of the program.
- They cannot participate in the DROP program.
- Firefighters will contribute a minimum of 3% of their salary.
- Firefighters may also, if they wish, participate in a defined contribution retirement plan whereby they may manage their own investments.
- Under the defined contribution plan and separate from the portion of the plan that remains a defined benefit, firefighters will manage their own investments.
- Firefighters with less than 14 years of service on St. Pete Beach, the city will match 50¢ per dollar (up to five percent of the firefighter’s pay).
- For firefighters with more than 14 years of service on St. Pete Beach, the city will match 75¢ per dollar (up to 7.5% of the firefighter’s pay).
- The city may or may not still receive FS175 money, pending a proposed August review on the state level. This issue reared its head when Naples made a similar change and the Florida Division of Retirement said Naples would no longer qualify for FS175 funds. Under pressure from the Governor’s office, the Division of Retirement reversed its interpretation. St. Pete Beach receives, according to Mr. Bonfield, “a couple hundred thousand dollars” per year in FS175 funding.

Should the Division of Retirement reverse its interpretation again, the Commission will have to decide if it wishes to switch back to a defined benefit plan.

The city’s pension board will remain in place to oversee the defined benefit portion of the plan only. The pension board consists of two employees, two commission appointees, and one firefighter. Florida Statute 175 mandates the city maintain a pension board to manage the pension plan’s assets (through a money manager). The board ensures that the city does not mix the pension funds with other monies or spend it on anything other than the pension. The board does not get involved in bargaining issues or benefits. The pension board would continue under the new pension plan

St. Pete Beach currently has 28 people in the fire department’s pension plan. The plan’s deficit, called an unfunded liability, grew by \$500,000 over the past year. City property taxes cover this liability.

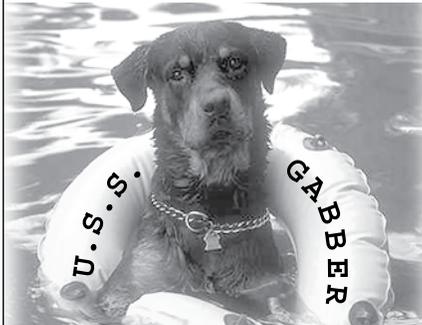
The proposed plan would offer firefighters less money as a defined benefit but, under the defined contribution, firefighters have the chance to invest more money. City Manager Bonfield also points out that firefighters will have 7.3% of their salary freed up to invest as they see fit or, if they wish, not at all.

“We’re trying to minimize the risk that created the \$9.5 million deficit,” Mr. Bonfield says.

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St. Pete Beach City Commission Meeting Public Comment & Council Quotes

Commissioner Bev Garnett did not attend the meeting

About proposed changes to the firefighter's pension plan

"Last meeting, when the city manager spoke, he emphasized... that I was threatening to make this as expensive as possible for the residents... I never said that." – Phil Miller, who says he simply wanted to save the F.S. 175 money. He also said that City Manager Mike Bonfield said he didn't care about the city receiving F. S. 175 funding.

"The state money should be paying these benefits. I do not dispute that at all." – Phil Miller

"Every time you speak you give us a month's worth of information." – Mayor Steve McFarlin, to Mr. Miller

"We're both trying to achieve the same thing, and it's to stay in the plan." – Mayor Steve McFarlin, noting that both the firefighters and the commission want to keep receiving F.S. 175 funds

"Phil says he's not threatening us..." – Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan
"I don't want to go there..." – Mayor Steve McFarlin
"Well, I do want to go there!" – Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan
"... it kind of bothers me that I perceive it as a threat, I'm sorry... it sounds like it's the union's position." – Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan, about the statements Mr. Miller made about the city's options

"I'd rather have the state kick us out screaming than pull out."
– Commissioner Jim Parent

"As a commission we must respect that we have paid advisors who do investigative work." – Commissioner Lorraine Huhn

"It seems like we're dealing with the Wizard of Oz [in Tallahassee]... we're all trying to get something out of him and we all want to go home together." – Mayor Steve McFarlin

"I think we've been misrepresented as a union. I know I've been misrepresented as a citizen." – Jim Kilpatrick, a firefighter and resident, about the breakdown in communications and negotiations

"You should meet with them when they ask to meet with you. They can't bargain... In the future, please meet periodically. They can't bargain with you and you can't bargain with them, but you're free to meet with them." – Will Newton, the second district vice president for the Florida Professional Firefighters, a union

"There's been ample information exchanged, and I appreciate that." – Commissioner Lorraine Huhn, who said Mr. Miller delivered a large packet of information to her door

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Art Festival Beth-El, Temple Beth-El's annual fine art exhibition and sale, will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on Saturday, January 26th, Sunday, January 27th, and Monday, January 28th at 400 Pasadena Avenue S., St. Petersburg. Beginning in 1973 with only 20 artists, Art Festival Beth-El now showcases over 150 national and international award-winning artists. This highly acclaimed fine art exhibit and sale is well known as one of the premier shows in the Southeastern United States. Space has grown from one gallery to six galleries throughout the facility featuring original paintings, wood, sculpture, ceramics, glass, photography and jewelry.

The Art Festival also offers a large selection of signed, framed, limited edition prints from Syd Entel Galleries of Safety Harbor. A large Outdoor Sculpture Garden will feature a variety of fun and unusual pieces for gardens, offices or large buildings. The Boutique gallery will offer fine art and craft at moderate prices. A yearly tradition will continue, as Art Festival Beth-El will feature selected works by talented emerging artists from Pinellas County's seventeen public and private high schools. The Art Festival will award scholarship money to the schools of the winning students.

An elegant preview cocktail reception will be held on Saturday, January 26, from 7-10 p.m. with admission of \$25 which can be purchased at the door. Art Festival Beth-El is free and open to the public on Sunday, January 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with light lunches and snacks available to purchase. The Avenue of the Shops, a one-day sale of fun art, jewelry and crafts, will be free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, January 28. A free, special event featuring local comic Matthew McGee will be performed at 11 a.m.

A gourmet luncheon will be served on Monday at 12:30 p.m. with your \$20 check necessary to make a reservation. Docents will be available during the weekend and will also offer a tour at 2 p.m. on Monday.

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By Scott Lafee

Family Feedings

Want your kid to eat more fruits and vegetables? Eat with them.

A University of Leeds study found that children who see their parents eating healthy foods tend to eat them more. According to the study, 63 percent of children worldwide don't consume the World Health Organization's recommended amount of five portions (400g) of fruits and vegetables per day.

The researchers said children who always ate a family meal together at a table consumed 125 grams (1.5 portions) more fruits and vegetables on average than children who never ate with their families. Even those who reported eating together only once or twice a week consumed 1.2 portions more than those who never ate together.

"Even if it's just one family meal a week, when children eat together with parents or older siblings they learn about eating. Watching the way their parents or siblings eat and the different types of food they eat is pivotal in creating their own food habits and preferences," said study author Janet Cade, a professor at the University of Leeds School of Food Science and Nutrition.

BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

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nose, equals 10 feet per second, or Force 2 on the Beaufort wind scale, e.g., a light breeze.

COUNTS

39 -- Times per week, on average, that U.S. surgeons leave a foreign object, such as a sponge or towel, inside a patient's body Source: Johns Hopkins University

STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

The term "smoking" wasn't established until the late 17th century. Before, it was often referred to as "dry drunkenness."

OBSERVATION

"The word 'aerobics' comes from two Greek words: 'aero,' meaning 'ability to,' and 'bics,' meaning 'withstand tremendous boredom.'" --Humorist Dave Barry

CURTAIN CALLS

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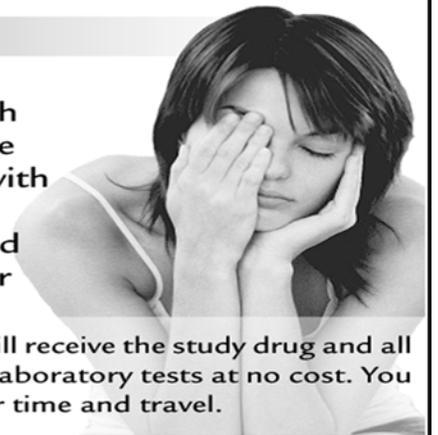
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- Animal Call-** 6100 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 2600 Blk Upton St. S.
- Assault/Battery-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Panhandler/Solicitor-** 5200 Blk 31st Ave. S.
- Vandalism-** 6100 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Harassing Phone Calls-** Location Withheld.
- Person Under Influence-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Saturday 12/22

- Noise-** 6100 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 5300 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Burglary Vehicle-** 5400 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

- Assault/Battery-** 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 900 Blk 61st St. S.
- Vandalism-** 5500 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 5600 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Sunday 12/23**
- Hit & Run-** 2800 Blk 46th St. S.
- Burglary Vehicle-** 2200 Blk Horan Way S.
- Panhandler/Solicitor-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Domestic-** 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Monday 12/24**
- Accident with Injuries-** 1200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Fraud/Forgery-** 5800 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Fire Structure-** 2000 Blk 54th St. S.
- Burglary Vehicle-** 5800 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Tuesday 12/25**
- Domestic-** 5200 Blk 16th Ave. S.
- Trash Dump-** 49th St. & Newton Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 3200 Blk 58th St. S.
- Burglary Residence-** 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Animal Call-** 2600 Blk 48th St. S.

- Neighbor Problem-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5700 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 5200 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Shots Fired/Heard-** 9th Ave. & 58th St. S.
- Animal Call-** 1600 Blk 49th St. S.
- Wednesday 12/26**
- Burglary Vehicle-** 5100 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.
- Drug Call-** 700 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Burglary Vehicle-** 5400 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Panhandler/Solicitor-** 1100 Blk 60th St. S.
- Fire Brush-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 800 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Domestic-** 5000 Blk Jersey Ave. S.
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- Animal Call-** 5600 Blk 20th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5600 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5900 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Thursday 12/27**
- Fraud/Forgery-** 5200 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Civil Matter-** Tangerine Ave. & 49th St. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Hit & Run-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
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By Chairman Joseph De Marco

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

The Real Estate Buyer's Legal Checklist

One of the single largest investments of your lifetime may be when you purchase a home or some other type of real estate. In many cases, your entire life savings could be invested and potentially at risk. As a result, it is very important that any prospective purchaser of real estate proceed with a certain amount of caution.

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

The first document that a potential buyer of real estate will encounter is the Real Estate Purchase And Sale Agreement. This document is one of the most important papers you will sign in a real estate transaction. The details contained in this agreement determine what real property you will buy and how you will buy it.

What is in this agreement also establishes what your rights and responsibilities are in the upcoming real estate transaction.

The following is a brief checklist of items which should be considered by a buyer of real estate:

1. What exactly are you purchasing? Are land, buildings and personal property included as part of the sale?
2. When will you be entitled to take possession of the property? Will the current owners need time after the closing to move out of the property? Can you live with this?
3. What kind of deed should the seller of the real estate give you? Should it be an agreement for deed, a quitclaim deed or a warranty deed?
4. Will the seller provide you with good, marketable title?
5. Who is responsible for the payment of real estate and other taxes? Will they be prorated?
6. What persons should be required to sign and accept the real estate contract and closing documents? Is it necessary for both a husband and wife to sign the documents? Who should sign the documents if a corporation is involved in the deal?
7. What are the zoning or other restrictions on the use of the real property?
8. Are water, mineral or timber rights involved in the sale of the real estate? Have they been properly covered in the agreement?
9. In what time frame does the

purchase offer need to be accepted or refused? Are there certain contingencies in the real estate contract which require satisfaction prior to the contract becoming effective and legally enforceable?

10. Who pays for the costs of title insurance, property inspection, intangible tax on the mortgage, documentary stamps and the broker fee?

These are but a few of the questions which should be answered before you sign a real estate agreement. Only then will you know if the real estate purchase you are contemplating will truly meet your needs.

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Class will be held at St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Avenue SE, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$30 per family. Maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration required. Register on-line at www.boating-stpete.org.

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City Calendars Available

The Gulfport Historical Society's 2013 calendars are available at the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce office, 4926 Gulfport Blvd., M-Th. 9-3, and Fri. 9-12, and at the Historical Society Museum. The museum is open M-F 2-4, and Sat. 10-12. They remain the best buy in town at only \$5 and contain the best pictures of our City's history.

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Wall of Money Goes to Troops



As told by Terri Finnerty

St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops President Mike Finnerty accepts the Swigwam's donation of \$223. The cash came from customers as well as dollar bills stapled to the back wall by those wishing the Swigwam well.

Have you ever stapled a dollar bill to a barroom wall or restaurant and wondered what happened when the walls ran out of space?

At the Swigwam, the money goes to support United States enlisted men.

Last week, Rob Williams, the owner of the Swigwam, donated over \$200 to St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops. Mr. Williams combined 123 single dollar bills from his back wall with an additional \$100 collected from customers and donated the total amount to former St. Pete Beach mayor, Vietnam veteran and president of St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops.

The 123 dollar bills came from the Swigwam's back wall, where customers frequently tack up money inked with well wishes. When Mr. Williams removed the wall to make room for a pool table, he decided to donate the money to St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops.

St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops sends care packages to troops in Afghanistan. Care packages include snack items, toiletries, books, magazines, and other small niceties that troops cannot access overseas. Each package costs \$13.45 to ship overseas, and since Mr. Finnerty started the program in 2007, St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops has shipped almost 2,700 boxes to the troops.

Mr. Williams says the Swigwam will now accept cash donations on behalf of St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops. He has a marked container set out for this purpose.

Health and Wellness Expo

Join us for a day of healthy fun for all ages on Wednesday, February 6th from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. at the Gulfport Health & Wellness Expo at the Gulfport Casino 5500 Shore Blvd. S. in Gulfport. Empower your mind, body and soul with free health screenings, presentations, speakers, interactive demonstrations. Fresh and healthy food is available and many raffle items are donated by local merchants. Western and Eastern Health modalities are available for all types of healthcare.

Interested vendors can sign up now at <http://gulfportseniorfoundation.org>. Early sign up is \$100 until January 11th and on January 12th will be \$150. Don't miss out on an opportunity to showcase your healthcare business. For more information, contact Gail at 727-893-2237. All proceeds from this event go to the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation to enrich Senior programs.

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Volunteers Needed at the Free Clinic

Help the St. Petersburg Free Clinic help others. Learn more about volunteering at the Free Clinic; join them for a volunteer orientation every second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. and again on the third Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. They have an immediate need for intake and medical records volunteers in the Health Center. Free Clinic We Help Services also needs volunteers—client interviewers, food packers, and food stockers. The Food Bank needs USDA interviewers. The Free Clinic's Community Kitchen needs cooks and servers. Volunteer assignments can be short term or long term. Contact Angel Schumaker, Director of Volunteers and Special Events, at angel.schumaker@stpetersburgfreeclinic.org or call 727-821-1200, ext. 114.

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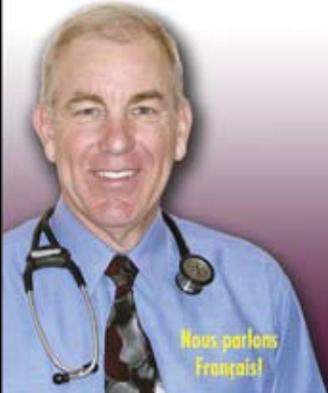
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The Military Officers Association meets for lunch on the third Friday of each month. In January, there will be an Installation Banquet. The banquet will be held on Saturday, January 19th at Hilton Hotel Bayfront, 333 First Street S. in St. Petersburg. Social hour starts at 5:45 p.m. followed by dinner and Installation of Officers. Military Officers that are retired, active duty or former officers and their spouses or widows are invited to attend.

For reservations call CDR Bill Bolin at 584-1595.

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Town Shores Billiards

Sign up sheets for the annual billiard tournament are posted in the Billiard room at the clubhouse. Those interested in competing in this year's tournament are asked to sign up no later than January 5th. Singles and doubles contests in 8 ball, 9 ball, strait pool and snooker, can be entered by any Town Shores resident who enjoys playing and competing in pool games.

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From Railroads to Clams: One Fishing Village's Story

By Cathy Salustri



Three hours north of Pinellas County, at the end of a two lane road just below the mouth of the Suwannee River, Cedar Key farmers make their living. They don't farm sugar cane or cotton or any

of Florida's other crops.

No, on Cedar Key they do their farming in the Gulf of Mexico. In Cedar Key, they farm clams.

WHAT: Cedar Key has reinvented itself more than once. Railroad magnate and Senator David Yulee dreamed of a railroad from Fernandina to Cedar Key. Just before the Civil War, Cedar Key, not Tampa Bay, had the starring role in Gulf shipping. During the Civil War the Union overtook the key and shut down the rail line.

Just after the war, Eberhard Faber (of pencil fame) took advantage of then-abundant cedar. Repairs to the railroad allowed for commerce to return to the shipping port, but in 1886 Henry Plant's railroad made Tampa, not Cedar Key, the major depot. Hurricanes and fire proved too much for the key's tiny economy and the locals turned to fishing and then, less than 20 years ago, to clams.

Today, Cedar Key exists as part clam village, part tourist center. Although the large boardwalk at the edge of the key lures tourists, some of the best places to shop and eat are towards the center of the island. Coming into town you're assaulted with signs for fresh produce and clams. Downtown you'll find an assortment of local art galleries and shops housed in the business district (Dock and 2nd streets). The architecture downtown combines gingerbread with weathered wood and whimsy, painting a colorful collage of a Florida fishing village.

WHY: Cedar Key has no real beach and only one road in and out. As such, it still resembles a part of Florida long left behind by chain stores, high rises, and advertising agencies. People talk about "real Florida" and Cedar Key delivers. Cedar Key has little to offer in terms of white sandy beaches and emerald water, but in terms of a thriving village by the sea and a slice of what true Florida looks like, this town overflows with riches.

WHO: The federal government established a wildlife preserve and the state runs a museum. Locals

offer seafood and kayak tours as well as shopping, sightseeing, and an abundance of local color.

WHERE: Just south of the Suwannee River, about 24 miles west of US 19 along State Road 24.

BEST part: Fresh Gulf clams. They're farmed in the Gulf, not wild, so the traditional rules about when it's safe to eat them don't apply.

WORST part: On your way into town you'll see little more than an historical marker letting you know a town named Rosewood used to thrive just east of Cedar Key. In a horrifying example of man's inhumanity to man,

the thriving village ended with a racial massacre 90 years ago this month. The town never repopulated. Stop by the historical marker and then visit RosewoodFlorida.com for more information.

MAGIC Question: The town, of course is free. Clams can be had for as little as \$12 per 100. Throw a cooler in the car and grab as many as you can.



Grilled Cedar Key Clams

Rinse the sand from the clams and make sure they're alive. The ones that aren't closed tight should close if you rap it on the side of your sink. Give it a few moments; if it doesn't close, don't eat it.

Put as many clams as you can eat on a hot barbecue grill. Putting them hinge-side-up will yield a drier, nuttier clam. Laying them on their sides will give you a grilled, slightly moist clam. They're done when the shells pop open.

Serve with melted butter.

Contact Cathy Salustri at CathySalustri@TheGabber.com.



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Center, Tampa. Online guestbook at davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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WOOD, TERRY A., 67, St. Pete Beach passed away after a long illness on Dec. 20, 2012. He was the owner and operator of Quick Print on Seminole Boulevard for 31 years. Survivors include his wife, Yvonne of 43 years; two sons, TA and Todd. He was a loving papa to his three grandchildren, Chase, Halle & Josh Wood. Papa, we will always love you.

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Teen Council Announces Secretary



Dylan Bierworth, Laura Karbowski, Zachary Teramae, Nolan Slone, Lauran Harker and Elizabeth Brown-Worthington.

My name is Laura Karbowski and I am fourteen years old. I have had the pleasure of being in Teen Council for the last two years and this year I am the new secretary for the group. I will be updating you monthly on the new and exciting ideas from the Teen Council. Our members include our officers President Nolan Slone; our Vice -President Zachary Teramae, and our Treasurer Lauran Harker. Our regular members include Elizabeth Brown-Worthington and Dylan Bierworth. Our goal is to act as liaisons between the teens of Gulfport and the City. We work very hard and just to prove it to our community; we are required to put in at least 20 hours of community service.

We would like to invite teens and other community members to come to our regular meetings and speak during the Public session held at the beginning of each meeting. The meetings are held in the City Council chambers on the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 4:45 p.m. We look forward to serving our city and the teens of our community. We are very appreciative of our community and the people who are in it. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

Anyone interested in joining our group can do so by contacting our advisor Marivel Gutierrez for more information.

Laura Karbowski
Secretary , Gulfport Teen Council



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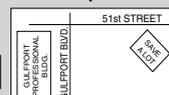
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NEW PATIENTS WELCOME!



Pet Rescue: A Message from Gulfport's Get Rescued Volunteer Lynda Shehan

By Cathy Salustri

Every year, Gulfport's Get Rescued matches people with pets in downtown Gulfport. Lynda Shehan, who has volunteered with Gulfport's Get Rescued since its inception nine years ago, has years of experience working with rescues.

Gulfport's Get Rescued vets participating rescues carefully and gives any complaints intense focus, she says, but more than finding a quality rescue goes into matching a pet with a new home, Ms. Shehan says. If you're considering adopting a rescued dog or cat (or if you want to support one with money, time, or donations) she has some advice to help you make the best decisions for you and your future family member.

1. Study the breed you want

"People don't study the breed," Ms. Shehan says. "They don't realize it's a commitment." For example, if you don't want to exercise a dog, a high-energy dog like a Weimaraner could end right back at the shelter after a few weeks.

2. Consider age

Ms. Shehan adopts older dogs because she can't bear the thought of them dying in a shelter or foster home. She suggests that older people looking for love seek out older dogs.

"They should never outlive us," she says, holding one such rescue in her arms. The tiny dog doesn't have all its teeth and its slender tongue slips out of her mouth as she dozes in her human's arms.

"I find the most important thing in anybody's life is that you have somebody who loves you in the end," she says. When her aging chihuahuas reach the end of their lives, she holds them. "I look them right in the eyes."

3. Get curious

If you see someone walking a dog you like, ask them about the dog, then ask where they found the dog, Ms. Shehan suggests. She's also a huge proponent of asking friends and acquaintances about their experiences with rescues. She suggests checking with the SPCA and the Humane Society of the United States as well.

4. Use Petfinder

Petfinder.com can point you toward a breed-specific rescue in the area and often has animals available for adoption listed – with photos – on its site. Once you find a rescue through Petfinder, click on over to that rescue's web site and send them an e-mail.

5. Investigate the rescue

According to Ms. Shehan, it should take you between two and three months to research breeds, make sure your whole family will welcome a pet, get a training plan in place for a puppy or special needs dog, and let the rescue investigate you. In that time, you should check out the rescue to make sure you're dealing with a legitimate organization, she says.

"There are some bad rescues," she admits. Make sure the rescue can provide you with proof of a heartworm test, proof of whatever shots the veterinarian suggests, and an animal that is spayed or neutered. Vouchers to go and get the animal spayed or neutered yourself, she says, are not acceptable.

Next, visit the rescue site where your prospective pet lives. Don't be shy about asking to see proof of the rescue's 501c3.

"There is nothing wrong with crates but a crate is not a 24 hour living facility," Ms. Shehan says. "It's a facility, when there is no supervision, to keep them safe. You have to see a couple dogs walking around." It's also crucial, she adds, that you can observe the pet you want to adopt interacting with other rescue dogs.

6. Plan for your dog's future

It's a harsh reality, Ms. Shehan admits, that sometimes we die before our pets. Don't assume your kids or loved one will love your pet as much as you do, she says, and ask them if they would care for the dog or cat should your pet outlive you. This may, she says, be easier if you set up a small trust that makes provisions for the animal's care. Many dogs, she says, get dropped at the pound or a rescue as an afterthought after grown kids have emptied the house and realize they have to do something with their parent's beloved pet.

How to help a rescue

There's no crime in knowing your limit with pets, Ms. Shehan says. If you can't take another pet, she says

local rescues can still use your help. Here's her short list of how to help make a rescued animal's life better:

- Adopt a rescue and set up a recurring donation through your bank account. "Even five dollars a month helps," Ms. Shehan says.

- Pick up an extra bag of dog or cat food at the store and give it to the rescue. Many will even pick up such donations if you call and tell them you have food.

- Instead of food, consider buying litter for your favorite rescue. Ms. Shehan says Save Our Strays will come pick up litter.

- If you find dog sweaters, toys, catnip, or any pet items on sale, buy them and give them to a local rescue.

- If you need to find a worthwhile rescue, contact Gulfport's Get Rescued for suggestions. Any rescue that participates in the annual Gulfport Merchant's Association event must show proof of nonprofit status. Those rescues, who receive all of the day's proceeds, undergo the scrutiny of volunteers like Ms. Shehan.

This year's Gulfport's Get Rescued takes place on February 9.

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Deadlines for next quarter to apply: For a party in April, May & June, the application deadline is March 1st and the winner will be drawn March 15th.

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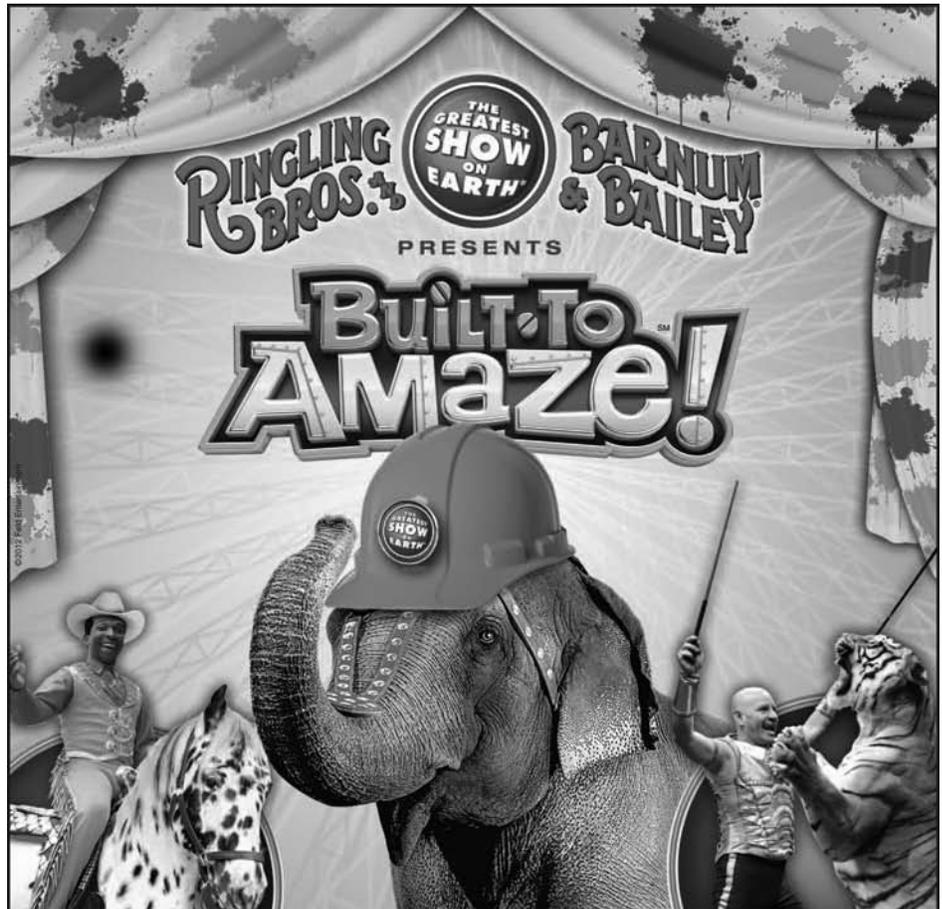


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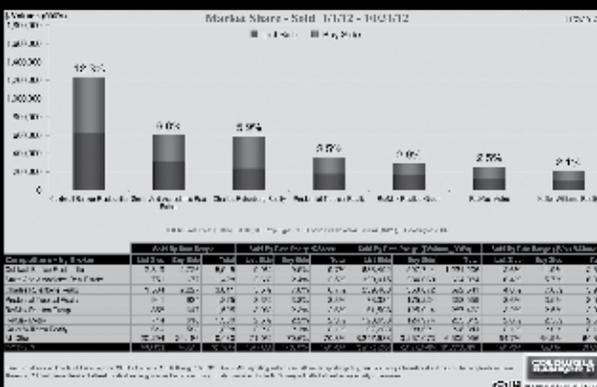
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