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Runners Brave Cold for Prostate Awareness



For the third year running, athletes and casual walkers alike met at the starting line in downtown Gulfport early Saturday morning. The J. West Prostate Cancer 5K Run and Walk, emerging as a Gulfport winter tradition, started at 8 a.m. by the Casino. The race raises awareness about and money for the J. West Prostate Foundation. The Foundation focuses on "the health and well being of all men, with special emphasis on African-American men, who need additional resources" in dealing with prostate health.

Antonio DeManuel mugs for the camera but never stops running.

Fees for Outdoor Entertainment and Sign Permits Reduced

GULFPORT— The city has made it easier for businesses to have outdoor seating and displays. Outdoor seating and displays will still require a site plan, but instead of going before council, city staff will review and can approve those plans.

During the December 18 meeting Councilman Dan Liedtke asked the city manager to look at reducing the \$138 fee for the application; the city obliged and reduced the fee for outdoor sales and display permits as well as outdoor entertainment to \$39.

"Obviously the chamber is in favor of this," Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bob Newcomb said in favor of the ordinance.

The council voted unanimously in favor of the ordinance.

Students of Gulf Beaches Past



Carrie Hill moved from Fort Myers Beach to Treasure Island and continues her volunteer work with a local historical society. In Fort Myers Beach, she helped with Indian mound digs and fundraising. Here, she'll give her time to the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum.

See *Story*, page 2

Capri and Palms Bridge Replacement

Starts January 21st

A project to replace two 60 year-old bridges on Treasure Island begins this month and is expected to take about ten months to complete. Construction of a new Isle of Palms bridge on 112th Avenue and a new Capri Isle bridge on 116th Avenue is set to begin on January 21, 2013. Both bridges will be built simultaneously, one half at a time, with the south sides of the bridges done first, followed by the north side.

Construction of the new bridges will affect traffic coming in and out of 112th and 116th Avenues. Two-way traffic will share one lane throughout the entirety of the project. To insure an orderly flow on and off the islands with minimum delays, temporary traffic lights on both sides of the bridges will regulate vehicles. To accommodate heavier traffic periods such as morning and evening commutes, there will be adjustments in the timing of the signals. The lights will also include automatic sensors to prevent long backups.

The south sides of the new bridges are scheduled to be completed by May, at which time traffic will be switched over and the north sides of the remaining old bridges will be demolished to allow construction of the second half of the new bridges.

Construction hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Work will be performed on Saturdays only when weekday construction is delayed because of weather. A sidewalk will be open throughout the construction for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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CORRECTION

Gulfport's Get Rescued will be held on Saturday, February 23rd. A story in the January 3, 2013 issue gave an incorrect date. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Students of Gulf Beaches Past

Did you go to school on the beach? If you did, you can go look up your old school pictures at the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum. The museum belongs to the county but volunteers manage the museum, which lives in an old church converted to a house converted to a museum on Pass-a-Grille.

Lance Peterson, a volunteer and vice president of Friends of Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, says the museum could use volunteers. The time commitment, he says, doesn't ask too much of people.

"We ask for two three hour shifts a month," he says, during which time volunteers greet people, answer questions, and "show off the museum."

Currently the museum has about 50 volunteers, Mr. Peterson says, but not all are considered "active" volunteers.

"At any given time about half of them are active," he says, "As age takes over their lives... They have less time to give to the museum."

If you can give the museum six hours a month or more, Mr. Peterson asks that you call Sandie Lyman at (727) 458-4058 to set up training. You need not be a trained historian or have any experience.

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City Hall Housekeeping

ST. PETE BEACH – The commission lifted restrictions on exterior paint colors. Now only black or fluorescent paint cannot be used as primary exterior color of any building. People may still paint trim black.

- Stores can now display merchandise outside as long as they meet certain guidelines.
- Chain link fences around construction commercial properties must have a top rail.

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ST. PETE BEACH – The commission voted to approve raising library late fees for items loaned for 14 or 28 days. Currently, the late fees cost patrons 15¢; the increase will bring the fees to 20¢ per day (with the same maximum of \$5.00 per item). Items loaned for a seven day period will decrease from \$1.00 per day to 50¢ per day (also with a \$5.00 maximum fine). This lending period primarily applies to DVDs and VHS cassettes.

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Feed the Meter With Your Phone

ST. PETE BEACH – In the near future, if you want to park in a metered spot on St. Pete Beach, you'll be able to pay using the Park Mobile application for smart phones. At the next city commission meeting, commissioners will vote on an agreement between Park Mobile and the city. Anyone can download this app, which allows drivers to register a car and credit card that they can use to recharge the parking meter remotely.

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Drivers will still be able to use coins to pay for parking. St. Petersburg parking meters already work with the Park Mobile app.

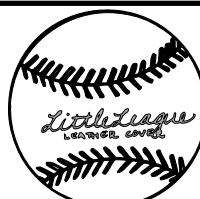
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Housekeeping Items From City Hall

GULFPORT – City council approved the following items at Thursday night's meeting:

- Renewal of an interlocal agreement with other area police to share information without requiring a public records request
- Approving an agreement for mutual aids between Gulfport Police and other police departments. This agreement allows officers to "conduct routine business and provide emergency assistance in neighboring jurisdictions," according to a memo from city staff to the council.
- An agreement to begin negotiations with Eco-City Partners to administrate the PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) program. This program will allow commercial properties to secure loans for energy-efficient improvements with the building itself.

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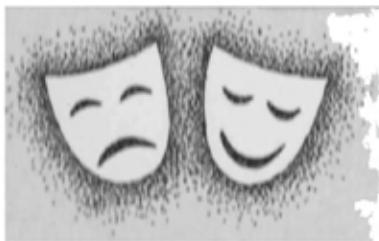
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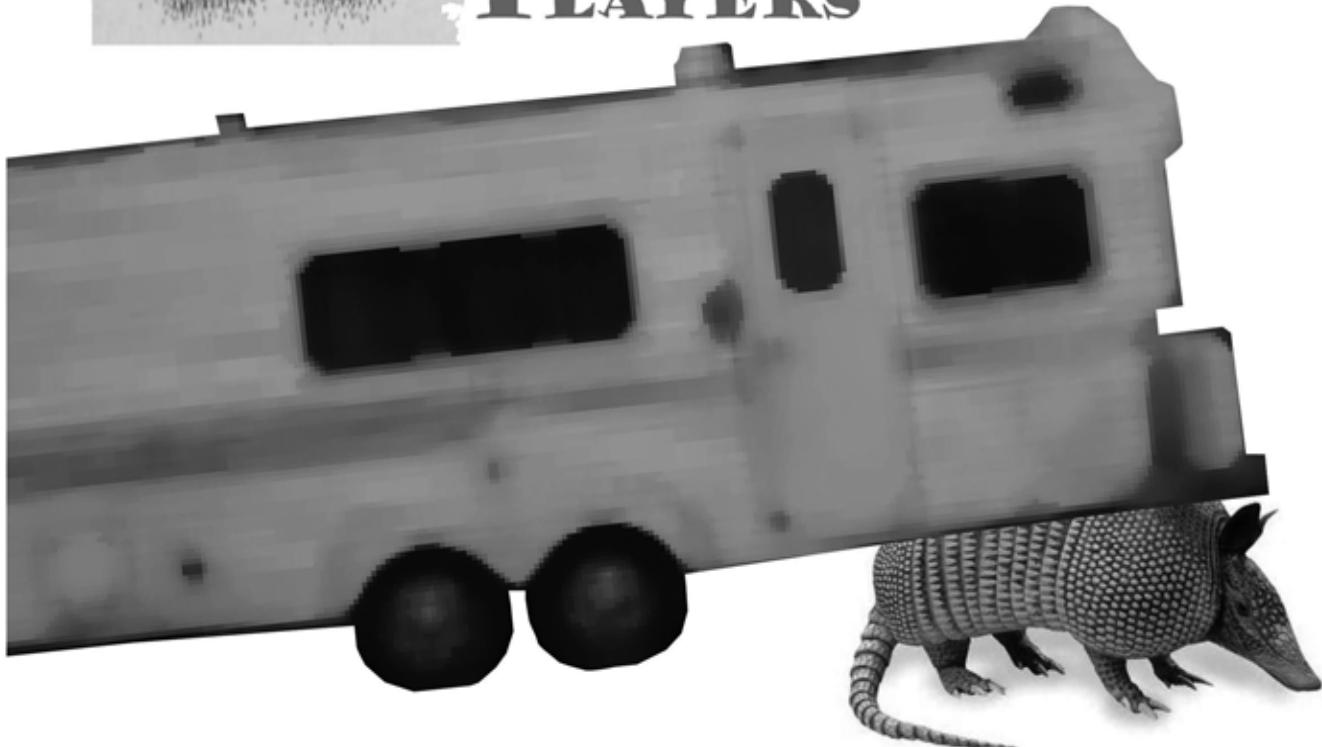
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The Gulfport Lions Club will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 12th from 3-7 p.m. They will be serving all you can eat spaghetti with meatballs, salad and garlic bread with a dessert for a donation of \$7 in their clubhouse on beautiful Boca Ciega Bay.

They have plenty of carry out containers to accommodate the football fans. Let them provide your dinner for the playoffs. Pick it up, take it home, turn on the TV and cheer your favorite team.

If you would prefer to dine in, the address is 4630 Tifton Drive S., right behind the Gulfport Marina. Feel free to bring your own adult beverage. They provide coffee and tea. Money earned from this fundraiser will go to Little League and Scouting.

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entree, side, dessert and coffee. By popular request, today's menu is Cepelinai (grated potato meat dumplings) served with sour cream and/or bacon sauce, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked Lithuanian bread to buy every Thursdays. Call Vida at 866-7936. Everyone is welcome.

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Players Open "Sordid Lives"

The Gulfport Community Players will open "Sordid Lives", a black comedy about white trash, this Thursday night at the Hickman Theater of Gulfport. "Sordid Lives" was first done as a play back in 1996. Four years later, it was done as a movie, which turned out to be a very successful movie! As usual, the play and the movie were two entirely different animals and the play turned out to be the better of the two! Later on, this play was made into a TV series.

Written by a Texan named Del Shores the play takes place in Texas. It was the intent of the playwright that audiences just might catch a glimpse of themselves, someone they know, or society in general by watching and listening carefully to this play. It has a very deep underlying theme, that will only be seen as the play progresses. This play is timeless in this respect. Some things never change with age and this play is a great example of just that. What the playwright brought out many years ago is just as relevant today.

"Sordid Lives" is a madcap comedy about one exceptionally nutty family in a small Texas town. It is a fast-paced comedy, full of wacky relationships and warped senses of the character's love for one another. Look and listen carefully, you might see someone you know! Be advised however, that adult language and situations are portrayed in the play. Consequently, the Players advise

only people 18 or over attend.

Join the Players and your neighbors for another evening or afternoon of great entertainment at the Hickman Theater. Tickets are available at the Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, the Gulfport Casino, the Gulfport Beach Bazaar, at the door, or by calling them at 727-322-0316 for will-call tickets.

The play will run for three weeks, from January 10th through January 27th. Curtain time for Thursday, Friday and Saturday is 8 p.m., while Sunday is 2 p.m.

For more information about this play or the Gulfport Community Theater, please visit their website at: <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>.

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Movie Day

Don't forget Tuesday, January 15th at 11 a.m. is free movie day with a lunch special rib sandwich, pork and beans all for \$2.50 at the Gulfport Senior Center at 5501 27th Ave. S. where good friends meet!

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Tampa Bay Job and Career Fair

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Meet with local companies who have immediate employment needs from entry level positions to skilled trade, health care and even top managerial positions. There is something for everyone at the Tampa Bay Job Fair. This special event is designed to help put you face to face with companies with open positions which they are looking to fill immediately.

This year's event will also include a Career Fair. Several of the area's top schools for continuing education, local universities and vocational/technical institutes will be on hand. It is a great opportunity to examine ways to further develop your skills for the jobs of today and review the bright career prospects of tomorrow. Expand your skill set or even learn a whole new career.

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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 16th at 12 noon. This Card/Game Party is the Club's largest donation raising

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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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Do you want to learn more about your family tree? Beginning Friday, January 11, 2013 and every second Friday, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Catherine Hickman lobby at 5501 27th Avenue S., instructor Kay Boatwright

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Historical writing workshops for the remainder of the year are scheduled for March 8, May 10, July 12 and September 13. Each workshop is \$15 per person; \$13 for Pinellas County Historical Society members. Call 727-582-2233 to register or for more information. Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th Street N. in Largo.

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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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Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on January 15th at 10 a.m. and learn when all native plants should be installed in your landscaping. She will have handouts on this subject. Barbara Gilberg Habitat is located at 1600 Pasadena Avenue next to the electronic billboard on Shore Drive. Meet me in the pavilion.

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On Sunday, January 20th., Bill Mauger's "Vintage Jazz Band" will play from 1-4 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom, Bilmar Beach Resort, Treasure Island. Doors open 11:30 a.m. for membership meeting;

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On Thursday, January 24th, Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps will play from 7-9:30 p.m. in the ballroom, Bilmar Beach Resort, Treasure Island. Admission is \$7, students and active military free with I.D. Call 727-522-6877

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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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SoClassic Car Show Seeks Volunteers

The So Classic Car Show is coming on February 2nd. Come out and enjoy a fun filled day and put in a hour or two for the benefit of the Fallen's Officers fund, Gulfport Police Explorers and Gulfport Teen Council. They have spots for gate attendance and VIP tent workers. Contact Phil Reed at JSRTraining@aol.com or call 727-327-3509. Get involved today!

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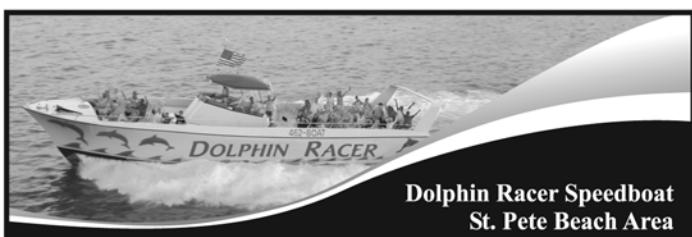


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City of Gulfport: Council Endorsements

Q: Are elected officials allowed to endorse candidates? For example, can a Gulfport councilperson endorse a candidate for another Gulfport council seat?

A: After much discussion between City Attorney Andy Salzman and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth, City Manager Jim O'Reilly told us that the city itself "has no prohibitions in regards to an elected official as a private individual endorsing a candidate" but that a city councilmember is not allowed to endorse a candidate on behalf of the city or the council. This means that councilmembers may support candidates but cannot say the council or the city supports a certain candidate.



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Open House

Treasure Island Art Guild is hosting an Open House at its regular monthly meeting, Saturday, January 12 at 1 p.m. at Treasure Island City Hall. The program is designed to introduce interested persons to a typical meeting of the Guild. The meeting will showcase a presentation by photographer Joe Martin who will demonstrate his techniques for enhancing his photography. The meeting will also include the presentation of awards for this month's exhibit.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.TreasureIslandArtGuild.org.

Art Classes

By Fred Wilder

The Art Guild is starting art classes Monday, February 4. Basic drawing will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and basic watercolor from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Cost for each is \$30 for six weeks or \$6 per class if paid weekly. They will be held in The Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 120 108th Avenue. To sign up for classes and for supplies needed call Fred at 360-8390.

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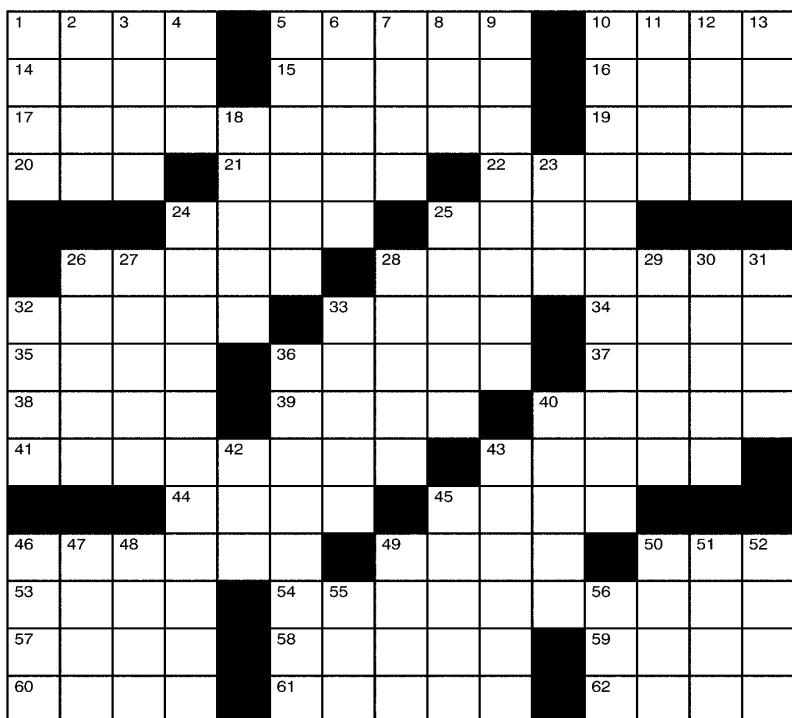
Crossword Puzzle

Solution on Page 18

ACROSS

- 1 Foray
 - 5 Neck backs
 - 10 Man/horse monster of myth
 - 14 Twinge
 - 15 Wear away
 - 16 River of northern Spain
 - 17 Film that brought Pacino his Oscar
 - 19 Latvian city
 - 20 Cleopatra's undoer
 - 21 Expressway way out
 - 22 More downy
 - 24 Pop singer Suzanne
 - 25 Te Kanawa, of opera
 - 26 Glimmer
 - 28 Words of a musical
 - 32 Journalist Alexander
 - 33 Broker's advice
 - 34 Songbird
 - 35 Beginning to form
 - 36 '40s and '50s movie gangster Richard
 - 37 Obsolete phone feature
 - 38 Norwegian royal name
 - 39 MacGraw, et al.
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- ## DOWN
- 40 High-IQ group
 - 41 Electron accelerator
 - 43 Music superstar Brooks
 - 44 Wee bites
 - 45 Proverbial equal to a mile
 - 46 Droopy-eared hound
 - 49 Hardy cabbage
 - 50 Prefix for natal or classical
 - 53 River of central Italy
 - 54 Agents, informally
 - 57 Pugilistic location
 - 58 ___ Gay
 - 59 Spoken
 - 60 Former Entertainment Tonight host
 - 61 Was overly fond
 - 62 Mediocre
 - 1 Tabula ___
 - 2 Emphases in speech
 - 3 Popular late night eatery
 - 4 Dict. entry
 - 5 Like crystals, holism, etc.
 - 6 Bouquet
 - 7 Elaborate spectacle
 - 8 Columnist LeShan
 - 9 Level-headed
 - 10 They play farthest from the plate
 - 11 Somewhat
 - 12 Yearning
 - 13 Leonine cry
 - 18 Sports center
 - 23 Ice great Bobby
 - 24 *The Potato Eaters* painter
 - 25 Pleated skirts
 - 26 Fine-grained rock
 - 27 Attacks
 - 28 Trotsky's collaborator
 - 29 Corrupt
 - 30 Refuse
 - 31 Sooner's state: abbr.
 - 32 Elitist
 - 33 Pieces for one
 - 36 Like most office floors
 - 40 Microwave device
 - 42 Up to the time when
 - 43 Region in *Genesis*
 - 45 Syrup source
 - 46 Simpson brat
 - 47 HOMES element
 - 48 Miller and Meara
 - 49 Sailor's specialty
 - 50 Pianist Peter

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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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Learn How to Handle Emergencies

Boating is intended to be challenging, but fun. Inevitably, no matter how careful the skipper and crew, emergencies will happen. Each boater must be prepared to protect the people and equipment involved should an emergency arise. The St Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron is presenting a two hour seminar, "Emergencies on Board" on Wednesday, January 16th from 7-9 p.m. to acquaint boaters with the actions necessary to cope with the most common difficulties. Available to anyone 12 or older, it deals with both preparing for and managing emergencies like: accident prevention, emergency calls and signals, running aground, man overboard, fire, loss of power, medical conditions, steering failure and getting lost. Gather your crew to build your prevention and response team.

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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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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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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Legion Supports Newton CT Victims



After the tragic shooting in Newton CT., the local 16th District American Legion family wanted to show their support and sympathy for the Newton community. Cards were signed by Legion, Auxillary and SAL members. The cards were sent to the American Legion Post in Newton Coneticut.

An advertisement for JSA Medical Group. At the top left is the logo for "JSA Medical Group" with the tagline "A HealthCare Partners Company" and the website "www.JSAMedicalGroup.com". To the right is the word "beWell" in a stylized green font. Below the logo is a large, close-up photograph of an elderly man and woman smiling warmly at each other. Overlaid on the bottom left of this photo is the word "agewell." in a green, lowercase, sans-serif font. To the right of the photo, a portrait of a young male physician in a white coat is smiling. At the bottom of the ad, there is text about accepting new patients, including Humana & CarePlus Medicare Advantage Plan Members. It also encourages becoming a member of JSA MEDICAL GROUP! and provides a phone number (727) 343-6119. The ad lists various services provided, such as same-day appointments, urgent care, and physician availability. It also mentions convenient services like lab draws, diabetic and COPD education, well-woman exams, osteopathic manipulations, and musculoskeletal medicine. Contact information for JSA MEDICAL GROUP - PASADENA (727) 343-6119, address 508 Pasadena Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33707, and the name Derek Hiltz, DO, Board Certified in Family Medicine, NCQA Certified in Diabetes & Heart/Stroke Care.

USCG Safe Boating Program

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous Safe Boating program every Tuesday, 7 p.m., Warren Webster Community Center, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (1 mile south of Don CeSar) Start at your convenience. First day, come at 6:30 p.m. to register. Begin any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to two years to finish.

January's program includes: "Waterway Watch/Trailering 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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An Evening with the Artists

Value Fair Market invites you to an Evening with the Artists of The Marketplace on Thursday, January 24th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 3951 34th Street S. in St. Petersburg. Event features the artworks of Brenda Knoll Budd, Creative Clay, Hanh

Kien, Jackie Gorissen, John Silva, Julio Navarro and Lenne Nicklaus-Ball. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Julie.Johnson@valuefairmarket.com.

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

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Gulfport City Council Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

"I have an RV outside but I'll move it right after the meeting."

– Stan Kreuter, joking with the council before the meeting. RV issues and allowances have occupied the council sporadically for several years.

"Stan, are you living in it?" – Vice Mayor Sam Henderson, joking with Mr. Kreuter.

"I'm waiting for the other shoe to drop." – Stan Kreuter, about Scout Hall, who said he expected follow-up about the Human Rights Ordinance as it relates to the Boy Scouts.

"I was the only person representing or being from Gulfport, and as they compared their language to other language within the State of Florida... the one thing that they kept coming back to was, 'Well, what does Gulfport do?... I spoke to the Commission and actually presented my registry card... they're also looking at making it a separate database, searchable by public... I say this to remind you that while we may be a very small city in this county, the things that we do, the things we say, are looked at by others." – Jan Lowe, about the Pinellas County Domestic Partnership Registry

"I just wanted I guess mainly to ask the mayor if anything was happening... we have a citizen John Grier who had some paintings he wanted to present. Has anything happened with that?"

– Beverly Newcomb. The mayor said things “were happening” and that he had talked to the city manager about the matter.

"If there's anyone who has any issues, please contact Mr. Sopak and we'll address them." – City Manager Jim O'Reilly, about the

paving project on 59th Street South.

"Were you able to point him to other agencies since that's outside our jurisdiction?" – Vice Mayor Sam Henderson, about a man who spoke at the last meeting wishing to establish a force of retired but armed police officers in the schools to protect students.

"The court has made the determination, in that particular ordinance, that it wasn't constitutional... in an effort to try and resolve this matter, we have potentially some language that I would recommend to council to amend the ordinance. Essentially what it does is designate smoking areas." – City Attorney Andy Salzman, about the smoking ban on the beach and a similar case in Sarasota. The attorney will bring revised language for the ordinance to council.

"If people are following the rules, it's still a great opportunity for kids to learn how to fish." – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about catch-and-release fishermen at Wood Ibis park.

"You should consider yourself elected." – City Attorney Andy Salzman, to Councilwoman Barbara Banno when she asked for clarification about incoming council members who had not yet been sworn into office and their responsibility to follow Government in the Sunshine laws. He did say that outgoing council members could talk to incoming ones as they would not sit on the same board together.

"Nobody's ever been turned away for giving a portion of their address." – City Clerk Lesley DeMuth, when Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon asked if people had to give their name and addresses

when speaking before the council. The city clerk explained that, in addition using addresses to establish residency and allowing for a way to city staff to get back to the resident with answers to their concerns, the clerk's office used the address to find the correct spelling of people's names for the minutes. She said that since the city does not require speakers to complete cards, this is the often only way the office has to get correct names for the public record.

"You could always use e-mail and not give your real name and address." – Councilman Dan Liedtke, in response to Councilwoman Salmon's comments about whether or not people have to give their full address when addressing council.

"I would love to see our city get behind that." – Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon, about the Teen Council's suggestion that the city look at a “texting while driving” ban.

"I don't see it as time well spent at this time, but if everybody else is willing to discuss it [I will]." – Councilman Dan Liedtke, when asked if he would support city council's discussion of an assault weapon ban. Councilwoman Barbara Banno said she would discuss it “as long as it's prioritized.” Both Vice Mayor Sam Henderson and Mayor Mike Yakes said they would be willing to discuss it.

"City clerk decorated her office the same way that my mom did." – Vice Mayor Sam Henderson, about looking at city decorations. This elicited a loud guffaw from the usually silent City Manager Jim O'Reilly. The vice mayor asked later that the Gabber “not make it sound like I'm calling Lesley my mom.”

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- 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/partime> or e-mail lawadmit@law.stetson.edu.

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Hotel Zamora Will Rise Again

ST. PETE BEACH – After years of indecision, the abandoned white behemoth on the corner of 37th and Gulf Boulevard will soon be home to a new boutique hotel. On December 20, the Hotel Zamora came out of foreclosure and the new owners, SPB Acquisitions, received approval Tuesday night to create 50 hotel rooms on the property. The commission approved 36 hotel rooms several years ago; this represents the maximum number of rooms a hotel in the Bayou Residential District can have. This leaves 275 more hotel rooms up for grabs by developers in Bayou Residential, the Activity Center, Town Center Core, and Coquina West. This does not include existing lodging, according to Community Development Director George Kinney said. If the Hotel Zamora doesn't create all 50 rooms, the rooms they rooms they do not create go back into the pool of rooms available.

"It appears," Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan said in an e-mail, "that we now have a qualified developer that can take this property to completion."

Tuesday night the city commission voted to allow 50 units of tourist lodging, or hotel rooms, at the site. "This has been a distressed asset. The now-property owner had to pull it out of bankruptcy," Marilyn Healy, the attorney representing Hotel Zamora and its parent company, SPB Acquisitions, said. "We have the money, we want to get started, and your staff has been great to work with"

She did tell the commission the company would need what she considered "minor" variances that would come before coming before the commission in the coming weeks.

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

"You promoted me!" – Deputy Dave Mancusi, when Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Joe Gerretz introduced Deputy Mancusi as a Sergeant. Deputy Mancusi will serve as the city's community police officer

"They gotta get 'em some shorts" – A man in the audience, as the Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputies introduction to the commission left the front of council chambers.

"I don't know if anybody called for them, but they were pretty quick." – Bob Pfister, President of the North Beach Civic Association, about the PCSO's handling of a loud disagreement in his neighborhood that he felt could have escalated.

"They didn't realize you could have handled it yourself." – Mayor Steve McFarlin, to Mr. Pfister

"This is how we treat our people, and now they're part of our people." – Tom DeYampert, about the signs donated honoring St. Pete Beach Police and how he felt the PCSO could see the way the community treated others

"I mean, you would have thought we were having a baby out there." – Mayor Steve McFarlin, about the home moved to a new lot in Pass-A-Grille

"How much time should we allot for that?" – Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan, when Commissioner Bev Garnett said she would be making a farewell speech

"I'm really excited about Hotel Zamora!" – Vice Mayor Marvin Shavlan, who also reminded Community Development Director George Kinney that the new owners promised to clean up the property by the next hearing

"Nobody reads the stuff we put in the papers, the back of 'Paradise News'. I mean, come on, let's be practical." – Steve Phalor, about city notices for development

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The final week of the sun's annual transit through Capricorn will offer roller coaster action, but it's more of a kiddie coaster than a Tower of Terror. Mercury, Venus, Saturn and Pluto make sure to keep the game interesting, setting up potentially exciting arrangements and issuing challenges worthy of their own situation comedy. Mercury provides the laugh track when it enters Aquarius on Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're still charged up by the sun, Mercury and Venus in your sign. When the sun leaves your realm on Saturday, you'll get the wonderful satisfaction that comes from looking at your past work with the perspective of time on your side and determining, objectively, that it's good -- really good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The week gets better as it progresses. You're coming into your own now, and when the sun reaches your part of the sky on Saturday, you'll be fully in your zone. Go carefully with your growing confidence. You're too kind to let it go to your head, but it's nice to have down-to-earth friends around as a reminder.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your emotional reactions might be a little over the top this week as your already impressive powers of empathy get activated to the max. So if you find yourself crying at cat food commercials or cheering loudly for Honey Boo Boo, chalk it up to your ability to relate to almost anyone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're as spontaneous as a volcano, but luckily one that spouts good ideas and love. Some will still jump back, surprised by your actions because they don't understand your motives. Being on the inside, you know that everything you do happens in a natural progression.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People want to meet with you, which could be a waste of your time. Some meetings only accomplish half of what they set out to do, but that's

better than the many meetings that accomplish absolutely nothing. You'll be successful when you make a list of what you can accomplish on your own and tackle it line by line.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not always easy to mount a solid shield of spiritual protection against the mental and emotional projections of your peers, especially when those projections are positive. But try anyhow. It's important to stay independent of the good opinion of others. Ultimately, you'll be happier if you are purpose-driven instead.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you feel like you're not getting the recognition you should be getting, try to find a way to be fine with it this week. You will get your time. There's absolutely nothing wrong with playing second fiddle. The orchestra wouldn't sound right without the third, fourth and fifth fiddles, either.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One way to keep from getting stressed out is to go for simplistic, achievable results. Keeping it simple in many cases this week will involve telling the truth. "Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive," said the Scottish author Sir Walter Scott, born under your sun sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your earthy characteristics include emotional stability, practicality and such a healthy respect for the tangible that you sometimes doubt intangible things really exist. You may question unseen forces such as love and spirit, but you'll be quite relieved to witness the evidence that comes your way on Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As your guiding planet Venus tersely angles Uranus, you may be inspired to push your luck. If you don't go for the gusto, how are you ever going to make yours an epic story? Then again, it's hard to predict how people will react to grand gestures. Be willing to accept the consequences whichever way they pan out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll love -- really love -- what you have.

Don't think this in any way limits you to having this same thing forever. If anything, you'll be given more bounty because the universe delights in your appreciation. Inspiration comes with the dreamy Pisces moon on Tuesday and Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll meet with some resistance to your plans. Consider your options. Sometimes it's better to retreat than to push through. In fact, a swift retreat could be one of the more powerful tools in your arsenal. It shows that you really only want what's good for you and everyone involved.

This Week's Birthdays: You've put in quite a lot of work, and it's about time that you graduated from your apprenticeship and stepped into more of a leadership position. For the next 10 weeks, your amplified personal magnetism will turn up the intensity on your personal life. Afterward, you'll be happy for a mellower experience of love. February shows you trading up or making a big purchase. New passions come into your professional life in March. A kindred soul finds you in April.

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Lunch Served 11am-3pm Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Kitchen Open 11-2pm Dinner 4:30-6:30pm Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Southern Knights Band 7-11pm	Breakfast 8:30-11am	No Lunch Served	Lunch 11-3 Ron's Karaoke 7pm	Lunch Served 11am-3pm Euchre 1pm Bingo 6pm Kitchen Open for Bingo

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Bar Bingo 7pm Food Served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm Les on Guitar 6:30-9:30pm	Steak Dinner 6-8pm Lee Jay Nelson 6:30-9:30pm	Sports & Pizza 12-6pm	Bucky Burgers 5-8pm Dee Karaoke 6:30-9:30pm	Post Membership Mtg.-6pm Please attend-your input is valuable	Accordion Club Dinner 6-8pm

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Hawaiian Dance

Learn Hawaiian Dance from Kalina at Gulfport Recreation center. There will be a 5-week session on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon starting January 30th and ending February 28th. The cost is \$40

for the session or \$10 per drop in class. Please contact Kalina at 727-251-0424 for more information.

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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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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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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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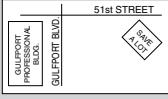


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Hard Candy

By Cathy Salustri

Hello, 40

Turning 40 didn't get to me. Not really. It was more that, as if on some unseen cue, my body started to turn against me.

I'm not incredibly hung up on age. I don't care if you ask how old I am or how much I weigh. I don't see the point in lying about your age, or, at least, lying to make myself younger. I see it this way: if I tell people I'm 30 when I'm really 40, they walk away thinking, "man, she looks horrible for 30" but if I say I'm 50, they (hopefully) walk away saying, "wow, she looks good for 50!"

Nevertheless, 40 has, thus far, been weird. You see, it started with me pretty much going blind. At least, in my mind I was.

Glaucoma runs in my family. My mom got her diagnosis when she was 37, by which time her eyes had already been rather damaged. Her mother had it, as did, we're fairly certain, her mom before her. So when my local eye doctor told me last year that I had higher-than-normal eye pressure readings and might, given my spectacular family history, want to see a specialist, I promptly thanked him, took the referral, and tucked it in my to-do folder. For about a year. Smart, right?

Of course, right about the day I turned 40, I noticed my eyes hurt when I used them to read. Or watch TV. Or use the computer. I found myself holding the Gabber at a distance and wondering when we switched to a smaller typeface. Things started floating past my eye that weren't really there (at least, I hope they weren't). For someone who has a father who believes he suffers from every malady save hypochondria, this was not an auspicious sign. I figured I had advanced glaucoma, eye cancer, and maybe a detached retina or two. When I brought this up while my parents and I were celebrating my birthday, my mom wanted to know why I hadn't made an appointment

sooner. Because, I told her, I remember her putting drops in her eyes and not being able to read or drive afterwards. How would I work if I couldn't write articles or drive to interview people? She asked me how I intended to do any of those things if I went blind.

Game, set and match, madam. I made the appointment.

Turns out I have something that sounds like Presbyterianism. I'm pretty sure that's not the right name, but I didn't quite catch it when he told me and can't bring myself to have my hearing checked right now, too. I do know this much: it basically means I need glasses because, as the eye doc gently put it, my eyes are aging. The solution? "Progressive" lenses, a fancy word for "bifocals," even though the glasses guy tried valiantly to convince me they weren't. He's right. They're so much worse. Instead of two types of vision, these seem to have about a zillion. Instead of having to squint when I read, I now stumble around like a drunk. And apparently they're only for reading close up, a fact that really could have helped me out that first day. All anyone said was "use

the bottom part to read" which made driving just a darn pleasure when I needed to find a specific address later that day.

So, to be clear, I went from 20/15 vision to bifocals.

Yup, hello 40. My body's no longer building bone mass, my lower back reminds me regularly I haven't been to the gym nearly enough, and I weigh a good 35 pounds more than I did when I graduated high school. I've started to walk into rooms and forget why I'm there, and more than once I've turned to the person next to me, started a sentence, and realized I have no clue what I was going to say. If 40 is the new 30, I pity the 50-year-olds.

And yet... there are worse things. Not living to turn 40, for example. I turned 40 the day that waste of a human life walked into Sandy Hook Elementary and killed those kids. On my birthday I found out that someone I love went into rehab. Last week, we drove past a car abandoned by a 23-year-old jumper on the Skyway.

So turning 40 isn't that bad. As I've seen, it beats the alternatives. So I'm older than I was. Big deal. Age, the saying goes, is just a number.

Of course, it's one I can't see without my bifocals.

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Polish American Society

The Polish American Society, 1343 Beach Drive SE (next to Coast Guard commissary) will hold their next dance on January 13th. Doors open at 1 p.m.; bar is open at 1:30 p.m. Chef "Ethel" is in the kitchen and will serve meat balls and noodles, fresh baked bread and flan for \$7. Dinner is from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Dancing is from 3-6 p.m. and costs \$5 for members and \$7 for guests.

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MOAA Installation Banquet

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.

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Rob Richards has achieved worldwide fame as a concert and recording artist and is the House Organist at Disney's historic El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood, CA. Rob was named 2005 Organist of the Year by the American Theatre Organ Society. He frequently serves as a tonal consultant during the development of pipe, digital and combination instruments.

Alex Zsolt has a passion for music presentation that appeals to people of all ages. It is said, "His music fills every inch of the room". Alex has released several CDs, many of which are in collaboration with renowned composer and arranger David Clydesdale. He is in partnership with World Vision International, an organization dedicated to child sponsorship. Alex has found sponsorships for over 300 children.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the church office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or on line, www.pagchurch.org. click on event tickets. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

For more information on this and other church activities, please call the church office at 360-5508.

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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.

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 S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712 .

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New Sheriff in Town



By Cathy Salustri

Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputies now patrol St. Pete Beach. The Sheriff offered every police officer a position with his organization; many officers accepted. Tuesday night the supervisors, Community Police Deputy Dave Mancusi, and one on-duty officer (Deputy Mark Wilder) met the commission. From left to right, they are: Lieutenant Joseph Gerretz, Deputy David Mancusi (Community Policing Deputy), Sergeant Ryan Buckley, Sergeant Donald Mast, Sergeant Kenneth Kanoski, Sergeant Paul Rogers, Sergeant Deanna Carey and Deputy Mark Wilder

From 1957 until last Sunday morning, St. Pete Beach had its own police department separate from the county. That changed at 7 a.m. Sunday, when, following the will of the voting majority, the city shuttered its police department and brought in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) to police city streets.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri offered every St. Pete Beach police officer a job; the majority of the officers took positions with the Sheriff. Mayor Steve McFarlin, who publicly stressed again and again he respected the city police officers, pointed out that the officers would have greater chances for advancement with the Sheriff. He told the commission Tuesday evening he spoke with one of the former city police officers who told him the PCSO treated the incoming St. Pete Beach officers very well on their first day.

On the beach, the deputies will have an office at city hall.

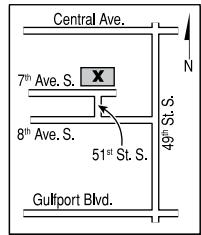
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Banning the Smoking Ban

By Cathy Salustri

When a court decided Sarasota's beach smoking ban didn't hold water, the implications reached across the bay to Gulfport. The city drafted its beach smoking ban – which also bans smoking in children's play areas and athletic fields – around the language in the Sarasota County law. Sarasota Judge Maryann Boehm ruled last month that only the Florida legislature, not cities and counties, could ban smoking in public places.

This ruling supports St. Petersburg attorney Andy Strickland's assertions that Gulfport had no right to ban smoking on its beaches or other public areas. Mr. Strickland, supported by incoming Councilman Michael Fridovich and others, held smoke-ins on Gulfport beach and, when ticketed for smoking, took the city to court.

In light of the December ruling in Sarasota, Gulfport City Attorney Andy Salzman says the city will change the rules.

"We've agreed to amend the ordinance to avoid continued litigation," City Attorney Salzman says. Pending approval of an upcoming ordinance, the city will no longer ban smoking on the beach and will revert to designated nonsmoking areas in parks, playgrounds and ballfields.

"We're creating a smoking area that gives visual access," he explains of the designated smoking areas. "Let's say you want to watch the ballgame, you want to be able to smoke, so we're creating a smoking area that gives visual access" to the game.

Gulfport, he explains, always allowed smoking in certain areas only around ballfields and playgrounds. The only change from before the smoking ban is that the city will now take care to make sure the smoking areas allow people to see the game or supervise their children.

Mr. Salzman says this will halt litigation against the city. The city has yet to decide how close to children's play areas it will allow smoking.

"We have to look at each site specifically," City Manager Jim O'Reilly says.

Mr. Fridovich, who will take the Ward Four seat on council come March, says he hesitates to talk about the issue because he wasn't sure about possible Sunshine Law issues, did speak briefly on the city's pending changes.

"I'm glad to see that the two sides were able to reach a mutual agreement," he told the Gabber.

House Bill 143 would allow cities and counties, not the state, and counties to control smoking inside their borders.

"The last two years it's been up but it never made it to the floor," City Attorney Salzman says. "It died in committee both times."

Council will vote the first of two times on whether or not to change its local smoking ban this Tuesday night at the 7 p.m. council meeting. Police Chief Robert Vincent says the city will not currently ticket smoking violations.



Incoming councilman Michael Fridovich participated in protests against the ban.

Kenwood Presents Concert Artists

When concert pianist Ray Luck and operatic soprano Colleen McGrath Lilley take the stage, concertgoers hear passionate performances of a sparkling array of music. The two musicians – both with international performing experience – will present a concert on Saturday, January 26th, at 7 p.m. It will be held at The Red Brick Church on the corner of 5th Ave. N. and 28th St. in St. Petersburg. Tickets (\$15 adults; \$8 under 18) are available at Craftsman House Gallery or by calling Dr. Stuart Pollack at 727-215-9720.

The concert is being sponsored by the Historic Kenwood Neighborhood Association, which calls itself "Neighborhood of the Arts."

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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.gulfbeachesmuseum.com.

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Local Obituaries

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HEFFERNAN, WILLIAM, 88, of Gulfport passed away Jan. 2, 2013. Survived by his loving wife Marie A. Heffernan. Funeral Mass Jan. 7, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Holy Name Catholic Church. brettfuneralhome.net.

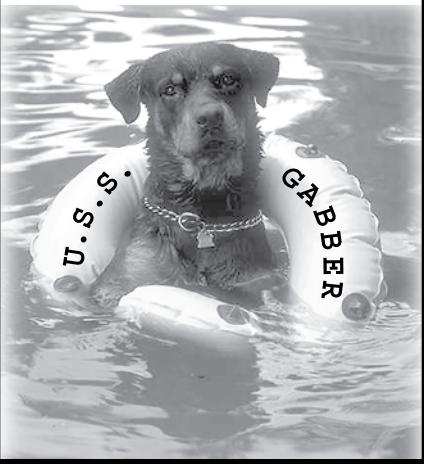
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STUPLIN, JOAN G., 90, of Gulfport, passed peacefully on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013. She is survived by her husband, George to whom she was married for the past 65 years; also by her son, George R.; and daughters, Sylvia & Barbara; 3 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening, music, and dancing, but mostly spending time with her family. Visitation will be Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013 from 6-8 p.m., followed by a memorial service. Funeral service Thursday, Jan. 10th, 10 a.m. at Beach Memorial Chapel, 301 Corey Ave., St. Pete Beach.

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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach: Hens & Roosters

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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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Class will be held on Wednesday, January 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 Second Ave. SE, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$25 per family; maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration required. Register on-line at www.boating-stpete.org.

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The economic downturn has caused many of our local residents devastating emotional and financial strains. These strains have brought about the need for many difficult legal decisions including bankruptcies, divorces and lawsuits. Sadly, many have the need for these actions but due to their financial condition, they are unable to afford expensive legal representation.

Laws in many states, including Florida, allow residents to prepare their own documents to file actions like divorce, bankruptcy, wills, name changes, and so forth. These are known as "Pro Se" filings. However, the required documents and the procedures are often confusing and complex.

That's where The Document Pros, Inc. steps in. Says company founder and President Vince Catalano, "during my years as a struggling entrepreneur, I came to realize that the general public could access legal documents for filing divorces, bankruptcies, wills, and more. However, the process is often too complex, confusing, and time consuming. I have used my business experiences to develop a system that helps them accurately, inexpensively and confidentially complete the paperwork necessary to settle long overdue legal issues without giving legal advice."

Vince continues, "We get our satisfaction from helping customers like the 86-year-old grandmother that had to file bankruptcy because her bank had lowered her credit card limit and significantly increased her interest rate; the 84 year old son of plantation worker who needed to finally change his name to the name he's known his entire life. We help the young and the elderly who need the protection of a will and the numerous men and women that have been separated from their spouses for years and could not afford to

seek divorce. Now, with the recent Executive Order by President Obama offering Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, we are able to help qualified applicants remain in the country, obtain a work permit, driver's license, and social security card".

The Document Pros can prepare your will inexpensively. They will prepare your last will and testament, durable power of attorney, health care surrogate and living will and trust, all for \$300. And, if you find yourself facing bankruptcy during this economic downturn, they can also help you file that. They know that some attorneys charge upwards of \$1500, but the Document Pros only charge \$175 for the 60 -70 pages of document preparation needed to file.

The Document Pros has been helping area residents in need of document preparation services since January 2009. As a family-owned local small business, they do not employ attorneys or have the ability to provide any legal advice. What they can provide is an inexpensive way to complete legal paperwork by assisting their customers with "Pro Se" document preparation. They have studied the documents and procedures and can provide a start-to-finish, face-to-face, confidential experience.

One last word: Please remember that the document preparation specialists at the Document Pros, Inc., are NOT attorneys. They cannot and will not offer you legal advice. They complete documents based on relevant, simplified questionnaires completed by the customer. Also, remember that the Document Pros fees are for document preparation only; and there may be additional filing fees. If you have any questions about the process, or would like to set an appointment to start your paperwork, The Document Pros, Inc. A Non-Lawyer Document Service for the Self-Represented.

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Following are some of the calls that Gulfport Police responded to during the past week.

Friday 12/28

Keep the Peace- 5900 Blk Pelican Bay Plaza

Burglary Vehicle- 5000 Blk 25th Ave. S.

Juvenile Trouble- 5300 Blk 13th Ave. S.

Hit & Run- Shore & Beach Blvd.

Domestic- 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.

Shots Fired (Heard)- 1100 Blk Freemont St. S.

Saturday 12/29

Burglary Vehicle- 4900 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Animal Call- 5200 Blk 27th Ave. S.
Domestic- 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.
Theft- 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Juvenile Trouble- 51st St. & 18th Ave. S.

Domestic- 800 Blk 53rd St. S.

Sunday 12/30

Trespass- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Animal Call- York St. & 11th Ave. S.

Noise- 2200 Blk 51st St. S.

Domestic- 5200 Blk 13th Ave. S.

Juvenile Trouble- 1800 Blk 55th St. S.

Domestic- 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.

Monday 12/31

Vandalism- 2800 Blk 56th St. S.

Civil Matter- 3100 Blk 56th St. S.

Reckless Driver- 58th St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.

Civil Matter- 3100 Blk 56th St. S.

Vandalism- 1400 Blk 56th St. S.

Domestic- 5700 Blk 17th Ave. S.

Shots Fired (Heard)- 2000 Blk 52nd St. S.

Noise- 1700 Blk 55th St. S.

Person Under Influence- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

Tuesday 1/1

Disorderly Conduct- 3000 Blk 54th St. S.

Person Under Influence- 5900 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Vandalism- 4900 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Harassing Phone Calls- Location Withheld.

Civil Matter- 6300 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Animal Call- 5400 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Civil Matter- 5100 Blk 17th Ave. S.

Panhandler/Solicitor- 700 Blk Freemont St. S.

Noise- 27th Ave. & 48th St. S.

Noise- 4700 Blk 27th Ave. S.

Disturbance- 5300 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Noise- 3100 Blk 53rd St. S.

Burglary- 900 Blk Freemont St. S.

Noise- 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.

Wednesday 1/2

Neighbor Problem- 5000 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Burglary Residence- 2700 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Neighbor Problem- 5400 Blk Dellett Ave. S.

Civil Matter- 5800 Blk 26th Ave. S.

Domestic- 5600 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Thursday 1/3

Harassing Phone Call- Location Withheld.

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Animal Call- 28th Ave. & 58th St. S.

Animal Call- 5600 Blk 46th St. S.

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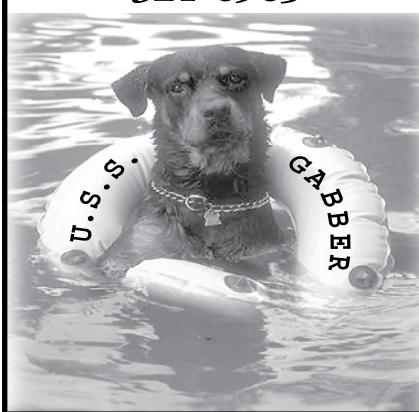
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